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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 What would you do? It is being conducted by Celia Gonzalez who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at cmg250@nyu.edu, 212-998-7924, or 6 Washington Place, Dept of Psychology, room 760. The faculty sponsor of this work is Tom Tyler who can be reached at tom.tyler@nyu.edu, or at 212-998-7816.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about social decision making, such as how people chose which groups to join.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: Read a fictional story about another person's social experiences and answer questions about a variety of social groups. Participation will take about 1 hour for which your child will receive 1 credit.

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

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 social decision making.

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 or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her 1 credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assignment of codes not identifiable with real names, until 5 years after publication, as recommended by APA. Following this time period the research records will be shredded and disposed of.

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

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Celia Gonzalez, or her Faculty Sponsor, Tom Tyler, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

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

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date