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| **EXPERIMENT DEBRIEF INFORMATION**  **(Example when experiment is potentially distressing)** |

In this experiment, we were interested in understanding how people form mental representations of their own or others’ faces. We predicted that people might form more positive mental representations of themselves than others, as there is some research suggesting this could occur (“the better than average” effect). We also collected information about your attitudes and beliefs towards yourself and others (the *independent variables*) to see if these aspects can change how positive mental representations of the self and other are (the *dependant variables*).

Mental representations are important because they shape how we see the world. Your involvement in this research will help us to discover more about this fundamental aspect of human social perception.

Your data is completely anonymous and can’t be traced back to you individually. Data will be held in University computers and online and may be retained indefinitely. To ensure access to the data for the wider research community, the anonymous dataset may be archived in an online repository (e.g., the Open Science Framework, <https://osf.io/>) or sent to other researchers upon request for inspection.

Thank you very much for participating!

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the experimenter or contact the supervisor.

*If you are worried that you are experiencing difficulties that are impacting on your wellbeing in an area of your life, confidential student counselling service appointments can be arranged by emailing the Counselling Service: counselling@abdn.ac.uk. Information about useful self-help resources can also be found on the University of Aberdeen Counselling Service webpages.*

*If you have a persistent mental health condition or are worried that you are experiencing a serious deterioration in your mental health, you can arrange an appointment with a Mental Health Adviser in the Student Advice and Support Office: Tel: 01224 273935 or mentalhealthadviser@abdn.ac.uk. If you are in crisis you will not be asked to wait. You can also drop in to the Student Advice and Support Office.*

*Alternatively, the CAM Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, you can* ***text CAM to 85258. Or, if you prefer to speak to someone, you can phone the Samaritans (open*** *24 hours a day, 365 days a year).* ***Tel: 116 123*.**