If you were asked to unlock and hand your phone to a stranger, would you comply? Would your answer change if you were with a friend?

**HYPOTHESES**

I hypothesize that Ps:

1. will anticipate complying less when imagining themselves with a close friend than when imagining themselves facing the request alone.
2. responding to a consent request when seated with a friend will be less likely to comply (i.e., less likely to hand over their phone) than those seated alone.
3. will feel more comfortable with the request when with a close friend (whether imagined or actual).

I collected blood pressure in Study 2 to explore whether Ps showed a physiological stress response.

**HIGHER IMAGINED COMPLIANCE WITH A FRIEND**

**MAJORITY IN-LAB Ps HAND OVER THEIR PHONE**

Study 1 Ps in the friend condition were more likely to imagine complying than Ps in the alone condition, $p = .04$.

The majority of Study 2 Ps complied with the request, regardless of condition, $p = .192$.

**STUDY TWO (reality; in-lab experiment)**

$N = 127$ undergraduate friend pairs

Procedure: Friend pairs were randomly assigned to be in separate rooms (alone condition) or remain together (friend condition). An experimenter entered the room and asked Ps (only one P in friend condition, the “target”) to unlock and hand over their phone.

Measures: Compliance (whether they handed over their phone), self-reported emotions, blood pressure

**DISCUSSION**

Though people tend to anticipate that they wouldn't comply with a phone search request, the majority of our in-lab participants did, whether seated with a close friend or alone.

Despite the presence of a friend making participants feel it would be easier to say no, their behavior was not changed.

The physiological response was in line with a stress response for

**REFERENCES**