Consent Form (student)

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Any subject may experience distress due to the content of the questions. Those who have been exposed to sexual assault in any way may also feel psychological stress from reading questions that describe sexual assault situations. Students may receive free psychological services from the Texas State University Counseling Center, though the number of sessions allowed may be limited. More information can be found at <http://www.counseling.txstate.edu/> or by calling 512-245-2208. The Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center also offers free counseling services to men and women. They offer a 24-hour confidential help line for victims (512-396-HELP). More information on their services can be found at <http://www.hcwc.org/> or by calling 512-396-3404. SafePlace in Austin, Tx is another option that offers a 24-hour confidential hotline (512-267-SAFE) as well as free counseling sessions. More information on their services can be found at <http://www.safeplace.org/>.

It is better to have sex with one’s child than to cheat on one’s wife. (Strongly disagree, disagree, agree, and strongly agree)

I sometimes try to get even rather than forgive and forget. (1-5, not true - very true)

I fantasize about being whipped or spanked. (0-5, never – daily)

Women who get raped probably deserved it. (Strongly disagree, disagree, agree, and strongly agree)

People think I’m aggressive. (False, slightly true, mainly true, and very true)

When I’m really angry, other people better stay away from me.

Compensation in the form of extra credit is offered to students who participate in the survey. For those students who do not wish to participate they may complete an assessment of current political science event for the same extra credit. The assessment will take approximately 30-40 minutes and include reading a current article and completing a worksheet.

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Researcher’s Signature

Consent Form (community sample)

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A monetary compensation of 20 dollars is offered to those adults who chose to participate in the survey.

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Consent Form (treatment group)

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