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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form, for Students Earning Credit
 PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named **Identity through Alienation in American Youth**. This study is being conducted by Dr. Carol F. Feldman, who is the principal investigator, and her research team through the Psychology Department. She can be reached at cf2@nyu.edu or (212) 677-9426.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about American youth and national identity.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: complete a short questionnaire about his or her background (age, gender, place of birth, etc.) and take part in an interview concerning national identity. Participation will take about one hour and he or she will receive one credit.

Its Risks of Harm: There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand American youth and national identity.

Your Child's Rights: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. He or she will have the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer, in any interviews, questionnaires or surveys. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the one credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Confidentiality: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by Dr. Carol F. Feldman and her research team. Your child's responses will be coded with an arbitrary ID number and his or her name will be kept separate from the ID numbers and the associated responses. Your child has the right to request that his or her responses not be used. Your child's interview responses will be audiotaped. He or she may review these tapes and request that all or any portion of these tapes be destroyed. The duration of maintenance of your child's research records will be for 5 years after publication. At that time, records will be disposed of by shredding hard copies and deleting electronic data.

You have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

