Emotions sample

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What is an emotion?

- 550 words describe them
- · Simplified into 3 components
 - o Cognitive
 - Subjective conscious experience
 - □ Your cognitive interpretation of how you're feeling
 - ☐ E.g. Not being scared of spiders, so not feeling fear
 - Physiological
 - Different emotions correlate with different bodily arousals
 - □ E.g. Increase in body temperature
 - o Behavioural
 - Overt expression of an emotion
 - □ E.g. Facial expression or movement
- How are they studied
 - o Individual components
 - o Combination of components
 - o Predominantly focus on behavioural component
 - Have primarily looked at facial expressions in assessing emotions
 - ☐ Due to a lack of technology to examine other aspects
- Different types of theories
 - o Common-sense
 - Early days
 - "I tremble because I feel afraid"
 - i. Stimulus
 - ii. Conscious feeling
 - iii. Autonomic arousal
 - ☐ Automatic changes to the body by the sympathetic nervous system
 - o James and Lange
 - **1885**
 - Theorised separately but at the same time
 - "I feel afraid because I tremble"
 - i. Stimulus
 - ii. Autonomic arousal
 - iii. Conscious feeling
 - □ Body attributes a feeling toward the body's response
 - $\hfill \Box$ Would assume that there are arousal types in order to pair an emotion with the arousal profile
 - o Cannon and built on by Bard
 - **1937**
 - Criticised James-Lange
 - $\hfill\Box$ Too difficult for subjects to interpret changes in their body and attribute emotions to them
 - □ Doesn't account for arousal without emotion
 - E.g. Exercise
 - While the arousal proposal is similar to anger, subjects don't feel anger
 - "The dog makes me tremble and feel afraid"
 - i. Stimulus
 - ii. Subcortical brain activity
 - Automatic appraisal of the stimulus in the subcortical brain region
 - Theory proposed incorrect region
 - Recognises stimulus
 - Accordingly stimulates:
 - i) Conscious feeling
 - ii) Autonomic arousal



Built for emotion: Evolutionary and neurological (biological) perspectives on emotions in psychology

- Evolutionary
 - o Primary idea
 - National selection
 - □ Charles Darwin
 - One of or the most influential people in psychology?
 - Controversial ideas of evolution by natural selection
 - ♦ Prevailing view was that humans were individually created by God
 - Emphasised continuities between human beings and non-human primates
 - □ Ontogeny
 - ◆ Evolution of an individual organism
 - How they need to adapt to the environment as they go through their life
 - □ Phylogeny
 - Evolution of a species
 - ◆ Over 1000s of years
 - Largely based off assumptions to undocumented history
 - Process
 - ♦ Specific feature will enhance your chances of survival and will thus be passed on to your offspring
 - So long as they give that animal an adaptive advantage over other animals of the species who don't have that feature
 - ♦ In time (over generations), that feature will proliferate
 - Darwin extended theories of physical evolution to the area of emotions
 - ♦ Natural selection equips humans with innate emotions because of their adaptive value
 - ☐ I.e. They give animals an advantage by promoting survival and reproduction
 - □ Innate/basic emotions
 - ♦ Innate reactions to specific stimuli
 - "The young and the old of widely different races, both with man and animals, express the same state of mind by the same movements."
 - Produced automatically
 - Young babies can use emotions to communicate with their carers when they are distressed
 - Parents can comfort babies with expression
 - Recognised automatically
 - Makes sense from an evolutionary perspective
 - If you see someone who is scared, you would assess the environment and prepare to flee
 - Facial expressions can help you discover someone's trustworthiness based off of their state of mind
 - As shown through the expression
 - Feeling an emotions goes hand-in-hand with expressing it
 - Darwin emphasised this connection
 - Emotions are an expression of your state of mind
 - Darwin emphasised this connection with his theory of emotion
 - General principles of expression
 - Serviceable associated habits
 - If you feel a certain way, you'll show it
 - Antithesis
 - When an opposite behaviour is induced, there will be a directly opposite expression
 - Evolutionary purpose is to not confuse/alarm other animals
 - E.g. Babies expressing opposing emotions differently

