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- Individuals with greater PTSD symptom severity are more easily distracted by non-relevant, potentially threatening stimuli.
- Individuals with greater severity of PTSD symptoms spend less time looking at uncomfortable, threat-related negative facial expressions such as fear and marginally disgust.
- PTSD symptoms may relate to greater attention toward non-facial background scenes and less attention toward facial stimuli, especially when conveying a fear or disgust expression.

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