



EXAMINATION OF FAMOUS USE IN TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS WITH ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAM (EEG): THE EXAMPLE OF TURKEY

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Objective: The research aims to analyze the changes in brain activity of emotions caused by the use of celebrities in television (TV) commercials using Electroencephalography (EEG). It tries to determine the positive (liking, having fun) and negative (disliking, bored) emotions of the audience with Electroencephalography (EEG).

Method: We tried to determine the emotional states of the volunteers who watched the commercials by examining the theta activities in different parts of their brains. A questionnaire was applied to 36 volunteers in our research before and after watching the advertisements. EEG recordings were made while the volunteers were watching the commercials. Theta activities obtained as a result of EEG recording were tabulated as duration. The hypotheses were tested by using the responses of the volunteers to the questionnaires and the EEG results comparatively with frequency tables and the Independent-Samples T test.

Originality/Relevance: Both the preparation and broadcasting of TV advertisements, which have a very important place in marketing communication, can be very costly for businesses. Neuromarketing, which encourages interdisciplinary work, allows the use of methods, designs, theories and technologies used in neuroscience in areas such as marketing and advertising. In this study, with the help of EEG, one of the techniques used in neuromarketing, it has been tried to determine the emotions that the advertisements will create in the audience. It is among the few experimental studies conducted in Turkey.

Results: Although EEG results shows that the activity intensity in the left hemisphere and left frontal lobe was higher than the activity intensity observed in the right hemisphere and right frontal lobe in the volunteers watching TV commercials, and the activity intensity in the left hemisphere and left frontal lobe in the volunteers where the advertisements created positive emotions, and the activity intensity in the left hemisphere and left frontal lobe in the volunteers, where the advertisements created negative emotions, statistically, as our hypotheses suggest, no significant activity difference was observed.

Theoretical/methodological contributions: The research contributes to the scientific community by deepening the knowledge on neuromarketing, which is under development in Turkey as in many countries. It also provides clues about the use of neuromarketing in advertising research. This study will contribute to the preparation of effective advertisements by understanding the emotions of the audience.

Managerial implications: Research findings can help businesses and advertisers prepare more effective commercials, thereby saving businesses costs.

Keywords: Neuromarketing. Electroencephalography (EEG). Television Advertising. Celebrity.

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1 Introduction

At the point where our world has come, computers, tablets, mobile phones, etc., which function as televisions and televisions. devices have entered almost every area of our lives, such as the living room of our home, our kitchen, our workplace or the vehicles we travel. This situation shows us how large audiences TV commercials can reach and the extent of the contribution that businesses can make to connect with consumers. Another dimension of TV commercials is the high cost that businesses have to bear during the preparation, shooting and broadcasting stages. (Siefert et al., 2008:428; Özüpek and Özer, 2018). About 400 billion dollars are spent annually on advertising and promotion. In this large market, a small improvement in performance can have a huge impact (Khurana et al., 2021:732). Understanding consumers' emotional states can reveal their true preferences and help improve purchasing processes and advertising (Malär et al., 2011; Garrido-Morgado et al., 2015). With the combination of traditional methods and neuromarketing methods, data ranging from the most obvious (that is, conscious and self-reportable) to the most implicit (which cannot be reported automatically and verbally) can be collected simultaneously in many ways. Neuromarketing tries to reveal what the participants really think in cases where they hide the truth or cannot express it, for reasons such as not being able to describe what they really feel completely and accurately (Ural, 2008:426 - 428). Models recognized by analyzing neuropsychology can help create neuromarketing strategies. Studies have examined the activity of different parts of the brain in perceptual decision making. It is stated that with the relatively lower cost EEG, consumers have reached 79% accuracy in determining their future preferences (Amin et al., 2020: 2061)..

In this study, EEG recording method, which is one of the neuromarketing methods, was used. When the volunteers watched the commercials, their EEGs were taken and the changes in their brain activities and their reactions were evaluated together with the answers given by the volunteers to the questionnaire questions. In the study, it was investigated whether the positive or negative attitudes of the audience towards the advertisements could be determined by using the EEG results.

