

Step Up to A level Psychology

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Research Methods: Ethical Issues

Both studies by Asch and Zimbardo raised a lot of questions about the ethics of the studies. How had they been allowed to carry out such unethical studies? What about the risk of harm to participants? Psychologists now have to follow a strict set of ethical guidelines set out by the BPS (British Psychological Society). Read more about ethical issues on the BPS website: www.bps.org.uk

In A Level Psychology you will study the following ethical principles. Define each one. You can research this if needed.

- Right to withdraw
- Protection from harm (physical and psychological)
- Informed consent (adults and children)
- Privacy and confidentiality.

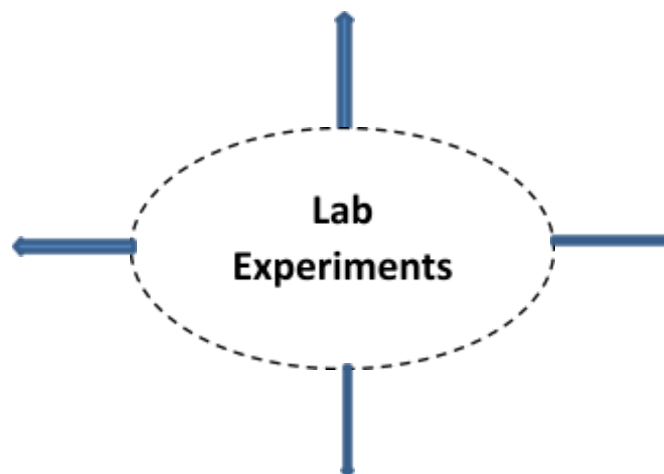
Why do you think it is important that psychologists follow ethical issues when conducting research?

Apply the ethical issues with Asch and Zimbardo's study?

Deception		
Right to withdraw		
Psychological or physical harm		
Informed consent		

Research Methods: Experiments

Asch and Zimbardo's studies are examples of a laboratory experiment. Use the space below to identify features of a lab experiment.



Lab experiments can be both good and bad in helping us investigate different areas of psychology that we may not be able to research otherwise. Look at the following website and note down in your own words some of the strengths and weaknesses of lab experiments.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/laboratory-experiments>



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Evaluate Laboratory experiments