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Abstract

Prior studies on emotion regulation identified a set of brain regions specialized for generating and controlling affect. Researchers generally agree that when up- and down-regulating emotion, control regions in the prefrontal cortex turn up or down activity in affect-generating areas. However, the assumption that turning up and down emotions produces opposite effects in the same affect-generating regions is untested. We call this assumption the ‘affective dial hypothesis.’ Our study tested this hypothesis by examining the overlap between the sets of regions activated during up-regulation and those deactivated during down-regulation in a large number of participants (N=105). We found that up- and down-regulation both recruit regulatory regions such as the inferior frontal gyrus and dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus but act on distinct affect-generating regions. While up-regulation increases BOLD signal in regions associated with emotion such as the amygdala, anterior insula, striatum and anterior cingulate gyrus as well as in regions associated with sympathetic vascular activity such as periventricular white matter, down-regulation decreases signal in regions receiving interoceptive input such as the posterior insula and postcentral gyrus. These findings indicate that up- and down-regulation do not generally exert opposing effects on the same affect-generating regions. Instead, they target different brain circuits.

Significance Statement

Many contexts require modulating one’s own emotions. Identifying the brain areas implementing these regulatory processes should advance understanding emotional disorders and designing potential interventions. The emotion regulation field has an implicit assumption we call the affective dial hypothesis: that both emotion up- and down-regulation modulate the same emotion-generating brain areas. Countering the hypothesis, our findings indicate that up- and down-modulating emotions target different brain areas. Thus, the mechanisms underlying emotion regulation differ more than previously appreciated for up- versus down-regulation. In addition to their theoretical importance, these findings are critical for researchers attempting to target activity in particular brain regions during an emotion regulation intervention.

Introduction

As humans, we are able to strategically modulate our own emotions. Often, this involves diminishing negative emotions and intensifying positive emotions. But there are also situations when one would want to increase the intensity of negative emotions (such as when wanting to feel empathy for a friend's grief) or decrease the intensity of positive emotions (such as when trying not to laugh at a child's embarrassing mistake). Thus, both diminishing and intensifying are processes that operate across valence and type of emotions (Gross, 2015).

Prior neuroimaging research indicates that diminishing and intensifying emotion rely on a shared set of affect-controlling regions that modulate activity in affect-generating regions (Buhle et al., 2014; Ochsner, Silvers, & Buhle, 2012). This set of control regions includes the ventrolateral, dorsomedial and dorsolateral prefrontal cortices (vlPFC, dmPFC, dlPFC), that are jointly recruited by up- and down-regulation and thus constitute an affect-control system (Kohn et al., 2014; Morawetz, Bode, Derntl, & Heekeren, 2017; Ochsner et al., 2012). On the other hand, the amygdala, insula, and striatum have been identified as affect-generating regions (Craig, 2009; Grosse Rueschkamp, Brose, Villringer, & Gaebler, 2019; Phelps, 2006), which can be up- or down-modulated by the control system (Braunstein, Gross, & Ochsner, 2017; Ochsner et al., 2012).

Despite its wide acceptance, the idea of the control system's dialing up or down activity in affect-generating regions relies on an untested assumption: up-regulating (i.e., trying to intensify one's emotions) will increase activity in the same affect-generating brain regions that down-regulating (i.e., trying to diminish one's emotions) will decrease activity in. We call this implicit assumption of the emotion regulation field the **affective dial hypothesis** (see Figure 1).

We found ten studies on young adults that included both up- and down-regulation trials as well as a non-regulation control (Domes et al., 2010; Eippert et al., 2007; Kim & Hamann, 2007; Leiberg, Eippert, Veit, & Anders, 2012; Li et al., 2018; Morawetz, Alexandrowicz, & Heekeren, 2017; Morawetz, Bode, Baudewig, Jacobs, & Heekeren, 2016; Morawetz, Bode, Baudewig, Kirilina, & Heekeren, 2016; Ochsner et al., 2004; Steinfurth et al., 2018), most of which were reported in a recent meta-analysis (Morawetz, Bode, et al., 2017). These studies

typically showed increased activity in the vIPFC, dIPFC, supplementary motor area and anterior cingulate cortex during both intensifying and diminishing emotion. Furthermore, five of these studies conducted an explicit test of which regions were involved in regulation in both conditions by examining where overlap occurred between the up-regulation > baseline and down-regulation > baseline contrasts. All five of these studies showed some overlap between these two contrasts. Thus, this overlapping set of regions are involved in emotional control regardless of whether people are trying to up- or down-regulate their emotions. However, the affective dial idea that the same affect-generating regions are targeted by up- and down-regulation currently lacks support. None of those ten studies reported an explicit test of the overlap between up-regulate > baseline and baseline > down-regulate contrasts. Although six of the studies reported the baseline > down-regulate contrast at a whole-brain level, there were no consistently activated clusters. Thus, we could not find clear evidence that supports the affective dial hypothesis.

The current study tests the affective dial hypothesis that up-regulating emotions increases activity in the same affect-generating brain regions that down-regulating emotions decreases activity in. By having both up- and down-regulation types in one study and contrasting them with viewing trials, we directly tested how much the targets of up- and down-regulation overlap. In addition to whole-brain analyses, we included a region-of-interest (ROI) analysis of the amygdala, as many studies suggest it is a target of prefrontal regulatory systems (e.g., Berboth & Morawetz, 2021). We also investigated how the brain bases of the subjective sense of emotional experience differed during up- vs. down-regulation. Our sample size (N=105) gave us greater statistical power than prior studies comparing up- and down-regulating conditions.

Methods

Participants

The emotion regulation task was conducted as part of a 5-week heart rate variability biofeedback intervention study in which participants learned to modulate their heart rate by breathing at a slow rate (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03458910). The emotion regulation

task was conducted both before and after the intervention, but for this paper we just used the baseline data from young adults before any intervention was conducted. Participants were recruited via USC's subject pool, USC's online bulletin board, Facebook, and flyers, and screened out for medical or psychiatric illnesses. However, people taking antidepressant or anti-anxiety medication were excluded only if they anticipated a change in treatment during the intervention. Upon completion or termination, participants were monetarily rewarded based on the total participation time and performance. As the present analyses focused on the pre-intervention session, we included participants who dropped out after the first emotion regulation task. This yielded 105 participants who ranged in age from 18 to 31 years ($M_{\text{age}} = 22.8$, $SD_{\text{age}} = 2.69$) and consisted of 54 males and 51 females.

Task

We based our study design on a previously validated emotion regulation task (Kim & Hamann, 2007) which has up- and down-regulation trials for positive and negative emotions. We employed an event-related design. The 10-minute emotion regulation task had 42 trials, each of which consisted of a sequence involving a 1-second instruction, a 6-second regulation, and a 4-second rating period. During the 6-second regulation period, participants were asked to regulate emotion induced by the images according to the presented instruction. The instructions were "intensify," "diminish," or "view," and the presented images were positive, negative, or neutral. Pairing of the instructions and images yielded 7 conditions: diminish-negative, diminish-positive, intensify-negative, intensify-positive, view-negative, view-positive, and view-neutral. After regulation, participants were asked to rate their strength of feeling with a scale from 1 (*weak*) to 4 (*strong*). Three trials from each condition were nested in a mini-block where the trials were separated by a fixation cross with a jittered interval that ranged from 0 to 4 seconds. The jittered intervals summed up to 4 seconds to keep the mini-block length the same, and the mini-blocks were spaced apart by a 5-second-long fixation cross. A total of 14 mini-blocks were arranged in a pseudorandom manner such that no blocks with the same instruction or image valence were shown consecutively. Six sets of images were selected from the International Affective Picture System such that the 18 negative, 18 positive, and 6 neutral images within each image set each had the same average valence ($M_{\text{negative}} = 2.3$, $M_{\text{positive}} = 7.2$,

$M_{\text{neutral}} = 5.0$) and arousal scores ($M_{\text{negative}} = 5.4$, $M_{\text{positive}} = 5.4$, $M_{\text{neutral}} = 2.8$). During the task, each participant was presented with one of the six sets of images in a randomized order.

Procedure

Participants had a practice session where they came up with their own reappraisal strategies to amplify, moderate, or passively experience the image-induced emotion according to the “intensify,” “diminish,” or “view” instruction. If they had difficulty devising their own method, they were presented with examples such as reinterpreting the situations or changing the distance between themselves and the scene. We also advised them not to generate an emotion opposite to the one that they were experiencing. For example, they were not supposed to replace a negative feeling with a positive one to diminish negative emotion. After the scan, participants were asked to report what regulation strategies they used and how successful they were in regulating emotions. For the four emotion-regulating conditions (e.g., diminish positive), 96% – 99% of participants used cognitive reappraisal and 92% – 98% of participants reported medium or high levels of confidence in their emotion regulation success.

