Cannabis Growers Project

Monica Barratt and Simon Lenton invite you to participate in a study on small-scale cannabis cultivation, conducted by the National Drug Research Institute (NDRI) at Curtin University. This study forms part of an international collaboration researching cannabis cultivation across Europe, North America and Australasia called the Global Cannabis Cultivation Research Consortium, see http://worldwideweed.nl

The general community typically has unrealistic views about people who grow cannabis. We want you to help set the record straight by completing this anonymous questionnaire.

To participate in this research project, you must:

- have grown cannabis at least once,
- be living in Australia, and
- be at least 18 years old.

Participation involves the completion of an online questionnaire that asks about your experiences with growing cannabis, as well as your reasons for growing cannabis, your personal use of cannabis and other drugs, your views on alternative cannabis growing policies, your drug market participation, your experiences with cannabis laws, your participation in other illegal activities and standard demographic information.

The questionnaire contains 43 questions and typically takes 15-20 minutes to complete. We recommend you complete the survey in one sitting as the session is set to expire after 4 hours.

After the project is complete, we will post a summary of the results at: http://ndri.curtin.edu.au/research/grow

Your participation is completely voluntary. Once eligibility has been confirmed, you are free to skip any question or choose ‘I don’t want to answer’. You can withdraw from the study at any time by simply closing your browser. Consent will be assumed upon the submission of data from the questionnaire. After this point it will be impossible to identify your results therefore making it impossible to remove them from the data pool.

The information gathered is strictly confidential. The data will be stored securely at Curtin University for at least 7 years. No identifying information will be collected that could be used to match you to your questionnaire results. IP addresses will not be recorded and cookies are not used. For added protection, you are welcome to use an anonymising service (e.g. Tor).
We will present results from this study at conferences and in academic papers. Quantitative data will only be presented in aggregate form. There will be no way to identify individual responses from results presented. Your participation will remain anonymous. Any unsolicited identifying information that you may inadvertently provide in text boxes, such as names of individuals, groups, places or events, will be removed from the data by us in order to maintain your anonymity.

No external funding was sought for this project.

Contact information

If you have any questions concerning this study, please contact Dr Monica Barratt by email m.barratt@curtin.edu.au, phone +61 3 8413 8514 or Twitter @monicabarratt.

This study has been approved by the Curtin University Research Ethics Committee (Approval Number NDRI-01-2012). The Committee is comprised of members of the public, academics, lawyers, doctors and pastoral carers. Its main role is to protect participants. If needed, verification of approval can be obtained either by writing to the Curtin University Research Ethics Committee, C/- Office of Research and Development, Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth WA 6845, Australia, or by telephoning +61 8 9266 2784 or by emailing hrec@curtin.edu.au

Consent

By clicking BEGIN QUESTIONNAIRE below, I confirm that:

- I have been informed about the procedure and understand the purposes of the study.
- I have been given the opportunity to ask questions relating to this study.
- I understand that I can withdraw from this study at any time without prejudice by closing my browser.
- I understand that no identifying information will be collected.
- I am at least 18 years of age.
- I have downloaded a copy of this page for my own reference.

Please complete this questionnaire only once. Answer each question carefully and honestly.

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