



## Audio Response Survey Information Letter

**Title of Study:** Youth Climate Values Survey

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**Information about the study**

To help you make an informed decision regarding your participation, this letter will explain what the study is about, the possible risks and benefits, and your rights as a research participant. If you do not understand something in the letter, please ask the Principal Investigator prior to consenting to the study. Please print a copy of this letter for your records.

You are invited to participate in a survey with recorded audio responses on the attitudes and values of members of the Canadian youth climate movement. Responses will be used to develop a detailed picture of the range of beliefs, feelings, and underlying values within the Canadian youth climate movement and to develop strategies for engaging more effectively with policy makers, business leaders, and other climate actors.

The results of the study may be publicly presented in reports, policy papers, and/or peer-reviewed journal articles.

**Your responsibilities as a participant**

The audio response survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. At the beginning of the survey you will be prompted to carefully read a consent form. If you agree with everything in the consent form, please click "I Agree to Participate" at the bottom of the form. The survey will also ask you to confirm your email address in order to link your responses from the audio response survey to your responses from the first survey.

Please do not disclose your name or any other directly identifying information in your audio-recorded responses.

**Your rights as a participant**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decide to exit the survey at any time by closing your browser. Please note that because the survey is anonymous (i.e. it does not ask for your name or other directly identifying information), it will not be possible to withdraw your consent once you have

submitted your responses, as the researchers will have no way of knowing which responses belong to you.

You will not receive payment for your participation in the study. Participation in this study may not provide any personal benefit to you. The results of this research will provide the basis for scholarly publications (not written for monetary reward). The study will benefit the academic and youth climate action communities by developing:

- a comprehensive map of the dominant attitudes, values, and ideologies (i.e. the “normative landscape”) within the Canadian youth climate network—as well as the key economic, social, and technological factors influencing (and being reinforced by) this normative landscape;
- a more nuanced understanding of emerging challenges related to worldview heterogeneity that could impede effective collaboration and coordination; and
- strategies and solutions for overcoming collaboration and coordination challenges.

### *Confidentiality*

You will not be asked to reveal your name or any directly identifying information.

Audio recordings will be kept on a password-protected computer(s) with an encrypted hard drive and will be stored in secure facilities at Royal Roads University, Canada for no more than 30 days. Within 30 days, audio recordings will be transcribed and the audio recording files will be destroyed. Anonymous, transcribed text data will be kept on a password-protected computer(s) with an encrypted hard drive and will be stored in secure facilities at Royal Roads University, Canada for a minimum of seven years.

You will be completing an online survey operated by Phonic. When information is transmitted over the internet, privacy cannot be guaranteed. There is always a risk your responses may be intercepted by a third party (e.g., government agencies, hackers). If you are completing the survey on your own device, please note that Royal Roads University researchers will not collect or use internet protocol (IP) addresses or other information which could link your participation to your computer or electronic device without first informing you.

### **Questions, comments, or concerns**

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the Royal Roads University Research Ethics Board. If you have questions for the Board, contact the Office of Research Ethics at [ethicalreview@royalroads.ca](mailto:ethicalreview@royalroads.ca).

If you have any questions regarding this study, or would like additional information to assist you in reaching a decision about participation, please contact Scott Janzwood at [scott.janzwood@royalroads.ca](mailto:scott.janzwood@royalroads.ca).

## Consent Form

*You will be asked to read and respond to this consent form at the beginning of the audio response survey.*

- I agree to take part in an anonymous online audio response survey on the beliefs and values of the Canadian youth climate movement.
- I understand that, as a participant in the study, I will be prompted to provide 3 to 5-minute audio-recorded responses to 2 open-ended questions. I understand that the survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- I understand that I am under no obligation to agree to take the survey. I understand that I may stop the survey at any time and have the option of completing it later. I understand that data from incomplete surveys will not be incorporated into the study. Please note that because the survey is anonymous (i.e. it does not ask for your name or other directly identifying information), it will not be possible to withdraw your consent once you have submitted your responses, as the researchers will have no way of knowing which responses belong to you.
- I understand that audio recordings will be transcribed and destroyed within 30 days.
- I understand that I will have the opportunity to receive a gift card as a token of appreciation for my participation.
- I understand that participants that fail to provide responses that meet the time requirements and/or do not reflect an honest effort to answer the questions will not be eligible to receive a gift card. This decision is at the discretion of the investigators.

By clicking **I AGREE TO PARTICIPATE** below, I understand what this study involves and agree to participate.