

Appendix

Consent Form Sample



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Participant Information Sheet/Consent Form

Project: 'Branching Transhumanism: Video Games, Film, and Experience'

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You are invited to take part in this research project on the topic of trans/posthumanism in sci-fi and video game work. Before you decide to take part, however, please read this brief document to understand why this research is being done and what it will involve – you are free to decide whether or not to take part, and are free to discuss this project with whomever you choose before you make a decision – please contact me using the above email or ctfm1@leicester.ac.uk if you have any further queries.

The purpose of this research is to gather opinions and thoughts from you, fans of sci-fi and/or video games with varying levels of expertise on the knowledge of the philosophy of trans/posthuman theory or the various sciences that inspire it, and the implications of this theory on both the media and real life – the information gathered will be discussed with my research aims of exploring the relationship between these media texts and trans/posthuman theory.

Please note that taking part is entirely voluntary, and there are no risks to taking part – the only thing needed from you is a short (~5 min) anonymous interview about sci-fi works and video games, along with their involvement with this 'trans/posthuman' theory (though you are asked to sign the document, your names or any other details will not be used in the thesis – you will be entirely anonymous). These interviews will either take place in a quiet room, or on Skype, where the latter will be recorded through Audacity, an MP3 generating program, and will be stored on a secure folder in my PC to be transcribed until complete. There are no benefits to taking part, there is nothing required of you but your time, and this research will be incredibly helpful to both myself and the project. Audio recording hardware may be

used, but more likely, shorthand will be used to record answers for quicker transcription. Verbatim quotes may be used if consent is given, but can only be credited to you if you choose to not be anonymous.

Any information you supply to use will be treated confidentially in accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act: your name and identifying affiliations will, excluding at request, be made anonymous in any resulting publications, unless you give us your explicit consent to identify you as a subject.

If you are interested, thank you, and you will receive a copy of this sheet, with the researcher's own signature.



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Please Tick the Appropriate Boxes

Yes

No

Taking Part

I have read and understood the project information sheet dated 21/1/17.

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the project.

I agree to take part in the project. Taking part in the project will include being interviewed and recorded (audio).

I understand that my taking part is voluntary; I can withdraw from the study at any time and I do not have to give any reasons for why I no longer want to take part.

Use of the information I provide for this project only

I understand my personal details such as phone number and address will not be revealed to people outside the project.

I understand that my words may be quoted, verbatim, in publications, reports, web pages and other research outputs.

Please choose one of the following two options:

I would like my real name used in the above.

I would **not** like my real name to be used in the above.

Storage of the information I provide beyond this project

I agree for the data I provide to be archived in a password-protected personal computer.

I understand that other genuine researchers will have access to these data only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.

I understand that other genuine researchers may use my words in publications, reports, web pages and other research

outputs, only if they agree to preserve the confidentiality of the information as requested in this form.

So we can use the information you provide legally

I agree to assign the copyright I hold in any materials related to this project to Mr. Callum McMillan.

Name of participant Signature

Date

Researcher Signature

Date

Notes:

a Other forms of participation can be listed.

b More detail can be provided here so that decisions can be made separately about audio, video, transcripts, etc.