



Consent to Participate in Research

Title: The Impact of Female Participation in Gangs on Family and Social Problems

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Summary and Key Information about the Study

You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by Ms. Jane Doe, a student at Texas Woman's University, as a part of her dissertation. The purpose of this research is to determine how being a female member of a gang affects family and friend relationships. You have been invited to participate in this study because you are female and are currently/formerly a gang member. As a participant you will be asked to take part in a Zoom interview regarding your relationships and experiences with being a member of a gang. This interview will be audio recorded, and we will use a code name to protect your confidentiality. The total time commitment for this study will be about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Following the completion of the study you will receive a \$20 gift card for your participation. The greatest risks of this study include potential loss of confidentiality and emotional discomfort. We will discuss these risks and the rest of the study procedures in greater detail below.

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please review this consent form carefully and take your time deciding whether or not you want to participate. Please feel free to ask the researchers any questions you have about the study at any time.

Description of Procedures

In order to be a participant in this study, you must be at least 18 years of age or older, female, and be (or have been) a member of a gang. As a participant in this study you will be asked to spend one hour of your time in a



Zoom interview with the researcher. The researcher will ask you questions about your gang membership and your relationships with your family and friends. You and the researcher will decide on a code name for you to use during the interview. The researcher will set the meeting to record only audio and transcriptions, but just in case, before recording begins, you will be asked to turn your camera off. The interview will be audio recorded and transcribed through the Zoom app so that the researcher can be accurate when studying what you have said. An additional time of approximately 20-30 minutes may be needed to verify information after the interview. The researcher will reach out to you and schedule a time to verify this information over a phone call.

Potential Risks

The researcher will ask you questions about how your gang membership has affected your relationships with your family and your friends. A possible risk in this study is emotional discomfort with these questions you are asked. If you become tired or upset you may take breaks as needed. You may also stop answering questions at any time and end the interview. If you feel you need to talk to a professional about your emotional discomfort, here is a list of resources:

American Psychological Association
Psychologist Locator - <http://locator.apa.org/>

National Register of Health Service Psychologists - <http://www.findapsychologist.org/>

Mental Health of America Referrals - <http://www.nmha.org/go/searchMHA>

Psychology Today Find a Therapist - <http://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/>

National Board for Certified Counselors - <http://www.nbcc.org/CounselorFind>

Another risk in this study is loss of confidentiality. Confidentiality will be protected to the extent that is allowed by law. There is a potential risk of loss of confidentiality in all email, downloading, electronic meetings and internet transactions. We encourage you to find a private location where you can participate in the Zoom meeting.

A code name, not your real name, will be used during the interview. No one but the researcher will know your real name.

The audio recording will be saved to the researcher's personal laptop. There is an increased risk of loss of confidentiality since the data will be stored on the researcher's



personal laptop. To minimize this, the recording will be encrypted and stored in a password protected folder. Only the researcher will have access to the audio recording or read the transcription. The audio recording will be deleted using a file eraser software after the transcriptions have been verified. The transcription will be stored in a folder on the researcher's personal laptop, then deleted three years after the study is complete. The signed consent form will be saved in secure folder on the Google Drive, to which only the researcher has access. The consent forms will be deleted from the Google Drive three years after the study is closed. The results of the study may be reported in scientific magazines or journals but your name or any other identifying information will not be included.

****The researchers will remove all of your personal or identifiable information audio recordings and transcripts. After all identifiable information is removed, your personal information collected for this study may be used for future research or be given to another researcher for future research without additional informed consent.**

If you would like to participate in the current study but not allow your de-identified data to be used for future research, you will be asked to indicate this below.**

There is a risk of virtual meeting disruption, or Zoom bombing. To minimize this, your meeting will be set up with your own meeting link and a passcode. The researcher will set up a waiting room before the meeting starts.

Zoom transcription uses Artificial Intelligence (AI). Zoom will only keep your recording for transcription purposes, and will not use your data to strengthen their AI model. Although this is in their policy, once the recording begins, the researcher cannot guarantee that your data will be protected.

The researchers will try to prevent any problem that could happen because of this research. You should let the researchers know at once if there is a problem and they will try to help you. However, TWU does not provide medical services or financial assistance for injuries that might happen because you are taking part in this research.

Participation and Benefits

Your involvement in this study is completely voluntary and you may withdraw from the study at any time. Following the completion of the study you will receive a \$20 gift card for your participation.

If you would like to see results of the study, please enter your email address below.



Questions Regarding the Study

You may print a copy of this consent page to keep. If you have any questions about the research study you should ask the researchers; their contact information is at the top of this form. If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this research or the way this study has been conducted, you may contact the TWU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 940-898-3378 or via e-mail at IRB@twu.edu.

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Not shared

* Indicates required question

Consent to Participate

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Please indicate your consent to participate in this research by typing your first and last name.

Your answer

** Future Use of Data

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- I DO allow my de-identified data to be used for future research.
- I DO NOT allow my de-identified data to be used for future research.



Study Results

If you would like to received the results of the study, please enter your email address.

Your answer

Submit

Clear form

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