

Informed Consent to Participate in Research

Information to Consider Before Taking Part in this Research Study

Title: Understanding Motivation to Volunteer and its Benefits

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Overview: You are being asked to take part in a research study. The information in this document should help you to decide if you would like to participate. The sections in this Overview provide the basic information about the study. More detailed information is provided in the remainder of the document.

Study Staff: This study is being led by Lendi Joy who is a graduate student at USF. This person is called the Principal Investigator. She is being guided in this research by Dr. Vicky Phares. Other approved research staff may act on behalf of the Principal Investigator.

Study Details: The purpose of the study is to understand people's beliefs about volunteering and what motivates some people to volunteer. The study will involve a 45 to 60-minute online questionnaire.

Participants: You are being asked to take part because we are interested in your thoughts about volunteering.

Voluntary Participation: Your participation is voluntary. You do not have to participate and may stop your participation at any time. You have the alternative to choose not to participate in this research study. Your decision to participate or not to participate will not affect your job status, employment record, employee evaluations, or advancement opportunities. Your decision to participate or not to participate will not affect your student status, course grade, recommendations, or access to future courses or training opportunities.

Benefits, Compensation, and Risk: We do not know if you will receive any benefit from your participation. There is no cost to participate. Upon successful completion of the survey, you will be compensated one (1) SONA credit for your participation. Credit will only be granted for successful completion of the survey as measured by accurate responses to questions designed to screen for random clicking and adequate attention to the survey questions. Voluntary withdrawal from this study will result in a forfeit of study credit. This research is considered minimal risk. Minimal risk means that study risks are the same as the risks you face in daily life. When filling out the survey, you may come across a question that you find unpleasant, distressing, or otherwise objectionable. If you experience any psychological distress as a result of this study please contact the counseling center by phone (813) 974-2831 or in person at SVC 2124, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday 8 am - 7 pm, or Friday 8 am - 5 pm.

Confidentiality: Even if we publish the findings from this study, we will keep your study information private and confidential. Anyone with the authority to look at your records must keep them confidential.

Why are you being asked to take part?

The research focuses on the population of college students within the University of South Florida.

Study Procedures

If you take part in this study, you will be asked to complete a survey through Qualtrics. This questionnaire includes questions about your beliefs and attitudes about volunteering. The survey can be completed in 45-60 minutes.

Alternatives / Voluntary Participation / Withdrawal

You do not have to participate in this research study. Your professor may provide an alternative assignment as a non-research alternative involving comparable time and effort to that which is involved in the research.

You should only take part in this study if you want to volunteer. You should not feel that there is any pressure to take part in the study. You are free to participate in this research or withdraw at any time. Your decision to participate or not to participate will not affect your student status, course grade, recommendations, or access to future courses or training opportunities. Voluntary withdrawal from this study will result in a forfeit of study credit.

Benefits and Risks

We are unsure if you will receive any benefits by taking part in this research study. This research is considered to be minimal risk.

There is a risk of loss of confidentiality. Every effort will be made to keep your name private. An identification number will be assigned to every survey and your name will be kept separate from your answers. Although not likely, we would let you know if there is a mistake and your names are released for any reason.

Compensation

We will not pay you for the time you volunteer while being in this study. You will, however, be compensated one (1) SONA credit for your participation. Credit will only be granted for successful completion of the survey as measured by accurate responses to questions designed to screen for random clicking and adequate attention to the survey questions.

Privacy and Confidentiality

We will do our best to keep your records private and confidential. We cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Your personal information may be disclosed if required by law. Certain people may need to see your study records. Anyone who looks at your records must keep them confidential. The only people who will be allowed to see these records are: The principal

investigator, advising professor, and The University of South Florida Institutional Review Board (IRB).

It is possible, although unlikely, that unauthorized individuals could gain access to your responses because you are responding online. Confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology used. No guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the Internet. However, your participation in this online survey involves risks similar to a person's everyday use of the Internet.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this study, please contact the PI, Lendi Joy, at lnjoy@mail.usf.edu or (813) 974-9222. If you have questions about your rights, complaints, or issues as a person taking part in this study, call the USF IRB at (813) 974-5638 or contact by email at RSCH-IRB@usf.edu.

We may publish what we learn from this study. If we do, we will not let anyone know your name. We will not publish anything else that would let people know who you are. You can print a copy of this consent form for your records.

I freely give my consent to take part in this study. I understand that by proceeding with this survey that I am agreeing to take part in research and I am 18 years of age or older.

Please enter the last four digits of your university ID number: _____