

INFORMED CONSENT

The University of South Dakota

TITLE: Social Image Rating Study 1

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Invitation to be Part of a Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. In order to participate, you must be a United States citizen who is 18 years of age or older, a high school graduate, a native English speaker, and hold the Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) Masters Qualification. Taking part in this research project is voluntary. Please take time to read this entire form and ask questions before deciding whether to take part in this research project.

What is the study about and why are we doing it?

The purpose of the study is to identify a set of photographic images that depict asocial and prosocial scenes. About 1500 people may complete this research project.

What will happen if you take part in this study?

If you agree to take part in this study, your participation will last approximately 30 minutes.

All study procedures occur out of the USD Department of Psychology and are completed through the MTurk platform, the Principle Investigator's website, and the Qualtrics survey platform. First, you will provide informed consent (this document). If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete survey questions about your personal characteristics (e.g., age; employment status), review definitions and examples of prosocial and asocial behavior, and rate 200 images as either prosocial or asocial in nature.

Your Participation in this Study is Voluntary

It is totally up to you to decide to be in this research study. Participating in this study is voluntary. Even if you decide to be part of the study now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer. If you decide to withdraw before this study is completed, you will retain all compensation previously earned and we will make use of any partial data that you have provided.

You will be informed by the research investigators of this study of any significant new findings that develop during the study that may influence your willingness to continue to participate in the study. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with USD or study staff.

What other choices do you have if you don't take part in this study?

You may complete a different study listed on mTurk.

What risks might result from being in this study?

There are some risks you might experience from being in this study. You may experience frustration that is often experienced when completing surveys. Some questions may be of a sensitive nature, and therefore you may become upset as a result. Some images display graphic scenes such as interpersonal violence and substance use, which you may find upsetting. However, these risks are not viewed as being in excess of your experiences in everyday life.

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Nonetheless, if you become upset, you may stop participation at any time or choose not to answer a question. If you would like to talk to someone about your feelings regarding this study, you are encouraged to contact the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders. They can be reached by phone at 1-800-662-HELP (4357) or online at <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>.

How could you benefit from this study?

You may not benefit personally from being in this study. However, others may benefit from this study in the future, as the information found may help to improve understanding of factors that support prosocial behaviors.

How will we protect your information?

The records of this study will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. If we write a report or article about this study, we will describe the study results in a summarized manner so that you cannot be identified. Your study records may be reviewed by government agencies, Office of Human Subjects Protection and The University of South Dakota - Institutional Review Boards.

Any other information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you (for example, responses to survey questions) will remain confidential and will be disclosed only with your permission or as required by law. Confidentiality will be maintained through several means. Any information that can directly identify you will be stored separately from the data collected as part of the project. Electronic survey responses are collected through a fully secure, encrypted online system and are stored in a password protected database accessible only to Dr. Berghoff and his research staff. Electronic study data will be password protected, stored on secure servers, and accessible by Dr. Berghoff and his personnel only. Finally, all records that may link your personal information to your data will be destroyed upon the end of data collection. This means there will be no way to connect you to your responses.

However, given that the tasks can be completed from any computer (e.g., personal, work, school), we are unable to guarantee the security of the computer on which you choose to enter your responses. As a participant in our study, we want you to be aware that certain "key logging" software programs exist that can be used to track or capture data that you enter and/or websites that you visit.

How will my information be used after the study?

After this study is complete, study data may be shared with other researchers for use in other studies or as may be needed as part of publishing our results without asking for your consent again. The information we share with these other investigators will NOT contain information that could directly identify you. There still may be a chance that someone could figure out that the information is about you.

How will we compensate you for being part of the study?

Upon valid completion of all study-related tasks, you will be paid \$2.00 USD for your time. Following verification of your completion of all tasks, this payment will be delivered through the MTurk workforce platform. This process will typically occur within 72 business hours (3 days) of your completion of the study.

What are the costs to you to be part of the study?

You will not have any costs for being in this research study.

Contact Information for the Study Team and Questions about the Research

The researcher conducting this study is Christopher R. Berghoff, PhD. You may ask any questions you have now by contacting the research using the information provided at the top of this form. If you later have

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questions, concerns, or complaints about the research please contact Dr. Berghoff at 605-658-3710 during the day.

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact The University of South Dakota - Office of Human Subjects Protection at (605) 658-3743. You may also call this number with problems, complaints, or concerns about the research. Please call this number if you cannot reach research staff, or you wish to talk with someone who is an informed individual who is independent of the research team.

Your Consent

Before agreeing to be part of the research, please be sure that you understand what the study is about. You can print a copy of this document for your records by visiting the study website, <https://www.mymindfuldays.com>. If you have any questions about the study later, you can contact the study team using the information provided above.

I understand that by selecting “Yes” below, I volunteer to participate in this research. I understand that I am not waiving any legal rights. I have been provided with a copy of this consent form. I understand that if my ability to consent or assent for myself changes, either I or my legal representative may be asked to re-consent prior to my continued participation in this study.

- Yes, I agree to participate in this research study**
- No, I do not want to participate in this research study**