

INTUITION AND FACIAL FEEDBACK

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ABSTRACT

Smiles and frowns are typically thought of as expressions of underlying emotional states. Yet there is strong evidence that these and other facial expressions play a role in emotional experience itself. Several facial feedback studies have found individual differences in susceptibility to facial manipulations. We suggest that differences in intuitive processing style contribute to facial feedback effects, particularly when individuals are in a positive mood. The current study examined the possible interaction between the intuitive processing system, mood, and facial expression in predicting the evaluation of stimuli. A significant three-way interaction between intuitive processing, positive mood, and facial expression was found in predicting evaluations. Interpretations and future directions are discussed.