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SAMPLE DEBRIEFING SCRIPT / SHEET

[Insert title of the study]

Thank you for your participation in this research study. I would like to take a few minutes to tell you about the purpose of this study and to discuss with you exactly what we were trying to assess. For this study it was important that we [withhold some information from you or provide you with incorrect information about some aspects of the study].

As you may know, scientific methods sometimes require that participants in research studies not be given complete information about the research until after they have participated. This is typically because we do not want to influence participant responses in any way. For example, if we tell people what the purpose of the study is and how we predict they will react, then their reactions will not be good indicators of how they would really react in everyday situations. Although we cannot always tell you everything about a study before you participate, however, we do want to tell you everything once the study is complete.

What you should know about this study
[*insert explanation of study purpose, describe the information about the study purpose or the study procedures that was withheld and explain the reason why the information was withheld, as applicable.*]

We believe this study is important because [highlight the significance of the research and what it contributes to society].

Right to withdraw data
Now that the study has been fully explained to you, do you agree to allow the investigator to use the data that we collected from you? You may choose to withdraw the data you provided without any penalty.

Questions
I hope you enjoyed your experience today and that you learned some things that were new to you. If you have any questions please feel to ask them now or to contact the researcher team directly at a later time. [*provide PI telephone numbers, and emails for the Principal Investigator and Faculty Advisor if a Student PI.*]

If you would like to speak to someone outside the research team or have any concerns about your rights as a research participant please contact the Institutional Review Board at 607-777-3818 or hsrrc@binghamotn.edu.

Lastly, in order to help us continue to gather strong data we urge you not to discuss this study with other people who are currently participating or who might participate in the future. If they knew the true purpose of the study, it could affect how they behave or answer questions.

Do you have any other questions or comments about anything you did today or anything we've talked about?

Thank you again for your participation.