Informed Consent/ Assent Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit (in-lab)

You are invited to take part in a research study named Social Opinions and Attitudes. The study is designed to learn more about people's opinions about different political and social topics. The research is being conducted by Dr. Maureen Craig who is a faculty member in NYU's Department of Psychology.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to complete several tasks. Your participation will take no more than 1 hour, and if you agree to participate, you will be asked to learn some information about different social topics that are in the news and answer a series of questions about your personal opinions and beliefs, as well as some basic demographic information. In certain conditions, you may be asked to complete a sorting task in which you sort words and pictures based on their meanings.

You will receive 1 credit. If you choose not to participate, you can fulfill the course requirement in other ways besides participating in this study.

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

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way. If you withdraw at any time, you will receive credit for the time you have completed. You have the right to skip or not answer any questions you prefer not to answer. When you complete the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be provided.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by not collecting any identifying information. The de-identified data from the study will be kept at least 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, #277. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), New York University, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

Check one:  
_____ I am at least 18 years of age.  
_____ I am not yet 18 years of age, so I include a signed Parental Permission form.

You have received a copy of this document to keep.

Agreement to Participate

Participant's Signature ___________________________________  Date ________________

Participant's Name (please print): ________________________________