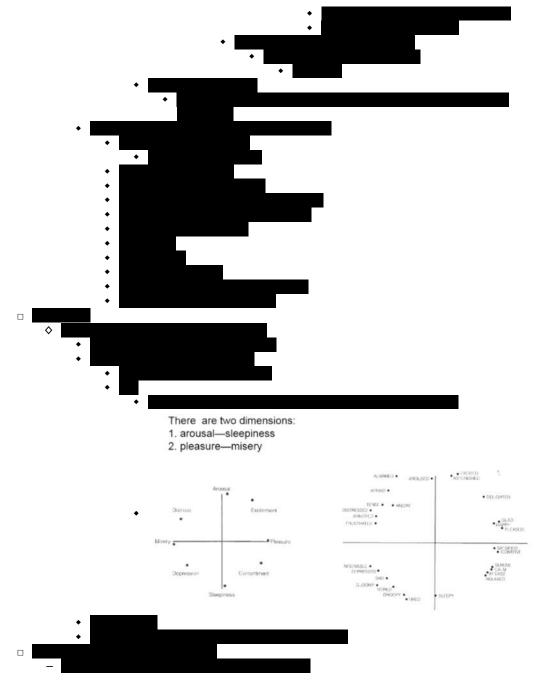


• E.g. Submissive vs aggressive dogs



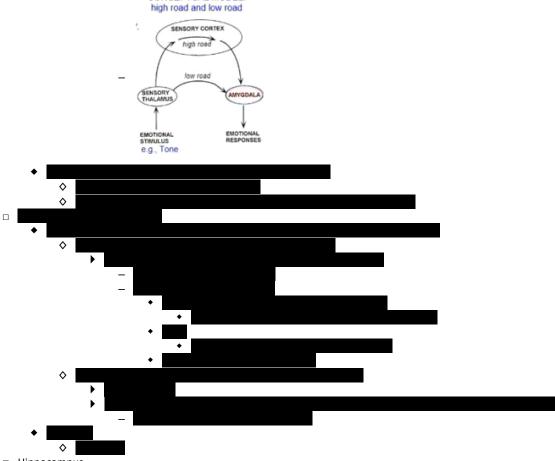


- Emotions have an effect on the nervous system
 - A strong sensory experience will activate the nervous system
 - Activation produces specific physiological behaviours or actions
 - E.g. Sweating
- Shared due to species evolution
 - Darwin pioneered studying facial expressions with emotion
 - Looked at different countries but not isolated cultures
 - If emotions were determined by culture, the following groups wouldn't show the same emotions as other people
 - Human infants
 - When infants cry:
 - Eyes are always closed
 - Mouth is always widely open
 - Children in different environments showed the same expression under the same emotional circumstances
 - Innate across human
- Blind children



- o Facial Feedback Hypothesis
 - Ekman (1984) Expression and the nature of emotion. In Scherer & Ekman (Eds.), Approaches to emotion.
 - Erlbaum McIntosh, D N (1996). Facial Feedback Hypothesis: Evidence, implications, and directions. Motivation and Emotion, 20(2)
 - What role do facial expressions play within emotions?
 - □ Internal states (physiological/emotions) and facial expressions:
 - Are intimately linked
 - ♦ Not a causal relationship
 - ♦ I.e. When one changes, so does another
 - ▶ Also proposed by Darwin





- □ Hippocampus
 - Context fear associations can impact whether a fearful response is elicited alongside the specific features of the stimuli
 - ♦ E.g. A bear in the woods vs in the zoo
 - E.g. A rat develops fear to the CS but also the chamber in which it hears the CS
 - ▶ LeDoux & Phelps 2000
 - ♦ These associations depend on the hippocampus
 - Lesions to the hippocampus's of rats:

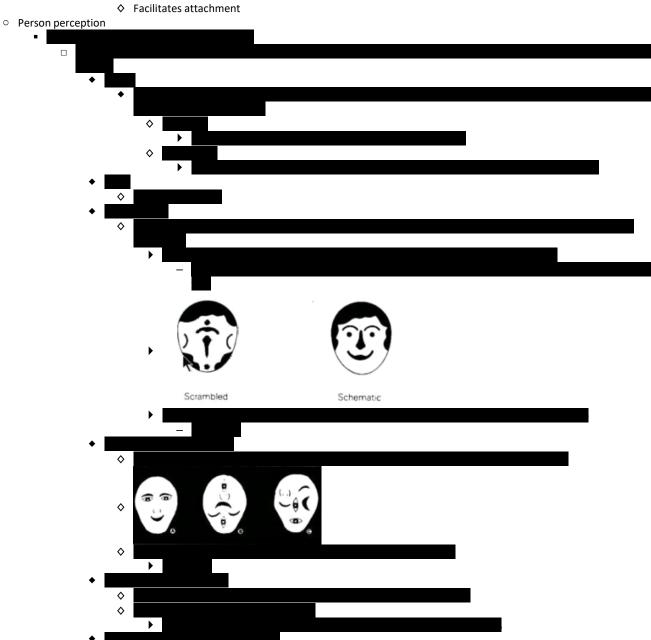
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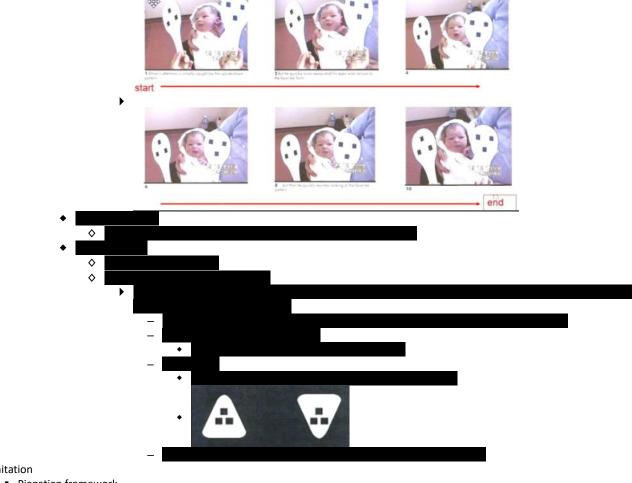
- From the above study
- Before:
 - Never becomes fearful of the box (context)
 - Still fears the buzzer
- After training:
 - Loses fear of the context
- Activity of amygdala and hippocampus are correlated
 - More activity of amygdala = more activity of hippocampus
- ▶ Can also operate independently
- ▶ Top-down activation of the amygdala
 - Hippocampus dependent representations
 - Caused by expectations of an event
 - Primes amygdala rather than the other way around
 - E.g. Entering exam situation

