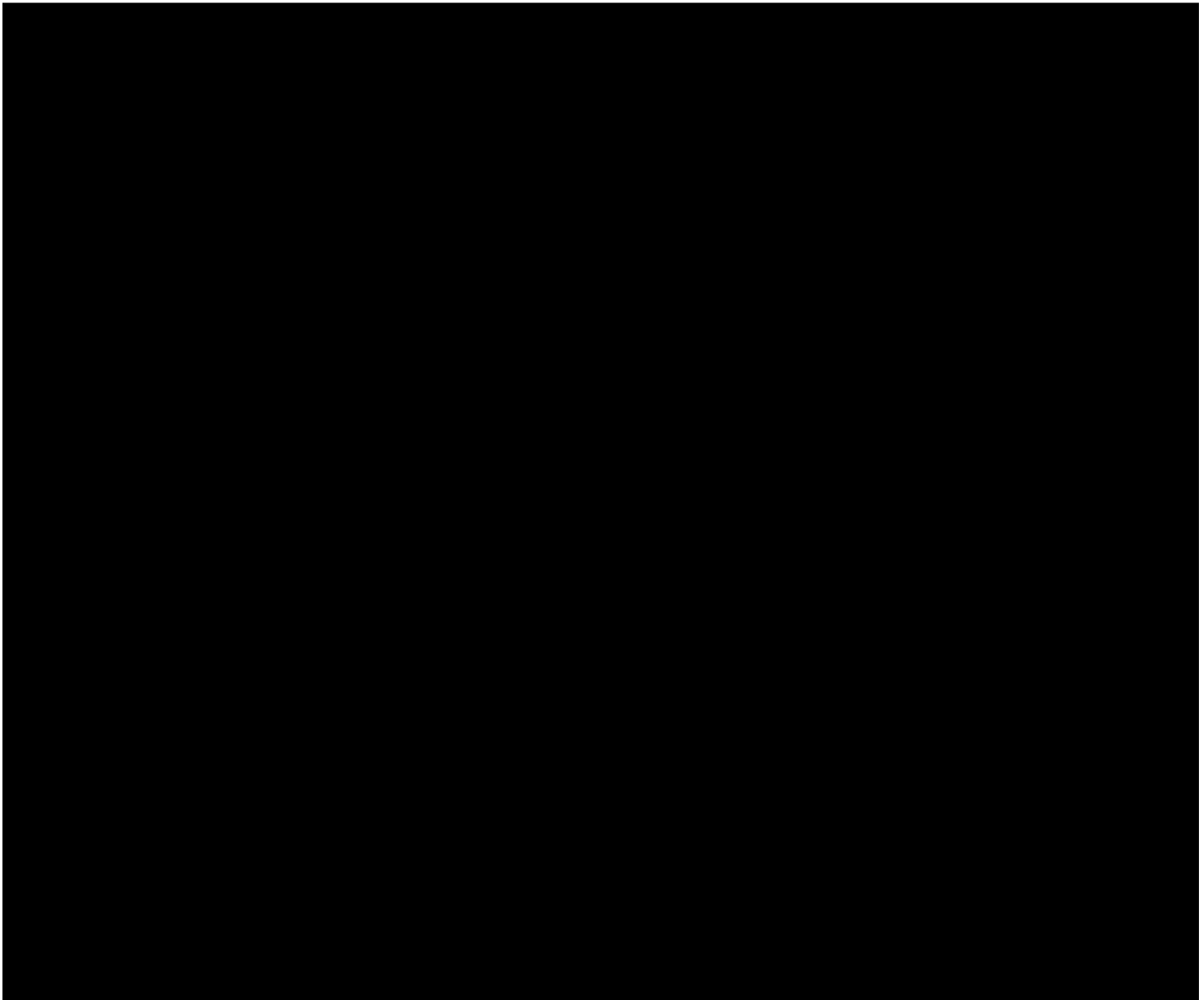


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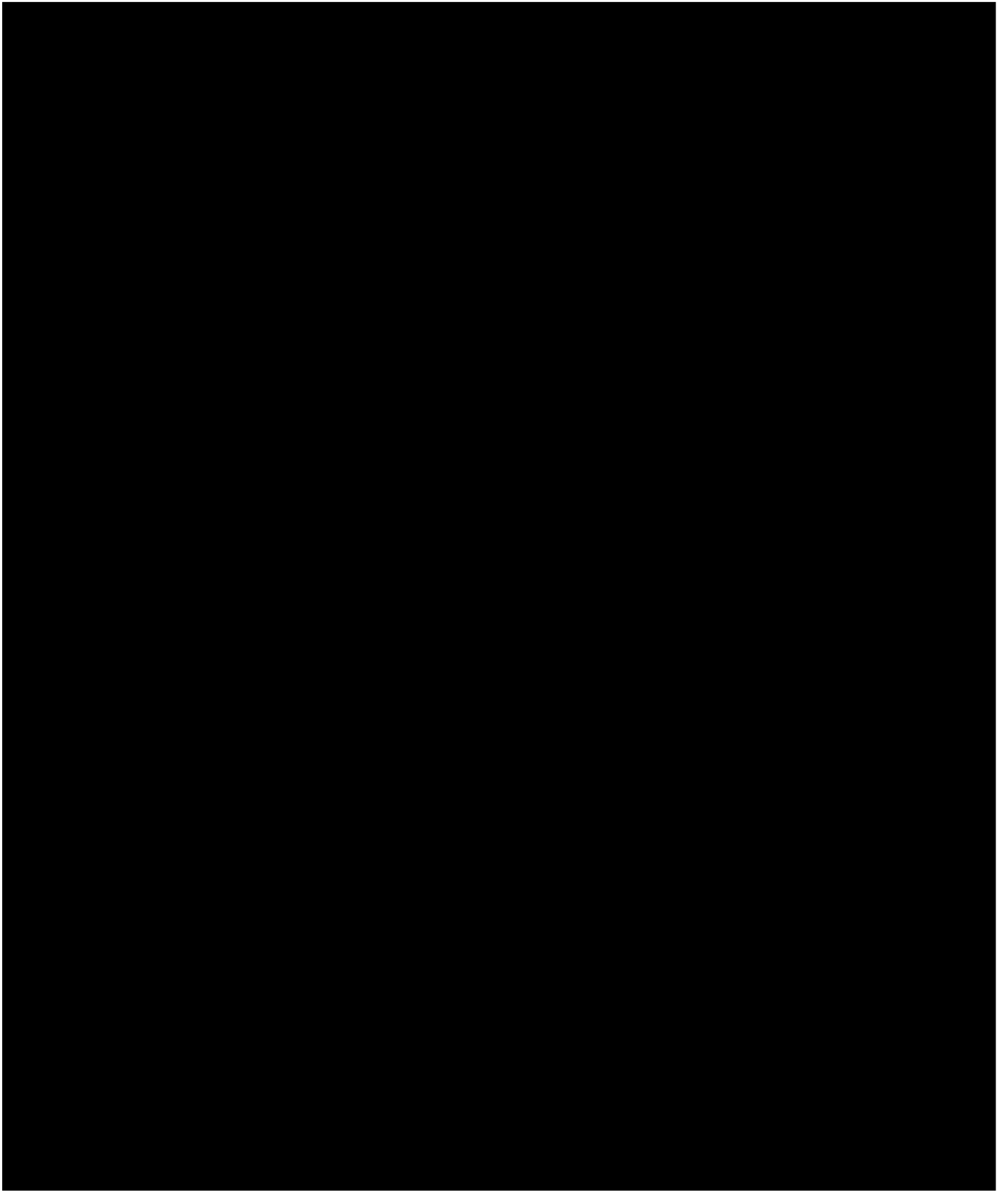
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Consent



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Are you 18 years of age or older?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Would you like to participate in this study?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Failed Age

Sorry, you can participate only if you are 18 years of age or older, so you will not be able to continue the survey. Please return the assignment.

Thank you for your interest in our research!

Failed Consent

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Thank you for your interest in our research!

Attention Check

In studies like ours, there are sometimes a few people who do not carefully read the questions they are asked and just "quickly click through the survey." These random answers are problematic because they compromise the results of the studies. It is very important that you pay attention and read each question. In order to show that you read our questions carefully (and regardless of your own

opinion), please answer "Tik Tok" in the question on the next page.

