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Impact of Parental Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Deployment to Conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan on Adult Children in Military Families

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Research area: Sociology

This pilot study measures the impact of parental posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and deployment vs non-deployment to conflicts in Iraq (First Gulf War 1990-91; Second Gulf War 2003-11) and Afghanistan (2001-present) on adult children in military families. This impact is measured through the social and emotional wellbeing of children whose parents have been in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), and attachment styles of both the parent and child. This study focuses on parents of all sexes and genders, with at least one child aged >18.

This is a mixed-methods study, in which the research candidate will have the opportunity to work on either the qualitative and/or quantitative analyses, based on their prior research experience and/or training. Quantitative data will be analysed using SPSS, prior experience with SPSS required for student interested in working on the qualitative analyses. The student will also be trained in mixed-methods analyses.

Research candidate will assist with data collection, creation and maintenance of a coding dictionary, and write up of results.

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