The emotional repertoire and experience of the human infant

- Operates on the idea that if emotions have an evolutionary purpose (and are thus innate), they would be common across infants
- Cognitive and emotional capabilities of infants and toddlers
 - o Enable babies to communicate and adapt
 - Methodology
 - Preferential looking paradigm
 - Presenting it with two stimuli
 - Preference is determined by time spent looking at one stimuli
 - □ Habituated to one stimuli
 - ◆ I.e. Repeated exposure
 - ♦ E.g. Happy face
 - ◆ Shown a slightly different stimulus once habituated
 - ♦ E.g. Scare face
 - Attentional recovery is measured
 - ♦ Does it notice the difference and does the stimuli recapture the infant's attention

- Assesses:
 - What do they prefer to see
 - What is different enough to recapture their attention
 - What did they anticipate
- ▶ Not: Their ability to discriminate
- o Signalling
 - Using emotions to signal what they need
 - Automatically recognised
 - □ Distress
 - Caregiver understands that they need to attend to the baby
 - □ Нарру
 - ◆ Caregiver also becomes happy
 - ♦ Develops a bond





- o Imitation
 - Piagetian framework
 - □ "The child learns to imitate..." (Piaget, 1951; p. 78)
 - Need to master the skill:
 - ♦ Have full muscle control
 - ♦ Understand that you're a separate entity
 - ♦ See themselves in the imitation
 - ♦ Translate what another person is doing and mirror it yourself
 - Meltzoff & Moore (1977)
 - □ Babies have an innate repertoire of facial expressions which are reflexively reproduced after seeing certain stimuli
 - ☐ An ability lost after several months
 - □ Evolutionary explanation for this
 - Facilitates/encourages/reinforces caregiver-baby engagement for attachment
 - Monkeys do the same
 - ♦ Will imitate mouth opening and tongue protrusion



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- Assists with face-to-face communication
- o Turn-taking and reciprocity





- Infants are emotionally prepared and sensitive in social contexts, with set/structured skills
 - □ Rather than by chance
 - □ Supports automatic production and recognition
 - □ Women found this in orphans after WWII
 - □ "Perception of emotion appears to be unique in giving direct access to the states of mind of others"
 - Bremmer, 1988, p. 166
 - ☐ Emotions are a powerful driving force



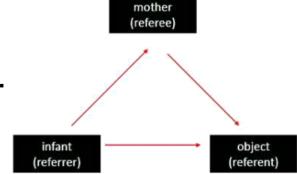
 $\hfill\Box$ Emotional appraisal and response is automatic and universal in same situations



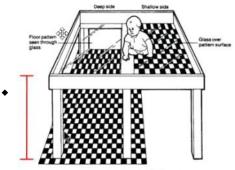
- $\hfill\Box$ And researchers pin-pointed the emotions of the children based off their expressions
- Consistently elicited anger in infants in these experiments:
 - ◆ Campos & Emde (1983)
 - ♦ Removed biscuit from 7 month
 - ◆ Stenberg (1982)
 - ♦ Infants arms restrained at 1 month
- ◆ Such responses make sense within our 'adult' framework
 - I.e. Situations which make them angry also make us angry
- □ Infants have emotional sensitivity/recognition
 - ◆ Caron, Caron & Myers (1983)
 - Used preferential looking paradigm
 - Habituated infants to one emotional expression (e.g. happiness)
 - Found that infants were sensitive to a new emotional expression when shown it (e.g. surprise)
- Empathy
 - ☐ Distinction between emotions doesn't necessarily mean:
 - □ Understanding what a person is feeling internally based off their overt behaviour
 - ◆ Empathic arousal
 - ◆ Emotional contagion
 - ♦ Infants cry in response to the cries of other infants

