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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Memory and Social Categorization. The study is designed to learn more about people categorization ability specifically after cognitive tasks. It is being conducted by Tali Mentovich who is the principal investigator, as part of her graduate training. The faculty sponsor of this work is professor John Jost from the Psychology Department.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to complete a series of computerized cognitive tasks, followed by several questionnaires about his/her background, opinions, and preferences regarding a variety of objects. Your child's participation will take about 60 minutes and he or she will receive 1 hour credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

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 him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how people process information and formulate preferences.

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. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by assigning random code numbers to your responses. We will not link these code numbers to any identifying information you have provided before the study. Your responses will be stored in a secure, password-protected electronic location. 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 shredding.

If there is anything about the study or your 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 Tali Mentovich at (212) 998-7924, 6 Washington Place, Room 572, New York, NY 10003, or the Faculty Sponsor, Professor John T. Jost at (212) 998-7665, John.Jost@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, Room 570, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Parent's Signature

Date

