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IRB and Intro

Hello, we are researching online victimization and offending, and we would like to invite you to participate in our study. The following information is provided to inform you of the research project (IRB #19-1010) that will be conducted by Dr. Kati Parti, Dr. Thomas Dearden and Dr. James Hawdon.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY: The purpose of this study is to investigate the experiences people have on the internet as it relates to both their victimization and offending experiences. We are trying to better understand the attitudes, behaviors, and situations that relate to said experiences.

PROCEDURES: You are being asked to complete an online questionnaire about computer use and online behaviors. If you decide to participate, completing the survey will require about ten minutes. The survey will include questions about demographic information, trust levels, political affiliation and beliefs, personal beliefs, social learning patterns, and self control. You will not be identified in any way, and your answers will remain confidential. There will be no way anyone will find out who you are or how you answered these questions. All results of this research will be reported in aggregate form so no individuals could be identified.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Collected survey data will be made publicly available after closing the study. Again, in the dataset no identifiers will be included, so no individuals could be identified.

RISKS: This survey will ask you questions about your online experiences. The questions include online behaviors that may be illegal though this information cannot be tied to anyone and is not sensitive enough to be incriminating. We believe this research poses no more than minimal risk. This risk includes potentially negative feelings such as anxiety, guilt, or general discomfort that may come when answering questions personal questions such as those about trust, victimization, and offending behaviors online. Typically, online surveys collect general information about the computer you are taking the survey on including IP Address. This feature has specifically been turned off to ensure anonymity in the survey.

BENEFITS: There is a societal benefit of increasing the understanding online behaviors, what relates to victimization and offending, and how beliefs and behaviors influence these situations.

COMPENSATION: There is no compensation for participation in this project other than that possibly provided by

Survey Sample International (SSI). .

FREEDOM TO WITHDRAW: By agreeing to participate in the study, you do not waive any rights that you may have regarding access to and disclosure of your records. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you choose to participate, your responses will be held in confidence. You are free to withdraw at any time without penalty. In addition, you also understand that you may skip any question that you do not want to answer. Finally, if the results of this study were to be written for publication, no identifying information will be used.

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH: This study has been reviewed by Virginia Tech's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB has determined that this study meets the ethical obligations required by federal law and University policies. If you have questions or concerns regarding this study please contact the Investigator or Advisor. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board at irb@vt.edu or (540) 231-3732.

PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITY: You are responsible for answering the questions you choose to answer. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please contact Dr. James Hawdon at 540-231-7476. You can also contact Dr. Hawdon at hawdonj@vt.edu or by mail at Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Virginia Tech, 205a Norris Hall, 495 Old Turner St. Blacksburg, VA 24061.

PARTICIPANTS CONSENT: I have read and understood the Informed Consent Statement and conditions of this project. By highlighting "Begin Survey" below, I hereby acknowledge the above, I assert I am 18 years of age or older, and I give my voluntary consent for participation in this project.

◯ Begin the Survey

◯ No thank you. I'd rather not participate

Introduction Questions

In a typical week, how many hours do you spend. . .

	0	<1	1-2	2-4	4-6	7-8	8-10	10 or more
playing online video games	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
reading news or other articles online	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
browsing social media like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
on a computer while working at a job	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
shopping online	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
other online activities	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

How many hours per week do you spend on the dark web

0	<1	1-2	2-4	4-6	7-8	10 or more
○	○	○	○	○	○	○

How familiar would you say you are with computers

○ I am uncomfortable using a computer

○ I can "surf the 'net'", use common software, but not fix my computer problems

○ I can use a variety of software and fix some of my computer problems

○ I can use a variety of operating systems and fix most computer problems I have

○ I am comfortable manipulating or writing computer programming

I find it easier to talk about private things online when others don't know who I am

○ Strongly agree

○ Agree

○ Somewhat agree

○ Neither agree nor disagree

○ Somewhat disagree

○ Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

Demographics

How much do you trust people in general

○ A great deal

○ A lot

○ A moderate amount

○ A little

○ None at all

Are you

○ Male

○ Female

○ LGBTQIA, Non-binary, Other

In what year were you born?

