

REQUEST FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH

TITLE OF THE STUDY

The Impact of Adoption on the Individual

NAME OF THE RESEARCHER

[Your Name], an undergraduate student at San Jose State University (Your contact information).
Dr. Joanna Fanos, PhD, a professor at San Jose State University, is overseeing this project.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this study is to examine the various issues surrounding adoption. We are interested in the process of adoption as well as the challenges individuals face once told about their adoption status.

PROCEDURES

You will first be asked to give [written or verbal] consent and to provide some basic information about yourself, and then you will be asked a series of open-ended questions about your experience of adoption. The interview will vary in time, depending on your level of comfort and time constraints, but will probably take about 45 minutes. The interview will be audio recorded and transcribed verbatim to allow the researchers to go back and review your responses.

POTENTIAL RISKS

You might feel some discomfort during the discussion, but please be aware that you are free to decline to answer any questions or stop participating at any time during the interview.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

While there are no direct benefits to participating in this study, you will be helping increase our knowledge of the factors involved in the process of adoption, as well as the individual challenges people face when they realize that they were adopted.

COMPENSATION

No compensation will be given for participation in this research.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All personal information and correspondence will be kept confidential. Only the researchers and overseeing professor will have access to participant material. No participant names or personal information will be included in the final paper.

PARTICIPANT RIGHTS

Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can refuse to participate in the entire study or any part of the study without any negative effect on your relations with San Jose State University. You also have the right to skip any question you do not wish to answer. This consent form is not a contract. It is a written explanation of what will happen during the study if you decide to participate. You will not waive any rights if you choose not to participate, and there is no penalty for stopping your participation in the study.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

You are encouraged to ask questions at any time during this study.

For further information about the study, please contact Joanna Fanos, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, at (408) 924-5622.

- Complaints about the research may be presented to Lynda Heiden, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Psychology, San Jose State University, at lynda.heiden@sjsu.edu or (408) 924-2442.
- For questions about participants' rights or if you feel you have been harmed in any way by your participation in this study, please contact Dr. Pamela Stacks, Associate Vice President of the Office of Research, San Jose State University, at 408-924-2479.

SIGNATURES (For Written Consent)

Your signature indicates that you voluntarily agree to be a part of the study, that the details of the study have been explained to you, that you have been given time to read this document, and that your questions have been answered. You will receive a copy of this consent form for your records.

Participant Signature

Are you comfortable with the researcher recording this interview? Yes No

Participant's Name (printed)

Participant's Signature

Date

Researcher Statement

I certify that the participant has been given adequate time to learn about the study and ask questions. It is my opinion that the participant understands his/her rights and the purpose, risks, benefits, and procedures of the research and has voluntarily agreed to participate.

Signature of Person Obtaining Informed Consent
SIGNATURES (For Verbal Consent)

Date

Are you comfortable with the researcher recording this interview?

Yes

No

Verbal Consent from: _____
Participant

was obtained over the phone or video call by:

Researcher Date

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