Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit (in person)

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Attitudes about Topics in the News. The study is designed to learn more about people's attitudes toward topics recently in the news. The research is being conducted by Dr. Maureen Craig who is a faculty member in NYU's Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to complete a survey, where they will be asked to learn some information about social topics or write briefly about an experience and answer a series of questions about their personal opinions and beliefs, as well as some basic demographic information. Specifically, depending on condition, they may be asked to:

A. Read recent newspaper articles and answer questions about them.
B. Write briefly about an experience.
C. Report their opinions about different political and social topics.

Participation will take about 1 hour, and will earn 1 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. Your child can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this or other studies.

There are no known risks associated with participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, your child may become more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand social attitudes.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child's grades or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws from the study, your child will receive credit for the time completed. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by not collecting any identifiable information. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. De-identified data may also be posted online when research results are published.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, or if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Dr. Maureen Craig, at 212-998-8386, Meyer Hall, 6 Washington Place.

For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS/IRB), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

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Parent's Signature       Date

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