

Author's Response to Reviewers' Comments
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Author's overall response to reviewers' comments: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clean up my submission and resubmit. I hope that the majority of the small errors have been fixed. I have fixed many typos, expanded the captions on all plots, reformatted `knitr` code to be cleaner in \LaTeX and clarified some of my arguments. The only comment I have not incorporated into this draft is the suggestion to change some charts to tables. This has been addressed specifically below. I feel much more solid about this submission, and hope it is satisfactory.

Reviewers' comments:

The content of the paper is good, but the submission looks like it was rushed. There are a lot of very small errors in the paper that need correcting before it can be reviewed.

Fig 1. Maps of yearly survey percentages
No period. Added.

Explain why this is interesting or useful to know in the caption All captions have been expanded.

Fig 2. Expand caption, why do we care about the number of levels on the questions All captions have been expanded.

Typos: behaviorsec (page 7) Removed.

Label text on some plots is too small to read All plot labels have been adjusted for reading clarity.

R output needs a little cleaning, runs outside the background box, too many decimals, but it was done in knitr which is a big thing All knitr output has been sent through \LaTeX using functions like `xtable()`, so output should be much cleaner.

Would tables be better than charts for info like fig 7, 9, 13. These charts have been made slightly larger for easier reading. However, they have not been converted to tables. I believe it is useful to be able to graphically compare communities and groups at the same time, and I believe it is harder to do so using a table.

Fig 14 should have a square aspect ratio, caption doesn't match x axis label Aspect ratio has been adjusted, and the entire section text has been clarified so captions should make more sense in the context of the axis labels.

Section ??? still in document Fixed.