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Date:	October 7, 2020
To:	Hannah Volpert-Esmond
From:	University of Texas at El Paso IRB
Study Title:	[1665175-1] Election Study
IRB Reference #:	College of Liberal Arts - Psychology
Submission Type:	New Project
Action:	APPROVED
Review Type:	Expedited Review
Approval Date:	October 7, 2020
Expiration Date:	October 6, 2022

Please be advised, the University of Texas at El Paso, in alignment with state and federal guidelines, has placed temporary restrictions on in-person human subject research. This includes initiating recruitment, enrollment, and all in-person research activities. Please monitor university correspondence as these guidelines are subject to change as the situation evolves.

The University of Texas at El Paso IRB has approved your submission. This approval is based on the appropriate risk/benefit ratio and a study design wherein the risks have been minimized. All research must be conducted in accordance with this approved submission.

This study has received Expedited Review based on the applicable federal regulation.

Based on the risks, this project requires Biennial Verification by this office on a biennial basis. Please use the appropriate renewal forms for this procedure. The renewal request application must be submitted, reviewed and approved, before the expiration date.

This approval does not replace any departmental or other approvals that may be required. Other institutional clearances and approvals may be required. Accordingly, the project should not begin until all required approvals have been obtained.

Reminder: No face-to-face human subject's research is allowed until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and/or a work-safety plan approved by your Chair, Dean, and VPR is obtained. Research at external institutions/site(s) may require a recently dated letter of support/collaboration.

Please note that you must conduct your study exactly as it was approved by the IRB. Any revision to previously approved materials must be approved by this office prior to initiation, except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the subject.

All serious and unexpected adverse events must be reported to this office. Please use the appropriate adverse event forms for this procedure. All FDA and sponsor reporting requirements should also be followed.

Please report all Non-Compliance issues or Complaints regarding this study to this office.

Remember that informed consent is a process beginning with a description of the study and insurance of participant understanding followed by a signed consent form. Informed consent must continue throughout the study via a dialogue between the researcher and research participant. Federal regulations require each participant receive a copy of the signed consent document.

Upon completion of the research study, a Closure Report must be submitted the IRB office.

You should retain a copy of this letter and any associated approved study documents for your records.

All research records must be retained for a minimum of three years after termination of the project. The IRB may review or audit your project at random or for cause. In accordance with federal regulation (45CFR46.113), the board may suspend or terminate your project if your project has not been conducted as approved or if other difficulties are detected.

If you have any questions, please contact the IRB Office at irb.orsp@utep.edu or Bernice Caad at (915) 747-6590 or by email at bcaad@utep.edu. Please include your study title and reference number in all correspondence with this office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorraine Torres, Ed.D, MT(ASCP)
IRB Chair