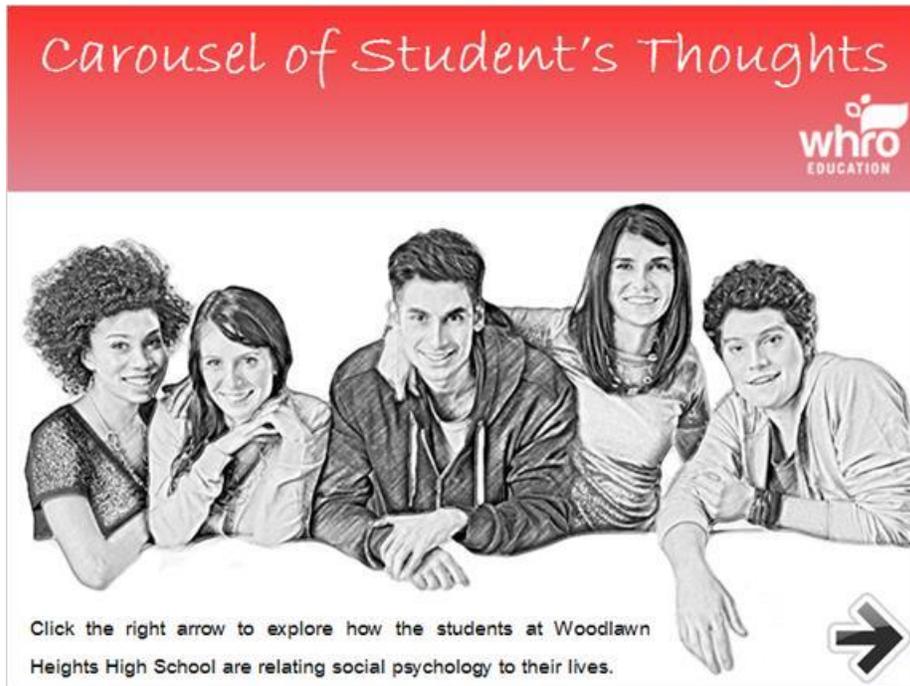


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Introduction



Click the right arrow to discover how the students at Woodlawn Heights High School used social psychology to better understand their problems. Click the pulsating markers to re-read their original concerns.

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Cindy



"My friends keep telling me that Richard from the robotics team is going to ask me to prom. He's definitely cute, and I would love to go with him, but I worry about how my parents will react – they are so traditional, and the prom must seem really sill to them. My sisters had to sneak out to go on dates just to avoid dealing with them, but I don't want to do that. I wonder if there is a way to convince them that this isn't a big deal."

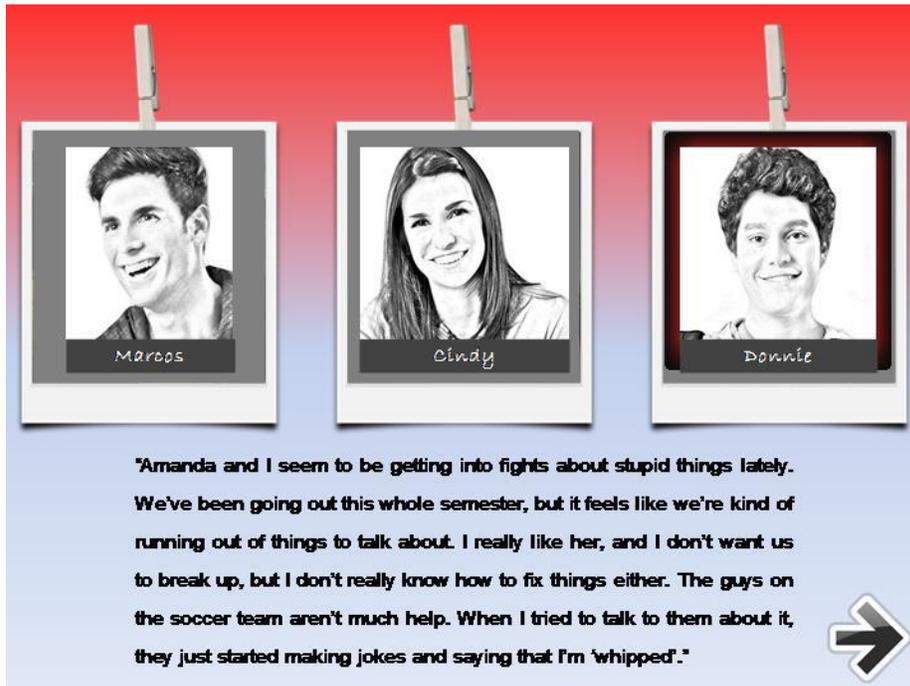


"Even though I'm shy, I decided to step up and ask Richard on a date myself, before prom. I told my parents, and although they didn't like it, they agreed to a short date with an early curfew. Richard ended up asking me to prom, and since my parents had already gotten used to the idea of a date, getting permission to go to prom was a lot easier. Foot-in-the-door phenomenon definitely helped, and prom was so fun!"

