

Informed Consent Form

Attractiveness Ratings and Relationship with Media Portrayals of Attractiveness Austin College

1. INTRODUCTION

You are invited to be a participant in a research study about Attractiveness Ratings and Relationship with Media Portrayals of Attractiveness. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a current student looking for extra credit in a psychology class at Austin College. We ask that you read this document and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study. The study is being conducted by Melanie Daughtrey and Diana Hobbs.

2. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this study is to gather information of how current male college students perceive attractiveness in women, and relate it to how the media portrays women's attractiveness.

3. DURATION

The length of time you will be involved with this study is approximately 20 minutes.

4. PROCEDURES

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to do the following things:
View a slideshow of pictures of girls and rate them on a form including a 1-10 Likert scale which we will provide for you. After the slideshow is done, we will collect the sheets, and you will be done.

5. RISKS/BENEFITS

This study has the following risks: This study contains no real risks or hazards other than the possible discomfort of having to rate the attractiveness of friends or people that you may know.

The benefits of participation are: The primary benefit of participating is that you will receive extra credit in your psychology course.

6. CONFIDENTIALITY

The records of this study will be kept private. All data will be stored in the office file cabinets of Dr. Renee Countryman. Dr. Countryman and we (Melanie Daughtrey and Diana Hobbs) will be the only ones to have access to them. In any sort of report that is published or presentation that is given, we will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a participant.

7. VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE STUDY

Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Austin College or any of its representatives. If you decide to participate in this study, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time without affecting those relationships.

8. CONTACTS AND QUESTIONS

The researchers conducting this study are Melanie Daughtrey, Diana Hobbs, and Renee Countryman. You may ask any questions you have right now. If you have questions later, you may contact the researchers at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to speak with someone other than the researchers, you may contact Dr. Rose Rothmeier, Institutional Dean of Student Services & Psychologist, Austin College, (XXX) XXX-XXXX, email XXX@austincollege.edu.

9. STATEMENT OF CONSENT

You will be given a copy of this form to keep for your records.

The procedures of this study have been explained to me and my questions have been addressed. The information that I provide is confidential and will be used for research purposes only. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw anytime without penalty. If I have any concerns about my experience in this study (e.g., that I was treated unfairly or felt unnecessarily threatened), I may contact the Chair of the Institutional Review Board or the Chair of the sponsoring department of this research regarding my concerns.

Participant signature

_____ **Date** _____

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent

_____ **Date** _____