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Public Opinion Study

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Central University Research Ethics Committee (CUREC) Approval Reference: **[SSH_OII_CIA_19_072]**

1. ***Why is this research being conducted?***

   This study seeks to understand people's opinion on several social and political issues.

2. ***Why have I been invited to take part?***

   You have been invited because you are a UK citizen residing the UK and are above 18 years old.

3. ***Do I have to take part?***

   No. You can ask questions about the research before deciding whether or not to take part. If you do agree to take part, you may withdraw yourself from the study at any time, up to one month after your participation, without giving a reason, by advising the researchers of this decision.

4. ***What will happen to me if I take part in the research?***

   If you are happy to take part in the research you will be asked to give your opinion on a series of social and political issues on two sessions (two consecutive days) each taking approximately 10 minutes. You will receive your payment (£5 Amazon Vouchers) upon completion of the second session.

5. ***Are there any potential risks in taking part?***

   The only risk connected to the study is the breach of confidentiality of your data. To tackle this risk, we will be storing your data securely on university servers in password protected and encrypted documents.

6. ***Are there any benefits in taking part?***

   The benefits of taking part are that you receive an Amazon Voucher of £5 and also that you will help social scientists understand societal issues.

7. **What happens to the data provided?**

The information you provide during the study is the **research data**. Any research data from which you can be identified (e.g. your e-mail.) is known as **personal data**.

Personal data will be stored confidentially on secure university servers in password protected and encrypted documents for up to one month after completion of the data collection. The **research data** will be stored pseudonymized and confidentially, using secure password-protected PCs and data clouds for at least three year after the publication or public release of the study's results.

Your responses will be pseudonymized and the only personal data that we ask you to provide, is your e-mail address. This is because we would like to contact you again for the second session of the study. However, if you do not wish to participate in the second survey or to provide your e-mail address, you are free to not provide it.

The research team will have access to the research data. Responsible members of the University of Oxford may be given access to data for monitoring and/or audit of the research.

We would like your permission to use anonymised data in future studies, and to share data with other researchers (e.g. in online databases). All personal information that could identify you will be removed or changed before information is shared with other researchers or results are made public.

8. **Will the research be published?**

The research may be published in academic publications and presented in conferences.

9. **Who is funding the research?**

The study is funded by the Alan Turing Institute and carried out by researchers at the University of Oxford and King's College London, led by Prof. Helen Margetts.

10. **Who has reviewed this study?**

This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the Oxford Internet Institute Departmental Research Ethics Committee (Reference number: **SSH_OII_CIA_19_072**).

11. **Who do I contact if I have a concern about the study or I wish to complain?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact [Dr Myrto Pantazi, 01865 287210, oxlab.oii.ox.ac.uk], and we will do our best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of the Oxford Internet Institute Departmental Research Ethics Committee who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible: Email: drec@oii.ox.ac.uk

12. **Data Protection**

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data, and as such will determine how your personal data is used in the study.
The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that is performed in the public interest.
Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from https://compliance.web.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights.

13. *Further Information and Contact Details*

If you would like to discuss the research with someone beforehand (or if you have questions afterwards), please contact:

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