Informed Consent Agreement to Participate In  
Usability Study of newly designed social media

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Description of Study: You, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have been asked to participate in a usability test of new software created as part of the above persons’ (henceforth, “the researchers”) senior capstone project for honors program at Gonzaga University. Your participation in this usability test will help the researchers to better understand the software’s strength and weaknesses pertaining to how it makes you feel when interacting with it. You have been asked to spend about **20-30** minutes participating in this test. This will involve your doing some or all of the following things:

1. Reading aloud and studying brief task descriptions;
2. Interacting with a mobile phone;
3. interacting with the researcher;
4. thinking aloud (explaining what you’re doing and thinking), and
5. filling out questionnaires.

The researchers will not record the session on videotape. When the researchers describe their work for this project, there will be no information that can be associated or identifiable to you

Risks and Benefits Expected: The study will not incur any risks beyond the minimal risks associated with interacting with a computer. Only information of whether it improves your mood is noted. The study is not expected to help you directly. The results may help the researchers to improve the design of their software.

Confidentiality: Any information about you that is obtained from this study, including what you say, will be confidential. Questionnaires and any forms that have any traces of your data will be kept in a encrypted password protected word document in a private google drive folder owned by the researcher zagmail account. No one has access to the drive except the researcher. After the project, the researcher will delete the private google drive folder. Any email exchanges will also be deleted.

Right to Refuse or End Participation: **You may refuse to participate in this study or stop participating at any time.**

Certification: By signing below, you certify that you have read and that you understand the foregoing, that you have been given satisfactory answers to your inquiries concerning projects procedures and other matters, and that you have been advised that you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation in the usability test at any time.

You herewith give your consent to participate in this test with the understanding that such consent does not waive any of your legal rights, nor does it release the researchers or any agent thereof from liability for negligence. You understand that you shall remain anonymous in all written and verbal reports of this test. You will be given a copy of this form to keep.

Signature of participant Date

Signature of researcher Date

(If you cannot obtain satisfactory answers to your questions or have comments or complaints about your treatment in this test, contact Instructor Linda Tredennick, Gonzaga University, tredennick@gonzaga.edu.)