

CONSENT FORM

Identifying Split Consensus from Subjective Evaluations

INTRODUCTION

The purposes of this form are to provide you, as a prospective research study participant, information that may affect your decision as to whether or not to participate in this research and to record the consent of those who agree to be involved in the study.

RESEARCHERS

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STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the research is to determine if a heterogeneous set of subjective evaluations about every day topics can be utilized to identify groups with multiple underlying collective truths (i.e., a split consensus), independent of external information regarding the participants.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY

If you choose to participate in this study, you will join a study funded by Arizona State University. Only minimal information about you is requested as part of a demographic questionnaire; your name or any other identifying information is not requested. The experiment will be linked via Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk). Only your MTurk worker ID will be stored temporarily to compensate you for your time; this data will be deleted as soon as it is reasonably possible. During this study, you will be using a computer interface to look at multiple images/options. First, there will be six questions and each one will ask you to arrange a set of options based on your personal preferences. Second, there will be two questions asking you to estimate the percentage of US population that satisfies a specific criterion. Third, there will be six more questions about your personal preferences where you will be asked to drag and drop the given options into designated areas to order them. We anticipate that this study will take approximately 10-20 minutes. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any point.

INCLUSION CRITERIA

In order to participate in this study, you must satisfy the following:

- Be 18 or over.
- Have the ability to communicate in English.
- Have access to a computer and be able to operate a mouse and keyboard.

RISKS

There are no known risks from taking part in this study, but as in any research, there is some possibility that you may be subject to risks that have not yet been identified. There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts to your participation.

BENEFITS

You may personally benefit by increasing your experience with completing questionnaires that required different input modalities.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All identifiable information obtained in this study is strictly confidential. No identifying information will be stored in the long term; only information collected from the tasks will be stored (demographic information will be deleted after one year). Results of the study may be released, if requested by other members of the research community. The results of this research study may be used in reports, presentations, and publications, but the researchers will not identify you.

WITHDRAWAL PRIVILEGE

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to say no at any time, even after starting the activity. You can withdraw at any point in time. Withdrawal or non-participation will not affect you in any way.

COSTS AND PAYMENTS

You will be compensated at \$2.50 for your participation and completing the study.

VOLUNTARY CONSENT

Any questions you have concerning the research study or your participation in the study, before or after your consent, can be answered by Adolfo R. Escobedo at adres@asu.edu.

If you have questions about your rights as a subject/participant in this research, or if you feel you have been placed at risk; you can contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Institutional Review Board, through the ASU Office of Research Integrity and Assurance, at 480-965-6788.

Participation in the study tasks will be considered your consent.