



# Sociology UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM

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Accompanying this form, you should have received an information sheet outlining the course level, the name(s) of the instructor(s) and the purpose of the research project. If you agree to be interviewed, the questions you are asked will be restricted to the areas discussed in the information sheet. Students are not allowed to ask about abusive, traumatic, or extremely stressful personal experiences. Students will avoid asking about such experiences, and respondents are asked to avoid talking about such experiences in any detail. Participants may also refuse to answer any question and may choose to end the interview at any time. You should feel free to contact the student or course instructor at any time before, during or after the study if you have questions or concerns. Contact information is provided on the information sheet.

All of your information will be held confidential. Apart from on this form, your name will appear nowhere in the notes or final research paper that the student prepares. This form will be kept separate from the student’s notes. If the student quotes you, s/he will substitute a pseudonym and your identity will not be given beyond general demographic information. The student will destroy all information from this interview within a year of the study.

Though we hope that you will agree to participate, you should not feel compelled to and you may withdraw from the study at any time. If you do so, the notes, transcripts and/or tapes of your interview to that point will be destroyed. You may also skip any questions you feel uncomfortable answering. If you have read this sheet and agree to participate, please sign below, keep one copy along with the information sheet and return the other to the student.

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I agree to have the interview audio-taped.

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