

**PANCOPOP: Pandemic Communication and Politics**  
**INFORMED CONSENT FORM**  
(to be completed after Participant Information Sheet has been read)

Participant ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Taking Part**

**Please initial  
to confirm  
agreement**

The purpose and details of this study have been explained to me. I understand that this study is designed to further scientific knowledge and that all procedures have been approved by the Loughborough University Ethics Review Sub-Committee.

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I have read and understood the information sheet and this consent form.

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I have had an opportunity to ask questions about my participation.

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I understand that taking part in the project will involve being audio recorded.

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I understand that the personal information collected includes my name and professional occupation.

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I understand that sensitive personal information such as political views may be collected during this study.

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I understand that I am under no obligation to take part in the study, have the right to withdraw from this study at any stage for any reason, and will not be required to explain my reasons for withdrawing.

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**Use of Information**

I understand that all the personal and sensitive information I provide will be processed in accordance with data protection legislation on the public task basis and will be treated in strict confidence unless (under the statutory obligations of the agencies which the researchers are working with), it is judged that confidentiality will have to be breached for the safety of the participant or others or for audit by regulatory authorities.

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I understand that information I provide will be used for scholarly publications, reports and other research-based outputs.

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I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name, will not be shared beyond the study team.

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I agree that information I provide can be quoted anonymously in research outputs.

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I give permission for the anonymised interview transcripts to be deposited in the UK Data Archive and the Sao Paulo State University repository in Brazil so that it can be made publicly available for future research at the end of the project.

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**Consent to Participate**

I voluntarily agree to take part in this study. \_\_\_\_\_

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