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Which is the highest level of education you have achieved?

◯ Less than a high school diploma

◯ High school degree

◯ Some college

◯ A college degree

◯ A master's degree, professional degree or higher

What is your race? Select all that apply

☐ White

☐ Black or African American

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

☐ Other

☐ Don't know

☐ Prefer not to answer

Are you Hispanic

○ Yes

○ No

What is the total combined income of all members in your household during the past 12 months?

○ Less than $25,000

○ $25,000 - $50,000

○ $50,001 - $75,000

○ $75,001 - $100,000

○ $100,001 - $150,000

○ $150,001 - $250,000

○ $250,001 or more

○ Don't know

○ Prefer not to answer

Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be

○ Very convservative

○ Somewhat conservative

○ Moderate

○ Somewhat liberal

○ Very liberal

○ Don't know

○ Prefer not to answer

Are you currently

○ Living alone

○ Married or living with a partner, no children in the home

○ Single parent

○ Married or living with a partner, children in the home

○ Living with parents

○ Other family type (e.g., living with roommates)

What is your main occupation? Select all that apply

☐ I'm in school

☐ I'm in a paid, full-time job

☐ I'm in a paid, part-time job and not looking for full-time work

☐ I'm in a paid, part-time job but looking for full-time work

☐ I'm unemployed/ looking for a job

☐ I'm unemployed/ not looking for a job

Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of President Trump

○ Approve

○ Disapprove

Measures of Offending

In the past 12 months have you. . .

	Yes	No
posted hurtful information about someone on the internet	○	○
threatened or insulted others through email or instant messaging	○	○
excluded someone from an online community	○	○
hacked into an unauthorized area of the internet	○	○
distributed malicious software	○	○

	Yes	No
illegally downloaded copyrighted files or programs	○	○
illegally uploaded copyrighted files or programs	○	○
used someone else's personal information on the internet without their permission	○	○
bought prescriptions (without a prescription) or other drugs on online pharmacies or websites	○	○
posted nude photos of someone else without his/her permission	○	○

Measures of Victimization & Self-Protection

In the past 12 months have you . . .

	Yes	No
lost money due to en email, website or other computer scam	○	○
had your identity used by someone else to start a bank account, credit card or loan	○	○
Had unknown transactions in your bank/investment account, credit card, or other online payment system	○	○
received notification from a company or organization that your private information, such as name, social security, credit card or password, has been stolen or posted publicly	○	○

	Yes	No
experienced hurtful comments, pictures or videos about you about posted online	○	○
experienced unwanted sexual comments or advances online	○	○
Had a computer virus or malware that affected how your computer operated	○	○

Do you use or do any of the following?

	Have in place		Put in place because of a prior online victimization	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Cover your web camera on your computer or laptop	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use identity theft protection monitoring	◯	◯	◯	◯
Freeze your credit when you do not plan to use it	◯	◯	◯	◯
Use virus software and/or firewalls on your computer	◯	◯	◯	◯

Theory - Self Control

How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Not true	A bit true	Very true
I get very angry often and lose my temper	◯	◯	◯
I do dangerous things for fun	◯	◯	◯
I do exciting things, even if they are dangerous	◯	◯	◯
I'm a risk taker	◯	◯	◯
I often act before I think about what I'm doing	◯	◯	◯

Theory - GST

In the past 12 months, you have. . .

	Yes	No
been treated unfairly	◯	◯
received a bad grade, performance review or evaluation	◯	◯
got into a disagreement with a family member	◯	◯
had a death or hospitalization of a close friend or family member	◯	◯
Got into a disagreement with a friend	◯	◯

	Yes	No
Had to deal with money problems	◯	◯
broke up with a significant other	◯	◯
parents divorced	◯	◯
been a victim of a crime	◯	◯

Theory IAT

How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree
Being successful is more important than being happy	◯	◯	◯
I intend to do whatever it takes to have some of the really expensive things in life	◯	◯	◯
I expect to make as many sacrifices as are necessary in order to advance my work/career	◯	◯	◯
I expect to devote whatever time and energy it takes to move up in my job/career	◯	◯	◯
I will sacrifice a lot of other things to have a lot of money	◯	◯	◯
I don't need help from others to succeed	◯	◯	◯
I am getting/have gotten education because it is expected by my friends or parents	◯	◯	◯
Success is measured by the amount of money a person makes	◯	◯	◯

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree
Having lots of money is one of my major goals in life	◯	◯	◯
Education is only helpful to get a good job	◯	◯	◯
Education is useful because it helps you make more money	◯	◯	◯

Theory DA/Social Learning

In the past 12 months, how frequently have you. . . ?

