



ONLINE SURVEY CONSENT FORM

TITLE OF PROJECT: Research Initiatives and Intellectual Freedom in Academia: Implications and Perspectives from Academic Librarianship and LIS Faculty

You are invited to participate in a research project conducted by *Laureen Cantwell-Jurkovic* from Tomlinson Library at Colorado Mesa University.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

This survey aims to gather the perspectives of academic librarians about the implications of these shifts (and executive orders) on research initiatives and, more broadly, academic freedom and researchers' freedom of thought/speech/expression within academia.

The researcher intends to document the current perceptions of academic librarians and LIS-program faculty with regard to the research questions of this study.

PROCEDURES

Your participation in this study will take approximately 15-20 minutes. It will take approximately 5 minutes to read and sign this consent form, and approximately 10-15 minutes to answer the survey questions.

POTENTIAL RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS

The researcher does not anticipate any potential risks associated with participating in this survey.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

In general, engaging in reflective activities is useful for individuals. Otherwise, primary benefits for this study will be indirect. Participants will have their data alongside the data of others in similar roles and contexts (academic librarians and LIS-program faculty) and within their field of practice. The research product(s) from this study will help create a fuller understanding of the perspectives on recent policy shifts, executive orders, etc., on academia through the lens of academic librarians and LIS-program faculty, with specific regard to researchers' pursuits of grants/funding/topics, researchers' exhibitions of self-censorship, researchers' pursuit of/interest in open access publication options, researchers' choice of language/terminology (and other controlled vocabulary concerns), and researchers' real or perceived freedom of thought/speech/expression and other academic freedom-related concerns. Sharing their voice allows respondents to become part of the documented conversation about these topics, in the current moment, which may prove valuable to the field in the short-, mid-, and long-term as well as potentially feel cathartic and rewarding at an individual level.

CONFIDENTIALITY



Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential within the study's raw data. The survey does not request your contact information or any other identifying information as part of your participation.

When the results of the research are published or discussed in conferences, no information will be included that would reveal your identity. If any of your responses reveal your name, the identifying information for others or for your institution, this information will not be included in any products resulting from this research.

Submission of the survey will be interpreted as your informed consent to participate and that you affirm that you meet the participation criteria for the study. Participation or non-participation will not impact your relationship with Colorado Mesa University, if any, or affect your employment status or any other personal consideration or right you usually expect. You may also refuse to answer any questions you do not want to answer and still remain in the study; no questions are required. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.

DATA STORAGE AND USE

The data collected as part of this study will be de-identified and will be retained after the study for future research. De-identified means that the information collected will not contain your name or other information that can be used to directly identify you. Institutional policy requires research related information be kept in a secure location and retained a minimum of 3 years.

STUDY CONTACT

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact the principal investigator(s) who are overseeing this research.

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RIGHTS OF THE RESEARCH SUBJECTS

Your participation in this research is voluntary. If you decide to participate, you may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research subject, contact the Research Integrity Officer in the Office of Sponsored Programs, Colorado



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SIGNATURE OF RESEARCH SUBJECT

I understand my participation is voluntary. I understand the procedures and conditions of my participation described above. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I agree to participate in this study. I have been given a copy of this form.

** I have read the above information and agree to participate in this research project.*

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