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Informed Consent/ Assent Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit IRB-FY2023-7492

You are invited to take part in a research study named Problem Solving Study. The study is designed to learn more how people solve problems that require thinking multiple steps ahead. More specifically the study is designed to understand how multi-step decision-making might be altered or impaired under various mental disorders like anxiety, depression, and OCD. The research is being conducted by Fred Callaway who is a post-doctoral fellow at NYU. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Mattar in the NYU Department of Psychology.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be presented with puzzles on a computer screen that involve making a series of clicks to maximize the number of points you earn. While you perform the task, your eye gaze will be recorded with an eye-tracking camera. You may also be asked to fill out surveys, which may include questions related to your mental health, including questions related to anxiety, depression, etc. The results of these scales will not be returned to you. Your participation will take 30-60 minutes, and you will receive 1 credit. If you withdraw before the end of the study, you will receive credit for the time you have completed. If you choose not to participate, you can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this study.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although you will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make you more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology. This research may help the investigator understand how the cognitive mechanisms underlying problem solving may be disrupted in various mental disorders.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing from the study will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way. You have the right to skip or not answer any questions you prefer not to answer. When you complete the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your research records will be maintained by not collecting any identifying information. Information not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without your additional consent.

The researcher cannot keep information confidential if they have concerns that someone is hurting children, that someone is hurting you, or that you might hurt yourself or someone else. In such cases, they will inform people in authority about their concerns.

If there is anything about the study or your participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Marcelo Mattar at mm13100@nyu.edu; (267) 340-7645; 6 Washington Place, Room 863A New York, NY 10003.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

You have received a copy of this document to keep.
Agreement to Participate

Participant's Signature

Date

Participant's Name (please print): _____