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| **Information Leaflet: To explore the effects of different interventions to misinformation** |

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| **Invitation - You are being invited to take part in a research study about the different interventions to misinformation.**  **Participation is voluntary.**  **Before you decide if you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what taking part involves.**  **Please take time to read the following information carefully. Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information via the prolific messaging feature which will ensure anonymity.** |

*What is the purpose of the study?*

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| **The purpose of this study is to understand the effects of different interventions to misinformation. Different interventions to misinformation have been proposed in the literature, however, no study accounts for which intervention works better for certain individuals. We wish to study the effects of the different interventions to misinformation and how different individuals perceive the interventions. The duration of the study will be 15 minutes. The information below is provided to inform your decision about consenting to take part in this experiment. No personal data will be asked in this study.**  **We are seeking participants who are:**  **• Over the age of 18**  **• Registered with Prolific**  **• Native English speakers**  **• Individuals who normally reside in the US** |

*Why have I been chosen to participate?*

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| **We are interested in understanding your experience with the different interventions to misinformation present on social media. You are being invited to participate in this study because you have responded to our study in Prolific. We are hoping to get 400 participants in our study.** |

Do I have to take part?

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| **You will be paid approximately £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.** |

*What will happen to me if I take the study?*

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| **The experiment will begin by asking participants to fill out some basic profile information. This will include questions on:**   * **Demographics: Age, Gender, Highest education attained and Social Media Use** * **Political ideology** * **Personality traits** * **Cognitive reflection test** * **Thinking Style test**   **This study involves the following stages:**   * **Each participant will be required to complete a questionnaire which comprises of 20 headlines.** * **The questionnaire will ask you to rate a headline as “Real News” or “Fake News”.** * **For each headline, you will be asked to indicate your confidence in your assessment on a Likert scale (1 – very unconfident to 5 – very confident)** * **For each headline, you will be asked to indicate how likely you are to share this headline with your family and friends on a Likert scale (1 – very unlikely to 5 – very likely)**   **For the intervention conditions, you will asked to**   * **Indicate your trust in the information by the intervention.** * **If the intervention helped you to make a more informed decision.** * **If the intervention was presented to you in a user-friendly manner.** |

*What are the benefits of taking part in this study?*

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| **This research is being undertaken to investigate new avenues of personalisation so that users are presented with warnings tailored to their characteristics and behaviours. The aim of this research is to find new methods to customise the experience of different users and user groups online by developing new methodologies to improve their online experience.** |

*Will my participation in this study be kept confidential?*

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| **We have taken all measures to minimise any risk to you. At the end of the study, you will be briefed about all the stimuli used in this study. All information will be treated confidentially.** |

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| **All data is anonymous and will be stored using the TCD IT services called MyZone Google Drive which complies with GDPR rules. The lead researcher (Dipto Barman) and the supervisor (Prof. Owen Conlan) will be the only people with access to the data until its publication in an open data repository for reproducibility by other researchers.** |

*What will happen to the results of this research?*

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| **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 anonymise so as not to reveal any personal information.** |

*What do I do if I have any further questions?*

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| **If you have any queries, feel free to contact Dipto Barman (barmand@tcd.ie) and I will be happy to answer questions about the experiment. Your participation is fully anonymous and if you wish to get your record deleted from the experiment, you can anonymously message at prolific with your id and we will delete it from our study.** |

# **Data Protection Information**

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| Data Controller | Trinity College Dublin |
| Data Protection Officer | Data Protection Officer  Secretary’s Office  Trinity College Dublin  Dublin 2  Ireland  Email: [dataprotection@tcd.ie](mailto:dataprotection@tcd.ie)  Website: [www.tcd.ie/privacy](http://www.tcd.ie/privacy) |

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| **What is the lawful basis to use my personal data? – DO I Need this?** |

Sample text:

*Information will only be used for this research study which aims to develop, improve [insert detail]. The legal basis for processing your personal data is Article 6(1)(e) of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The legal basis for processing your sensitive personal data (if relevant to the study) is Article 9(2)(j) GDPR.*

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| **What are my rights in relation to your use of my personal data? – Do I need this??** |

Sample text:

*You are entitled to request any of the rights below unless it would make it impossible or very difficult to carry out the research study:*

* *The right to access to your personal data;*
* *The right to receive a copy of your personal data;*
* *The right to ask us to restrict our use of your personal data;*
* *The right to ask us to correct inaccurate information about you; or*
* *The right to ask us to delete your personal data.*

*You are entitled to object to any further processing of the information we hold about you (except where it is de-identified).*

*You can exercise these rights or learn more about data protection in relation to this study by contacting the PI at [insert detail] or the Trinity College Data Protection Officer (contact details above).*

*Please note that these rights relate to data which could identify you (personal data). If your data has been anonymised, we will not be able to access or delete it as we will have no way of being able to link the data to you.*

*If you are unhappy with how we have used your personal data, you can raise a concern with the Data Protection Commission via their online form -* [*https://forms.dataprotection.ie/contact*](https://forms.dataprotection.ie/contact) *- or contact the Commission at:*

*Data Protection Commission*

*21 Fitzwilliam Square South*

*Dublin 2*

*D02 RD28*

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[*https://www.dataprotection.ie*](https://www.dataprotection.ie)