

Screening

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Please read the questions on the screen carefully, and answer them honestly.

There are no right or wrong answers, we are simply interested in your opinion.

We thank you in advance for your honest and thoughtful responses.

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Human - Black

Please read the following news story carefully. You will be asked for your opinion about it.

Recently, an African American man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The judge evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the judge's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

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To determine the length of the sentence, a judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The judge evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the judge's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

How likely do you think it is that the risk assessment made by the Judge was biased?

Very Unlikely ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ Very Likely
○

Next, we would like to ask your opinion about how you think the Judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend. Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

The Judge was blind to the unique characteristics of the defendant.

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly agree
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

The Judge missed information that was relevant to make an accurate assessment.

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly agree
○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

The Judge treated the defendant like any other defendant.

Strongly
disagree
☐

Disagree
☐

Somewhat
disagree
☐

Neither agree
nor disagree
☐

Somewhat
agree
☐

Agree
☐

Strongly agree
☐

Algorithm - Black

Please read the following news story carefully. You will be asked for your opinion about it.

Recently, an African American man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a computerized algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The algorithm evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the algorithm's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

Recently, an African American man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a computerized algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The algorithm evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the algorithm's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

How likely do you think it is that the risk assessment made by the Algorithm was biased?

Very Unlikely
☐

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Very Likely
☐

Next, we would like to ask your opinion about how you think the Algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend. Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

The Algorithm was blind to the unique characteristics of the defendant.

Strongly
disagree
☐

Disagree
☐

Somewhat
disagree
☐

Neither agree
nor disagree
☐

Somewhat
agree
☐

Agree
☐

Strongly agree
☐

The Algorithm missed information that was relevant to make an accurate assessment.

Strongly
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☐

Disagree
☐

Somewhat
disagree
☐

Neither agree
nor disagree
☐

Somewhat
agree
☐

Agree
☐

Strongly agree
☐

The Algorithm treated the defendant like any other defendant.

Strongly
disagree
☐

Disagree
☐

Somewhat
disagree
☐

Neither agree
nor disagree
☐

Somewhat
agree
☐

Agree
☐

Strongly agree
☐

Human - White

Please read the following news story carefully. You will be asked for your opinion about it.

Recently, a White man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The judge evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the judge's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

Recently, a White man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The judge evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the judge's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

How likely do you think it is that the risk assessment made by the Judge was biased?

Very Unlikely ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very Likely ☐

Next, we would like to ask your opinion about how you think the Judge evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend. Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

The Judge was blind to the unique characteristics of the defendant.

Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐

The Judge missed information that was relevant to make an accurate assessment.

Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐

The Judge treated the defendant like any other defendant.

Strongly disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Somewhat disagree ☐ Neither agree nor disagree ☐ Somewhat agree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly agree ☐

Algorithm - White

Please read the following news story carefully. You will be asked for your opinion about it.

Recently, a White man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a computerized algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The algorithm evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the algorithm's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

Recently, a White man was found driving a car that had been stolen. He was arrested, found guilty of stealing the car and sentenced to prison.

To determine the length of the sentence, a computerized algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend.

The algorithm evaluated the defendant as high-risk to re-offend. Based on the algorithm's assessment, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison.

How likely do you think it is that the risk assessment made by the Algorithm was biased?

Very Unlikely Very Likely

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Next, we would like to ask your opinion about how you think the Algorithm evaluated the risk that the defendant would re-offend. Please rate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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The Algorithm missed information that was relevant to make an accurate assessment.

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly agree

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The Algorithm treated the defendant like any other defendant.

Strongly disagree Disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Agree Strongly agree

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Demos

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your age?

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