

Recruitment Script

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Alec Vicenzi and I am a student at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology located in Chicago, IL. I am currently working on my dissertation as a requirement for my doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology. The title of my dissertation is "The Experiences of Black-White Interracial Childfree Couples in America." By childfree, I mean people who have deliberately chosen not to have children at any point in their lives.

I am writing to see if you or someone within your organization/group know Black-White interracial childfree couples who might be interested in participating in my study. I would also be open to and very appreciative of, any other people/resources whom I could contact directly about this request.

To qualify, one member of the relationship must identify as Black/African-American and one must identify as Non-Hispanic White. Both partners must identify as heterosexual, be at least 30 years old, and not have biological children previous relationships. If eligible for the study, both partners will be asked to take part in an interview with me, the researcher, about their childfree experiences. Preferably the interview will take place in-person at an agreed upon location within 45 miles of Chicago, IL. If this is not possible, interviews will take place via Skype or FaceTime, free video chat applications. The interviews will be audio recorded and are expected to take one and a half to two hours to complete. No video recordings will be made for any interviews, including those conducted via Skype or FaceTime. A \$20 Visa gift card will be offered to each couple as compensation for their participation.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider my request. If you have any further questions or are interested in participating, please do not hesitate to call/email me at: 608-921-3966 or axv1599@ego.thechicagoschool.edu

Sincerely,
Alec Vicenzi, M.A.