

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

AGREEMENT OF CONSENT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS

Documenting Experiences of Palestinians in the U.S.

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You have been invited to participate in this research study. Before you agree to participate, it is important that you read and understand the following information. Participation is completely voluntary. Please ask questions about anything you do not understand before deciding whether or not to participate.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this research study is to document the histories, perceptions, and contributions of Palestinians in the U.S. There are very few public records of oral histories of this group, compared to other cultural or religious groups in the U.S. The interviews being conducted are an important step in documenting the experiences and perspectives of Palestinian groups.

You will be one of approximately 160 participants in this research study. This is an 8-year study, and we hope to conduct 20 interviews each year.

The research team is a collaboration between Marquette University and the Arab and Muslim Women's Research and Resource Institute (AMWRRRI). The data will be shared between these institutions.

PROCEDURES:

The interview will be done by an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at Marquette University, although some interviewers are AMWRRRI research interns from other accredited universities. The interview will be conducted in a private setting chosen by you and your interviewer. Interviews can be done in-person, or by phone or computer (using Zoom or a similar platform). You and the interviewer will determine the date and time of the interview and how it will be done (e.g., in-person, by phone or virtual). Before the interview actually takes place, this consent form must be signed by you.

The specific topics that will be covered in the interview are: general background; self identity, culture, family, and experiences growing up; islamophobia and experiences after 9/11; gender, marriage and parenting; cultural clothing; experiences during the COVID pandemic, experiences during the current war in the Holy Land, and any other topic related to your experience as a member of Arab, Palestinian, and/or Muslim communities. For 1st generation immigrants, we will also ask about their homeland, decision to immigrate to the U.S., and their early experiences being in the U.S.

The interview will be recorded to ensure accuracy. The recording will not be made public unless you give your consent. A written transcript will be made of the recording. If you choose to be anonymous, the written transcript will be edited to remove your name and the names of any individuals or organizations that you mention in the interview. The recording will be destroyed after the transcript is edited. The edited transcription will be deposited in a special digital archive on AMWRRRI's website where it will be accessible to the public.

DURATION:

Your participation will consist of one interview session that will take around 60 to 75 minutes. Generally speaking, there will not be any follow-up interviews. In very rare instances, a follow-up might be required if an interviewee's response to a question needs further clarification.

RISKS:

The risks associated with participation in this study are no greater than you would experience in everyday life.

BENEFITS:

There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this study. This research may benefit society. Our intent is that the data will: 1) lead to greater knowledge and awareness of the experiences of Arabs and Muslims; 2) help dismantle islamophobia; 3) increase cross-cultural understandings between different cultures and communities; and 4) perhaps strengthen Arab and Muslim communities' sense of shared identity and commonalities across the U.S.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

Unless you choose #1 below as your choice of identification, data collected in this study will be kept confidential. All your data will be assigned an arbitrary ID number rather than using your name or other information that could identify you as an individual. The key linking interviewee names to ID numbers will be stored in Dr. Othman's computer at Marquette University, which has several data security measures and is also password-protected.

The edited transcript will be deidentified -- your name and the names of any individuals or organizations that you mention in the interview will be removed from the transcript. The edited transcript will be used for future research without additional informed consent. The edited transcript will be made available to researchers and the general public; it will be placed in AMWRRRI's digital archive located in its website. Direct quotes may be made from the edited transcript, but you will not be identified by name. The edited transcript may be used in the following ways: in conferences, articles, newsletters, exhibits, publications, public meetings, radio broadcasts, digital archives, and reports in AMWRRRI's website. Because the edited transcripts will be public, they may be used by the general public in additional ways.

When the results of the study are published, you will not be identified by name.

The edited transcript will be in AMWRRRI's website indefinitely. When it is eventually deleted from the website, your data may exist on backups or server logs beyond that point.

Your research records may be inspected by the Marquette University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and (as allowable by law) state and federal agencies.

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF PARTICIPATION:

Participating in this study is completely voluntary and you may withdraw from the study and stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you withdraw from the study, your data will be destroyed. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer.

Your decision to participate or not will not impact your relationship with the investigators, Marquette University, or AMWRRI.

ALTERNATIVES TO PARTICIPATION:

There are no known alternatives other than to not participate in this study.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have any questions about this research project, you can contact Dr. Enaya Othman at enaya.othman@mu.edu or 414 288-5761.

If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you can contact Marquette University's Office of Research Compliance at (414) 288-7570.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS CONSENT FORM, ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESEARCH PROJECT AND AM PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT.

CHOICE OF IDENTIFICATION

1. I want to be referred to and acknowledged by my name in transcription, digital archive, any publications or presentations.
2. I want my name to be kept private.

CHOICE OF RECORDING

The interview will be recorded by some other media and the interviewee has the choice to release the recording or segments of the recording onto a digital archive. Confirm your consent below:

Yes, I consent to being recorded and having the recording be published onto the digital archive for educational purposes.

No, I do not consent to being recorded.

CHOICE OF RELEASE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS



I give permission to the interviewers to use and publish my photographs and other documents I submitted for educational and promotional purposes.

No, I do not give permission to the interviewers to use and publish my photographs and other documents I submitted.

(Printed Name of Participant)

(Signature of Participant)

Date

(Printed Name of Individual Obtaining Consent)

(Signature of Individual Obtaining Consent)

Date