- Indicating that the environment has a role in determining what you feel
- ♦ Also seen in adults (e.g. crying at a sad scene in a movie)
- ♦ Is it a process or is there real interpretation in infants?
 - ◆ Haviland & Lelwica (1987)
 - 10-week-old infants and mother
 - Face-to-face paradigm
 - Maternal carer displays happy, sad and angry expressions
 - Infants responded appropriately to each display
 - · Able to infer the internal state of their mother
 - Socially aware emotional agents
 - ◆ Supports Darwin's idea
 - "An infant understands to a certain extent, and as I believe at a very early period, the meaning of feelings of those who tend them, by the expression of their features"
 - I.e. The perception of emotions is direct and not mediated by learning processes
 - Not just affective mirrors
 - With a role of the environment as well
 - See above
 - · But not identically
 - Babies didn't mimic
 - But responded in a way that fit with their expression
 - E.g. If mother is angry, it becomes scared
 - E.g. Baby shows signs of happiness if mother is show to be happy

- · Social referencing
 - o Cognition and emotion merge
 - o Baldwin & Moses, 1996
 - At 12 months old
 - Infants will sometimes respond to a novel object in accordance with the affect displayed by their parent



- Gives infant an insight into someone else's knowledge
 - ☐ And the ability to use it in unfamiliar situations
- Infants appreciate that parents can supply information in the form of an emotional appraisal about novel objects
 - ☐ E.g. A person, thing or situation
 - $\hfill\Box$ At 9 moths they seek information to resolve uncertainty and guide their actions
 - From e.g. parent or experimental confederate
- Pre-requisites
 - □ Infants need to be able to decode signal
 - □ Infant must understand referential quality of information
 - Must recognise that the information is referring to and elicited by the situation, person etc.
 - ☐ Infant must appreciate the potential for social communication of information
 - Recognition that the adult has a different state of mind and additional informational
 - Must have skills to elicit information
- Examples
 - □ E.g. Looking at fire, referring to mother, reacting scared towards it
 - ☐ E.g. Sorce, Emde, Campos & Klinnert (1985)
 - ◆ Visual cliff apparatus (Gibson and Walk, 1960)



Flaure 3.6 Gibson and Walk's (1960) visual cliff apparatus

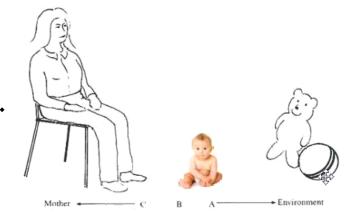
- Place child in uncertain situation
- ◆ Place mother on other side, in clear view of the child
- ◆ Adjust height to maximise uncertainty
- ◆ Have mother show happy/scared face
 - ♦ When the mother looked happy, 74% of babies would crawl on the glass plate
 - ♦ None of the babies crawled on it when the mother looked fearful
- □ Follow up studies
 - Infant never played with toy that their mother looked at with disgust
 - ◆ After she left
- □ Kids of mothers who had social anxiety would not engage with other children when together
- Piaget
 - Social referencing should only occur later on
- Primary attachment relationship and its role in emotional regulation
 - o 12 months of age
 - o Specific relationship between the child and their primary caregiver
 - o Built on a history of previous interaction
 - o Evolutionary explanation
 - Universal aspects of human adaptation
 - □ Behavioural dispositions
 - Determinations to develop certain skills
 - Inherited from ancestors
 - Prominent adaptations because they improved the species' changes of survival
 - ♦ E.g. Initial reflex to physically cling on to things
 - Seen in primates
 - Cling on to caregivers for protection, food
 - ♦ E.g. Theorists who agreed with this and proposed the social nature of human existence
 - Darwin
 - - Attachment behavioural system
 - Promotes the protection and survival of the infant and species
 - In the environment of evolutionary adaptedness
 - Provides a foundation for flexible responses to the environment that is intertwined with the emotional capacities of the infant and his/her emotional development
 - What drives attachment?
 - Cybernetics as an influence on his study
 - The idea that organisms base their decisions on environmental conditions
 - Goal is homeostasis
 - Self-regulated/internal balance between dual needs:
 - Protection
 - Exploration

- E.g. Fed, rested, hungry and so it will explore
- Attachment is the balance of behaviour directed towards the mother and the environment

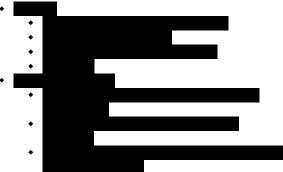


- Fearful external stimuli will disturb/upset the homeostasis
 - It will seek the attachment figure to return to state of homeostasis
 - Via the maintenance of proximity with a primary caregiver at times of distress or danger
 - With:
 - Maintaining contact between infant and caregiver
 - Crying and smiling
 - Bringing the infant in contact with the caregiver
 - Clinging and locomotion
 - Assists in emotion regulation
 - So the emotion regulation is construed as relational
 - Person we seek out to relieve emotional tension is the person we are attached to
 - E.g. Monkeys cannot sooth themselves so they look to an attachment figure
 - Runs to its 'mother' (cloth) when confronted with fearful stimulus
 - The primary caregiver can serve, control and moderate the infant's emotions
 - This leaves an emotional blueprint as it occurs over time
 - I.e. Feedback grows expectation that caregiver will care for it
 - Self-reinforcing the attachment
 - Hence it is emotionally driven
- Attachment relationship is dynamic
 - Infant adapts to the mother
 - Mother adapts to the infant and is responsive to its needs
- Attachment in the first 12 months can determine how you respond to emotional situations later in life
 - Variation in attachment styles can constrain subsequent emotional development
 - E.g. If you have an unreliable/untrustworthy caregiver you may be untrusting in future situations
 - It is needed
 - "What is believed to be essential for mental health is that the infant and young child should experience a warm, intimate, and continuous relationship with his mother" (1953; p. 13)
 - E.g. Orphans are taken away from their primary caregiver
 - By 12 months
 - Organised set of responses to separations from their primary caregivers
 - Structured and predictable
 - Represent a crucial form of emotional regulation for the infant
 - Strange Situation procedure assesses the regular development of these
 - Ainsworth and colleagues
 - Put child in stressful situation and assess its behaviour during reunion

| Épisode | Person present | time |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| 1 | Mother, Infant & Observer | 30 sec |
| 2 | Mother & Infant | 3 min |
| 3 | Stranger, Mother & Infant | 3 min |
| 4 | Stranger & Infant | ~ 3 min |
| 5 | Mother & Infant | ~ 3 min |
| 6 | Infant alone | ~ 3 min |
| 7 | Stranger & Infant | ~ 3 min |
| 8 | Mother & Infant | 3 min |



- Attachment style/behaviours
 - Linked to future relationships
 - Minnesota longitudinal cohort study found correlations
 - See below
 - Not linked to personality
 - Types
 - Securely attached
 - Flexible, secure base behaviour
 - Stays in proximity until reassured and then return to exploration
 - Minnesota
 - More competent with peers
 - More positive, less negative responses
 - Deeper relationships
 - Resilience



- o Emotional development
 - Scroufe (1996)
 - ☐ Can be viewed as a movement from:
 - Dyadic regulation; to
 - ♦ From the caregiver
 - Self-regulation
 - ♦ Learned from the caregiver
- o Other links to emotions
 - Attachment is driven by the emotions we feel
 - Is a figure referenced by the infant in a social referencing situation

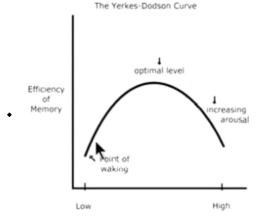
Applications of emotion and memory research

- Physical evidence
 - _ ☐ Memory and identification
 - ☐ Caution is shown
 - ◆ Collected, preserved and interpreted by forensic scientists

- ◆ Avoid contamination
- □ Circumstantial
 - ◆ Placement at a scene doesn't prove involvement
- Forensic investigations
 - An attempt to reconstruct a past event
 - o Include:
 - Physical memory
 - □ Hair
 - □ Fibres
 - □ DNA
 - Eye witness memory
 - □ Flawed
 - Not a veridical record of an event
 - ♦ It's reconstructive
 - Affected by many factors
 - E.g. Mood
 - □ Less cautiously used
 - ◆ Collected by people who don't specialise in human memory
 - ♦ E.g. Police officers
 - Protocols for collecting, preserving and interpreting don't incorporate as much scientific psychological research as possible
 - ♦ Memory isn't perfect
 - ▶ Affected by many factors during the process of memory retention and recollection, which can distort it
 - ♦ Despite this
 - Can be critical
 - Influential
 - Vulnerable to psychological contamination
 - □ Stages of memory
 - Acquisition/encoding
 - ♦ Witness's perceptions at the time of the event
 - ♦ Affected by factors during this
 - E.g. If it is dark
 - Storage
 - Witness stores memory to avoid forgetting
 - ♦ Memory decays over time
 - ◆ Retrieval
 - ♦ Witness retrieves information from storage when it is needed
 - ♦ Also affected by factors
 - ▶ E.g. How a question is asked
 - □ Case studies of how arousal/stress during encoding can impact memory
 - ♠ E.g.
 - ♦ Assassination of President Kennedy
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 - ▶ Forgetting due to emotional arousal?
 - So memory errors in cases *suggest* that emotional arousal is detrimental to/impairs memory
 - ♦ Experimental considerations
 - Ecological validity
 - Ethical considerations mean that research settings are not similar to real life situations
 - ▶ Problems with manipulation emotions in the laboratory
 - Research findings (below) are based off of large, artificial and safe, discrete test items
 - Contrasts with highly complex and dynamic emotionally arousing events that contradict these findings
 - Issues with defining terms
 - Stress/arousal elicited while viewing pictures might not compare to trauma from witnessing a crime
 - Subjective qualities

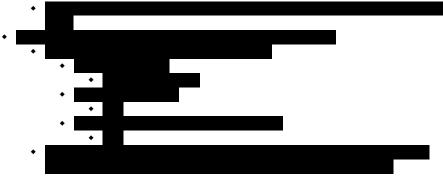
- E.g.
 - How you were feeling at the time
 - Whether the situation is threatening and has consequences
 - Bodily reactions
- ▶ Lab based experiments
 - Pros
 - High control of all variables
 - Cons
 - Relatively artificial
- ▶ Field based experiments
 - Pros
 - More ecologically valid
 - Reasonable control
 - Cons
 - Often doesn't allow full control over all variables
 - Example
 - Valentine (2006)
 - Field-based
 - Assess the effect of high stress
 - Labyrinth
 - Experimental design
 - IV
- State anxiety
 - With a 'zombie' closely encountering (some?)
- Trait-anxiety
- Gender
- Labyrinth induced increased heart rate (and thus state-anxiety score)
- People who experienced more anxiety recalled more incorrect details and fewer correct details
- No effect of train anxiety or gender
- Archival data collection and analysis
 - Pros
 - · Real life data
 - Cons
 - No control over confounding variables
- ♦ Supported by some earlier research
 - ▶ Clifford & colleagues, 1978; 1981
 - ▶ Loftus & Burns, 1982
- Some research suggests that memory for emotionally arousing events should be enhanced
 - ♦ Emotional arousal
 - ▶ Transient state
 - Lasting only seconds/minutes
 - Rather than 'moods' or 'disorders'
 - ▶ The stimulation of an acute state of emotion (positive or negative)
 - Which is induced by exposure to a specific current event
 - Involves the three components
 - See above
 - Physiological activity
 - Behavioural
 - Cognitive appraisal
 - Thoughts and evaluations regarding the situation
 - Differences across:
 - Different people
 - Different situations
 - Promoted by some researchers as being a crucial factor in the experiencing of emotion
 - Improved attention/memory towards arousing stimuli helps people adapt to their environment
 - Evolutionary function
 - Enable individuals to detect and engage with beneficial stimuli
 - And remember emotion-eliciting events and to avoid harmful stimuli
 - Allow you to respond to them (e.g. dangerous situations) faster next time you encounter them
 - Examples of selective attention (thus improved encoding?) towards emotional stimuli
 - EEG data showed that participants' visual attention was captured for emotionally arousing images shown for 120ms, but not for neutral images
 - ◆ Schupp et al., 2004
 - Images of phobia-related items are detected faster than non-emotional stimuli (e.g. flowers) in a visual search task
 - Ohman et al. 2001a, 2001b
 - Need to notice the dangerous stimuli first

- Eye tracking data indicated a bias to look at left-hand images first when presented with pairs, unless there was an emotionally arousing image to the right
 - LaBar et al. 2000
- When attention is drawn towards emotional stimuli, it appears to become fixated
 - Found in study similar to LaBar
 - Calvo & Lang, 2004
- Emotional stimuli receive an attentional advantage as blinking is not observed
 - Levenston et al., 2000
 - When shown starting audio tone while viewing emotional pictures
 - But was observed for neutral pictures
- ▶ Research on recalling emotionally arousing events
 - Yuille & Cutshall (1986)
 - Archival data
 - 13 witnesses of street shooting were interviewed by police
 - And by a researcher month later
 - Witnesses provided a stress rating on a 7 point scale
 - Recall accuracy was greatest for witnesses who reported having experienced the greatest degree of stress (negative emotional arousal) during the crime
 - However, the people with more stress were more directly involved
 - Potential confounding variable
- More recent, dominant body of research suggests that emotional arousal from the same event can both impair and enhance memory
 - Yerkes-Dodson law
 - Memory is best at the optimum level of arousal
 - Not too high, not too low



