political-deliberation-study-2

Start of Block: informed-consent

informed-consent **Title of research study:** How does color affect deliberation?  
 **IRB Protocol Number:** 23-0733  
 **Investigator:** Damon Charles Roberts  
   
 **Key Information   
   
 Purpose of the Study**  
   
 The purpose of the study is to examine the features of potential discussion partners. While we know quite a lot about how people make decisions about who and when they have a discussion with someone they know, we know much less about how and when they start conversations with people they do not know.  
   
 We expect that you will be in this research study for about 6 minutes.  
   
 We expect about 700 people will be in this research study.  
   
 **Explanation of Procedures**  
   
 You will be asked a number of demographic questions, and about some of your viewpoints on issues. After completing these questions, you will view an instruction screen telling you what to do next.  
   
 You will be randomly assigned to view an avatar from a person you might have a conversation with along with a profile describing that person’s views.  
   
 The treatment you get will chosen by chance, like flipping a coin. Neither you nor the researcher will choose what treatment you get. You will have a one in three chance of being given each treatment. Neither you nor the researcher will know which treatment you are getting.  
   
 We cannot tell you everything about what we are doing in this study or why. However, a full explanation of the purpose of the research and procedures will be provided after you complete the study.  
   
 **Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal**  
   
 Whether or not you take part in this research is your choice. You can leave the research at any time and it will not be held against you.

The person in charge of the research study can remove you from the research study without your approval. Possible reasons for removal include using Safari as your web browser (which interferes with the study set-up). If you decide to leave the research, you will not receive compensation from Prolific.  
   
 **Confidentiality**  
   
 Information obtained about you for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Research information that identifies you may be shared with the University of Colorado Boulder Institutional Review Board (IRB) and others who are responsible for ensuring compliance with laws and regulations related to research, including people on behalf of the Office for Human Research Protections.  
   
 The information from this research may be published for scientific purposes; however, your identity will not be given out. There are some things that you might tell us that we CANNOT promise to keep confidential, as we are required to report information like: Child abuse or neglect, a crime you or others plan to commit, or harm that may come to you or others  
   
 **Payment for Participation**   
   
 If you agree to take part in this research study, we will pay you $1.20 for your time and effort regardless of how long you take (6 minutes at the rate of $12.00/hour). Payments will be made through your Prolific account. It is important to know that payment for participation is taxable income.  
   
 **Questions**  
   
 If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at Damon.roberts-1@colorado.edu.  
   
 This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB. You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or irbadmin@colorado.edu if: Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team. You cannot reach the research team. You want to talk to someone besides the research team. You have questions about your rights as a research subject. You want to get information or provide input about this research.  
   
 **Signatures**  
   
 Please click the “Agree to participate” button below if you consent to participate in this study. If you do not consent to participate in the study, please close the window and return to Prolific.

* Agree (4)
* Disagree (5)

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End of Block: informed-consent

Start of Block: Political and Demographics Block

inst\_demo I am going to ask you a number of questions about your background.

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age Please confirm your age

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sex What is your sex assigned at birth?

* Female (1)
* Male (2)
* Other (3)

gender What is your gender identity?

* Woman (1)
* Non-Binary (2)
* Man (4)
* Prefer to self-describe (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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education What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

* Did not complete high school (1)
* High school diploma (2)
* Some college, no degree (4)
* 2-year degree (6)
* Bachelor's degree (7)
* Post-graduate or professional degree (8)

race Which racial or ethnic group best describes you?

* White (1)
* Black or African-American (2)
* Hispanic or Latino (8)
* Asian or Asian-American (3)
* Native American (4)
* Middle Eastern (5)
* Two or more races (6)
* Other (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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pid\_1 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

* Democrat (1)
* Republican (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (please specify) (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Not sure (5)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Democrat

pid\_d Would you call yourself a strong Democrat or a not very strong Democrat?

* Strong Democrat (1)
* Not very strong Democrat (2)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Republican

pid\_r Would you call yourself a strong Republican or a not very strong Republican?

* Strong Republican (1)
* Not very strong Republican (3)

Display This Question:

If Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Independent

Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Other (please specify)

Or Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...? = Not sure

pid\_i Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or the Republican Party?

* The Democratic Party (1)
* The Republican Party (2)
* Neither (3)
* Not sure (4)

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attention How often do you pay attention to what is going on in government and politics?

* Always (1)
* Most of the time (2)
* About half of the time (3)
* Some of the time (4)
* Never (5)

End of Block: Political and Demographics Block

Start of Block: treatment\_blue\_align

treat\_blue\_align  ​​​​​​Imagine you have been assigned to have an online conversation with this person. To protect their identity, your assigned conversation partner created an avatar, and you will have an opportunity to create your own avatar for the conversation as well.  
   
 Democrat Supportive of Universal Basic Income Pro-choice Supportive of gun control   
   
 Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this person:

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| I am willing to have a conversation with this person. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can see myself initiating the conversation with this person. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I think I would agree about most things with this person. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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| I enjoy challenging the opinions of others. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I dislike arguing about politics. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: treatment\_blue\_align

Start of Block: debrief

debrief **Debriefing**  
   
 Thank you for your participation in this study. Before we end, the researchers would like to provide a little bit more information about this study. We did not match you with a potential discussion partner. This was a hypothetical situation. We did not tell you that this discussion partner was fictional because we wanted to see what aspects of them stood out to you when asked to evaluate someone you may not recognize.  
   
 We thank you again for participating in this study. We ask that you do not discuss the study with other potential participants. We are happy to share any research and papers that result from this study. We are also happy to answer any questions you may have about the study.  
   
 Damon C. Roberts  
 PhD Candidate Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado Boulder  
 damon.roberts-1@colorado.edu

End of Block: debrief

Start of Block: treatment\_blue\_not

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