

Fragebogen

1 General_Instruction

Dear participant,

Thank you for taking part in this study!

Please take your time and read the following instruction carefully.

On the following pages, you will receive information about a vote on a motion.

Please read the information you will be given and answer the questions you will be asked carefully. You will not be allowed to omit questions and you will not be able to return to previous pages.

You are free to leave the study at every time and your participation is completely voluntarily. We guarantee you that the collected data will be made anonymous and only be used in the study at hand.

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2 attention_information

Before you start, please maximize your browser window and switch off phone/e-mail/music & anything else distracting.

Thank you!

3.1 Scenario_moral

Please imagine the following scenario:

The members of a political committee are voting about whether or not a motion should be passed. The motion contains the request to reintroduce **corporal punishment in schools (e.g. spanking or paddling children)**. There are five members on the committee: Percy, Ryan, James, Phil and Dallas.

*In the following, you will be presented with 6 hypothetical scenarios. Each scenario depicts a different **possible outcome of the committee members vote on the motion**. Please imagine, that the votes are anonymous and all votes are cast simultaneously. You will be asked to assign responsibility to committee members for the outcome of the vote.*

3.2.1 m1-1

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Votes

Vote (✓ = for, ✗ = against)	
Percy	✗
Ryan	✗
James	✗
Phil	✗

Dallas	✓
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Outcome:

The motion was **passed**.

1 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the politician is responsible for the outcome of the vote.

To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?

3.2.2 m1-2

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Votes

	Vote (✓ = for, X = against)
Percy	X
Ryan	X
James	X
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:

The motion was **passed**.

2 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible for the outcome of the vote.

To what extent is Phil responsible that the motion was passed?

To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?

3.2.3 m1-3

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Votes

	Vote (✓ = for, X = against)
Percy	X
Ryan	✓
James	✓

Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the mption to pass.

Consequences:**Corporal punishment** (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible for the outcome of the vote.***To what extent is Ryan responsible that the motion was passed?****To what extent is James responsible that the motion was passed?****To what extent is Phil responsible that the motion was passed?****To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?****3.2.4 m1-4****Motion information****Content:** Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)**Number of people in the committee:** 5**Number of votes in favor of motion required:** 2**Votes**

	Vote (✓ = for, X = against)
Percy	X
Ryan	X
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

3 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 2 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:**Corporal punishment** (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible for the outcome of the vote.***To what extent is James responsible that the motion was passed?****To what extent is Phil responsible that the motion was passed?****To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?****3.2.5 m1-5****Motion information****Content:** Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)**Number of people in the committee:** 5**Number of votes in favor of motion required:** 2**Votes**

	Vote (✓ = for, X = against)
Percy	✓

Ryan	✓
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:
The motion was **passed**.
5 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 2 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:
Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible for the outcome of the vote.
To what extent is Percy responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Ryan responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is James responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Phil responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?

3.2.6 m1-6

Motion information
Content: introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)
Number of people in the committee: 5
Number of votes in favor of motion required: 5

Votes	
Vote (✓ = for, X = against)	
Percy	✓
Ryan	✓
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:
The motion was **passed**.
5 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 5 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:
Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible for the outcome of the vote.
To what extent is Percy responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Ryan responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is James responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Phil responsible that the motion was passed?
To what extent is Dallas responsible that the motion was passed?

3.3 operationalisation

How do you morally judge voting in favor of introducing corporal punishment in schools?

- ☐ bad
- ☐ neutral
- ☐ good

4.1 Scenario_moral

Please imagine the following scenario:

The members of a political committee are voting about whether or not a motion should be passed. The motion contains the request to reintroduce **corporal punishment in schools (e.g. spanking or paddling children)**. There are five members on the committee: Percy, Ryan, James, Phil and Dallas.

*In the following, you will be presented with 6 hypothetical scenarios. Each scenario depicts a different **possible outcome of the committee members vote on the motion**. Please imagine, that the votes are anonymous and all votes are cast simultaneously. You will be asked to evaluate the moral wrongness of the behavior of the committee members.*

4.2.1 m1-1

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Votes

Vote (✓ = for, X = against)	
Percy	X
Ryan	X
James	X
Phil	X
Dallas	✓

Outcome:

The motion was **passed**.

1 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.2.2 m1-2

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Votes

Vote (✓ = for, X = against)	

Percy	X
Ryan	X
James	X
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

2 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that Phil voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.2.3 m1-3**Votes**

	Vote (✓ = for, X = against)
Percy	X
Ryan	✓
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Motion information

Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 1

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 1 vote was required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that Ryan voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that James voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Phil voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.2.4 m1-4

Motion information
Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)
Number of people in the committee: 5
Number of votes in favor of motion required: 2

Votes	
	Vote (✓ = for, ✗ = against)
Percy	✗
Ryan	✗
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:
The motion was **passed**.
3 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 2 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:
Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that James voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Phil voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.2.5 m1-5

Motion information
Content: Introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)
Number of people in the committee: 5
Number of votes in favor of motion required: 2

Votes	
	Vote (✓ = for, ✗ = against)
Percy	✓
Ryan	✓
James	✓

Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

5 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 2 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that Percy voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Ryan voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that James voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Phil voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.2.6 m1-6**Votes**

	Vote (✓ = for, ✗ = against)
Percy	✓
Ryan	✓
James	✓
Phil	✓
Dallas	✓

Motion information

Content: introduce school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling)

Number of people in the committee: 5

Number of votes in favor of motion required: 5

Outcome:The motion was **passed**.

5 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the motion and 5 votes were required for the motion to pass.

Consequences:

Corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **introduced in schools**.

Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent it is morally wrong that the politician voted in favor of introducing school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) in schools.

To what extent is it morally wrong that Percy voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Ryan voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that James voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Phil voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

To what extent is it morally wrong that Dallas voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) in schools?

4.3 operationalisation

How do you morally judge voting in favor of introducing corporal punishment in schools?

- ☐ bad
- ☐ neutral
- ☐ good

5 Demographics

You are almost done! Please answer these final questions:

What was your strategy when you assigned responsibility to the committee members? Which factors influenced your decision?

If any technical problems occurred in the course of the study, please give a short description.

Please indicate what gender you identify with:

- ☐ male
- ☐ female
- ☐ prefer not to respond

Please enter your age in years:

If Peter is taller than Alex, and Alex is taller than Max, who is the smallest among them?

- ☐ Peter
- ☐ Alex
- ☐ Max

6 Endseite

Thank you for taking part in this study!

The aim of this experiment is to find out more about how people reason about responsibility. If you are interested in further details or if you have any questions or comments concerning the experiment, feel free to contact antonia.langenhoff@stud.uni-goettingen.de.

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