Informed Consent – Amazon Mechanical Turk
Protocol Title: Employee Evaluations

Please read this consent document carefully before you decide to participate in this study.

Purpose of the research study: The purpose of this study is to better understand how people perceive employees at various levels of performance.

What you will be asked to do in the study: This study involves completing an online survey. You will be asked to read up to eight brief descriptions of employees with various levels of performance. After you read about each employee, you will be asked to answer a set of questions about your reactions to that employee.

Time required. Approximately 35 minutes.

Risks and Benefits: There are no known risks to participation in this study, nor will there be any direct personal benefit to you for participation.

Compensation: You will be paid $5.00 (per Amazon Mechanical Turk guidelines) for participating in this research.

Confidentiality: Your participation in this study is confidential and your responses will be anonymous. We will never have access to your name at any point. You will identify your participation via the process used by Amazon Mechanical Turk.

During the study, your data will be kept on secure UF servers or on encrypted hard drives. The University of Florida uses several layers of encryption, firewalls, and performs regular vulnerability/penetration checks, but there is still a minimal risk that the security of your online data could be breached. However, since we will not have your personal data it unlikely that a security breach would result in any adverse consequence for you. We recommend that you view http://privacy.ufl.edu/privacy-policies-and-procedures/onlineinternet-privacy-statement/for more information on your privacy/security.

Voluntary participation: Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. There is no penalty for not participating.

Right to withdraw from the study: You have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without consequence.

Whom to contact if you have questions about the study:
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