



## **New College of Florida Informed Consent**

**For persons 18 years of age or older who take part in a research study**

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The following information is being presented to help you decide whether or not you want to take part in research study. Please read this carefully. If you do not understand anything, ask the person in charge of the study.

**Title of research study:** Public Opinion on ~~Current Issues~~ Abortion

**Person in charge of study:** Jennifer Lin

The purpose of this research study is to understand your opinion on present issues surrounding the debate on abortion.

**CONTENT WARNING:** Mention of Abortion and Religion

### **Description**

You are invited to participate in a **research study** on your stance surrounding the subject of abortion. In this research, you will be asked to indicate your preferences on the issue and explain your rationale. You will be asked to complete an anonymous survey that contains several activities that surrounds your opinions on abortion. Your participation will take approximately 15 minutes.

### **Benefits of Being a Part of this Research Study**

By taking part in this research, you will increase your understanding on both sides of the abortion debate as well also gain time to be introspective on your opinions. You will be able to craft a rationale on your stance that you can use in the future in political debates with friends in your social circle.

### **Risks of Being a Part of this Research Study**

There are minimal risks in participating in this study, but you may feel uncomfortable in directly stating your opinion on abortion.

### **Payment for Participation**

For your participation, you will be paid \$1 for the completion of this research survey.

### **Confidentiality of Your Records**

Your privacy is important. However, the results of this study may be published. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study. Only authorized research personnel, employees of the Department of Health and Human Services and the NCF Institutional Review Board may inspect the data from this research project.

The data obtained from you will be combined with data from others in the publication. The published results will not include your name or any other information that would personally identify you in any way.

All data gathered from this research will be kept secure and confidential.

### **Volunteering to Be Part of this Research Study**

If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your participation is voluntary and you have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. However, to receive the payment for the research, you must submit the survey but you may leave parts of the questionnaire blank if you are uncomfortable in answering the questions.

### **Questions and Contacts**

- If you have any questions about this research study, contact Jennifer Lin via email at [Jennifer.lin16@ncf.edu](mailto:Jennifer.lin16@ncf.edu).
- If you have questions about your rights as a person who is taking part in a research study, you may contact the Human Protections Administrator of New College of Florida at (941) 487-4649 or by email at [irb@ncf.edu](mailto:irb@ncf.edu).

By clicking yes, I agree that:

- I have fully read or have had read and explained to me this informed consent form describing this research project.
- I have had the opportunity to question one of the persons in charge of this research and have received satisfactory answers.
- I understand that I am being asked to participate in research. I understand the risks and benefits, and I freely give my consent to participate in the research project outlined in this form, under the conditions indicated in it.
- I have been advised to print a copy of this informed consent form, which is mine to keep.

### **Principal Investigator Statement**

I have carefully explained to the subject the nature of the above research study. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the subject signing this consent form understands the nature, demands, risks, and benefits involved in participating in this study.

## Part 1: Scrambled Sentence Task

### Neutral Prime

Scrambled Sentences	Unscrambled Sentences
appreciated presence was imagine her	Her presence was appreciated
fall was worried she always	She was always worried
shoes give replace old the	Replace the old shoes
retrace good have holiday a	Have a good holiday
more paper it once do	Do it once more
send I over it mailed	I mailed it over
rode hammer he the train	He rode the train
yesterday it finished track he	He finished it yesterday
sky the seamless blue is	The sky is blue
prepared somewhat I was retired	I was somewhat prepared

### Religious Prime

Scrambled Sentences	Unscrambled Sentences
appreciated presence was imagine her	Her presence was appreciated
his worships bent idol he	He worships his idol
more paper it once do	Do it once more
sacred was book refer the	The book was sacred
send I over it mailed	I mailed it over
the poor greed pray for	Pray for the poor
yesterday it finished track he	He finished it yesterday
her have in hair faith	Have faith in her
prepared somewhat I was retired	I was somewhat prepared
a eleven was miracle it	It was a miracle

## Part 2

(Participants will only see ONE side on ONE issue. The issue will be the same but the side will vary)

To prepare for the upcoming legislative session, your representatives want to know how you feel on each of these issues, so they can better represent you in the coming year. Please read each of the Prompts and answer the questions that follow

### ABORTION

*Conservative:*

The US needs to reduce the number of women having abortions! The Government should stop supporting abortion providers like Planned Parenthood and should make abortion illegal

Here are the reasons why:

1. Fetuses in the womb are unborn children – they feel pain and have the right to live
2. Women who have abortions often suffer physical consequences and mental anguish
3. It is unethical to use tax dollars to support abortion providers because so many Americans believe abortion is immoral

Questions:

1. Before moving on, we'd like to ask you if you remember the main point of the argument you read in the preceding page. What is the main point of the argument you just read?
  - a. Abortion should be legal
  - b. Abortion should be illegal
2. Regardless of your opinions on the issue, how would you rate the quality of the argument (1 – strongly disagree, 7 – strongly agree)
3. On a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being strongly disagree and 7 being strongly agree, please tell us how much you agree with this statement.
4. Please tell us why you answered number 3 the way you did in as much detail as possible.

*Liberal:*

The US needs to ensure women have access to safe abortions! The Government should increase funding for abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood and should end abortion restrictions.

Here are the reasons why:

1. The government should not control women's bodies – forcing women to bear children against their will makes them second-class citizens

2. Making abortions illegal will result in women seeking out unsafe abortions, which are dangerous and sometimes result in death
3. It is unfair that many women who need abortions cannot afford them. The government should find a way to reduce the cost of abortions for low-income women.

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### Part 3

	Strongly Disagree			Neutral			Strongly Agree
I believe that God exists	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Prayer to God is one of my usual practices	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Religion gives me a great amount of security in life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I consider myself a religious person	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
My religion influences the way I choose to act in my routine life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I feel there are more important things in life than religion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
I am interested in religion	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Religious considerations influence my everyday affairs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

## Part 4

For all participants – Demographic information

1. Please indicate your party affiliation
  - a. Republican
  - b. Democrat
  - c. Independent
  - d. Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please indicate your religious affiliation
3. How often in the past month have you participated in a religious service?
  - a. Not at all
  - b. Sometimes
  - c. Once a month
  - d. Once a week
  - e. Almost every day
4. Please indicate your gender identity
  - a. Female
  - b. Male
  - c. Other
  - d. Decline to Indicate
5. What is your age?
6. What is your highest education level?
  - a. Less than High School
  - b. High School
  - c. Some College
  - d. Bachelor's degree
  - e. Master's degree
  - f. Professional or Doctoral Degree
7. What is your income level?
  - a. Less than \$29,999
  - b. \$30,000 - \$39,999
  - c. \$40,000 - \$49,999
  - d. \$50,000 - \$59,999
  - e. \$60,000 - \$69,999
  - f. \$70,000 - \$79,999
  - g. \$80,000 - \$89,999
  - h. \$90,000 - \$99,999
  - i. \$100,000 - \$149,999
  - j. \$150,000 or more
8. What is your racial identity?
  - a. American Indian or Alaskan Native

- b. Asian or Pacific Islander
  - c. Black or African American
  - d. White
- 9. What is your ethnic identity
  - a. Hispanic/Latino
  - b. Not Hispanic/Latino

## **Part 5**

1. What is your best guess on the purpose of this study?

Thank you for your participation in this research.

Please feel free to contact me via email at [Jennifer.lin16@ncf.edu](mailto:Jennifer.lin16@ncf.edu) with any questions you may have regarding this research. You may also contact me to request a copy of the results.

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DEBRIEF**

## **DEBRIEF**

The purpose of this study is to test the effects of religious primes in support of conservative-leaning political policies. In this study, half of the participants were primed with religious words such as “miracle” and “faith” in the sentence restructuring activity in their first part. You were assigned to read the script for the conservative or liberal stance on arguments regarding abortion. Your rating to the level in which you agreed with this statement and your subsequent responses will be aggregated with those of other participants and used in the analysis to see if exposure to religious primes influenced the likelihood to be more supportive of one side of the policy over the other.