***SAMPLE CONSENT DOCUMENT***

**Consent to Act as a Human Subject**

**Subject’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Consent:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Title:** A re-investigation of the Crissman moral Behavior Scale: 2003

**Description and Explanation of Procedures:**

You will be asked to respond to the 50-item Crissman Moral Behavior Scale as part of a large

study involving undergraduates at The Citadel and the College of Charleston. Responding to the

Crissman Scale will require about 20 minutes of your time and will be scored utilizing a Likert Scale.

You will also be asked to provide some additional information such as age, gender, race/ethnicity,

college class standing (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) and college major. The study will

compare responses of the subject group to responses of past subject groups from 1929, 1939, 1949,

1959, and 1969 looking for changes in moral perceptions.

You will not be required to place your name on any of the data collection sheets, thereby

ensuring that your responses will not be identified separately from group data. All data will be

analyzed as group data, will be considered confidential, and will be securely stored (or destroyed)

once entered for data analysis(ses). .

Your participation is completely voluntary. Should you decide not to participate, or should

you decide to discontinue participation at any point in time, you may do so without penalty or

prejudice.

**Risks and Discomforts:**

The Crissman Moral Behavior Scale asks questions about moral behavior in general, not as

applied to your behavior. Therefore, there should be no risk or discomfort through sensitive

disclosures related to your behavior specifically.

**Potential Benefits:**

The Crissman Moral Behavior Scale has been administered five times over the last 74 years.

This administration will allow comparison of college students’ perceptions to those of past

generations. The data should provide indications of changes in moral perceptions, if any, that will be

of interest to researchers.

**Compensation and Treatment for Injury:**

Your course instructor has agreed to provide extra credit for your participation in this study.

You should check with your course instructor for more information about that extra credit.

While the Crissman Moral Behavior Scale is not expected to cause any discomfort, should

you nevertheless feel uneasy about questions asked, you may contact Dr. Michael Politano,

Department of Psychology, 953-5321 <politanom@citadel.edu> who will direct you to appropriate

resources.

If you have questions or concerns regarding protection of participant rights and welfare during or after participation in this study, please contact The Citadel IRB Chair at <citadelirb@citadel.edu>.

**Consent:**

I have been satisfactorily informed about the procedures described above and the possible

risk and benefits of the project, and I agree to participate in this project. Any questions that I have

about the procedures have been answered. I understand that this project and this consent form have

been approved by the Departmental Review Board or Institutional Review Board, as appropriate,

which ensures that research projects involving human subjects follow federal regulations. If I have

any further questions about this project, I will call the Department of Psychology at (843) 953-5320.

I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent to participate in the project at any time

without penalty or prejudice. In addition, I will not be identified by name as a participant in this

project.

Any new information that might develop during the project will be provided to me if that

information might affect my willingness to participate in the project.

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Subject’s Signature Witness to Signature

**If subject is a minor or for some reason unable to sign, complete the following:**

Subject is \_\_\_\_\_\_ years old or unable to sign because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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