

**Participant Consent Form
Study of Group Perception**

I, NAME, am interested in understanding the effects of group identity on the perceptions of group members and on the ability of groups to work as teams. My study involves two phases: an initial phase in which I will ask you to fill out a series of questionnaires that will require approximately 25 minutes of your time. You will receive a psychology lottery ticket for filling out these questionnaires.

On the basis of your answers on the first questionnaires, you might then be invited to participate in the second phase of the study. This phase involves a 75-minute session in which groups of students are asked to work together for about an hour to solve a set of problems. At the end of the hour, I will show a set of videotapes of groups working together and ask you to answer a series of questions about how the group in the videotape is functioning and about individual members of the group in the videotape. None of the group members in these videotapes will be individuals known to you. The ratings should take about 10 minutes. You will be paid \$8 for your participation in this session.

The questionnaires will be separated from this consent form, and the consent form will be stored in a separate locked location from the questionnaires. You will be assigned a file code number that will appear on your questionnaires. A sheet on which your code number and contact information are paired will be used only for the purpose of scheduling the second session. After the second session (or after the first session if you are not invited to or decline to participate in the second session), this sheet will be destroyed. In these ways, the anonymity of all your questionnaire data will be ensured. Reports of data from this study will include only data averaged across participants.

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may decline to answer any questions or to engage in any procedure, and you may withdraw from the study at any time without losing the incentive that has been offered for participation in the session from which you withdraw.

The investigator, NAME AND CONTACT INFO, will be available to answer your questions about the procedures of this study. Questions that may influence the outcome of the study may be deferred until the end of the second session. Concerns about any aspect of this study may be referred to the Chair of the Reed College Human Subjects Research Committee, Professor NAME, EMAIL, PHONE, or to my thesis advisor, Professor NAME, PHONE.

I voluntarily consent to participate in this study, and in signing below, affirm that I am at least 18 years old. I will be given a copy of this consent form.

signature of participant

date