How long will I be in this research?

The duration of your participation in this research study may vary depending on which online platform you have used to access our research. The duration between each, if any, additional sessions will be no more than one month apart.

What happens to me if I agree to be in this research?

If you decide to partake in this research study, we will first generate a unique study ID for you. Data collected in this study will only be linked to your unique study ID and will not be linked to your personal information. During the study, you will perform tasks on a computer where you will be asked to make choices using button presses or a similar response. After any session, you may be asked to complete additional computer tasks, as well as questionnaires and/or surveys. These include, but are not limited to, assessments of health, digital media use, motivation, mood, and reward-seeking behaviors. After the data collection is complete, the research staff can answer questions you may have. You will then be compensated for your time participating in the study. Importantly, in order to compensate you for your study participation, we will need to collect your SONA/MTurk/Prolific/Qualtrics information on a receipt, which will be kept separate from any study information.

Is there any way being in this research could be bad for me?

The computer tasks include minimal risk. If you become upset or request to stop, the experimenter will either pause to take a break or terminate the study. Additionally, you may be uncomfortable, self-conscious, or embarrassed while answering questions on the surveys we ask you to complete. To mitigate these concerns, you are reminded that your participation is voluntary, and you can leave the study should you become too uncomfortable.

Will being in this research benefit me?

We cannot promise any benefits to you for taking part in this research, which is not designed to benefit you personally.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

All of the information collected in this study will be de-identified. All data collected during an online study session will be stored electronically in an encrypted format on secure servers at Temple University. IDs are used for compensation purposes and will not be shared with anyone. IDs will not be associated with any collected responses.

SONA provides information internally.

Amazon's Mechanical Turk: Work completed on MTurk can be associated with a user's public profile page. MTurk workers may wish to restrict what information they choose to share in their public profile. Please see Amazon.com's warning to workers: https://www.mturk.com/mturk/contact "Your email address will automatically be inserted into the message so the Requester can reply to you." Similar actions are available for: