

Debriefing Form

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Again, we thank you for your participation in this study. If you know of any friends or acquaintances that are eligible to participate in this study, we request that you not discuss it with them until after they have had the opportunity to participate. Prior knowledge of questions asked during the study can invalidate the results. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

If you have any questions regarding this study, please feel free to ask the researcher at this time. or Dr. Aspelmeier (email: jaspelme@radford.edu; telephone: 540 831-5520).

In the event that you feel emotionally or psychologically distressed by participation in this study, we encourage you to call Dr. Jeff Aspelmeier (contact info provided above). If you are unable to contact Dr. Aspelmeier we encourage you to contact the Counseling Center at Radford University and make an appointment. Their telephone number is (540) 831-5226.

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