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Donnie



Marcos

Cindy

Donnie

"Amanda and I seem to be getting into fights about stupid things lately. We've been going out this whole semester, but it feels like we're kind of running out of things to talk about. I really like her, and I don't want us to break up, but I don't really know how to fix things either. The guys on the soccer team aren't much help. When I tried to talk to them about it, they just started making jokes and saying that I'm 'whipped'."

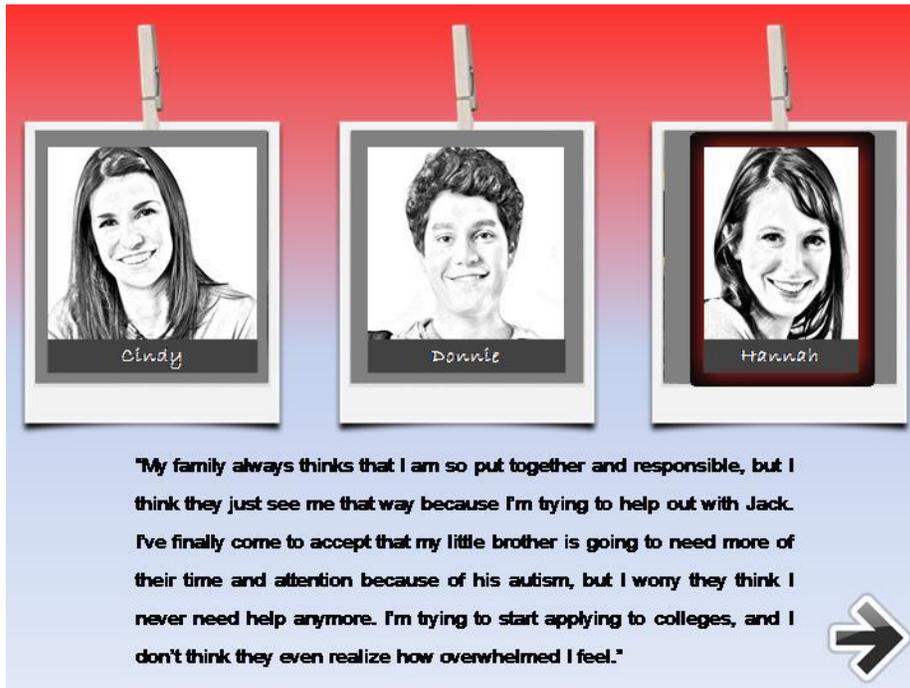


"Talking about deindividuation, made me realize this was happening with my teammates. If I had asked one of the guys for advice one on one, he might have taken it more seriously. But in a group like that? No way! I don't know if Amanda and I will stay together, but the stuff about self-disclosure made sense. I'm attracted to Amanda, but scared to open up. If I'm more open, hopefully she'll feel comfortable and do the same."

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Hannah



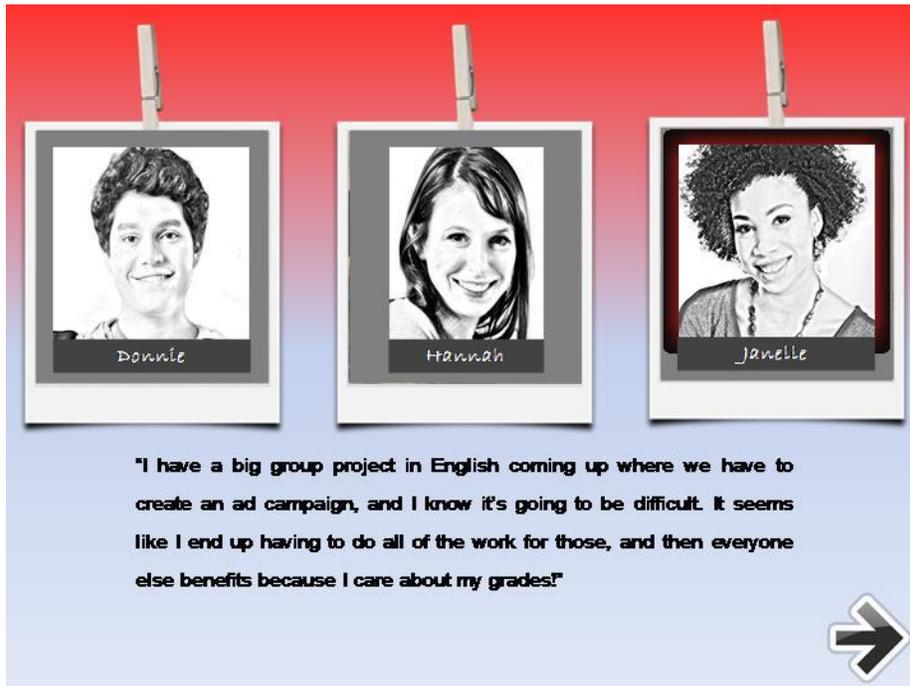
"My family always thinks that I am so put together and responsible, but I think they just see me that way because I'm trying to help out with Jack. I've finally come to accept that my little brother is going to need more of their time and attention because of his autism, but I worry they think I never need help anymore. I'm trying to start applying to colleges, and I don't think they even realize how overwhelmed I feel."

