Ohio University Online Consent Form

Title of Research: Societal Attitudes and Issues

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You are being asked by an Ohio University researcher to participate in research. For you to be able to decide whether you want to participate in this project, you should understand what the project is about, as well as the possible risks and benefits in order to make an informed decision. This process is known as informed consent. This form describes the purpose, procedures, possible benefits, and risks of the research project. It also explains how your personal information will be used and protected. Once you have read this form and your questions about the study are answered, you will be asked to participate in this study. You may print a copy of this document to take with you.

# Summary of Study

This study will look to examine individual’s thoughts and opinions regarding particular social phenomena. The study will be conducted entirely online.

# Explanation of Study

This study is being done to investigate how individuals think and feel about particular social phenomena. If you agree to participate you will be asked to fill out a demographic survey with information concerning your age, racial identity, gender, political affiliation, and religious identity. Following the demographic survey, you will be asked a wide range of questions concerning your thoughts related to social phenomenon and events. Finally, you will be debriefed of the study and given contact information should you need it. You should not participate in this study if you are under the age of 18. Your participation should last approximately 30 minutes.

## Risks and Discomforts

No risks or discomforts are anticipated.

## Benefits

You will not personally benefit by participating in this study. However, from a scientific and public perspective this research may allow for a better understanding of how individuals view social phenomenon.

## Confidentiality and Records

Your study information will be kept confidential by keeping your responses anonymous. Participants answers will not be linked to their survey responses.

For maximum confidentiality, please clear your browser history and close the browser before leaving the computer. Additionally, while every effort will be made to keep your study-related information confidential, there may be circumstances where this information must be shared with:

\* Federal agencies, for example the Office of Human Research Protections, whose responsibility is to protect human subjects in research

\* Representatives of Ohio University (OU), including the Institutional Review Board, a committee that oversees the research at OU)

**Compensation**

As compensation for your time/effort, you will receive .50 SONA credits for your participation.

**Future Use Statement**

Identifiers will be removed from data/samples collected, and after such removal, the data/samples may be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without additional informed consent from you or your legally authorized representative.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact the investigator Brier Gallihugh [bg464219@ohio.edu, 989-423-6118]or the advisor Kim Rios [rios@ohio.edu, 740-593-1065].

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the Office of Research Compliance, Ohio University, (740)593-0664 or compliance@ohio.edu

By agreeing to participate in this study, you are agreeing that:

* You have read this consent form (or it has been read to you) and have been given the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered
* You have been informed of potential risks and they have been explained to your satisfaction
* You understand Ohio University has no funds set aside for any injuries you might receive as a result of participating in this study
* You are 18 years of age or older
* Your participation in this research is completely voluntary
* You may leave the study at any time; if you decide to stop participating in the study, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

\_\_\_ I agree to participate in this study

\_\_\_ I DO NOT agree to participate in this study

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