MRI data acquisition

MRI scans were conducted at USC’s Dana and David Dornsife Cognitive Neuroimaging Center using a 3T Siemens MAGNETOM Prisma MRI scanner with a 32-channel head coil. We obtained a T1-weighted MPRAGE anatomical image (TR = 2,300 ms, TE = 2.26 ms, slice thickness = 1.0 mm, flip angle = 9°, field of view = 256 mm, voxel size = 1.0 mm isotropic). We acquired 250 whole brain volumes of T2*-weighted functional images using multi-echo planar imaging sequence (TR= 2,400 mm, TE 18/35/53 ms, slice thickness = 3.0 mm, flip angle = 75°, field of view = 240 mm, voxel size = 3.0 mm isotropic).

MRI data analysis

One hundred and fourteen participants completed the emotion regulation task during the baseline session. We excluded three participants whose multi-echo denoising process failed and six participants who failed to respond to more than 50% of the trials. This left 105 participants for fMRI analyses.

The functional MRI data were denoised with multi-echo independent component analysis which removed artifact components using the linear echo-time dependence of blood

oxygen level dependent (BOLD) signal changes (Kundu, Inati, Evans, Luh, & Bandettini, 2012). The denoised data was entered into FMRIB Software Library (FSL) version 6.0 for the individual- and group-level analysis. Individual-level analysis included two steps of affine linear transformation with 12 degrees of freedom where each functional image was registered to the MNI152 T1 2mm template via its T1-weighted anatomical image. Individual-level analysis also included a preprocessing of motion correction, spatial smoothing with 5 mm FWHM, and high-pass filtering with 600-second cutoff. Individual whole-brain BOLD time series were modelled with a linear combination of seven emotion-regulation regressors during the 6-second emotion regulation period (diminish-negative, view-negative, intensify-negative, diminish-positive, view-positive, intensify-positive, and view-neutral) along with their temporal derivatives, each convolved with a double-gamma hemodynamic response function. For the group-level analysis, FSL's mixed-effects model (FLAME 1) was used to test the mean effect of emotion regulation, contrasted across the conditions. The final results were corrected for family-wise error at $p < .05$ with the cluster-wise threshold at $z > 3.1$. We tested for overlapping control regions via a conjunction analysis taking the intersection of intensify > view and diminish > view and tested the affective dial hypothesis via a conjunction analysis taking the intersection of intensify > view and view > diminish.

To characterize the nature of the brain areas identified by the view > diminish and intensify > view contrasts, we used emotion-associated and interoception-associated cluster maps from a prior meta-analytic study (Adolfi et al., 2017). We derived three maps from this meta-analysis study: 1) the intersection of the two meta-analytic maps; 2) the emotion-associated map with the intersection regions removed; and 3) the interoception-associated map with the intersection regions removed. We then overlapped these three meta-analytic maps with the thresholded view > diminish and intensify > view contrast maps (after removing the intersection of diminish > view and intensify > view to remove activity likely related to regulation effort rather than its effects), counted the number of voxels overlapping each of the three meta-analytic maps, and divided the number of overlapping voxels with the total number of voxels in each thresholded contrast map.

To assess the BOLD activity changes in the amygdala, we individually segmented the amygdala region from each participant's T1-weighted image using FreeSurfer version 6 and created the left and right amygdala masks in the native space. We then applied FSL FLIRT to transform the masks to the standard MNI space and input them to Featquery to obtain average percent signal change values in the amygdala activity during emotion regulation.

Subjective ratings during the task were analyzed by using SPSS to conduct an ANOVA with mean emotional intensity as the dependent variable and the regulation goals (diminish, intensify, view) and image valence (negative, positive) as within-subject independent factors.

We also examined how brain activity while implementing different regulation goals relates to subjective ratings of emotion regulation outcome. To do so, we normalized the online rating scores within each subject's intensify or diminish condition and used the normalized scores as a weight for the two emotion-regulation regressors (diminish, intensify; each aggregated across positive and negative valence) in another individual-level analysis. We excluded nine subjects who always responded with the same rating within either condition, which made normalization impossible within that condition for that person. The subsequent group-level analysis tested the mean effect of four contrasts: diminish, intensify, diminish > intensify, and intensify > diminish.

Results

Subjective Ratings

There was a significant main effect of the three emotion regulation goals, $F(2, 208) = 228.60$, $r = 0.83$, $p < 0.001$ and of the emotional valence, $F(1,104) = 5.58$, $r = 0.23$, $p = 0.02$ on self-rated emotional intensity. But there was no significant interaction between goals and valence, $F(2, 208) = 1.73$, $r = 0.13$, $p = 0.18$. We also conducted Bonferroni-corrected t-tests for pairs of regulation and valence types. The corrected p threshold was at 0.007. Subjective intensity ratings were higher for intensifying than for viewing, $t(104) = 12.68$, $r = 0.61$, $p < 0.001$ for negative emotion and $t(104) = 16.19$, $r = 0.63$, $p < 0.001$ for positive emotion, and also higher for viewing than for diminishing, $t(104) = 5.44$, $r = 0.29$, $p < 0.001$ for negative emotion and $t(104) = 5.09$, $r = 0.25$, $p < 0.001$ for positive emotion (Figure 3). Ratings did not significantly differ between negative and positive emotion for either intensifying, $t(104) = 0.60$, $r = 0.03$, $p =$

0.55, for diminishing, $t(104) = 2.43$, $r = 0.09$, $p = 0.02$, or for viewing, $t(104) = 2.46$, $r = 0.10$, $p = 0.02$ though the comparisons were significant at an uncorrected level for diminishing and viewing (see Table 1 for details).

Regulation Effort

Our analyses focused on the general regulatory effect of emotion regulation across positive and negative valence, based on prior findings that the brain's affective workspace varies little across valence (Lindquist, Satpute, Wager, Weber, & Barrett, 2016). Contrasting the diminish against view condition (diminish > view) revealed brain regions showing increased activation during emotional down-regulation (Figure 4A, Table 2): the anterior insular cortex, lateral frontal orbital cortex, dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus, paracingulate gyrus, superior frontal gyrus, and inferior frontal gyrus. Contrasting the intensify against view condition (intensify > view) revealed brain regions showing increased activation during emotional up-regulation (Figure 4B, Table 3): the anterior insular cortex, lateral frontal orbital cortex, frontal medial cortex, anterior cingulate gyrus, posterior cingulate gyrus, inferior frontal gyrus, middle frontal gyrus, superior frontal gyrus, hippocampus, amygdala, putamen, and thalamus. Consistent with prior studies (Domes et al., 2010; Eippert et al., 2007; Kim & Hamann, 2007; Li et al., 2018; Ochsner et al., 2004), there were a number of brain regions activated during both up- and down-regulation (intensify > view \cap diminish > view), consistent with regulatory regions shared by the two opposing regulation goals. These regions were the insular cortex, inferior frontal gyrus, middle frontal gyrus, superior frontal gyrus, dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus, and angular gyrus (Figure 5A).

To test the affective dial hypothesis, we examined the intersection of the two contrasts (intensify > view and view > diminish) that should show significant emotion-related activity if emotion regulation modulates affect-generating brain regions in the expected linear fashion (intensify > view > diminish). If emotion regulation processes act on the same affect-generating brain regions when up- and down-regulating, the intensify > view and view > diminish contrasts should show overlapping areas. Despite our robust power, however, there were only seven voxels that were significant for both the intensify > view and view > diminish contrasts. They were in the central opercular cortex (five voxels), the parietal operculum cortex (one voxel),

and the insular cortex (one voxel). Besides these seven voxels (Figure 5C), there was no overlap between the significant clusters in the two contrasts, suggesting that up- and down-regulation act on two distinct emotion-generating networks. The intensify > view contrast (Figure 4B, Table 3) revealed the amygdala, striatum, anterior insular cortex and cingulate gyrus which are associated with emotional experience (Lindquist et al., 2016) as well as white matter and ventricular regions which are associated with vascular activity during sympathetic arousal (Özbay et al., 2019). The view > diminish contrast (Figure 4C, Table 4) showed the posterior insula cortex and postcentral gyrus, which receive visceral and sensory input and represent the physiological states of the body (Craig, 2002). The regions which lowered their activity during intensifying emotion (view > intensify) included the frontal pole, middle frontal gyrus, and angular gyrus (Figure 4D, Table 5). Similarly, examining the diminish > view and view > intensify intersection revealed only 4 voxels in the paracingulate gyrus consistent with a linear diminish > view > intensify affective-dial suppression pattern (Figure 5D).