When an important event is happening or is about to happen, many people try to get informed about the development of the situation. In such situations, where do you get your information from?

- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Tik-Tok
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Reddit
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Youtube

Failed Attention Check

Sorry, you can participate only if you pass the attention check, so you will not be able to continue the survey. Please return the assignment.

Thank you for your interest in our research!

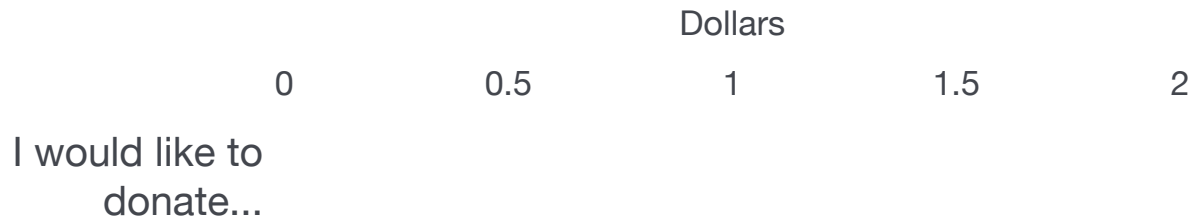
Donation Task

We're giving you a choice to allocate some real money. We are awarding you a \$2.00 bonus on top of your payment for participating in this study. You have the choice of how much of this bonus you want to keep for yourself, and how much you'd like to donate to UNICEF.

UNICEF is a humanitarian organization working on the ground in more than 190 countries, partnering with front-line responders and providing them with the information and resources they need to keep children healthy and learning and protected from sickness and violence during the pandemic.

How much of your \$2.00 bonus would you like to donate to UNICEF?

Whatever is remaining will be added to your total payment.



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Dilemma Intro

Next, you will read about five different debates that are happening right now around the world.

We will give you some of the justifications that politicians and experts are giving for different policies, and ask you some questions about your opinions.

Please read each scenario carefully and answer as honestly as you can.

Lockdown

Think ahead several months into the future. Imagine that the U.S. is in the middle of another wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, and there is still no vaccine available. After a surge in cases, political leaders have imposed strict nationwide restrictions, with stay-at-home orders and closures of schools, offices, shops, restaurants, bars, theaters, and so on.

These restrictions have now been in place for three months. It's clear that the policy is working to reduce the number of deaths, especially amongst vulnerable people. However, these prolonged restrictions are taking their toll. Mental health experts and economists are increasingly concerned about the effects of continued restrictions on people's overall wellbeing. Because of this, political leaders are debating when to lift the restrictions and reopen schools and businesses.

Some are arguing that we should consider lifting the restrictions immediately. They argue that even though resuming activities now will cause more COVID-related deaths in the short-term, the economic and social consequences of continuing the prolonged restrictions could cause worse suffering overall in the long term.

Others are arguing that the restrictions should stay in place at least until a vaccine is available. They argue that the country has a primary responsibility to protect its vulnerable citizens, and that this must take priority.

Which policy do you think should be adopted?

Strongly
support
keeping the
prolonged
restrictions

Indifferent

Strongly
support
lifting the
restrictions



Some people argue that restrictions should stay in place at least until a vaccine is available. For example, a political leader might say, *"As leaders, our primary duty is to protect our citizens. We must think of our responsibilities to one another, and we cannot sacrifice some of our most vulnerable people in pursuit of the greater good."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Some people argue that we should consider lifting restrictions immediately. For example, a political leader might say, *"We need to think about all the consequences. Preventing deaths from COVID isn't all that matters, and continuing these prolonged restrictions will have a far worse effect on our overall well-being."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Ventilators

COVID-19 remains a public health threat. Public health officials have announced that citizens should be on alert for another dangerous wave of the pandemic.

If the predictions are correct, there will not be enough ventilators and hospital

beds to treat everyone, and doctors are going to have to make difficult decisions about how to ration medical care. Political leaders are calling for a policy to be put into place now so the same standards can be applied in hospitals across the country.

Some are arguing that when allocating access to ventilators and other forms of healthcare, doctors should prioritize younger and healthier people because they are more likely to survive treatment.

Others are arguing that everyone should have equal access to treatment, regardless of their age or health status.

Which policy do you think should be adopted?

