

Online Focus Group Informed Consent

Title of Study

Effects of Social Media on Men

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Purpose of Study

The purpose of this study is to investigate the effects social media has on men, both in regard to mental health and overall well-being, as well as other outlying causes and topics related to this. Read the following information carefully and do not hesitate to contact the researcher if you have questions or if something is unclear.

Study Procedures

An online focus group of various men experienced in interacting on social media platforms will be carried out on a Reddit forum “r/AskReddit,” in regard to the effects social media has on men. This focus group will be given a prompt and several questions. The answers posted will be recorded by the investigator to be reviewed once the research is complete. When all information is gathered, the investigator will analyze and use the responses in order to draw conclusions on the study. The investigator may be using responses in their research paper.

Risks

There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this research study.

Benefits

There are no direct benefits to participants for participating in this study. The investigator does hope, however, that the information obtained may help answer the question on the effects social media and has on men.

Confidentiality

Your answers to this study are completely anonymous. The investigator will make every effort to preserve your confidentiality including: assigning aliases or numbers to participants which will be used in research notes and papers, withholding notes, transcripts, or any other identifying information in a storage file of personal possession of the researcher.

Contact

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns pertaining to this research study, please do not hesitate to contact the research investigator at christine.kifer@knights.ucf.edu.

Voluntary Participation

Your participation in this focus group is completely voluntary, you may choose to not participate or withdraw participation at any time without penalty or consequences.

Consent

By participating in this discussion, you agree with and have read this consent form in its entirety.