Recruitment Script: Understanding Healthy and Abusive Romantic Relationships

Hello,

My name is Katie Brockhage, and I’m a doctoral student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am doing a study to explore how women understand healthy romantic relationships and how this differs from what they understand as abusive romantic relationships. I want to know more about how women learn about what a healthy, or alternatively, abusive romantic relationship is. Remember that a healthy romantic relationship may not be the same as a perfect romantic relationship. I am particularly interested in learning more about how understandings of healthy, and abusive romantic relationships are communicated to young women. I will be conducting open ended interviews related to how you came to your understanding of what makes a healthy romantic relationship, what makes romantic relationships abusive, as well as who, if anyone, you’ve talked to about these types of relationships. I will not directly ask anyone about her own personal experiences with abuse.

In order to participate in this study you must meet the following criteria: 1) You must be currently enrolled as a college student; 2) you must be at least 19 years old, and 3) you must identify as a woman.

If you agree to participate you will be asked to email me to set up a time and place for an interview. Interviews will be audio recorded, and one of us will ask you to answer a number of open-ended questions related to how you have come to understand a healthy romantic relationship, as well as an abusive romantic relationship. All responses to these interview questions will be kept confidential and at no time will your identity be revealed in the analysis and or reporting of research results.

Participation in this study will require approximately one hour of your time for the interview. Your participation is completely voluntary. At any time throughout the interview you may choose not to answer any question(s) and you are free to leave at any time that you do not feel comfortable. If your instructor agrees, you will receive 2 research credits for completing this study. I will inform your instructor that you participated in a research study, but the nature and topic of the study will not be revealed. If you do not wish to participate in this study but still wish to receive extra credit, a separate but equal assignment will be made available to you by your instructor.

If you are interested, please contact me at kbrockha@gmail.com.

Thanks for your consideration of involvement in this study.
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