**Sample Consent Form for Online Surveys**

[Note that this is a *sample* consent form for student researchers and should be altered to accurately reflect the *individual study.* Faculty researchers should make the obvious modifications to remove student references.]

You are invited to participate in a web-based online survey on [describe research project]. This is a research project being conducted by [your name], a student at Agnes Scott College.  It should take approximately \_\_\_\_ [minutes/hours/sessions] to complete.

PARTICIPATION  
Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may refuse to take part in the research or exit the survey at any time without penalty. You are free to decline to answer any particular question you do not wish to answer for any reason.

BENEFITS  
You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your responses may help us learn more about …….

RISKS

There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this study other than those encountered in day-to-day life.

OR  
There is the risk that you may find some of the questions to be sensitive.

OR

There is the risk that some questions may cause emotional discomfort.

OR

Some of the survey questions ask about […] and may be distressing to you as you think about your experiences.

OR

The possible risks or discomforts of the study are minimal. You may feel a little [uncomfortable/embarrassed/sad/tired/…] answering [personal/sensitive/many/…] survey questions.

CONFIDENTIALITY  
Your survey answers will be sent to a link at SurveyMonkey.com where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. Survey Monkey does not collect identifying information such as your name, email address, or IP address. Therefore, your responses will remain anonymous. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study.

[Some surveys may ask participants if they wish to participate in a follow-up interview and to provide contact information. In such a case you can add the following sentences:

At the end of the survey you will be asked if you are interested in participating in an additional interview [by phone, in person, or email]. If you choose to provide contact information such as your phone number or email address, your survey responses may no longer be anonymous to the researcher. However, no names or identifying information would be included in any publications or presentations based on these data, and your responses to this survey will remain confidential.]  
  
CONTACT  
If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact my research supervisor, Professor [name] via phone at [number] or via email at [email address].   
  
If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or that your rights as a participant in research have not been honored during the course of this project, or you have any questions, concerns, or complaints that you wish to address to someone other than the investigator, you may contact the Agnes Scott College Institutional Review Board at 141 E. College Avenue, Decatur, GA, or email [irb@agnesscott.edu](mailto:.irb@agnesscott.edu).

ELECTRONIC CONSENT: Please select your choice below. You may print a copy of this consent form for your records. Clicking on the “Agree” button indicates that

* You have read the above information
* You voluntarily agree to participate
* You are 18 years of age or older

🞎 Agree

🞎 Disagree