



Consent Form

Project Title: Assessing Attitudes

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Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this research is to determine if a commonly used psychological assessment (the implicit association test or IAT) can be implemented in an online survey.

Study Procedures

As part of this research, you will be asked to categorize words by pressing one of two keys on the keyboard. On some trials, you will need to categorize words as being a “pleasant” word or an “unpleasant” word. On other trials, you will categorize words as being an “insect” or a “flower.” Sometimes, you will have combined lists (e.g., pleasant, unpleasant, insects, and flowers) and you may need to indicate both positive words and flowers with one key and both negative words and insects with another key. You will complete around 140 trials which will take about 20 minutes.

Possible Risks

There are no foreseeable risks associated with participating in this research. As in all research, there may be unforeseen risks to the participant. If an accidental injury occurs, appropriate emergency measures will be taken; however, no compensation or additional treatment will be made available to the subject except as otherwise stated in this consent form.

Participant Rights

If you choose to be in this study, you have the right to be treated with respect, including respect for your decision whether or not you wish to continue or stop being in the study. You are free to stop being in the study at any time. Choosing not to be in this study or to stop being in this study will not result in any penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Specifically, your choice not to be in this study will not negatively affect the possibility of earning course extra credit.

The participant is free not to answer any questions or respond to experimental situations that he or she chooses without penalty.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to participants for participating in this research. More generally, this study will help future researchers implement this measure to better understand how attitudes may predict behaviors.

Confidentiality

No identifiable information (e.g., name, email address, student ID number, etc.) will be associated with your responses. Your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of the research group or the Institutional Review Board (IRB), if needed. Your data may be included in a summary of all participants when reporting the results of the research.

It is possible that the Institutional Review Board (IRB) may view this study's collected data for auditing purposes. The IRB is responsible for the oversight of the protection of human subjects involved in research.

Course Credit

If participating as a student in a course in which the instructor offers extra credit for participating in psychological research, one may receive extra credit for participating in this study.

Questions or Concerns about this Research Study

If you have any questions, problems, illness, or injury during your time on this study, call us promptly. Joseph Weaver is the person in charge of this research study. You can call him/her at 989-964-2481 or email him at jweaver@svsu.edu. You may also contact the Chair, Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (989-964-7488; irbchair@svsu.edu) if questions or problems arise during the course of the study.

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Participant's Responsibilities

As a participant, you voluntarily agree to participate in this study. As a participant, you have no responsibilities in this research.

Participant's Permission

I have read this form. I have been given the opportunity to ask questions via email (jweaver@svsu.edu) and my questions have been answered, if asked. If I have additional questions, I have been told whom to contact. I agree to participate in the research study described above and can print a copy of this document by clicking here: [PRINT FORM](#).

This consent document has been approved for use for one year by the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board (HSIRB) as indicated by the stamped date and reference number in the upper right corner. Subjects should not click "I agree" if there is not a stamped date and reference number.