

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEW

The Discourse: A Case Study of a Tumblr Community

You have been asked to participate in a research study conducted by Alyssa Smith from Comparative Media Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.). The purpose of the study is to understand how people debate issues and define communities in an online community. The results of this study will be included in Alyssa Smith's undergraduate thesis. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you volunteered to participate and you self-identified as a Discourse participant. You should read the information below, and ask questions about anything you do not understand, before deciding whether or not to participate.

- This interview is voluntary. You have the right not to answer any question, and to stop the interview at any time or for any reason. I expect that the interview will take about an hour.
- You will not be compensated for this interview.
- Unless you give us permission to use your name, title, and / or quote you in any publications that may result from this research, the information you tell us will be confidential.
- I would like to record this interview so that I can use it for reference while proceeding with this study. I will not record this interview without your permission. If you do grant permission for this conversation to be recorded, you have the right to revoke recording permission and/or end the interview at any time.

This project will be completed by May 31, 2017. All interview recordings will be stored in a secure work space until 1 year after that date. The tapes will then be destroyed.

I understand the procedures described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

(Please check all that apply)

☐ I give permission for this interview to be recorded.

☐ I give permission for the following information to be included in publications resulting from this study:

☐ my name ☐ my title ☐ direct quotes from this interview

Name of Subject _____

Signature of Subject _____ Date _____

Signature of Investigator  _____ Date 1/2/2017

Please contact Alyssa Smith asmithh@mit.edu with any questions or concerns.

If you feel you have been treated unfairly, or you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, you may contact the Chairman of the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects, M.I.T., Room E25-143b, 77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139, phone 1-617-253-6787.