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**Notes:** 

Blue=Organization and notes only NOT included in actual experiment.

Black=Instructions and questions to be included in actual experiment.

Highlights= Changes to experiment for this round of updates.

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# **Pre-Survey**

Screen 1: Welcome.

The first portion of the experiment will be a series of questions then you will play a game where one round will be randomly selected to be added to your \$5 show-up fee to be your real payment for your participation.

Please read the following questions and answer to the best of your knowledge. If you feel confused or if the question needs more explanations, please raise your hand and someone will answer your questions.

Q: What computer are you sitting at?
Please answer correctly otherwise you may not get your full payment

Q: What is your gender? Male Female

#### Calculate Pro-social Score:

#### Screen 1:

How well does each of the following statements describe you as a person? Please
indicate your answer on a scale from 0 to 10. A 0 means "does not describe me at all,"
and a 10 means "describes me perfectly." You can use any number between 0 and 10 to
indicate where you fall on the scale, using 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10.
10 Describes me perfectly
9

9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
0 Does not describe me at all

When someone does me a favor, I am willing to return it.

I assume that people have only the best intentions.

I am willing to give to good causes without expecting anything in return

#### Screen 2:

Imagine the following situation: Today you unexpectedly received 1,600 U.S. dollars. How this amount would you donate to a good cause? (Values between 0 and 1,600 are allowed)

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. dollars

#### Screen 3:

Please think about what you would do in the following situation. You are in an area you are not familiar with, and you realize that you lost your way. You ask a stranger for directions. The stranger offers to take you to your destination.

Helping you costs the stranger about 40 U.S. dollars in total. However, the stranger says he or she does not want any money from you. You have six presents with you. The cheapest present costs 10 U.S. dollars, the most expensive one costs 60 U.S. dollars. Do

you give one of the presents to the stranger as a "thank you" gift? (If yes, ask:) Which present do you give to the stranger?

No, would not give present

The present worth 10 U.S. dollars

The present worth 20 U.S. dollars

The present worth 30 U.S. dollars

The present worth 40 U.S. dollars

The present worth 50 U.S. dollars

The present worth 60 U.S. dollars

### Screen 4: Survey Debrief

Thank you for answering the survey portion of the experiment. The survey questions were all about pro-sociality, or voluntary behavior intended to benefit another. Wikipedia defines pro-social behavior as a social behavior that benefit[s] other people or society as a whole, such as helping, sharing, donating, co-operating, and volunteering.

You all were scored on your pro-sociality based on your answers and the answers of others participating in the experiment. We will use this later.

#### **END SURVEY:**

Calculate Trust Score.

Standardize each of the above answers and add the standardized scores. How to standardize: (Answer-mean answer of all participants)/ (standard deviation of answers from all participants)

NOTE: For question about presents please standardized based on 0=No, would not give present to 6= The present worth 60 U.S. dollars

Add all the standardized values.

The top half of the distribution is: Above the median pro-social score.

The bottom half of the distribution is: Below the median pro-social score.

#### **Trust Game:**

### Screen 1: Game Portion of Experiment

We will now continue to the game portion of the experiment. You will play many rounds and be involved in different variations of a game where you are always paired with one other player.

At the end of the experiment we will randomly select a round from this game to count for your payoffs. However much you earned in that randomly chosen round will be added to your \$5 payoff.

You will be paired with an anonymous partner. You will either play the part of Player A or Player B. The game works as follows:

Player A is given \$10 which they decide how to allocate between themselves and Player B. Player B starts off with \$0 and receives triple (3X) the amount Player A decides to share with player B. Note that in this game, Player B can choose to return part or all of the money received from Player A.

The following are some example scenarios.

Example 1: Player A has \$10 and player B has \$0. Player A decides to give player B \$5. Player B receives 3\*\$5 = \$15. Player B can then chooses to return \$5 of the \$15. At the end of the round, player A gets \$10 as payoff and Player B also gets \$10 as payoff.

Lastly, remember that the money involved is real and heavily impacts the payment for participants at the end. The allocation of the money involved is completely up to you.

## Screen 2: Test of Understanding

Before we play, let us quiz you on your understanding.

Remember: Player A is given \$10 which they decide how to allocate between themselves and Player B. Player B starts off with \$0 and receives triple (3X) the amount Player A decides to share with player B.

Kindly answer the following quiz questions.
Q1: You are Player A and you just sent over \$10 of the \$10 you have to player B, how much will player B receive?
Q2: You are Player B and Player A just decided to give you \$5. How much will you actually receive?
Q3: Player A gives Player B \$6 and Player B returns \$6. How much are their payoffs?  Player A Player B

## Screen 3: Answers for Test of Understanding.

Q1: You are Player A and you just sent over \$10 of the \$10 you have to player B, how much will player B receive?

Answer: 3\*10=\$30

Explanation: Remember that Player B gets triple the amount you send so in this case you multiply the 10 dollars you send by 3 and get \$30.

Q2: You are Player B and Player A just decided to give you \$5. How much will you actually receive?

Answer: 3\*5 = \$15

Explanation Remember that Player B always receives triple the amount that Player A decides to send over. So in this case, you will receive 3\*5 which is 15 dollars in total.

Q3: Player A gives Player B \$6 and Player B returns \$6. How much are their payoffs?

Answer: Player A= \$10

Player B: \$12

Explanation: Remember Player A gets to keep anything not sent to Player B.

## Screen 4: Expectations and Percentages

During the experiment you will also have to deal with percentage returned.