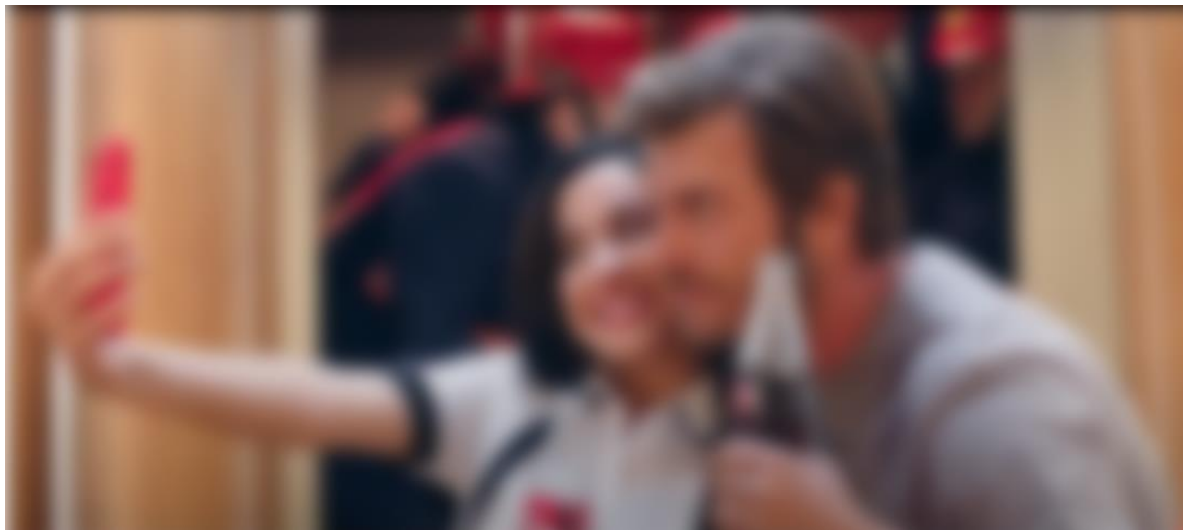
2 Theoretical framework

Advertising is one of the most important communication tools between businesses and buyers in the target market. Advertisements are used to create voluntary behavior change in consumers, to draw their attention to a thought or product, to give information and to adopt an

attitude (Çakır, 2006:32, Çakar, 2006:3). Consumers, on the other hand, benefit from advertisements to make the most rational decision to meet their needs among countless similar products surrounding them. Consumers learn from advertisements what distinguishes the features and prices of products from their counterparts and how they should be used, and use them in decision-making processes (Çakır, 2006:32). Businesses that try to connect with the brand and product in order to sell their products are trying to realize the cognitive, sensory and behavioral goals of advertisements (Çay, 2012:5; Aizezi, 2017:13; Çakır, 2006:33). For this, different charms are used in advertisements. In this study, the Coca-Cola advertisement, which used the famous charm and broadcast on television in Turkey, was examined. Turkish television and film actor Kıvanç TATLITUĞ took part in the advertisement.

Figure 1

TV Ad. Screenshot



Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CG480Nx00NA>

2.1. *Celebrity use in advertisements*

People usually set themselves an idol, a role model. They try to shape themselves, their lifestyles and consumption habits according to this model. Sometimes they choose these models from their close circle, sometimes from popular, well-known people. However, today, with the developing media opportunities and the effect of popular culture, people idolize the people they see on the screen and can easily reach these people through the media. Celebrities are people who have gained a certain status in their lives, appear attractive to consumers with their physical

appearance, popularity and impressiveness, and build trust (Choi & Rifon, 2007: 306). Celebrities are perceived as models of success for many societies (Muda et al., 2014: 12).

Today, hundreds of brands in different sectors are trying to establish a bond between their consumers and increase the attractiveness of their advertisements by using the fame, reputation, trust, respectability, love, admiration, imitation, etc. of famous people in their advertisements. Celebrities used in advertisements include movie stars, singers, artists, models, athletes, politicians and businessmen, scientists, social media phenomena, entertainers. Celebrities create a related image between themselves and the brand or product by transferring their own images to the brand and product they represent (Armağan & Gürsoy 2017: 1044). The most important issue in the use of famous person is the choice of celebrity. It is very important that the celebrity to be chosen is compatible with both the product and the brand and the consumer group (Albert et al., 2017: 97). On the other hand, variables such as the celebrity's attractiveness, credibility, cost, ease of work, and the possibility of the celebrity causing a problem after the contract should also be taken into account. In addition, the possibility of shifting attention and attention to the celebrity rather than the product and the advertising message (vampire effect), and the possibility of the brand being in the shadow of the celebrity, the decrease in the popularity of the celebrity or the involvement of an event that will harm the image of the brand, and the possible changes that may occur in the celebrity's life should be well analyzed (Reichert et al. 2007: 64).

