

Informed Consent
Language and Culture Dominance: Russian Immigrants in the US

Introduction

You are being invited to take part in a research study. The information in this form is provided to help you decide whether or not to take part. The researcher will be available to answer your questions and provide additional information. If you decide to take part in the study, you will be asked to sign this consent form. A copy of this form will be given to you.

What is the purpose of this research study?

The purpose of the study is to investigate the issues of language and culture of immigrants to better understand this population.

Why are you being asked to participate?

You are being invited because you are an immigrant in the US with Russian language and culture as your native ones, thus belonging to the group under investigation.

How many people will be asked to participate in this study?

Approximately 60 persons will be asked to participate in this study.

What will happen during this study?

You will first be asked to complete an online questionnaire at your own convenience within a period of two weeks. The entire time should not exceed 25 minutes. Also online within the same time span, you will be asked to produce two types of writings in each language. The writing should not take more than 30 minutes altogether.

Then, there will be two personal meetings with the researcher. The first one will take no more than 20 minutes and will consist of several language tasks (either Russian or English). The second meeting will be longer (about one hour) since you will be repeating similar tasks in the other language and then you will be interviewed by the researcher.

How long will I be in this study?

Your total time involvement will be around 2 hours altogether (both online and in person) within the time period of about four weeks.

Are there any risks to me?

There are no known risks. If at some point you feel that some questions or tasks are stressful or upsetting, you can stop participating immediately.

Are there any benefits to me?

There will be no direct benefits to you but the study might help learn more about language and culture of immigrant population. I'll be happy to share the findings with you by posting them online for your convenience.

Will there be any costs to me?

Aside from your time, there are no costs for taking part in the study.

Will video or audio recordings be made of me during the study?

We will make an audio recording during the study so that we can be certain that your responses are recorded accurately only if you check the box below:

I give my permission for audio recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

I do not give my permission for audio recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

Will the information that is obtained from me be kept confidential?

The only person who will know that you participated in this study will be the researcher: Elena Shishkin. Your records will be confidential. You will not be identified in any reports or publications resulting from the study.

May I change my mind about participating?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decide to not begin or to withdraw from the study at any time.

Whom can I contact for additional information?

You can obtain further information about the research or voice concerns or complaints about the research by calling the Principal Investigator Elena Shishkin, Ph.D. Candidate at (520)260-5357. If you have questions concerning your rights as a research participant, have general questions, concerns or complaints or would like to give input about the research and can't reach the research team, or want to talk to someone other than the research team, you may call the University of Arizona Human Subjects Protection Program office at (520) 626-6721. (If out of state use the toll-free number 1-866-278-1455.) If you would like to contact the Human Subjects Protection Program via the web, please visit the following website: <http://www.irb.arizona.edu/contact/>.

Your Signature

By signing this form, I affirm that I have read the information contained in the form, that the study has been explained to me, that my questions have been answered and that I agree to take part in this study. I do not give up any of my legal rights by signing this form.

Name (Printed)

Participant's Signature

Date signed

Statement by person obtaining consent

I certify that I have explained the research study to the person who has agreed to participate, and that he or she has been informed of the purpose, the procedures, the possible risks and potential benefits associated with participation in this study. Any questions raised have been answered to the participant's satisfaction.

Elena Shishkin

Name of study personnel

Study personnel Signature

Date signed