

# Reclutamiento

## Consent

Hello, my name is \_. I am conducting research about current events in Mexico and I would like to ask you some questions. This research is being conducted by Dr. Omar Garcia-Ponce and Dr. Lauren Young at UC Davis, and Dr. Thomas Zeitzoff at American University.

If you choose to participate, the interview will last about two hours. We will ask you questions about your community and ask you to describe how events in your community can make you feel. We will start by asking you about 20 minutes of questions today, and then we will come back at a time that's convenient for you next week to do the interview. After the main interview, we will compensate you for your time by giving you a thank you gift of 300 Mexican pesos in cash. If you choose to end the interview early, your compensation will be pro-rated to the proportion of the questions that you have completed.

Some of the things that we discuss during these interviews may make you feel emotional. Participation is completely voluntary. You can stop the interview any time or skip questions. There are no direct benefits for you if you participate in this study, but it might benefit Mexico by helping us understand how people in this area make decisions.

Everything that you say will be completely confidential. We will not collect any contact information like your name or phone number, and nothing will ever be linked back to you. During the interview, we ask that you please do not provide any information that might enable people to identify you or others. Please do not give us any names during the interview, or any details that are so specific that someone listening to the interview later would be able to identify the people you are talking about.

We would like to audio record the interview. Within one year, we will transcribe the audio file into a text document and then permanently destroy the recording of your voice so that no one can link what you say back to you. If you do not wish to be audio recorded, you will be unable to participate in the interview.

If you have questions regarding the research or your participation, please contact Carmen at Buendia y Laredo, the Co-Investigator Dr. Omar Garcia-Ponce, or the UC Davis research ethics board in the U.S. This card has email addresses and phone numbers for all of those people.

*[HAND RESPONDENT THE CONTACT INFO CARD.]*

Do you have any questions before we get started?

Would you like to participate in the study?

*[IF YES, PROCEED TO FIRST QUESTION. IF NO, THANK THE RESPONDENT AND END THE INTERVIEW.]*

## Enumerator Questions

### [DO NOT READ] Surveyor name

- ☐ Carmen
- ☐ Jorge

### [DO NOT READ] Locality name

- ☐ Huandacareo
- ☐ Indarapapeo
- ☐ Tlazazalca
- ☐ Zinapacuario

### [DO NOT READ] Gender of respondent

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

**[DO NOT READ] What is the number of this respondent in this municipality for you?**

*[ONLY COUNT SUCCESSFUL RESPONDENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE RECRUITED 2 PEOPLE ALREADY IN A MUNICIPALITY, ENTER 3 HERE.]*

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## Demographics

**How old are you?**

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**What is your marital status?**

- ☐ Single  
☐ Married  
☐ Divorced  
☐ Living together and not married  
☐ Widow

**How many children do you have?**

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**Now I'm going to read you a number of statements that describe attitudes that different people have. There are no right or wrong answers, only opinions. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Refuse/DK
Some rules should never be broken.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rules and laws should only be followed when they maximize the public interest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The only moral principle that needs to be followed is that one should maximize the public interest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is important to only perform actions that are honorable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lynching a person is morally justifiable as long as it reduces violence in the community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
We have a moral obligation to ensure that criminals get punished, and if the state can't do it, then the citizens must.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are some criminals that should just be killed regardless of possible violent consequences for the community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The only criterium that should be taken into account for dealing with crime in Mexico is reducing the levels of violence.

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Now I'd like to ask you some questions about how you have felt recently.

Sometimes things happen to people that are particularly frightening, catastrophic, or traumatic. For example: a serious accident or fire, a physical or sexual abuse, a natural disaster, a war, seeing someone getting killed or seriously injured, or having a loved one die through homicide or suicide.

Have you ever experienced an event of this sort?

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Yes

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No

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In the last week, have you...

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Yes

No

Had nightmares about such event(s) or thought about the event(s) when you did not want to?

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Tried hard not to think about the event(s) or went out of your way to avoid situations that reminded you of the event(s)?

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Been constantly on guard, watchful, or easily startled?

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Felt numb or detached from people, activities, or your surroundings?

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Felt guilty or unable to stop blaming yourself or others for the event(s) or any problems the event(s) may have caused?

