



## LETTER OF INFORMED CONSENT

(Text on Qualtrics)

### Title of Research Project: A Minority Affair: The Baha'i Question and Iranian Canadians

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by me, Dr. John Cappucci, Stephen Jarislowky Chair in Religion and Conflict at Assumption University. The funding for this research is provided by the Stephen Jarislowky Chair in Religion and Conflict at Assumption University. If you have any questions about this research, please contact me at 400 Huron Church Road, Windsor, Ontario N9C 2J9, 519-973-7033, [jcappucci@assumptionu.ca](mailto:jcappucci@assumptionu.ca). This study is under the auspices of Assumption University and has been cleared by the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board.

### Purpose

The purpose of this research is to determine how Iranian Canadians perceive the treatment of Baha'is in Iran.

### Procedures

If you volunteer to participate in this research study, you will be asked to take part an online survey. The survey will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete and is available on Qualtrics.. The survey is comprised of both open and closed-ended questions. If you identify as Iranian Canadian (either born in Iran or have one parent born in Iran), have at least one residence in Ontario, and are 18 years of age or older, and have a basic familiarity with the treatment of Baha'is in Iran, I invite you to complete the survey. If you consent to participate, you will then be asked to answer the three screening questions and then complete the survey questions. If you do not consent, you will be directed to a page that states, "Thank you for your time. You may now close your browser." You have the opportunity to decline to answer any question in the survey or close your browser to end the survey at any time. Once completed, you will have the option to click a link to a new page where you will be able to provide your email address for a chance to win one of 20 e-gift cards from Amazon.ca valued at \$20.00 each. Your contact information provided will not link you to your survey data as you will be taken to a new page.

### Potential Risks and Discomforts

There are a few potential risks in taking part in this study.

Psychological/Emotional Risks – It is possible that you might feel a sense of discomfort in discussing the subject matter. This risk will be mitigated by informing you that you are free to decline to answer with no personal consequence. In addition, to help to further mitigate this risk, a list of counselling services has been provided at the end of the survey.

Social Risks - It is possible that you might complete the survey in a public place where others may see your activities. To mitigate this risk, it is strongly recommended that you complete the survey in the privacy of your own home away from third-parties, including family members. It is also recommended that participants delete their browsing history, cookies, and cache once the survey has been completed to ensure increased security and privacy.

Economic Risks – It is possible that you might complete the survey in the workplace, which in turn could create tensions and possible loss of employment. You are strongly encouraged not to complete the survey at your workplace. It is strongly recommended that you complete the survey in your home away from third parties, including family members.

Data Security Risks – It is possible that my laptop, which contains the data could be stolen from my home. This risk will be mitigated as the laptop rarely leaves my home. In addition, I am the only user of the password-protected laptop. Additionally, Qualtrics requires a password to login, which will only be known to me.

### Compensation

Once the survey has been completed, you will have the option to provide your email address for a chance to win one of 20 e-gift cards from Amazon.ca valued at \$20.00 each. By entering your email address, you grant me permission to send an e-gift card if your email is drawn and in accordance with the policies stipulated by Amazon.ca. The email addresses will only be used for the purposes of this research project and deleted by June 2023.

Individuals who do not complete the entirety of the survey or close their browsers midway will not be able to enter into the draw to receive one of the e-gift cards.

### **Confidentiality**

The data collected will be retained indefinitely. If a specific response is referenced or quoted in the study or published works, the word "participant(s)" or "respondent(s)" will be used.

### **Participation Withdraw**

You may withdraw at any time during the survey by exiting your browser. Partial data may be retained at my discretion. I may withdraw you from this study if circumstances arise which warrant me to do so. Your responses cannot be removed from the study once they have been submitted. Only participants who complete the entire survey and submit their email addresses will be entered into a draw to win one of the 20 e-gift cards.

### **Feedback to Participants**

A summary of results will be posted at <https://assumptionu.ca/stephen-jarislowsky/> by June 30, 2023.

### **Subsequent Use of Data**

The data may be used in subsequent studies, publications, presentations, and class discussions. Your confidentiality and anonymity will be maintained.

### **Rights of Research Participants**

This study is being conducted under the auspices of Assumption University. This study has been cleared by the University of Windsor Research Ethics Board. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact Office of Research Ethics, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4; Telephone: 519-253-3000, ext. 3948; e mail: [ethics@uwindsor.ca](mailto:ethics@uwindsor.ca).

I understand the information provided for the research study, A Minority Affair: The Baha'i Question and Iranian Canadians as described herein. My questions have been answered to my satisfaction and I agree to participate in this study.

I consent to participate in this research project

I do not consent to participate in this research project