

University of California, Los Angeles

## **RESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET**

### *Understanding Public Opinion on Politically Salient Topics*

#### **INTRODUCTION**

PhD Students Clayton Becker, Ananya Hariharan, Grant Baldwin, Emily Ortiz, Connor Warshauer, and Josh Goetz, with support from Professor Salma Mousa, from the Political Science Department at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) are conducting a research study. This study is being funded by The UCLA Initiative to Study Hate. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are at least 18 years old and live in the United States. Your participation in this research study is voluntary. For scientific reasons, this consent form does not include complete information about the study hypotheses and the research questions being tested. You will be fully debriefed following your participation in the research.

#### **WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT A RESEARCH STUDY?**

- The following text explains the research study
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you

#### **WHY IS THIS RESEARCH BEING DONE?**

The purpose of this study is to gather public opinion data on various political issues to better understand public sentiment, attitudes, and behaviors. Your participation will contribute to a broader understanding of societal opinions on these topics.

#### **HOW LONG WILL THE RESEARCH LAST AND WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO?**

Participation will take a total of about 10 minutes.

If you volunteer to participate in this study, the researcher will ask you to do the following:

- You will be asked to complete the following survey containing questions about your opinions, attitudes, and behaviors regarding several politically salient topics. The following survey will be completed online and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.
- You will be presented with a number of questions in the following survey. Most questions ask about your own personal opinions, as well as some demographic information. You are asked to pay attention to all questions and answer the questions honestly.

## **ARE THERE ANY RISKS IF I PARTICIPATE?**

- This study contains some graphic descriptions and content which you may find upsetting or emotionally charged. By consenting to participate in that study, you consent to being exposed to this content.
- If you are uncomfortable with this content, you may skip questions or end your participation in the survey at any time.

## **ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS IF I PARTICIPATE?**

You will not directly benefit from your participation in the study.

The results of the research may contribute to a broader understanding of how people process news and form political opinions, which will advance scientific knowledge and may inform public policy.

## **HOW WILL INFORMATION ABOUT ME AND MY PARTICIPATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?**

The researchers will do their best to make sure that your private information is kept confidential. Information about you will be handled as confidentially as possible, but participating in research may involve a loss of privacy and the potential for a breach in confidentiality. Study data will be physically and electronically secured. As with any use of electronic means to store data, there is a risk of breach of data security.

### **Use of personal information that can identify you:**

No personally identifiable information will be kept. Researchers will only have access to de-identified data.

### **How information about you will be stored:**

Data will be stored on a password-protected computer.

### **People and agencies that will have access to your information:**

The research team, authorized UCLA personnel, and the study sponsor, may have access to study data and records to monitor the study. Research records provided to authorized, non-UCLA personnel will not contain identifiable information about you. Publications and/or presentations that result from this study will not identify you by name.

Employees of the University may have access to identifiable information as part of routine processing of your information, such as lab work or processing payment. However, University employees are bound by strict rules of confidentiality.

### **How long information from the study will be kept:**

Data will be kept indefinitely

## **USE OF DATA FOR FUTURE RESEARCH**

Your data, including de-identified data may be kept for use in future research.

## **WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS STUDY?**

### **The research team:**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to one of the researchers. Please contact: Josh Goetz at [joshgoetz@ucla.edu](mailto:joshgoetz@ucla.edu).

### **UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP):**

If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, or you have concerns or suggestions and you want to talk to someone other than the researchers, you may contact the UCLA OHRPP by phone: (310) 206-2040; by email: [participants@research.ucla.edu](mailto:participants@research.ucla.edu) or by mail: Box 951406, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1406.

## **WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IF I TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?**

- You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time.
- Whatever decision you make, there will be no penalty to you, and no loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.
- You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.