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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
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 *Virtual Negotiations 2*. This study is being conducted by Michelle Haynes, who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at mh561@nyu.edu; 212-998-7686; Meyer, 559, 6 Washington Place. The faculty sponsor of this work is Madeline Heilman who can be reached at madeline.heilman@nyu.edu; 212-998-7813.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about the impact of using an electronic/computer medium on the negotiation process.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: s/he will be asked to take part in a negotiation with another study participant. S/he will be provided with all the relevant information regarding the negotiation task. After taking some time to prepare, s/he will be negotiating via a computer network with another participant. Furthermore, s/he will be asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding my experience. Your child's participation will take about 1 hour.

Its Payments or Other Incentives: Your child has a choice of whether s/he would like to receive course credit **OR** payment for participation in this experiment. S/he will either receive 1 hour of credit for their participation **OR** will be paid \$7 for completing this study. If s/he withdraws before the end of the study course credit will still be awarded; however, if s/he has opted to receive payment, withdrawal before the end of the study will result in no payment.

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 how negotiations proceed when conducted over a computer network.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by not associating any identifying information with hi/her responses; neither full names nor full ID numbers will be associated with his/her data. In addition, all completed questionnaires will be kept in a locked room until 5 years after publication, at which point they will be shredded.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he/she may withdraw at any time and still receive the credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.