

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

1. Study Information

Research Title: Study on Perceptions of Neighbourhoods and Immigrants

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2. Invitation to participate in this Study

You are invited to take part in this research study. It is important to us that you take the time to read and understand the information provided in this sheet. The study will be explained to you before you take part and you may ask the interviewer if you have any questions. If you are satisfied that you understand what this study is about, and you wish to take part in it, please inform the interviewer; your consent to participate in this research is implied if you proceed to answer the interview questions. You will be given a copy of this Participant Information Sheet.

3. Purpose of conducting this study

This study aims to investigate neighbour-neighbour interactions, social norms, and attitudes toward immigration. This research will help us better inform policy decisions and devise interventions where necessary, to address any issues related to integration and social cohesion in Singapore.

4. How was I chosen for this Study?

Your address was randomly picked from the database of all residential addresses within Singapore. This sample selection service for household surveys is a public resource provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs for research purposes. To participate, you must be at least 18 years old, a Singapore Citizen or Permanent Resident, and not mentally impaired.

5. What do I have to do for this Study?

If you choose to take part in this study, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire on neighbourhood interactions, attitudes toward immigration, and perception of social norms in the neighbourhood. The questionnaire is available in 4 languages: English, Mandarin, Malay, and Tamil. The survey will be audio recorded for data verification purposes and will take around **30 minutes**. The survey may also proceed without audio recording if you decide not to.

6. Is participation voluntary?

Your participation is entirely voluntary. While there are no direct benefits from participating in this study, your participation will help the researchers better understand neighbourhood interactions in Singapore.

You may choose to withdraw from this research at any point in time by informing the Principal Investigator or the interviewer. If you do, all your personal and research data will be destroyed and discarded at the soonest possible time.

7. Are there any risks in participating?

Some of the questions asked may require personal information about your social networks and how you interact with your neighbours. If you find any question distressing or you find it uncomfortable to answer, you may choose not to. If you do not wish to continue the survey at any point, for any reason, you may ask to stop for a break or withdraw from the study altogether. Your collected data will be destroyed and discarded if you decide to withdraw from the study.

8. Will I be paid for participating in this Study?

Upon successful completion of the interview, you will be reimbursed a S\$10 voucher to thank you for your time. You will not be reimbursed on a pro-rated basis if you do not complete the survey or withdraw from the research before completing the survey.

9. Confidentiality of Information and Protection of Privacy

Information collected for this study will be kept confidential and stored under locked conditions. Your data and responses, to the extent of applicable laws and regulations, will not be made publicly available.

Only the Principal Investigator of Social Lab Institute of Policy Studies, data administrator and MCCY/NPTD will have full access to the data with personal identifiers. The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and the National Population and Talent Division (NPTD), who are the sponsors of this survey, will also be given a copy of the coded data with personal identifiers. Other Institute of Policy Studies research analysts will only have access to coded data (without personal identifiers). The overall research findings (without personal information) will be shared with government ministries/agencies for policy-making purposes. Only Fieldwork Supervisors and Quality Controllers (who are all Social Lab staff) will have access to the audio recordings and audio-recordings will be destroyed four weeks after the completion of the fieldwork. One year after the fieldwork is completed, selected data will be shared with the public through an online data builder or data visualizer. The variables and the analyses will not contain any personal identifiers or information leading to re-identification. By participating in this research/proceeding to answer the questions, you agree to the above arrangement and access to your records.

The audio recordings will be stored in a secure server located at the Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Captured data will be stored in a secure server located at the Computer Centre, National University of Singapore at Kent Ridge campus.

Your personal information (i.e. name, contact number, residential address and email address) will be separated from your answers to the questionnaire. Your personal information will be coded (i.e., identified with a numerical ID), your responses to the questionnaire during the interview will be linked only to this numerical ID, and the information will be kept securely. If you agreed to be re-contacted, your personal data will be kept for 2 years. If you did not agree to be re-contacted, your personal data will be discarded at the end of the study. The data collected from you and other respondents will be totalled in the computer system for analysis. All research data will be kept for 10 years in accordance to NUS' Research Data Management Policy.

If you agree to participate, the interviewer will ask you for your name and contact number. This is for the purpose of allowing us to clarify any information with you if necessary. Please be assured that your contact details will be kept strictly confidential. If you do not wish to be re-contacted, you may choose not to provide your name and contact number to the interviewer.

10. Who is funding this Study?

The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and the National Population and Talent Division are funding this research. However, please note that participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that refusal to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

11. What if I have further questions?

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact the Principal Investigator, Dr Leong Chan Hoong, at 6601 3835 / 8877 9905, or email ips.soclab.ops@nus.edu.sg

For an independent opinion regarding the research and the rights of research participants, you may contact a staff member of the National University of Singapore Institutional Review Board (Attn: Dr. Chan Tuck Wai, at 6516 1234 or email at irb@nus.edu.sg).

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