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**Consent Form**  
“Social and Political Attitudes”

This consent form describes two unrelated studies that are bundled together in one HIT. Please read this form carefully before agreeing to take part in the study.

**Purpose:** In the first study, you will answer some questions about your use of technology. In the second study, you will answer some questions about your social and political attitudes.

**Steps:** If you agree to complete this HIT, you will answer questions about your habits, opinions, and yourself.

**Time required:** This study takes about 10-15 minutes.

**Anonymity:** Your responses will be identified with a unique response code. Your name will not be associated with your responses. Analysis of results will not include any information that makes it possible to identify you.

**Risks and benefits:** This study will not expose you to any known risks. The only known cost to you of participating in this study is the inconvenience of giving your time. Other than compensation (see below), you may not receive any benefits from participation. You will be compensated for your completion of study questions through the Mechanical Turk system.

**Compensation:** By completing this HIT, you will earn \$.51.

**Voluntary participation:** Taking this study is completely voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time by simply closing out of the study. If you withdraw in this manner, your data will be destroyed. You will not incur any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled by refusing to participate or discontinuing your participation at any time. The investigator may withdraw a participant based on any of the following reasons: (1) non-U.S. location according to IP address, (2) repeated study completions from the same IP address, (3) non-

compliance with quality control measures, or (4) failure to enter a valid response ID when prompted.

**Contact with questions:** The researchers conducting this study are K.L. Sack and Dr. N.J.G. Winter. If you have any questions, you may contact the principal investigator at kls9t@virginia.edu or Dr. Winter at njw3x@virginia.edu. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a participant in this study, you may contact the U.Va. Institutional Review Board at irbsbshelp@virginia.edu or (434) 924-5999.

I have read and understood the above consent form. If desired, I printed a copy for my own records. By clicking next, I indicate my decision to participate in this study.

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**Please read the following paragraph carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.**

Some people worry that administrators can use their discretionary power to make unfair decisions. For example, police evaluating whether someone is telling the truth, doctors diagnosing patients, and social workers calculating benefit amounts might let their prejudices influence their decisions - even without their meaning to.

But technologies are increasingly available that help professionals ensure their decisions are neutral. For example, lie detection technologies are sometimes used to help police evaluate credibility. Software that suggests possible diseases for patients presenting certain symptoms is sometimes used to help doctors diagnose disease correctly. And food stamp calculators are sometimes used to help social workers calculate benefit amounts. Technologies like this help to reduce administrative errors, and ensure that all people are treated fairly.

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ID 117

**How do you feel about these sorts of technologies? \***

- Very positive
  - Positive
  - Neutral
  - Negative
  - Very negative
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**ID 118**

**Do you use any technologies like this in your own work? \***

- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
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**ID 119**

**What about in your personal life? \***

- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
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**ID 120**

**Do you think use of these sorts of technologies in government will continue to grow over the next ten years, drop off, or stay about the same? \***

- Continue to grow
  - Drop off
  - Stay about the same
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**ID 121**

**What about your use of decision-making technologies, like electronic safety, health, and financial tools, in your personal life? Do you think it will grow over the next ten years, drop off, or stay about the same? \***

- Continue to grow
  - Drop off
  - Stay about the same
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**ID 122**

**According to the information above, technologies are increasingly available to help administrators: \***

- Speed up boring and repetitive paperwork
  - Keep files from getting mixed up
  - Train the next generation of public servants faster
  - Make fewer errors and more fair decisions, with less room for prejudice to influence their decisions
  - Go with their gut feeling in decisions like lie detection, medical diagnosis, and food stamp calculation
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**ID 123**

Do you **agree or disagree** with the following statements?

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ID 129

**"People like me don't have any say about what the government does." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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ID 124

**"I don't think public officials care much what people like me think." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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ID 125

**"I consider myself well-qualified to participate in politics." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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ID 126

**"I feel that I have a pretty good understanding of the important political issues facing our country." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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**ID 127**

**"I feel that I could do as good a job in public office as most other people." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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**ID 128**

**"I think that I am as well-informed about politics and government as most people." \***

- agree
  - neither agree nor disagree
  - disagree
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**ID 130**

**The next few questions are about your personal (demographic) characteristics. These are the last few questions in the first study of two separate studies in this HIT. Thank you for your participation.**

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What is the highest degree that you have earned? \*

- Grade school
  - High school or GED
  - Some college but no degree
  - College or advanced degree
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In what year were you born? \*

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**IF:** Question (ID 122) contains any ("Speed up boring and repetitive paperwork","Keep files from getting mixed up","Train the next generation of public servants faster","Go with their gut feeling in decisions like lie detection, medical diagnosis, and food stamp calculation") **THEN:** Disqualify and display:

