

Informed Consent Form for Introductory Psychology Scales Demonstration

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You are invited to take part in an exercise call the "Introductory Psychology Scales Demonstration," also known as the Battery. It is designed to teach you about self-report scales used in psychology research. It is also designed to help faculty and graduate students in the NYU Psychology Department by providing data for research studies and for selecting participants. It is being conducted by Professor James Uleman, a faculty member and investigator in the Psychology Department and the Director of the Psychology Subject Pool.

The Battery consists of a series of scales about your feelings, your attitudes and beliefs, your knowledge of attitudes held by society in general, and your perceptions of your own personality characteristics. It is important that you complete these scales as a part of your education in the course. The Battery takes about an hour to complete.

On this form, you must indicate whether or not you consent to having your responses used as research data. This course requires that you either (a) write a paper about psychology research methodology, or (b) participate in 7 hours of research studies. This Battery counts as 1 of those hours. If you consent to having your responses used as data, they will be analyzed and may qualify you for additional studies, thus broadening your choices of studies to sign up for, for the other 6 hours. If you do not give your consent, your responses cannot qualify you for these additional studies (although there are many other studies to choose from). It is entirely up to you. Deciding to not allow your responses to be used as data will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way, and you will still get 1 hour's research credit for completing this battery.

If you do qualify for additional studies, we will need a way to contact you. Some researchers may want to contact you because they are seeking particular kinds of participants. If you are willing to be contacted directly for particular studies, fill out the Confidentiality Key on the next page. It asks for personal identity and contact information. How this contact information might be used is detailed later in this Consent Form, and you are asked about the uses to which you consent.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life, although some scales may ask about sensitive topics or issues. If you find any of the scales upsetting, you may contact Professor Uleman or the NYU Counseling Services (212-443-9999). Although you will receive no direct benefits for taking part in this research, it may make you more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and the kinds of scales used in a wide range of research programs.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Except for a few basic demographic questions at the beginning, you have the right to skip or not answer any scales (pages) or questions you prefer not to answer. The decisions you make to take part, to skip scales or questions, to withhold consent for contacting you, or to withhold consent for using your responses as research data, will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way.

Confidentiality of your responses will be strictly maintained by separating them from the Confidentiality Key (if you complete it). If you give your informed consent on this form -- to treat your responses as data -- the scales and the Demographic Information sheet (but not your identity) will be available to qualified researchers conducting related research in the Psychology Department. Your responses will only be connected with your identity if you complete the Confidentiality Key, and this Key will only be available to those whom you authorize to contact you, below. Personal identifying information will never be directly linked with your other responses in any research report,

publication or presentation. Only summary or statistical data will be used, so it will be impossible to identify you or any other specific person from these reports. Data from this demonstration will be kept for at least 5 years, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. But de-identified data, which cannot be connected to any one person, may be kept longer.

If you are under 18 years of age, you must get your parent's or guardian's permission to give your consent to having your responses used as research data. So if you are under 18 and want to consent, give your consent now and complete the scales. But then go to <http://psych.nyu.edu/research/required.html> and download two parental permission forms for the "Intro. Battery." Get your parent's or guardian's signature on one copy of these forms (leaving the other with your parent) and turn in the signed copy to Human Subjects (Psychology Department, Meyer Building, Room 550) or your Intro. Psychology TA. Only then will it be possible for us to use your responses as data in research.

1. I consent to having my responses used for research, which may qualify me for additional studies. (Without your consent, you cannot qualify.)

Yes No [drop down menu]

As noted above, some researchers will want to select participants for particular studies, instead of relying on sign-ups. They may be looking for people with particular skills, attitudes, beliefs, traits, cultural backgrounds, race, ethnicity or experiences. For example, they may want only left-handed people in their study. Or they may want to select a truly random sample of students from the class. If you are willing to be contacted for particular studies through information on the Confidentiality Key, there are two ways this can happen. Either way, you would be contacted only once per study.

Contact by the Department Staff Member: If you agree to this, a designated Department staff member, who is specifically trained to keep participants' identities confidential, will send you an email on behalf of researchers. The email will tell you what studies you qualify for, and invite you to sign up for them. Whether or not you sign up for these studies is completely up to you. Researchers will not know your identity until you sign up for a particular study.

Contact by Researchers: If you agree to this way of contacting you, researchers will be allowed to review your data and contact you directly. They would call or email you. The Psychology Department prefers this option because it is administratively simpler. But under it, your identity will be known by researchers doing the studies for which you qualify, whether or not you sign up for the studies.

Note that even if you qualify for a particular study (e.g., you are left-handed), we cannot get in touch with you, to let you know this, unless you answer "Yes" to at least one of these questions:

2. I agree to be contacted by the designated Departmental staff member, if I qualify for particular studies.

Yes No [drop down menu]

3. I agree to be contacted by researchers working on particular studies, if I qualify for them.

Yes No [drop down menu]

there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have any questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator Professor Uleman at 212-998-7821 or at jim.uleman@nyu.edu, or at the Department of Psychology, 6 Washington Place, Room 753. 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.

You may download a copy of this document to keep at <http://psych.nyu.edu/research/required.html> under "Intro. Battery."

4. Your name: [short answer blank]

5. Date: [short answer blank]

Thank you very much for completing this demonstration!

Now you are eligible to sign up for experiments to complete the Introductory Psychology research participation requirement. To do so, follow the instruction you received by email, for signing up for studies on <http://nyu-psych.sona-systems.com>. Both your logon and password are the first part of your NYU email address, before the @ sign.

If you would like to qualify for more studies, and complete additional psychological scales (such as these) for a half hour's research credit, sign up for the Introductory Psychology Battery Supplement, which will only be available during the second week of classes.
