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Consent for Participation in Research

Title: A Multinomial Process Model of Moral Judgment

Principal Investigators: Drs. Bertram Gawronski and Robert Josephs, Department of Psychology

Introduction

The purpose of this form is to provide you information that may affect your decision as to whether or not to participate in this research study. The person performing the research will answer any of your questions. Read the information below and ask any questions you might have before deciding whether or not to take part. If you decide to be involved in this study, this form will be used to record your consent. Your participation is entirely voluntary and you can refuse to participate without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Purpose of the Study

You have been asked to participate in a research study about the psychological processes underlying moral judgments. The purpose of this study is to investigate how people decide whether a certain action is morally acceptable or unacceptable. There is mounting scientific evidence suggesting an association between testosterone levels and moral behavior in men. The main purpose of the current study is to investigate how testosterone levels are related to responses to moral dilemmas. A description of this study will be available on http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov as required by U.S. Law. This web site will not include any information that can identify you. At most, the web site will include a summary of the results. You can search this web site at any time.

What will be done if you take part in this research study?

This study will take 30 minutes and will include approximately 120 study participants. If you agree to participate, you will be asked to give a salivary sample. Next, you will be asked to read a number of scenarios in which an actor has to make a decision on whether or not to engage in a particular action. You will be asked to indicate whether you consider the described action acceptable or unacceptable.

What are the risks involved in this study?

There are no foreseeable risks to participating in this study. If you wish to discuss the information above or any other risks you may experience, you may ask questions now or call the Principal Investigator listed on the bottom of this form.

What are the possible benefits of this study?

You will receive information about previous research findings in the area of moral psychology at the end of this study. In addition, your participation will have benefits to society by offering valuable insights for the resolution of moral controversies.

If you choose to take part in this study, will it cost you anything?

You will not be charged for participating in this study.

Will there be any compensation?

You will receive 0.5 research credits for Psychology 301. Credit will be assigned electronically through the SONA system immediately after completion of the study.

Will the researchers benefit from your participation in this study*?*

The researchers will not benefit monetarily from your participation in this study.

Do you have to participate?

No, your participation is voluntary. You may decide not to participate at all or, if you start the study, you may withdraw at any time. Withdrawal or refusing to participate will not affect your relationship with The University of Texas at Austin in anyway. If you would like to participate, please confirm your consent by signing the last page of this form. You will receive a copy of this form for your records.

How will your privacy and confidentiality be protected if you participate in this research study?

Your privacy and the confidentiality of your data will be protected, in that all parts of this study will be completed in individual testing rooms in the absence of the experimenter and other participants. Your responses will be recorded in the form of electronic data files on dedicated lab computers to which only the Principal Investigator and his research assistant have access. Access is restricted by means of a password-protected account. All records are completely anonymous. No personal or other identifying information will be recorded. In accordance with the standards set forth by the American Psychological Association, all data will be retained for a period of at least 5 years after publication of the results. If it becomes necessary for the Institutional Review Board to review the study records, information that can be linked to you will be protected to the extent permitted by law. Your research records will not be released without your consent unless required by law or a court order. The data resulting from your participation may be made available to other researchers in the future for research purposes not detailed within this consent form. In these cases, the data will contain no identifying information that could associate it with you, or with your participation in any study. Access to the data for this study will include: Dr. Bertram Gawronski and Dr. Robert Josephs, University of Texas at Austin, and members of their staff in the Department of Psychology; authorized personnel from the FDA; others, if the law requires.

What if you are injured because of the study? Who should you contact?

The University has no program or plan to provide treatment for research related injury or payment in the event of a medical problem. In the event of a research related injury, please contact the Principal Investigator Dr. Bertram Gawronski at 512-471-7520 or send an email to gawronski@utexas.edu for any questions or if you feel that you have been harmed.

If you do not want to take part in this study, what other options are available to you?

You are free not to participate in this study, free to refuse to answer questions, and free to discontinue at any time.

How can you withdraw from this research study and whom should you call if you have questions?

If you wish to stop your participation in this research study for any reason, you should inform the study staff person who is conducting your session. You can also call the Principal investigator at the number listed above for any questions, concerns, or complaints about the research. You are free to withdraw your consent and stop participation in this research study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits for which you may be entitled. The researchers will notify you of new information that may become available and that might affect your decision to take part in the study.

Whom to contact with questions about the study?

Prior, during or after your participation you can contact the Principal Investigator Dr. Bertram Gawronski at 512-471-7520 or send an email to gawronski@utexas.edu for any questions or if you feel that you have been harmed.

Whom to contact with questions concerning your rights as a research participant?

For questions about your rights or any dissatisfaction with any part of this study, you can contact, anonymously if you wish, the Institutional Review Board by phone at (512) 471-8871 or email at orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

Participation

If you agree to participate, please confirm your consent by signing this form at the bottom of this page and return the signed form to the research assistant.

You have been informed about this study's purpose, procedures, possible benefits and risks, and you have received a copy of this form. You have been given the opportunity to ask questions before you sign, and you have been told that you can ask other questions at any time. You voluntarily agree to participate in this study. By signing this form, you are not waiving any of your legal rights.

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Printed Name

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Signature Date

As a representative of this study, I have explained the purpose, procedures, benefits, and the risks involved in this research study.

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Print Name of Person obtaining consent

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Signature of Person obtaining consent Date