**Participant Information Sheet**

Thank you for your interest in taking part in this task-based evaluation. 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.  
We are seeking participants who are:

* Over the age of 18
* Registered with Prolific
* Native English speakers
* Individuals who normally reside in the US

**Details of the Experiment**

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 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 may be asked to indicate your confidence in your assessment on a Likert scale (1 – very unconfident to 5 – very confident)
* For each headline, you may 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 may be 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.

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. 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.  
  
The results of this experiment will form part of the research being undertaken for a PhD and will be published at an international conference or journal. This publication will ensure that participants’ identities will not be revealed.

**Payment**

You will be paid £1.50 for completing this study. The study will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You can decide to leave the experiment at any point in time. 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 link to go back to prolific for the payment.

**Benefits of this Research**

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.

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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, kindly use the messaging feature at prolific which will ensure anonymity.

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