



**Statement of Informed Consent for the research project entitled:
“Quick Responses to Faces and Objects” (IRB #2004128)**

Introduction to the Study:

- Dr. Laura Scherer of the University of Missouri is conducting this study, with the assistance of graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

Purpose:

- This study is designed to examine reaction time and quick decision-making in response to faces and objects.

What Will Happen During the Study:

- Before beginning the experiment, you'll fill out a short demographic survey.
- In this experiment you will see a series of pictures of various kinds, appearing one at a time. These pictures will be of people's faces, abstract art, handguns, and other objects.
- Your task will be to make simple judgments about the pictures, indicating what category an object belongs to by pressing a key on a keyboard.
- Upon completion, you will receive 1 credit towards your research requirement (i.e., the experiment is expected to last no longer than 30 minutes). Please note that this is not the only way to earn research credit – you may write a brief paper instead.
- There will be approximately 100 participants in this study. All will be female and male undergraduate students at the University of Missouri.

Risks and Benefits of Participation:

- It is possible that you might experience some boredom or frustration as you attempt to do the task.
- You will benefit from participation in this study by gaining a better understanding of how psychologists conduct research.
- A debriefing opportunity will be offered at the conclusion of the study in which you will be informed of all aspects of the study, and thereby gain additional understanding about the research process.

Your Privacy is Important:

- We will make every effort to protect your privacy.
- We do not keep identifying information (your name, email address, etc.). That information will remain only on the Psychology SONA system. An arbitrary code number has been assigned to you for the data you will provide today. This code number will never be linked to any information that could be used to personally identify you.
- The results of this experiment will not be linked to any specific individual; we are only interested in group averages.
- No identifying information will ever be made public.
- The data will be kept confidential.

Your Rights:

- You decide on your own whether or not you want to be in this study.
- You will not be treated any differently if you decide not to be in this study.
- If you decide to be in the study, you will receive 1 research credit, and you will have the right to leave at any time. If you withdraw from participation once the study has begun, you will still receive the amount of experimental credit for PSYC 1000 commensurate with the time you spend here (at least 1 half-hour's worth of credit).
- If at any time you have any questions or concerns about being in this study, you should contact nnah Volpert (Room 207 McAlester, hannah.volpert@gmail.com) or Dr. Laura Scherer (schererl@missouri.edu).

Institutional Review Board Approval:

- If you have any concerns about your rights in this study you may contact the IRB office, 486 McReynolds Hall, (573) 882-9585.

Summary:

- You understand that this is a research study examining reaction times to various pictures.
- If you agree to be in this study, the following things will happen:
 - You will view a series of trials in which pictures will be presented on the computer screen. Your task will be to press response keys to make judgments about the pictures.
 - You will receive 1 research credit for your Introductory Psychology class.

I have had the chance to ask questions about this study if I have any, and they have been answered for me. I understand that I may ask questions at any time during or following the study.

I have read the information in this consent form, and I agree to be in the study. There are two copies of this form. I can keep one copy if I like; the other will be kept by the investigator.

(Signature of participant)

(Date)

(Printed name of participant)