

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AT SCRABOROUGH: **DEBRIEFING STATEMENT**

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PROJECT: Language and Decision Making

Thank you very much for participating in today's session. We are very grateful for your feedback and hope you found the experience interesting and enjoyable.

The primary purpose of our research is to learn more about people's assessment of what they think another person knows or believes. According to the Justified True Belief (JTB) account of knowledge, a person can only truly know something if they have a belief that is both justified and true (i.e., knowledge is justified true belief). Thus, in the scenarios that you read, we were particularly interested in whether you attributed a person's decision to either genuine knowledge or luck. While every participant was presented with the same three scenarios, there were slight modifications to the text, such the ending of the scenario sometimes displayed that the main character had varying degrees of knowledge about the attribution being made. The reason we could not tell you about these slight modifications at the outset of the study was because we did not want to bias your responses, and instead wanted you to respond as naturally as possible to each scenario.

This study is part of a large-scale registered replication report. All information regarding the project will be published online on the Open Science Framework and a working draft of the manuscript (including additional details about the study) can be found here: <https://psyarxiv.com/zeux9/>

**Anonymity/Confidentiality**

To reiterate the protocol described in the consent form, all questionnaire responses are anonymous, as no personally identifying information will be associated with the survey data file. Once the project is complete, summaries of the results may be used in future presentations and publications in scientific journals. Additionally, all research data will be kept and potentially used for future research projects on this same topic, as well as may be shared with other researchers for teaching and research purposes. Because there is no personal information attached to the data, the data file will be kept indefinitely and will be uploaded to a public online data repository (i.e., the Open Science Framework).

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Kaitlyn Werner at [kaitlyn.werner@utoronto.ca](mailto:kaitlyn.werner@utoronto.ca), phone: 416-208-4868.

Thank you for participating in this research!