Participation Information

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Research Title: The Ugly Side of the Beautiful Game: An Investigation into Modern Day English Football Racism.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in my research. This research topic aims to understand how racism finds form in today’s game, how experiences and content of racism has changed, the drivers for change, and whether online experiences are a modern day reflection of traditional racist attitudes, beliefs or ideologies. The questionnaire comprises of 17 simple yes/no, or opinion scale questions, while there will also be opportunity for you to express opinions in your own words. The subject of racism I understand could be sensitive or pose psychological harm to subjects and so upon completion of the questionnaire, useful links will be provided in order to attempt to minimise harm. Also, you can email me using the email address below with any questions or concerns. Your informed consent will be given on the basis of you reading and understanding this page, and subsequently ticking the box below; however you may withdraw from this study at any time if you feel uncomfortable or no longer wish to proceed for any reason. This can be done by simply closing the page (no completed questions will be stored) or by emailing post-completion where your saved data will be destroyed and not used in analysis. No personal data will be taken apart from age, gender and ethnicity for research purposes. The questionnaire will take roughly 15 minutes to complete, while the analysis and overall project will take around 6 months. You are one of 220 participants involved in this study. Data will be stored confidentially on a password-protected laptop, with only the principal investigator and supervising investigator having access to it. Data will be stored fully compliant with GDPR protocols, be archived for 5 years post completion, and be destroyed following that. The data provided will form part of a dissertation project for a Master’s degree in Crime, Justice & Psychology, and a copy of the final write-up can be provided to you if you wish to read the results. This study is fully compliant with, and been approved by the University of Leicester Ethics Board.

Many thanks for your time in offering to complete this questionnaire. Please answer as truthfully and honestly as you can.

Further information can be gathered by emailing lf166@student.le.ac.uk

For any ethical concerns please email ethics@le.ac.uk

Consent Form

1. I understand my participation is completely voluntary and that I have the right to withdraw from the study at any point up until 1/6/20 without giving any reason.
2. I understand that if I decide to stop the questionnaire at any point I should close my browser or use the withdrawal service available on the survey.
3. I understand that if I wish to withdraw my data from the survey I should contact the lead researcher Louis Fryer by emailing lf166@student.le.ac.uk
4. I am aware of what my participation will involve.
5. My data will be held confidentially by the named researcher electronically for a period of 5 years after the appearance of any associated publications.
6. I understand that I will give my full informed consent by ticking the box below.
7. I understand that the full write up of this project could be chosen for publication by academic journals.
8. Due to the requirements of some scientific journals and organisations, I understand that my coded data may be shared by other researchers. I understand that my coded data may be used in other research related to the topic.
9. I understand that the only personal data taken will be age, gender, ethnicity and favourite football team. My name will never be stored.
10. The study will take approximately 6 months to complete.
11. I will be able to obtain general information about this research by emailing the lead investigator on the email provided.
12. The survey could contain potentially sensitive topics relating to racism. I have the right to withdraw at any point before, during or after completing the questionnaire by closing the browser, exiting the questionnaire or by emailing the lead researcher.
13. I am giving my consent for my data to be used for the study outlined above.
14. All questions I have about the research have been satisfactorily answered, or can be answered by contacting the lead researcher using the email provided.
15. This study was reviewed by the University of Leicester Criminology Ethics Board.
16. The ethics committee can be contacted at ethics@le.ac.uk
17. This form will be kept separately from my data.