

Informed consent script – Extra Credit Class Interviewers

Life in the age of the Coronavirus. A qualitative interview protocol.

Informed consent script:

Before beginning, ask for permission to record this informed consent script and their answers. If they give permission, begin recording **now**.

“Hello, my name is _____, and I’m a student at LSU. I’m participating in a project about Life in the Age of the Coronavirus. I’d like to talk with you about issues like staying at home, jobs, risks of getting sick, social contact with other people, and receiving or giving assistance. We hope that what we can learn from our interviews will help our community deal with this new threat, and help the authorities respond the best they can. We’ll use our conversation for my class credit, and our professor will use it for scholarly publications or presentations.

If you prefer, we won’t identify you by name, and the interview will be confidential. Or if you prefer, we can use your name. You can decline to answer any question, and you can end the interview at any time.

If you have questions about the study, I can give you contact information for our professor or the university’s oversight office. [Record: asks for info or not] [If respondent asks for this contact information give the information listed below. Do not volunteer the information unless requested, but proceed with the script.]

Contact information, if requested. Dr. Frederick Weil, Department of Sociology, LSU, 126 Stubbs Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, 225-578-1646, fweil@lsu.edu. You can reach other team members at: Oliver Garretson, ogarre1@lsu.edu, (971) 678-4456, Jiabin Fan, jfan7@lsu.edu, (225) 636-4998, Tyler D Scott, tscot76@lsu.edu, (225) 368-7538, Alison Qi, alisonqi26@gmail.com, (225) 235-6289.

Contact information for LSU’s Institutional Review Board: Dr. Dennis Landin, Chair, or Elizabeth Cadarette, IRB Coordinator, 130 David Boyd Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, irb@lsu.edu, phone: 225-578-8692

If you would like contact information for emotional support services, I can give you a number to call. [Record: asks for info or not] [If respondent asks for this contact information give the information listed below. Do not volunteer the information unless requested, but proceed with the script.]

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can provide information, support, and referrals about emotional support. It’s not just for suicide. You can call 800-273-8255 (800-273-TALK).

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[If audio] *I'd like to record our conversation, so we can make a transcript. We'll only use the transcript text. May I record our conversation?* [Record answer: yes/no].

[If video] *I'd like to record our conversation, so we can make a transcript. We won't be making a movie for this project. May I record our conversation?* [Record answer: yes/no]. *Would it be okay to use a still image, a photo, from our conversation?* [Record answer: yes/no]

Would you give me permission to do this interview with you for my class project and for our professor to use it for his LSU project on Life in the Age of the Coronavirus?
[Record answer: yes/no].

[If yes] *And could our professor contact you again, maybe in a month or two, to see how things may have changed for you?* [Record answer: yes/no]. [If yes, record interviewee's email and/or phone number.]

Would you like your name used? [If yes] Your first name or your whole name?" [If respondent wants name used, record name, including the spelling].

[If Respondent gives permission to do interview, begin interview now. **Keep recording ON**]

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