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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Money

Your child, ______________________, is invited to take part in a study named Social Identity and Cognition I. The study is designed to learn more about how our various identities are associated with cognition. It is being conducted by Professor Jay Van Bavel who is the principal investigator.

If you give permission for participation in this study, your child will be asked to complete computer tasks in which he/she will view and respond to social stimuli and complete handwritten questionnaires. Participation will take about 30 minutes, and he/she will earn $5 for completing this study. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

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 whether social identity alters our perceptions of the world or merely our interpretations.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect grades 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 they prefer not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by assigning unique, confidential identification numbers codes to his/her responses. 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 and deleting of computer data. Signed consent forms will be stored electronically.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it 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, Jay Van Bavel, at jay.vanbavel@nyu.edu, (212) 992-9627, 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 (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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

Permission

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Parent’s Signature               Date