"I didn't realize it, but my parents may have committed a fundamental attribution error. Because they always saw me helping out with my brother, they didn't realize it's not my disposition. I also had to do some self-disclosure and tell them I needed help on my college applications. I was trying too hard not to ask anything of them, but when I shared how I was feeling, it brought us closer than we'd been in a long time."

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Janelle



Donnie

Hannah

Janelle

"I have a big group project in English coming up where we have to create an ad campaign, and I know it's going to be difficult. It seems like I end up having to do all of the work for those, and then everyone else benefits because I care about my grades!"

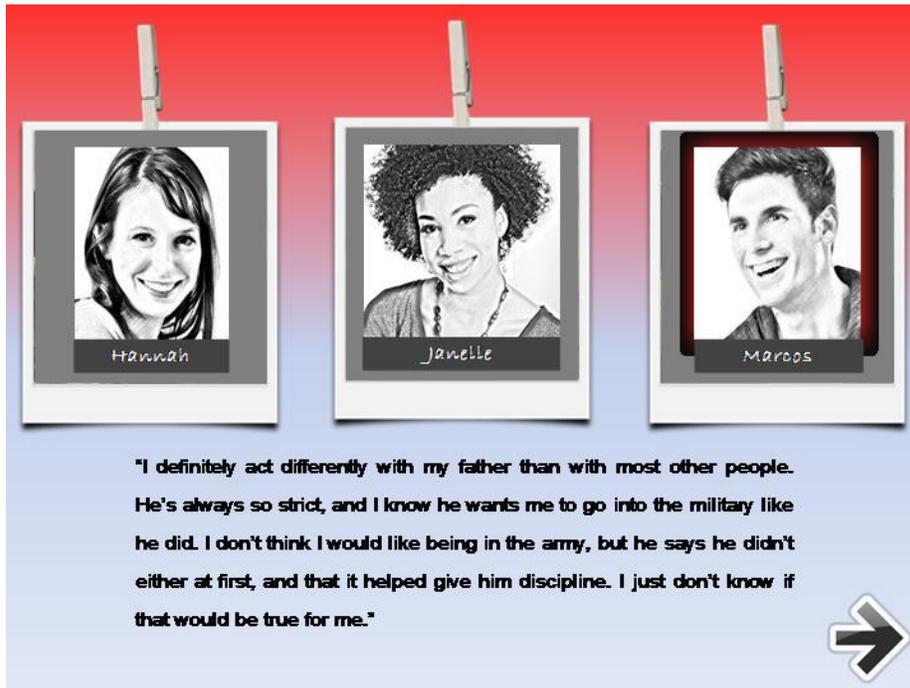


"The idea of social loafing was a revelation. Once I had a name for it, I quickly knew how to spot it. I worked hard with my group to make sure everyone was accountable for a specific part of the project. Even though I still had to edit some last minute typos, things went much more smoothly than usual. I also used central-route and peripheral-route persuasion in our ad, and we got an A!"

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Marcos



Hannah

Janelle

Marcos

"I definitely act differently with my father than with most other people. He's always so strict, and I know he wants me to go into the military like he did. I don't think I would like being in the army, but he says he didn't either at first, and that it helped give him discipline. I just don't know if that would be true for me."



"The idea of *roles* really helped me understand my dad. He likes the structure the military provides him, and that's an important role he likes to play. I'm going to try and get a scholarship for art – that's my first choice. I also want to show my dad I can be serious, and not lean on him for money. I might check out ROTC programs, but the Navy seems more interesting to me than the Army."