**Request Form for Research Involving the Internet/Social Media**

**PI Last Name**:       **Protocol Number**:

1. **Use of the Internet**
   1. **How is the internet being used in the proposed research:**

**Note: Many internet and social media sites prohibit, as part of their terms of use, posting deceitful information on their sites in order to collect information or conduct research. The IRB cannot approve research that violates the terms of use of an internet or social media site.**

**Recruiting subjects over the Internet/through social media**

**Observation of Internet activity, including social media**

**Collecting data over the Internet/through social media**

**Data scraping (e.g. automated data collection)**

**Paying subjects to perform tasks via the Internet (e.g. mechanical turk)**

**Other, specify:**

* 1. **Describe in more detail the specific use of the internet/social media in this research:**

1. **Informed Consent**

**Note: The higher the level of risk of the research, the more assurance of validation and authentication of consent will be required.**

* 1. **Describe how informed consent is being obtained/validated/authenticated:**

**Note: For any request to waive the requirements of informed consent fill out a ‘Request for Waiver of Informed Consent” found at** [**https://research.nd.edu/our-services/resource-library/**](https://research.nd.edu/our-services/resource-library/)

* 1. **Describe how informed consent is being documented:**

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1. **Privacy, Security, & Confidentiality**
   1. **Is online activity (e.g., chat rooms, Facebook, twitter, second life, or Instagram) being observed?**

**Yes  No**

**If yes, describe the setting and nature of the online activity along with your access to online forum:**

**If yes, will the subjects be aware that their activity is being observed?  Yes  No**

**If no, provide a justification, research allowance statement, or approval from the entity to use data for research purposes:**

* 1. **How will you protect the confidentiality of subject information? Include technical information such as encryption, firewalls, etc. If you will be using a mobile computing device your process to ensure confidentiality should be greater and frequently updated and monitored, please explain how you will do this or what resources will assist you with this:**

* 1. **Will data be gathered in different geographical locations (e.g. countries/state/cities) and shared amongst the research team?  Yes  No**

**If yes, please answer the following questions:**

* + 1. **Identify any varying web usage limitations/practices between the sites relating to security, storage, or tracking of internet usage and additional security measures for them:**

* + 1. **Please indicate additional methods used for data transfer encryption:**

* + 1. **Will data be uploaded in a cloud or other virtual storage location for the research team to access?  Yes  No**
    2. **Please indicate how you will monitor the research team access to data or adherence to data management plan:**

1. **Expertise**
   1. **Describe the technical expertise of the investigator and/or research team with regard to conducting research on the Internet:**

* 1. **Have any technical consultants been involved in designing, establishing, maintaining, or running this research?  Yes  No**

**If yes, please specify and describe their expertise:**