

True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery Focus Group Discussion Information Statement

KEY INFORMATION

- The purpose of this group discussion is to explore people's thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis.
- We will preserve recordings of the discussion until we transcribe them, after which we will destroy them.
- We will analyze transcripts from the discussions as part of a research study.
- Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary.
- The discussion will last between 60-90 minutes.
- We will ask you to engage in group discussion in response to 7 questions. A list of questions appears below.
- After the discussion, we will send you a link to complete a brief, one-page demographic survey.
- There are no risks associated with the research study beyond risks associated with any group discussion.
- The benefit of participating is that one's ideas about the climate crisis might reach a broader audience.

The Department of Psychology at the University of Kansas supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. We provide the following information for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the research portion of the discussion. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

The purpose of this project is to understand people's thoughts and feelings about climate change and ecological crisis. For this purpose, we will ask you to engage in a group discussion session via Zoom videoconference. The discussion will last approximately 60-90 minutes. After the discussion, we will send you a link to complete a brief survey. The focus of the discussion will be the following questions:

1. What brought you to this event? What is your motivation for attending?
2. When you think about climate change and environmental degradation, what kind of emotions do you feel?
3. What kind of actions or behaviors are helpful for you to respond to the emotions you feel regarding climate change? What responses are not helpful?
4. In your opinion, what are some of the most important things that our communities can do to support sustainable well-being in the face of climate change?
5. Looking forward, what do you hope that True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery will do in your local community regarding the climate crisis?
6. Have the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement, and other current events impacted your environmental activism and engagement with the climate crisis? How so?
7. Is there anything that you would like other people in the room to hear, based on your own experience, about how your own environmental activism has been affected?

We will use the recording feature of Zoom to record the group discussions. By consenting to participate in this conversation, you are also consenting to be recorded with Zoom's recording feature. We will store the recordings in a password-protected file in a secure data repository at the University of Kansas. A team member from the Culture and Psychology Research Group will transcribe the recordings and deidentify participants (i.e., by eliminating any identifying information). Once the team member has finished transcription, we will delete the recordings from the data repository. We will store the de-identified transcripts in a password-protected file in the same data repository.

Please be advised that although the researchers will take every precaution to maintain confidentiality of your responses during transcription, the nature of focus groups prevents the researchers from guaranteeing confidentiality of your responses during the discussion. In recognition of this fact, we ask participants to respect the privacy of your fellow participants and repeating other people's responses outside this group.



Your participation is strictly voluntary. If you decide that you do not wish to participate in the research study, then we will omit your contributions from the transcript of the discussion. Unless you tell us now or contact us later to state otherwise, participation in the interview indicates your willingness include your comments in transcripts of the interview and that you are at least 18 years old. If you have any additional questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call (785) 864-7429 or write the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7563, email irb@ku.edu.

If you would like additional information concerning this study before or after it is completed, please feel free to contact us by phone or mail.

Sincerely,

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