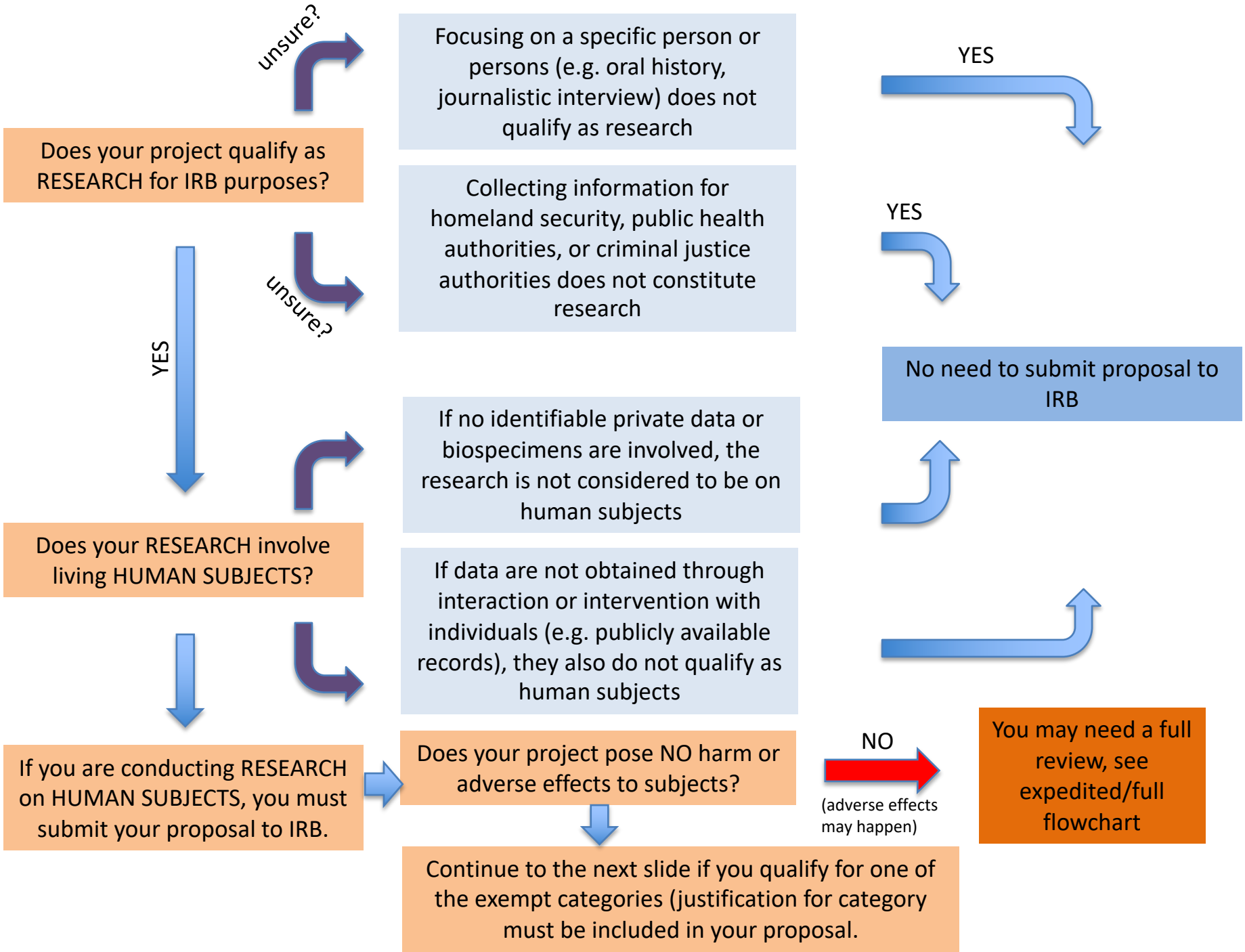
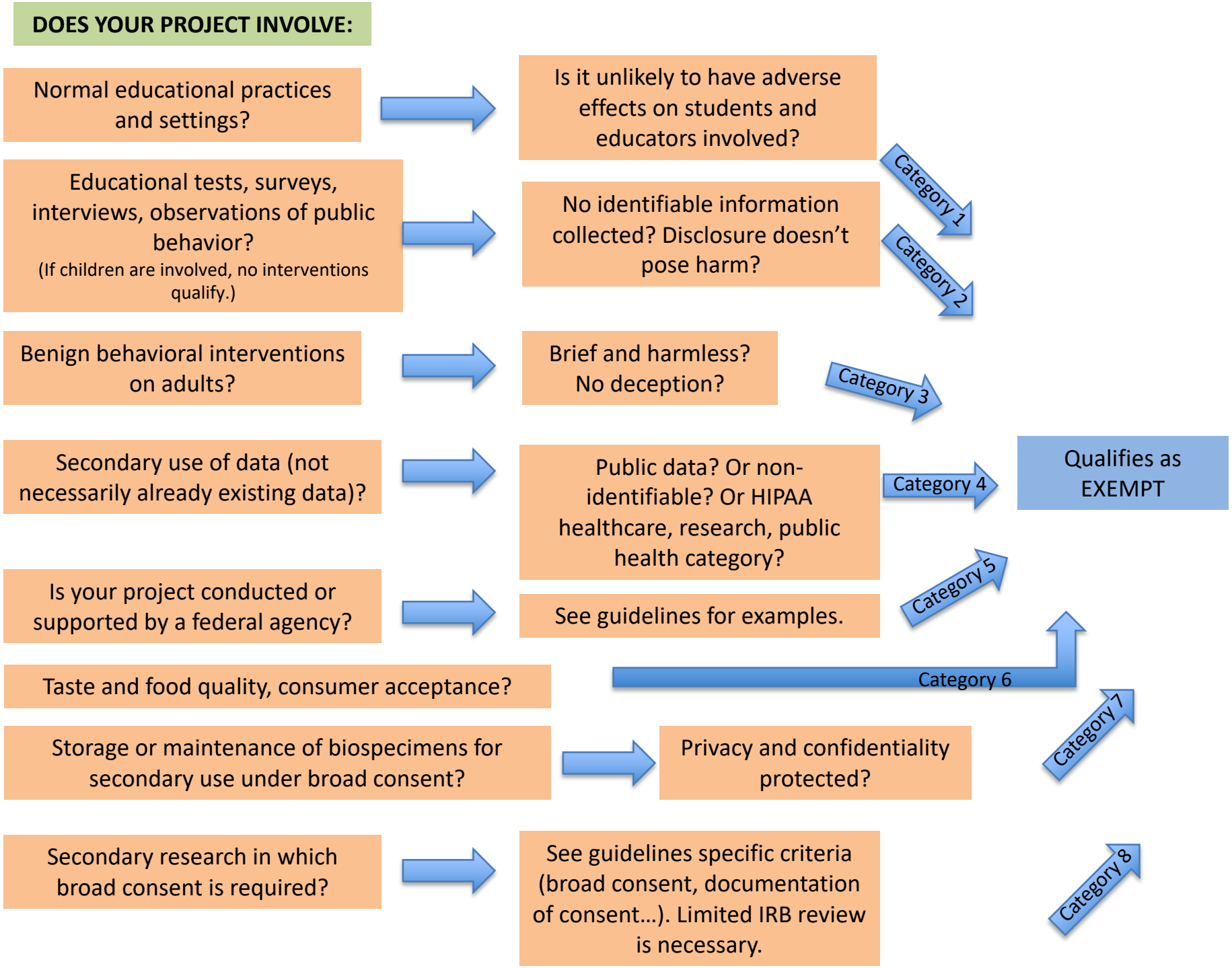

