

Consent Form**Informed Consent Form**

Project Title: Friendship Building in College Students
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Thank you for your interest in this study! Your participation is greatly appreciated. To participate you must be a student at Eastern Michigan University and be able to read prompts fluently in English as well as respond fluently in English. Participation in research is voluntary and you may pull out of this study at any time (**including after starting the study**). Please feel free to ask any questions you have about participation in this study.

Study Purpose

The purpose of this study is to examine your attitudes and assumptions about hypothetical individuals. You will be asked a series of questions relating to those attitudes and assumptions as well as questions concerning you as a participant.

Basic Study Procedure

You will be recruited to take place in this online study through the SONA program at Eastern Michigan University. Upon reading a consent form, you will be redirected to the Qualtrics program which will contain the primary study materials. You will be asked to first complete a demographic survey. This demographic survey will contain potentially personal information including gender and racial identity. After completion of the demographic survey, you will be asked to view a hypothetical person and complete an assessment gauging your thoughts and assumptions about the person. You will also be asked questions relating to you as a participant. Lastly, the study will conclude with one final question regarding whether you wish to receive credit for your participation. The study will take approximately 25-30 minutes to complete.

Type of Data Collected

You may be asked to provide data that you find to be sensitive. All data will be collected anonymously (i.e., we have no way of linking your actual responses with your name). You will be asked a series of questions pertaining to hypothetical people and your attitudes about them. You will also be asked some common questions about your identity (e.g., age, gender, race, etc.).

Risk of Study Participation

There is no expected risk to participation in this study outside of what a student may face while taking a college examination or listening to a college lecture. However, you may at times potentially experience stress while reading or answering any of the study materials especially any related directly to you. As such, should you feel stress you cannot handle, you are free to withdraw from the study and are encouraged to do so immediately.

Benefits of Study Participation

There are no anticipated benefits to you for taking part in this study. Study results may have general benefit to society by increasing our understanding of how people perceive others. Thus, findings from this study will be used as a basis for potential publications, posters, and/or presentations at conferences or symposiums.

Data Storage Procedures

Data for this study will be kept on the Qualtrics server. Qualtrics is an account-based program where only researchers will have access your individual responses and data. Qualtrics is GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) compliant. Upon completion of the data collection, the data set will be downloaded from Qualtrics to a laptop computer that is password protected. The data file will also be password protected.

Alternative Task

You will receive no compensation for your participation. However, some instructors in psychology do offer course credit for research participation. We have no control over this. If you are unsure if your instructor allows such credit, please ask your instructor. All psychology instructors who offer research credits in their courses are required by University policy to provide a non-research alternative to students in their classes who do not wish to directly participate in research. In order to be granted research credit, at the end of your participation in this anonymous survey, you will need to follow the link provided to a completely separate survey where you will be asked to give your name. This second survey will not in any way be linked to your earlier survey responses and is only collected so that we can give participants research credits by name. If you do not complete this survey, we cannot award you SONA credit.

Personal Information Confidentiality

We plan to publish the results of this study. We will not publish any information that can identify you individually. All data for this study will be collected anonymously. The only identifying information you will provide the researcher is separate from the main questionnaires of this study and is only collected to award research credit.

You do not need to provide any identifying information to participate in this study. However, if you wish to receive research credit, once you have anonymously completed the main questionnaires of the study, you will then be asked if you wish to receive course credit for participating in this research. If you answer "Yes" to this question, you will be automatically linked to a completely separate survey that will ask for your name. Because the data from these two surveys are never linked, the only way a researcher will know that you have completed the relevant questionnaires of the anonymous portion of this study is to ask for your name with this completely separate, new survey. Completing this second survey will allow the researchers to know to whom they should grant credit in SONA (i.e., if you do not complete this "exit" survey, you will not receive SONA credit). Your instructors will not know which study you have participated in unless you tell them. Also, the researcher will not know what your specific responses were to any items of the surveys you completed (i.e., they will only know that you participated, but not what you reported in your responses)."

Data Storage For Future Use

We will not store any personally identifying information about you. We will store the anonymous data collected for this study on the Qualtrics survey website, as well on a password protected laptop computer. Finally, we will also password protect the data file.

