

# 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.

If you agree with the stated terms, please enter your Prolific ID below and click on the "continue" button.

## 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\_neutral

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 **change the font of all official government documents into Arial**. 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 every single scenario, **please imagine that the committee members voted exactly as described and assign responsibility accordingly**.

#### 3.2.1 m0-1

##### Motion information

**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial

**Number of people in the committee:** 5

**Number of votes in favor of motion required:** 1

##### Votes

Vote (✓ = for, ✗ = against)	
Percy	✗

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:**

The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the politician is responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**3.2.2 m0-2****Motion information**

**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial

**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:**

The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

**To what extent is Phil responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

### 3.2.3 m0-3

**Motion information**

**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial

**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	✓

**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:**

The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

To what extent is Ryan responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?  
To what extent is James responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?  
To what extent is Phil responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?  
To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?

3.2.4 m0-4

**Motion information**  
**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial  
**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:**  
The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

To what extent is James responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?  
To what extent is Phil responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?  
To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?

3.2.5 m0-5

**Motion information**  
**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial  
**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:**

The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

**To what extent is Percy responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Ryan responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is James responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Phil responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

### 3.2.6 m0-6

**Motion information**

**Content:** change font of all government documents into Arial

**Number of people in the committee:** 5

**Number of votes in favor of motion required:** 5

**Votes**

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

Dallas	✓
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**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:**

The font of all government documents is **changed into Arial**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial.*

**To what extent is Percy responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Ryan responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is James responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Phil responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that the font of all government documents is changed into Arial?**

### 3.3 operationalisation

**How do you morally judge voting in favor of changing government documents into Arial?**

- ☐ 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 assign responsibility to committee members. For every single scenario, **please imagine that the committee members voted exactly as described and assign responsibility accordingly**.*

#### 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 the politician is responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is introduced in school?*

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced 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 the different politicians are responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is introduced in schools?*

To what extent is Phil responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?

To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?

4.2.3 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 that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is introduced in schools?

To what extent is Ryan responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?

To what extent is James responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?

To what extent is Phil responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?

To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced 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, 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 that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is introduced in schools?*

**To what extent is James responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Phil responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced 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, 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:**

**School corporal punishment** (e.g. spanking, paddling) is **legalized**.

*Please use the slider below to indicate to what extent the different politicians are responsible that school corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is legalized?*

**To what extent is Percy responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Ryan responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is James responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Phil responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**4.2.6 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, ✗ = 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 that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling children) is introduced in schools?*

**To what extent is Percy responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Ryan responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is James responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Phil responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

**To what extent is Dallas responsible that corporal punishment (e.g. spanking, paddling) is introduced in schools?**

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### 4.3 operationalisation

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

- ☐ bad
- ☐ neutral
- ☐ good

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## 5 Demographics

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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

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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](mailto:antonia.langenhoff@stud.uni-goettingen.de).

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