

**Fact Sheet:**

*Religion and Organ Donation: Knowledge and Attitudes toward Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation among Christians Living in Canada*

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**Project Description and Goals:**

The main goal of this research project has been to investigate the role of religion in organ donation. Specifically, it aimed to explore what and how Christians living in Canada know and feel about organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

**Methodology:**

The project was carried out over two years. Employing a qualitative approach, data were collected using semi-structured interviews. Recruited through stratified purposive sampling, snowball sampling, personal and professional network, women and men who self-identified as Christians, had lived in Ottawa, and were able to communicate their experience in English, were invited to participate in the study. From May 2016 to April 2017, 20 semi-structured interviews were conducted with participants from Ottawa to explore how their religious beliefs and values might relate to their knowledge and attitude toward organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

**Student Involvement:**

- Zeba Tasci, University of Ottawa
- Radamis Zaky, University of Ottawa

**Results:**

- The digitally recorded interviews have been transcribed verbatim and will be subject to thematic analysis using constant comparative method.

**Dissemination:**

- Comprehensive literature review on “Religious beliefs and organ and tissue donation and transplantation”
- Annotated Bibliography