2.2. Use of EEG in advertising studies

EEG, whose use in neurology goes back a long way, is accepted as a good way to measure brain activity (Morin, 2011:133). The use of EEG is very attractive due to its portability and cost (Canappela et al., 2022: 243). When more than 100,000 brain cells (neurons) in the 1 mm square cortex area under our scalp are activated, regional electrical currents are produced. These electrical currents are detected by electrodes placed on the scalp and are seen as a very powerful tool for monitoring brain activity. (Teplan, 2002:1-4, Jain et al., 2018:435). High temporal resolution allows detection of short neuronal events and is an advantage over fMRI (Colaferro & Crescitelli, 2014). This makes the technique ideal for recording the brain activity of people watching advertisements or reacting to any stimulus (Shigaki, Gonçalves and Santos, 2017:444). It is seen that various studies have been carried out in which EEG is used to detect the emotional states of people (Polat and Özerdem, 2016: 4). The fact that human emotions can be understood with brain signals has attracted the attention

of marketers and popularized the use of EEG in this field, and studies have begun on its usability instead of verbal expression, which is considered suspicious in determining the effect experienced by the consumer, especially in the testing of TV commercials (Ohme et al., 2010:785).

Uva et al. (2015) observed beta and gamma waves in a study examining TV commercials and gender differences. They concluded that likability, attractiveness, and emotions are related to the prefrontal cortex (Bazzani et. al., 2020:7). Young (2002) created an interactive index using beta, alpha, and theta waves to predict advertising success. Daugherty et al. get. (2016) used EEG data to compare three successful and three unsuccessful advertisements (Lin et. al., 2018:77). Lee (2016) showed that enhanced theta activation in the frontal region is associated with increased empathy and purchasing rates (Mashrur et al., 2021:808).

When our neural circuit, which consists of over 100 billion neurons and trillions of synaptic connections, which form the basis of our cognitive response, is stimulated by a certain stimulus, such as an advertisement, the neurons fire and produce a small electrical current that can be strengthened (Morin, 2011:133). Captured signals are amplified by EEG and then converted to a graphical representation (curve). The shape and character of the curves depend on the current activity of the brain. By extracting useful information from the captured signal, we can predict or classify the brain state of the consumer under investigation (Rabcan and Kvassay).

3 Conceptual model and hypotheses

Singer (1976) suggests that due to the specialization of the hemispheres, watching television tends to produce more activity in the right hemisphere (Appel et al. 1979:8). Vecchiato et al. (2011) state that with comforting and pleasing emotions, viewers have an increase in activity in the theta waves of the left frontal and left prefrontal regions, and there is an increase in activity in the right frontal and right prefrontal regions in advertisement scenes evaluated with unpleasant emotions. (Vecchiato et al., 2011:582)

Wang et al. (2016) state that video ads produce higher theta activation in the left frontal and bilateral occipital region and higher gamma activation of the limbic system (Wang et al., 2016:1).

In this study, we performed an EEG experiment on 36 volunteers while watching a commercial, and we tested the following hypotheses by examining the results of theta activities.

H₁: Volunteers watching television commercials produce more theta activity in the left hemisphere than in the right hemisphere.

H₂: The intensity of theta activity in the left frontal region increases in volunteers who experience positive feelings such as likes and tastes while watching the advertisement.

H₃: The intensity of theta activity in the right frontal region increases in volunteers who experience negative feelings such as dislike and boredom while watching the advertisement.

4 Method

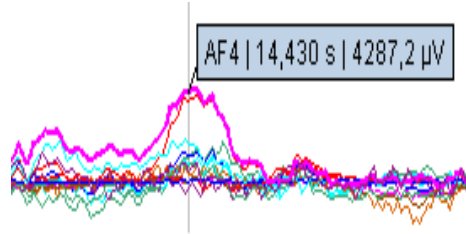
Before starting this study, an ethics committee decision was taken at the Iğdır University Scientific Research and Publication Ethics Committee (decision dated 30 June 2022 and meeting number 2022/11). Volunteers to take part in the study were asked to fill in the "Volunteer Consent Form".

In our study, EEG recording and Questionnaire methods were used together. Two different questionnaires with a likert scale were administered to the volunteers. The first of these questionnaires was administered before EEG recording. This survey aims to determine the demographic information of the volunteers, their attitudes towards advertisements, their attitudes about the products mentioned in the advertisements and whether they use them. After the first questionnaire form was applied, the volunteers were made to watch the commercial film. While the volunteers watched the commercial, the electrical signals of their brains were recorded with EEG. After watching the commercial, the 2nd Questionnaire was applied to the volunteers. The second survey aims to determine the feelings and thoughts of the volunteers about the advertisements, the attitude they form towards the brand, the points they remember and pay attention to about the advertisement. Before watching the commercial, the volunteers were informed about the purpose of the study and explained how to do the EEG recording. In order to ensure that the volunteers behave naturally and to avoid their extraordinary attention and care, no information was given about the survey to be applied after watching the advertisements.

