

## captchas

### Are you a bot?

Liam says to Emma: "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

Who is Liam talking to? (case sensitive)

### Are you a bot?

Mia says to Benjamin: "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

Who is Mia talking to? (case sensitive)

### Are you a bot?

William says to Ava: "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

Who is William talking to? (case sensitive)

### Are you a bot?

Amelia says to Noah: "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

Who is Amelia talking to? (case sensitive)

## Are you a bot?

Evelyn says to James: "It's a beautiful day, isn't it?"

Who is Evelyn talking to? (case sensitive)

## Intro

### CONSENT FORM

**DESCRIPTION:** You are invited to participate in a research study in cognitive psychology. You will be asked to perform various tasks on a computer which may include: looking at images or videos, listening to sounds, reading scenarios, or playing games. You may be asked a number of different questions such as giving descriptions of what happened, making causal judgments, and interpreting people's actions. All information collected will remain confidential.

**RISKS AND BENEFITS:** Risks involved in this study are the same as those normally associated with using a computer (e.g., mild eye/arm strain). If you have any pre-existing conditions that might make reading and completing a computer-based survey strenuous for you, you should probably elect to not participate in this study. If at any time during the study you feel unable to participate because you are experiencing strain, you may end your participation without penalty. We cannot and do not guarantee or promise that you will receive any benefits from this study. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your employment/medical care/grades in school.

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## Consent

If you agree to participate in this study, please click the consent button below.

**By selecting the “I consent” button below, I acknowledge that I am 18 or older, have read this consent form, and I agree to take part in the research.**

If you do NOT agree to participate in this study, please click the decline button below.

Consent

Decline

## Instructions

### INSTRUCTIONS

Your task in this experiment is to make some judgments about the votes of politicians who govern in a faraway, fictitious country.

You will be seeing policies that differ in how moral they are, and you will be asked to give your opinion on these policies first.

Then, you have to decide to what extent the vote of a politician who voted in a committee on whether a new policy should be passed was 1) **surprising**, and 2) **important** for the outcome of the vote.

You will also be asked to decide 3) to what extent the politician is **responsible** for the outcome of the vote, and 4) to what extent the politician's vote was **morally wrong**.

You will see the outcomes of a number of different votes on different policies. Each committee consists of five politicians. **A policy is passed if at least 2 politicians vote in favor of the policy.**

Below is an example of a vote.

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#### Policy information

**Content:** [Install the office of a health and safety guard in every company.](#)

#### Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
John	✓
Bill	✓
Steve	

Robert	✓
Sam	✓

**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

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In this example, the vote was about a policy to introduce the office of a health and safety guard in every company. In order for the policy to be passed, at least 2 committee members were required to vote for it.

Since 4 out of 5 committee members (everyone except for Steve) voted for the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass, **the policy was passed**.

Each of the committee members knows that two votes are required for the policy to pass before making a decision whether to vote for the policy.

Before you will begin with the experiment, we will show you one more example of a vote and ask you some questions about it. Press "Next" to see the next example.

## comprehension\_check

Please note that if you respond to one or more of the following questions incorrectly, you will be redirected to the instructions page. If you fail one or more of the questions a second time, you are not eligible to participate in this study.

## Policy information

**Content:** Carry out quarterly health inspections in all restaurants.

## Votes

	<b>Voted in favor of policy</b>
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Kirk	✓
Chad	✓
Antoine	
Casey	
Zachery	

Did Chad vote for or against the policy?

- ☐ For the policy
- ☐ Against the policy

How many votes are required for the policy to pass?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

Did the policy pass?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Test\_questions\_correct**

Great, you answered all questions correctly. You can now begin with the experiment!

Before we get started, please provide your unique Prolific ID here:

practice\_trial\_1

Policy up for vote next: Ban electric scooters from driving on sidewalks.

How **morally bad** is it to ban electric scooters from driving on sidewalks? Click to adjust the bar.

