**Consent to Participate in a Research Study**

**Project Title:** Social Memory and Recollection on Current and Past Issues

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**IRB Assigned Project Number:** *IRB #2095965 MU*

**Key Information About the Study**

This is a research study. We are trying to find out how well people can remember news and issues in the past, and what things can help or hurt memory ability. For this study, we are asking you to try to remember American history from 2018. We think that you will benefit from testing your own memory, and will learn some useful facts on American history in 2018. Some possible risks may include discomfort if you feel strongly about or disagree with American history in 2018.

Please read this form carefully and take your time. Let us know if you have any questions before participating. The research team can explain words or information that you do not understand. Research is voluntary and you can choose not to participate. If you do not want to participate or choose to start then stop later, there will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Purpose of the Research**

We want your help so we can understand how well people can remember recent American history. The purpose of the study is to see what, if any, differences in people lead to better or worse memory ability.

**What will happen during the study?**

This will be an online survey. Specifically, we will ask you to predict what percent of the American public, in 2018, agreed or disagreed with various social and scientific issues. We will also measure personal information, including moral beliefs, skill at math, and demographic information.

You can choose to not answer some of our demographic questions, about political leaning, gender, race, and year in school. You can withdraw from the study without penalty at any time. You will still receive any compensation you are entitled to for participation.

Your participation is expected to last less than 30 minutes.

**What are the expected benefits of the study?**

We believe that there is a great benefit to helping people have a better memory of American history from 2018. Also, if we can understand what differences in people cause better or worse memory ability, that would be very useful. Ideally, we could discover a new method to help people have better memory for important history.

**What are the possible risks of participating in this study?**

There are minimal risks expected when taking part in this study. The most likely risk will be discomfort if our participant strongly disagrees with the information on American public opinion that we have presented. Additionally there is a small risk from participants disclosing their personal opinions on a small number of social/political issues. Participants could experience embarrassment or distress if a breach of confidentiality occurred, and their responses were revealed to family, friends, or colleagues.

To help lower these possible risks, we will ensure that the information on American history in 2018, accurately reflects the truth. Additionally, our survey will be anonymous with no identifying information.

We will tell you about any new information we learn that may affect your decision to continue to participate in this study.

What other choices do I have if I don’t want to be in this study?

You are not required to be in this study. You can simply choose not to participate. You can look for other research projects you may be interested in instead of this study. You can obtain any number of required Psychology 1000 research credits by instead writing an essay and submitting it to your primary instructor, for each research credit you would like to replace.

Will I receive compensation for taking part in this study?

You will be compensated for taking part in this study. For your time and effort, you will receive.

One researchcredit for Psychology 1000 students for participating in the study. If you choose not to participate in this study, you can still receive the credits by writing an essay on a pre-determined selection of topics (please see your instructor for details).

Will information about me be kept private?

The research team is committed to respecting your privacy and keeping your personal information anonymous. We will make every effort to protect your information to the extent allowed by law. When the results of this research are shared, since there is no identifying information it will not be known who provided the information. Your information will be kept as secure as possible to prevent your identity from being disclosed.

What we collected from you as part of this research will not be used or shared for future research studies. It will only be used for purposes of this study.

Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns?

If you have questions about this study or experience a research-related injury, you can contact the Primary Investigator at [sxdff5@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:sxdff5@mail.missouri.edu), or at 573-882-6860.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the University of Missouri Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 573-882-3181 or [muresearchirb@missouri.edu](mailto:muresearchirb@missouri.edu). The IRB is a group of people who review research studies to make sure the rights and welfare of participants are protected.

If you want to talk privately about any concerns or issues related to your participation, you may contact the Research Participant Advocacy at 888-280-5002 (a free call) or email [muresearchrpa@missouri.edu](mailto:muresearchrpa@missouri.edu).

**Do I get a copy of this consent?**

You can ask the researcher to provide you with a copy of this consent for your records, or you can save a copy of this consent if it has already been provided to you.

We appreciate your consideration to participate in this study.