



Appendix: Information Sheet for the Study

Note: Texts/numbers inside [] change depending on the platform/task used.

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Title of Study: Motivation and Cognitive Process

We would be grateful to you if you could assist us by participating in our online study exploring how motivation can influence cognition and vice versa.

In this experiment, we would ask you work on various types of cognitive tasks. For example, you might be asked to respond to presented stimuli (objects, letters, pictures, etc.) as quickly as possible. You might also be asked to answer some questions or rate some pictures or sentences. You might be asked to remember the presented stimuli and recall them later. You might be asked to make a simple decision or prediction on each trial in response to the stimuli presented. We are interested in how you respond to such information, as well as how well you will learn this information. The experiment will take [xx] minutes. [You will be asked to participate in the second session as a follow-up, which will last [xx] minutes.]

This research will be conducted online or in a secure private space (e.g., office). You will receive [\$XX][£XX][course credits] for your xx minutes participation through [Amazon Mechanical Turk] [Prolific Academic][SONA system][experimenter]. [You can also receive additional payment depending on your performance].

Your data will be kept confidential and securely stored, with only an anonymous number identifying it. All information collected for the project will be destroyed after a period of 60 months from the completion of the project has elapsed.

We foresee few risks for the tasks you will work on. You might be presented with some negative words or pictures during the experiment, and they may evoke an emotional response. Thus, the study may include a mild risk of anxiety, sadness or other emotional reactions. However, those stimuli are widely used in the literature and no more negative than those observed in our daily life. If you feel too uncomfortable, you may discontinue your participation at any time.

Taking part in this study is completely voluntary; you may withdraw at any time without having to give any reason. Please feel free to ask any questions that you may have about this study at any point.

This application has been reviewed by the University Research Ethics Committee and has been given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact Dr. Kou Murayama

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Thank you for your help.

If you agree to participate, please tick the box to consent and submit.