

Exempt Information Sheet

You are being invited to participate in a research study titled Processes of Person Perception. This study is being done by Ruoying Zheng from UC San Diego. You were selected to participate in this study because you are i) aged 18 and older, ii) with normal or corrected-to-normal vision and hearing, iii) fluent in the language used in our study stimuli, and iv) with at least high school education.

The purpose of this research study is to understand how people think about each other such as inferring each other's personalities and characteristics. Your participation in this research should last approximately 25 minutes. If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete an online survey. This survey will present you information about other people through text, images, audios, and videos. It will then ask you to make judgments about these people's characteristics by freely describing them verbally in written text or orally using your own words, rating them using a sliding bar or a Likert scale on given judgment terms, or/and arranging their stimuli spatially on the computer screen. If oral responses are collected through audio inputs from you, these audio recordings will be transcribed automatically using computational algorithms. Once the text content is extracted from the audio automatically, the audio will be permanently deleted. Thus, the audio recordings will never be listened to by any humans, and the content of the audio recording will not be associated with any identifiable information of you (e.g., your voice). There are minimal risks associated with this research that are no more than those that would occur in any everyday internet use.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time. Choosing not to participate or withdrawing will result in no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. You are free to skip any question that you choose.

If you have questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact the researcher(s), Ruoying Zheng at r7zheng@ucsd.edu. If you have any questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact the UC San Diego Office of IRB Administration at irb@ucsd.edu or 858-246-4777.

By participating in this research you are indicating that you are at least 18 years old, have read this consent form, and agree to participate in this research study. Please keep this consent form for your records.