Consent Form: Psyc 201 Disgust Project

As part of a class demonstration, we would like to invite you to participate in a survey that will examine college students' attitudes concerning relationships, gender roles, and a variety of situations, including potentially disgusting situations. We are not seeking IRB approval for this study, and therefore our results will not be used for research purposes. The intended use is restricted to practicing data collection and statistical computation, but we hope to collect authentic responses.

In this study, we will first ask you to provide general information about yourself. Then we will request that you complete questionnaires that ask a variety of questions concerning attitudes towards (a) your relationships with parents and peers, (b) perceived gender roles, and (c) disgusting things and situations. The survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

The procedures described above are thought to involve minimal risks to research participants. Although you may become psychologically uncomfortable in answering some of the questions, these risks are not thought to be greater than those encountered in everyday life. There is no compensation offered, and no other benefits are expected to result from participation in this study. However, the research will help improve our understanding of how relationships shape our view of the world.

Information obtained as part of this study will remain confidential, and no information on individual participants will be released. Signed consent forms and demographic information will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in Dr. Aspelmeier’s office, separate from the questionnaires, so that your survey answers cannot be matched to your personal information.

You may withdraw consent and terminate participation in this study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. You are also in no way required to provide any information, whether it is on a written questionnaire or at any other point during the testing session, if you do not feel comfortable doing so.

If you have any questions, complaints, or concerns regarding this study, you may contact Dr. Jeff Aspelmeier, Box 6946, Department of Psychology, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142. (540) 831-5520.

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The investigation and my part in the investigation have been defined and fully explained to me by the researcher, and I understand his/her explanation. I understand the procedures as well as the possible risks and discomforts. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and all such questions and inquiries were answered to my satisfaction.

By signing, I provide my consent to participate in this study.

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Participant’s Signature   Date