The lack of much activity consistent with either an intensify > view > diminish or a diminish > view > intensify pattern suggests that intensifying and diminishing emotions target different brain networks to modulate emotion. To help characterize the nature of the brain regions which emotion up- versus down-regulation act on, we counted how many voxels activated during intensify > view versus view > diminish overlapped with emotion- versus interoception-associated cluster maps generated from a prior meta-analysis (Adolfi et al., 2017, see Figure 6 for maps). We found that 21.5% of activated voxels during view > diminish overlapped with interoception-related areas, while only 6.0% overlapped with emotion-related areas. During intensify > view, 15.9% overlapped emotion-related areas, while 5.7% overlapped interoception-related areas.

In our follow-up ROI analysis, although the amygdala numerically showed the affective-dial-like diminish < view < intensify pattern (Figure 7), neither the right or left amygdala showed both significant diminish < view and view < intensify effects as predicted by the affective dial hypothesis. A post-hoc t-test with Bonferroni-corrected p threshold at 0.01 showed that activity in the left amygdala differed between intensify and view, $t(104) = 4.12$, $r = 0.20$, $p < 0.001$ but did not differ between view and diminish, $t(104) = 1.20$, $r = 0.05$, $p = 0.23$. Activity in the right

amygdala did not significantly differ between intensify and view, $t(104) = 2.04$, $r = 0.10$, $p = 0.04$, nor between view and diminish, $t(104) = 1.67$, $r = 0.08$, $p = 0.10$, but differed between intensify and view at an uncorrected p threshold (see Table 6 for details).

Regulation Outcome

Our findings that up- and down-regulation effort modulated mostly non-overlapping affect-generating regions (Figure 4B and 4C) raise interesting questions. For instance, which brain regions inform subjective experience of the emotion regulation outcome? And do these also differ during up- and down-regulation? To compare relationships between self-rated intensity and brain activity across up- and down-regulation conditions which differed in average subjective emotion intensity, we normalized rating scores within each of the two regulation conditions for each participant and used these normalized scores as a parametric regressor. Thus, this regressor weighted each trial based on how extreme each participant's intensity rating was on that trial compared to the average rating for diminishing or intensifying trials. The standard deviation of raw ratings did not significantly differ between intensifying and diminishing trials, $t(95) = 1.125$, $r = 0.06$, $p = 0.26$, indicating similar variability in emotional intensity in the two conditions.

We first examined brain regions whose activity during the 6-second task period (Figure 2) was positively associated with self-rated emotional intensity separately for each condition. While higher subjective ratings after diminishing were associated with the anterior cingulate and paracingulate gyrus (Figure 8A, Table 7), the ratings after intensifying were associated with broader areas including the dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus (ACC), supplementary motor cortex, lingual gyrus, thalamus, and cerebellum (Figure 8B, Table 8). The dorsal ACC, insula, thalamus, and frontal pole were overlapping areas that were associated with greater subjective emotional intensity across both intensifying and diminishing conditions (Figure 9A). We then examined whether there were any brain regions in which activity was negatively associated with self-rated emotional intensity. There were no significant regions for the diminish condition (Figure 8C), but in the intensify condition, there was less activity in right frontoparietal regions during trials with higher self-rated intensity (Figure 8D, Table 9).

The intersection of Figures 8A and 8B revealed that during both up- and down-regulation, participants reported greater feeling intensity when activation in the insula, ACC, and thalamus were higher (Figure 9A). In contrast, the intersection of Figures 8A and 8D reflects goal-inconsistent arousal in both conditions (i.e., higher feeling intensity during diminish trials and lower feeling intensity during intensify trials) and revealed a separate ACC region (Figure 9B). There also were some significant differences across regulation conditions in how self-perceived emotional intensity was associated with brain activity. The diminish > intensify contrast revealed significant condition differences in the angular gyrus, supramarginal gyrus, dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus, paracingulate gyrus, and middle frontal gyrus (Figure 9C). The intensify > diminish contrast revealed significant differences in the postcentral gyrus and superior parietal lobule (Figure 9D). However, it is important to note that both of the differences across regulation conditions were driven by effects within the intensify condition, as the regions in 9C overlap with those in 8D, which indicates greater negative associations between frontoparietal regions and intensity ratings during intensify than diminish trials, and those in 9D overlap with those in 8B. Thus, we did not find any evidence of regions that are more associated with subjective intensity during diminishing than during intensifying emotions.

Discussion

The idea that exerting emotional control increases activity in affect-generating brain regions during emotion up-regulation and decreases activity in those same regions during emotion down-regulation makes intuitive sense. This ‘affective dial hypothesis’ is an implicit assumption in the field of emotion regulation. However, our well-powered (N=105) study demonstrated that up- and down-regulation target separate brain regions. The majority of brain regions down-regulated by diminishing did not overlap with those up-regulated by intensifying emotions, as indicated by the minimal intersection between the intensify > view and view > diminish contrasts (Figure 5C).

The intensify > view contrast showed increased activity during up-regulation in many brain regions (Figure 4B) previously associated with affective experience, including the amygdala, anterior insular cortex, ACC, thalamus and nucleus accumbens as well as in regions associated with sympathetic vascular activity such as periventricular white matter (Özbay et al.,

2018). Instead of showing decreased activity in these same brain regions during down-regulation as would be predicted by the affective dial hypothesis, the view > diminish contrast revealed decreased activity in the posterior insular cortex and postcentral gyrus (Figure 4C). These areas receive visceral information through the afferent vagus nerve and are involved in interoceptive awareness (Craig, 2002; Khalsa, Rudrauf, Feinstein, & Tranel, 2009). Indeed, more of the voxels activated during down-regulation overlapped brain regions that a previous meta-analysis (Adolfi et al., 2017) linked with interoception than overlapped brain regions linked with other aspects of emotion whereas the reverse was the case for up-regulation (Figure 6D). Why might up- and down-regulation target different affective circuits? When up-regulating, people may engage more with emotional images, whereas when down-regulating they may disengage more. Engaging with external emotional stimuli may target emotional processing pathways that help evaluate external stimuli, while disengaging from external stimuli with the goal of reducing feelings may instead target interoceptive processing pathways. Future research should test these and other possibilities.

Even though the brain regions targeted by up- and down-regulation barely overlapped, these regulatory modes activated an overlapping set of brain regions (that is, overlap in intensify > view and diminish > view; Figure 5A). These overlapping regions included the inferior frontal gyrus, dorsal anterior cingulate gyrus (ACC), and anterior insular cortex, which have been previously linked with various aspects of emotion regulation. Our participants used cognitive reappraisal strategies; the inferior frontal gyrus (IFG), within the ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (vIPFC), is involved in strategies which require modifying interpretations of emotional situations to attenuate negative emotion (Ochsner & Gross, 2005). The dorsal ACC detects conflicts and signals adjustments in cognitive tasks (Botvinick, Cohen, & Carter, 2004; Bush, Luu, & Posner, 2000) and emotion regulation (Etkin, Büchel, & Gross, 2015; Ichikawa et al., 2011; McRae, Reiman, Fort, Chen, & Lane, 2008). Anterior insula activation is associated with subjective feelings of emotion and their autonomic representation (Craig, 2009; Critchley & Harrison, 2013).

The amygdala showed a linear pattern where its BOLD activity was highest during up-regulation, mid-range during viewing, and lowest during down-regulation (Figure 7). This

seemed to support prior work which has focused on how emotion regulation modulates amygdala activity (e.g., Goldin, McRae, Ramel, & Gross, 2008; Kim & Hamann, 2007; McRae et al., 2010; Ochsner et al., 2004; Steinfurth et al., 2018). However, the amygdala did not show any significant voxels in the affective-dial intensify > view \cap view > diminish contrast at the whole-brain level with our conservative threshold (cluster size $Z > 3.1$). To our knowledge, there are no prior findings of overlapping up-regulation > baseline and baseline > down-regulation effects in the amygdala at a whole-brain threshold level. Prior studies typically employed region-of-interest (ROI) or small-volume-corrected analyses, allowing for lenient statistical thresholds. They also relied on relatively small numbers of participants (e.g., $N = 10 - 24$).

Further examination of our whole-brain results suggests that our conjunction analysis did not reveal an affective-dial pattern in the amygdala because the view > diminish and intensify > view contrasts activated different parts of the amygdala. The view > diminish contrast activated its laterobasal subregions, whereas the intensify > view contrast activated mostly the superficial and centromedial subregions. While the laterobasal subregion of the amygdala receives sensory information from the visual and auditory cortex, the centromedial subregion is related to emotional arousal and responses (Kerestes, Chase, Phillips, Ladouceur, & Eickhoff, 2017). Future research should investigate whether up- and down-regulation do indeed target different amygdala subregions.

