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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit (1.5hr)
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Your child has been invited to take part in a study named Value-based decision making. The study is
designed to learn more about how the way we make decisions that may affect other people and how
various social and cognitive psychological processes influence those decisions. It is being conducted by
Dr. Philip Parhamets who is the principal investigator, as part of his postdoctoral fellowship. The faculty
sponsor of this work is Prof. Jay Van Bavel, Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child’s permission in this study, your child will be asked to do the
following:
1. Answer some questionnaires about your person and your attitudes.
2. Make a series of decisions about monetary outcomes between yourself and other people.
3. Complete a memory tests about what has happened during the experiment.
4. For some participants, have your eye-movements recorded using remote eye-tracking
technology.

Participation will take about 90 minutes. You child will earn 0.5 hours of credit per 30 minutes towards
the course research requirement for participation. Additionally, depending on their responses during the
decision and memory portions of the experiment, they will be eligible for a bonus payment of $0-$30. If
they withdraw before the end of the study, they will receive partial credit for the study for each 0.5 hours
started. Withdrawing will forfeit any bonus payments.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of
everyday life.

Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make them more
aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how
people make decisions affecting other people.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not
affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. Your child has the right to skip or not answer
any questions they prefer not to answer. When they complete 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 associating all their
responses during the experiment to a randomly assigned number. The data from the study will be kept at
least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When
it is destroyed, this will be done by deleting all files and/or shredding any documentation. Information
not containing identifiers may be used in future research or shared with other researchers without your
additional consent.
In addition, to complete the payments associated with the performance related bonus we will need to collect their contact details – e-mail and phone number. We do this because the bonus depends on both your child’s responses and the responses of other participants. To contact your child about the bonus payment we will need to collect their contact details – e-mail and phone number. We will hold their contact details together with their randomly assigned number for no longer than 3 months after today’s date. During this period, we will store your child’s contact details separately from the remainder of their research records to maintain their confidentiality. We will calculate the magnitude of their bonus payment and contact them about it. After having contacted them we will destroy your child’s contact details.

We cannot keep information confidential if we have concerns that someone is harming children. In such cases, we will inform people in authority about our concerns.

If there is anything about the study or your child’s participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Philip Parnamets, at 718-753-8882, philip.parnamets@nyu.edu, Washington Place, New York, NY 10003, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Jay Van Bavel, at 212-992-9267, jay.vanbavel@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, New York, NY 10003.

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

You have received a copy of this parental permission document to keep.

Permission for Child to Participate

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Parent’s Signature                      Date

Name of child (please print): ____________________________