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

practice\_trial\_2

Policy information

Content: Ban electric scooters from driving on sidewalks.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Woodrow	✓
Delmar	✓
Elvis	✓
Emmanuel	
Son	

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

How **important** was **Woodrow's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Woodrow's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Woodrow responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Woodrow** voted in favor of banning electric scooters from driving on sidewalks?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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1\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Introduce corporal punishment in schools \(e.g., spanking, paddling\).](#)



How **morally bad** is it to introduce corporal punishment in schools?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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1\_2

Policy information

**Content:** [Introduce school corporal punishment \(e.g., spanking, paddling\).](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Tommie	✓
Blair	✓
Aaron	
Al	
Keith	

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

How **important** was **Blair's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Blair's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Blair responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Blair** voted in favor of introducing corporal punishment in schools?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**26\_1**

**Policy up for vote next:** [Changing the font of all government documents into \*Arial\*.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to change the font of all government documents into *Arial*?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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**26\_2****Policy information**

**Content:** [Changing the font of all government documents into \*Arial\*.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Ulysses	
Cole	
Isaac	
Reynaldo	✓
Jason	✓

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

How **important** was **Jason's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at allvery important

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How **surprising** was **Jason's** vote?

not surprising at allvery surprising

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To what extent is **Jason responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsiblevery responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Jason** voted in favor of changing the font of all government documents to *Arial*?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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2\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Introducing lthe death penalty for minor crimes \(e.g. theft\).](#)

How **morally bad is it to** introduce the death penalty for minor crimes?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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2\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Introduce the death penalty for minor crimes \(e.g. theft\).](#)

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Cornell	
Oscar	✓
Julian	✓
Melvin	✓
Mario	

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

How **important** was **Julian's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Julian's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Julian responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very much responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Julian** voted in favor of introducing the death penalty for minor crimes?

not at all morally wrong

very much morally wrong

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25\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Introduce prison sentences for extramarital affairs.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to introduce prison sentences for extramarital affairs?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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25\_2

Policy information

**Content:** [Introduce prison sentences for extramarital affairs.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Tyson	
Sebastian	
Lamont	✓
Salvador	
Felipe	✓

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

How **important** was **Felipe's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Felipe's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Felipe responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Felipe** voted in favor of introducing prison sentences for extramarital affairs?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**27\_1**

**Policy up for vote next:** [Legalize gambling in casinos.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to legalize gambling in casinos?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

.

**27\_2**

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Legalize gambling in casinos.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Chester	✓
Andres	
Andy	
William	
Kurt	✓

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

How **important** was **Kurt's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at allvery important

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How **surprising** was **Kurt's** vote?

not surprising at allvery surprising

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To what extent is **Kurt responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsiblevery responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Kurt** voted in favor of legalizing gambling in casinos?

not at all morally wrong very morally wrong

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3\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** Introduce prison sentences of at least 5 years for doctors who practice abortion.

How **morally bad** is it to introduce prison sentences of at least 5 years for doctors who practice abortion?

not at all morally bad very morally bad

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3\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** Introduce prison sentences of at least 5 years for doctors who practice abortion.

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Emerson	✓
Colin	✓
Ian	

Linwood	✓
Salvatore	

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

How **important** was **Emerson's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Emerson's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Emerson responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Emerson** voted in favor of introducing prison sentences of at least 5 years for doctors who practice abortion?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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Policy up for vote next: Criminalize same-sex relationships.

How morally bad is it to criminalize same-sex relationships?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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19\_2

Policy information  
Content: Criminalize same-sex relationships.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Charley	✓
Franklin	✓
Damian	✓
Vernon	✓
Brad	✓

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

How important was Franklin's vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Franklin's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Franklin responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Franklin** voted in favor of criminalizing same sex relationships?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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13\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Declare that sexual abuse within marriage does not count as a criminal liability.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to declare that sexual abuse within marriage does not count as a criminal liability?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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13\_2

### Policy information

**Content:** Declare that sexual abuse within marriage does not count as a criminal liability.

### Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Philip	✓
Allen	✓
Robbie	✓
Marty	
Reuben	✓

**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

How **important** was **Allen's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Allen's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Allen responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Allen** voted in favor of declaring that sexual abuse within marriage does not count as a criminal liability?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**4\_1**

**Policy up for vote next:** Increase sales taxes on meat products (e.g. sausages, burgers) by 3 percent.

How **morally bad** is it to increase sales taxes on meat products by 3 percent? Click to adjust the bar.