During the last 4 seconds of each trial, participants rated the intensity of feelings (Figure 2). These ratings were lower in the diminish than in the intensify condition (Figure 3). But do lower vs. higher ratings relate to activity in the same brain regions during up- versus down-regulating emotion? Indeed, we found several brain regions where increased activity both during diminishing and intensifying emotions were significantly associated with relatively greater intensity ratings (Figure 9A). These included the left insula (Figure 9A) and a small cluster in the right insula (not shown). The insula's activity level may help signal affective intensity as it is associated with both interoception and other aspects of emotion (Figure 6C, Adolfi et al., 2017). Other regions where activity was associated with subjective intensity included the dorsal ACC and the frontal pole, which, as part of the medial PFC, activate during self-referencing tasks involving emotional stimuli (Northoff et al., 2006).

There were also some interesting differences across conditions. When the goal was to intensify emotions, higher subjective feeling intensity was associated with lower activity in the right frontoparietal attention network (e.g., Laird et al., 2011) during up-regulation, suggesting that intensifying emotions suppresses activity in this attention network (Figure 8D). Directly contrasting the correlations with subjective feelings in the two conditions revealed that this suppression of frontoparietal activity was significantly more associated with subjective feelings during intensifying than during diminishing emotion (Figure 9C, 9D). Thus, whereas amping up emotion during up-regulation suppresses frontoparietal activity (Figure 8D), tamping down emotion during down-regulation does not increase frontoparietal activity (Figure 8C).

In contrast, activity in a dorsal ACC region (Figure 9B) during emotion regulation was associated with lower intensity ratings during intensify trials (that is, a failure to achieve the instructed higher arousal state; Figure 8D) and with higher intensity ratings on diminish trials (that is, again, a failure to achieve the instructed lower arousal state; Figure 8A). This region appears to be providing a task-failure signal (or reflecting compensatory effort in response to failure), consistent with the role of the dorsal ACC in error monitoring (Gilbertson, Fang, Andrzejewski, & Carlson, 2021; Taylor, Stern, & Gehring, 2007). Thus, up- and down-regulation appear to rely on some overlapping brain regions (Figure 9B) to integrate arousal signals and to monitor the gap between the goal and actual states, despite the differences identified earlier in affect-generating brain regions targeted by these two regulatory goals.

We observed broad activation in the white matter surrounding the ventricles during intensifying emotion compared to viewing emotional images (Figure 4B). Although we could not find prior studies which explicitly discussed white matter activation during emotion regulation, we observed it in the figures of studies reporting on emotion up-regulation and the viewing of highly emotional images (e.g., Grosse Rueschkamp et al., 2019, Figure 4; Moodie et al., 2020, Figure 3). Increased white matter BOLD signal associated with increased emotional arousal might be due to sympathetic activity increasing vascular tone (Özbay et al., 2018). White matter veins converge to subependymal veins that run around the edge of the lateral ventricles (Okudera et al., 1999), and so periventricular white matter is especially susceptible to systemic changes in vascular tone (Özbay et al., 2018). Blood oxygen level dependent (BOLD) signal is

weaker in white matter than in grey matter (Gawryluk, Mazerolle, & D'Arcy, 2014), but our use of a multi-echo sequence to remove noise components and our large N likely provided stronger power than prior studies to detect such effects. The vascular aspect of BOLD signals associated with emotional arousal has yet to be fully explored in the field of emotion regulation. Future studies should examine how the autonomic nervous system interacts with vascular mechanisms and how that interaction affects brain activity during emotion regulation.

In summary, the current study investigated brain regions associated with emotion regulation by employing cognitive reappraisal strategies and demonstrated that up- and down-regulation exert control on distinct brain regions. The regions targeted by up-regulation were more likely to be involved in emotional arousal whereas regions targeted by down-regulation were more likely to be involved in interoception. These findings indicate that up- and down-regulating our emotions using cognitive reappraisal are not simply mirror image processes that have opposing effects on the same emotion-generating brain regions. Instead, they target different affective circuits in the brain. As such, our findings raise the possibility that some individuals may excel at up- but not at down-regulating their own emotions, or vice versa.

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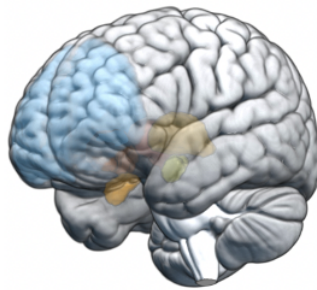
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Figure 1

Schematic View of the Affective Dial Hypothesis

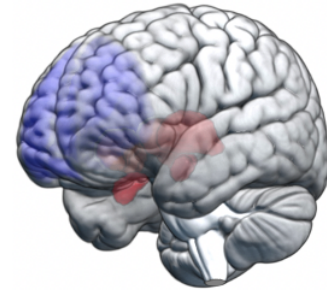
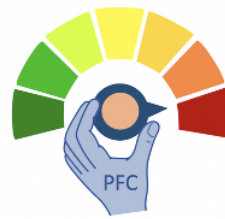
Baseline (e.g., “View”)

Here, the PFC is not especially engaged in regulating emotion and activity in affect-generating brain regions is neither enhanced nor suppressed



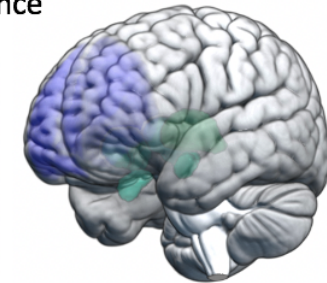
Up-regulation

PFC increases activity in brain regions involved in emotion experience



Down-regulation

PFC decreases activity in brain regions involved in emotion experience



Note. The control system (hand) dials down activity in affect-generating brain regions during emotion down-regulation and dials up activity in these same target regions during up-regulation. Simply viewing emotional images activates affect-generating brain regions without the action of the control system.

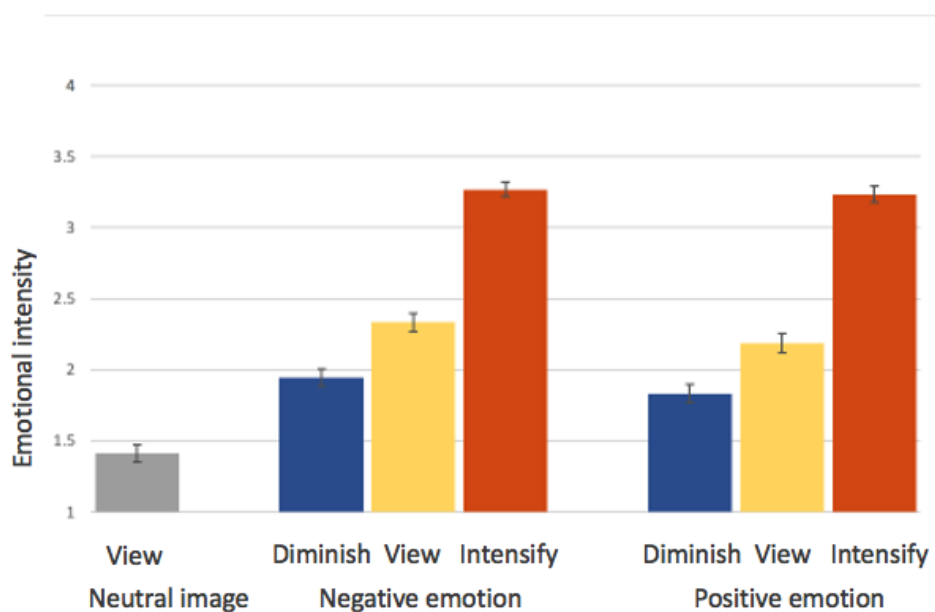
Figure 2

Emotion Regulation Trial Design



Figure 3

Subjective Ratings of Emotional Intensity

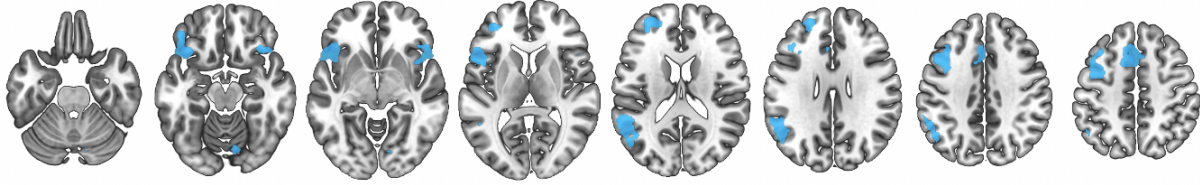


Note. The error bars reflect the standard error of each condition.

