

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by investigators from Washington University in St. Louis. The purpose of the study is to better understand factors that influence cognitive control of attention, as is used for example when trying to filter out distractions in the environment or when trying to focus your attention.

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to perform one or more cognitive tests on the computer and fill out one or more surveys. For the cognitive tests, you may be asked to pay attention to or make decisions about, certain stimuli (e.g., words, symbols, letters). The surveys inquire about information such as demographics, mood or emotional state, and personality characteristics. You are free to skip any questions that you prefer not to answer. The study will take approximately 30 minutes to complete, and will be completed in one session. Approximately 1000 people will take part in this study at Washington University.

There are no known risks from being in this study other than the possibility of mild boredom or fatigue, and you will not benefit personally. However we hope that others may benefit in the future from what we learn as a result of this study.

You will not have any costs for being in this research study.

You will receive 50 cents per half hour for the time you spend participating in this study. If you elect to end a study session early, you will be compensated for the time spent on the session. For example, you spend 15 minutes on the session you will only receive 25 cents.

We will keep the information you provide confidential. However, federal regulatory agencies and Washington University, including the Washington University Institutional Review Board (a committee that reviews and approves research studies) may inspect and copy records pertaining to this research. Note that we will not collect your name or any identifying information about you. It will not be possible to link you to your responses on the cognitive tests or surveys because we use random code numbers. If we write a report about this study we will do so in such a way that you cannot be identified.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to participate in the study you may stop participating at any time. Any data that was collected as part of this study will remain as part of the study records and cannot be removed. If you decide not to take part in the study or if you stop participating at any time, you won't be penalized or lose any benefits for which you otherwise qualify. If you do not wish to participate, you can simply close your browser window or choose the "Decline" button below. If you decide to withdraw from the study after it begins, close your browser window to exit the study.

We encourage you to ask questions. If you have any questions about the research study, please contact Máté Gyurkovics at 314-935-6524 or Nathaniel Diede at 314-935-4434. If you feel that

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you have been harmed in any way by your participation in this study, please contact: Dr. Julie Bugg at 314-935-7514.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Human Research Protection Office at 660 South Euclid Avenue, Campus Box 8089, St. Louis, MO 63110, 1-(800)-438-0445 or email hrpo@wusm.wustl.edu. General information about being a research participant can be found on the Human Research Protection Office web site, <http://hrpo.wustl.edu>. To offer input about your experiences as a research participant or to speak to someone other than the research staff, call the Human Research Protection Office at the number above.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this research study.