Information and Consent Form for the CAPP Project-Related Data Bank

Preamble

This project is conducted by Yannick Dufresne and Shannon Dinan, both professors in the Political Science Department of the University Laval. Its purpose is to measure attitudes, political behaviors, and other individual characteristics of voters. We now wish to obtain your agreement to store, in a data bank, your responses to the survey questions you agree to participate in. The conservation of this data in a data bank has been approved by the Ethics Committee of Université Laval. It is under the responsibility of Mr. Yannick Dufresne and Ms. Shannon Dinan. It will allow for the reuse of data in future university research projects.

We ask you to take the necessary time to read and understand this form.

Data Conservation Procedures: Survey data will be hosted on Canadian and secure Amazon Web Services (AWS) servers. The conservation period is estimated at 30 years. The approximate date for data bank destruction is set for 2050.

All data related to surveys that will be found in our data bank are anonymous or anonymized.

Researchers with Access to the Data Bank: The principal researchers, in consultation with other members of their research team, may grant access to the data in anonymous or anonymized format to other researchers or students who request it. Research projects for which the data will be used must have received prior approval from a research ethics committee.

Purposes for Which Data Will Be Used: The data will be used strictly for university research on attitudes, political behaviors of voters, and their individual characteristics.

Participant Involvement: Participation involves depositing survey responses in a data bank in anonymous or anonymized form:

- Anonymous form: Data is collected without requesting identifying information, ensuring that no link can be made between responses and the participant.

- Anonymized form: If information that could potentially allow re-identification of participants is collected, it will be processed to protect anonymity. This data is separated from main responses and stored securely, without the possibility of directly linking identifying information to individual responses. This process ensures that participant data is completely anonymous in the data bank.

Risks and Disadvantages Associated with the Data Bank: There are no major risks associated with the data bank. Re-identification risks exist but are minimal. This is why we have implemented strict measures in this regard. It should be noted that participant names are not collected.

Freedom of Participation and Withdrawal: Participation in the data bank is voluntary. Participants cannot request withdrawal of their data, as it is anonymous or anonymized from the moment of collection, making it impossible to trace and identify their responses to survey questions.

Contact Persons: For more information about the data bank or to inform us of a withdrawal, you can write to the following email address: capp@ulaval.ca.

For any questions about participant rights or to file a complaint or comments, you can contact the Université Laval Ombudsman Office at the following coordinates:

Phone: 418 656-3081
Toll-free line: 1 866 323-2271
info@ombudsman.ulaval.ca

Participant Consent:

I declare that I have read this information and consent form. I acknowledge that the nature of the data bank has been explained to me. I attest that I have been informed about the procedure to follow to ask all my questions. I acknowledge that I have been given the necessary time to make a decision. I know that I am free to agree to participate in this data bank.

☐ Yes — ☐ No

I consent to having my survey responses transferred and stored in the data bank:

☐ Yes — ☐ No

Ethical Approval: This project has been approved by the Research Ethics Committee of Université Laval: Approval No. 2021-065 CG A-3 R-2 / 21-05-2026