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ID 133

**Thank you for your time and valuable contribution to this research. Please click next to begin the second, separate study in the HIT.**

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**The following questions pertain to fairness.**

**In this first set of questions we are interested in your perceptions of fairness with respect to OTHERS. Please mark your level of agreement using the 7-point scale shown below.**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

ID 159

**1. I feel that people generally earn the rewards and punishments that they get in this world. \***

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ID 160

**2. People usually receive the outcomes that they deserve. \***

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ID 161

**3. People generally deserve the things that they are accorded. \***

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ID 162

**4. I feel that people usually receive the outcomes that they are due. \***

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ID 163

**5. People usually use fair procedures in dealing with others. \***

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ID 164

**6. I feel that people generally use methods that are fair in their evaluations of others. \***

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ID 165

7. Regardless of the specific outcomes they receive, people are subjected to fair procedures. \*

ID 166

8. People are generally subjected to processes that are fair. \*

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In this next set of questions we are interested in your perceptions of fairness with respect to YOURSELF. Please mark your level of agreement using the 7-point scale shown below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neutral	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree

ID 167

1. I feel that I generally earn the rewards and punishments that I get in this world. \*

ID 168

**2. I usually receive the outcomes that I deserve. \***

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**ID 169**

**3. I generally deserve the things that I am accorded. \***

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**ID 170**

**4. I feel that I usually receive the outcomes that I am due. \***

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**ID 171**

**5. People usually use fair procedures in dealing with me. \***

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**ID 172**

**6. To ensure response quality, enter four on this statement. \***

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**ID 173**

**7. I feel that people generally use methods that are fair in their evaluations of me. \***

ID 174

8. Regardless of the specific outcomes I receive, I am subjected to fair procedures. \*

ID 175

9. I am generally subjected to processes that are fair. \*

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IF: Question (ID 193) contains any ("1","2","3","4","5","6","8","9") THEN: Disqualify and display:

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ID 177

Please select a number to indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

ID 178

1. If people work hard, they almost always get what they want. \*

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Strongly

Strongly

Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

ID 179

2. The existence of widespread economic differences does not mean that they are inevitable. \*

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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

ID 180

3. Laws of nature are responsible for differences in wealth in society. \*

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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

ID 181

4. There are many reasons to think that the economic system is unfair. \*

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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

ID 182

5. It is virtually impossible to eliminate poverty. \*

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Strongly disagree

Strongly agree

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ID 183

6. Poor people are not essentially different from rich people. \*

Strongly disagree

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Strongly agree

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ID 184

7. Most people who don't get ahead in our society should not blame the system; they have only themselves to blame. \*

Strongly disagree

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Strongly agree

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ID 185

8. Equal distribution of resources is a possibility for our society. \*

Strongly disagree

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Strongly agree

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ID 186

9. Social class differences reflect differences in the natural order of things. \*

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ID 187

10. Economic differences in the society reflect an illegitimate distribution of resources. \*

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ID 188

11. There will always be poor people, because there will never be enough jobs for everybody. \*

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ID 189

12. Economic positions are legitimate reflections of people's achievements. \*

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ID 190



13. If people wanted to change the economic system to make things equal, they could. \*

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<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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ID 191

14. Equal distribution of resources is unnatural. \*

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ID 192

15. It is unfair to have an economic system which produces extreme wealth and extreme poverty at the same time. \*

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<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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ID 193

16. All respondents are instructed to select seven in response this question to ensure response quality. \*

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ID 194

17. There is no point in trying to make incomes more equal. \*

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<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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ID 195

18. There are no inherent differences between rich and poor; it is purely a matter of the circumstances into which you are born. \*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<b>Strongly agree</b>

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Here is a list of four things that sometimes make people angry or upset. After you read all four, just indicate HOW MANY of them upset you. I don't want to know which ones, just HOW MANY.

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ID 199

- (1) the federal government increasing the tax on gasoline;
- (2) professional athletes getting million-dollar contracts;
- (3) large corporations polluting the environment;
- (4) police profiling of inner city youth. \*

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ID 198

Here is a list of three things that sometimes make people angry or upset. After you read all three, just indicate HOW MANY of them upset you. I don't want to know which ones, just HOW MANY.

ID 200

- (1) the federal government increasing the tax on gasoline;
- (2) professional athletes getting million-dollar contracts;
- (3) large corporations polluting the environment. \*

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Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?

