Title- The effect of personality as indicated by the Myers Briggs Type Indicator on an ASL to English/English to ASL interpreted product

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Abstract

This project is going to research the correlation between ASL/English interpreter's product and their Myers Briggs personality type. The Myers Brigg personality test analyzes how individuals interact with others, how they process information, how they view the world, and how they regain energy. All this information is very important for interpreters to understand and recognize. Unbeknownst to an interpreter their background can sometimes influence their product. This project will address how an interpreters Myers Briggs personality influences their product. There are 16 different personality types, to narrow down the sample size this project will focus specifically on the 4 temperaments. To fully understand how the temperaments effect the product a portion of the research will be devoted to understanding how the different temperaments process information, behave in the workplace, and interact with people. The remainder of the research for the project will revolve around finding different interpretations of the same source message and comparing the products. To have an accurate amount of data to compare there should be 2 source messages with 4 different temperaments interpretations each. Having more

than one interpretation for each Myers Briggs temperament will allow the patterns and tendencies to be recognized. Then the interpretations will be compared to the source message. The comparison will highlight the differences in sign choice, non-manual markers, and processing time. After the comparison between products is complete the project will then shift and focus on if there are any connections between how the temperaments interact with the world and the product. This comparison, between products and temperaments, will analyze the data for patterns. Patterns could be similar sign choices or non-manual markers that are utilized when discussing a certain topic or idea. If there is a correlation between Myers Briggs Temperaments and the interpreting product this project will discuss the ramifications this has on the interpreting world. If there is no correlation this phenomenon will also be explored. The discovery of a correlation between an interpreter and their personality type would help interpreters understand how their product may be affected and how they can counteract the effect.