

Undergraduate Student Request for Protocol Approval

Appendix C

CONSENT MATERIALS

Note to IRB: Participants who complete the survey online or over the telephone will not sign a consent form.

INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Introduction and Purpose of Study: My name is Beatriz Hayes-Meizoso, and I am an undergraduate student at Duke University doing research for my senior thesis in Political Science, with oversight by my supervisor, Professor Joseph Grieco. Specifically, I am conducting a survey research project to understand whether international institutions, like the United Nations, have the power to influence American public opinion. This consent form asks whether you'd be willing to take participate in my research.

What You Will Be Asked To Do: Your participation in this study involves taking an extremely short survey, which will only ask that you answer one question: your opinion on an imaginary situation where the US President wants to initiate a war against another country. The survey will first contain a few phrases to set the scene, and will clarify any words etc. that might be unfamiliar to those outside the field of Political Science. The total time for participating in this study should not exceed 10 minutes, at most. Because it is so short, there is no compensation offered for participation in this study. Regardless, your participation is still completely voluntary: you are free to withdraw consent and discontinue participation in this study at any time for any reason.

How Your Confidentiality Will Be Maintained: If you choose to participate, your name will not be linked to your survey responses at any time. Nothing beyond basic demographic characteristics will be recorded about your personal identity. We do not collect your name in the survey, and there is no link between this consent form and your responses. Therefore, not even the researchers will know who provided which sets of responses.

Benefits and Risks: This research will not benefit you personally. I would be happy to discuss the details of the study with you in depth once it is completed. Neither I nor my supervisor know of any risks to you for participating in this study.

Publication Statement: The results of this study may be published in professional and/or academic journals. They might also be used for educational purposes or in professional presentations. However, as I mentioned before, when results are reported there will be no mention or identification of any individual participant. Results will be delivered in the form of statistics.

Contacts: If you have any questions about this survey or the research of which it is part, please ask the experimenter now. You may also contact me -- Beatriz -- or my supervisor -- Professor Grieco -- at any time you like (both during and after your participation in the study). Our information is provided below. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a participant in a research study, you may contact the Chair of the Human Subjects Committee at (919) 684-3030 or at ORS-info@duke.edu.

If you have read the above statement and agree to participate in this survey, please print and sign your name below. Keep the extra copy of this form that you were given so that you have this information.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Date

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