

Christian Egyptian Consent Form

Consent Form

The questionnaire following the consent form should take you fifteen minutes or less, though please feel free to take longer and/or provide lengthy answers if you so choose.

The questionnaire is Segment One in your participation.

Segment Two--an online interview about culture--will also take fifteen minutes.

First, however, please review the consent form below.

Selecting YES indicates that you have consented to take part in the study.

FSU Behavioral Consent Form

Collectivism, Conflict, and Communication: The Dialogical Acculturation of Christian Egyptians in Egypt and the U.S.

You are invited to participate in a research study of culture and communication in Christian Egyptians in Egypt and the U.S.

You were selected as a possible participant because you have at least one Egyptian parent and are a Christian 18 years of age or older.

We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study is being conducted by Sally Bishai, a graduate student in the School of Communication at Florida State University, as part of her doctoral dissertation; 30 individuals are expected to participate in the research.

Background Information:

The purpose of this study is to identify the:

- 1) current culture of Christian Egyptians and Egyptian-Americans (in terms of both "conflicts" as well as "hopes and dreams"),
- 2) acculturation strategies used by members of both demographics, and
- 3) most common forms and styles of communication.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to do the following:

- 1) Read and complete an online consent form.
- 2) Complete an anonymous online survey (10-15 minutes) about Egyptian culture, family responsibilities and expectations, communication, marriage ideals.
- 3) Complete an anonymous online interview (10-15 minutes) via Yahoo or MSN messenger.

NOTE: If you are willing to share for more than 15 minutes, we are happy to stay on as long as you'd like. Additionally, you may certainly schedule your interviews and surveys on DIFFERENT days, if this is better for you.

Risks and benefits of being in the Study:

The study has two main risks:

First, the use of a computer keyboard has been linked with such maladies as carpal tunnel syndrome, and while it is not highly likely that such a condition would suddenly arise in direct response to the completion of this survey, it is

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important to realize that the risk exists.

Second, some individuals become agitated or upset when discussing culture, conflicts, family issues, and the like; for example, a question such as "What is your relationship like with your parents?" may bring up memories of family quarrels during the teenage years. In such a case, please feel free to indicate that you don't wish to discuss the matter; and of course there is always the option of ending the interview if you wish.

There are no direct benefits to participation.

Compensation:

You will not receive payment for your participation.

Confidentiality:

First and foremost, it is vital that participants do not hint at their identity within the survey or interview; for example, if you are a good friend of the researcher, you should refrain from using the nickname that you usually call her by. This is because the integrity of the answers—and the entire study—rests upon the complete and total anonymity of the participant.

Nonetheless, the records of this study will be kept private and confidential to the extent permitted by law.

In any sort of report we might publish, we will not include any information that will make it possible to inadvertently identify a subject. Research records will be stored securely and only researchers will have access to the records.

Voluntary Nature of the Study:

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with the University or with Sally Bishai. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

Contacts and Questions:

The researcher conducting this study is Sally Bishai. You may ask any question you have at this time; if you have a question later, you are encouraged to contact her at sallybishai@yahoo.com, sb04f@fsu.edu, or sally.bishai@xculturemag.com.

If you would like to contact the faculty advisors of the researcher, their information is:

Dr. Stephen McDowell—850.644.2276 or smcdowel@fsu.edu

Dr. Felecia Jordan-Jackson—850.644.8771 or fjordan@fsu.edu

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this study and would like to talk to someone other than the researcher (s), you are encouraged to contact the FSU IRB at 2010 Levy Street, Research Building B, Suite 276, Tallahassee, FL 32306-2742, or 850-644-8633, or by email at humansubjects@magnet.fsu.edu.

You may download a copy of this document at www.sallybishai.com (click on "consent form") for your records.

Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received answers.

CHOOSE ONE:

I consent to participate in the study and go to the Password Page NOW

I can't complete it at this minute, but I will be back soon

I do NOT consent to participate in the study

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Please create a password for yourself using an English or Arabic word.

The word should NOT have any reference to your name or any identifiable characteristics, such as screenname, height, weight, hair or eye colour, etc.

This is to ensure your total anonymity.

You should also put a sequence of numbers or letters that make your password difficult to guess; make sure to write it down, however, as you will need it again at the end of this survey, and again during your interview later.

Examples of Acceptable Passwords:

Helwa999
benzGrl123
MrAlgebraXYZ
EdgarAllanPOW
Blondie11235
XxKleopatraXx
Sa3aydaRock

Examples of Unacceptable Passwords:

Saloola99
MrsYoussef321
xMimiLvsVerizonX
Sa3eediSally
GreenEyedGurl

Now that you've decided upon your password, please write it down and keep it handy.

Then, type it below.

Ready to begin the survey?

YES, take me to Page 1 of the survey

No, I can't start the survey now, but I'll be back later

Thank You

Thank you for your time, consideration, and assistance!

Visit www.xculturemag.com for features (and more surveys) about culture and communication.