

Example of a brief Consent Form that includes all of the required information for many types of studies

We are conducting a **research** study at the **University of Northern Iowa** about how students and community members feel about voting in local elections. This study involves **completing an online survey**, which will take about **10 minutes**. The study is **voluntary** and you can **choose not to answer** some or all of the questions. Students who choose to participate will not be expected to do the survey **during class time**. The study **risks are minimal**, although you may feel some discomfort answering questions about your own voting behavior. There will be **no compensation** for your time, and there are no direct **benefits** to you, but we believe the study will **help society** to better understand voter behavior and beliefs.

This survey is **confidential**. While we will not request your name, we will ask for some demographic information (e.g., student status, major, county of residence, race, etc.). Because the survey is on the **internet**, **we cannot guarantee** that the data will not be intercepted by others, although this seems unlikely. After we receive your survey, we will separate the survey sections and store the **demographic information in a different file than the survey responses**, and only combine them data during analysis. **Individual results** will never be shared with anyone. **Grouped results** will be shared in articles and presentations. We may also **use the data again later** in other research studies, and may share the de-identified datasets with other researchers interested in the topic.

If you have questions about the study, please contact the lead researcher, Jane Doe, at jane.doe@uni.edu. If you have questions about the rights of research participants, contact the UNI IRB Administrator at anita.gordon@uni.edu. If you are interested in completing the survey, click “Yes” below. If not, you may simply close your browser.