Table 1: labels and survey questions

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| **Label** | **Question** | **Type** |
| ineq\_p | To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Differences in income in the U.S. are too large. \* | Perception |
| reg\_p | Generally, how would you describe taxes in the U.S. today for those with high incomes? | Perception |
| family | [How important is] coming from a wealthy family [for getting ahead in life?] \* | Perception |
| edupar | […] having well-educated parents […] \* | Perception |
| edu | […] having a good education yourself […] \* | Perception |
| work | […] hard work […] \* | Perception |
| people | […] knowing the right people […] \* | Perception |
| connec | […] having political connections […] \* | Perception |
| bribes | […] giving bribes […] \* | Perception |
| race | […] a person’s race […] \* | Perception |
| relig | […] a person’s religion […] \* | Perception |
| sex | […] being born a man or a woman […] \* | Perception |
| prog\_b | Do you think people with high incomes should pay a larger share of their income in taxes than those with low incomes, the same share, or a smaller share? \* | Belief |
| redis\_p | It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the differences in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes. \* | Belief |
| redis\_m | It is the responsibility of private companies to reduce the differences in pay between their employees with high pay and those with low pay. \* | Belief |
| resp | [How important do you think that ought to be in deciding pay?] How much responsibility goes with the job \* | Belief |
| train | […] The number of years spent in education and training. \* | Belief |
| need | […] Whether the person has children to support. \* | Belief |
| merit | […] How well he or she does the job. \* | Belief |
| ineq\_j | […] How fair or unfair do you think the income distribution is in the U.S.? | Judgment |
| redis\_d | […] Most politicians in the U.S. do not care about reducing the differences in income between people with high incomes and people with low incomes. \* | Judgment |
| redis\_f | How successful do you think the government in the U.S. is nowadays in reducing the differences in income between people with high incomes and people with low incomes? | Judgment |

Caption: asterisk = polarity recode, squared brackets to indicate common prompts.

Figure 1: Gaussian Graphical Model applied to attitudes towards inequality

A diagram of a network

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Figure 2: Centrality table of the GGM

A graph with a line going up

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Figure 3: Moderated Gaussian Graphical Model

Several different types of network

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Figure 4: Ising network and centrality table

A diagram of a network

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Figure 5: results of simulation

A graph showing the change in sum scores

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