

HWS Sample Informed Consent Form

You are invited to participate in a research study, conducted through the yyyy–yyyy academic year. The purpose of this research is to examine adults' attitudes toward legal testimony. To this aim, you will be asked to fill out surveys and read a transcript of either a robbery or sexual battery trial. In this study, the sexual battery trial transcript may contain graphic language and you may choose to discontinue your participation at any time. Your participation will last approximately 30 minutes. This study will include approximately 300 participants.

Confidentiality: All of your responses will be confidential and only (researcher's name—could be a student, a faculty, or a student plus a faculty) and her research assistant will have access to these data. The data will be used over the next three years although they will be retained indefinitely for our records. Information from all the participants will be grouped together to provide general information about adults' attitudes.

Benefits and Risks: (How this study will contribute to the existing research; how it will help people; and/or how the participant will benefit, such as incentives, extra credit. Are there any risks?). For example, "You will receive \$10.00 for you participation."

Contact : If you have any questions concerning the procedures, or if you would like more information about this research, please contact the researcher, [name and title], at xxxx Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY 14456; [researcher phone and email]. Questions about your rights as a research subject or any other aspect of the research as it pertains to your participation should be directed to the Hobart and William Smith Colleges Institutional Review Board:

IRB Chairperson
Provost's Office
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Geneva, NY 14456

Participation: Your participation in this study is voluntary; you may refuse to participate without penalty. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. If you choose to discontinue your participation at any time, you will still receive the \$10.00 compensation.

Consent: I have read and I understand the above. I have been offered a copy of this informed consent form. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

Participant's Signature

Date

Participant's Printed Name

I have explained and defined in detail the research procedure in which the participant has agreed to participate, and have offered the participant a copy of this informed consent form.

Investigator's (or Research Assistant's) Signature

Date

Investigator's (or Research Assistant's) Printed Name