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Information on participation and the processing of personal

Data for the "Pick your social group" Study

Thank you for your interest in participating in our study " Pick your social group ". In the following, we inform you about the handling of your personal data in accordance with data protection law and ask for your consent to participate as well as to use your data for the stated purposes.

Please read the following explanations carefully. If you have any queries or difficulties in understanding, you can contact Silvia Formica (silvia.formica@hu-berlin.de).

If you agree with our intention, please sign the following consent form and return it to us.

We thank you for your cooperation and your trust in our work.

Dr. Silvia Formica

I. Information on the purpose of the study (participant information)

The purpose of this study is to investigate how faces are perceived and which factors influence the choice of other individuals to form a group.

The study takes approximately 6 minutes of your time. We will ask you to press keys on your keyboard to select one out of three faces appearing on the screen. The face that you select is the one that you choose NOT to interact with. There is no correct or wrong answer, you should respond just following your instinct while looking at the presented faces. At the end, we will ask you three questions about your use of social media.

You will be compensated for your participation via prolific approximately 0.60 euros.

II. Information on data use and data protection

Legal basis

The legal basis for the processing of personal data concerning you is your voluntary written consent pursuant to Art. 6 para. 1 lit. a DSGVO, or Art. 9 para.2 lit. a DSGVO, as far as special categories of personal data are concerned. The provisions of data protection law will be complied with at all times.

In addition, we work on the basis of the Declaration of Helsinki (Declaration of the World Medical Association on the Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects) and follow the recommendations of the German Research Foundation (DFG) to ensure good scientific practice.

Data types and purposes

As part of the "Pick your social group" study, your responses will be collected along with some demographic data (e.g., age, gender), behavioral data (e.g., reaction time), and responses to the questionnaire on social media use.

Storage and access

The answers to the questionnaires are collected through JATOS servers (<https://www.jatos.org/>) which has agreements with the server host in accordance with §11 BDSG (German data protection law). Responsibility, in the sense of the DSGVO (German data protection regulation), lies with the project leaders Prof. Dr. Marcel Brass and Dr. Silvia Formica. Each access to the web server is time-stamped at the beginning and end of the experiment. The IP address is not stored. Detailed information on data protection can be found at: <https://www.jatos.org/Data-Privacy-and-Ethics.html>. We will not have access to any personal contact information and can only access your Prolific identity number. All parties involved agree to comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Act. Questionnaire details will remain anonymous after data collection is complete. All collected data will be removed from the online study tool and kept password protected on the servers of the Berlin School of Mind and Brain.

Publication

The publication of the research results in publications or at conferences is done exclusively in anonymous form in such a way that you are not identifiable as a person.

Storage period, subsequent use if necessary

After completion of an experiment, the coding list is destroyed so that your data is only available in anonymized form. Up to this point, your data set can be deleted at your request. After the coding list has been destroyed, your data set can no longer be identified and deletion is thus not possible.

The personal data collected in this study will be made available in anonymized form for subsequent use. Thus, this study follows the recommendations of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the German Psychological Society (DGPs) for quality assurance in research. In order to ensure the security of the personal data, the data will only be made available after the completion of the experiment and the destruction of the coding list.

You have the following rights regarding your personal data:

Consent to the processing of personal data and right to withdraw consent

The processing of your personal data is only lawful with your consent. You are not obliged to consent to the processing; consent is **voluntary**. In addition, you have the right to revoke your consent to the processing of personal data at any time (as long as the data is not in anonymized form). Refusal or revocation of consent will not result in any legal disadvantages for you. The revocation of consent has the effect that the processing of the personal data becomes unlawful for the future in accordance with the revocation declaration. The lawfulness of the processing carried out until the revocation is not affected by this.

Right to information

You have the right to obtain information about the personal data concerning you that is collected, processed or, if applicable, transmitted to third parties in our working group.

Right to rectification

You have the right to have inaccurate personal data concerning you corrected.

Right to deletion

You have the right to have personal data relating to you deleted, e.g. if this data is no longer necessary for the purpose for which it was collected and the deletion is not precluded by any statutory retention periods or you have revoked your consent and there is no other legal basis for the processing. In principle, anonymized data can no longer be deleted, as no link can be established between data and person.

Right to restriction of processing

You have the right to request the controller to restrict processing if one of the conditions of Art. 18 (1) DSGVO applies.

Right to data portability

Under the conditions of Art. 20 (1) DSGVO, you have the right to data portability.

Right of appeal

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a Member State supervisory authority if there are doubts about the lawfulness of the processing of personal data concerning you. The competent supervisory authority for Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin is the Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information. Without prejudice to this right of complaint, you can contact the Data Protection Officer of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Tel: +49 (30) 2093-20022, E-Mail: datenschutz@uv.hu-berlin.de, at any time if you have questions relating to data protection.

For anonymized data, these rights can generally not be applied, as data can no longer be associated with your person.

III. Declaration of consent for participation and processing of personal data for the research project

I have been informed about the nature, significance and scope of the planned examination. I have read and understood the **information on the purpose of the examination and the information on data use and data protection**. In addition, I have been informed verbally and in detail. My current physical condition does *not* preclude participation in the examination.

I have been made aware that my participation is **voluntary** and that I can revoke my consent to participate at any time and without giving reasons for the future. If I refuse or revoke my consent to participate, this will not result in any disadvantages for me. In the event of revocation, my personal data will be deleted in accordance with the provisions thereof, unless legal regulations provide otherwise (e.g. anonymization, blocking in the event of a retention obligation). Even if I terminate the study prematurely, I am entitled to a pro rata remuneration or the corresponding number of hours for the time spent up to that point.

My test data will be stored anonymously. After completion of the data collection, it is in principle no longer possible to link the data in the data set to my person; no lists of names or similar are kept or characteristics are collected that could be used to de-anonymize me.

I am aware that data collected within the scope of this study can be made available in completely anonymized form as open data accessible worldwide on the Internet in a scientific data archive in accordance with the recommendations of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Psychologie (DGPs, German Society of Psychology) for quality assurance in research. However, I can disagree with this below.

Since this study will be conducted online, I also hereby confirm that I give my consent, in lieu of a signature, by checking the following boxes.