	With friends offline		Online in chat rooms or social media	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
shared pirated software	○	○	○	○
shared pirates music	○	○	○	○
talked about pirating techniques	○	○	○	○
discussed how to hack things online	○	○	○	○
demeaned others or other groups	○	○	○	○

Extremism Original Block

In the past 3 months, have you seen hateful or degrading writings or speech online that attacked certain groups of people or individuals?

○ Yes

○ No

In the past 3 months, have you seen or heard any materials online that expressed negative views about any group because of the group's race, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, political views, immigrant status, or religion?

○ Yes

○ No

Thinking of the most recent time when you saw or heard negative views expressed about a group, how would you best describe those views? (check all that apply)

☐ They advocated violence against the group

☐ They used stereotypes to describe the group

☐ They blamed the group for their problems

☐ They blamed the group for the nation's problems

☐ They advocated hatred of the group

☐ They called for others to discriminate against the group

Did the negative views that you saw or heard online pertain to one or more of the following? (Check all that apply)

☐ Ethnicity or race

☐ Nationality or immigrant status

☐ Sexual orientation

☐ Religious conviction/belief

☐ Political Views

☐ Disability

☐ Sex or Gender

☐ Gender Identity

☐ Appearance

☐ [   ] Other

Please indicate which of the following services you saw or heard negative views. Choose all that apply.

☐ Facebook

☐ YouTube

☐ Instagram

☐ Twitter

☐ Google+

☐ MySpace

☐ Wikipedia

☐ Tumblr

☐ Pinterest

☐ Snapchat

☐ Newspaper message boards

☐ General message boards

☐ 4chan or 8chan

☐ Image boards other than 4chan or 8chan

☐ Instant messengers (e.g. Windows Live messenger)

☐ Online role-playing games or MMO (e.g. World of Warcraft, Runscape, etc.)

☐ First-person shooter games or FPS (e.g. Call of Duty, Battlefield, etc.)

☐ Dating services (eHarmony, Match, Kik, Tinder, etc.)

☐ Blogs or Forums

☐ Email

☐ Skype

☐ Anonymous network (e.g. Tor, Freenet, I2P, YikYak)

☐ Reddit

Still thinking of the most recent time you saw negative material online, did you purposefully search for this material or did you find it by accident?

○ I searched for it

○ I got there by accident

○ I got the link to the site from a friend or acquaintance of mine

To what extent did you agree with the opinions expressed in the material you saw or heard?

○ Strongly agree

○ Somewhat agree

○ Neither agree nor disagree

○ Somewhat disagree

○ Strongly disagree

In your opinion, how disturbing was this material? Please assess on a scale from 1–5, when 1 = extremely disturbing and 5= not at all disturbing.

○ 1= Extremely disturbing

○ 2= very disturbing

○ 3= disturbing

○ 4= only slightly disturbing

○ 5= Not at all disturbing

How frequently do you see material online that expresses negative views toward some group?

○ I never see this type of material

○ I see this type of material very infrequently

○ I see this type of material occasionally

○ I see this type of material frequently

Have you ever personally been the target of hateful or degrading material online?

○ Yes

○ No

Thinking of the last time you were targeted, to which of the following did the hateful or degrading material that targeted you pertain? Choose all relevant options.

◯ Ethnicity or race

◯ Nationality

◯ Sexual orientation

◯ Religious conviction/beliefs

◯ Political views

◯ Disability

◯ Sex or Gender

◯ Gender identity

◯ Appearance

◯ [   ] Other

Have you ever produced online material that other people would likely interpret as hateful or degrading?

◯ Yes

◯ No

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