

Consent to Participate in Research

You are invited to participate in a Research study that has been approved by the Rensselaer Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB reviews and approves all human subject research in accordance with applicable state law and federal law governing Human Subject Research.

RESEARCH STUDY TITLE: VIRTUAL ASSISTANTS AND DECISION MAKING

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: DR. IAN CHADD

DESCRIPTION

We seek to understand how decision making is shaped by interaction with virtual assistants. Your participation in this experience will help us better understand how features of the virtual assistant affect human interaction. We expect that participation should take approximately 20 minutes.

METHODS

You will make a series of decisions in two different stages, some individual decisions and some involving other people. No personally identifying information is ever associated with your responses. Any personally identifying data collected will be for payment receipt only.

BENEFITS

- Participants will receive no direct benefits for their participation but will receive a small monetary reward upon completion of the study
- Benefits to society will be through a better understanding of individual and group decision making as it is affected by virtual assistants.

POSSIBLE RISKS AND DISCOMFORT

- The risks associated with this study are minimal, as your answers are of your own choosing.

PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION

- You will receive a minimum of \$2.50 for your participation in this experiment today and may earn more depending on your decisions in the experiment and on the decisions of others.
- You will be paid in private on Prolific. This payment will occur once all decisions for the experiment have been made.

PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS

You always have the option of not participating in today's study, and you may leave at any time without penalty. However, only the participants who complete the entire study will be compensated.

DATA CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

The information collected in this study will be kept private. No identifiers linking you to this study will be included in any sort of report that might be published. Research records will be stored securely and only IRB-approved researchers will have access to the records. Information about you will be kept confidential to the extent permitted or required by law. People who have access to your information include the Principal Investigator and research study personnel.



Representatives of regulatory agencies, such as the Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP), and entities such as the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Human Subjects Protection Program may access your records to make sure the study is being run correctly and that information is collected properly.

SHARING OF RESEARCH RESULTS

- The results of this study may be presented at scientific or professional meetings, published in scientific journals, or otherwise shared with the general public. *However, no statements will be directly attributed to you, and your name or other identifying information will not be publicly shared or included in published materials.*

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information or questions about this research, please contact:

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ONLINE CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

By clicking below, you confirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I consent to participation in the research study described above. If you choose not to participate please leave this webpage now