In this study, only theta activities were examined. Brain activity in a frequency range of 4 to 7 Hz is called Theta activity. Theta rhythm detected in EEG measurement has an amplitude greater than about 30 millivolts (mV). The duration of the responses detected in the theta wave was used as the value in the Independent-Samples T test. The response detected in theta wave in the AF4 electrode is shown in Figure-2

Figure 2

Response Detected in Theta Wave in AF4 Electrode



EEG recordings were performed using the 14-channel, 128 Hz frequency Emotiv – EPOC device. The placement of the electrodes is as follows: AF3, F7, F3, FC5, T7, P7, O1, O2, P8, T8, FC6, F4, F8, AF4. This high-resolution device, defined as the Emotiv EPOC, collects data at a frequency of 2048 Hz per second. The EEG device transfers the collected data to the computer via a wireless network within a 128Hz frequency sample.

36 adult volunteers between the ages of 18 and 50 participate in the study. It is understood from their own statements that the participating volunteers do not have brain damage and mental disorders, and they do not have alcohol and drug addictions. Of the volunteers, 31 use their right hand and 5 use their left hand. The age and gender information of the volunteers participating in the study are given in Table-1.

Table 1

Profile of Interview Respondents

Demographic Informations	Gender		Total	
	Male	Female		
High school	1	0	1	
Educational Status	University	13	12	25
	Post graduate	9	1	10
	Total	23	13	26
Age	Ages between 18-30	19	12	31
	Ages between 31-40	3	0	3
	Ages between 41-50	1	1	2
	Total	23	13	36

86% of the volunteers are between the ages of 18-30 and 77% are university graduates. Being reluctant to participate in an experimental study caused the demographic to be predominantly composed of young people with a high level of education. Therefore, a homogeneous demographic distribution could not be reached

4.1. Determination of advertising film

Although there are numerous commercials with the same features broadcast on TV, not all of them have the same effect on the audience. It is thought that the advertisements that affect the viewers and take their place in their minds will cause more distinct and distinguishable brain activities in the volunteers who will watch the commercial, compared to the other advertisements, and this can be detected by EEG. For this reason, while determining the advertisements, the most watched advertisements published during the day and the advertisements that the people around us were asked about the advertisements they liked the most were examined. For this reason, while determining the advertisements:

1- The most watched advertisements broadcast on television The most watched advertisements and

2- The pockets given by the people we encounter in our daily routine to the question of which advertisement do you like the most were examined.

The advertisements in the long list formed as a result of this research were evaluated and eliminated in terms of content, duration and shooting quality in a way to prevent the volunteers from being distracted and bored. At the end of this evaluation, 18 advertisements were pre-tested and 12 advertisements were determined. These 12 advertisements were watched by 140 volunteers and a questionnaire was applied. Three of these questionnaire forms were found invalid and 137 questionnaire forms were evaluated. In the survey, viewers were asked to mark the emotion they felt and the intensity of this emotion from the advertisements they watched. This process was carried out in the form of specifying the emotion aroused in the audience by each advertisement shown in the questionnaire, with a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5, depending on the intensity. At the end of this process, the Coca Cola advertisement with the highest score and acted by K1vanç TATLITUĞ was determined to be used in our study.

4.2. Survey design

Two different questionnaires were designed to be used in the study by reviewing the literature and taking the opinions of professionals. The created questionnaires were applied to a group of volunteers and errors and problems were tried to be eliminated. The first questionnaire, which was applied to the volunteers before the EEG recordings, aimed to determine the demographic information of the volunteers and their attitudes about the advertisements. The second questionnaire was applied immediately after the EEG recording. In

this survey, it was tried to determine the feelings and thoughts of the volunteers about the advertisement, the brand and the celebrity who took part in the advertisement.

After the questionnaires were created and the commercial film was determined, the study was simulated by making a group of 15 people watch the commercial. The aim of this simulation is to measure the intelligibility of the survey questions and the effect of the advertisement. At the end of this test, necessary corrections were made in the questionnaires and they were finalized.

5 Results

For the convenience of the readers, the results of the questionnaires applied to the volunteers and the EEG results are given in the form of subtitles.

5.1. Findings of the first questionnaire made before EEG recording

This questionnaire was applied to the volunteers to determine their attitudes towards advertisements before EEG recording was made.

