

## 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 \$0.15 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I am aware that my participation is voluntary, and may be withdrawn without penalty or prejudice.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](mailto: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

Read each sentence carefully and respond by clicking on the appropriate answer.

**4. Given enough provocation, I may hit another person.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

**5. There are people that pushed me so far that we came to blows.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

**6. I have threatened people I know.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

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**7. I often find myself disagreeing with people.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

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**8. I can't help getting into arguments when people disagree with me.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

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**9. My friends say that I'm somewhat argumentative.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

**10. I flare up quickly but get over it quickly.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

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**11. Sometimes I fly off the handle for no good reason.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

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**12. I have trouble controlling my temper.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

**13. At times I feel I have gotten the raw deal out of life.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me



**14. Other people always seem to get the breaks.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me



**15. I wonder why sometimes I feel so bitter about things.**

Extremely Uncharacteristic of

Me

Extremely Characteristic Of

Me

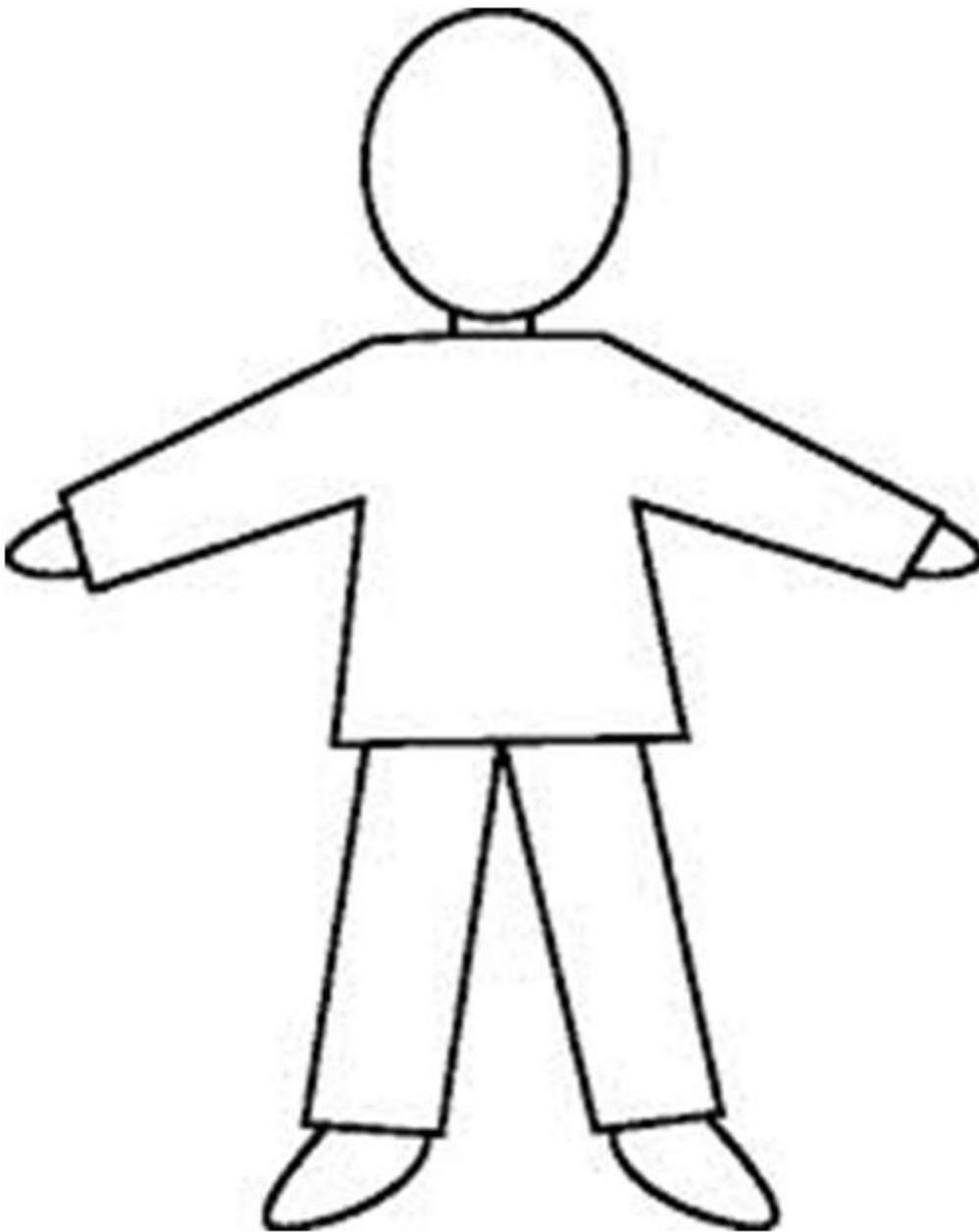


All parents feel annoyed or angered by their children at times. We are interested in a time that your child made you angry.

**\*16. Where were you when your child made you angry?**

**\*17. What did your child do that made you annoyed or angry?**

Below is a picture of an outline of a child. Imagine that the child below represents the child who you wrote about on the previously. You will get to choose how many needles you would like us to put into the doll that represents the child.



**\*18. What are the initials of the child you are thinking about?**

**\*19. How many pins who you like to put into the doll that represents the child? (between 0 and 51)**

## 20. What is your age?

## 21. What is your sex?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

## 22. 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

## 23. Are you:

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

## 24. 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



**25. 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)

## Completion code

Please enter this code in Mechanical Turk: "313NUI"

## 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](mailto:rmccarthy3@niu.edu).