



CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Going Rogue: The Military and the Rise of the Right Latino – In-Depth Interviews

Key Information*

- You are being invited to participate in a research study. Participation in research is completely voluntary.
- The purpose of the study is to examine the effect of military service in relation to political identity among Latino soldiers.
- The study will take a maximum of an hour and a half. You will be asked to answer questions about yourself, your experience in the military, and your political preferences.
- Risks and/or discomforts may include the risk of an unintended breach of confidentiality.
- There is no direct benefit for you for participating. However, the results from the study may provide information about how Latino soldiers engage in politics and make sense of national belonging.

Introduction

My name is Julio Cedillo. I am an undergraduate student working with my faculty advisor, Professor Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz, at the University of California, Berkeley in the Department of Sociology. I am planning to conduct a research study on Latino soldiers, which I invite you to take part in.

You are being invited to participate in this study because you have expressed interest in being interviewed for this project.

Purpose

The purpose of this study is to examine the effect of military service on the political identity and preferences of Latino soldiers.

Eligibility

To participate in this study, you must meet the following requirements:

- Identify as Latina/o/x or Hispanic
- Above or during the age of 18
- Serving in one of the military branches (either active duty or part-time) such as the Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, or the Air Force
- Registered to vote

Please let me know if you do not meet the eligibility requirements.

Procedures

If you agree to participate in my research, I will conduct an interview with you either in person or virtually via Zoom. The interview will involve questions about yourself, your history of voting, your thoughts on current political debates in the United States, and your military experience. It will last no longer than 1.5 hours and may take up to an hour. With your permission, I will audiotape or video record over Zoom and take notes during the interview. The recording is made to accurately document the information you provide and will be used for transcription purposes only. If you choose not to be audiotaped, I will take notes instead. If you agree to being audiotaped but feel uncomfortable or change your mind for any reason during the interview, I can turn off the recorder at your request. If you agree to being recorded on Zoom but feel uncomfortable having your face in the video, you can turn off your camera. If you don't wish to continue, you can stop the interview at any time. You can also decline to answer any question.

I expect to conduct one interview; however, follow-ups may be needed for added clarification. At the end of the interview, you can opt-in to allow me to contact you in the future for a follow-up. This study will only require one follow-up interview if needed. Follow-up interviews will last no more than an hour. If you do not opt-in to allow follow-ups, you will not be contacted for follow-ups.

Benefits

There will be no direct benefit to you from participating in this study. However, it is hoped that the information gained from the study will help add to limited literature on Latino soldiers and help future researchers better understand the lived experiences of Latinos and why they vote.

Risks/Discomforts

Some of the research questions may make you uncomfortable. You are free to decline to answer any questions you don't wish to answer, or to stop the interview at any time.

As with all research, there is a chance that confidentiality could be compromised; however, we are taking precautions to minimize this risk.

Confidentiality

Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used.

To minimize the risks to confidentiality, we will store any personally identifiable information, such as audio recordings, in password-protected folders in password-protected devices that are encrypted. The audio or video recording of your interview will only be accessible to my and faculty sponsor and I when transcribing your interview. The recordings will be transcribed as soon as possible after interviews have been completed and destroyed within six months of transcription occurring.; De-identified data (e.g., interview transcripts) will be retained indefinitely for possible use in future research done by ourselves or others. If you allow us to retain your contact information for the purposes of receiving a copy of your interview transcript or being contacted for follow-ups, it will be stored in an encrypted and password-protected file, in a password-protected folder, on a password-protected device, accessible only to me. Any contact information linked to your data will be retained for up to one year and then deleted.

Any personally identifiable information will be redacted from the transcripts. De-identified transcripts will be stored on a password-protected device. If you choose to request a copy of your transcript, it will be sent to you by email as an encrypted and password-protected PDF file via Adobe Acrobat. The password to open the PDF will be shared with you by phone. Each participant will be assigned a pseudonym in the beginning of the study. The pseudonym will be used to label stored data and for any sharing of the study's CPHS #2025-04-18454

findings. List of pseudonym-participants along with consent forms will be kept in an encrypted file folder in a password-protected computer. The folder will be kept in the Principal Investigator's Google Drive, to which only the faculty and the student investigator have access. Pseudonyms will be used in the audio recording of interviews with participants and transcripts. The pseudonym-participant list will be retained up to one year and securely stored separately from study data. De-identified data will be retained indefinitely for possible use in future research done by ourselves or others. Identifiers will be removed from the identifiable private information. After such removal, the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to other investigators for future research studies without additional informed consent from the subject or the legally authorized representative.

Your personal information may be released if required by law. Authorized representatives from the following organizations may review your research data for purposes such as monitoring or managing the conduct of this study:

- University of California

I will keep your study data as confidential as possible, except for certain information that I must report for legal or ethical reasons, such as child abuse, elder abuse, or intent to hurt yourself or others.

Compensation

In return for your time and effort, you receive a visa gift card in the amount of \$50 for taking part in this study. The gift card will be given after the interview if in person, and through email if the interview is conducted virtually.

Rights

Participation in research is completely voluntary. You have the right to decline to participate or to withdraw at any point in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact at +1 (619)764-1594 or julio.cedillo@berkeley.edu or my faculty sponsor Professor Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz at mrodriguezmuniz@berkeley.edu.

If you have any questions or concerns about your rights and treatment as a research subject, you may contact the office of UC Berkeley's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, at 510-642-7461 or subjects@berkeley.edu.

CONSENT

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep.

If you wish to participate in this study, please sign and date below.

Participant's Name (*please print*)

Date

Participant's Signature

Date

POST-INTERVIEW OPTIONS

[OPTIONAL] Opt-In to Follow up Communications

If you authorize the researcher to contact you in the future for follow-up questions, please sign below. Please note that this requires the researcher to retain your contact information, which is personally identifiable information that can increase the risk of an unintended breach of confidentiality.

Participant's Signature

Date

[OPTIONAL] Opt-In to Receive Copy of Interview Transcript

If you wish to receive a copy of your transcript, please sign below. Please note that this requires the researcher to retain your contact information, which is personally identifiable information that can increase the risk of an unintended breach of confidentiality.

Participant's Signature

Date