Table-2

Findings Related to Advertising Which May Cause Attitude Change

Advertising can change my attitude towards the product	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	1	2,8
I do not agree	3	8,3
I am undecided	12	33,3
I agree	15	41,7
I absolutely agree	5	13,9
Total	36	100,0

The opinions of the volunteers participating in the research that advertisements can change their attitudes towards the product are given in Table-2. According to the table, 1 of the volunteers (2.8%) strongly disagree, 3 (8.3%) disagree, saying that the advertisements will not change their attitudes towards the product, 12 (33.3%) are undecided, 15 (41.7) I agree, 5 (13.9%) answered as I strongly agree and stated that advertising can change their attitudes towards the product.

Table-3

Findings Related to Advertising Can Arouse Buying Desire

Celebrities I see in advertisements make me want to buy that product/service.	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	8	22,2
I do not agree	9	25,0
I am undecided	5	13,9
I agree	11	30,6
I absolutely agree	3	8,3
Total	36	100,0

The opinions of the volunteers participating in the research regarding the creation of purchasing desire by advertisements are given in Table-3. According to the table, 8 (22.2%) of the volunteers stated that they strongly disagree, 9 (25.0%) disagree and stated that advertisements would not create a purchase request, 5 (13.9%) were undecided, 11 (30.6%) agreed, and 3 (8.3%) strongly agreed and stated that advertisements would create a purchase request.

Table-4

Findings Related to Advertising Informing the Consumer to Make the Right Choice

Advertising informs the consumer about the product/service and enables them to make the right choice.	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	3	8,3
I do not agree	7	19,4
I am undecided	9	25,0
I agree	11	30,6
I absolutely agree	6	16,7
Total	36	100,0

The opinions of the volunteers participating in the research on how the advertisements inform the consumer about the product/service and enable them to make the right choice are

given in Table-4. According to the table, 3 (8.3%) of the volunteers stated that they strongly disagree, 7 (19.4%) disagree and stated that the advertisements would not enable them to make the right choice, 9 (25.0%) were undecided, 11 (30.6%) agree and 6 (16.7%) answered as I strongly agree and stated that the advertisements would enable them to make the right choice.

5.2. Findings of the second questionnaire made after EEG recording

This questionnaire was administered to the volunteers immediately after the EEG was taken and the volunteers left the shooting room. In this survey, volunteers were asked about their opinions about the advertisement they watched.

Table-5

Findings on the Impressiveness of the Celebrity Acting in the Advertisement

Celebrity starring in the ad impressed me	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	5	13,9
I do not agree	5	13,9
I am undecided	3	8,3
I agree	10	27,8
I absolutely agree	13	36,1
Total	36	100,0

The data regarding the influence of the volunteers participating in the research by the celebrity taking part in the advertisement are given in Table 5. According to the table, it is seen that 23 (63.9%) of the volunteers were influenced by the celebrity taking part in the advertisement, 10 (27.8%) were not, and 3 (8.3%) were undecided.

Table-6

Findings Regarding the Impressiveness of Ad Music

Ad music impressed me	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	5	13,9
I do not agree	5	13,9
I am undecided	2	5,6

Ad music impressed me	Frequency	Percentage
I agree	14	38,9
I absolutely agree	10	27,8
Total	36	100,0

The data regarding the liking of the advertisement music of the volunteers participating in the research are given in Table 6. According to the table, it is seen that 24 (66.7%) of the volunteers found the advertisement music impressive, 2 (5.6%) were undecided, and 10 (27.8%) found it boring.

Table-7

Findings Regarding Ad Admiration

I like the ad.	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	6	16,7
I do not agree	1	2,8
I am undecided	7	19,4
I agree	14	38,9
I absolutely agree	8	22,2
Total	36	100,0

Table 7 shows the data regarding the volunteers participating in the research finding the advertisements boring. According to the table, it is seen that 22 (61.1%) of the volunteers liked the advertisement, 7 (19.4%) were undecided, and 7 (19.4%) did not like the advertisement.

Table-8

Findings Related to Finding Advertising Entertaining

The ad was fun	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	4	11,1
I do not agree	3	8,3
I am undecided	6	16,7
I agree	14	38,9
I absolutely agree	9	25,0
Total	36	100,0

The data on the volunteers participating in the research finding the advertisements boring are given in Table 8. According to the table, it is seen that 23 (63.9%) of the volunteers found the ad amusing, 6 (16.7%) were undecided, and 7 (19.4%) did not find the ad amusing.

