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Consent Form

Human-Computer Interaction Course Projects

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Introduction: Thank you for participating in this study. This work is affiliated with the UBC course “Advanced Methods for Human-Computer Interaction” (CPSC444). Please note that we are seeking people who are interested in accessing or disseminating information about politics.

Purpose: The overall purpose of this research is to assess the ways in which people access and disseminate news about political figures.

What you will be asked to do: After you have read this document, I/we will respond to any questions or concerns that you may have. Once you have signed this consent form, you will be asked to:

- complete a questionnaire
- answer interview questions
- interact with digital systems (e.g., a mobile phone)
- be observed while doing a routine activity (e.g., choosing a meal at a restaurant)

This should take about 30 minutes and be completed in 1 session(s).

The sessions may also be video and/or audio recorded. You have the option not to be video/audio recorded.

How the data collected will be used: Data collected (including any audio/video recordings) will be used for analysis and may also be used for class project presentations

and other research presentations. Although only a course project in its current form, this project may, at a later date, be extended by one or more of the student investigators to form the basis of their thesis research and/or be submitted as a research publication.

Compensation: There is no compensation for participating in this study.

Confidentiality: The results of your participation will be reported without any reference to you specifically. All information that you provide will be stored in Canada. It will be treated confidentially and your identity will not be revealed in reporting the study results. The two exceptions are: (1) excerpts from the video/audio recording in which a participant can be identified may be presented in a class project presentation (but any other presentation venue, such as a scholarly conference, will require that participants be non-identifiable in the video/images), and (2) we request but cannot enforce focus group members to keep discussions from any focus group confidential.

Data Retention: Identifiable data and video/audio recordings will be stored securely in a locked metal cabinet or in a password protected computer account. All data from individual participants will be coded so that their anonymity will be protected in any reports, research papers, thesis documents, and presentations that result from this work.

Contact for information about the rights of research subjects: If you have any concerns about your treatment or rights as a research subject, you may contact the Research Subject Information Line in the UBC Office of Research Services at 604-822-8598.

Indicate your agreement to **one** of the following options by providing your **initials**:

- I consent to being video/audio recorded for this study. _____
- I consent to being audio recorded only (no video) for this study. _____
- I do NOT consent to being video/audio recorded for this study. _____

I, _____, have read the explanation about this study. I have been given the opportunity to discuss it and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby consent to take part in this study. However, I realize that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time.

Participant's Signature

Date