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***Information sheet for participants***

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| **Study title:** | Moral Decision-making and Behavior |
| **Principal Investigator:** | Dr. Adam Moore |
| **Researcher collecting data:** | Andrew Ithurburn |

**What is this document?** This document explains what kind of study we’re doing, what your rights are, and what will be done with your data. You should keep this page for your records. After you read this, continue to the next page.

**Nature of the study**. You are about to participate in a study investigating your attitudes and moral beliefs. You will first be asked to complete a short demographic questionnaire. After you will be asked to judge and whether you agree with a series of statements. You will then be presented and asked to judge 10 short hypothetical situations. Participation should take around 2o minutes to complete.

**Compensation.** You will be receiving the standard Prolific Academic rate for payment of participation.

**Risks and benefits**. There are no known risks to participation in this study. Other than the compensation mentioned, there no tangible benefits to you, however you will be contributing to our knowledge about language.

**Confidentiality and use of data.** All the information we collect during the course of the research will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. In order to safeguard your privacy, we will never share personal information (like names or dates of birth) with anyone outside the research team. Your data will be referred to by a unique participant number rather than by name. We will store any personal data (e.g. signed forms) using the University of Edinburgh’s secure encrypted storage service or in a locked filing cabinet at the University of Edinburgh. The anonymized data collected during this study will be used for research purposes.

**What are my data protection rights?** The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner’s Office, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at [dpo@ed.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@ed.ac.uk).

**Voluntary participation and right to withdraw.** Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. If you withdraw from the study during or after data gathering, we will delete your data and there is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

If you have any questions about what you’ve just read, please feel free to ask, or contact us later. You can contact us by email at [a.ithurburn@sms.ed.ac.uk](mailto:a.ithurburn@sms.ed.ac.uk). This project has been approved by PPLS Ethics committee. If you have questions or comments regarding your own rights as a participant, they can be contacted at 0131 650 4020 or [ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk](mailto:ppls.ethics@ed.ac.uk).

If you have any questions about what you’ve just read, please feel free to ask them now. Thank you for your help! **Now please complete the consent form on the next page.**