**Online Consent for Parent and Child Participation**

This survey is part of a research study “Study of User Interaction with Common Social Media Posts” (STUDY2023\_00000209) conducted by Elijah Bouma-Sims and Dr. Lorrie Cranor at Carnegie Mellon University and is funded by Carnegie Mellon University Software and Societal Systems Department.

**Summary**

Many teenagers today use social media services such as YouTube. While these platforms offer opportunities for self-expression and social connection, they also present various safety risks. We are interested in learning how teens interact with social media posts they may encounter in daily life in order to improve their online experience.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the research is to investigate how teenagers (children between 13 and 17 years of age) interact with content they may encounter on YouTube.

**Procedures**

After completing this form, you will be asked to answer a few questions about your child (i.e., their gender, age, and race/ethnic identity) and your household income. These questions should take no longer than a minute to complete. Once you have completed this questionnaire, you will be provided with a unique link to a survey for your child to complete.

Your child will first be provided with details on the study and be asked to provide their assent to participate. If they agree to participate, they will then be directed to a survey that should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. First, your child will be asked questions about their use of technology, such as how many hours they spend using devices with screens and which social media platforms they use. They will then be asked to review several social media posts from YouTube and describe what action they would take in response to the post. After viewing the social media posts, they will be asked a few more questions to contextualize their responses before the survey concludes.

After completing the survey, your child will be directed to a separate form where they will be asked to provide an email address in order to receive compensation for participating in the study. This email will only be used for the purpose of providing compensation and will be discarded once the compensation has been delivered. The email address provided will not be associated with their survey responses.

**Participant Requirements**

Participants in this study must be children between the age of 13 and 17 years of age and their parents or legal guardians. All participants must be fluent in English and located in the United States. The child participants must use YouTube. The parents/legal guardian participants must be over the age of 18.

**Risks**

The primary risk of this study is a breach of confidentiality. An example of a breach of confidentiality would be someone who is not on our research team getting unauthorized access to the email addresses of participants in the study. This risk is similar to the risk you encounter anytime you provide identifiable and private information to websites or companies on the internet.

Our team takes confidentiality very seriously and will take precautions to prevent a breach of confidentiality, including storing data in secure, password-protected locations accessible only to the study team members.

**Benefits**

There may be no personal benefit from your or your child’s participation in the study. There is an indirect benefit to you and the scientific community, as the knowledge received may be of value to humanity.

**Compensation & Costs**

Your child will have the opportunity to receive a $5 Amazon gift card after completing the survey.

There will be no cost to you if you and your child participate in this study.

**Confidentiality**

Your and your child’s survey responses and demographic information (e.g. your child’s age, gender, race/ethnic identity, and household income) will be stored using a unique identifier that does not refer to you or your child’s name. In order to receive compensation, your child will be asked to provide their email address. Their email address will be stored separately from their survey responses and not associated with their responses. Their email address will be discarded once compensation has been provided.

We may share anonymized data collected in the survey with people outside of the research team. This may include sharing de-identified data and findings with other researchers, as well as publishing our findings in academic publications.

The study will collect your research data through Qualtrics. This company is not owned by CMU. The company will have access to the research data that you produce and any identifiable information that you share with them while using their product. Please note that Carnegie Mellon does not control the Terms and Conditions of the company or how they will use or protect any information that they collect.

**Payment Confidentiality**

Payment methods, especially those facilitated by third-party vendors (such as Prolific, Venmo, Amazon, PayPal), may require that the researchers and/or the vendor collect and use personal information (such as your first and last name, email addresses, phone numbers, banking information) provided by you in order for your payment to be processed. As with any payment transaction, there is the risk of a breach of confidentiality from the third-party vendor. All personal information collected by the researcher will be held as strictly confidential and stored in a password-protected digital file, or in a locked file cabinet until payments are processed and reconciled. This information will be destroyed at the earliest acceptable time. Personal information held by the third-party vendor will be held according to their terms of use policy.

**Future Use of Information**

In the future, once we have removed all identifiable information from your data, we may use the data for our future research studies, or we may distribute the data to other investigators for their research studies. We would do this without getting additional informed consent from you (or your legally authorized representative). Sharing of data with other researchers will only be done in such a manner that you will not be identified.

**Right to Ask Questions & Contact Information**

If you have any questions about this study, you should feel free to ask them by contacting the Principal Investigator Elijah Bouma-Sims, a Ph.D. student in the Software and Societal Systems Department at Carnegie Mellon University ([eboumasi@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:eboumasi@andrew.cmu.edu)). You also may contact the faculty advisor for the project, Dr. Lorrie Cranor, a professor of Computer Science and of Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University ([lorrie@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:lorrie@andrew.cmu.edu)) If you have questions later, desire additional information, or wish to withdraw your participation please contact the Principal Investigator by e-mail in accordance with the contact information listed above.

If you have questions pertaining to you or your child’s rights as a research participant, or to report concerns about this study, you should contact the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at Carnegie Mellon University. Email: [irb-review@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:irb-review@andrew.cmu.edu) . Phone: 412-268-4721.

**Voluntary Participation**

Your and your child’s participation in this research is voluntary. You or your child may discontinue participation at any time during the research activity. You may print a copy of this consent form for your records.

1. I am age 18 or older. ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. I am located in the United States ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. I have read and understand the information above. ☐ Yes ☐ No
4. I am the parent of a child who intends to participate in this study ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. To the best of my knowledge, my child is eligible to participate in this study.☐ Yes ☐ No
6. I agree that my child may participate in this research study. ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. I want to participate in this research and continue with the survey. ☐ Yes ☐ No

[If the answer to any of the above questions is no, the participant will not be permitted to proceed to the survey]