

Informed Consent

Consent to Participate in an Experimental Study

Title:

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Description:

The purpose of this study is to explore moral attitudes and the words people associate with morality.

Risks and Benefits:

There are no obvious risks of participating in this experiment.

Confidentiality:

We will not put your name on any of your tests. Only Dr. Buchanan and her assistant will have access to the data collected for this study. All data associated with this study will remain confidential.

Right to Withdraw:

You do not have to take part in this study. If you start the study and decide that you do not want to finish, all you have to do is to tell Dr. Buchanan in person, by letter, or by telephone at the Department of Psychology, 214D Hill Hall, or 836-5592. Whether or not you choose to participate or to withdraw will not affect your standing with the Department of Psychology, or with the University, and it will not cause you to lose any benefits to which you are entitled. Experimental credit will be prorated based on the amount of time you spent in the study.

IRB Approval:

This study has been reviewed by Missouri State University's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB has determined that this study fulfills the human research subject protections obligations required by state and federal law and University policies. If you have any questions, concerns, or reports regarding your rights as a participant of research, please contact the Office Research Compliance at 836-4132.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. I have been given a copy of this form. I have had an opportunity to ask questions, and I have received answers. I consent to participate in the study.

Disagree



Agree



Word Association Task

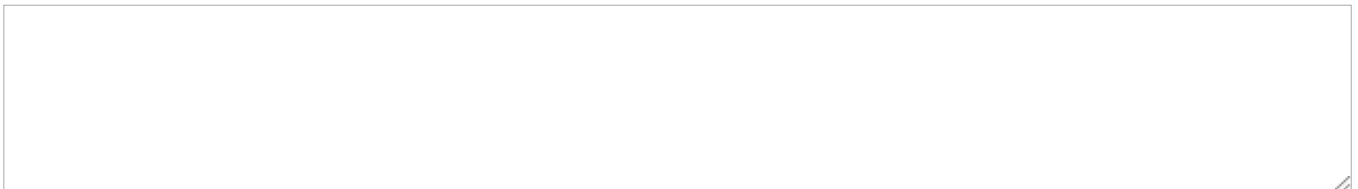
Part of this experiment is concerned with the structure of human associative memory. This knowledge is structured in some way and the mental structure is thought to come about through a process of associative learning. For example, consider the word (and concept of) DOG. We often see the word DOG appear in the same context as the word CAT. “It’s raining cats and dogs.” “I have two dogs, but my neighbor has a cat.” And so on. By experiencing the words CAT and DOG together many times, we develop an association (a mental connection) between them. With lots of this kind of associative learning experience during our lives, we develop a very large and very complex associative memory.

Psychologists are interested in understanding the structure of associative memory and have several ways of investigating it. One method of investigating associative memory is known as a test of “free association.” In free association tests, participants like you are given a series of words and are asked to respond to each word by writing the first word that pops into mind.

Here is an example of a free association test.

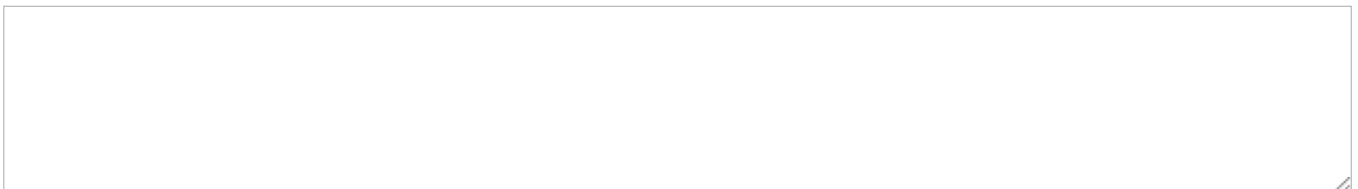
In the space provided, please write all the words that comes to your mind in response to the following words.

LOST



In the space provided, please write all the words that comes to your mind in response to the following words.

OLD



In the space provided, please write all the words that comes to your mind in response to the following words.

ARTICLE

Moral Foundations Theory states that when making moral judgments/decisions, the concerns people have can be divided into five categories. Below are descriptions of each of these five categories. You will then be asked to list words you think are associated with each of the foundations.

Harm/Care: moral judgments based on protecting others from harm

In the box below, list all the words you associate with HARM/CARE.

Fairness/Reciprocity: moral judgments based on equality and justice

In the box below, list all the words you associate with FAIRNESS/RECIPROCITY.

In the box below, list all the words you associate with INGROUP/LOYALTY.

In the box below, list all the words you associate with AUTHORITY/RESPECT.

In the box below, list all the words you associate with PURITY/SANCTITY.

When you decide whether something is right or wrong, to what extent are the following considerations relevant to your thinking? Please answer on a scale from

[illegible]

Whether or not someone cared for someone weak or vulnerable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone was cruel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not some people were treated differently from others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone acted unfairly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone was denied his or her rights	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone's action showed love for his or her country	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone did something to betray his or her group	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone showed a lack of loyalty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone showed a lack of respect for authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone conformed to the traditions of society	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not an action caused chaos or disorder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone violated standards of purity and decency	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone did something disgusting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Whether or not someone acted in a way that God would approve of	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Political Orientation Questions

Rate your political orientation on the following scale:

	Conservative	Liberal
.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Which of the following parties do you most identify with?

- ☐ Democrat
- ☐ Republican

☐ Independent

End Block

Thank you for your participation.
