**CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY**

**Online Decision Making Using Survey Monkey as an Experimental Platform**

You are being asked to partake in a research study about decision-making. Sara Reese and Shanda Handsaker of Eastern Oregon University are conducting this research project. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Please read through this form carefully and ask any questions that you may have prior to participating.

**Purpose of Study:** The objective of this research is to further explore the factors that influence individual decision making in an online setting.

**Methods of Study:** If you agree to be in this study you will be asked to fill out a brief demographic questionnaire and solve a challenging mathematical equation. Multiple choice answers will be provided. Answers will be anonymously submitted through Survey Monkey.

**Criteria to Participate:** You must be 18 years or older to participate. You must participate only once without the use of outside resources. You must fluently read English.

**Risks & Benefits of Participating:** Mild risks may include boredom, deception, and frustration. This study may not directly benefit you, however the information and data gained from this study may help us gain a better understanding of the dynamics and interactions that may influence authenticity in an online educational setting. There are no financial costs for participating. In addition, your participation is brief and completed on a computer or handheld device with Internet access. Your participation is anonymous.

**Compensation:** It is possible you may earn extra credit if you are taking a class that offers credit for participation in research studies. The course instructor will decide the amount of extra credit and whether it applies to your particular class. There will be no other compensation offered.

**Your Rights & Responsibilities:** You have the right to be informed of the purpose of the study as well as the methods and potential risks and benefits of participation. You have the right to participate voluntarily and may withdraw from the study at any time. You also have the right to be protected from harm and have your identities protected. To ensure your privacy, your identity will not be included and you may work with your direct instructor to acquire possible extra credit. Also, you have the right to learn more about this study and you may contact appropriate parties should you have concerns regarding this study. You will be asked to provide basic demographic information although you may elect not to.

You have the responsibility to participate to the best of your ability. You are also responsible to only participate if you are eligible based on criteria.

**Confidentiality:** The records and individual results will be kept private for the purpose of this study. Any report that will be made will not include any identifying information. No names will be displayed or documented for the purpose of this study. Only the researchers will have access to the results. To receive possible extra credit you will provide a screenshot of the debriefing page directly to your instructor. If you choose to withdraw or not participate in all procedures it will not affect your relationship with the researchers or the institution in any way.

**Who to Contact:** If you have any questions you may contact the primary researcher, Sara Reese, at reeses2@eou.edu. If you believe that any of your rights have been violated you may contact the head of the Institutional Review Board, Charles Lyons, at clyons@eou.edu.

**Agreement**: By continuing on below, I affirm that I have read the above information completely and have elected to participate on a voluntary basis. I also affirm that I am 18 years or older. I understand that any extra credit is to be handled directly with my instructor. The general purposes, requirements of participation, and possible risks have been explained to my satisfaction.  I have had the opportunity to ask questions related to my participation and I consent to participate in the research study.

If you would like a copy of this form for your records, please print out this page.

* I wish to participate in the present study and understand the information provided herein.
* I wish not to participate in the present study.