Ethical Review Form

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**Project Title:**

Politico – Building a Cross Platform, Component Driven Game for the Modern Web

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**Brief description of proposed activity and its objectives:**

Politico is a game where you act as the leader of the United Kingdom and must keep your nation afloat by making Yes or No decisions on a range of topics/issues both political and more generic. Making decisions that negatively affect the different attributes of your nation will eventually make you lose the game as the attributes drop below 0, whereas making decisions that positively affect the attributes will keep you afloat, hopefully long enough for you to win the game.

??? Do I need more here in relation to ethics? I saw that a previous student mentioned testing and personal info not being collected.

**Ethical Issues Identified:**

1. I will be providing the user with yes/no choices on potentially sensitive issues both political and generic.
2. If I decide to have some way of keeping a user’s save data in tact across devices, this will require cloud storage of some of their data.

**How these will be addressed:**

1. I will need to make sure that any decisions I allow the user to make fit within some form of age rating to give a clear boundary on what can and cannot be discussed.
2. The biggest alternative is to just have data be saved locally within the browser. This means I have no way of seeing this data. If I do decide to go with cloud storage, I could clearly show to the user what data is being collected and allow them to view and save the data if they wished to keep in line with GDPR.

**Has the project proposal identified any of the following research procedures?**

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| 1. Gathering information about human beings through: Interviewing, Surveying, Questionnaires, Observation of human behaviour | No |
| 2. Using archived data in which individuals are identifiable | Potentially? |
| 3. Researching into illegal activities, activities at the margins of the law or activities that have a risk of personal injury | No |
| 4. Supporting innovation that might impact on human behaviour e.g. Behavioural Studies | No |

**If ‘Yes’ to any of 1-4 above: have you considered the following?**

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| 1. Providing participants with full details of the objectives of the research | n/a |
| 2. Providing information appropriate for those whose first language is not English | n/a |
| 3. Researching into illegal activities, activities at the margins of the law or activities that have a risk of personal injury | n/a |
| 4. Voluntary participation with informed consent | n/a |
| 5. Written description of involvement | n/a |
| 6. Freedom to withdraw | n/a |
| 7. Keeping appropriate records | n/a |
| 8. Signed acknowledgement and understanding by participants | n/a |
| 9. Consideration of relevant codes of conduct/guidelines | n/a |

Ethical Review Outcome: *If the outcome is no. 3 or 4, this form should be forwarded to the Faculty Research Ethics Committee.*

1. No ethical issues

2. Minor ethical issues which have been addressed and concerns resolved

3. Major ethical issues which have been addressed and concerns resolved

4. Ethical issues that have not been resolved/addressed

13.Student Signature:

14.Supervisor Signature:

15.Date: