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Appendix 3: Interview questions

RESEARCH QUESTIONS: ASYLUM ISSUES ON UK TELEVISION

1. What is the first thing that comes into your head when you think about asylum or refuge?
2. What are your sources of information/images of refugee and asylum issues?
3. Which words/ phrases or images do you remember from UK television with regards to asylum and refugee issues? Which programme were they in?
4. Script Writing Exercise: Show 10 images from tv and ask Interviewees to write a tv script for about 5 mins (adapted to verbal responses).
 - A) Do you think what you have written would be on t.v.?
 - B) Did you include anything else and if so from what other sources?
 - C) Do you believe what you wrote?
5. Do you think television influences people's opinions or behaviour towards people seeking asylum? Can you give an example?
6. Is there anything television doesn't show about asylum that you think it should?
7. Where do people in the UK who are refugees/seeking asylum come from?
8. Why have they come to the UK?
9. How many people do you think seek asylum in the UK in an average year?

10. Which countries takes in the most refugees/people seeking asylum in the world?
11. How much per week in state benefit does a single adult refugee/person seeking asylum in the UK receive?
12. Do you know the rules concerning employment for people seeking asylum in the UK?
13. What percentage of refugees/people seeking asylum in Scotland have degrees?
14. What are the negative and or positive aspects of the asylum seeking population in the UK?
15. What are the negative and or positive aspects of economic migrants in the UK?
16. Is there anything else you would like to say about asylum issues on television?

Appendix 4: Example of interviewee Information sheet

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW PhD RESEARCH PROJECT; “LESSONS WILL BE LEARNED”? AN INVESTIGATION OF THE REPRESENTATION OF ISSUES OF ASYLUM IN THE BRITISH/SCOTTISH MEDIA.

Dear participants,

This research project aims to develop an understanding of media content and processes of audience reception. It will examine people’s memories of immigration /refugee/asylum media coverage. I will be interviewing you for about half an hour and asking you approximately 12 questions about your memories of television and newspaper coverage of immigration/refugee/asylum issues. All personal details will be treated confidentially and will be used only for the development of academic study. If at any point you wish to withdraw you may.

Thank you very much for your participation in this project it is much appreciated. Your information will help to develop a better understanding of media content and processes.

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