

Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Routine Customer Feedback” (OMB Control Number: 2105-0573)

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Focus Groups for Development of a National Public Service Awareness Campaign to Reduce Drug-Impaired Driving

PURPOSE:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) was authorized by the Highway Safety Act of 1966 to carry out a Congressional mandate to reduce the mounting number of deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes on our Nation’s highways. In support of this mission, NHTSA is developing a fully-integrated, donated media social norming public service campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of drug-impaired driving to the campaign’s target audience and to influence their behavior to reduce drug-impaired driving.

The goal of this research is to help NHTSA develop its communications strategy for the social norming campaign. We propose conducting qualitative focus groups among young males age 18-34 to understand their awareness of the issue, as well as key attitudes and behaviors surrounding drug-impaired driving. We intend to use this research to help create a communications strategy that will be most effective in influencing the choices of young males. Focus groups will play an important role in gathering information because they allow for a more in-depth understanding of people’s attitudes, beliefs, and motivations than do other kinds of studies. If such information is not collected, it will be more difficult for NHTSA to develop and distribute effective messages to our target audience.

Focus groups will be conducted by The Magnetic Collective, a qualitative vendor who employs moderators with expertise working on social-cause campaigns and sensitive topics.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS:

Our recommended data collection method is qualitative focus groups among young adult males age 18-34. Groups will be segmented by two age groups: age 18-25 and 26-34 to account for different life stages within the target audience.

We recommend conducting a total of 6 focus groups. Each will be 120 minutes in length. The focus group discussions will be conducted in three geographically diverse locations (Alexandria, VA; Sacramento, CA; and St. Louis, Missouri). Locations were chosen to account for different regions of the country as well as differing state laws regarding recreational marijuana use.

9 participants will be recruited for each individual focus group. However, each group will be conducted among a maximum of 6 participants. The 3 additional respondents per group will account for anticipated no-shows and/or cancellations. If all 9 participants show up, 3 will be paid and released. This is included in the cost below.

The breakdown is outlined in the chart below.

Alexandria, VA	Sacramento, CA	St. Louis, Missouri
<i>Group 1:</i> 6 individuals age 18-25	<i>Group 3:</i> 6 individuals age 18-25	<i>Group 5:</i> 6 individuals age 18-25
<i>Group 2:</i> 6 individuals age 26-34	<i>Group 4:</i> 6 individuals age 26-34	<i>Group 6:</i> 6 individuals age 26-34

Key screening criteria is outlined below. The attached recruitment screener includes additional detail.

- Gender (100% male)
- Not employed in industries that would make them overly knowledgeable about the topic (e.g. marketing, law enforcement, pharmaceuticals)
- Haven't participated in other focus groups within past 3 months
- Age (recruiting a mix of age 18-25 and age 26-34)
- Race/ethnicity (accepting multiple responses for race; recruiting a mix)
- 'Urbancity' (recruiting a mix of suburban and urban dwellers)
- Holds driver's license and owns (or has regular access) to an automobile
- Driving behavior (drives regularly; must drive to/from social occasions at least occasionally)
- Self-reported marijuana consumption (smoked or consumed marijuana recreationally at least once in past 3 months; a range of frequency, from regular users to more occasional users)
- Range of attitudes about driving with marijuana
- Articulation (to ensure engaged participant)

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

- Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form Customer Satisfaction Survey
 Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software) Small Discussion Group
 Focus Group Other: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is voluntary.
2. The collection is low-burden for respondents and low-cost for the Federal Government.
3. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
4. The results are not intended to be disseminated to the public.
5. Information gathered will not be used for the purpose of substantially informing influential policy decisions.

6. The collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the future.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following questions:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? [] Yes [X] No
2. If Yes, will any information that is collected be included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? [] Yes [] No
3. If Yes, has an up-to-date System of Records Notice (SORN) been published? [] Yes [] No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? [X] Yes [] No

Each respondent will be provided with \$75 cash (no social security numbers will be collected) following their participation in a focus group session. This amount is in line with the industry standard, relative to focus group participation by people in the target market. These industry-standard stipends help to ensure that respondents can be recruited efficiently and ensure their arrival and participation in the groups. These standards exist to provide fair compensation for costs incurred by participants while attending groups, based on the location of and expenses in each market.

BURDEN HOURS

Note: On average, incidence of qualified respondents for any project with the market research facilities is about 25% success. Given this is a sensitive topic, we estimate that incidence will be slightly lower, approximately 12-15%. We took the average of 13.5% to estimate the numbers below.

Category of Respondents	No. of Respondents	Average Burden per Response (hours)	Total Burden Hours
Unqualified/Refusal Respondents: total number of individuals who will be contacted, but screened out or refuse participation	346	2.5 min (0.042 hours)	14.5 hours

Recruits for screening interview	54	10 minute phone interview (0.167 hours)	9 hours
Focus group participants expected to show	36	120 minute discussion + 15 minute wait time (2.25 hours)	81 hours
			104.5 hours

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 104.5 hours

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$68,000.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No
2. If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

The Magnetic Collective will work with focus group facilities in all three markets to screen and recruit participants. Each focus group facility does the recruiting on NHTSA’s behalf, per the screeners NHTSA provides. The facility’s recruiting staff works from a pool within their proprietary database of people in that particular marketplace who have previously submitted demographic, lifestyle and product preference information. Based on submission of NHTSA’s screener, the recruitment manager will filter the database to search for potential respondents in the project’s specifications. Then the recruiters will place telephone calls to those potential respondents to administer the full screener.

Administration of the Instrument

1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 Web-based or other forms of Social Media
 Telephone
 In-person
 Mail
 Other, Explain
2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Please see discussion guide and screener attached.