





Do You Feel How I Feel?

Developmental Differences in Affective Representation

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Supplementary Information Sheet

Study Limitations: While our results suggest a number of differences in affective representation between children and adults, it is difficult to conclude with certainty exactly what implications this similarity has for cognition and behavior without additional measurements. Our interpretations of these results are based upon the extant literature exploring the functions of the AMY, NAcc, and vmPFC in similar experimental contexts, but the debate as to the exact functions of each is still widely contested. Meta-analyses suggest that the posterior vmPFC, for example, differentially responds to emotion, while the rostral and central vmPFC demonstrate increased activation during social processing and valuation judgments, respectively (Hiser & Koenigs, 2018).

Additionally, our analyses cannot conclusively eliminate the possibility that individuals were representing extraneous, non-affective information within the stimuli. While we believe the comparisons between negative and positive stimuli and neutral stimuli offer support to that interpretation, the affective neutrality of these control clips is subjective and might not constitute a true control. Our analysis also cannot necessarily address concerns of social representations, as neutral stimuli were not as extensively balanced to positive and negative video stimuli as positive and negative video stimuli were to each other.

Task & Data Acquisition: See Karim & Perlman (2017),

Pre-Processing: Structural and functional data was preprocessed and high-pass filtered using the FEAT tool included in FSL (v5.0; https://fsl.fmrib.ox.ac.uk) (Jenkinson, Beckmann, & Behrens, 2012). Functional data were registered to anatomical and nonlinearly warped to MNI standard space. Timeseries data were extracted from CSF and white matter and used to identify motion-related deviations at each time point in order to isolate head motion, using six parameters, and other noise-related factors. Additionally, individual TRs were identified and adjusted for if greater than 15% of TRs were considered outliers, or if head motion values for any of the three rotations were greater than 1.5mm.

Regions of Interest: We captured vmPFC data using an activation-centered mask with a 2mm diameter isotropic kernel. Central MNI coordinates [X, Y, Z: 2, 46, -8] for the mask were identified in a meta-analysis by Barta, McGuire, and Kable (2013) as the most common center of consistent vmPFC activation during studies of subjective valuation and primary incentives. Amygdala and NAcc masks were taken from the Harvard-Oxford subcortical atlas (Makris et al., 2006; Frazier et al. 2005; Desikan et al., 2006; Goldstein

et al., 2007). Masks were applied to all regions of interest (ROIs), such that data from voxels beyond the bounds of the masks were excluded, and the included voxels were aligned with functional volumes. All ROIs were thresholded at 50%. All masks were broadly defined in MNI space, applied to ROIs, and ROIs were transformed into subject native space using non-linear estimations (FNIRT). Transformations were visually inspected for accuracy.

Statistical Analyses: For each participant, we ran a General Linear Model (GLM) which had 24 regressors of interest, one for each valenced video clip. From these individual participant GLMs, we then extracted the activity for each voxel within each of our three ROIs (AMY, NAcc, and vmPFC) for each of the video clips. The value of each voxel represents the average change in activation while passively viewing the video stimulus relative to baseline fixation cross measurements. To measure representational similarity within each of our three ROIs, the individual voxels contained within each participant's GLM were aligned by MNI coordinates, such that the same spaces were being compared to one another within-participant across clips.

Figure 1: Stimuli clip examples from each film Positive Negative



Next, we used representational similarity analysis (RSA) to calculate our dependent measure. Pairwise complete observations of activity in each voxel within each ROI for each video clip were correlated with one another using the Spearman rank-order correlation method for non-parametric data. Pairwise comparisons were performed across movie, but within valenced movie clips for each participant. This system produces an equal number of correlations in two within-valence categories: positive-to-positive comparisons, negative-to-negative comparisons, and neutral-to-neutral comparisons. Fisher's Z-Transformation was applied to all correlations before proceeding. Correlating the extracted GLM data from our 8 positive movie clips, 8 negative movie clips, and 8 neutral movie clips produced 28 correlative coefficients for within-valence comparisons per participant per ROI.

Analyses were performed using the R statistical programming language (v4.0.3; http://www.R-project.org/) in conjunction with the Integrated Development Environment, RStudio (v1.3.1093; https://rstudio.com/)

Table 1: Bonferroni-Adjusted Age Group & ROI

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|--|------------|-------|-------------|------|--------------|
| Contrasts | Mean Diff. | SE | T Statistic | df | Bonferroni P |
| AMY , Child v. Adult | 0.037 | 0.010 | 3.784 | 3757 | < 0.001 *** |
| NAcc , Child v. Adult | 0.048 | 0.013 | 3.588 | 3638 | < 0.001 *** |
| vmPFC , Child v. Adult | 0.108 | 0.014 | 7.901 | 3676 | < 0.001 *** |
| Child, AMY v. Nacc | -0.028 | 0.011 | -2.361 | 4013 | 0.432 |
| Child, AMY v. vmPFC | -0.087 | 0.012 | -7.300 | 3931 | < 0.001 *** |
| Child, NAcc v. vmPFC | -0.059 | 0.013 | -4.569 | 4188 | < 0.001 *** |
| Adult, AMY v. Nacc | -0.017 | 0.012 | -1.465 | 3036 | 1.000 |
| Adult, AMY v. vmPFC | -0.016 | 0.012 | -1.341 | 3004 | 1.000 |
| Adult, NAcc v. vmPFC | 0.001 | 0.014 | 0.092 | 3357 | 1.000 |
| AMY, Child & NAcc, Adult v. AMY, Adult & NAcc, Child | -0.008 | 0.008 | -0.875 | 7558 | 1.000 |
| AMY, Child & vmPFC, Adult v. AMY, Adult & vmPFC, Child | -0.041 | 0.009 | -4.766 | 7551 | < 0.001 *** |
| Nacc, Child & vmPFC, Adult v. Nacc, Adults & vmPFC, Child | 0.033 | 0.010 | 3.511 | 7553 | < 0.001 *** |

Table 2: Bonferroni-Adjusted Age Group & Valence

| Contrasts | Mean Diff. | SE | T Statistic | df | Bonferroni P |
|--|------------|-------|-------------|------|--------------|
| Positive, Child v. Adult | 0.049 | 0.013 | 3.872 | 3687 | < 0.001 *** |
| Negative, Child v. Adult | 0.109 | 0.013 | 8.693 | 3660 | < 0.001 *** |
| Neutral, Child v. Adult | 0.035 | 0.012 | 2.938 | 3710 | 0.072 |
| Child, Positive v. Negative | -0.051 | 0.012 | -4.142 | 4196 | < 0.001 *** |
| Child, Positive v. Neutral | 0.032 | 0.012 | 2.637 | 4192 | 0.012 * |
| Child, Negative v. Neutral | 0.083 | 0.012 | 6.882 | 4197 | < 0.001 *** |
| Adult, Positive v. Negative | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.727 | 3358 | 1.000 |
| Adult, Positive v. Neutral | 0.018 | 0.013 | 1.47 | 3347 | 1.000 |
| Adult, Negative v. Neutral | 0.009 | 0.013 | 0.72 | 3346 | 1.000 |
| Positive, Child & Negative, Adult v. Positive, Adult & Negative Child | 0.032 | 0.009 | 3.613 | 7558 | < 0.001 *** |
| Positive, Child & Neutral, Adult v. Positive, Adult & Neutral, Child | 0.009 | 0.009 | 1.092 | 7558 | 1.000 |
| Negative, Child & Neutral, Adult v. Negative, Adult & Neutral, Child | 0.042 | 0.009 | 4.784 | 7558 | < 0.001 *** |

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