



University of Victoria Consent to Participate in a Research Project

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Project title: Social Attitudes Towards Language

You are invited to participate in a research study about language. This research is being conducted by Kathryn Harder, undergraduate student at the University of Victoria, and is being supervised by Drs. Sonya Bird and Alexandra D'Arcy, Professors in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Victoria. If you participate in this study, you will click the following link and it will direct you to the online experiment.

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What are you being asked to do?

If you participate in this study, you will hear sentences and you will be asked to respond to a series of questions about each one. You will be asked to rate the speakers on the qualities of intelligence, friendliness, trustworthiness, likeability, authoritativeness, sympathy, ambition, and education. You will also be asked to provide some basic demographic information at the end.

Why are you being asked to do it?

You are being invited to participate in this study because you are between the ages of 18-35 or 55-70 and are local to Victoria.

To participate in this study, you must currently be living in Victoria, be a first language speaker of English, and have been born and raised in the General Canadian English-speaking region of Canada, which is BC, AB, SK, MB, and ON.

Why is this study being done?

The purpose of this study is to examine social attitudes towards different voices. Your data will help to gain a better understanding of how listeners react to different voices.

What will happen if you decide to participate?

You will take part in the experiment and then you will be asked to provide some basic background demographic information about yourself. The experiment will consist of listening to a series of recordings and providing judgements about the speakers you hear. The demographic information sheet asks you to identify your age, the city you currently live in, your gender and your first language. The experiment will take approximately 30-35 minutes.

If you complete the experiment, you will be assigned a participant code and all of your responses will be anonymous. There will be no way to know who you are and to identify which responses are yours. All the data that is collected in this study will be stored and backed-up on a password-protected and encrypted netdrive in the Sociolinguistics Research Lab at UVic.

Taking part in this study is your choice.

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary. You may stop participating at any time. If you stop, there will be no penalty or loss to you. However, once you have completed the session, you will no longer be able to withdraw because we will have no way to identify which responses are yours.

Compensation.

You will not receive any compensation for your participation in this study.

What are the risks and benefits of taking part in this study?

The inconvenience to you is your time. There are no known or anticipated risks to you for participating in this research. You will be asked to make value judgments about speakers. If you feel uncomfortable at any point making these judgments, please withdraw from the experiment.

There will be no direct benefits to you for participating. The results may help improve our understanding of the link between linguistic and non-linguistic information.

Privacy and Confidentiality.

We will not be collecting your name or linking it to your data; your responses will not be stored or shared with personal information such as your email address. You will be given a code in our database, and only this code will be connected with your data.

Future Research Studies.

The data may be used for future research studies. No further consent will be sought from you for these future studies.

Dissemination of Results

It is possible that the results of this research will be shared in the following ways:

- (1) at conferences
- (2) in academic journals and books
- (3) through blogs, online articles, or other digital platforms for scholarship
- (4) through class presentations
- (5) through the media

Questions and Contacts.

In addition to being able to contact Ms. Harder you can also check up on the approval of this study or raise any concerns you might have by contacting:

UVic: Human Research Ethics Office 250-472-4545 or ethics@uvic.ca (protocol 19-0279)

Taking part in this research, by participating in the experiment, will be considered your consent to participate in this study.

Please be advised that the responses we gather from you for this study will be stored briefly on an online program with servers located in the US. As such, there is a possibility that this information may be accessed without your knowledge or consent by the US government in compliance with the US Freedom Act.

By clicking the ***accept*** button at the bottom of this screen you agree to the terms outlined in the consent form and you agree to have your data stored and used to support any future research.

If you would like a copy of this form, please contact Kathryn Harder at klharder@uvic.ca.

Thank you!