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## CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

### *Judgements about Talkers Based on Audio Recordings of their Voices*

#### **Introduction and Purpose**

My name is Keith Johnson. I am a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Department of Linguistics. I am planning to conduct a research study, which I invite you to take part in. You are being invited to participate in this study because you are a speaker of American English. The purpose of this study is to observe the perception of people based on audio recordings of speech.

#### **Procedures**

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to listen to a pairs of talkers speaking sentences, and to rate the similarity of the talkers on a 7 point scale. Then, you will be asked to complete a short survey about yourself, the places you've lived, the languages you speak, and some other social facts about you. The study should take about 20 minutes to complete.

#### **Benefits**

There is no direct benefit to you anticipated from participating in this study. It is hoped that the research will improve our understanding of how talker information is processed.

#### **Risks/Discomforts**

Some of the research questions may make you uncomfortable or upset. You are free to decline to answer any questions you don't wish to, or to stop participating at any time. As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk.

#### **Confidentiality**

Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used. Your name will never be associated with data you provide – you will be assigned an anonymous subject number, and we will not record your MTurk Worker ID in our data files. To minimize the risks to confidentiality, I will not collect any identifiable information.

When the research is completed, I may save your responses. I will retain this study information indefinitely. The same measures described above will be taken to protect confidentiality of this study data.

#### **Compensation**

In return for your time, you will be paid \$5 for taking part in this study.

#### **Rights**

***Participation in research is completely voluntary.*** You are free to decline to take part in the project. You can decline to answer any questions and are free to stop taking part in the project at any time.

Whether or not you choose to participate, to answer any particular question, or continue participating in the project, there will be no penalty to you or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

**Questions** If you have any questions or concerns about this study, you may contact me at [keithjohnson@berkeley.edu](mailto:keithjohnson@berkeley.edu). If you have any questions or concerns about your rights and treatment as a research subject, you may contact the office of UC Berkeley's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, at 510-642-7461 or [subjects@berkeley.edu](mailto:subjects@berkeley.edu).

If you agree to take part in this study, please select “yes” on experiment start page.