## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AT SCRABOROUGH: INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

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**PROJECT**: Language and Decision Making

## **INFORMATION**

The purpose of this study is to examine participants' assessment of what they think another person knows or believes. This study involves reading about three different hypothetical scenarios and answering a brief series of questions evaluating each one. You will also be asked to answer some demographic questions about yourself. In total, this study should take approximately 15-minutes.

### RISKS

There are no known risks to you for participating. We hope that our results will add to scientific knowledge about how language works.

### **BENEFITS**

You will have the opportunity to observe the methods that researchers use to study psychological constructs and physiological states, thus enhancing your understanding of psychological research methods. By participating you will also contribute to the body of knowledge about the connection between people's various psychological reactions and physiological states.

## **COMPENSATION**

You will receive 0.50-course credit for your participation.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

No personally identifying information (e.g., name, IP address) will be collected as part of your participation in this study. As such, there will be no identifying information attached to your data. All data will be collected using an online survey platform, SocSciSurvey. For more information about their data policies, see: https://www.soscisurvey.de/en/privacy.

Because this study is part of a larger international research collaboration, the anonymized data will be shared with colleagues and used for research publications and presentation in conferences, including posting the anonymized data file in a public online repository (e.g., osf.io). Once the project is complete, all research data will be kept and potentially used for other research projects on this same topic. This anonymized data file will be kept indefinitely. However, please note that the responses of individual participants will not be identified in any reports of this research; only aggregated data (e.g., averages from the projected 150 participants) will be reported.

## WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

You have the right to withdraw from this study at any point and without penalty. In the event that you wish to withdraw from the study, you may do so by stopping the survey and closing the web browser. However, because we do not collect any personally identifying information within the survey, we will not be able to remove any data that you had entered up until that point. Regardless of your participation, you will receive full compensation for your time.

# **CONTACT**

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the principle researcher, Dr. Kaitlyn Werner, at the Department of Psychology, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, email <a href="kaitlyn.werner@utoronto.ca">kaitlyn.werner@utoronto.ca</a>, **phone: 416-208-4868.** This project has been reviewed and approved by the University Research Ethics Board. If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or your rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact the University of Toronto Research Ethics Board, email: <a href="mailto:ethics.review@utoronto.ca">ethics.review@utoronto.ca</a>, **phone: 416-946-3273.** 

## **PARTICIPATION**

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. You are also free to omit the answer to any question.

<u>FEEDBACK & PUBLICATION</u>
If you are interested in viewing the results of this study, please feel free to contact the principle researcher, Dr. Kaitlyn Werner (kaitlyn.werner@utoronto.ca).

## **CONSENT**

I have read and understand the above information and I agree to participate in this study.

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