

CONSENT PAGE

You are invited to participate in a research study being conducted by researchers in the Department of Sociology at the University of South Carolina and Northeastern University. This research study is sponsored by the Army Research Institute. The purpose of the study is to better understand how people analyze group situations. This page explains what you will be asked to do if you decide to participate in this study. Please read it carefully and feel free to ask any questions you like before you make a decision about participating.

Description of Study Procedures

During the study, you will use your computer to type out answers, read information about different scenario and/or watch a short video, and respond to several survey questions. The study will last about 5 minutes.

Risks of Participation

Your name or other identifying information will not be used in any way in reports of the research findings. There are no known risks associated with participating in this research study except a slight risk of breach of confidentiality, which remains despite steps that will be taken to protect your privacy.

Benefits of Participation

At the end of the study, you will receive a thorough explanation of the study explaining what we hope to learn from your and other participants' participation. Thus, you will gain insight into the type of questions sociologists ask and how they go about answering them. Otherwise, taking part in this study is not likely to benefit you personally. However, this research will help us understand how people make decisions about groups and thus will benefit the field of sociology.

Costs

There are no costs to you for participation in this study.

Payments

Participation in this study will yield up to \$1 depending on administration method.

Confidentiality of Records

Participation will be confidential. A number will be assigned to each participant at the beginning of the project. This number will be used on project records rather than your name, and no one other than the researchers will be able to link your information with your name. Study records/data will be stored in locked filing cabinets and protected computer files at the University of South Carolina and/or Northeastern University. The results of the study may be published or presented at professional meetings, but your identity will not be revealed.

Contact Persons

For more information concerning this research, contact Matthew Facciani at, **facciani@email.sc.edu**. Questions about your rights as a research subject are to be directed to, Lisa Marie Johnson, IRB Manager, Office of Research Compliance, University of South Carolina, 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 414D, Columbia, SC 29208, phone: (803) 777-7095 or email: LisaJ@mailbox.sc.edu. The Office of Research Compliance is an administrative office that supports the University of South Carolina Institutional Review Board (USC IRB). The Institutional Review Board consists of representatives from a variety of scientific disciplines, non-scientists, and community members for the primary purpose of protecting the rights and welfare of human subjects enrolled in research studies.

Voluntary Participation

Participation in this study is voluntary. You are free not to participate or to withdraw at any time, for whatever reason, without negative consequences. In the event that you do withdraw from this study, the information you have already provided will be kept in a confidential manner. If you wish to exit the experiment for any reason, you will still get paid if a payment was offered.

Signatures /Dates

By clicking the Consent button below, you indicate that you have read the contents of this consent page. Note that even if you consent to participate, you may withdraw at any time without negative consequences.