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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**4\_2**

Policy information

**Content:** Increasing the sales taxes on meat products (e.g. sausages, burgers) by 3 percent.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Taylor	✓
Derrick	✓
Oliver	✓
Jasper	✓
Sherman	✓

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

How **important** was **Taylor's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Taylor's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Taylor responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible  
not at all responsible

very responsible  
very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Taylor** voted in favor of increasing the sales tax on meat products by 3 percent?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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5\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Exempt all politicians from paying taxes.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to exempt all politicians from paying taxes?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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5\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Exempt all politicians from paying taxes.](#)

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Kim	✓
Fred	✓



Tom	✓
Carlton	✓
Grant	✓

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

How **important** was **Fred's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Fred's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Fred responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Fred** voted in favor of exempting all politicians from paying taxes?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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6\_1

Policy up for vote next: [Introduce tax breaks for dog owners.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to introduce tax breaks for dog owners?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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6\_2

Policy information

Content: [Introduce tax breaks for dog owners.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Dylan	
Dwayne	✓
Domingo	
Harry	✓
Gustavo	✓

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

How **important** was **Dwayne's** vote for the policy not passing?

not important at all

very important

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Dwayne's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Dwayne responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Fred** voted in favor of introducing tax breaks for dog owners?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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20\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Make it easier for landlords to increase rent.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to make it easier for landlords to increase rent?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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20\_2

Policy information

Content: Making it easier for renters to increase rent.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Terrence	
Landon	✓
Donny	
Gerardo	✓
Jeremiah	

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

How **important** was **Landon's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at allvery important

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How **surprising** was **Landon's** vote?

not surprising at allvery surprising

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To what extent is **Landon responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Landon** voted in favor of making it easier for landlords to increase rent?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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29\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Make it mandatory to keep dogs on leash at all times in public.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to make it mandatory to keep dogs on leash at all times in public?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

.

29\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Make it mandatory to keep dogs on leash at all times.](#)

**Votes**

	<b>Voted in favor of policy</b>
James	✓

Nicholas	
Adam	
Ben	✓
Gereon	✓

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

How **important** was **Ben's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Ben's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

.

To what extent is **Ben responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Ben** voted in favor of making it mandatory to keep dogs on leash at all times?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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## 8\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** Introduce a law that makes it illegal for people with disabilities to get a job.

How **morally bad** is it to introduce a law that makes it illegal for people with disabilities to get a job?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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## 8\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** Introduce a law that makes it illegal for people with disabilities to get a job.

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Forrest	✓
Micah	✓
Blake	✓
Will	✓
Leland	✓

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

How **surprising** was **Blake's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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How **important** was **Blake's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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To what extent is **Blake responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Blake** voted in favor of introducing a law that makes it illegal for people with disabilities to get a job?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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10\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** Ban children who are not vaccinated against Varicella from going to school.

How **morally bad** is it to ban children who are not vaccinated against Varicella from going to school?



not morally bad at all  
not morally bad at all

very morally bad  
very morally bad

10\_2

### Policy information

**Content:** Ban children who are not vaccinated against Varicella from going to school.

### Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Raul	✓
Morgan	✓
Hollis	✓
Manuel	
Sanford	

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

How **important** was **Hollis'** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

How **surprising** was **Hollis'** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Hollis responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Hollis** voted in favor of banning children who are not vaccinated against Varicella from going to school?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**30\_1**

**Policy up for vote next:** Lie to citizens about an oil leak that is poisoning the country's drinking water.

How **morally bad** is it to lie to citizens about an oil leak that is poisoning the country's drinking water?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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**30\_2****Policy information**

**Content:** Lie to citizens about an oil leak that is poisoning the country's drinking water.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Ethan	
Cole	✓
Jacob	✓
Gerard	✓
Son	✓

**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

How **important** was **Son's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Son's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

.

