Debriefing Form

Thank you for your participation in this research. In this research you went through several different activities.

The first activity asked you to guess the number of dots on a screen. This was used to assign you to groups.

In the second activity you were linked to your group and you competed with another group. We used this to make your groups more salient.

In the third activity you were asked to send money to or return money to another person four times. You were randomly paired with another person from the opposite group each time. We are interested in whether people are willing to risk their money with someone from a different group. As part of this experiment, money could be lost in the third stage of this activity. Depending on the experiment you were in, you might have gotten information about whether money was lost.

In the last activity you completed a survey. This survey collected a number of attitudinal measures. We think that some of those items will be related to your decisions and we will be analyzing these data over the next several months.

The experimenters used no deception in this experiment. You were truthfully informed of how your payoffs were determined as well as what would take place throughout the decision tasks.

Your participation is important in helping researchers learn about how the behavior and presence of a third-party monitor affects choices between two counterparts. One application of the study pertains to the involvement of third-party peacekeepers during conflict (i.e. a civil war). Further, by participating in this project, you now have firsthand knowledge of what it is like to be in an experiment that spans the fields of political science and economics.

We would appreciate it if you did not discuss the contents of this experiment with others for the next several weeks. We are continuing to run experiments with a number of different people.

If you have any additional questions regarding the research, please contact Jared Oestman (jo18@rice.edu) or Professor Rick Wilson (rkw@rice.edu).