

# trait speciesism moderator - HIGH-POWERED

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Start of Block: consent

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Study Title: Visual Judgment Task

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Participation is voluntary. It is your choice whether or not to participate in this research. If you choose to participate, you may change your mind and leave the study at any time. Refusal to participate or stopping your participation will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. What is the purpose of this research? The purpose of this research is to examine human visual performance and judgments. All data from this experiment are gathered for scientific purposes and will contribute to our eventual understanding of brain and visual function. These data may be published in scientific journals so that other researchers may have access to these data. How long will I take part in this research? Your participation will take approximately 3 minutes to complete. What can I expect if I take part in this research? As a participant, you will be asked to look at images presented on a video display and give responses with key presses or movements of a mouse pointing device. Your response may involve responding as quickly as you can, memorizing what you saw, making a judgment, or completing a questionnaire. You will also be asked to complete a demographics form. What are the risks and possible discomforts? If you choose to participate, the effects should be comparable to those you would experience from viewing a computer monitor for 3 minutes and using a mouse or keyboard, e.g., eye fatigue. You are free to take breaks throughout the session. Some of the images and stories are mildly emotional, and some of the written stories are disgust-inducing. Will I be compensated for participating in this research? You will be compensated \$0.4 for this study. You will still receive payment if you withdraw early. If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect? Your participation in this experiment will remain confidential, and your identity will not be stored with your data. If I have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research study, who can I talk to? The researcher for this study is Julian De Freitas who can be reached at 626.559.6401; #161 Morgan Hall, 15 Harvard Way, Boston MA, 02163; [jdefreitas@hbs.edu](mailto:jdefreitas@hbs.edu). If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, If you would like to talk to the research team, If you think the research has harmed you, or If you wish to withdraw from the study. This research has been reviewed by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University. They can be reached at 617-496-2847 or [cuhs@harvard.edu](mailto:cuhs@harvard.edu) for any of the following: If your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team,

If you cannot reach the research team,  
someone besides the research team, or  
rights as a research participant.

If you want to talk to  
If you have questions about your

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consent-yes-no Do you consent?

- ☐ No (1)
- ☐ Yes (2)

End of Block: consent

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Start of Block: Attention Check - John and Grass

Q1 *Before we begin, here are some checks to make sure you're paying attention.*

**John is taller than Paul. Who is shorter?**

- ☐ John (1)
- ☐ Paul (2)
- ☐ Neither John nor Paul (3)
- ☐ Both John and Paul (4)

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**Q2 What is the color of grass?**

The fresh, uncut grass. To make sure you are paying attention, we want you to select purple.

- ☐ Purple (1)
- ☐ Green (2)
- ☐ Yellow (3)

End of Block: Attention Check - John and Grass

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Start of Block: failed-attn-block

failed-text Sorry, you have failed both attention checks and are therefore not eligible to participate. Please return the survey.

End of Block: failed-attn-block

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Start of Block: Default Question Block

s1 Please indicate your agreement with the following statements.

Morally, robots will always count for less than humans.

☐ 1 - strongly disagree (1)

☐ 2 (2)

☐ 3 (3)

☐ 4 (4)

☐ 5 (5)

☐ 6 (6)

☐ 7 - strongly agree (7)

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s2 Humans should always have the right to use robots however they want to.

- ☐ 1 - strongly disagree (1)
  - ☐ 2 (2)
  - ☐ 3 (3)
  - ☐ 4 (4)
  - ☐ 5 (5)
  - ☐ 6 (6)
  - ☐ 7 - strongly agree (7)
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s3 It should always be morally acceptable to trade robots like possessions.

- ☐ 1 - strongly disagree (1)
  - ☐ 2 (2)
  - ☐ 3 (3)
  - ☐ 4 (4)
  - ☐ 5 (5)
  - ☐ 6 (6)
  - ☐ 7 - strongly agree (7)
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s4r If robots become indistinguishable from humans, they should have basic legal rights such as a right to life or a prohibition of torture.

☐ 1 - strongly disagree (1)

☐ 2 (2)

☐ 3 (3)

☐ 4 (4)

☐ 5 (5)

☐ 6 (6)

☐ 7 - strongly agree (7)

End of Block: Default Question Block

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