To what extent is **Son responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Son** voted in favor of lying to citizens about an oil leak that is poisoning the country's drinking water?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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12\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Change the color of all government buildings to red.](#)

How morally bad is it to change the color of all government buildings to red?

very morally bad

morally neutral

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12\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Change the color of all government buildings to red.](#)

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Stan	
Gary	✓
Mic	
Billy	✓
Leandro	

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

How **important** was **Gary's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Gary's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Gary responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Gary** voted in favor of changing the color of all government buildings to red?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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14\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Make it mandatory for every citizen to get vaccinated against the flu.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to make it mandatory for every citizen to get vaccinated against the flu?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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14\_2

Policy information

**Content:** Make it mandatory for every citizen to get vaccinated against the flu.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Daniel	✓
Lester	✓
Andre	✓
Marcelino	
Luke	✓

**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

How **important** was **Lester's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Lester's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

.

To what extent is **Lester responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

.

To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Lester** voted in favor of making it mandatory for every citizen to get vaccinated against the flu?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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31\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** Requiring every citizen older than 12 to have their own social media profile for official identification purposes.

How **morally bad** is it to require every citizen over the age of 12 to have their own social media profiles for official identification purposes?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

.

31\_2

Policy information

**Content:** Requiring every citizen over the age of 12 to have their own social media profiles for official identification purposes.

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Caleb	
Simon	
Philip	✓
Luciano	
Reuben	✓

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

How **important** was **Reuben's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at allvery important

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How **surprising** was **Reuben's** vote?

not surprising at allvery surprising

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To what extent is **Reuben responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsiblevery responsible



not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Reuben** voted in favor of requiring every citizen over the age of 12 to have their own social media profiles for official identification purposes?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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16\_1

Policy up for vote next: [Change the legal voting age to 35 years.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to change the legal voting age to 35 years?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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16\_2

Policy information

Content: [Change the legal voting age to 35 years.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Royce	✓

Sean	✓
Shaun	✓
Louis	✓
Jan	✓

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

How **important** was **Sean's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Sean's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Sean responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Sean** voted in favor of changing the legal voting age to 35 years?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**23\_1**

Policy up for vote next: [Change the standard size of public trashcans from 33 gallons to 60 gallons.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to change the standard size of public trashcans from 33 gallons to 60 gallons?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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**23\_2****Policy information**

**Content:** [Change the standard size of public trashcans from 33 gallons to 60 gallons.](#)

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Irvin	✓
Scotty	✓
Lawrence	✓
Dick	✓
Pat	✓

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

How **important** was **Pat's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Pat's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Pat responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Pat** voted in favor of changing the standard size of public trashcans from 33 gallons to 35 gallons?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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17\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Allow all citizens over the age of 21 to purchase a gun without a license.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to allow all citizens over the age of 21 to purchase a gun without a license?

not at all morally bad  
not at all morally bad

very morally bad  
very morally bad

17\_2

### Policy information

**Content:** Allow all citizens over the age of 21 to purchase a gun without a license.

### Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Rocco	✓
Hugh	✓
Brent	
Stewart	✓
Kyle	

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

How **important** was **Stewart's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

How **surprising** was **Stewart's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Stewart responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Stewart** voted in favor of allowing all citizens over the age of 21 to purchase a gun without a license?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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**21\_1**

**Policy up for vote next:** [Decriminalize corruption for politicians.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to decriminalize corruption for politicians?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

.

