

Consent Form

I agree to the following:

- ✓ I have read and understand the information contained in the Information Letter.
- ✓ I agree to participate.
- ✓ I understand the risks and benefits of the study.
- ✓ I am a volunteer and can choose not to complete the survey.
- ✓ I understand that I can stop participating and leave the study at any time. However, once the survey has been submitted it will no longer be possible to withdraw my answers due to the anonymous nature of the survey.
- ✓ The data will be securely stored at Lakehead University on a password protected computer for a minimum period of 7 years following completion of the research project as per the requirements of Lakehead University.
- ✓ I understand that due to the use of online tools in this study, there is a small risk that your data could be accessed by third parties, including government authorities, under applicable privacy and national-security laws. While all reasonable efforts will be made to protect your confidentiality and anonymity, absolute confidentiality cannot be guaranteed when data is transmitted or stored online.
- ✓ I understand that the research findings will be available to me upon request.
- ✓ I will remain anonymous throughout the entirety of the study.
- ✓ All my questions have been answered.

By consenting to participate, I have not waived any legal recourse in the event of research-related harm. You can provide your consent by proceeding to the survey, after you have read and agreed to the above terms. There is no need to identify yourself at any point. If you have questions or concerns that you would like addressed before agreeing, please feel free to contact me via email (bpdate@lakeheadu.ca). In this case, your participation will still be entirely anonymous and confidential.

If you have read the above and consent to participate, please proceed to the survey.

LINK TO SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/26KFTGK>

Thank you very much for your participation on this neglected area
of study in Canadian Sociology!