

Information sheet

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This information sheet applies to all study participants.

The following information is provided to inform you about the research project and your participation in it. Please read this form carefully. This constitutes your copy of this information sheet; please save it if you would like a copy for your records.

Key Information:

The first section of this document contains some key points that the research team thought you would find important. The study is described in more detail after this section.

Key information about this study:

The purpose of this study is to examine contraception and demographic groups. Though the study provides no direct benefits to you, it is also low-cost and low commitment for you. However, you may benefit from learning more about social science research from your participation. You will be asked to complete a 6-minute online survey. There are no additional limitations or restrictions on you while participating in this study. You will be asked standard demographic questions, such as your age and race, but this information will be anonymous and identifiable only through your Prolific identification number.

Detailed Information:

The rest of this document includes detailed information about this study (in addition to the information listed above).

Purpose of this study:

The purpose of this study is to examine contraception and demographic groups. You are being asked to take part in this research study because you are a Prolific respondent who is at least 18 years old, speaks English fluently, and is a U.S. resident.

You do not have to be in this research study. You may choose not to be in this study with no harm to you. You can stop being in this study at any time. If we learn something new

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that may affect the risks or benefits of this study, you will be contacted through Prolific so that you can decide whether or not you still want to be in this study.

Procedures to be followed and approximate duration of the study:

You will participate in a 6-minute online study regarding contraception and demographic groups. After reading the information sheet, you will be asked to read a description of one character and answer questions regarding that character. At the end of the survey, you will answer basic demographic questions.

Description of the discomforts, inconveniences, and/or risks that can be reasonably expected as a result of participation in this study:

No discomforts or inconveniences are likely other than potential boredom during the survey. There is minor risk due to disclosure of demographic information, but data will be anonymized by your Prolific identification number, including in the final project.

Good effects that might result from this study:**a) The benefits to science and humankind that might result from this study.**

This study will provide us with a better understanding of perceptions of contraception and demographic groups in the United States, which can in turn encourage policies to better facilitate reproductive health care for these demographic groups.

b) The benefits you might get from being in this study.

Although there is no direct personal benefit, you may benefit from learning more about social science research.

Study Results:

If respondents indicate their interest, the complete paper (the research thesis) can be shared with them upon completion.

Alternative to taking part in this study:

The alternative to participation is to not participate in the survey.

Compensation for participation:

Your response will be approved within 48 hours. You will be compensated \$1 through Prolific for 6 minutes of participation.

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Circumstances under which the Principal Investigator may withdraw you from study



participation:

You may be withdrawn from survey participation if you do not meet the qualifications (i.e., at least 18 years old, fluent English-speaking, United States resident). Additionally, you may be withdrawn from participation if you have participated in the same or a similar study in the past.

What happens if you choose to withdraw from study participation?

There is no penalty to you if you choose to withdraw from this study at any time.

Contact Information.

If you should have any questions about this research study or possibly injury, please feel free to contact the researcher, **Chanteria Milner**, at **(901) 409-2377** or her Faculty Advisor, **Dr. Christy Erving**, at **(615) 875-2426**.

For additional information about giving consent or your rights as a participant in this study, to discuss problems, concerns, and questions, or to offer input, please feel free to contact the **Institutional Review Board Office** at **(615) 322-2918** or toll free at (866) 224-8273.

Confidentiality:

All efforts, within reason, will be made to keep your personal information in your research record confidential, but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. All data, including survey responses, will be anonymized with your Prolific identification number, and will be kept on the researcher's password-protected computer. Aside from your Prolific Identification number, no identifying information will be collected by the researcher.

STATEMENT BY PERSON AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY

I have read this information sheet. I freely and voluntarily choose to participate. My agreement is indicated because I am proceeding with the survey.

If you agree to participate in research, please select "Yes, I agree" below

- ☐ Yes, I agree
- ☐ No, I do not agree

Screeners & PID

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Please verify that your correct Prolific ID appears below.

Are you a United States citizen or permanent resident?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you at least 18 years old?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Study overview

Study Overview

In this study, you will be tasked with considering perceptions of people with certain demographic characteristics. To complete the study, you will read a description of one character and answer questions based on the perceptions of the described character.

