

**Vancouver Island University  
Department of Anthropology**

**Sample: Informed Consent Form for Interviews**

**Preamble:** Information marked [xxx] is for your information and should not be included in your form. Adaptation of this template should be discussed with your supervisor.

**Factors Leading to Vegetarianism [Title]**

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We are students in an ethnographic research methods course (ANTH 326) at Vancouver Island University. We are studying the cultural and health factors that lead to vegetarianism. [Purpose]

During this study, you will be asked to answer some questions as to why you became a vegetarian. This interview was designed to be approximately a half hour in length [Estimated Duration]. However, please feel free to expand on the topic or talk about related ideas. Also, if there are any questions you feel you cannot answer or that you do not feel comfortable answering, feel free to indicate this and we will move on to the next question. [Description]

All the information will be kept confidential. We will keep the data in a secure place. [Indicate where, e.g., locked filing cabinet at home] Only the researchers and faculty supervisor mentioned above will have access to this information. This interview is designed to learn first-hand information about this topic. Upon completion of this project, all data will be destroyed, or stored in a secure location. [Confidentiality; indicate what will become of data]

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**Participant's Agreement:**

I am aware that my participation in this interview is voluntary. If, for any reason, at any time, I wish to stop the interview, I may do so without having to give an explanation. I understand the intent and purpose of this research.

The researcher has reviewed the individual and social benefits and risks of this project with me [Students should review minimal risks checklist prior to interview].

I am aware the data will be used for a paper and a class presentation. I have the right to review, comment on, and/or withdraw information prior to the paper's submission and class presentation. The data gathered in this study are confidential and anonymous with respect to my personal identity unless I specify/indicate otherwise. I grant permission for the use of this information for a [Participant to initial permission]

paper  
 class presentation

I grant permission to use one of the following [*Participant to initial permission*]:

My first name only  
 My full name  
 Just a pseudonym

I will be given a copy of the [*Participant to initial permission*]:

paper,  audiotape,  videotape,  transcribed interview,  
 photograph(s)

Additional conditions for my participation in this research are noted here:

*[possible conditions: destruction of tape (audio/video), return of original material(s), distribution of final product as well as other original material(s)]*

I have read the above form, and, with the understanding that I can withdraw at any time, and for whatever reason, I consent to participate in today's interview.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Interviewer's signature