## Title of research study: How colors convey political information and affect individual attitudes

## IRB Protocol Number: 23-0256

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***Key Information***

***Purpose of the Study***

The purpose of the study is to examine what features of a political yard sign jump out to people. While we know quite a lot about how people make political decisions, there is still a lot to understand about how different pieces of information are influential in making those decisions.

We expect that you will be in this research study for about 6 minutes.

We expect about 1000 people will be in this research study.

***Explanation of Procedures***

You will be asked a number of demographic questions, asked about your political viewpoints, and will be asked to answer a couple of questions about your knowledge of politics. After completing these questions, you will view an instruction screen telling you what to do next.

You will be randomly assigned to view three political yard signs (one after another). Large parts of the screen will be blurred, so that you can only view some parts of a yard sign at any given point of time. You and the other participants will have about 5 seconds to view each yard sign. After viewing each yard sign, you will be asked a couple of questions about it.

The treatment you get will chosen by chance, like flipping a coin. Neither you nor the researcher will choose what treatment you get. You will have a one in three chance of being given each treatment. Neither you nor the researcher will know which treatment you are getting.

We cannot tell you everything about what we are doing in this study or why. However, a full explanation of the purpose of the research and procedures will be provided after you complete the study.

***Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal***

Whether or not you take part in this research is your choice. You can leave the research at any time and it will not be held against you.

The person in charge of the research study can remove you from the research study without your approval. Possible reasons for removal include using Safari as your web browser (which interferes with the study set-up).

If you decide to leave the research, you will not receive compensation from Prolific.

***Confidentiality***

Information obtained about you for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Research information that identifies you may be shared with the University of Colorado Boulder Institutional Review Board (IRB) and others who are responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations related to research, including people on behalf of the Office for Human Research Protections. The information from this research may be published for scientific purposes; however, your identity will not be given out.

There are some things that you might tell us that we CANNOT promise to keep confidential, as we are required to report information like:

* Child abuse or neglect
* A crime you or others plan to commit
* Harm that may come to you or others

***Payment for Participation***

If you agree to take part in this research study, we will pay you $1.20 for your time and effort regardless of how long you take (6 minutes at the rate of $12.00/hour). Payments will be made through your Prolific account.

It is important to know that payment for participation is taxable income.

***Questions***

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at Damon.roberts-1@colorado.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB. You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or [irbadmin@colorado.edu](mailto:irbadmin@colorado.edu) if:

* Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
* You cannot reach the research team.
* You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
* You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
* You want to get information or provide input about this research.

***Signatures***

Please click the “Agree to participate” button below if you **consent** to participate in this study. If you **do not consent** to participate in the study, please close the window and return to Prolific.

Agree to participate