Informed Consent Form for Research Involving Human Subjects

You are being invited to participate in a research study, which the Cal Poly Pomona Institutional Review Board (IRB) has reviewed and approved for conduct by the investigators named here. This form is designed to provide you - as a human subject - with information about this study. The Investigator or his/her representative will describe this study to you and answer any of your questions. You are entitled to an Experimental Research Subject’s Bill of Rights and a copy of this form. If you have any questions or complaints about the informed consent process of this research study or your rights as a subject, please contact the Compliance Office within Cal Poly Pomona’s Office of Research at (909) 869-4215.

Project Title: Perceptions of Charismatic Speech

Principal Investigator: Jeffery Scott Mio

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this research project. This study involves research into forms of charismatic speech. You will be given a booklet of two speeches and two brief tasks for each speech. Half of you will be asked to read the two speeches, then asked to rate each speech on how inspirational and on how clear the speeches are, then you will read the same two speeches and be asked to underline three passages in the speeches that are the most inspirational ones in the speech. The other half of you will receive the underlining task first, then the rating task second. You may work at your own pace. Our experience has been that these procedures have taken people approximately 20 minutes to complete. We do not anticipate you experiencing any discomfort or other negative feelings when responding to items in this study.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. Should you decide to discontinue participation or decline to answer any specific part of the study, you may do so without penalty. You will still receive any extra credit points that your professor had offered in exchange for your participation. Your participation in this study may help you understand the nature of psychological inquiry and how it is that some of the theories in your book were developed, as the procedures we are employing in this study are similar to the procedures that many other researchers employ. We are not asking you to place your name anywhere on the experimental booklet, so your participation is anonymous. None of your answers can be directly traced back to you.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the study’s principle investigator, Dr. Jeffery Scott Mio, a professor in the Psychology and Sociology Department. His office number is 5-115, his office phone number is (909) 869-3899, and his e-mail address is jsmio@csupomona.edu

CONSENT STATEMENT:

I, ________________, hereby give my consent to participate in the research study entitled “Perceptions of Charismatic Speech.” I have read the above information and am aware of the potential risks and complications.

I fully understand that I may withdraw from this research project at any time without prejudice or effect on my standing with California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. I also understand that I am free to ask questions about techniques or procedures that will be undertaken. I will sign and return this consent form and receive a copy of the form in case I need to refer back to it.
Finally, I understand that information obtained about me during the course of the study will be kept anonymous and cannot be traced back to me.

Participant’s signature (18+ years of age)            Date

I hereby certify that I have given an explanation to the above individual of the contemplated study and its risks and potential complications.

Principal Investigator                           Date