unsure?
Focusing on a specific person or persons (e.g. oral history, journalistic interview) does not qualify as research
YES
Does your project qualify as RESEARCH for IRB purposes?
unsure?
Collecting information for homeland security, public health authorities, or criminal justice authorities does not constitute research
YES
YES
No need to submit proposal to IRB
If no identifiable private data or biospecimens are involved, the research is not considered to be on human subjects
Does your RESEARCH involve living HUMAN SUBJECTS?
If data are not obtained through interaction or intervention with individuals (e.g. publicly available records), they also do not qualify as human subjects
If you are conducting RESEARCH on HUMAN SUBJECTS, you must submit your proposal to IRB.
Does your project pose NO harm or adverse effects to subjects?
NO
(adverse effects may happen)
You may need a full review, see expedited/full flowchart
Continue to the next slide if you qualify for one of the exempt categories (justification for category must be included in your proposal.


DOES YOUR PROJECT INVOLVE:
Normal educational practices and settings?
Is it unlikely to have adverse effects on students and educators involved?
Category 1
Educational tests, surveys, interviews, observations of public behavior?
(If children are involved, no interventions qualify.)
No identifiable information collected? Disclosure doesn't pose harm?
Category 2
Benign behavioral interventions on adults?
Brief and harmless? No deception?
Category 3
Secondary use of data (not necessarily already existing data)?
Public data? Or non-identifiable? Or HIPAA healthcare, research, public health category?
Category 4
Qualifies as EXEMPT
Is your project conducted or supported by a federal agency?
See guidelines for examples.
Category 5
Taste and food quality, consumer acceptance?
Category 6
Storage or maintenance of biospecimens for secondary use under broad consent?
Privacy and confidentiality protected?
Category 7
Secondary research in which broad consent is required?
See guidelines specific criteria (broad consent, documentation of consent…). Limited IRB review is necessary.
Category 8

Full Review vs. Expedited Review

Does Research Involve:

Measuring/addressing:
Aspects of Sensitive Behavior?
(e.g., Drug or Alcohol Use, Sexual or Violent Behavior)

Y → Full Review Required

N ↓

Methods using deception or incomplete disclosure?

Y → Full Review Required

N ↓

Expedited Review if:

Relatively Low Risk – e.g.:

- ❑ Research on behavior (perception, cognition, communication, etc.)
- ❑ Use of Surveys, focus groups, program evaluations
- ❑ Collection of data from voice, video or images
- ❑ Collection of biological specimens non invasively
- ❑ Collection of data for non-research purposes (e.g., diagnosis)
- ❑ Use of moderate exercise by healthy volunteers
- ❑ Review of any Revised Application
- ❑ Review of Minor Changes to Approved Applications