

**University of California, Irvine  
Study Information Sheet**

**The development of social cognition  
Collaborative Research: Social Influences of Math Learning  
CAREER: The development of, and reasoning about, inequality and its rectification**

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- Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand. A researcher listed above will be available to answer your questions.
- Your child is being asked to participate in a research study. Participation in this study is voluntary. Your child may choose to skip a question or a study procedure. Your child may refuse to participate or discontinue your involvement at any time without penalty. Your child is free to withdraw from this study at any time. **If your child decides to withdraw from this study you should notify the research team immediately.**
- The purpose of this research study is to better understand how children and adults learn about their social worlds, how they learn from others, and how they develop prosocial behaviors.
- The research procedures involve: a) Questionnaires – You will complete one or more brief questionnaires on your child's beliefs or reasoning; and/or b) Activity Game – Your child will be asked to complete a short activity (e.g., a puzzle, cooperative task, or reading a storybook). The research procedures will last up to 1 hour and will take place over the internet.
- The possible risks associated with the procedures include: being shy around the experimenter, embarrassment, and invasion of privacy/confidentiality.
- There are no direct benefits from participation in the study. However, indirectly, this study will contribute to greater knowledge about the development of people's moral beliefs.
- There are no alternative procedures available. The only alternative is not to participate in this study.
- All research data collected will be stored securely and confidentially on a secure, password-protected server through the University of California - Irvine. Only approved study researchers will have password access to the server.

- The research team, authorized UCI personnel, the National Science Foundation, and regulatory entities, may have access to your study records to protect your safety and welfare.

While the research team will make every effort to keep your personal information confidential, it is possible that an unauthorized person might see it. We cannot guarantee total privacy.

- Your child's information may be used for future research still to be planned. Possible future research studies may include, for example:
  - *Studying the impact of income inequality on fairness beliefs*
  - *Studying how education impacts our ideas of fairness*

You will not be informed about any of the specific research studies that might be conducted with your child's information. This means that your child's information could be used in research in which your child might not have chosen to participate (i.e. without your additional consent).

Any information shared for future research will **not** include your child's name or other personal identifying information.

The researchers intend to store your child's research data in a repository indefinitely. The researchers may continue to use and share your information indefinitely.

- There is no cost to your child for participation in this study.
- If, during the course of this study, significant new information becomes available that may relate to your child's willingness to continue to participate, this information will be provided to you by the research team listed at the top of the form.
- If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the conduct of this research please contact the researchers listed at the top of this form.
- It is important that you promptly tell the researchers if you believe that your child has been injured because of taking part in this study. You can tell the researcher in person or call him/her at the number listed at the top of this form.
- Please contact the UCI Institutional Review Board by phone, (949) 824-6662, by e-mail at [IRB@research.uci.edu](mailto:IRB@research.uci.edu) or at 141 Innovation Drive, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92697 if you are unable to reach the researchers listed at the top of the form and have general questions; have concerns or complaints about the research; have questions about your child's rights as a research subject; or have general comments or suggestions.

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