

Informed Consent Form

International Cannabis and Gender

Introduction: My name is Dr. Beverly Yuen Thompson and I am an Associate Professor of Sociology at Siena College, in Loudonville, NY. I am currently researching the cannabis industry, consumption, and gender.

Purpose: I would like to have permission to include you in the research project. Your participation would entail answering questions about your cannabis consumption and/or your work in the cannabis industry. The interview may take approximately 60 minutes of your time. Your participation may be audio-recorded or written, for accuracy. By participating in this project, your image or words may be utilized in published materials. There is no financial compensation associated with participation in this research.

Risks & Benefits: Participation in this project may include social risks. Marijuana is criminalized in many countries and states, while decriminalized, and even legalized, in other jurisdictions. Industry workers or cannabis consumption may exist in a legal grey zone, exposing individuals to legal risk if their identity were known. Others are members of legal industries, or legal medical or recreational consumers in certain states, and therefore, not fear risk of criminality. Marijuana is also socially stigmatized and it is possible for participants to experience prejudice if this information were publicly exposed. Your identity will be concealed by using a pseudonym of your choosing. Participation in this study also includes the benefit of educating the public with scientific evidence about the impacts of cannabis decriminalization and legalization.

Confidentiality: Your confidentiality in this research will be respected. You will have the opportunity to select the name or pseudonym that your data will go under in the study. Only this consent form will have your real name, and this document will be safeguarded in a password protected file and not linked to the transcript of the interview. The digital audio recordings will be deleted after three years of storage. If you would like to use your real name or nickname, you are welcome to do that as well.

What You Should Know:

- Participation is voluntary.
- At any time you can have the interview and/or recording stopped.
- You can select your own alias _____.
- Data will be stored in a locked cabinet in a locked room.
- You can contact Beverly Yuen Thompson, Ph.D. at bthompson@siena.edu. This survey has been approved (IRB # 04-17-051) by the Institutional Review Board at Siena College. If you have any questions about the process to protect research participants, please contact the chair of IRB at irb@siena.edu.

Signature verifying consent:

- You have read and understood the information above
- You voluntarily agree to participate
- You give permission to be recorded or check ____ Do not record
- You do not give up any legal rights by signing this Informed Consent
- You are over 18 years of age

Participant's Signature

Date

Participant's Printed Name