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We will now describe to you scenarios that are similar to crimes that have recently occurred in some parts of Mexico. We will then ask you how you would think and feel about these crimes, and what would you do or like to see done if these crimes happened in your community.

If you don't mind, we'd like to turn on the recorder for these questions so that we can accurately capture everything you say. This is only for research purposes and we guarantee that your identity will remain anonymous. Is that ok?

[If NO: Explain that to participate in the interview, they have to be audio recorded. Answer any questions about the recording.]

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Yes

☐

No

Ok, let me start with the first scenario.

A few years ago, parents of students at a private preschool in a small municipality learned that a 50-year-old male sports teacher had been sexually abusing their children. One mother discovered the crime when her son had strange behaviors and then told her that "El maestro me mete el dedo por atrás, también lo hace con otros compañeros y a las niñas también les mete la mano debajo de su ropa". Other parents saw through a window into the classroom that the sports teacher was touching their children.

**How would you react if something similar happened in your community?**

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**Would you want the accused to be punished? How?**

*[PROBE: Why this kind of punishment? And who would you want to carry out the punishment?]*

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**Would you want the teacher to be investigated? What would a good investigation look like to you?**

*[PROBE: Who do you think should be responsible for the investigation? Should the teacher be held in custody until the investigation is finished? Should there be any limits on what the investigators can do? (ex. torture, pretrial detention)?]*

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**What emotions would you feel if this happened in your locality? Why?**

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**Now I'd like to know a bit more about what you think would actually happen if this occurred in your municipality.****How would your neighbors react if something similar happened in your community?**

*[PROBE: What kind of punishment would they want? Who would they want to do it? What would they do if the authorities weren't punishing the accused that way?]*

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**And what about the local authorities like the police? What do you think they would actually do if this occurred here?**

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In this particular case, a group of 30 parents went to the school one Monday morning to wait for the sports teacher. They intended to lynch the sports teacher but other teachers and the school director intervened to protect him until municipal police arrived to transfer him to the Public Ministry. A few weeks after the teacher was arrested, a local judge ordered the teacher be freed "por falta de elementos para procesarlo."

**Do you think that the parents' actions were justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Do you think this was the right or wrong thing to do? Do you think the parents' actions have any costs? Do you think they have any benefits?]*

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**Do you think that the other teachers and school director's actions were justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Right or wrong thing to do? Costs? Benefits?]*

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**Do you think the judge's decision was justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Right or wrong thing to do? Costs? Benefits?]*

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**How would you react if this event (an attempted lynching of an accused rapist of children) had happened in your community?**

*[PROBE: Why? What makes it the right/wrong thing to do? Do you think this action would carry any risks to you personally? Any risks to others? What about benefits to you personally? Benefits to others?]*

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**What do you think the local authorities in your community would do if something like this happened?**

*[PROBE: Why would they choose that action? Would it help or hurt you personally? Help or hurt others in the community?]*

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Now here is the second scenario.

In October of last year, a young man stole a commercial van from a local business in a Mexican municipality. There had been a number of vehicle robberies in the area in recent weeks and many residents believed that they were being organized by a ring of petty thieves that included this man. Various people had denounced him, but nothing happened. So far the municipal police had not taken any visible steps towards stopping the thefts. In this case residents had seen the theft and could identify the thief.

**How would you react if something similar happened in your community?**

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**Would you want the accused to be punished? How?**

*[PROBE: Why this kind of punishment? And who would you want to carry out the punishment?]*

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**Would you want the accused to be investigated? What would a good investigation look like to you?**

*[PROBE: Who do you think should be responsible for the investigation? Should the teacher be held in custody until the investigation is finished? Should there be any limits on what the investigators can do? (ex. torture, pretrial detention)?]*

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**And what about the local authorities like the police? What do you think they would actually do if this occurred here?**

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In this case, a group of 20 residents were alerted by the eye witnesses. They took trucks and guns and set up checkpoints around the municipality to look for the van. A few hours later they found the thieves in the van. The thief was also armed and there was a shootout. In the confrontation, one thief was killed as well as one bystander, a local youth who was in the area shopping. After the thief was killed, his friends and relatives vandalized city hall demanding justice for the death of the thief. The residents tried to kill two more people from this group of friends and relatives, saying that they were also part of the ring of car thieves, but were stopped by the municipal police.

