

IRB Recruiting Letter:

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a doctoral candidate at Loma Linda University in family studies. My dissertation research is an investigation of individual and relational well-being of same-sex couples who are legally married, in a civil union or registered as domestic partners. In order to participate, you need to meet the following criteria: 1) Age 18-65 2) Together more than five years 3) Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender 4) Have either a legal marriage, civil union or domestic partnership certificate, and 5) Currently in a relationship with the partner with whom you entered the legal marriage, civil union, or domestic partnership.

Participants will choose between three charities that the researcher will make a donation to on behalf of participants. The charity receiving the most votes from participants in this study will receive the donation. Instructions for choosing a charity are included at the end of the survey. No personal information other than an email address is needed to participate.

Your participation in this research is completely voluntary and anonymous. To participate please, click on the link to the online survey below. This will bring you to a webpage with more information about the study. If after reading this information you decide to participate you will be lead to an online survey. This survey should take between 45-60 minutes to complete.

https://llu.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_ojEEGYmcm496B4V

If you have any questions regarding this research or the results of the study, you are welcome to contact me (Naomi J. Schwenke) at nschwenke@llu.edu or Brian Distelberg bdistelberg@llu.edu.

Thank you for your contribution to this research project.

Sincerely,
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