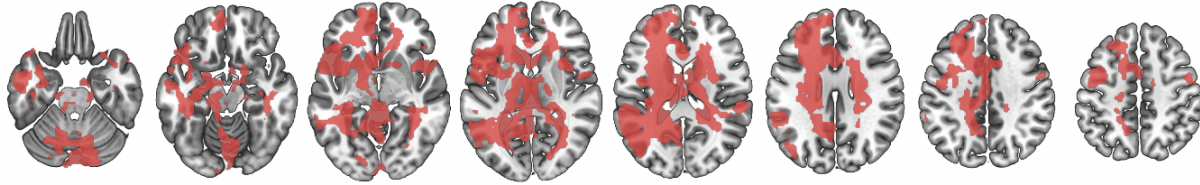
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Regions Showing Activation Differences between View and Regulation Conditions.

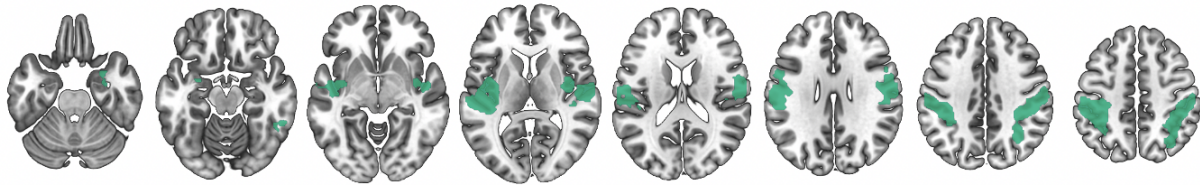
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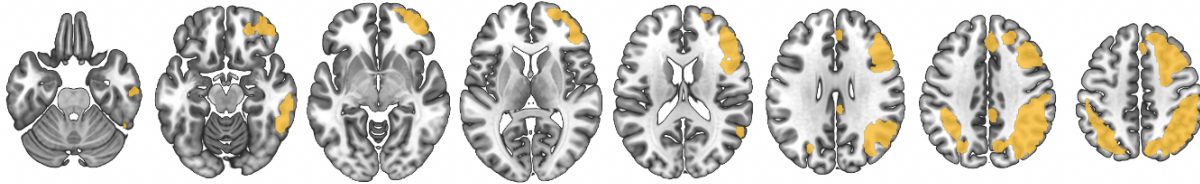
B. Regions activated during intensify > view



C. Regions activated during view > diminish



D. Regions activated during view > intensify



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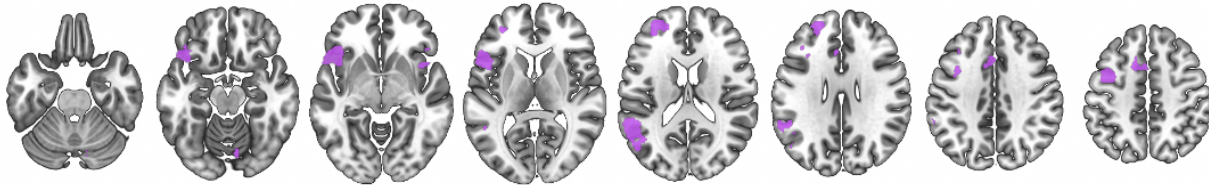
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Note. (A) shows areas (blue) which increased activity during down-regulation, (B) shows areas (red) which increased activity during up-regulation, (C) shows areas (green) in which activity was decreased during down-regulation, and (D) shows areas (yellow) in which activity was decreased during up-regulation.

Figure 5

Brain Activity Consistent with Regulatory Effort vs. with Emotional Outcome Across Regulation Conditions

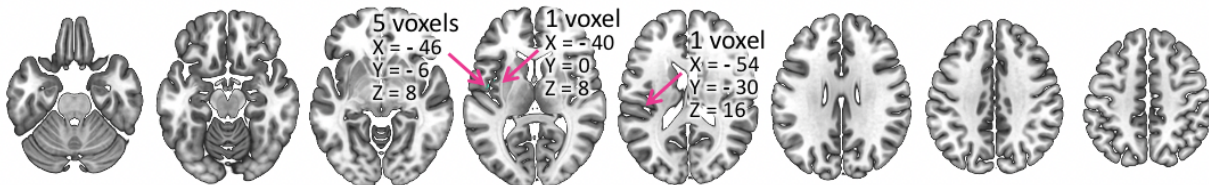
A. Regions activated during regulation effort (intensify > view \cap diminish > view)



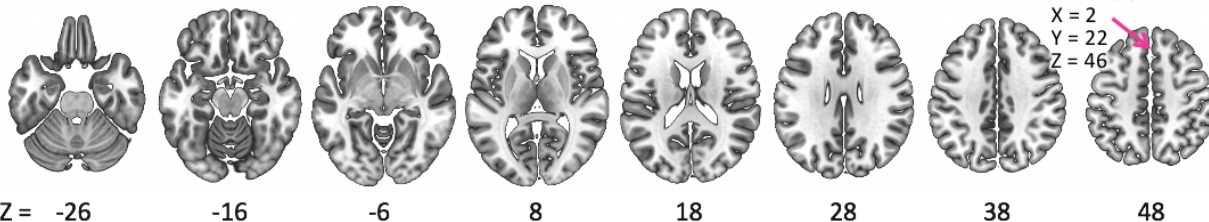
B. Regions suppressed during regulation effort (view > intensify \cap view > diminish)



C. Affective-dial-like activation (intensify > view \cap view > diminish)



D. Affective-dial-like suppression (view > intensify \cap diminish > view)

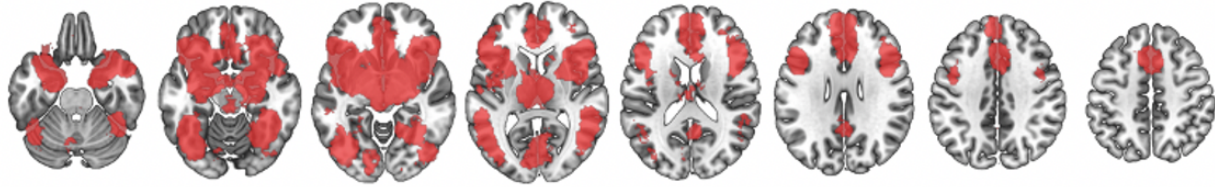


Note. (A) shows common regions (purple) activated during both up- and down-regulation, while (B) shows regions (green) deactivated during both up- and down-regulation. (C) shows regions (turquoise) which increased activity during up-regulation and decreased activity during down-regulation, and (D) shows regions (orange) which decreased activity during up-regulation and increased activity during down-regulation.

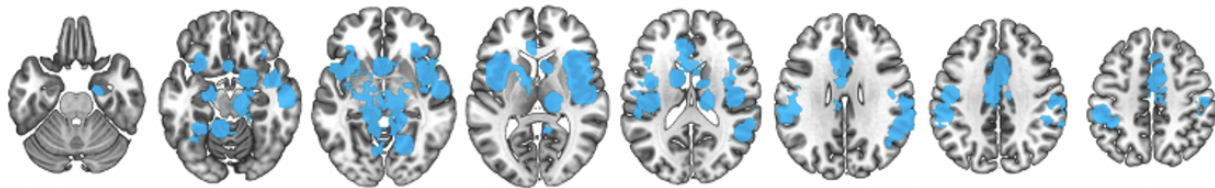
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Emotion-related and interoception-related areas identified in Adolfi et al.'s meta-analysis

