

Participation and Benefits

Your involvement in this study is completely voluntary, and you may discontinue your participation in the study at any time without penalty. The only direct benefit of this study to you is that at the completion of the study a summary of the results will be mailed to you upon request.*

Questions Regarding the Study

If you have any questions about the research study you may ask the researchers; their phone numbers are listed 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 Texas Woman's University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 940-898-3378 or via e-mail at IRB@twu.edu. You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent form to keep.

Signature of Participant

Date

*If you would like to receive a summary of the results of this study, please provide an email address or postal address to which this summary should be sent:

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CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Title: Voluntarily Childless Men: An Exploration of Identity and Stigma

Investigator: Robert E. Reed940/898-2052
Advisor: Lisa K. Zottarelli, Ph.D.940/898-2052

Explanation and Purpose of the Research

You are being asked to participate in a research study for Mr. Reed's thesis at Texas Woman's University. The purpose of this interview is to explore the experiences of adult men who have chosen not to have children.

Research Procedures

For this study, the investigator will conduct face-to-face interviews of adult men who have chosen not to have children. The interview will be done at a private location agreed upon by you and the investigator. You will be audiotaped during the face-to-face interview. The purpose of the audiotaping is to assure the accuracy of the reporting of that information. Your maximum total time commitment in the study is approximately one hour.

Potential Risks

Potential risks related to your participation in the study include fatigue and physical or emotional discomfort during your interview. To avoid fatigue, you may take a break (or breaks) during the interview as needed. If you experience physical or emotional discomfort regarding the interview questions, you may stop answering any of the questions at any time.

Another possible risk to you as a result of your participation in this study is release of confidential information. Confidentiality will be protected to the extent that is allowed by law. The interview will take place in a private location agreed upon by you and the researcher. A code name, rather than your real name, will be used on the audiotape and notes. Only the investigator will have access to the tapes and notes. The tapes and notes will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in the investigator's office. The tapes will be erased within 5 years of the completion of the study, no later than 3/05/14. It is anticipated that the results of this study will be published in the investigator's thesis as well as in other research publications. However, no names or other identifying information will be included in any publication.

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 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.

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Participant Initials