Opening statement for an online survey/questionnaire

You are being invited to participate in a research study titled [Name of your research]. This study is being done by [Name of Researcher(s)] from [name of university or organisation].

The purpose of this research study is [provide participants with a short statement about the research], and will take you approximately [XX] minutes to complete. The data will be used for [state briefly what procedures you will need the data for].

Your participation in this study is entirely **voluntary** and you can **withdraw** at any time. You are free to omit any question.

We believe there are no known risks associated with this research study; however, as with any online related activity the risk of a breach is always possible. To the best of our ability your answers in this study will remain confidential. We will minimize any risks by [describe how you will safely store data, how confidentiality will be secured and how it will be anonymised].

[Contact]

Thank you for your help.

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