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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, ________________________, is invited to take part in a study named YOUR PERCEPTIONS. The study is designed to learn more about your opinions about political, social, economic, and health issues relevant to our society now. The research is being conducted by Dr. Emily Balcetis who is an Associate Professor of Psychology.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to review content describing a current political, social, economic, or health issue, provide objective information about what they reviewed, and offer their opinions in the form of a survey questionnaire. Participation will take 1 hour in a single session and will earn 1 hour of credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how different people come to have different opinions about the same current issues in society.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grades or academic standing in any way. If you or your child chooses not to participate, your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this study. If your child withdraws from the study, your child will receive credit for the time completed. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by not collecting any identifying information through the study. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Emily Balcetis, at 212-998-3998, emilybalcetis@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, Psychology Department, Meyer Hall New York, NY 10003.

For questions about your child’s rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

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Parent’s Signature

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Date

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