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**Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form**  
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*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:** My child, \_\_\_\_\_, is invited to take part in a study named Christmas Shopping. This study is being conducted by undergraduate psychology student Jonathan Cipriani, who is the principal investigator. He can be reached at [jc1134@nyu.edu](mailto:jc1134@nyu.edu), (631) 838-9703, 47 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 6DS, NY, NY 10010. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Gabriele Oettingen who can be reached at NYU's Psychology Dept., 6 Washington Pl. Rm. 455, NY, NY 10010, (212) 998-7916, [go5@nyu.edu](mailto:go5@nyu.edu). My child will receive .5 credits for participating in this study.

**Its Purpose:** The study is designed to learn more about the psychology of consumption.

**Its Procedures:** If I give permission for my child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: Participate in a pencil and paper study in which s/he will be asked to think about and answer some questions about him/herself and some friends. S/he will then be asked to choose between a set of products. My child's participation will take about 30 minutes.

**Its Risks:** There are no known risks associated with this study beyond those associated with everyday life.

**Its Benefits:** Although my child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him/her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand consumer behavior.

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

**Privacy:** Confidentiality of my child's research records will be strictly maintained. No information will be recorded that identifies my child as an individual subject. No data will be examined or reported individually; data will only be examined in aggregate. Data will be retained only for five years after publication of the study in an academic journal, and then destroyed.

**Debriefing:** On completing the study my child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that I 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, Jonathan Cipriani, or his Faculty Sponsor, Dr. Gabriele Oettingen, 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**

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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

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Date