

The “UGPOL” Research

Fieldwork Report

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Introduction

likable	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	unlikable
competent	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	incompetent
aggressive	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	unaggressive
unthrustworthy	3	2	1	0	1	2	3	thrustworthy

Introduction

ugly	1	2	3	4	5	beautiful
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First Impresion

- **first impression** is the event when one person first encounters another person and forms a **mental image** of that person
- Impression accuracy varies depending on the observer and the target being observed
- Studies demonstrate it takes 100ms exposure to a face to form a first immpresion about that person
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“Beautiful is Good”

- Effect: “Beautiful is Good”
 - first impression
 - job interview
 - civil litigation process (L.A.Zebrowitz,S.M.McDonald)
 - sentencing outcomes in criminal trials
(A.Farga,K.Schafer,J.M.Kutys...)
- Effect: “Good is Beautiful”
 - factors: time, observation

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Stereotypes

- Stereotypes - a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing

The process of applying condensed images to a group or category of people. These images represent over-simplified and over-generalized abstractions regarding such people, their values, behaviour and lifestyle. Not only categorizing but acting towards them in particular ways (definition from The SAGE Dictionary of Criminology)

- Stigma

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The UGPOL Research

He has an **Ugly** Face, Must be a **P**oliceman

“Are there some stereotypes about the outward appearance of representatives of the legal system, within the prison population.”

<http://balkan-criminology.eu/en/projects/ugpol/>

Questions

- Leading question: correlation between external appearance and position within the criminal justice system - the perception of prisoners
- Following question: stereotypes about non-physical characteristic of the criminal justice system representatives are present in prison population

Key Traits and Characteristics of the Criminal Justice System Representatives

POLICE OFFICER	JUDGE	PROSECUTOR
inquisitive	<u>objective</u>	<u>objective</u>
analytical	judicious	detail-orientated
<u>thrustworthy</u>	<u>thrustworthy</u>	perceptive
<u>competent</u>	<u>competent</u>	<u>competent</u>
Non-impulsive	patient	resorceful
motivational	confident	open-minded
empathic	perceptive	motivational

The UGPOL Research

- Max Planck Partner Group “Balkan Criminology” Project , Zagreb
- July 2015. - ongoing
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- Junior Researcher: Nika Jurković
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Experimental Study

Method

- experimental design
- independent variable/stimulus: Photoset
 - disclosure time 500ms
- differential semantic scale (for Qualities and Traits)
- numerical scale (for Physical Appearance)
- frequency distribution, measures of central tendency, t-test and ANOVA

Subjects

- Men
- Adult
- Serving sentences in penitentiaries
- Average group size was 10-12 inmates
- Categorised by age, family status, education, type of crime committed, recidivism, sentence, etc...

Sample

	Glina Penitentiary	Lipovica- Popovača Penitentiary	Zagreb Prison	Lepoglava Penitentiary	Total
Valid	39	27	28	21	116
Invalid	11	3	15	10	39

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ANY QUESTIONS?