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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

Project Title	<i>Media, Life & Community during the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>
Purpose of the Study	<i>This research is being conducted by Susan Moeller and Bobbie Foster at the University of Maryland, College Park. We are inviting you to participate in this research project because you are a student enrolled at a university that has moved to online courses during the social distancing mandates generated by the COVID-19 virus. The purpose of this research project is to understand the relationship students have to media technologies at this time when most social interactions have moved to a digital environment and in-person gatherings are discouraged.</i>
Procedures	<i>If you agree to participate, you will be asked to do the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● <i>Click on the link to review and consent to participation.</i>● <i>Click on the link if you have 15-20 minutes to complete the questionnaire.</i>● <i>Follow the instructions as you read the questions.</i>● <i>A sample question you will be asked is “Are you physically isolating yourself during the COVID-19 outbreak?”</i>● <i>Respond after reading the questions.</i>● <i>Complete the questionnaire only once.</i>
Potential Risks and Discomforts	<i>There are no identified risks for participating in the study. You can refuse to answer any question in the survey and quit at any time.</i>
Potential Benefits	<i>There are no direct benefits from participating in this research. However, possible benefits include assisting research during an on-going global crisis that will enable current and future investigators to understand the wider social effects of the COVID-19 virus. We hope that, in the future, other people might benefit from this study through improved understanding of the role of media and technology in our daily lives, especially when our lives are altered by mandated social distancing.</i>

<p>Confidentiality</p>	<p><i>All responses to this survey are anonymous. Any potential loss of confidentiality will be minimized by storing your information on a password-protected computer.</i></p> <p><i>Survey responses will be saved in UMD Box with password protection with access only by the study researchers</i></p> <p><i>Any anonymous demographic data such as age and gender will remain confidential and will be kept safeguarded only by the study researchers on UMD Box with password protection for a period not to exceed one year at which time the dataset will be deleted from UMD Box.</i></p> <p><i>If we write a report or article about this research project, your identity will be protected to the maximum extent possible. Your information may be shared with representatives of the University of Maryland, College Park or governmental authorities if you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law.</i></p>
<p>Medical Treatment</p>	<p><i>The University of Maryland does not provide any medical, hospitalization or other insurance for participants in this research study, nor will the University of Maryland provide any medical treatment or compensation for any injury sustained as a result of participation in this research study, except as required by law.</i></p>
<p>Compensation</p>	<p><i>There is no compensation for participating in this study.</i></p>
<p>Right to Withdraw and Questions</p>	<p><i>Your participation in this research is completely voluntary. You may choose not to take part at all. If you decide to participate in this research, you may stop participating at any time. If you decide not to participate in this study or if you stop participating at any time, you will not be penalized or lose any benefits to which you otherwise qualify. Neither your academic standing nor your employability at UMD will be affected by your decision to participate or not participate in this research.</i></p> <p><i>If you decide to stop taking part in the study, if you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or if you need to report an injury related to the research, please contact the investigator:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bobbie Foster Bhusari 7765 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD 20742 E-mail: bfost135@umd.edu</p>
<p>Participant Rights</p>	<p><i>If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or wish to report a research-related injury, please contact:</i></p>

	<p>University of Maryland College Park Institutional Review Board Office 1204 Marie Mount Hall College Park, Maryland, 20742 E-mail: irb@umd.edu Telephone: 301-405-0678</p> <p><i>For more information regarding participant rights, please visit: https://research.umd.edu/irb-research-participants</i></p> <p><i>This research has been reviewed according to the University of Maryland, College Park IRB procedures for research involving human subjects.</i></p>
Statement of Consent	<p><i>By clicking "I agree," you indicate that you are at least 18 years of age; you have read this consent form or have had it read to you; your questions have been answered to your satisfaction and you voluntarily agree to participate in this research study. You may print a copy of this consent for your records.</i></p>
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