



DEBRIEFING FORM – Day 1

Project Title: Civics and attention

Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Dana Hayward (dana.hayward@ualberta.ca)

Thank you for your participation in our study so far. Your time and commitment to psychological research at the University of Alberta is greatly appreciated. The goal of this study is to collect data on political beliefs and attention in students of the University of Alberta.

On the first day of this 2-day study, we collected various questionnaire measures in order to determine your political orientation and we also asked you to complete an attention task for faces. There has been some research suggesting that the way people pay attention to various items in their environment may in fact depend on the various personality traits of that person! For instance, Dr. Hayward has found that people who are more social tend to more strongly pay attention to pictures of people:

Hayward, D.A., & Ristic, J. (2017). Feature and motion-based gaze cuing is linked with reduced social competence. *Scientific Reports*, 7, 44221. doi: 10.1038/srep44221

If you have any further questions about this research, please do not hesitate to contact the PI, Dr. Dana Hayward, at dana.hayward@ualberta.ca. If you would like to withdraw your data from the study after testing is completed, you may do so at any time up until 7 days after your testing session was completed. This can be done by contacting the PI. If you have any questions about research participation, contact our Research Participation Coordinator at (780) 492-5689, or rescured@ualberta.ca.

Thank you very much for participating. Without the help of volunteers like you, we could not answer many important scientific questions in psychology. We have one last request: **Please don't tell other people about what we asked you to do in this study, as it is very imperative that they approach the study as you originally did, i.e., without expectations and without full awareness of our objectives.** This is important because it is the only way for us to obtain objective and valid information.

Yours truly,
Dr. Dana Hayward
Assistant Professor