Consent for Research Participation

Research Study Title: First Year Studies 129 Information Privilege Fall 2018
Researcher: Charissa Powell, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

I am asking you to be in this research study because you completed FYS 129 during the fall 2018 semester. You must be age 18 or older to participate in the study. The information in this consent form is to help you decide if you want to be in this research study. Please take your time reading this form and contact the researcher to ask questions if there is anything you do not understand.

Why is the research being done?
The purpose of the research study is to understand how taking FYS 129 Information Privilege impacted a student’s understanding of the concept of information privilege.

What will I do in this study?
If you agree to be in this study, you will complete an online survey. The survey includes questions about information privilege, privilege, and your experience with this class and should take you about 15 minutes to complete. You can skip questions that you do not want to answer.

Can I say “No”? 
Being in this study is up to you. You can stop up until you submit the survey. After you submit the survey, we cannot remove your responses because we will not know which responses came from you.

- Either way, your decision won’t affect your grades, your relationship with your instructors, or standing with the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Are there any risks to me?
I don’t know of any risks to you from being in the study.

Are there any benefits to me?
There is a possibility that you may benefit from being in the study, but there is no guarantee that will happen. Possible benefits include being able to reflect on your experience with this class. Even if you don’t benefit from being in the study, your participation may help us to learn more about what you learned from taking this class. We hope the knowledge gained from this study will benefit others in the future.

What will happen with the information collected for this study?
The survey is anonymous, and no one will be able to link your responses back to you. Your responses to the survey will not be linked to your computer, email address or other electronic identifiers. Please do not include your name or other information that could be used to identify
you in your survey responses. Information provided in this survey can only be kept as secure as any other online communication.

Information collected for this study will be published and presented at conferences.

**Will I be paid for being in this research study?**

You will not be paid for being in this study.

**Who can answer my questions about this research study?**

If you have questions or concerns about this study, or have experienced a research related problem or injury, contact the researcher, Charissa Powell (email: charissa@utk.edu, office phone: 865-974-6684).

For questions or concerns about your rights or to speak with someone other than the research team about the study, please contact:

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**Statement of Consent**

I have read this form, been given the chance to ask questions and have my questions answered. If I have more questions, I have been told who to contact. By clicking the “I Agree” button below, I am agreeing to be in this study. I can print or save a copy of this consent information for future reference. If I do not want to be in this study, I can close my internet browser.