

## **SAMPLE 4**

**PLEASE MODIFY TO FIT YOUR STUDY**

**INFORMED CONSENT (EXPERIMENT PARTICIPANTS) (version 3, March 2019)**

**TITLE OF STUDY: Responsiveness to Sexual Stereotypes in Entertainment Videos and that Connection with Sexual Thoughts and Mannerisms**

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Ella Doyle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Psychology Department, Pearl College**

**Dear Participant,**

**You are invited to participate in a study that will examine the impact of stereotypical sexual images in music videos on brain/body reactivity in young adult women and men. This study will also explore whether brain/body reactivity in response to these images is associated with sexual attitudes and sexual behaviors in women and men. By exploring these topics, we hope to learn more about how certain popular media images affect sexual health. To that end, the results from this study may be presented at professional conferences and/or submitted for publication in a scholarly journal. The study is directed by Ella Doyle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Pearl College.**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURES**

**If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to respond to surveys that ask you questions about your general demographic information (e.g. age, classification if enrolled in school, family income), your physical, emotional, and sexual attitudes and sexual behaviors, your media viewing habits, and your attitudes towards men and women.**

**Some of these questions might feel very personal, particularly those related to sexual attitudes and sexual behaviors. As a participant, you have the right to skip any question or withdraw from this study at any time. And if you do, there will be no penalty. You will still be compensated for your time.**

**Next, you will be asked to connect to a BIOPAC system apparatus. This is a machine that measures your heart rate, your skin responsiveness (via your fingertip), and EEGs (brain waves). The machine measures your responsiveness with electrodes that are attached to the skin with removable sticker-like adhesives and with a plastic electrode cap that covers your hair. Once you are attached to the machine, you will be asked to view a series of images on a computer screen. Once you have completed the viewing, you will be asked to rate your media use habits.**

**It is expected that this study will take no longer than 2 and ½ hours to complete.**

**Please Note: YOU CAN SKIP ANY QUESTIONS or PROCEDURE or WITHDRAW from this study at ANY TIME, and WITHOUT ANY PENALTY.**

## **STATEMENT OF RISK**

**This study does involve some risks. Some survey questions, particularly those about sexual attitudes and sexual behavior, may make you feel uncomfortable or be upsetting. Also, you may find it uncomfortable to be connected to the BIOPac system. Finally, you may find some of the video images to be offensive and/or uncomfortable and upsetting to view.**

## **STATEMENT OF BENEFITS**

**There are no direct benefits from participating in this study.**

## **COMPENSATION**

**As a participant in this study, you will receive \$30 to compensate you for your time and your effort.**

### **Future Use of Information**

The information that you provide for this research project [may be OR will not be] used or distributed for future studies. [If information may be used for future studies, indicate the conditions of when, why, and how this might be done. Provide a statement ensuring removal of identifiers

## **YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARTICIPANT**

**As a participant in this study, you have the right to skip any item of the surveys or end any procedure for any reason. You may also withdraw from the study at any point, for any reason. There are no consequences for stopping your participation in the study. You will be compensated for your participation either way.**

**If you feel uncomfortable or are upset by this study, the researchers can refer you to the Pearl College Counseling Center at (555) 555-5555 (for Pearl students) or to a local counseling center for further support.**

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**Your privacy is important to us. Your survey responses and BioPac data will be kept confidential. Your name and other identifying information will be kept separately from all data. In other words, your name will not appear on any data. All identifying information will be kept locked in a filing cabinet in the office of Ella Doyle, Ph.D. All non-identifiable data may be used by the research team for future analysis.**

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

**If you have any further questions or concerns about your participation you can contact the principal investigator, Ella Doyle, Ph.D. at (555) 555-555 or edoyle@pearl.edu.**

**If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact Dr. Tasha Inniss, Associate Provost for Research, whose office oversees the protection of human research participants. She can be reached at 404-270-5890 or IRB@spelman.edu.**

**I have fully read and understood all of the components of the informed consent.**

**( ) I agree to participant in this research study and I am 18 years or older.**

**( ) I do not agree to participant in this research study.**

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**Participant Printed Name**

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**Participant Signature**

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