

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Research Information Sheet

Protocol Director: *Lindsay Popowski*

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Protocol Title: *Commitment: Alternate Designs for Online Groups*

DESCRIPTION: You are invited to participate in a **research study** on the design of online group messaging platforms. You will be matched with a group of size ~5, and will be asked to download a messaging app and message within that group on the app for the study duration (3-4 weeks). The chat logs will be kept in a Firebase database to make the app continue to run (accessible only by the research team, with secure rules that prevent those outside of a particular chat group from accessing the text). Information about the timing and volume of activity will be used within the research, but the actual contents of the messages will not be examined by the research team nor used within the study.

You will also be asked to fill out a survey and participate in an hour long interview (video or audio recorded) at the end of the study. These interviews will be transcribed and de-identified, after which the recordings will be deleted.

TIME INVOLVEMENT: Your participation will take approximately 120 minutes over the course of ~5 weeks.

RISKS AND BENEFITS: The risks associated with this study are minimal. Study data will be stored securely, in compliance with Stanford University standards, minimizing the risk of confidentiality breach. The benefits which may reasonably be expected to result from this study are the opportunity to impact the way that future social platforms are designed. **We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study.** Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your status or grades at Stanford.

PAYMENTS: You will receive \$50 in total as payment for your participation in the entire study. If you stop participating before the conclusion of the app-use part of the study, you will receive \$15 in compensation. If you are unable to complete the interview at the end of the study, you will still receive \$30 compensation.

PARTICIPANT'S RIGHTS: If you have read this form and have decided to participate in this project, please understand your **participation is voluntary** and you have the **right to withdraw your consent or discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. The alternative is not to participate.** You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. The results of this research study may be presented at scientific or professional meetings or published in scientific journals. Your individual privacy will be maintained in all published and written data resulting from the study.

In accordance with scientific norms, the data from this study may be used or shared with other researchers for future research (after removing personally identifying information) without additional consent from you.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Questions: If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact the Protocol Director, **Lindsay Popowski, at 541-224-4303 or popowski@stanford.edu.**

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Independent Contact: If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at (650)-723-2480 or toll free at 1-866-680-2906, or email at irbnonmed@stanford.edu. You can also write to the Stanford IRB, Stanford University, 1705 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Appointment Contact: If you need to change your appointment, please contact Lindsay Popowski at 541-224-4303 or popowski@stanford.edu.

With your permission, the interview will be video recorded. If you do not wish to be video recorded, please indicate this to the researcher.

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If you agree to participate in this research, please check the box below to indicate agreement and proceed to the next question.