

Development of a dimensional typology for cyberdeviance using the repertory grid technique: Participant Information Sheet

Who am I?

My name is Alina Gruppe and I am a researcher in the Department of Psychology at the University of Bath. I am conducting this study as part of a CREST UK funded project into deviance in cyberspace

What is this study about?

This study investigates the way in which individuals understand certain behavioural manifestations for “counter-normative” or “deviant” behaviour in cyberspace. The aim is to develop a dimensional typology of cyberdeviance, which we will examine empirically in a follow-up study.

What will I be asked to do?

I would like to get an idea of which dimensions individuals see in different deviant behavioural examples in cyberspace. For this purpose, we will conduct an online meeting during which I will share my screen with you. You will receive cards on a slide with different nouns on them (i.e., examples of cyberdeviant behaviour). You can sort these cards into any number of discrete piles based on the similarities and differences you see in these terms. After you have done the sorting, you should label each pile with a short description.

If you are unsure what exactly a term means, a short explanation will be found on a separate sheet that you will receive along with this information and the invitation to our meeting. Otherwise, we can also clarify open questions in our meeting.

Please note that there are no right or wrong answers to this task and that you do not need any prior knowledge to complete this task.

If you are happy with the result, I will save and close the edited slide. We will then have a short debriefing and finish our meeting.

To express your consent for your participation in this study, you will receive a link directing you to a survey.

Do I have to take part?

Taking part in this research is entirely voluntary, and you are free to make your own choice about whether you want to participate. If you agree to take part you can choose not to answer any questions that you do not want to and you are free to withdraw at any time until the end of the study when you will receive a final consent form.

Can I withdraw my data?

All the data collected from you will be kept confidential and then anonymised and there will be no record that links the data collected from you with personal data from which you could be identified. Note that you are free to withdraw from the study at any time until its completion with the final consent form, without having to give a reason. In addition, you can decide not to consent to having your data included in further analyses until you have signed the final consent form

What will happen to the results of this research?

If you have any concerns related to your participation in this study please direct them to the Chair of the Department of Psychology Research Ethics Committee, email: psychology-ethics@bath.a.uk.

The data you provide will add knowledge to the psychological research on deviance in cyberspace. The findings of the research may also be published in research journals or used in presentations. If you would like to be sent a summary of the findings, we can arrange for this.

University of Bath privacy notice

The University of Bath privacy notice can be found here: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/university-of-bath-privacy-notice-for-research-participants/>.

What do I do if I would like to take part or have any more questions?

You can contact me, Alina Gruppe, to arrange a suitable time or to discuss any questions you might have using the following contact information:

Email – Agd56@bath.ac.uk

You can also speak to the supervisor of the project, Laura G.E. Smith

Email – ls487@bath.ac.uk

Eligibility Requirements: There are no eligibility requirements to take part in this study.

Duration: 30 minutes

Researcher: Alina D. Gruppe adg56 @bath.ac.uk

Principal Investigator: Centre for Research and Evidence on Security Threats

Ethics Approval Code: 20-006

Many thanks for taking the time to read this. I would be delighted if you would be willing to take part.