ADOLESCENT DECISION-MAKING: THE IMPACT OF TELEVISION VIEWING

We are inviting you to participate in this study because you are a teenager, and we are interested in how different kinds of TV affect the way teenagers do things.

This research will take you about 30-45 minutes to do. First, we will train you on a computer task. Then, you will watch a short TV program. This may be a comedy show or an instructional program or a documentary show. Then you will do a real computer task. This computer task involves choosing between one of four part-time or summer jobs.

Some of the TV shows you watch for the study may be a little boring, or they may make you feel a little uncomfortable, just as watching tragic news events makes viewers feel uncomfortable. Being in the study will not have direct benefits to you, but it may help researchers and teachers understand how teenagers make choices. In addition, you may learn something about how to choose a part-time job.

Your responses will be strictly confidential. There will be no way for us to know which responses belong to you or someone else. We may publish a summary of everybody’s responses or present such a summary at a scientific meeting, but your identity and your responses would be totally confidential.

We will also ask your parents for their permission for you to do this study. Please talk this over with them before you decide whether or not to participate.

If you have any questions at any time, please ask one of the researchers.

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Signature of Subject                              Date

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Signature of Investigator                          Date

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