We are studying decision making strategies. The purpose of this experiment is to test how we decide who is trustworthy and who is not. For example, you might meet some potential dates, or interview some babysitters or job applicants. In these cases, you might pick the most trustworthy-looking person when you meet him or her.

There are two parts to the experiment. In the first part, you will see a number of faces to rate for trustworthiness. You will choose whether you want to rate male or female faces. Make your rating on a scale from 1 (very untrustworthy) to 9 (very trustworthy). Please use the keys along the top of the keyboard and not the number pad.

After that comes the second part. From the faces that you rated, we will make sequences of 8 faces and present each face in each sequence one after the other. Try to pick the most trustworthy faces in each sequence when you see it on the screen. There is no guarantee that any one face you saw in the first part will appear in a sequence in the second part.

For each face, either reject it or choose it as the most trustworthy you can. In either case, the decision you make will be final. You get one chance to pick each face. You will not be able to go back to any previous faces or see the rest of the faces in that sequence for comparison. If you have not chosen any face by the time you reach the last one, then you must choose the last one as the most trustworthy.

There might be more than one sequence. Treat each sequence as though it was the last one in the experiment (and it might be).

The experiment will keep track of your options. The top of the screen will show which option you are looking at (option 1, option 2, … option 8). The bottom of the screen will display pictures of the rejected faces.

For each face, press the “1” key to refuse a face. Press the “2” key if you think the current face is the most trustworthy one you can choose. Please use the keys along the top of the keyboard and not the number pad. Take as much time as you need to decide for each face. After you have chosen a face, any key will advance through the grey squares to the end of the sequence.

That’s it, good luck to your client!