Please pay attention to the character in the description and answer the questions **from the perspective of what most people in the United States would think**. We are **not** interested in your personal beliefs or opinions, but how **most people** would perceive the character.

Vignette

Instructions

On the next page, you will be shown a description of a character and then answer questions regarding the character in the description. Please answer the questions only about the character in the description.

We understand that the character description does not contain a lot of information. **This is intentional**. Please answer the questions about the character to the best of your ability.

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#{e://Field/vignette}

SCM

Instructions

Please answer the following questions only about the character in the description. You should answer the questions from the perspective of what **most people** in the United States believe. We understand that the character description does not contain a lot of information. **This is intentional.** Please answer the questions about the character to the best of your ability.

Character Description

#{e://Field/vignette}

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., how _____ is #{e://Field/vig_name}?

	Not at all (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Extremely (10)
<i>Competent</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Confident</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Capable</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Efficient</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Intelligent</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Skillful</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., how _____ is #{e://Field/vig_name}?

	Not at all (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Extremely (10)
<i>Friendly</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Well-intentioned</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Trustworthy</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Warm</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Good-natured</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Sincere</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Sexuality, quality of life, & UP

Instructions

Please answer the following questions only about the character in the description. You should answer the questions from the perspective of what **most people** in the United States believe. We understand that the character description does not contain a lot of information. **This is intentional.** Please answer the questions about the character to the best of your ability.

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., to what extent is unintended pregnancy a problem in the United States?

Not at all
problematic

(1)

☐

(2)

(3)

☐
☐

(4)

(5)

☐
☐

(6)

(7)

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☐

(8)

(9)

☐
☐

Extremely
problematic

(10)

☐

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As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., how sexually promiscuous is ?

Not at all
sexually
promiscuous
(1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
sexually
promiscuous
(10)

☐

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Character Description



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How would **most people** in the U.S. perceive **{e://Field/vig_name}**'s quality of life right now?

Not at all
high
quality (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
high
quality
(10)

☐

How would **most people** in the U.S. perceive **{e://Field/vig_name}**'s quality of life if she were to experience an unintended pregnancy right now?

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Not at all
high
quality (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
high
quality
(10)

☐

How would **most people** in the U.S. perceive the quality of life of **{e://Field/vig_name}'s** child if she were to experience an unintended pregnancy right now?

Not at all
high
quality (1)

☐

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(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
high
quality
(10)

☐

Neoliberalism

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{e://Field/vignette}



As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., how likely is it that **{e://Field/vig_name}** will experience an unintended pregnancy?

Not at all
likely (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
likely (10)

☐

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., if **{e://Field/vig_name}** were to experience an unintended pregnancy right now, what is the likelihood that she would have to use welfare services provided by the state?

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Not at all
likely (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

☐

(6)

☐

(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
likely (10)

☐

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., to what extent would the result of
{e://Field/vig_name}'s unintended pregnancy be the **state**'s responsibility?

Not at all the
state's
responsibility
(1)

☐

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(2) (3)

☐ ☐

(4) (5)

☐ ☐

(6) (7)

☐ ☐

(8) (9)

☐ ☐

Completely
the **state's**
responsibility
(10)

☐

As viewed by **most people** in the U.S., to what extent would the result of
`\${e://Field/vig_name}`'s unintended pregnancy be **`\${e://Field/vig_name}`**'s
responsibility?

Not at all
`\${e://Field/vig_name}`'s
responsibility (1)

☐

(2) (3) (4) (5)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

(6) (7) (8) (9)

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

Completely
`\${e://Field/vig_name}`'s
responsibility (10)

☐

BC Recommendation

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Character Description

{e://Field/vignette}

Below is a list of contraceptive options, all of which would **cost the same** for {e://Field/vig_name} to receive. Please review them carefully.

Contraceptive options

Intrauterine Device (IUD)	Birth Control Pill	Tubal Ligatio
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasts up to 12 years; can be removed at any time. • Reversible. • 99% effective. • Requires physician insertion and removal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasts as long as you take it; must be taken daily • Reversible. • 99% effective if taken perfectly; 91% effective on average. • Requires physician prescription. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permaner • Non-rever • 99% effec • Requires conduct tl

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- Reversible.
- 99% effective.
- Requires physician insertion and removal.

