



Voting Study Instructions

As previously described in the informed consent paper, the ballots you are about to complete are solely for research purposes. This is a completely anonymous mock election; your name will not be associated with our results in any way.

Please be aware of the following: ***All materials in this study have been compiled **solely for research purposes** and are not intended to reflect the views of Rice University or of the researchers associated with this study. Also, you may or may not recognize the names used in this study. While in some cases they may be real political candidates, these people are **not** necessarily running for the offices mentioned in this study. Should you receive a voter guide, the statements in it were **not** necessarily made by the candidates and in some cases were created by the researchers.***

You will vote three times today. Two of those times you will vote on a computer. The other time you will vote using one of the following three methods. The experimenter will tell you which method you will use.

- 1) Pull the lever next to your selection
- 2) Fill in the bubble next to your selection
- 3) Punch a hole next to your selection

At the top of each ballot, on the right-hand side of the lever machine, or on the first screen on the computer system, you will find instructions for casting your vote on that particular voting method. Along with your first ballot, you will also receive a piece of paper telling you exactly who to vote for; **please vote by making exactly those choices all three times that you vote.** We realize the candidates we are asking you to vote for may not be those you would normally choose; **we are interested in measuring differences between voting methods, not in assessing political preferences.**

After you have finished reading this paper and asked any questions you might have, a research assistant will hand you the first ballot type and show you to a room where you can complete it. When you are done with this first ballot, please tell the research assistant and s/he will give you your second ballot. When you are done with your second ballot, please tell the research assistant and s/he will give you your third ballot.

After you have voted three times, you will receive a survey asking you questions about your satisfaction using the different voting methods, your usual voting habits, etc. This survey is an important part of the experiment, so please answer carefully and thoroughly. You will then receive a debriefing form that tells you more about this research.

Please take a moment to be sure you understand these instructions and to ask any questions you may have about the procedure, then let the research assistant know when you are ready to begin.