Non-facial Stimuli. The non-facial stimuli were eight negatively-valenced and eight positively-valenced standardized pictures selected from the International Affective Picture System (IAPS; Lang, Bradley, & Cuthbert, 2008). Images were classified as negative or positive in accordance with pleasure ratings from the data in Lang et al., (2008) where negatively-valenced images are rated less than the neutral midpoint of 5 (i.e., from 1-4), and positively-valenced images are rated above the neutral midpoint of 5 (i.e., 6-9). The mean pleasure ratings in the current study were 3.65 for negatively-valenced images (SD = 0.18, range 3.46 – 3.95; IAPS numbers: 1050, 1051, 1052, 1090, 1120, 1200, 1201, 1220) and 7.83 for positively-valenced images (SD = 0.52, range 7.11 – 8.34; IAPS numbers: 1440, 1441, 1460, 1463, 1604, 1710, 1750, 5010). The degree to which negative and positive images sets deviated from the neutral midpoint was equated. Images were selected that contained content similar to that used by Dimberg et al. (2002; e.g., snakes and spiders for negatively-valenced images, and flowers and baby animals for positively-valenced images) while simultaneously being devoid of any human facial expressions or social content.

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