Strongly
support
everyone
having
equal
access to
treatment



Indifferent



Strongly
support prioritizing
younger and
healthier
people for
treatment



Some people argue that doctors should give everyone equal access to COVID treatment. For example, a political leader might say, *"It's not our place to choose who lives. Everyone has the same right to receive equal access to treatment, and we cannot abandon our most vulnerable in an effort to save more lives."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly
disagree

Neither
agree nor
disagree

Strongly
agree



Some people argue that younger and healthier people should be prioritized for COVID treatment. For example, a political leader might say, *"We have to think about how we can do the most good with the resources we have, and that means prioritizing those people who have the best chance of recovering and living a long and healthy life."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly
disagree



Neither
agree nor
disagree



Strongly
agree



Medicine

COVID-19 remains a public health threat. Public health officials have announced that citizens should be on alert for another dangerous wave of the pandemic.

Imagine that a pharmaceutical company based in the U.S. has developed an effective treatment. The company is manufacturing the medicine as quickly as possible, but it is unlikely there will be sufficient supplies when the next wave hits. Political leaders are debating how the medicine should be distributed around the globe.

Some are arguing that the medicine should be sent wherever it can achieve the greatest good, even if that means sending it to other countries.

Others are arguing that the medicine should be kept in the U.S., because the government should focus on treating its own citizens.

Which policy do you think should be adopted?



Some people argue that U.S.-made medicine should be reserved for treating American citizens. For example, a political leader might say, *"We have a right to use our own resources to help our own citizens before everyone else. Other countries can produce their own treatments for COVID-19."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?



Some people argue that U.S.-made medicine should be given to whoever needs it most, even if that means sending it to other countries. For example, a political leader might say, *"COVID-19 is a global pandemic that affects all humans equally. We need to be impartial and send treatment where it can achieve the greatest good."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Neither

Strongly
disagree

agree nor
disagree

Strongly
agree



PPE

Think ahead several months into the future. Imagine that COVID-19 cases are rising again around the world and public health officials have announced that citizens should be on alert for another dangerous wave of the pandemic.

If the predictions are correct, there will soon be another global shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE). Political leaders are debating how personal protective equipment should be distributed around the globe.

Some are arguing that PPE made in American factories should be sent wherever it can do the most good, even if that means sending it to other countries.

Others are arguing that PPE made in American factories should be kept in the U.S., because the government should focus on protecting its own citizens.

Which policy do you think should be adopted?

Strongly
support
U.S.-made
PPE being
reserved for
protecting
American
citizens

Indifferent

Strongly
support
U.S.-made
PPE being
given to
whoever
needs most



Some people argue that U.S.-made PPE should be reserved for protecting American citizens. For example, a political leader might say, "*We have a duty to*

protect our own citizens first, not everyone in the world. Other countries are responsible for protecting their own citizens from COVID-19."

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Some people argue that U.S.-made PPE should be given to whoever needs it most, even if that means sending it to other countries. For example, a political leader might say, *"COVID-19 is a global pandemic that affects all humans. We need to be impartial in how we distribute resources like PPE and send it where it can achieve the greatest good."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Tracing

COVID-19 remains a threat to public health. Scientists are suggesting that an effective way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through wide-reaching and mandatory "contact tracing." This works by using technology to trace people's movements and interactions with other people. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the technology can alert others who have been in contact with that person.

Public officials are considering a new contact tracing program that goes much further than current contact tracing efforts. This new program is estimated to be more effective at containing the pandemic, but is also more invasive of individual privacy. This proposal involves delivering inexpensive contact tracing devices to all residents. The small devices, which don't require a mobile phone and can be worn on a lanyard or carried in a handbag, use GPS and cellular technology to continuously trace the wearer's movements. The new program would require residents to carry a tracing device whenever they leave their homes, and residents could be fined if they fail to bring the device with them.

Some are arguing that the government should make it mandatory for individuals to carry tracing devices with them whenever they leave their homes. They are saying that sometimes you have to sacrifice privacy for the greater good.

Others argue that these tracing devices should be only voluntary, because forcing residents to wear them anytime they leave their homes would violate their rights to privacy.

Which policy do you think should be adopted?