Cost to Participant

Participation will not cost you anything.

Participation Compensation

You will not be paid to participate in this research study.

You will receive .5 hours of SONA credit if you complete this study. If you do not complete this study, you will not earn research credit for your participation.

Study Contact Information

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact the Principal Investigator, Brier Gallihugh, at bgallihu@emich.edu or by phone at (989)-423-6118.

You can also contact Brier Gallihugh's faculty adviser, Dr. Stephen Jefferson, at sjeffer2@emich.edu or by phone at 734.487.0097.

For questions about your rights as a research subject, contact the Eastern Michigan University Human Subjects Review Committee at human.subjects@emich.edu or by phone at 734-487-3090.

Voluntary participation

Participation in this research study is your *choice*. You may refuse to participate at any time, even after signing this form, without repercussion.

Statement of Consent

I have read this consent form. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and am satisfied with the answers I received.

Do you consent to take part in the above study?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Demographic Survey Questions

What is your age?

What is your academic major?

What is your minor?

What is your political affiliation generally speaking?

	1. Very Liberal	2. Moderately Liberal	3. Slightly Liberal	4. Neither Liberal or Conservative	5. Slightly Conservative	6. Moderately Conservative	7. Very Conservative
Your Political Ideology (Generally)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What is your biological sex?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer Not To Answer

Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other

What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- ☐ Less than high school degree
- ☐ High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED)
- ☐ Some college but no degree
- ☐ Associate degree in college (2-year)
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in college (4-year)
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree
- ☐ Professional degree (JD, MD)

Condition 1 (Olive Muslim x Olive Muslim)

You see the following people, Javier (on the left) and Muhammad (on the right), together at a party. Javier is a Muslim and so is Muhammad. Please look over the images of the two people and then answer the questions that follow.

**Condition 2 (Olive Muslim x Olive Christian)**

You see the following people, Javier (on the left) and Jose (on the right), together at a party. Javier is a Muslim and Jose is a Christian. Please look over the images of the two people and then answer the questions that follow.

**Condition 3 (Olive Muslim Alone)**

You see the following person, Javier at a party. Javier is a Muslim. Please look over the images of the two people and then answer the questions that follow.



Rejection Concerns from Target (Regression/Mediation)

Please answer each of the following questions on a scale from 1 (Not At All) to 7 (A Great Deal)

	1 (Not At All)	2	3	4 (Neutral)	5	6	7 (A Great Deal)
To what extent do you think Javier would become friends with you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How likely is it that Javier will find you interesting?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To what extent do you think Javier would enjoy talking to you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

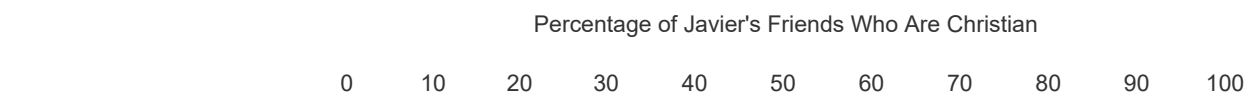
Inclination to Reject Target by Participant (Regression/Mediation)

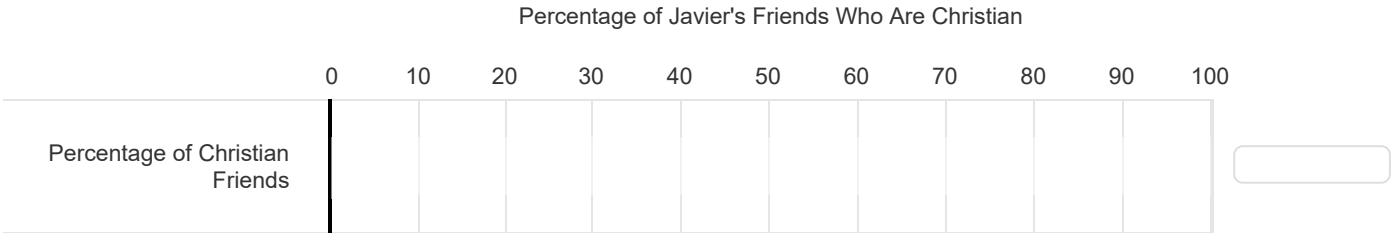
Please answer each of the following questions on a scale from 1 (Not At All) to 7 (A Great Deal)

	1 (Not At All)	2	3	4 (Neutral)	5	6	7 (A Great Deal)
To what extent do you think you would want to become friends with Javier?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How likely is it that you would find Javier interesting?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To what extent would you enjoy talking to Javier?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Friend Network (ANOVA)

What percentage of Javier's friend circle do you think are likely to be Christians?





