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1. Project title: Personal Continuity and Group Narrative: A Qualitative, Descriptive Study
2. Abstract and research question(s):
3. Personal continuity, defined as having a stable sense of self that persists through time, is central to most theories of identity. The current study takes a narrative approach to the development of personal continuity, grounding it in the life story. Recent research has begun to broaden the narrative approach to identity to emphasize the role that larger cultural forces play in shaping identity. Building on this new turn, the current study seeks to address a gap in the literature, exploring the role that social groups and their narratives play in shaping identity and therefore, personal continuity. This study will be qualitative and descriptive, with an aim of theory-building. Fifteen participants ranging from ranging from 18 – 50 will be recruited for the study. Participant will all be children of parents who immigrated to the United States. They will be interviewed about their personal stories, as well as the stories of their parents, and of their social groups. Social constructivist grounded theory will be used to analyze the interview data to examine relationship between personal continuity and group narrative. The question of this project is whether group narrative plays a role in helping the individual construct personal continuity in the same fashion that personal narrative does.
4. Project start date: September 2018
5. Estimated project end date: August 2019

Research design specifics

6. Please describe the data generating process of the study: Recruitment via flyers and snowballing
7. Is this project hypothesis-testing or hypothesis-generating (or both)? Hypothesis-generating.
8. If hypothesis-generating, please name and describe possible outcome hypotheses: Collective continuity is storied in nature for some people. For some, personal continuity will be connected to an ongoing, developing story of their group, and this will be less the

case for others. We will examine potential explanations for this variability to guide future investigations.

9. If hypothesis-generating, please describe the methodology you employ to generate hypotheses: Semi-structured interviews and Social Constructivist Grounded Theory.
10. Please define and describe the outcome variable or concept in your hypotheses: The relationship between personal continuity and collective continuity in terms of narrative processes.
11. Please define and describe the independent variables or concepts in your hypotheses:
N/A
12. Does this project involve fieldwork? No.
13. Does this project involve archival work? No.
14. Does this project involve interviews or focus groups? Yes.
15. If yes, please describe the target population: Children of parents who immigrated to the United States.
16. If yes, what is the targeted sample size? N = 15.
17. If yes, please describe the sampling strategy? Convenience and snowball sampling.
18. If yes, please attach a sample questionnaire or sample guidelines: ***See interview protocol page
19. If yes, please attach a copy of your subjects' informed consent form ***See consent form page
20. Does this project involve causal process tracing? No.
21. If yes, please describe possible outcome causal processes:
22. Does this project involve case studies? N/A

23. If yes, please describe the selection process and criteria for your cases: N/A

Analysis

24. Please describe the analytical tools you use for this project: Social Constructivist Grounded Theory, and Auditing.

25. Does this project involve computer assisted qualitative data analysis? No.

26. If yes, what software package do you use? N/A

27. If yes, what are the analytical categories and codes used for the analysis? N/A

28. Does this project involve active citation? No.

29. Does this project involve sensitive data you cannot share? Yes.

30. If yes, please describe the nature of this data and why you cannot share it: The interviews themselves are very personal, and may contain information that could easily lead to participants being identified by other members in the community.

31. Do you use any other kind of methodology in your study? (quantitative data, experiments, etc.) No.

32. If yes, please specify. N/A

Logistics

33. Please define stages in the research process at which you would like to update your registered design: N/A

34. If applicable, please name the policy organizations collaborating with you on the project: N/A

35. Please indicate the type and number of outputs and publications planned for this project: At least one peer-reviewed journal specializing in qualitative research.

36. Please provide any additional comments on the registration of your research project: This is a thesis project for a Master's in Experimental Psychology at WWU.

Certification

37. I hereby register my research project and supplementary materials. I confirm that I own the rights to release these materials into the public domain