**Informed Consent Form**

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this task-based evaluation. The information below is provided to inform your decision about consenting to take part in this experiment.

**Lead Researcher**

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**Background of Research**

This research is being conducted as part of a structured PhD in the School of Computer Science and Statistics at Trinity College Dublin. The aim of the research is to understand which intervention techniques perform better compared to others. The findings from this experiment will be submitted to academic journals for publication and will contribute towards the overall PhD. The research aim of this study is to understand the effects of different interventions to misinformation.

**Procedures of this Study**

You do not require any pre-requisite for this experiment. This experiment will take roughly 10-15 minutes to complete. The tasks you will be asked to perform will include the following:

* Providing basic profile information
* Your political inclination
* Cognitive reflection Test (a standardised test measure for reflection)
* Personality Traits Questionnaire (Big-five Inventory)
* Thinking-style questionnaire
* Accuracy judgement of headlines
* Confidence in your assessment
* Sharing intent of headlines
* Questions on the interventions

On completion, you can choose to submit your responses. You don't have to take part in this study. It is entirely voluntary. You can change your mind about taking part in the study and opt out at any time even if the study has started. If you wish to opt out; just exit the tab or browser, and your responses won't be recorded.

**Payment**

You will be paid £1.50 for completing this study. The study will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you are still free to change your mind at any time and without giving a reason. However, you will not be paid if you exit before submitting. If you fail the attention questions, you will not be paid for your time. If you have not answered all the questions, you will not be paid for your time.

At the end of the survey, you will get a code that you would need to submit at prolific for the payment.

**Publication**

The findings from this research may be submitted to Journals and Conferences in subject areas such as Journalism, Information Science, Personalisation and Adaptive Hypermedia, Human Computer Interaction and Crowdsourcing. All published data will be made anonymised so as not to reveal any personal information.

**After the Study**

After the study, please feel free to contact the researcher via the email address provided below or on the Prolific Academic website should you have any questions or wish to have your submission discarded and destroyed.

**Declaration**

* I am 18 years or older and am competent to provide consent.
* I agree to participate in this experiment for the stated monitory reward advertised on the Prolific Academic Crowdsourcing marketplace
* I have read a document providing information about this research and this consent form. I understand to my satisfaction, the description of the research that has been provided to me.
* I agree that my data is used for scientific purposes and I have no objection that my data is published in scientific publications in a way that does not reveal my identity.
* I understand that if I make illicit activities known, these will be reported to appropriate authorities.
* I understand that I may stop participating at any time.
* I understand that none of the questions are mandatory except for the Prolific Academic ID question which is necessary to receive payment.
* I understand that should I complete the experiment that subsequently I may ask that my submission be removed from the study and any records destroyed.
* I understand that, subject to the constraints above, no recordings will be replayed in any public forum or made available to any audience other than the current researchers/research team.
* I freely and voluntarily agree to be part of this research study, though without prejudice to my legal and ethical rights.
* I understand that I may refuse to answer any question and that I may withdraw at any time however will not be paid by the researchers.
* I understand that my participation is fully anonymous and that only generic details about me are being recorded, none of which can be used to identify me at a later stage.
* I will not name third parties in any open text field of the questionnaire.
* I understand that if I, or anyone in my family has a history of epilepsy, then I am proceeding at my own risk.
* I understand that my completed submission will be reviewed to ascertain is a serious attempt has been made to answer the questions and fulfil the requirements of the experiment. Submissions which fail certain attention questions or provide incomplete or erroneous information will be discarded and payment will not be forwarded.
* I understand that the experiment is hosted by Trinity College Dublin and that the researcher will hold my anonymous submission in the same institution.
* I understand that I will not be paid if I exit the experiment without submitting my responses.
* All participants are eligible for the reward as advertised on the Prolific Academic crowdsourcing marketplace website. I understand I have the right to withdraw from the experiment at any stage but I will not be eligible to claim the reward.
* I understand that attention questions will be used in the experiment and failure to answer one or more of these correctly will result in my submission being rejected and payment not being delivered.
* I understand that this is a crowdsourced experiment and that there is no supervision or guidance and that I will not be able to ask questions and that if I have any doubts or hesitation about participation that I should not continue.

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**Research Group**

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**Statement of Investigator’s Responsibility**

I the lead researcher have provided the above information and the information contained on the Participant Information Sheet in good faith, and I commit to abide by it.

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