Table 9

Findings Related to Finding Advertising Disturbing

Advertising was annoying	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	17	47,2
I do not agree	13	36,1
I am undecided	4	11,1
I agree	1	2,8
I absolutely agree	1	2,8
Total	36	100,0

The data on the volunteers participating in the study that they find the advertisement disturbing are given in Table 9. According to the table, it is seen that 30 (83.3%) of the volunteers did not find the advertisement boring, 4 (11.1%) were undecided, and 2 (5.6%) found it boring.

Table 10

Findings Regarding Advertising Boring

Advertising was boring	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	11	30,6
I do not agree	14	38,9
I am undecided	5	13,9
I agree	4	11,1
I absolutely agree	2	5,6
Total	36	100,0

Table 10 shows the data on the volunteers participating in the study that they find the advertisements boring. According to the table, it is seen that 25 (69.5%) of the volunteers did not find the advertisement boring, 5 (13.9%) were undecided, and 6 (16.6%) found it boring.

Table 11

Findings Regarding the Opinion Created by the Advertisement About the Brand

Advertising made me think negatively about the brand	Frequency	Percentage
I strongly disagree	17	47,2
I do not agree	13	36,1
I am undecided	4	11,1
I agree	1	2,8
I absolutely agree	1	2,8
Total	36	100,0

The data regarding the thoughts of the volunteers participating in the research about the brand after watching the advertisement are given in Table 11. According to the table, it is seen that 30 (83.3%) of the volunteers did not have a negative opinion about the brand after watching the advertisement, 4 (11.1%) were undecided, and 2 (5.6%) had negative thoughts about the brand.

5.3. Findings regarding EEG recording results

Theta activities in the brains of the volunteers while watching the advertisement were interpreted by clearing them of artifacts. The region of the brain and the duration of the activities are given in Table-11.

Table 11

Electrode Based Time Distribution of Brain Activities of Volunteers

Volunteer	LEFT HEMISPHERE							RIGHT HEMISPHERE						
	(Response Time in Seconds)							(Response Time in Seconds)						
	AF3	F3	F7	FC5	P7	O1	T7	AF4	F4	F8	FC6	P8	O2	T8
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,10	0	0,15	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0,15	0	0	0	0	0	0,06	0,07	0	0
3	0,06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,10	0,08	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,11	0	0	0,11

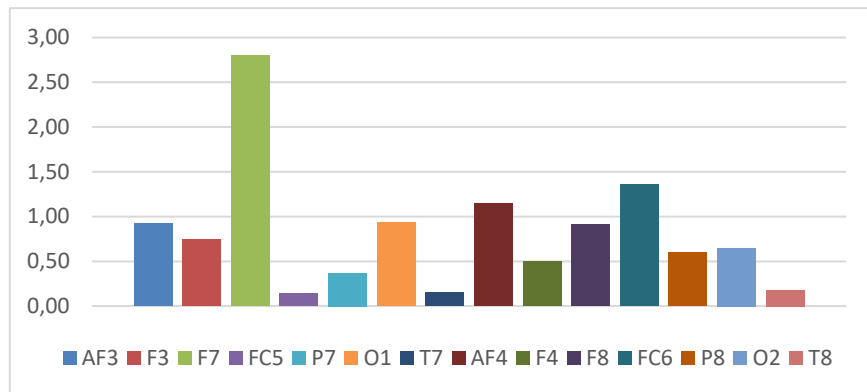
Volunteer	LEFT HEMISPHERE							RIGHT HEMISPHERE						
	(Response Time in Seconds)							(Response Time in Seconds)						
	AF3	F3	F7	FC5	P7	O1	T7	AF4	F4	F8	FC6	P8	O2	T8
5	0,13	0	0,12	0	0,10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,09	0
6	0	0	0,45	0	0	0	0	0,23	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,19	0,13	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0,23	0	0,08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	0	0,06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,12	0,12	0	0	0,19	0
11	0	0	0,43	0,08	0	0,26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,07	0	0	0	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,10	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,14	0	0	0	0
15	0	0	0	0	0	0,34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,07	0
16	0	0	0	0,06	0	0,24	0,15	0	0	0,10	0	0	0	0
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,12	0	0	0
18	0	0	0,13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,36	0	0	0	0,16	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0,12	0	0	0	0	0	0,07	0,11	0	0
21	0,05	0,05	0,12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,10	0,11	0	0	0
22	0	0	0,13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,08	0,09	0	0
23	0	0	0,08	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,22	0
24	0	0	0	0	0	0,09	0	0	0,11	0	0	0	0	0
25	0,18	0,18	0	0	0	0	0	0,18	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,05	0	0	0,08	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	0	0,31	0	0	0	0	0	0,07	0	0	0,12	0	0	0
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,13	0	0	0	0,07
31	0,16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,13	0	0,07	0	0
32	0,11	0,14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Volunteer	LEFT HEMISPHERE (Response Time in Seconds)							RIGHT HEMISPHERE (Response Time in Seconds)						
	AF3	F3	F7	FC5	P7	O1	T7	AF4	F4	F8	FC6	P8	O2	T8
33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	0	0	0,17	0	0	0	0	0,08	0	0	0,08	0	0	0
35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,18	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,25	0	0	0