- Lasts as long as you take it; must be taken daily
- Reversible.
- 99% effective if taken perfectly; 91% effective on average.
- Requires physician prescription.

- Permanent
- Non-reversible
- 99% effective
- Requires physician insertion and removal

Which of the above contraceptive methods would **most people** in the U.S. recommend to **you**?

- ☐ Tubal ligation (Sterilization)
- ☐ Intrauterine device (IUD)
- ☐ Birth control pill

Please explain why you chose this contraceptive method. If you are unsure, please write "I am not sure."

Instructions

Please answer the following question from **your own** perspective.

How common do **you** think it is for people in the U.S. to use each of the following methods?

	Not at all common (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Extremely common (10)
Intrauterine Device (IUD, i.e., Paragard, Kyleena, etc.)	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Subdermal Implant (i.e., Nexplanon)	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Not at all common (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	Extremely common (10)
<i>Tubal ligation (Female sterilization)</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Birth control pill</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Male Condoms</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Withdrawal (i.e., "pull-out" method)</i>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Attention checks

This is an attention check. What was the name of the character in the description?

- ☐ Alexis
- ☐ Emily
- ☐ Sara
- ☐ I don't remember

This is an attention check. What was **\$(e://Field/vig_name)**'s age?

- ☐ 18
- ☐ 22
- ☐ 26
- ☐ I don't remember

What was **\$(e://Field/vig_name)**'s race/ethnicity?

- ☐ Black
- ☐ White
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ I don't remember

What/where was **\$(e://Field/vig_name)**'s occupation?

- ☐ a bank
- ☐ house cleaner

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☐ I don't remember

Has **\$(e://Field/vig_name)** or anyone in her family attended college?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't remember

Demographics

Instructions

Thank you for answering the previous questions.

On the next few pages, we will ask you a few demographic questions. Afterwards, you will have completed the survey and be redirected to Prolific.

What is your age?

What is your gender?

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Self-identify

Which of the following best describes your racial or ethnic background?

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White or Caucasian
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

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Would you describe yourself as Hispanic or Latino?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Which of the following best describes your political affiliation?

Very Liberal

☐

Liberal

☐

Moderate

☐

Conservative

☐

Very
Conservative

☐

What is the highest level of education you have **completed**?

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school diploma or GED
- ☐ Some college, no degree
- ☐ Technical, vocational, associative, or other 2-year degree
- ☐ Bachelors degree (4-year college degree)
- ☐ Graduate degree (Masters, Doctorate, M.D., J.D., etc.)

Which of the following best describes your religious affiliation?

- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Protestant

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☐ None

☐ Other (Please specify)

How would you rate the financial stability of your **childhood**?

Not at all
financially
stable (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

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(5)

☐

(6)

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(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
financially
stable
(10)

☐

How would you rate your financial stability now? **Institutional Review Board**

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Not at all
financially
stable (1)

☐

(2)

☐

(3)

☐

(4)

☐

(5)

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(6)

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(7)

☐

(8)

☐

(9)

☐

Extremely
financially
stable
(10)

☐

Have you ever had a voluntary sexual encounter with a person whose gender is **different** from yours (e.g., if you are a woman, have you ever had a sexual encounter with a man)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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In previous sexual encounters, which of the following have you or a partner used? Please select all that apply.

- ☐ Birth control pill
- ☐ Intrauterine Device (IUD, i.e., Paragard, Kyleena, etc.)
- ☐ Male condom
- ☐ Subdermal implant (i.e., Nexplanon)
- ☐ Tubal ligation (female sterilization)
- ☐ Withdrawal (i.e., "pull-out" method)
- ☐ None
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

Thanks and end of survey

Thank you for completing the survey. If you have any questions, please reach out to the principle investigator, Chanteria Milner, at chanteria.a.milner@vanderbilt.edu, or her supervisor Dr. Christy Erving at christy.erving@vanderbilt.edu.

Click the next button to be automatically directed back to Prolific. Once you have done so, your response will be processed for payment.

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