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Government Omnibus Project College of William & Mary Informed Consent Form

The general nature of this study entitled "William & Mary Government Omnibus" conducted by the William & Mary Government Department has been explained to me. I understand that I will be asked to answer a series of questions about myself and my behavior. My participation in this study should take about 15 minutes and I understand that I must be at least 18 years of age to participate. Participation in this study may involve risks of boredom, anger, or anxiety. I understand that I may refuse to answer any of the questions or discontinue participation in this study at any time. I understand that my responses will be kept completely confidential and the results will never be associated with my name. I also understand that course credit for participation in this study will not be affected by my responses or decision to discontinue participation. The potential risks of taking part in this study have been explained to me. If I have any concerns regarding this study, I understand that I may contact the Chair of the Protection of Human Subjects Committee, Dr. Ray McCoy, at 757-221-2783 or rwmcco@wm.edu. Clicking the "Next" button below indicates my voluntary participation in this survey and that I have seen this consent form. THIS PROJECT WAS EITHER 1) APPROVED BY THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE (Phone 757-221-3966) ON 2015-09-29 AND EXPIRES ON 2016-10-01 OR 2) FOUND TO COMPLY WITH APPROPRIATE ETHICAL STANDARDS AND WAS EXEMPTED FROM THE NEED FOR FORMAL REVIEW BY THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE (Phone 757-221-3966) Protocols: PHSC-2015-09-29-10618-jsettle PHSC-2015-09-28-10590-acoake StudentIRB-2015-09-11-10587-clnema

- Yes, I consent to participate in this study.
- No, I do not consent to participate in this study.

When thinking politically, what do you usually consider yourself--a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

- Democrat
- Republican
- Independent

Do you lean more towards the Republican Party or the Democratic Party?

- Democratic Party
- Republican Party
- Neither

Do you consider yourself a strong or a weak ?

- Strong
- Weak

Are you a member of any political group such as a political party or interest group?

- Yes, active member
- Yes, but not an active member
- No, not a member

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Which of the following statements best describes you for the election held in November 2012:

- I did not vote
- I thought about voting this time - but didn't
- I usually vote, but didn't this time
- I am sure I voted
- I was not old enough to vote in 2012, but am now eligible to vote
- I was not eligible to vote in 2012, and am still not eligible to vote

In talking to people about elections, we often find that a lot of people were not able to vote because they weren't registered, they were sick, or they just didn't have time. Which of the following statements best describes you for the election held in November 2014:

- I did not vote
- I thought about voting this time - but didn't
- I usually vote, but didn't this time
- I am sure I voted
- I was not old enough to vote in 2014, but am now eligible to vote
- I was not eligible to vote in 2014, and am still not eligible to vote

Did you work on a campaign for the November 2014 election?

- Yes
- No

Are you a member of any of the following political organizations on campus? (Check all that apply)

- Young Democrats
- College Republicans
- Other: _____

Do you happen to know how many times an individual can be elected President of the United States under current laws? (Please enter a number)

Is the U.S. federal budget deficit -- the amount by which the government's spending exceeds the amount of money it collects -- now bigger, about the same, or smaller than it was during most of the 1990s?

- Bigger
- About the same
- Smaller

For how many years is a United States Senator elected -- that is, how many years are there in one full term of office for a U.S. Senator? (Please enter a number)

What is Medicare?

- A program run by the U.S. federal government to pay for old people's health care
- A program run by state governments to provide health care to poor people
- A private health insurance plan sold to individuals in all 50 states
- A private, non-profit organization that runs free health clinics

On which of the following does the U.S. federal government currently spend the least?

- Foreign aid
- Medicare
- National defense
- Social security

Now we have a set of questions concerning various public figures. We want to see how much information about them gets out to the public from television, newspapers and the like.

For each person listed below, what job or political office do they now hold or have they most recently held?

Joe Biden	
Theresa May	
John Roberts	
Paul Ryan	

With which of the following racial or ethnic groups do you most strongly identify?

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Hispanic or Latino
- Other _____

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

What is your age?

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal to extremely conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this?

- Extremely liberal
- Liberal
- Slightly liberal
- Moderate; middle of the road
- Slightly conservative
- Conservative
- Extremely conservative
- Haven't thought much

This question is about your family's total income in 2015, before taxes. This figure should include income from all sources, including salaries, wages, pensions, Social Security, dividends, interest and all other income. What was the total income of your family in 2015?

- Under \$50,000
- \$50,001 to \$90,000
- \$90,001 to \$150,000
- \$150,001 to \$250,000
- \$250,001 to \$400,000
- \$400,001 and above