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From: Office of Human Research Ethics

Date: 10/11/2021
RE: Notice of IRB Exemption
Exemption Category: 2.Survey, interview, public observation,3. Benign Behavioral intervention
Study #: 21-2258

Study Title: Social Movements Appraisal

This submission, Reference ID 337316, has been reviewed by the Office of Human Research Ethics and was determined to be exempt from further review according to the regulatory category cited above under 45 CFR 46.104.

Study Description:

Purpose: To examine factors that influence public perceptions of social movements.

Participants: Voting-age Russians, adult males and females 18 years of age or older. Respondents are members of a respondent pool for Qualtrics.

Procedures (methods): Online survey programmed in Qualtrics and distributed by Qualtrics to existing members of their subject pool.

Submission Regulatory and other findings:

As a reminder, all human subject research activities are expected to follow all institutional and UNC Health policies, including those that may limit direct contact of participants. If you need to modify or alter your study design due to COVID-19 in order to conduct your research activities, please submit a modification.

Investigator's Responsibilities:

If your study protocol changes in such a way that exempt status would no longer apply, you should contact the above IRB before making the changes. There is no need to inform the IRB about changes in study personnel. However, be aware that you are responsible for ensuring that all members of the research team who interact with subjects or their identifiable data complete the required human subjects training, typically completing the relevant CITI modules.

The IRB will maintain records for this study for 3 years, at which time you will be contacted about the status of the study.

The current data security level determination is Level I. Any changes in the data security level need to be discussed with the relevant IT official. If data security level II and III, consult with your IT official to develop a data security plan. Data security is ultimately the responsibility of the Principal Investigator.

Please be aware that approval may still be required from other relevant authorities or "gatekeepers" (e.g., school principals, facility directors, custodians of records), even though the project has determined to be exempt. .