



University of Arizona Consent to Participate in Research

Study Title: State Laws, the Affordable Care Act, and Reproductive Justice in the U.S., 2010-2020

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Summary of the research

This is a consent form for participation in a research project. Your participation in this research study is voluntary. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to ask questions before making your decision whether to participate.

You are being invited to participate in a study about birth-rights legal cases and their relationship to laws that govern contraception, abortion, and midwifery. Participation involves a one-time interview that takes approximately one hour via video-conference on the Zoom video-conferencing platform. There are no direct risks or benefits to you.

Why is this study being done?

This is a research study. The purpose of the study is to understand birth-rights legal cases, the disposition of juries toward cases involving birth-rights violations, and the impact of state reproductive health laws on birth-rights cases in the U.S. The interview will focus on your experiences with birth-rights cases, changes in these cases over time, and your understanding of how reproductive health laws affect the types of birth-rights cases that arise in the state(s) that you practice in. The investigators will use interviews with 40-60 birth-rights attorneys and statistical analyses of large-scale data to provide a comprehensive understanding of reproductive justice in the contemporary U.S.

What will happen if I take part in this study?

This study involves a recorded video-conference interview using a secure web conferencing platform or a face-to-face interview with audio-recording. The interviewer will ask you questions about typical birth-rights cases that you know about, how you determine whether to take birth-rights cases, and how changes in state laws and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) have influenced the types of birth-rights cases that you have encountered. The interviewer will stop the recording at the end of the interview or at your request.

How long will I be in the study?

Approximately 1-2 hours will be needed to complete this study.

**How many people will take part in this study?**

Approximately 40 to 60 people will participate in this study.

Can I stop being in the study?

Your participation is voluntary. You do not need to participate in this study. If you decide to take part in the study, you may leave the study at any time and we will remove your responses if you request to have them withdrawn from the study. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any of your usual benefits. Your decision will not affect your future relationship with The University of Arizona. If you are a student or employee at the University of Arizona, your decision will not affect your grades or employment status.

What risks or benefits can I expect from being in the study?

Participation in this study has no more than minimal risk. There are no criminal, social, or financial risks to participating. The research team will do whatever possible to maintain your confidentiality and anonymity. There is no risk to physical, political, or economic well-being, and the risk to psychological well-being from discomfort discussing birth-rights cases is minimal. While we have tried to minimize risks, you may feel that some questions that the interviewer asks you are stressful or upsetting. If this occurs, you can stop participating immediately. While there is a risk of a loss of confidentiality, the research team aims to reduce this risk by using password-protected Zoom video-conferencing, destroying the video recordings after transcription and using an oral consent process instead of collecting signed consent forms.

You will not receive any direct benefit from taking part in this study. You may find it satisfying to have an opportunity to talk about your experiences with birth-rights legal cases and your opinions about state laws governing reproductive health. The study has broader benefits for society, since it will uncover the effects of reproductive health laws on birth rights, birth outcomes, and racial-ethnic inequality in maternity care. It has policy implications for improving maternity care and reproductive justice.

Will I be paid for participating in the study or experience any costs?

You will be paid \$25 after the interview as compensation for your time. You will receive this compensation, regardless of the length of the interview.

Compensation for participation in a research study is considered taxable income for you. If your compensation for this research study or a combination of research studies is \$600 or more in a calendar year (January to December), you will receive an IRS Form 1099 to report on your taxes. Please note, if you are an employee of UArizona, any compensation from a research study is considerable taxable income.

For any compensation or reimbursement you receive, we are required to obtain identifiable information such as your name and address for financial compliance purposes. *Identifiable*



information collected for financial compliance purposes will not be linked to your research data. If you do not want us to collect this information, you can still participate in this study, but you will not be able to receive any payment for your participation.

Will my study-related information be kept confidential?

Your name will not be used in any report. With your permission, I would like to record this interview using Zoom, which is a video conferencing service, so that I can make an accurate transcript. Your name will not be in the transcript or my notes. The initial recordings will be stored in the Zoom cloud server, which protects information that you provide during the interview from outside access and minimizes the risk of any breach of confidentiality. After timely transcription of the interviews, the researchers will destroy the video recordings and the transcripts will receive an ID number and a pseudonym that cannot be linked to your identity.

The information that you provide in the study will be handled confidentially. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released or shared as required by law. The University of Arizona Institutional Review Board; the Texas A&M Institutional Review Board; other federal, state, or international regulatory agencies; or the sponsor of the study, if any, may review the research records for monitoring purposes.


Will my study-related information be used for future research?

Information collected about you will not be used or shared for future research studies.

Who can answer my questions about the study?

For questions, concerns, or complaints about the study you may contact Professor Louise Roth at lroth@email.arizona.edu.

For questions about your rights as a participant in this study or to discuss other study-related concerns or complaints with someone who is not part of the research team, you may contact the Human Subjects Protection Program Director at 520-626-8630 or online at <https://research.arizona.edu/compliance/human-subjects-protection-program>. By continuing with this interview, you are acknowledging understanding of the information I just provided and you agree to participate in this study.

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