Level of arousal or stress

- ▶ Easterbrook hypothesis
 - More dominant recently
 - Highly aroused witnesses have better memory for central details over peripheral details
 - As arousal increases, perceptual range reduces and attention narrows, so we attend to only central details in the environment
 - Concept of 'central' can differ from person-to-person
 - Supported by understanding of physiological, evolutionary and psychological functions of emotional arousal
 - E.g. Amygdala and prefrontal cortex processing
 - Better explains recall accuracy and memory failures
 - Witnesses weren't as focused on the peripheral details
 - Supported by theories with different methodologies:
 - Christianson & Loftus (1991)
 - Pps viewed slides showing a boy on an outing with his mother
 - Boy walking past a car (neutral condition)
 - Boy on bonnet, bleeding, with one eye hanging out (emotional condition)
 - Findings for the emotional condition group:
 - Memory enhancement for central details
 - Memory impairment for peripheral details
 - The rest of the slides
 - Steblay (1992)
 - Presence of a weapon draws attention away from the culprit's face
 - Impaires the witness' ability to identify them
 - Morgan et al. (2004)
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- Hulse & Memon (2006)
 - 70 firearms police officers
 - Conditions
 - Weapon present in simulation (shoot)
 - Weapon absent in simulation
 - WP (more aroused) recalled fewer details but these details were more accurate
 - Than those recalled by WA condition
 - E.g. Details about the gun
- Sporer (1992)
 - Only 30% of witnesses described the face of the perpetrator
- Not supported by Behrman & Davey (2001); Valentine et al. (2003)
 - Examined line-up decisions of witness to gun-related vs. non gun-related crimes
 - Found no support for weapon focus effects

- Lie detection
 - o Deception
 - Definition according to Vrij (2000)



- Detecting
 - □ Polygraph
 - ◆ Timeline
 - ▶ 19th century
 - Lombroso (Italian criminologist)
 - Proposed there was a way to detect deception
 - ▶ Early 20th century
 - ▶ Polygraph machine first used
 - ▶ 1917
 - William Marston
 - Systolic blood pressure
 - First form
 - Conceptualised by his wife from the redness of increased blood pressure when angry
 - 1932
 - John A. Larson
 - Forerunner of modern polygraph
 - Extended to also include pulse rates and respiratory changes
 - Assess physiological change, not lies
 - Assumes that telling a lie is more stressful than telling the truth
 - Assess physiological responses which are indicative of stress, which is indicative of deception, not lies
 - ▶ This is a supposition
 - Many emotions give rise to the same physiological change
 - E.g. If you're innocent but angry or don't want to be falsely accused
 - Including:
 - Blood pressure
 - Heart rate
 - Respiration
 - Sweating (GSR)
 - ♦ Use
 - **▶** Entertainment
 - Criminal investigations
 - ▶ Not admissible in court in most Western countries
 - Juries don't understand it
 - Not accurate as a measure of deception
 - Verify whether or not a crime occurred by assessing witnesses
 - Verify suspicions about someone's involvement
 - With further evidence needed
 - ▶ Pre-employment screening
 - ▶ E.g. Government



- Irrelevant
 - No arousal
 - E.g. Yes/No, "Are you left handed?"
- Relevant
 - Discussed until they agree that they are unambiguous
 - Stress-inducing for guilty but not innocent
 - E.g. Did you assault Sam Smith the evening of Nov 11th?"
- Control
 - Stress-inducing for innocent people but not guilty people
 - General, vague and cover long periods time
 - Embarrass both innocent and guilty
 - Require an honest 'yes' but suspect is told they must lie and that the polygraph will detect it
 - E.g. "Before age 25, did you ever verbally threaten to hurt anyone?"
- Phase 2
 - Have to convince participants that it works in detecting lies
 - Guilty becomes more fearful
 - Greater physiological exacerbation to relevant questions
 - Innocent becomes less fearful
 - E.g. Card trick
 - Pinpoint when they are lying about a card being theirs
- Phase 3
 - All types of questions are repeated
- Phase 4
 - Scoring
 - Global approach
 - Subjective impression of peaks and moderate patterns
 - Numerical scoring
 - ◆ If relevant > control = negative score
 - If control > relevant = positive score
 - Comparisons are summed to give a total score
 - Often:
 - +5 = truth
 - ◆ -5 = deceptive
 - In between = inconclusive
- Phase 5
 - Tell the suspect the result in the hopes of a confession
 - Because the polygraph itself is not admissible while a confession is



