CONSENT DOCUMENT FOR ENROLLING ADULT PARTICIPANTS IN A RESEARCH STUDY
Georgia Institute of Technology
Project Title: Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory

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Protocol and Consent Title: H16179: Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory

You are being asked to be a volunteer in a research study.

Purpose:
This assessment is designed to look at your beliefs and worldviews, and how they may change with experience. The ultimate goal is use this information to improve educational programs at Georgia Tech, and to better design programs and classes to enhance the student experience at Georgia Tech. Your participation in this assessment (or decision not to participate) will not affect your relationship with Georgia Tech.

Exclusion/Inclusion Criteria:
All students entering Georgia Tech for Summer and Fall 2016 are being asked to participate.

Procedures:
You are being asked to complete an online instrument designed to tell us more about “who you are,” how your values and experiences shape your worldview. Completing this instrument is not a requirement of any specific course in which you will be enrolled. If you agree to volunteer for this study, your responses to the questions will be analyzed and used as a baseline for a follow-up instrument. By participating in this study, you may be asked to complete the instrument again when you are a senior at Georgia Tech. Even if you choose to participate today, you are free to decline future participation opportunities. If you choose to participate, we will collect information about you such as your name and your GT ID. Data will be reported in aggregate and the results will not be associated with your academic record in any way. Your responses will remain confidential and no information associated with your name will ever be released. The results of the assessment will not in any way affect your academic standing at Georgia Tech. If you decide to participate your time commitment will be approximately 45 minutes.

If you complete the inventory, it means that you have read the information contained in this sheet, and would like to be a volunteer in this research study.

Risks or Discomforts:
There could be questions on this instrument that you are uncomfortable answering or to which you may simply wish not to respond. Your participation in this assessment is strictly voluntary, and you will be under no obligation whatsoever to answer any specific question. You may choose not to answer any specific question and still remain in the study.

Benefits:
You are not likely to benefit directly from participating in this study. We plan to use this information to understand how individuals change and grow through experience. The BEVI will be used as part of the program assessment for Georgia Tech’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Serve•Learn•Sustain, and may also be used to assess student growth or learning through a variety of other GT programs such as the International Plan and Student Leadership programs.

Consent Form Approved by Georgia Tech IRB: May 11, 2016 - May 10, 2017
Compensation to You:
There is no compensation for participation.

Confidentiality:
The following procedures will be followed to keep your personal information confidential in this study:
The data that is collected about you will be kept private to the extent allowed by law. To protect your privacy, your responses will be kept under a code number rather than by name. All survey and Institute record data will be kept in secure files and only study staff will be allowed to look at them. Your name and any other fact that might point to you will not appear when results of this study are presented or published.

The experiment is run from a secure server using 256-bit SSL encryption (https) of the kind typically used to handle credit card transactions, greatly reducing the possibility that responses could be viewed by unauthorized third parties (e.g., computer hackers). Also, in general the server software will log the IP address of the machine you use to access this page, e.g., 192.168.1.1, but otherwise no other information will be stored unless you explicitly enter it.

To make sure that this research is being carried out in the proper way, the Georgia Institute of Technology IRB may review study records. The Office of Human Research Protections may also look at study records.

Costs to You:
There are no costs to you, other than your time, for being in this study.

In Case of Injury/Harm:
If you are injured as a result of being in this study, please contact Dr. Joseph Ludlum at 404-385-1292 or joe.ludlum@oars.gatech.edu. Neither the Principal Investigators nor Georgia Institute of Technology has made provision for payment of costs associated with any injury resulting from participation in this study.

Participant Rights:
• Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to be in this study if you don't want to be.
• You have the right to change your mind and leave the study at any time without giving any reason and without penalty.
• Any new information that may make you change your mind about being in this study will be given to you.
• You may print out a copy of this consent form to keep.
• You do not waive any of your legal rights by participating in this study.

Questions about the Study:
Should you have any questions about the project on this campus or our interest in using the results, please contact Dr. Joseph Ludlum at 404-385-1292 or joe.ludlum@oars.gatech.edu for answers.

Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant:
If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact

Ms. Kelly Winn, Georgia Institute of Technology
Office of Research Integrity Assurance, at (404) 385-2175.
By completing the online instrument, you indicate your consent to be in the study.