When the EEG results of the volunteers participating in the study were examined collectively, theta activity could not be detected in four of the volunteers. Activation in the left hemisphere of other volunteers is higher than the activation in the right hemisphere. Volunteers whose response could not be detected were not included in the evaluation. The total activation times of the electrodes are shown in Figure-1.

Figure 3

Distribution of Electrodes to which Volunteers Reacted to Advertisement



The intensity of activation occurring in the frontal and prefrontal and occipital lobe regions of the left hemisphere is more intense than the activation occurring in the frontal and prefrontal and occipital regions of the right hemisphere. However, the intensity of activation in the parietal and temporal regions of the right hemisphere is more intense than the activation in the parietal lobe and temporal lobe regions of the left hemisphere.

Although the activity intensity occurring in the left hemisphere ($x= 0.0244$, $SD= 0.083$) is higher than the activity intensity occurring in the right hemisphere ($x= 0.0212$, $SD= 0.053$),

no statistically significant difference was found between hemispheres ($t(502) = 0.516$, $p = 0.606$).

Although the activity intensity occurring in the left frontal region ($x = 0.032$, $SD = 0.099$) was higher than the activity intensity occurring in the right hemisphere ($x = 0.027$, $SD = 0.060$), no statistically significant difference was found between the hemispheres ($t(286) = 0.563$, $p = 0.574$).

In the second questionnaire administered after the EEG recording, which we think that brain activations can produce more distinctive signals, we also examined whether there were differences in activation in the left and right hemispheres, and in the left frontal lobe and right frontal lobe of the volunteers who expressed their positive attitudes towards advertising by giving positive answers to all questions (Table 5, Table 6, Table 7, Table 8) and negative attitudes towards advertising by answering all questions negatively (Table 9, Table 10, Table 11).

Although the activity intensity ($x = 0.026$, $SD = 0.102$) in the left hemisphere of the volunteers for whom the advertisement created positive emotions was higher than the activity intensity in the right hemisphere ($x = 0.022$, $SD = 0.048$), no statistically significant difference was found between the hemispheres ($t(222) = 0.735$, $p = 0.463$).

Although the activity intensity in the left frontal region of the volunteers ($x = 0.044$, $SD = 0.128$) was higher than the activity intensity in the right hemisphere ($x = 0.025$, $SD = 0.048$), no statistically significant difference was found between the hemispheres ($t(80,632) = 1.128$, $p = 0.263$).

Although the activity intensity ($x = 0.032$, $SD = 0.066$) in the right hemisphere of the volunteers for whom the advertisement creates negative emotions is higher than the activity intensity in the left hemisphere ($x = 0.011$, $SD = 0.040$), no statistically significant difference was found between the hemispheres ($t(44,680) = -1.447$, $p = 0.147$).

Although the activity intensity occurring in the right frontal region of the volunteers ($x = 0.041$, $SD = 0.081$) was higher than the activity intensity occurring in the left hemisphere ($x = 0.010$, $SD = 0.081$), no statistically significant difference was found between the groups ($t(21.769) = -1.399$, $p = 0.176$).

We comparatively examined the activities occurring in the left and right hemispheres of the volunteers in whom the advertisement evoked negative emotions. It was found that the activation intensity in the left hemisphere of the volunteers expressing their positive feelings ($x = 0.029$, $SD = 0.102$) was higher than the activation intensity in the left hemisphere of the

volunteers who gave a negative response ($x= 0.011$, $SD= 0.040$), but no statistically significant difference was found between the groups ($t(139)= 0.954$, $p= 0.342$), when the activity intensity in the frontal lobes was examined, although the activation intensity in the left frontal lobe ($x= 0.044$, $SD= 0.128$) in the volunteers with positive emotions was more intense than the left frontal activities of the volunteers with negative emotions ($x= 0.010$, $SD= 0.040$) no statistically significant difference was found between the groups ($t(78)= 1.067$, $p= 0.289$).

