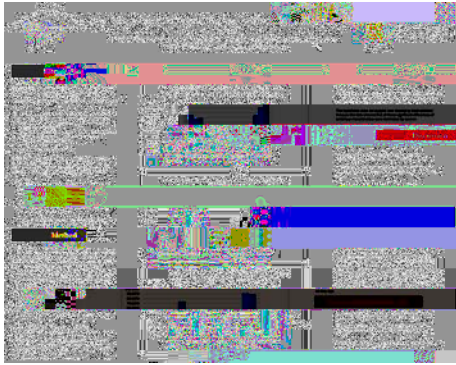


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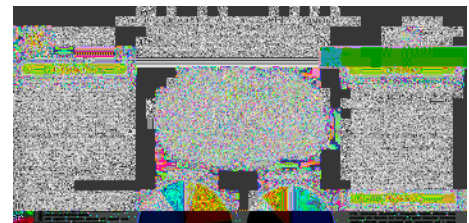


## Once Upon an American Dream: What the American Dreams Means to Different People

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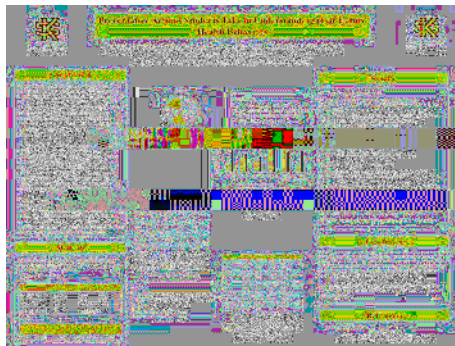
In this study, participants were asked to define their version of the "American Dream" (e.g., desired homeownership, desired income, desired marital status, etc.). We predicted that those from a higher socioeconomic background will be more ambitious with their ideal "American Dream" than those with poorer economic backgrounds. We also



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Do U.S.-born citizens and immigrants differ in their knowledge, attitudes, and positive or negative associations with immigrants and immigration? In recent years, immigration has become an increasingly important and hotly debated issue in the United States, with considerably variable attitudes among Americans toward immigrants themselves, as well as current issues and policies (e.g., deportation of undocumented immigrants). The purpose of this interdisciplinary study is to investigate factors that are associated with positive, negative, ambivalent, or neutral attitudes toward immigrants and immigration. We are also exploring differences among immigrants and non-immigrants in attitudes and knowledge about U.S. immigration policy.



## Preventative Actions Students Take in Understanding Their Future Health Behaviors

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Previous research has shown a lack of responsibility among college students when comparing student behaviors with the risk of health problems they can develop in the future (Baldwin, Towler, Oliver, & Datta, 2017). The purpose of this research is to determine whether students actively make decisions toward the betterment of their health and whether they understand the future health ramifications of their current behaviors. In addition, the research presented will bring student insight towards campus resources available to them. Questions, via online survey, will be proposed to students at Kennesaw State University pertaining to health topics with the goal of providing college students

lifestyle topics such as alcohol consumption, drug usage/misuse, exercise, nutrition,



# Student Anxiety About Mass Shootings

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This research will examine the relationships among generalized anxiety, social anxiety, and fear of mass shootings, particularly for members of minority and low socioeconomic status (SES) groups. Previous research has examined the various types of mass public shootings and which ones receive more media attention. Previous research has also examined potential causes of mass shootings, ways to prevent them, and areas where mass shootings are common. There is little research on different types of anxiety (generalized and social) and how those correlate to fear of mass shootings, especially for minority groups in college. To examine this relationship, we will administer an online questionnaire with demographic questions, questions that examine generalized and social anxiety levels, and questions on fears of mass shootings on campus and off campus. We hypothesize that stronger correlations among generalized anxiety, social anxiety, and fear of mass shootings will emerge amongst participants who belong to minority groups rather than majority groups. Through this research we hope to find trends in anxiety levels amongst these student groups and use the findings to implement effective intervention programs at KSU. The purpose of this study is ultimately to ease anxiety levels among all students, especially those of minority status.