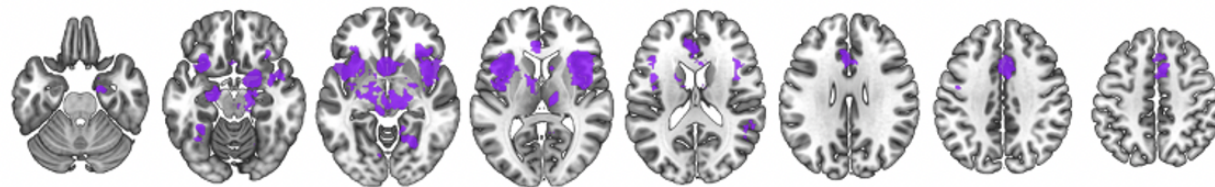
A. Emotion-related map



B. Interoception-related map

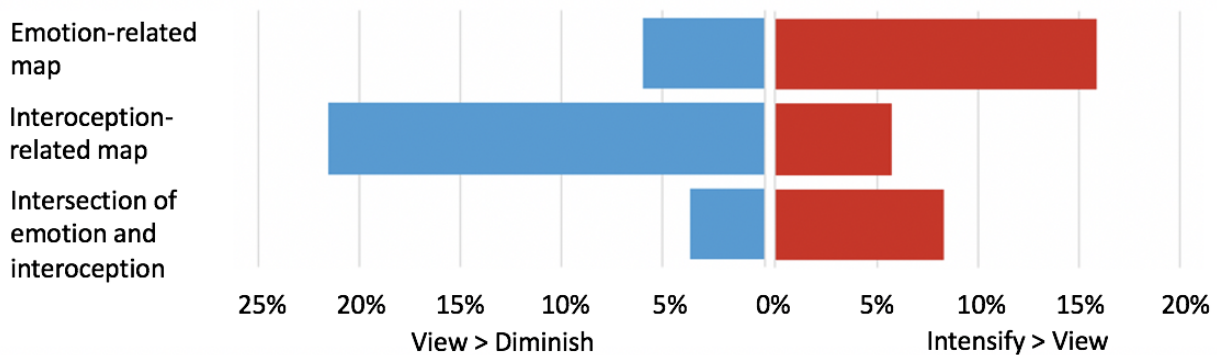


C. Intersection of emotion-related and interoception-related maps



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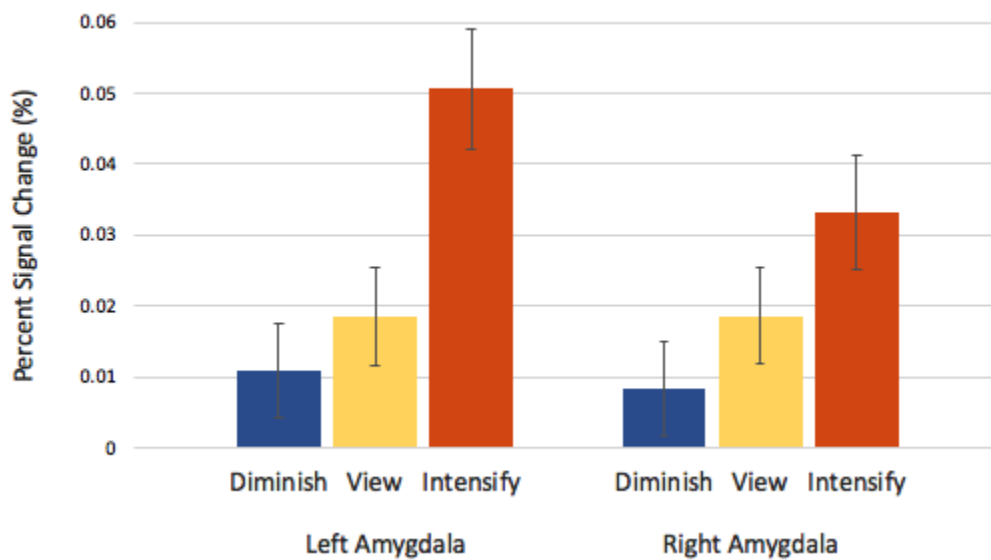
D. Percentage of overlapping with emotion-related and interoception-related maps



Note. While clusters (red) in (A) are related to emotion, clusters (blue) in (B) are related to interoception. (C) is the intersection (purple) of (A) and (B). (D) shows the percentage of the voxels during down- and up-regulation (Figs. 4C, 4B) which overlap with (A), (B), and (C).

Figure 7

Activity in the amygdala ROIs during down-regulation, viewing and up-regulation

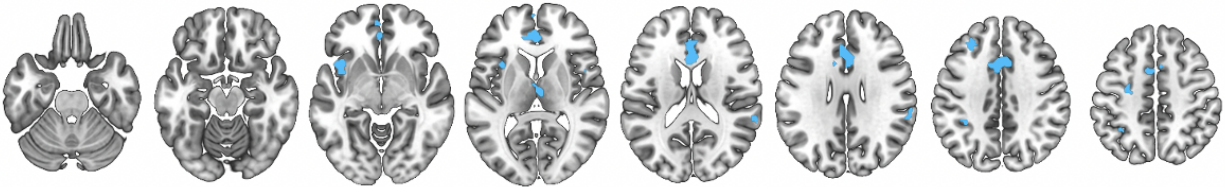


Note. The error bars reflect the standard error of each condition.

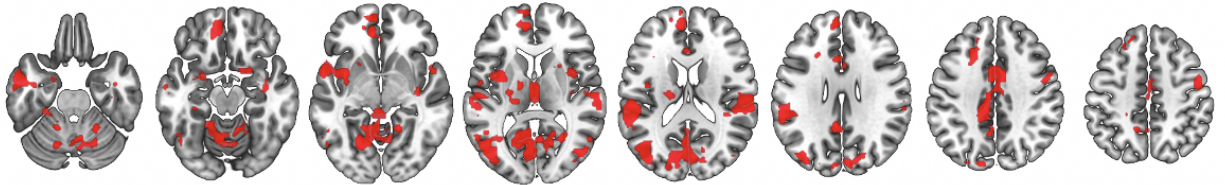
Figure 8

Regions Correlated with Subjective Intensity Ratings during Diminish or Intensify Trials

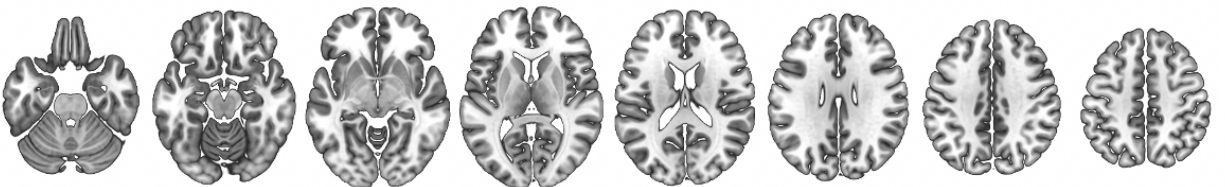
A. Regions positively correlated with subjective ratings during diminish trials



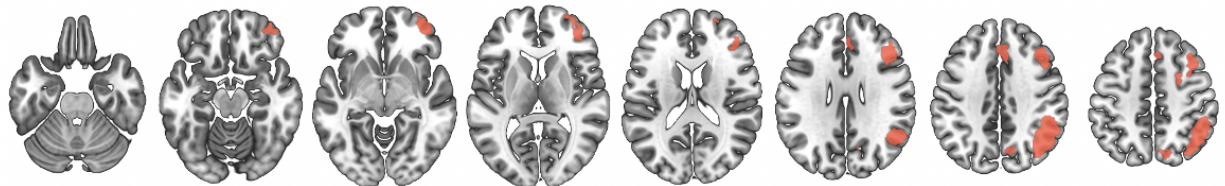
B. Regions positively correlated with subjective ratings during intensify trials



C. Regions negatively correlated with subjective ratings during diminish trials (null)



D. Regions negatively correlated with subjective ratings during intensify trials



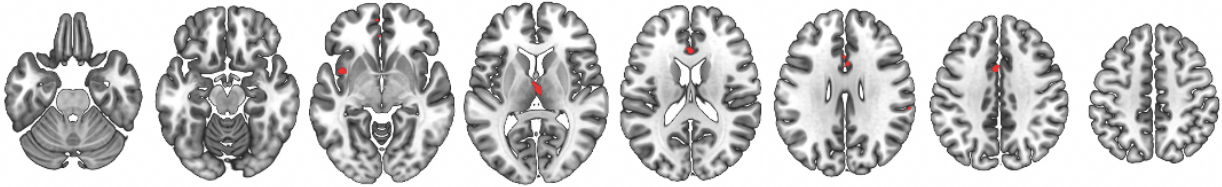
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Note. (A) shows regions (blue) which increased activity as subjective ratings increased during diminish trials. (B) shows regions (red) which increased activity as subjective ratings increased during intensify trials. (C) would have shown regions (null) which increased activity as subjective ratings decreased during diminish trials. (D) shows regions (orange) which decreased activity as subjective ratings increased during intensify trials.