For example, you will be asked to answer the following question. As Player A, what percentage of the money given to player B do you expect they will return?

**Example 1** If you give Player B \$10.00 they receive \$30.00 if they give you back \$30.00 then that is 300% of what you sent them.

**Example 2** If you give Player B \$5.00 they receive 3 \* 5 = \$15.00 and they give you back \$5.00 then that is 100% return of what you sent them

For instance, you will be asked the following question. You are Player B and answering simultaneously with Player A. What percentage of money would you like to return?

Example 1 If you (Player B) decide you want to give 150% return to Player A. Say Player A gives you \$5 then you will return \$7.50 to them. Say Player A gives you \$10 then you will return \$15.

## Screen 5: Test of Understanding Percentages

Let's test your understanding. Kindly answer the following quiz questions.

Q1: As Player A you give \$10 to Player B. You expect that player B will return \$5 to you. What is the expected percentage of return?

%

Q2: After receiving the \$10 which turns in \$30, Player B decides that they will send back \$10. What is the percentage of return from Player B?

\_\_\_\_%

Q3: Suppose Player B decides they will send back 200% of whatever Player A sends to them. Then Player A sends \$10 which turns into \$30. How much money in dollars does Player B return?

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### Screen 6: Answers to Test of Understanding

Q1: As Player A, you give \$10 to Player B. You expect that player B will return \$5 to you. What is the expected percentage of return?

Answer: (5/10) \*100 = 50%

Explanation: You sent over \$10 and you expected \$5--- half of the amount to be returned—that is a 50% rate of return.

Q2: After receiving the \$10 which turns in \$30, Player B decides that they will send back \$10. What is the percentage of return from Player B?

Answer: (10/10)\*100 = 100%

Explanation: You sent over \$10 and received \$10 in return. This is a 100% return.

Q3: Suppose Player B decides they will send back 200% of whatever Player A sends to them. Then Player A sends \$10 which turns into \$30. How much money in dollars does Player B return?

Answer: (\$10 \* 2.00)= \$20

Explanation: Player B agreed to send 200% and 200% of \$10 is \$20.

## Game

Screen 1: Game

Now you will play some rounds of the game. You will be randomly assigned to Player A or Player B. You will play both sequentially and simultaneously.

**Sequential Play:** When you play sequentially Player A will decide then Player B sees Player A's decision and makes their decision on how much to return. Then both participants learn of their payoffs.

**Simultaneous Play:** When you play simultaneously Player A will decide. While Player A is deciding Player B will simultaneously decide what percentage to return to Player A. Then both participants learn of their payoffs.

Screen 2: Expectations

As is....

Screen 3:

Decide: You are Player A or Player B. (Note: instead of sender and returner)

Screen 4: Results

- Player A gave to player B \$8.41
- Player B received \$25.00 (\$8.41 \* 3)
- Finally Player B returned \$12.62
- Thus Player A has \$14.21 and Player B has \$12.61.

### **Language for Sequential Play:**

Top of screen: SEQUENTIAL PLAY. You are playing sequentially, meaning Player B will observe Player A's decision before making his own.

#### **Language for Simultaneous Play:**

Top of screen: SIMULTANEOUS PLAY. You are playing simultaneously, meaning both players make their decision at the same time. Player B will NOT observe Player A's decision before making his own.

### **Language for Reveal:**

#### Screen 1:

What percentage do you think the other will return? (from 0 to 300%):

### Screen 2:

Player B is: Above the median Pro-Social

Their score is based on their answers to the survey about pro-sociality--- behavior that benefits other people or society as a whole. You all took the same survey at the beginning of the experiment.

What percentage do you think the other will return? (from 0 to 300%):

#### No reveal:

Doesn't ever let participants know the score of the other player.

#### **MATCHING ALGORITHM:**

Always match an above the median pro-social player with a below the median pro-social player. Players are rematch with same people when they switch players and switch types of play.

### **ROUNDS:**

Sequential Play:

5 Rounds as Player A

5 Rounds as Player B

Simultaneous Play:

5 Rounds as Player A

5 Rounds as Player B

WHEN SWITCHING FROM ONE TYPE TO ANOTHER. Have a screen that says: We are now switching to a different type of play. Please pay attention to the instructions.

### **VARIATIONS OF EXPERIMENTS:**

#### Reveal:

Simultaneous Play first, Above Pro-Social Player A. Simultaneous Play first, Above Pro-Social Player B. Sequential Play first, Above Pro-Social Player A. Sequential Play first, Above Pro-Social Player B.

## No Reveal:

Simultaneous Play first, Above Pro-Social Player A. Simultaneous Play first, Above Pro-Social Player B. Sequential Play first, Above Pro-Social Player A. Sequential Play first, Above Pro-Social Player B.

# **Post Survey:**

Screen 1: How I am in general

Here are a number of characteristics that may or may not apply to you. For example, do you agree that you are someone who likes to spend time with others? Please select an appropriate answer to each statement to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with that statement. Please note you will not be able to proceed without answering each statement. Kindly fill out every statement to the best of your knowledge.

- 1. Extraverted, enthusiastic
- 2. Dependable, self-disciplined
- 3. Open to new experiences, complex
- 4. Sympathetic, warm
- 5. Calm, emotionally stable
- 23. Critical, quarrelsome
- 24. Anxious, easily upset
- 25. Reserved, quiet
- 26. Disorganized, careless
- 27. Conventional, uncreative