**Do you think that the residents' actions were justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Do you think this was the right or wrong thing to do? Do you think the parents' actions have any costs? Do you think they have any benefits?]*

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**Do you think the police's action (stopping the additional lynchings) was justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Right or wrong thing to do? Costs? Benefits?]*

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**How would you react if this event (a lynching of a car thief) happened in your community?**

*[PROBE: Why? What makes it the right/wrong thing to do? Do you think this action would carry any risks to you personally? Any risks to others? What about benefits to you personally? Benefits to others?]*

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**What do you think the local authorities in your community would do if something like this happened?**

*[PROBE: Why would they choose that action? Would it help or hurt you personally? Help or hurt others in the community?]*

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Now here is the last scenario.

Several years ago, a rural municipality was controlled by a criminal gang. The criminals were extorting local business people, demanding they pay a share of their profits and higher fares for services. For example, men who worked in fields had to pay a share of their wages, and also a criminal tax on the bus fare that they paid to go to the fields. Business owners complained that they had to pay criminals on almost every revenue, and people even said the criminals made them pay a share of the money they spent improving their homes. The criminals killed several residents who couldn't pay. Furthermore, instead of killing business owners who couldn't pay, the criminals began taking the daughters or wives of local business people.

**How would you react if something similar happened in your community?**

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**Would you want the accused to be punished? How?**

*[PROBE: Why this kind of punishment? And who would you want to carry out the punishment?]*

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**Would you want the accused to be investigated? What would a good investigation look like to you?**

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**And what about the local authorities like the police? What do you think they would actually do if this occurred here?**

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In this case a group of residents decided to confront several of the gang members at a municipal event. First they captured 15 men they believed to be criminals and handed them over to the state prosecutor. However, within 12 hours the prosecutor had released them all. After that they killed several men they recognized as criminals. They left the body of one of the criminals in the town square with a sign saying "the town is no longer safe for criminals."

**Do you think that the residents' actions were justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Do you think this was the right or wrong thing to do? Do you think the parents' actions have any costs? Do you think they have any benefits?]*

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**Do you think the prosecutor's action (releasing the 15 accused gang members) was justified? Why or why not?**

*[PROBE: Right or wrong thing to do? Costs? Benefits?]*

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**How would you react if this event (murder of suspected gang members) happened in your community?**

*[PROBE: Why? What makes it the right/wrong thing to do? Do you think this action would carry any risks to you personally? Any risks to others? What about benefits to you personally? Benefits to others?]*

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**What do you think the local authorities in your community would do if something like this happened?**

*[PROBE: Why would they choose that action? Would it help or hurt you personally? Help or hurt others in the community?]*

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Thanks so much for answering those questions. We just have a couple more before we finish.

**What is the highest level of school that you have completed?**

- ☐ No school
- ☐ Kinder
- ☐ Primary
- ☐ Secondary
- ☐ High School
- ☐ Vocational school
- ☐ Technical
- ☐ University/college
- ☐ Masters
- ☐ Doctorate
- ☐ Refuse/DK

**What is the employment situation of the head of your household?***[READ OPTIONS]*

- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Salaried employee in a state company
- ☐ Salaried employee in a private company
- ☐ Temporarily out of work
- ☐ Retired/pensioner
- ☐ Don't work/responsible for shopping and housework
- ☐ Refuse/DK

**Are you or any member of your household a beneficiary of Prospera or Seguro Popular?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Refuse/DK

**Do you or any member of your household have any of the following:**

.	Yes	No	Refuse/DK
<b>Refrigerator?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Cellular telephone?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Smartphone?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Washing machine?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Computer?</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



**Internet?**

☐☐☐

**Flat panel TV?**

☐☐☐

**Do you own your house or apartment? [HOUSE OR APARTMENT?]**

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Yes - House

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Yes - Apartment

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No

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Refuse/DK

**Vehicle/car. How many?**

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The screening interview is now over. Thank you very much for answering our questions.

[REMIND THE RESPONDENT OF THE TIME AND DATE FOR THE FULL INTERVIEW. MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE CONTACT CARD]