Irish, Italians, Jewish and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors. \*

Agree strongly

- Agree somewhat
  - Neither agree nor disagree
  - Disagree somewhat
  - Disagree strongly
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ID 202

**Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?**

**Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class. \***

- Agree strongly
  - Agree somewhat
  - Neither agree nor disagree
  - Disagree somewhat
  - Disagree strongly
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ID 203

**Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?**

**Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve. \***

- Agree strongly
- Agree somewhat
- Neither agree nor disagree

- Disagree somewhat
  - Disagree strongly
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ID 204

**Do you agree strongly, agree somewhat, neither agree nor disagree, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly with this statement?**

**It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as whites. \***

- Agree strongly
  - Agree somewhat
  - Neither agree nor disagree
  - Disagree somewhat
  - Disagree strongly
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The next questions are a little different. Read the directions carefully.

This survey is part of an investigation of general public opinion concerning a variety of social issues. You will probably find that you agree with some of the statements, and disagree with others, to varying extents. Please indicate your reaction to each statement on the line below each item according to the scale below:

- Select -4 if you very strongly disagree with the statement.
- Select -3 if you strongly disagree with the statement.
- Select -2 if you moderately disagree with the statement.





ID 65

**There is absolutely nothing wrong with nudist camps. \***

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ID 64

**Our country needs free thinkers who have the courage to defy traditional ways, even if this upsets many people. \***

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ID 63

**Our country will be destroyed someday if we do not smash the perversions eating away at our moral fiber and traditional beliefs. \***

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ID 62

**Everyone should have their own lifestyle, religious beliefs, and sexual preferences, even if it makes them different from everyone else. \***

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ID 61

**The "old-fashioned ways" and the "old-fashioned values" still show the best way to live. \***



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ID 60

**You have to admire those who challenged the law and the majority's view by protesting for women's abortion rights, for animal rights, or to abolish school prayer. \***

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ID 59

**What our country really needs is a strong, determined leader who will crush evil, and take us back to our true path. \***

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ID 58

**Some of the best people in our country are those who are challenging our government, criticizing religion, and ignoring the "normal way things are supposed to be done." \***

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ID 57

**God's laws about abortion, pornography and marriage must be strictly followed before it is too late, and those who break them must be strongly punished. \***

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ID 56

**There are many radical, immoral people in our country today, who are trying to ruin it for their own godless purposes, whom the authorities should put out of action. \***

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ID 55

**A "woman's place" should be wherever she wants to be. The days when women are submissive to their husbands and social conventions belong strictly in the past. \***

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ID 53

**Our country will be great if we honor the ways of our forefathers, do what the authorities tell us to do, and get rid of the "rotten apples" who are ruining everything. \***

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ID 54

**There is no "ONE right way" to live life; everybody has to create their own way. \***

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ID 90

To ensure response quality, all respondents are directed to select minus three on this statement. \*

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ID 52

Homosexuals and feminists should be praised for being brave enough to defy "traditional" family values. \*

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ID 10

This country would work a lot better if certain groups of troublemakers would just shut up and accept their group's traditional place in society. \*

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**IF:** Question (ID 90) contains any ("-4","-2","-1","0","1","2","3","4") **THEN:** Disqualify and display:

Sorry, your responses failed a quality control check. You will not receive payment for this survey and your data will not be used.

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These are the last questions. Thank you for your participation.

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ID 205

**What is your gender? \***

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ID 206

**Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? \***

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
  - Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
  - Yes, Puerto Rican
  - Yes, Cuban
  - Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on
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**What racial or ethnic group or groups best describes you? Check all that apply. \***

- white
- black, African-American, or Negro

- American Indian or Alaska Native
  - Asian Indian
  - Chinese
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Native Hawaiian
  - Guamanian or Chamorro
  - Filipino
  - Vietnamese
  - Samoan
  - Other Asian - for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on
  - Other Pacific Islander - for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on
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**Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent? \***

- strong Democrat
  - not very strong Democrat
  - Independent – leaning Democrat
  - Independent – leaning Republican
  - not very strong Republican
  - strong Republican
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**What is your approximate annual household income level? \***

- \$25,000 or below
- \$26,000-\$50,000
- \$51,000-\$75,000
- \$76,000-100,000
- \$100,000-\$150,000
- \$151,000 or above

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**Debriefing Statement**  
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This is the end of the study. Thank you for participating in this research.

The following is additional information about the study you just completed. You participated in two ostensibly separate studies which were actually part of the same study. Because you were deceived, you have the option now of requesting that all your data in relation to this study be destroyed immediately. If you do so, there is no penalty.

If you agree to inclusion of your data, it may be presented at meetings or conferences, and become part of academic research submitted for publication. Your personally identifying information has not been collected and will never be associated with your data.

By clicking next, you indicate permission for your data to be used in this study. By exiting the survey, you indicate you wish for your data to be destroyed immediately.

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Thank You!

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Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.

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Here is your unique response code: [survey("response id")]. Please enter it in the HIT to receive payment.

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