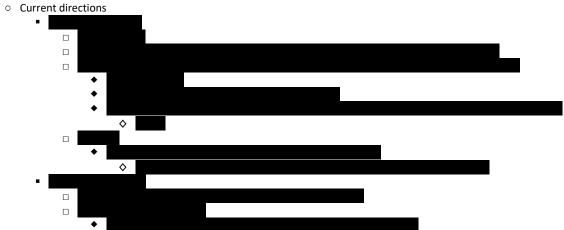
- ▶ More widely used in the USA
 - I.e. More likely to have innocent person be found guilty than a guilty person be found innocent
- ♦ Guilty Knowledge Test
 - Lykken (1959-1998)
 - Takes out the conscious lying aspect
 - If you are the perpetrator, you would have specific knowledge that innocent people would not
 - Asks multiple choice questions
 - One option is correct
 - Assumes that if the suspect is guilty, they would have a stronger (more aroused) response to correct information
 - E.g. O.J. Simpson:
 - "Was she drowned, hit on the head, shot, beaten, stabbed or strangled?"
 - "Where was her body found? X, y, etc."
 - ▶ An innocent person would not have specific knowledge
 - 1/6 chance of responding to correct info
 - More questions = better odds
 - Precautions
 - Examiner should be unaware of correct answer
 - They might detect the correct answer from the examiner
 - Need to check that alternatives are equally arousing for innocent people
 - ▶ Criticisms
 - Applicability
 - Can only be used if lots of details are known to the perpetrator
 - Uncommon now, with most events reported widely
 - 9% of cases could have been used according to FBI
 - Assumes that perpetrator knew or remembered details
 - Their response might not be true
 - Accuracy
 - Very accurate at identifying innocent participants
 - 95%
 - False negatives
 - Less accurate with identifying guilty participants
 - 85%
 - Ginton et al. (1982)
 - Ecologically valid attempt at testing success
 - 21 Israeli policemen (a lot at stake) were given the opportunity to cheat but all instances of cheating were found
 - All were told to participate in polygraph
 - CQT was used
 - Guilty officers were detected as guilty
 - 2 innocents were detected as lying
 - Only two studies of GKT
 - 94% and 98% accuracy for truths
 - 24% and 58% accuracy for lies
 - High false negatives
 - More widely used in Israel and Japan
 - I.e. Rather than minimal chance of innocent person going to jail and a guilty person being free
- General criticisms
 - ♦ Detect any arousal, not just a give-away cue of lying
 - Othello Error
 - Innocent people may show similar signs of arousal to liars because they:
 - May experience emotions
 - May have to think hard
 - May have to control themselves
 - ♦ Ecological validity issues
 - Deception research is conducted in labs and the stakes might not be high enough
 - ♦ Difficult to know the real 'ground' truth in field studies
 - ▶ Some people maybe have been falsely convicted and appeared as a false positive
 - $\diamondsuit \ \ \ \mbox{Adequate comparisons between truth-telling ('baseline') and lie-telling are not made }$
 - Need a better baseline
 - ♦ Observers seem to have incorrect beliefs about how liars behave
 - People, including investigators, are taught wrong cues
 - ♦ Brokaw hazard
 - ▶ Individual differences in characteristics of:
 - Emotional expression
 - Vocal
 - Body movement
 - E.g. Psychopaths respond differently due to lack of emotional arousal
 - ♦ Liars can use countermeasures
 - ▶ E.g. Can train themselves to increase arousal at baseline questions

- ♦ Cultural differences in non-verbal behaviour
- ◆ How to pass
 - ♦ Lower your arousal levels for relevant questions
 - ▶ Harder to do
 - ▶ Easier for psychopaths who have minimal emotive response to situations
 - ♦ Easier to increase your arousal for control questions
 - ▶ E.g. Prick yourself or bite your tongue
 - ♦ Floyd Fay became a polygraph expert in prison after being falsely convicted of murder
 - ▶ Recruited 27 inmates who confessed their guilty
 - ▶ After 20 minutes of coaching, 23 passed a CQT exam
 - Kleinmuntz & Szucko, 1984
- ◆ Scientific/expert support

| | Question | % agree |
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| | CQT is scientifically sound | 36 |
| | GKT is scientifically sound | 77 |
| | Would advocate admitting a failed CQT as evidence in court | 24 |
| | Conclude that an individual who fails 8/19 GKT items has guilty knowledge | 72 |
| | CQT can be beaten by increased response to control questions | 99 |

- □ Non-verbal
- □ Content of what they say

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o Difficulties in the detection of deception

How should we think about emotions in the study of human psychology?