

Example FICTIONAL Anonymous Online Survey, Informed Consent Form
Claremont Graduate University IRB. May 2013

**AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
“SURVEY: OPINIONS ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA”**

STUDY LEADERSHIP. I am Jo Inquiroy, a student in the Department of Politics and Policy at Claremont Graduate University. I am asking you to take part in my PhD dissertation research project. Professor Alex Smith, a member of the department, is supervising this study.

PURPOSE. The purpose of this study is to compare the opinions of members of different social groups concerning undocumented immigrant workers in California.

ELIGIBILITY. To take part in this study, you must be a US citizen over the age of 18 who currently lives in California.

PARTICIPATION. During the study, you will take an online survey asking about your education and work experience, and demographic questions such as your approximate age and ethnicity. You will also be asked about your opinions on a variety of social and political issues related to undocumented workers such as “I believe it should be easier to become a US citizen” (agree/disagree). Completing this questionnaire will take about 15 minutes.

RISKS OF PARTICIPATION. The risks you run by taking part in this study are minimal, and not higher than those faced in everyday life. The risk includes the possibility that you may be offended by some of the questions in the survey. You are free to skip any question that makes you uncomfortable, or stop the survey at any time.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION. I do not expect the study to benefit you personally. This study will benefit me by helping me to finish my PhD. This study is also intended to benefit the study of political psychology by helping to explain why people’s opinions on undocumented workers differ.

COMPENSATION: For taking part in this study, you will be given a chance to enter a lottery to win one of three \$50 gift cards for Amazon.com, to be chosen at random at the end of the year. You will have roughly a 1 in 100 chance of winning a gift card, depending on the final number of participants in the survey. If you wish to enter, the instructions at the end of the survey will provide you with a ticket number to retain and the web address where winning numbers will be posted.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may stop or withdraw from the study at any time, or refuse to answer any particular question for any reason without it being held against you. Your decision whether or not to participate will have no effect on your current or future connection with anyone at Claremont Graduate University.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This anonymous online study is being conducted through the website of SurveyMonkey, an independent internet service company. You may find out more about this website, if you wish, at www.surveymonkey.com. No identifying information about you is being collected. In order to protect the anonymity of your responses, no IP addresses, email addresses, or identifying information will be collected, and SurveyMonkey uses industry-standard security methods to protect data transmission and storage. Survey data will be stored only on a password-protected computer. All individual answers will be presented in summary form in any papers,

books, talks, posts, or stories resulting from this study. We may share the data set with other researchers, but your identity will not be known.

FURTHER INFORMATION. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this study, please contact Jo Inquiro at jo.inquiro@cgu.edu or (909)607-9999. You may also contact my faculty advisor at alex.smith@cgu.edu or (909)607-1111. This survey has been certified as exempt from Institutional Review Board coverage. You may print and keep a copy of this consent form.

CONSENT. Clicking the “Yes” entry below means that you understand the information on this form, that any questions you may have about this study have been answered, and that you are eligible and voluntarily agree to participate. This link will direct you to the survey. Clicking the “No” entry will close this page and exit the survey.

☐ [Yes, I am over 18, a US citizen, and live in California, and I would like to participate](#)

☐ [No, I do not want to participate](#)