

Understanding the Factors that Influence Mock Jurors' Sentencing Decisions in a Criminal Trial (Principal Investigator: Christy Ferioli)

<p><i>Purpose and benefits of study:</i></p>	<p>You are being invited to take part in a research study that will examine mock jurors' sentencing decisions in a criminal trial. This study has been approved by the Claremont McKenna College Institutional Review Board (IRB). Results from this study will add to our knowledge of the factors that influence sentencing decisions; they also have the potential to improve the functioning of our criminal justice system.</p>
<p><i>Principal Investigator and Contact Information:</i></p>	<p>This research study will be conducted by Christy Ferioli for her senior thesis. Her faculty advisor is Mark Costanzo, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Claremont McKenna College. If you have any questions about the study or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the researcher at cferioli09@cmc.edu or 818-281-3894. For questions about your rights as a research participant you may contact the chair of Claremont McKenna's Institutional Review Board, Michael O'Neill at 909-607-8336, or via email at moneill@cmc.edu.</p>
<p><i>Description of procedures:</i></p>	<p>If you agree to participate in this research study, you will read the facts presented at trial and the facts presented at sentencing. You will be asked to recommend a sentence for the defendant. You will also fill out a questionnaire about yourself and your perceptions of the defendant's case. Participation in this study will take approximately 1 hour of your time.</p>
<p><i>Fees or Incentives:</i></p>	<p>This study is voluntary. You will receive class credit for participating, but there will be no monetary compensation.</p>
<p><i>Risks:</i></p>	<p>Participating in this study is not likely to cause you any physical or emotional harm. However, you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. You may also refuse to answer any questions that make you feel uncomfortable. Nonparticipation or withdrawal will not affect your grades or academic standing.</p>
<p><i>Confidentiality:</i></p>	<p>All questionnaires will be kept strictly confidential. Although you will sign a consent form to participate, this form will be stored separately from your questionnaire.</p>
<p><i>Agreement to participate</i></p>	<p>The researcher has explained this study to me and answered all of my questions. My signature indicates that I have read and understood all of the above, that I am 18 years or older, and that I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.</p> <p>Participant Name:</p> <p>Participant Signature:</p> <p>Researcher Signature:</p>