Strongly
support the
tracing
devices
being
voluntary



Indifferent



Strongly
support the
tracing
devices
being
mandatory



Some people argue that it should be voluntary for residents to carry contact tracing devices whenever they leave their homes. For example, a political leader might say, *"Everyone has a right to privacy, and we cannot sacrifice this right in an effort to control the pandemic."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Some people argue that it should be mandatory for residents to carry tracing devices whenever they leave their homes. For example, a political leader might say, *"We need to control the pandemic, and sometimes you have to sacrifice the right to privacy for the greater good."*

How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?

Strongly disagree			Neither agree nor disagree			Strongly agree
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Embezzlement

Earlier in this study, we gave you the opportunity to donate to UNICEF. We are recruiting 100 participants in this study, who all have the chance to make donations. After we get all the donation decisions, we are going to select one participant to be responsible for the donations of the whole group.

Because each of you can choose to donate an amount between \$0 and \$2, the total amount you will be responsible for if you are selected to be responsible for the group will range from \$0 to \$200.

If you are selected to be responsible for the group, you can choose to transfer 100% of the donation money to UNICEF. Or, you can choose to keep some of the money for yourself, and transfer the rest to UNICEF. Any money you choose to keep from the group's total would be added to your bonus.

If you are selected to be responsible for the group's donations, what percentage of the total donations do you want to keep as an additional bonus?

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100

I would like to
keep _% of the
total amount

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Please read the following list of statements and indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement.

"If the only way to save another person's life during an emergency is to sacrifice one's own leg, then one is morally required to make this sacrifice."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
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"From a moral point of view, we should feel obliged to give one of our kidneys to a person with kidney failure since we don't need two kidneys to survive, but really only one to be healthy."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

"From a moral perspective, people should care about the well-being of all human beings on the planet equally; they should not favor the well-being of people who are especially close to them either physically or emotionally."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
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"It is just as wrong to fail to help someone as it is to actively harm them yourself."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
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"It is morally wrong to keep money that one doesn't really need if one can donate it to causes that provide effective help to those who will benefit a great deal."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

"It is morally right to harm an innocent person if harming them is a necessary means to helping several other innocent people."

Neither

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

"If the only way to ensure the overall well-being and happiness of the people is through the use of political oppression for a short, limited period, then political oppression should be used."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

"It is permissible to torture an innocent person if this would be necessary to provide information to prevent a bomb going off that would kill hundreds of people."

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

"Sometimes it is morally necessary for innocent people to die as collateral damage—if more people are saved overall."

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

What gender do you identify as?

(Please select all that apply)

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

How old are you?

Which of the below categories do you identify with?

(Please select all that apply. Note, you may select more than one group).

- ☐ White
- ☐ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Some other race, ethnicity or origin

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Which country do you currently live in?

Which US State do you currently live in?

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- ☐ Some primary school
- ☐ Completed primary school
- ☐ Some secondary school
- ☐ Completed secondary school
- ☐ Some university
- ☐ Completed university
- ☐ Some advanced study beyond university
- ☐ Advanced degree beyond university

Think of this ladder below as representing where people stand in your country. At the top of the ladder are the people who are the best off, those who have the most money, the most education, and the most respected jobs. At the bottom are the people who are the worst off, those who have the least money, the least education, the least respected jobs,

or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top; the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.

Where would you place yourself on this ladder? Please indicate the number corresponding to the position on the ladder where you think you stand at this time in your life, compared to people in your country, where higher numbers indicate you see yourself as higher on the ladder.



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In political matters, people talk of "the left" and "the right." How would you place your views on this scale, generally speaking?

Left



Right



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How religious are you?

Not at all
religious

☐☐☐

Somewhat
religious

☐☐☐

Very
religious

☐

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Approximately how many COVID-related studies have you participated in before this one?

☐

0

☐

1-5

☐

6-10

☐

11-20

☐

21-50

☐

more than 50

☐

I don't remember

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If you have participated in any other COVID-related studies, how similar were they to this one?

- ☐ Extremely similar
- ☐ Very similar
- ☐ Moderately similar
- ☐ Slightly similar
- ☐ Not at all similar
- ☐ Not applicable

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How reliable do you think UNICEF is as an organization in using donations to help people?

Not reliable at all		Somewhat reliable		Very reliable
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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THANKS for your participation!

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