**21\_2**

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Decriminalize corruption for politicians.](#)

Votes

	Voted in favor of policy
Marvin	✓
Truman	✓
Noah	✓
Anthony	✓
Gabriel	

**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

How **important** was **Noah's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Noah's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Noah responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Noah** voted in favor of decriminalizing corruption for politicians?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

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9\_1

**Policy up for vote next:** [Introduce a fine of at least \\$200 for littering in public places.](#)

How **morally bad** is it to introduce a fine of at least \$200 for littering in public places?

not at all morally bad

very morally bad

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9\_2

**Policy information**

**Content:** [Introduce a fine of at least \\$200 for littering in public places.](#)

**Votes**

	Voted in favor of policy
Merlin	✓
Jermaine	✓
Stefan	✓
Tracy	
Dane	✓



**Outcome:** The policy was **passed**. 4 out of 5 committee members voted in favor of the policy and 2 votes were required for the policy to pass.

How **important** was **Merlin's** vote for the policy passing?

not important at all

very important

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How **surprising** was **Merlin's** vote?

not surprising at all

very surprising

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To what extent is **Merlin responsible** for the policy passing?

not at all responsible

very responsible

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To what extent is it **morally wrong** that **Merlin** voted in favor of introducing a fine of at least \$200 for littering in public places?

not at all morally wrong

very morally wrong

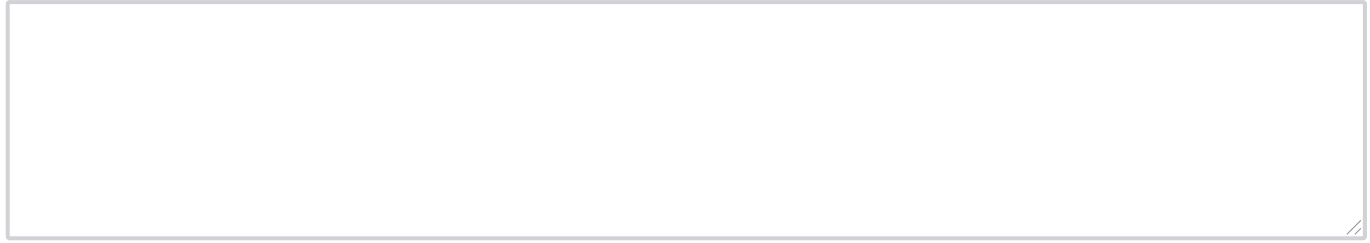
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## Goodbye


What factors influenced how you made your judgments about how important the vote was for the policy passing or not passing?



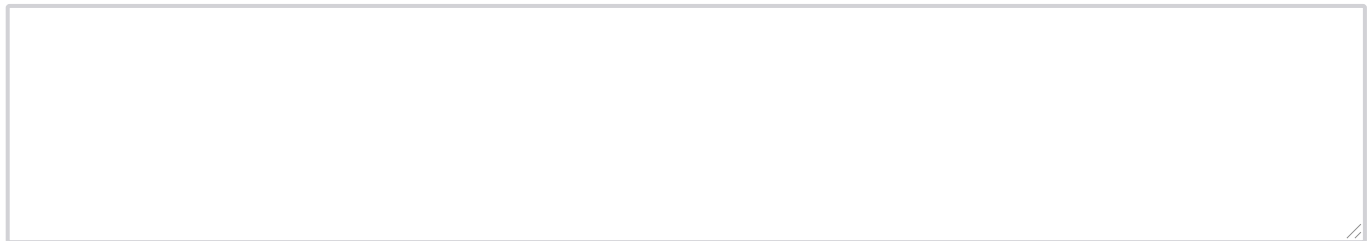
What factors influenced how you made your judgments about how surprising the vote was?



What factors influenced how you made your judgments about how responsible a politician was for the outcome of the vote?



What factors influenced how you made your judgments about how morally wrong the behavior of a politician was?



Please provide the following demographic information to complete the study.

1. Age

☐ My age in years is

☐ Prefer not to say

## 2. Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Non-binary

☐ Prefer not to say

## 3. Race

☐ I am

☐ Prefer not to say

## 4. Ethnicity

☐ Hispanic

☐ Non-Hispanic

☐ Prefer not to say

Thank you very much for participating in this experiment!

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