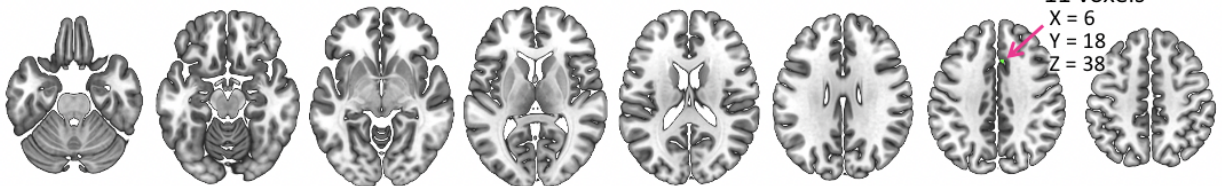
Figure 9

Similarities and Differences Between Regulation Conditions in the Regions Correlated with Subjective Intensity Ratings

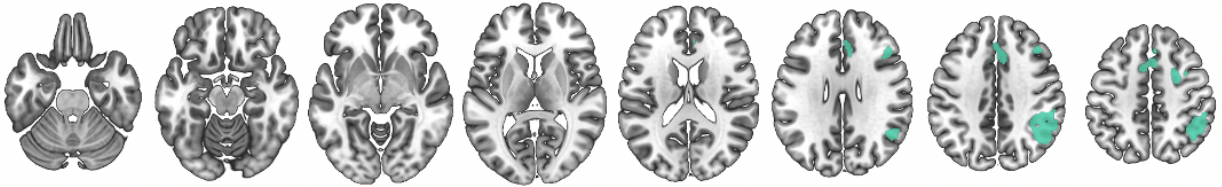
A. Common areas associated with higher subjective arousal



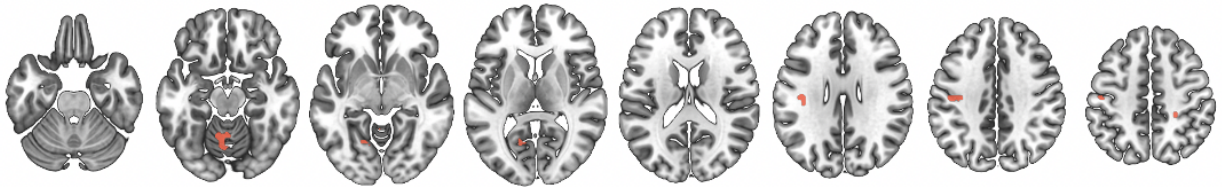
B. Common areas associated with goal-inconsistent arousal



C. Diminish > intensify for subjective rating correlations



D. Intensify > diminish for subjective rating correlations



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Note. (A) shows the intersection (red) of regions positively correlated with subjective ratings during diminish trials (Figure 8A) and during intensify trials (Figure 8B). (B) shows the intersection (mint) of regions positively correlated with subjective ratings during diminish trials (Figure 8A) and regions negatively correlated with subjective ratings during intensify trials (Figure 8D). (C) shows regions (green) correlated with subjective ratings more positively during diminish than intensify trials or more negatively during intensify than diminish trials. (D) shows regions (orange) correlated with subjective ratings more positively during intensify than diminish trials or more negatively during diminish than intensify trials.

Table 1

Subjective Ratings across Regulation and Valence

	Negative			Positive		
	M	SE	95% CI	M	SE	95% CI
Diminish	1.95	0.06	[1.82, 2.07]	1.83	0.07	[1.7, 1.96]
View	2.33	0.07	[2.2, 2.46]	2.19	0.07	[2.05, 2.32]
Intensify	3.27	0.05	[3.16, 3.37]	3.23	0.06	[3.12, 3.35]

Table 2

List of Regions (Figure 4A) which Increased Activity during Down-regulation (diminish > view)

Diminish > View Clusters (Harvard-Oxford Structural Atlas)	MNI coordinate				Voxels
	x	y	z	Zmax	
Supplementary Motor Cortex	-2	6	60	5.96	221
Paracingulate Gyrus	-2	14	50	5.36	202
Angular Gyrus	-58	-54	20	5.24	153
Superior Frontal Gyrus	-4	12	58	5.23	230
Frontal Pole	-26	50	32	4.99	445
Cerebellum Right Crus I	36	-64	-38	4.99	212
Middle Frontal Gyrus	-46	14	38	4.89	291
Frontal Operculum Cortex	-44	18	0	4.88	70
Frontal Orbital Cortex	-38	20	-14	4.74	335
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	-50	12	4	4.68	116
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-48	-64	40	4.63	194
Cerebellum Right Crus II	20	-72	-38	4.49	181
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	-60	-48	24	4.46	86
Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-4	20	34	4.17	52
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	-54	24	8	4.15	14
Insular Cortex	-40	16	-2	3.91	34
Precentral Gyrus	-44	-4	54	3.83	13
Cerebellum Right VI	10	-76	-18	3.76	23
Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-54	-66	12	3.64	5
Lingual Gyrus	12	-76	-10	3.55	20
Cerebellum Right VIIb	18	-70	-42	3.37	3
Temporal Pole	-44	18	-18	3.32	3

Table 3

List of Regions (Figure 4B) which Increased Activity during Up-regulation (intensify > view)

Intensify > View Clusters (Harvard-Oxford Structural Atlas)	MNI coordinate			Zmax	Voxels
	x	y	z		
Left Thalamus	-2	-22	6	7.38	938
Insular Cortex	-38	4	2	7.11	366
Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-2	14	34	7.09	877
Cerebellum Right Crus I	30	-76	-36	6.68	1129
Brain Stem	-2	-32	-4	6.66	537
Left Hippocampus	-30	-36	-4	6.62	271
Superior Frontal Gyrus	-12	-2	70	6.43	109
Central Opercular Cortex	-42	6	2	6.41	324
Cerebellum Right Crus II	30	-76	-38	6.39	875
Frontal Operculum Cortex	-44	24	0	6.36	119
Supplementary Motor Cortex	4	0	68	6.28	498
Right Thalamus	2	-8	6	6.28	468
Precentral Gyrus	54	0	44	6.20	297
Temporal Pole	-48	18	-16	6.18	538
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-46	-72	24	6.15	317
Frontal Orbital Cortex	-44	24	-6	6.04	184
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	-58	-46	22	6.00	76
Left Caudate	-16	-8	20	5.95	373
Cerebellum Right V	2	-62	-6	5.91	47
Left Lateral Ventricle	-14	24	4	5.87	733
Left Pallidum	-12	4	-4	5.87	102
Cerebellum Vermis VI	0	-70	-18	5.81	216
Frontal Pole	-30	44	24	5.81	1466
Cerebellum Left I-IV	-6	-50	-6	5.80	189
Right Lateral Ventricle	10	-4	18	5.73	560
Cerebellum Left Crus I	-42	-56	-40	5.68	518
Cerebellum Left V	0	-60	-6	5.65	184
Right Caudate	18	-6	24	5.64	194

Left Putamen	-30	4	4	5.50	400
Angular Gyrus	-54	-54	18	5.43	96
Right Hippocampus	32	-36	-6	5.37	105
Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-54	-4	-28	5.28	88
Left Accumbens	-6	12	-4	5.27	53
Precuneus Cortex	-14	-58	18	5.26	373
Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	-4	-54	28	5.26	197
Cerebellum Right I-IV	2	-46	-6	5.21	49
Lingual Gyrus	-10	-52	-4	5.17	213
Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	-18	-26	-20	5.16	28
Cerebellum Right VI	8	-74	-22	5.15	252
Parietal Operculum Cortex	-34	-30	20	5.01	130
Middle Frontal Gyrus	-34	30	44	4.95	171
Cerebellum Right VIIb	18	-72	-46	4.92	83
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	-50	12	4	4.86	113
Frontal Medial Cortex	-6	54	-10	4.82	64
Cerebellum Right VIIIb	14	-42	-54	4.81	15
Planum Polare	-54	2	-2	4.81	31
Cerebellum Left VI	-14	-62	-26	4.78	281
Cerebellum Left Crus II	-42	-56	-44	4.73	100
Right Putamen	18	10	-8	4.73	66
Planum Temporale	-60	-36	16	4.67	31
Paracingulate Gyrus	-4	18	38	4.67	207
Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporo-occipital part	-60	-56	2	4.67	130
Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	-40	-34	-20	4.66	72
Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-54	-64	10	4.62	81
Left Amygdala	-14	-6	-16	4.61	84
Subcallosal Cortex	-2	12	-4	4.57	54
Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	34	-46	-8	4.56	14
Cerebellum Right IX	6	-50	-52	4.52	29
Cerebellum Right VIIIa	36	-52	-52	4.51	43
Occipital Pole	-8	-96	2	4.37	59

Cerebellum Vermis IX	2	-52	-32	4.34	12
Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	66	-30	14	4.28	27
Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	-18	-20	-24	4.07	25
Cerebellum Vermis X	2	-50	-34	4.02	7
Cerebellum Left IX	-12	-46	-52	3.99	13
Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-64	-42	-10	3.96	11
Intracalcarine Cortex	-6	-68	12	3.87	13
Cerebellum Left X	-22	-40	-44	3.85	14
Right Amygdala	16	-8	-18	3.80	26
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	-52	24	-2	3.79	19
Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	28	-72	-8	3.77	11
Cerebellum Vermis VIIIa	2	-72	-42	3.72	7
Right Accumbens	10	10	-8	3.54	17
Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-48	-2	-34	3.37	2
Cerebellum Left VIIIa	-30	-44	-48	3.35	5
Postcentral Gyrus	-22	-38	62	3.31	4
Cerebellum Vermis Crus II	0	-78	-30	3.30	2
Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	-64	-38	28	3.29	3
Cerebellum Left VIIIb	-24	-40	-50	3.28	11
Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-58	2	-6	3.23	1

