
Information sheet:
Recording, collection and processing of interview data

Research project:

**„Study on the effects of the terrorist attack on October 7, 2023 on the Jewish
and Israeli communities in Germany” (2024)**

Project description:

The research project "Study on the effects of the terrorist attack on October 7, 2023 on the Jewish and Israeli Community in Germany" is being carried out at the *Kompetenzzentrum für antisemitismuskritische Bildung und Forschung* under the direction of Marina Chernivsky and Prof. Dr. Friederike Lorenz-Sinai from the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences. The study is funded by the Federal Anti-Discrimination Agency (ADS).

The study's interest concerns the following research questions:

- How do the events affect the physical, psychological and social well-being as well as the everyday life of Jews of different origins and age groups in Germany?
- To what extent do Jews in Germany experience discrimination in connection with the public reactions to the terror against Israel since October 7, 2023 and the subsequent war in Israel and the Gaza Strip?
- What role do the transgenerational transmissions of the Shoah, previous experiences with terror and displacement and other wars play in the impact and processing of current experiences?

Group discussions and individual narrative interviews are conducted on the methodological basis of interpretative and reconstructive social research.

The study aims to analyze and document the situation of the Jewish and Israeli community in Germany since the terrorist attack on October 7, 2023. The findings will be published in a research report.

The purpose of data and interview processing:

All persons involved in data collection, data processing and data analysis must sign a written agreement with the *Kompetenzzentrum für antisemitismuskritische Bildung und Forschung* to guarantee data secrecy. The research serves exclusively scientific purposes. Participation in the scientific interviews/group discussions is voluntary. The interviewees have the option of stopping an interview at any time and withdrawing their consent for an audio recording of the interview without incurring any disadvantages. The interviews and group discussions preferably take place in person or digitally.

- **Recording and processing the data:** The data collected is used as the material basis for the study. For the data analysis, the group discussions and individual interviews are recorded with an audio device (sound recording); no video is recorded; the camera is only used so that all participants can see each other. The recording will only be made after consent has been given (see consent form). If consent is not given, participation in the study is not possible. The recordings are then transcribed by a student member of the research team. Speech recognition software may be used to support the transcription. The transcription process is based on scientific rules and the transcription is verbatim. Randomly mentioned names are pseudonymized in the transcript. For the scientific evaluation of the interview texts, all information that could lead to the identification of the person is removed from the text. The transcripts will only be used by the research team for the analysis.

For further processing of the written material, code numbers are assigned for the group discussions/interviews, i.e. the respective Microsoft Word files are named according to this pattern: *Day of implementation_group_discussion/interview_no.* this corresponds to *230325_group_discussion_01*. This provides an overview of the data material. The use of these titles guarantees anonymization and there is no list in which the schools are assigned to them. As soon as the files of the transcripts are deleted, the codes are also deleted.

- **Data masking:** In the transcription as well as in the transcription of the findings, all name, place or time details are changed and all personal and institution-related data are pseudonymized.
- **Personal protection in the citation:** In the case of interview passages with information that could make the person identifiable, the decision is made not to cite them in case of doubt. In scientific publications, interviews are only quoted in excerpts in order to ensure that the overall context of events cannot lead to the identification of the person/institution.
- **Storage and deletion of data:** All files (recordings and transcripts) are only accessible to the persons involved in the data analysis. The recordings of the interviews are stored under lock and key in a password-protected storage location at the *Kompetenzzentrum für antisemitismuskritische Bildung und Forschung* and deleted after transcription. The transcripts are stored in a separate password-protected storage location. Under no circumstances will files from the research be passed on to unauthorized third parties.

Personal contact data (name, e-mail addresses) and consent forms (signed and returned to the coordinator as a scan/photo by e-mail) are stored in a password-protected storage location; the interviews (recordings and transcripts) are stored separately in another password-protected storage location so that no assignment of interview data and persons is possible. All data collected as part of the research is secured so that it cannot be accessed by third parties. The contact details of the interview partners are stored for

the purpose of sending them the research report by e-mail after completion. They are also required to coordinate the interview appointments and, in the case of digital interviews, to send the access links.

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Pursuant to Art. 13 Abs. 2b - d DS-GVO, the study participants have the right to information from the controller about the personal data concerned as well as to rectification, blocking and erasure, restriction of processing and objection to further processing as well as to data portability of the personal data. Consent can be withdrawn at any time without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal. You also have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority.

Declaration of consent for participation in the study

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Permisson:

I confirm that I have been informed about the interview/group discussion procedure in the above-mentioned research project (*see information sheet on recording, collection and processing of data*).

I agree to take part in an interview / group discussion as part of the above-mentioned research project.

I agree that the interview/group discussion will not be evaluated on a personal or institution-related basis and will be included in the report without this information. **I agree** that individual sentences that are taken out of context and therefore **cannot be associated with my person/institution** may be used as material for **scientific purposes** in the research report.

My **participation** in the study is **voluntary** and I can refuse it without any disadvantages for me. I can also refuse to answer questions in the interview / group discussion or stop the interview.

I have the option to **withdraw** my consent from those responsible for the study at any time, with the result that the processing of my personal data will become inadmissible for the future in accordance with my declaration of withdrawal. However, this does not affect the lawfulness of the processing carried out on the basis of the consent until revocation. A revocation can be sent by e-mail to the project coordination Sophia Hoppe via hoppe@zwst-kompetenzzentrum.de.

Under these conditions, I agree to give the interview and consent to it being recorded, transcribed, anonymized and analyzed.