When the activity intensity in the right hemispheres of the volunteers was compared, it was observed that the activation intensity in the right hemisphere of the volunteers who expressed their negative emotions ($x= 0.329$, $SD= 0.066$) was higher than the activation intensity in the right hemisphere of the volunteers who responded positively ($x= 0.221$, $SD= 0.048$) but there was no statistically significant difference between the groups ($t(138)=-0.977$, $p=0.330$), when the activity intensity in the frontal lobes is examined, although the intensity of activation in the right frontal lobe in volunteers with negative emotions ($x= 0.041$, $SD= 0.081$) was higher than the right frontal activities of volunteers with positive emotions ($x=0.025$, $SD= 0.048$), there was no statistically significant difference between the groups ($t(17.720)=-0.768$, $p=0.453$).

6 Discussion

In this study, the EEG method was used to examine how the use of celebrities in advertisements affects brain activity. A Coca Cola advertisement featuring Turkish movie actor Kıvanç TATLITUĞ was used as the stimulus. Theta wave was examined in EEG measurement. The response times of the volunteers detected in the theta wave while watching the commercial were examined in the Independent-Samples T test. The answers given by the volunteers to the questionnaires and the volunteers' EEG recording results of the advertisement were compared.

In this study, in which the use of celebrities in advertisements is determined by the EEG method, how the use of celebrities creates changes in brain activities, a Coca Cola advertisement starring Turkish movie actor Kıvanç TATLITUĞ was used. The answers given by the volunteers to the questionnaires and the volunteers' EEG recording results of the advertisement are compared.

77% of the volunteers participating in our study are university graduates and 86% are individuals under the age of thirty. Volunteers stated that 55% of the advertisements can cause a change in their attitude, and 47 of them stated that the advertisements will fulfill the informative duty and enable the consumer to make the right choice. These responses show that

the consumer has a positive attitude towards advertisements. 39% of the volunteers stated that the celebrities taking part in the advertisements would make them want to buy and stated that they had a positive attitude towards the use of celebrities in advertisements.

64% of the volunteers who participated in the study stated that they were influenced by the celebrity who took part in the advertisement they watched, 67% were influenced by the advertisement music, 61% liked the advertisement, 64% found the advertisement entertaining, 83% stated that the advertisement did not create a negative thought about the brand and they also stated that they had a positive attitude towards the advertisement they watched.

6% of the volunteers stated that they found the advertisement disturbing and 17% boring and stated that they had a negative attitude towards the advertisement.

Theta activity could not be obtained in 4 of the volunteers. These volunteers were not included in the analyses. When the brain activities of the volunteers were examined, it was observed that the activation intensity in the left hemisphere, left frontal and occipital lobes was higher than the activity intensity in the right hemisphere. Regarding the H₁ hypothesis, it was observed that theta activity produced by watching TV commercials in the left hemisphere is higher than in the right hemisphere. Although this difference was not statistically significant, Appel et al. (1979) consistent with their findings .

Regarding the H₂ hypothesis, it was observed that the activation intensity in both the left hemisphere and the left frontal lobe of the subjects in whom the TV commercial generated positive emotions such as liking, being affected, and finding fun was higher than the activity intensity in the right hemisphere and the right frontal lobe, but this difference was not statistically significant.

Regarding the H₃ hypothesis, it was observed that the activation intensity in both the right hemisphere and the right frontal lobe of the subjects in whom the TV commercial created negative emotions such as dislike, boredom, and negative thinking was higher than the activity intensity in the left hemisphere and the left frontal lobe, but this difference was not statistically significant.

The differences obtained for hypotheses H₂ and H₃ were not statistically significant. Vecchiato et al. (2011:582) reported that left frontal and left prefrontal regions are activated by pleasant emotions that relax the viewers, while right frontal and right prefrontal regions are activated by unpleasant emotions. Rejer Jankowski (2018:429) stated that when volunteers are more approach-oriented, it may reflect the growing activity of the left hemisphere; on the other hand, if volunteers are more withdrawal-oriented, it may reflect the increasing activity of the

right hemisphere. Our findings are similar to those of Vecchiato et al. and Rejer Jankowski (Vecchiato et al. 2011:582; Jankowski 2018:429).

As a result, although we obtained important clues in the light of the results obtained from the questions we asked at the beginning, we could not confirm our hypotheses. We believe that it will be useful to repeat the study by increasing the number of volunteers in future studies and to investigate how cultural differences will affect the results.

The low number of electrodes in the EEG device used can be considered as a limitation of the research. Future studies can be extended iteratively by examining other wavelengths.

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