Personal Religious Beliefs and RF Scale

Which of the following religious groups would you self identify as?

- ☐ Protestant Christian
- ☐ Evangelical Christian
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Some Other Form of Christian
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ None of the Above

Please answer each of the following questions. You will probably find that you agree with some of the statements, and disagree with others, to varying extents. Please indicate your reaction to each statement by choosing the appropriate response according to the scale. You may find that you sometimes have different reactions to different parts of a statement. For example, you might very strongly disagree (“-4”) with one idea in a statement, but slightly agree (“+1”) with another idea in the same item. When this happens, please combine your reactions, and write down how you feel on balance (a “-3” in this case). If you feel exactly and precisely neutral about an item, please select the "0" option.

	-4 (Very Strongly Disagree)	-3 (Strongly Disagree)	-2 (Moderately Disagree)	-1 (Slightly Disagree)	0 (Completely Neutral)	1 (Slightly Agree)	2 (Moderately Agree)	3 (Strongly Agree)	4 (Very Strongly Agree)
1. God has given humanity a complete, unfailling guide to happiness and salvation, which must be totally followed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.No single book of religious teachings contains all the intrinsic, fundamental truths about life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. The basic cause of evil in this world is Satan, who is still constantly and ferociously fighting against God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	-4 (Very Strongly Disagree)	-3 (Strongly Disagree)	-2 (Moderately Disagree)	-1 (Slightly Disagree)	0 (Completely Neutral)	1 (Slightly Agree)	2 (Moderately Agree)	3 (Strongly Agree)	4 (Very Strongly Agree)
4. It is more important to be a good person than to believe in God and the right religion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. There is a particular set of religious teachings in this world that are so true, you can't go any "deeper" because they are the basic, bedrock message that God has given humanity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. When you get right down to it, there are basically only two kinds of people in the world: the Righteous, who will be rewarded by God; and the rest, who will not.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. Scriptures may contain general truths, but they should NOT be considered completely, literally true from beginning to end	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. To lead the best, most meaningful life, one must belong to the one, fundamentally true religion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. "Satan" is just the name people give to their own bad impulses. There really is <i>no such thing</i> as a diabolical "Prince of Darkness" who tempts us	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Whenever science and sacred scripture conflict, <i>science</i> is probably right	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. The fundamentals of God's religion should never be tampered with, or compromised with others' beliefs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. <i>All</i> of the religions in the world have flaws and wrong teachings. There is <i>no</i> perfectly true, right religion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Debriefing

Study Debrief

Thank you for participating in this study! This form provides background about our research to help you learn more about why this study was done. Please feel free direct any questions or concerns you may have

to the investigators.

Some studies use deception in situations where there is no other way to conduct the experiment without potentially biasing the results. The current study is one that did involve mild deception. The actual purpose of this study was to investigate the influence of religious ideology on a person's perceptions of a hypothetical target and thereby your willingness to engage that person in a friendship or feel that target would be willing to engage you in a friendship. As such, deception was necessary in order to ensure that there was no potential for response bias. The profile you read and the picture you were shown with it were both fictitious.

The data from this study will be presented to groups and potentially in research journals. However, all data will be kept secure and personally identifiable information left out. Data will only be analyzed by trained researchers. However, should you feel uncomfortable, know that your participation is still voluntary, and you are free to withdraw from the study in which case all your data and responses will be deleted. There is no penalty for withdrawing

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If you want more information about your rights as a participant or want to report any research-related concerns, please feel free to contact the current researchers (if your concerns relate to this study) or you may contact the Institutional Review Board at (734) 487-3090.

Do you understand the study?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Research Credit

Would you like to receive SONA credit for participation?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No