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ADULT GENERAL CONSENT FORM AMAZON MECHANICAL TURK

Dr. Caren Walker (Dept. of Psychology) is conducting a research study to find out more about how children and adults reason about and interpret cause-effect relationships in the world. You have been asked to participate to gather information about a mature set of causal reasoning skills. There will be approximately 7000 participants in this study.

If you agree to participate in this study you may be asked to do one of the following tasks:

1. causal reasoning tasks (i.e. figuring out the relationship between causes and effects)
2. social tasks (i.e. reasoning about other people's behavior or intentions)
3. imagination tasks (i.e. reasoning about events that could have occurred)
4. categorization tasks (i.e. sorting or labeling objects)

You may watch a short video clip, read a story, or look at pictures. In any of the above tasks, you may be asked to form judgments, make predictions, produce explanations, or answer questions about events you observe. Study procedures typically take between 5 and 15 minutes, and will not exceed 30 minutes.

Participation in this research may involve some added risks or discomforts:

1. There is the potential you may become bored or fatigued during this experiment, although we take every effort to make our studies engaging.
2. There exists a potential for the loss of confidentiality even though we make every effort to ensure it. The researchers who have requested your participation will not receive any personal information about you.
3. Although we do not anticipate it, it is possible that you may find some questions uncomfortable. You may choose to refrain from answering any questions without penalty.

We aim to keep risk as minimal as possible. However, as with any investigation, there may be additional unknown risks. There may or may not be any direct benefit to you from participating in this study. However, your participation will contribute to a scientific understanding of the development of human cognition. The alternative to participation in this study is to not participate.

If you have other questions, you may reach Dr. Caren Walker at carenwalker@ucsd.edu. You may call the Human Research Protections Program Office at (858) 246-4777 to inquire about your rights as a research subject or to report research-related problems.

Participation in research is entirely voluntary. You may withdraw your participation at any time, even after completing the study, without penalty. By answering the following questions, you are confirming that you are 18 years of age or older. By continuing, you are confirming that you understand these instructions and conditions of participation.