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**ADULT CONSENT FORM**

**YALE UNIVERSITY**

TITLE OF RESEARCH: *Cognitive and Computational Mechanisms of Decision Making*

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: *Robb Rutledge, PhD*

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR’S DEPARTMENT: *Psychology*

**Research Study Summary:**

* We are asking you to join a research study.
* Study activities may include: behavioral tasks, conversations, and self-report questionnaires.
* Your involvement will sometimes involve multiple sessions, with each session not expected to last longer than two hours, and with much shorter sessions being typical.
* There are no anticipated risks with this study, although you may experience boredom and fatigue.
* The study may have no benefits to you.However, the study will help us increase our understanding of decision making.
* Taking part in this study is your choice. You can choose to take part, or you can choose not to take part in this study. You also can change your mind at any time. Whatever choice you make will not have any effect on your relationship with Yale.
* If you are interested in learning more about the study, please continue reading, or have someone read to you, the rest of this document. Once you understand the study, we will ask you if you wish to participate.

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide to participate in this study, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

**Purpose of the research:**

The purpose of this study is to advance our understanding of how humans make decisions.

**Study Procedures:**

You may be asked to complete one or more tasks that focus on aspects of learning and decision making. We may ask you to complete a number of self-report questionnaires meant to gauge your emotions, personality, attitudes, behavior, and to record information about your recent experience. We may ask you to have a conversation with another participant or an artificial intelligence “chatbot” about emotional topics (e.g., negative and positive emotions in your life). for any reason You will receive a minimum of $8 per hour for your participation, based on typical completion times and prorated for partial hours, including any bonuses due to task performance. The entire experiment will be conducted online on your own computerized device in a place of your choosing. The research will sometimes involve multiple sessions, with each session not expected to last longer than two hours, and with much shorter sessions being typical.

**Benefits and Risks:**

It is important that you understand that there is no direct benefit to you anticipated from your participation in this study, however we hope that our results will help to increase our understanding of human decision making. It is possible but unlikely that this task may cause you discomfort, fatigue, or find some topics distressing. To minimize risk, you will be given breaks and are free to withdraw at any time without any loss of payment. Although the study materials are selected to avoid highly emotional or evocative stimuli, there is a small risk that you may have an adverse reaction while completing aspects of the study. There is a slight chance you may feel frustrated or uncomfortable if a task is difficult, and you are free to discontinue your participation in the study if you choose without any loss of payment.

**Alternatives:**

The alternative to participating in this particular study is to not participate.

**Confidentiality:**

All of your responses will be held in confidence. Only the researchers involved in this study and those responsible for research oversight (such as representatives of the Yale University Human Research Protection Program, the Yale University Institutional Review Boards, and others) will have access to any information that could identify you that you provide. We will share it with others if you agree to it or when we have to do it because U.S. or State law requires it. For example, we will tell somebody if we learn that you are hurting a child or an older person.

Completion of this study is anonymous. We will not know your name. We will not be able to connect any identifying information to your responses. However, your account is associated with an ID for the online testing platform (e.g., Prolific, Amazon Mechanical Turk) that the researcher may have to see in order to pay you and in order to link your data from multiple sessions. This ID could possibly be connected to your public profile, which could, in theory, be searched. We want to stress that we will not be looking at anyone’s public profiles. We will keep the information about your participation in this research confidential.

**Who to contact with questions:**

1. PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

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2. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, or if problems arise which you do not feel you can discuss with the Investigator, please contact the Institutional Review Board at:

Yale University Human Subjects Committee

Phone: (203) 785-4688

Email: [hrpp@yale.edu](mailto:human.subjects@yale.edu)

**Agreement to Participate:**

By clicking the “Accept” button below, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the above and voluntarily agree to participate in this study.