Table 4

List of Regions (Figure 4C) which Decreased Activity during Down-regulation (view > diminish)

View > Diminish Clusters (Harvard-Oxford Structural Atlas)	MNI coordinate				
	x	y	z	Zmax	Voxels
Postcentral Gyrus	-42	-32	60	5.75	761
Superior Parietal Lobule	-36	-50	60	5.92	363
Insular Cortex	-40	-6	8	6.38	352
Central Opercular Cortex	-42	-8	10	5.26	252
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	32	-64	44	4.46	236
Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	-52	-32	44	5.74	175
Precentral Gyrus	-58	4	28	5.13	124
Heschl's Gyrus including H1 and H2	-46	-24	12	5.08	111
Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporo-occipital part	54	-48	-20	4.02	92
Planum Temporale	-52	-28	10	4.70	77
Planum Polare	48	-8	-6	4.69	57
Parietal Operculum Cortex	-50	-28	14	4.41	49
Right Amygdala	28	0	-22	3.97	39
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	50	-38	54	4.88	18
Left Amygdala	-28	-4	-16	3.63	16
Temporal Pole	28	6	-28	3.38	10
Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	22	4	-32	3.38	5
Right Hippocampus	30	-6	-26	3.66	4
Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	60	-18	-2	3.47	2
Right Putamen	32	-10	6	3.44	2

Table 5

List of Regions (Figure 4D) which Decreased Activity during Up-regulation (view > intensify)

View > Intensify Clusters (Harvard-Oxford Structural Atlas)	MNI coordinate			Zmax	Voxels
	x	y	z		
Angular Gyrus	48	-56	48	7.77	420
Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	4	-36	32	5.17	148
Frontal Orbital Cortex	20	32	-20	3.83	4
Frontal Pole	42	52	-12	7.31	1725
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	54	12	22	5.92	64
Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	54	30	16	4.02	3
Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	62	-28	-22	6.35	14
Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	62	-44	-18	6.04	163
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	40	-60	46	9.24	1969
Middle Frontal Gyrus	36	16	52	7.18	439
Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	66	-24	-18	6.00	94
Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	64	-42	-10	4.22	17
Paracingulate Gyrus	2	28	42	5.46	230
Postcentral Gyrus	54	-22	46	5.21	104
Precentral Gyrus	54	10	24	6.39	50
precuneus Cortex	8	-72	44	5.85	72
Superior Frontal Gyrus	24	24	56	6.33	157
Superior Parietal Lobule	42	-46	56	6.03	119
Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	54	-32	46	5.42	99
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	50	-44	50	7.15	119

Table 6

Activity Difference in Amygdala ROI between Regulation and View Conditions

Contrast	M	SE	t	df	p	95% CI
Left amygdala						
Intensify > View	0.032	0.008	4.118	104	<0.001	[0.017, 0.048]
View > Diminish	0.008	0.006	1.202	104	0.232	[-0.005, 0.020]
Right amygdala						
Intensify > View	0.015	0.007	2.035	104	0.044	[0.0004, 0.029]
View > Diminish	0.010	0.006	1.665	104	0.099	[-0.002, 0.023]

Note. Pairwise comparisons were performed on percent signal change values between conditions.

Table 7

List of Regions (Figure 8A) which Increased Activity as Subjective Ratings Increased during Diminish Trials

Regions positively correlated with ratings during diminish	MNI coordinate				Voxels
	x	y	z	Zmax	
Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-2	28	24	4.97	618
Insular Cortex	-34	12	4	4.88	135
Right Thalamus	4	-6	0	4.50	78
Frontal Operculum Cortex	40	24	2	4.20	34
Middle Frontal Gyrus	-30	30	34	4.14	50
Paracingulate Gyrus	6	18	38	4.13	82
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	64	-40	18	3.92	50
Supplementary Motor Cortex	-4	6	48	3.82	11
Frontal Pole	-4	58	0	3.57	53
Left Thalamus	0	-8	6	3.49	13
Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	64	-30	30	3.48	2
Central Opercular Cortex	48	6	2	3.25	2
Frontal Medial Cortex	-4	54	-8	3.10	1

Table 8

List of Regions (Figure 8B) which Increased Activity as Subjective Ratings Increased during Intensify Trials

Regions positively correlated with ratings during intensify	MNI coordinate				Voxels
	x	y	z	Zmax	
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-42	-80	22	5.97	375
Planum Temporale	-58	-34	16	5.84	102
Insular Cortex	-36	0	8	5.62	209
Parietal Operculum Cortex	-58	-34	20	5.58	166
Left Thalamus	0	-16	8	5.44	234
Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	0	4	38	5.40	497
Lingual Gyrus	-8	-60	4	5.25	484
Right Thalamus	2	-18	8	5.09	70
Central Opercular Cortex	46	4	2	4.98	161
Paracingulate Gyrus	-8	50	6	4.81	175
Superior Parietal Lobule	-30	-48	58	4.79	186
Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	-4	-50	30	4.73	169
Intracalcarine Cortex	-18	-66	8	4.73	209
Cerebellum Left I-IV	-4	-52	-2	4.72	75
Temporal Pole	-58	6	-6	4.67	93
Precentral Gyrus	48	-4	50	4.66	127
Cerebellum Right VI	20	-52	-22	4.59	176
Cuneal Cortex	4	-82	20	4.55	88
Cerebellum Left V	-8	-58	-12	4.55	323
Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-42	-72	12	4.53	298
Planum Polare	-54	2	-2	4.51	25
Precuneus Cortex	-8	-52	54	4.50	405
Cerebellum Left VI	-6	-64	-12	4.50	227
Cerebellum Right V	20	-52	-24	4.47	185
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	-60	-46	20	4.46	16
Cerebellum Right Crus I	46	-62	-36	4.39	99
Left Putamen	-26	-14	10	4.38	66

Brain Stem	-4	-36	-6	4.36	41
Left Amygdala	-22	0	-22	4.35	51
Frontal Pole	-6	58	-10	4.31	188
Cerebellum Vermis VI	-4	-66	-14	4.29	72
Superior Frontal Gyrus	-6	52	28	4.28	11
Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	-26	-38	-22	4.19	48
Supracalcarine Cortex	2	-76	18	4.15	13
Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-62	-14	-22	4.13	9
Postcentral Gyrus	-30	-38	64	4.10	61
Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	66	-30	14	4.08	20
Frontal Medial Cortex	-6	52	-14	4.07	40
Right Putamen	24	12	4	4.04	60
Cerebellum Right I-IV	10	-50	-10	3.87	31
Frontal Orbital Cortex	22	8	-18	3.84	25
Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	-22	-48	-14	3.84	4
Supplementary Motor Cortex	2	-10	58	3.84	155
Right Caudate	10	10	0	3.83	4
Cerebellum Vermis VIIIa	2	-62	-30	3.83	29
Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-62	-8	-18	3.82	42
Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-58	2	-6	3.82	3
Left Lateral Ventricle	-12	-18	22	3.76	10
Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	-60	-30	28	3.76	35
Occipital Pole	8	-90	26	3.64	3
Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporo-occipital part	-58	-60	8	3.61	10
Right Amygdala	22	2	-22	3.61	11
Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporo-occipital part	-48	-56	-16	3.57	9
Left Caudate	-16	-16	22	3.48	1
Heschl's Gyrus including H1 and H2	50	-16	8	3.46	10
Right Accumbens	8	8	-4	3.42	3
Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	-30	-32	-18	3.40	2
Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	-30	-10	-32	3.38	4
Right Pallidum	22	-2	4	3.28	1

Right Hippocampus	34	-14	-16	3.24	2
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Table 9

List of Regions (Figure 8D) which Decreased Activity as Subjective Ratings Increased during Intensify Trials

Regions negatively correlated with ratings during intensify	MNI coordinate				Voxels
	x	y	z	Zmax	
Angular Gyrus	50	-56	42	6.43	321
Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	4	28	30	3.57	1
Frontal Pole	40	56	2	6.11	646
Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	44	-64	42	6.21	487
Middle Frontal Gyrus	42	26	38	5.72	307
Paracingulate Gyrus	4	26	44	5.14	276
Precuneus Cortex	12	-68	32	4.56	55
Superior Frontal Gyrus	20	26	56	4.81	40
Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	52	-44	46	5.42	67