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amazon mechanical turk

¹¹Crump et al., 2013 ¹²Shapiro et al., 2013

¹Difallah et al., 2018

²Stewart et al., 2015

³Milland, 2015

⁴Casey et al., 2017

⁵Berinsky et al., 2012 ⁶Sheehan & Pitman, 2016

⁷Buhrmester et al., 2011 8Krupnikov & Levine, 2014

⁹Berinsky et al., 2017 ¹⁰Paolacci & Chandler, 2014

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¹³Holden et al., 2013

¹⁴Mason & Suri, 2012

¹⁵Paolacci et al.,

¹⁶Suri et al., 2011



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