Consent Form

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You have been invited to participate in a research project on attitudes to food and caloric content estimations conducted by the principal investigator of this study, Jennifer Martinez working under the supervision of Dr. Czyzewska from the Psychology Department. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions later, you are encouraged to contact Jennifer at [jm1853@txstate.edu](mailto:jm1853@txstate.edu%20)  or Dr. Czyzewska at [mc07@txstate.edu](mailto:mc07@txstate.edu) .I ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study. The general purpose of this study is to evaluate the perception of foods from different ethnicity oriented chains among college students. You have been asked to participate because of your status as a student at Texas State University. If you choose to participate, you will be required to respond to a short survey containing questions about several menu items selected from popular restaurants. I will also ask you to provide basic demographic information (age, gender, and ethnicity), and your body height and weight. The completion of the survey should take approximately 30 minutes of your time.

This study poses very minimal risk to psychological health caused by describing how you feel about various issues. If you find that you are uncomfortable answering any question, you may stop at any time. You may also skip questions you don’t want to answer. In addition, your answers to the survey will remain anonymous (i.e., you will not be asked to provide your name or any other personal identification information).

Other than the satisfaction of participating in health research that might influence treatment and prevention efforts, you will not receive any direct benefit from participating in this survey. You will not receive any monetary compensation for participating in this project.

The any information gathered from the study will be anonymous. Completed paperwork will be kept confidential and placed in a locked storage container held in the Psychology department and only researchers will have access to the records. Paper records of the data will be retained for a period of five years and will then be destroyed. In any sort of report that might be published, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a subject.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Texas State University. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time with out affecting those relationships.

For your records a copy of the consent form will be given to you.The debriefing with description of results obtained in this study will be made available through postings outside the Psychology Main at the end of the Spring 09 semester. At this time, you can also request a summary of the finding by contacting directly Jennifer Martinez.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant or feel that you have been placed at risk, you may contact the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 or [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

**Statement of Consent:**

**I have read and understand this informed consent statement. I voluntarily agree to participate in the research.**

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**Your Name (Printed)**

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**Your Signature Date**

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**Signature of Researcher            Date**

**Thank you in advance for you participation in this study.**