



Basic Study Information

Title of the Project: Attitudes about Incarceration

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Invitation to be Part of a Research Study

You are invited to be part of a research study. This consent form will help you choose whether or not to participate in the study. Feel free to ask if anything is not clear in this consent form.

Important Information about this Research Study

Things you should know:

- The purpose of the study is learn about the attitudes of U.S. adults about incarcerated people and the criminal justice system, as well as their political and civic activities.
- To participate, you must be 18 years or older.
- If you choose to participate, you will be asked to answer online survey questions. This will take about ten minutes.
- The risks involved in this study are not greater than those in everyday life.
- There is no direct benefit for participating in this study.
- Taking part in this research study is voluntary. You do not have to participate, and you can stop at any time. You may decline to answer any of the survey questions.

More detailed information may be described later in this form.

Please take time to read this entire form and ask questions before deciding whether to take part in this research study.

What is the study about and why are we doing it?

The purpose of the study is to learn about the attitudes of U.S. adults about incarcerated people and the criminal justice system, as well as their political and civic activities.

What will happen if you take part in this study?

If you agree to take part in this study, you will be asked to respond to three online surveys over the next six to approximately ten weeks. The surveys will take about 10, 7, and 5 minutes to complete. Before each survey, you will receive a brief invitation e-mail. The content of this e-mail may include a randomly assigned message pertinent to the study.

How long will you be in this study and how many people will be in the study?

Participation in this study will last approximately 23 minutes over the next six to 10. About 1,000 people like you will participate in the study.

What risks and discomforts might you experience from being in this study?

The risks involved in this study are not greater than those in everyday life.

The researchers will let you know about any significant new findings (such as additional risks or discomforts) that might make you change your mind about participating in this study.

How could you benefit from this study?



Although you will not directly benefit from being in this study, others might benefit because the researchers will publish their findings about Americans' attitudes regarding incarcerated people and the criminal justice system.

What will happen to the samples and/or data we collect from you?

As part of this study, we will ask for your responses to questions about your attitudes and your participation in political and civic activities. You may decline to answer any question without penalty, or you may end the online interview at any time at your discretion. All information you share will be confidential and you will not be identified personally.

How will we protect your information?

The information you provide will be stored on password-protected computers.

We plan to publish the results of this study. To protect your privacy, we will not include any information that could directly identify you.

Information you provide may be viewable by members of the research team, the sponsor of this research which is the University of Texas at Austin, and representatives of UT Austin and the UT Austin Institutional Review Board.

We will share your data or samples with other researchers for future research studies that may be similar to this study or may be very different. The data or samples shared with other researchers will not include information that can directly identify you.

Under certain situations, we may break confidentiality. If during the study we learn about child abuse or neglect, we will report this information to the appropriate authorities including the police and/or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

What will happen to the information we collect about you after the study is over?

We will keep your research data for future analysis. In most cases, we did not collect information that could personally identify you. If we obtained that information, it will be kept secure and stored separately from the research data collected as part of the project.

How will we compensate you for being part of the study?

Participants will have the opportunity to enter raffles for cash card prizes.

Your Participation in this Study is Voluntary

It is up to you to decide to be in this research study. Participating in this study is voluntary. Your decision to participate will not affect your relationship with The University of Texas at Austin. You will not lose any benefits or rights you already had if you decide not to participate. Even if you decide to be part of the study now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer.

If you decide to withdraw before this study is completed, the data you provided will be retained for the study, following the guidelines indicated above.

Contact Information for the Study Team

If you have any questions about this research, you may contact:



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Contact Information for Questions about Your Rights as a Research Participant

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions, or discuss any concerns about this study with someone other than the researcher(s), please contact the following:

The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board
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Please reference the protocol number found at the top of this document.

Your Consent

Before agreeing to be part of the research, please be sure that you understand what the study is about. You can print a copy of the document for your records. If you have any questions about the study later, you can contact the study team using the information provided above.