

Consent

Purpose of the Study:

The purpose of the study is twofold. First, we are interested in how people respond to various social interactions. Second, we are pretesting materials for use in future research studies.

What will be done:

The study will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The study will consist of a series of questions. Some of these questions are about your characteristics and some of the questions are about how you would respond to a description of a social interaction.

Benefits of the Study:

By completing this study you will be contributing to the scientific understanding of social interactions. Further, you will be compensated \$0.11 for your participation.

Risks and Discomforts:

Although we do not anticipate any foreseeable risks or discomforts. If you feel uncomfortable at any time, you can withdraw from the study altogether. If you decide to quit at any time before you have finished the study, your answers will NOT be recorded.

Handling of the data:

Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. There is no way that the researcher will be able to link individual responses to any identifying information nor will the researcher know your IP address when you respond to the Internet survey. Computers will be kept in locked rooms with limited access.

Decision to quit at any time:

Your participation is voluntary; you are free to withdraw your participation from this study at any time. If you do not want to continue, you can simply leave this website. If you do not click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey, your answers and participation will not be recorded. You also may choose to skip any questions that you do not wish to answer.

How the findings will be used:

The results of the study will be used for scholarly purposes only. The results from the study will be presented in educational settings and at professional conferences, and the results might be published in a professional journal in the field of psychology.

I am aware that my participation is voluntary, and may be withdrawn without penalty or prejudice. I understand that I may leave the experiment at any time and for any reason. By beginning the survey, I acknowledge that I have read this information and agree to participate in this research, with the knowledge that I am free to withdraw my participation at any time without penalty. If I have any additional questions concerning this study, I may contact Dr. Randy McCarthy at rmccarthy3@niu.edu. I understand that if I want further information regarding my rights as a research subject, I may contact the Office of Research Compliance at Northern Illinois University (815) 753-8588.

1. Do you consent to participate?

- ☐ Yes, I consent to participate
- ☐ No, I do not consent to participate.

2. I am currently a parent of a child who is less than 18 years old.

- ☐ Yes, I am a parent of a child who is less than 18 years old
- ☐ No, I am not a parent of a child who is less than 18 years old

3. My child currently lives in my household at least part time.

- ☐ Yes, my child currently lives in my household at least part time
- ☐ No, my child does not live in my household at least part time

Story Continuations

Please read each prompt below and write what you would do in that situation. If your child is not old enough for the situation described, please try to imagine what you would do if she/he were old enough.

***4. You walk into your child's room to find that she/he threw all of his/her things on the floor and made a mess (toys, clothing, anything on the bed or shelves).**

