Note: The introductory section on this page remains the same across all 12 condition sets. The following 12 pages pertain to each of the vignettes for each of the condition sets. The condition set is identified in the header on each page.

The Research Job Interview

Male and female research assistants (RAs) greeted each participant individually when she came to the lab. The female research assistant obtained informed consent and then explained to the participant that the purpose of this study was to examine people's abilities to perform different types of jobs. The male research assistant told the participant there would be 10 questions about her skills and interests, some additional questionnaires, and then a job to complete. One job required the participants to read abstracts, title pages, and short summaries for 200 research articles about cognitive processes. They would file the articles according to the subtopic of the paper (e.g., attention, perception, recall and recognition tasks, visual-spatial ability, and executive function) and alphabetize the papers by the authors' names and dates of publication. The other job required the participants to create a colorful poster illustrating some new research findings from the experimenter's lab on the relationship between personality factors and career aspirations. The participant would later complete one job or the other as part of the experiment.

At this time, the female research assistant showed the participant the two workstations where each of the two task assignments was arranged. She explained that she (the research assistant) would need to need to finish getting the work stations ready for the second tasks while the first experimenter (the male research assistant) continued the data collection process with the participant in the first room.

The male research assistant told the participant that he would decide which job the participant was to work on based upon the participant's answers to the 10 skills and interest questions. The research assistant said that he had studied these questions and would be able to assign the participant to the task best suited for her based upon her responses. Specifically, the male research assistant said, "First, I will interview you. I will then decide which task you will do, based on your answers to the questions in the interview and your answers to the questions on the survey that I will give to you."

After introducing the interview and its purpose, the male research assistant asked the participant to sit in a chair that was situated approximately 2 feet away from the research assistant. The research assistant then said "Ready?" and proceeded to ask the 10 interview questions with yes or no answers including: (Have you ever taken an art or design class before? Have you ever had a job working in an office as a secretary or assistant? Is having a job that allows you to be creative and artistic important to you? Is having structure and organization in your work important to you?).

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