

# Humility and Free Will REPLICATION J&B


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▼ Consent

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☐ Q1

Research Informed Consent



**Purpose:**  
We are conducting a research study to examine people’s intuitions and attitudes about philosophical questions.

**Procedures:**  
Participation in this study will involve filling out a questionnaire. We anticipate that your involvement will require approximately 3-5 minutes. You will be compensated financially for participating. Participants must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

**Risks and Benefits:**  
You will be paid for participation through Amazon's Mechanical Turk. Further, we hope that our results will add to scientific knowledge about people’s intuitions and attitudes.

**Confidentiality:**  
All of your responses will be anonymous. Only the researchers involved in this study and those responsible for research oversight will have access to the information you provide.

**Voluntary Participation:**  
Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You are free to decline to participate, to end participation at any time for any reason, or to refuse to answer any individual question without penalty.

**Questions:**  
If you have any questions about this study, you may contact Brian Earp at [brian.earp@yale.edu](mailto:brian.earp@yale.edu)

This study has been approved and exempted by the Human Subjects Committee at Yale University (45 CFR 46.101(b)(2).


By clicking the arrow below, you consent to participate.

▼ Success

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☐ Q2

In the spaces below, please list the top three successes or achievements from your life.





Please note that this is completely anonymous and we are not interested in the specific details. What is important is that you have these successes in mind so that we can ask you a couple of general questions about how you feel about them.


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Success 1:

Success\_1







Success 2

Success\_2

Success 3:

Success\_3

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Q6

Suc1\_Inst

Next, we'd like you to think back to these successes and, for each one, ask yourself:

Your first success was:  $\{q://QID3/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$

Suc1\_Inst

How **personally responsible** were you for bringing this about?

Suc1\_Res p

1

Not at all personally responsible

2

3

4

5

6

7

Entirely personally responsible

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Your second success was:  $\{q://QID4/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$

Suc2\_Inst

How **personally responsible** were you for bringing this about?

Suc2\_Res p

1

Not at all personally responsible

2

3

4

5

6

7

Entirely personally responsible

Page Break

Suc3\_Inst

Your third success was:  $\${q://QID5/ChoiceTextEntryValue}$

Suc3\_Resp

How **personally responsible** were you for bringing this about?

1

Not at all personally responsible

2

3

4

5

6

7

Entirely personally responsible

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Randomized

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Q105

You will now be presented with a series of statements and asked whether you agree or disagree with these statements. Please read the statements carefully and answer honestly.

Q107

People have complete control over the decisions they make.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q109

People must take full responsibility for any bad choices they make.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q111

People can overcome any obstacles if they truly want to.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q113

Criminals are totally responsible for the bad things they do.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q101

What is the answer to the following math problem:  $7 + 5 =$

2

4

6

8

10

12

14

Q115

People have complete free will.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q117

People are always at fault for their bad behavior.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q119

Strength of mind can always overcome the body's desires.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q121

People's biological makeup determines their talents and personality.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q123

Psychologists and psychiatrists will eventually figure out all human behavior.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q125

Your genes determine your future.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q127

Science has shown how your past environment created your current intelligence and personality.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q129

As with other animals, human behavior always follows the laws of nature.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q131

Parents’ character will determine the character of their children.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q133

Childhood environment will determine your success as an adult.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q135

I believe that the future has already been determined by fate.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q147

No matter how hard you try, you can't change your destiny.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q148

Fate already has a plan for everyone.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q149

Whatever will be, will be—there's not much you can do about it.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q150

Whether people like it or not, mysterious forces seem to move their lives.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q151

Chance events seem to be the major cause of human history.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q152

No one can predict what will happen in this world.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q153

Life seems unpredictable—just like throwing dice or flipping a coin.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q154

People are unpredictable.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q155

Life is hard to predict because it is almost totally random.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q156

Luck plays a big role in people's lives.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q157

What happens to people is a matter of chance.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Q158

People's futures cannot be predicted.

1 = strongly disagree

2 = disagree

3 = neither agree nor disagree

4 = agree

5 = strongly agree

Failure

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Q131

We're nearly at the end of the survey. First, however, we'd like you to answer some questions as before, but this time about three **failures** from your life.

Please again remember that this is anonymous and we are not concerned with the specific details. We ask you to write these below so we can ask some questions about them, but the specifics are not important: what is important is that these three things are something you consider a failure so that we can ask you the same general questions about these as we did earlier for successes.

Q116

Failure 1:

Q117

Failure 2

Q118

Failure 3:

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Q119

Next, we'd like you to think back to these failures and, for each one, ask yourself:

How *personally responsible* were you for bringing that failure about?

Q120

Your first failure was:  $\$ \{q://QID170/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$

Q145

How **personally responsible** were you for bringing this failure about?

1

Not at all personally responsible

2

3

4

5

6

7

Entirely personally responsible

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Q124

Your second failure was:  $\$ \{q://QID171/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$

Q148

How **personally responsible** were you for bringing this failure about?

1

Not at all personally responsible

2

3

4

5

6

7

Entirely personally responsible

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Q128

Your third failure was:  $\$ \{q://QID172/ChoiceTextEntryValue\}$

Q88

Finally, we are going to ask you a few questions about your background. Your answers to these questions are very helpful, and are for research purposes only. Remember that your responses are entirely anonymous. If you feel uncomfortable with any question in this section, you can leave the question blank.

Q109

What is your gender?

Male

Q117

What is your relationship status?

Single

Q119

What is your age?

18

Q121

What is your race/ethnicity?

Black/African American

Q151

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than a high school degree

Q152

Please choose the category that describes the total amount of income you earned in 2016. Consider all forms of income, including salaries, tips, interest and dividend payments, scholarship support, student loans, parental support, social security, alimony, and child support, and others.

Under \$5,000

Q113

What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual



Q125

What is your religious affiliation (if any)?

Christianity

Q127

How religious do you consider yourself to be?

1

Not at all religious

2

3

Somewhat Religious

4

5

Very Religious

Q129

How politically conservative or liberal are you?

1

Very Conservative

2

3

4

Moderate

5

6

7

Very Liberal

Q153

What political party (if any) do you identify with?

Republican

Democrat

Independent

Other (Please describe)

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Q144

What do you think we were trying to find out in this study?

Q102

Once you click on the arrow below you will have completed the survey (and you will also received your MTurk code on the next page)! We greatly appreciate your time and assistance. Now that you have taken the survey, we wanted to say a bit about the goals and purpose of the study.

The goal of the survey is to understand people's attitudes and beliefs about humility and free will.



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Thanks for your time.

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