

INFORMED CONSENT

The University of South Dakota

TITLE: Social Image Rating Study 2

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Invitation to be Part of a Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. You must have at least a 10th grade English reading ability to participate. Finally, you must be a student at one of the following institutions: University of Louisiana Lafayette; University of Massachusetts Amherst; University of South Dakota; or University of Toledo. 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?

We are attempting to identify a set of photographic images that depict asocial and prosocial scenes. Asocial refers to acts that serve the interests of an individual rather than acts that serve others. Prosocial refers to acts that benefit others or society, rather than serving the individual. About 1000 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 60 minutes.

All study procedures occur out of the USD Department of Psychology. All procedures are completed through the Qualtrics survey platform using your personal computer. First, you will provide informed consent (this document). If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete several tasks. You will complete survey questions about your personal characteristics (e.g., age; employment status). You will then review definitions of prosocial and asocial behavior. Next, you will rate 200 images as either prosocial or asocial in nature. Finally, you will report your emotional responding to each image.

Your Participation in this Study is Voluntary

Participating in this study is voluntary. If you may change your mind later, you may stop participating by closing your browser window. You do not have to answer any demographic questions you do not want to answer, though many questions in this study are required. This will ensure you are eligible and that the data will allow the researchers to address their questions. If you do not want to answer these questions, or decide to withdraw before this study is completed, you will retain all compensation previously earned. We will make use of any partial data that you have provided.

You will be informed by the investigators of any new findings that develop during the study that may influence your willingness to continue participating. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your relations with your institution, professors, or other study staff.

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

There may be alternatives to participating in this research, such as participating in other research studies or writing research article reviews. Please contact your professor for a list of available alternatives.

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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 you may become upset as a result. Some images display graphic scenes such as interpersonal violence and substance use. You may find these upsetting. However, these risks are not viewed as being more than your experiences in everyday life.

If you become upset, you may stop participation at any time. 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. This is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish). They provide services 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. Others may benefit, 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. We will describe the study results in a summarized manner in any report or article written. This will protect your identity. 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 obtained in this study and that can be identified with you (for example, responses to survey questions) will remain confidential. This information 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. Survey responses are collected through a secure and encrypted online system. They are stored in a password protected database accessible only to Dr. Berghoff and his staff. Study data will be password protected on secure servers, and accessible only to Dr. Berghoff and his staff. All records that may link your personal information to your data will be destroyed when data collection ends. This means there will be no way to connect you to your responses.

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 enter your responses. We want you to be aware that certain "key logging" software programs exist that can be used to track websites you visit or capture data that you enter.

How will my information be used after the study?

Data may be shared with other researchers for use in other studies or as part of publishing our results, without asking for your consent again. The information we share 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?

No compensation is available for this study. However, you may earn 1 hour of SONA research participation credit (6 credits) if you complete all study-related tasks. Please refer to the table below to see how many credits that equates to for your institution:

Institution	SONA Credits	Time Equivalent
University of Louisiana Lafayette	1	1-hour
University of Massachusetts Amherst	2	1-hour
University of South Dakota	6	1-hour online
University of Toledo	1	1-hour

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 by contacting the researcher using the information provided at the top of this form. If you later have 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 by visiting the study website, <https://www.mymindfuldays.com>.

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**