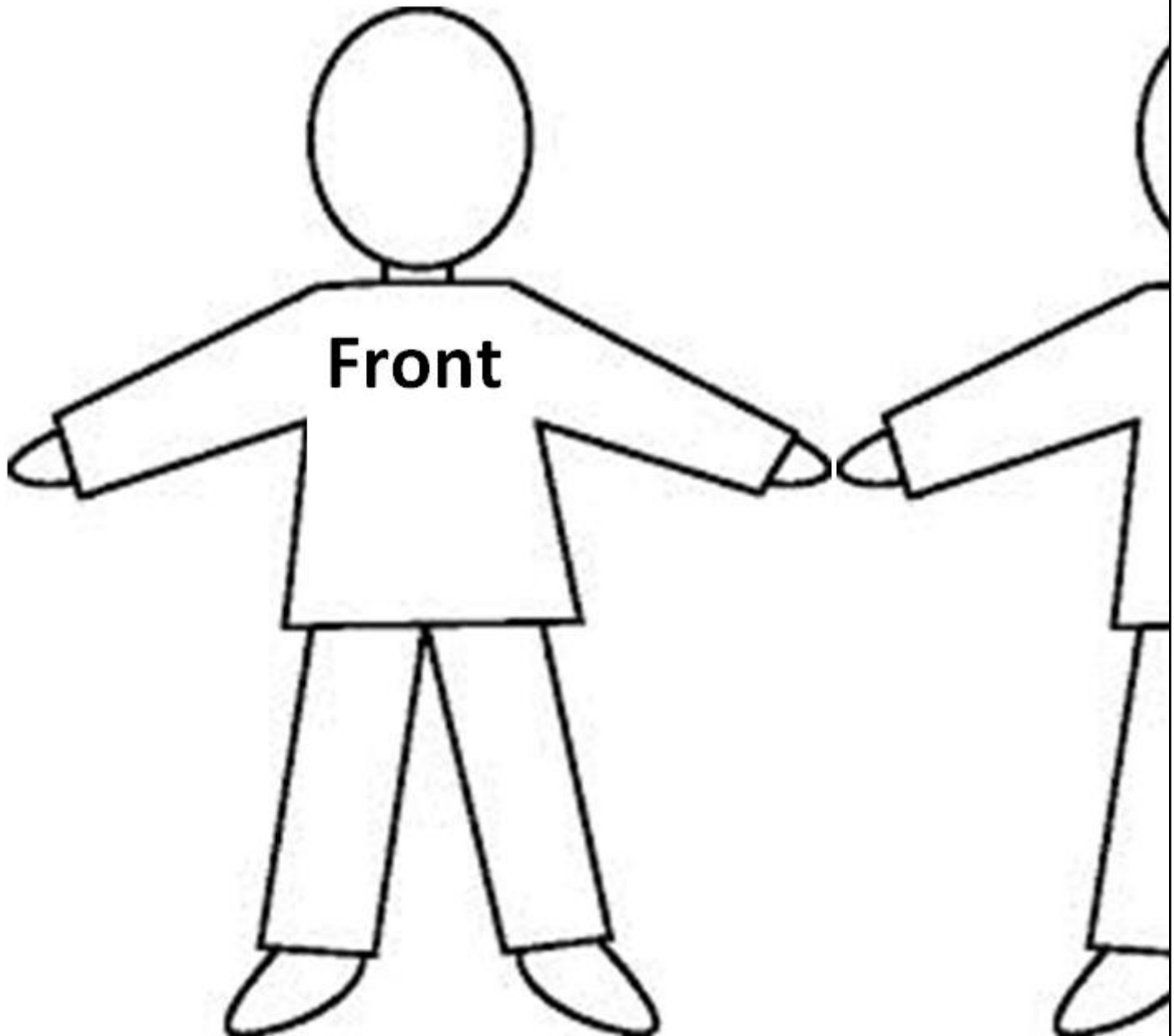
***5. You find your child cutting his/her own hair.**

***6. Your child is being loud in the other room. You tell him/her to quiet down, and they do not. Seconds later, she/he breaks one of your lamps.**

***7. You take your child out shopping. She/he brings you something she/he wants. When you tell him/her no, your child throws a fit.**

Voodoo Doll Task

Because thinking about the previous scenarios might be upsetting, we want you to have a chance to get out any bad feelings before finishing. Below is a picture of an outline of a child. Imagine that the child below represents the child who you wrote about previously. You will get to choose how many pins you would like to put into the doll that represents the child. Use pins only if you would physically punish your child.



***8. What is the age of the child you are thinking about?**

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***9. How many pins who you like to put into the *front* of the doll that represents the child?**

[illegible]

***10. How many pins who you like to put into the back of the doll that represents the child?**

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***11. Why do you choose to use that number of pins?**

12. What is your age?

13. What is your sex?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

14. How would you describe yourself?

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Non-Hispanic White

15. Are you:

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Never been married
- ☐ A member of an unmarried couple

16. Are you currently:

- ☐ Employed for wages
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Out of work for more than 1 year
- ☐ Out of work for less than 1 year
- ☐ A homemaker
- ☐ A student
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unable to work

17. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

- ☐ Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
- ☐ Grades 1 through 8(Elementary)
- ☐ Grades 9 through 11 (Some high school)
- ☐ Grade 12 or GED (High school graduate)
- ☐ College 1 year to 3 years (Some college of technical school)
- ☐ College 4 years (College graduate)
- ☐ Graduate School(Advance Degree)

Please finish the stories below.

18. You walk into your child's room to find that she/he cleaned it as well as they could, without you telling them to.

19. You take your child out shopping. She/he brings you something she/he wants. When you tell him/her no, your child puts it back without a fight.

Completion code

Please enter this code in Mechanical Turk: "1NI5U"

Debriefing Statement

Dear Participant:

Thank you for participating in this study.

The purpose of this study was to examine individual differences in self-reported reactions to the social situations. We hope that this research will lead to the development of future interventions aimed at reducing child maltreatment. If you are interested in reading about similar types of research please refer to the following articles.

DeWall, C. N., et al. "The voodoo doll task: Introducing and validating a novel method for studying aggression." Manuscript submitted for publication (2011).

We would like to remind you that this is an ongoing study that will continue to run. For this reason, we ask you not to discuss this experiment with anybody except the researcher.

Once again, thank you for your participation. If you have any questions regarding this study, feel free to contact Dr. Randy McCarthy at rmccarthy3@niu.edu.