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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Incentives: You will receive \$2 for your complete participation. A total of 11 questions will be asked after interacting with the chatbot sales agent. You need to complete the study in full to receive a fixed payment.

Risks and Benefits: Your participation in this study does not involve any risk to you beyond that of everyday life. Taking part in this research study may not benefit you personally, but we may learn new things that could help others.

Confidentiality: Results of this study may be used in publications and presentations. Your study data will be handled as confidentially as possible. If results of this study are published or presented, individual names and other personally identifiable information will not be used. To minimize the risks to confidentiality, we will store the data on password-protected computers in locked rooms. We may share the data we collect from you for use in future research studies or with other researchers. If we share the data

that we collect about you, we will remove any information that could identify you before we share it. If you decide to withdraw, data collected up until the point of withdrawal may still be included in analysis.

Contacts & Questions: If you have questions or concerns about the study, you can contact the researchers at Dingning Yang, dingningy@uchicago.edu If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, feel you have been harmed, or wish to discuss other study-related concerns with someone who is not part of the research team, you can contact the University of Chicago Social & Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board (IRB) Office by phone at (773) 702-2915, or by email at sbs-irb@uchicago.edu.

Consent: Participation is voluntary. Refusal to participate or withdrawing from the research will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you might otherwise be entitled.

- O I agree to participate in the research
- O I do NOT agree to participate in the research (you will be taken to a screen that exits you from the survey. We thank you for their consideration)

Cover Story

A Survey on Decision Making

In this survey, we will first present you with a specific situation that you may encounter in daily life. We will then ask you questions about the situation. Please take a careful look at the instructions on the next pages and answer the questions that follow as truthfully as possible. Since there are no right or wrong answers to this survey, please report your initial response to each of the questions.

Click >> to start the survey

Same-gender Chatbot

<u>Please read this scenario carefully and follow the instructions to navigate the e-commerce platform:</u>

You are moving into a new place in Chicago and shopping online for two different products for your home today:

- **1. An electric drill** for decoration work (e.g., furniture assembly)
- **2. A bakery mold** for making cakes/pastries for welcoming parties.

You will be navigated to an e-commerce platform to see the available products. <u>During the process</u>, <u>please make sure you will interact with the chatbot sales agent at the lower right corner of the page for product recommendations.</u> When you finished your conversations with the chatbot sales agent, please go back to this page and continue to answer the questions. Now, please click the link below to navigate through the e-commerce platform and look for products you need.

Click to shop electric drill & bakery mold

Please select the choices that are mostly related to your opinion:

	Negative, bad, unfavorable 1	2	3	4	5	6	Positive, good, favorable 7
I think the <u>electric</u> <u>drill</u> recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
I will consider buying the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would like to try the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I will surely buy the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Extremely masculine	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely feminine 7
I think the <u>electric</u> <u>drill</u> recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please select the choices that are mostly related to your opinion:

	Negative, bad, unfavorable 1	2	3	4	5	6	Positive, good, favorable 7
I think the <u>bakery</u> mold recommended	0	$\overline{\bigcirc}$	0	\circ	0	0	
by the chatbot is	0						

Please select the choices that are mostly related to your opinion:

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
I will consider buying the <u>bakery</u> mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would like to try the bakery mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I will surely buy the bakery mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Extremely masculine 1	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely feminine 7
I think the <u>bakery</u> <u>mold</u> recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Extremely masculine 1	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely feminine 7
I think the chatbot I interacted with is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think the chatbot's name is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think the chatbot's avatar is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think the chatbot's conversational tone is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please describe how you feel about the chatbot sales agent's recommendation in a few words:

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Opposite-gender Chatbot

<u>Please read this scenario carefully and follow the instructions to navigate the e-commerce platform:</u>

You are moving into a new place in Chicago and shopping online for two different products for your home today:

- 1. An electric drill for decoration work (e.g., furniture assembly)
- 2. A bakery mold for making cakes/pastries for welcoming parties.

You will be navigated to an e-commerce platform to see the available products. <u>During the process</u>, <u>please make sure you will interact with the chatbot sales agent at the lower right corner of the page for product recommendations</u>. When you finished your conversations with the chatbot sales agent, please go back to this page and continue to answer the questions. Now, please click the link below to navigate through the e-commerce platform and look for products you need.

Click to shop electric drill & bakery mold

	Negative, bad, unfavorable	2	3	4	5	6	Positive, good, favorable
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I think the <u>electric</u> <u>drill</u> recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
I will consider buying the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would like to try the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I will surely buy the electric drill recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please select the choices that are mostly related to your opinion:

	Extremely masculine	2	3	4	5	6	Extremely feminine 7
I think the electric drill recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Negative, bad, unfavorable 1	2	3	4	5	6	Positive, good, favorable 7
I think the <u>bakery</u> <u>mold</u> recommended by the chatbot is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
I will consider buying the <u>bakery</u> mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I would like to try the bakery mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I will surely buy the bakery mold recommended by the chatbot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please select the choices that are mostly related to your opinion:

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I think the chatbot's avatar is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I think the chatbot's conversational tone is	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Please describe how you feel about the chatbot sales agent's recommendation in a few words:

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Survey on Laptop Consumption

Below is a question related to laptop consumption. We want to test the level of general knowledge about laptop consumption among Americans. Please read the questions and select one answer. When you select the answer, always choose the second answer from the left instead of clicking on the right answer. In other words, please ignore the right answer, and just click on the second answer from the left for the question you see below.

How many laptops are bought every year in the US?

about 50,000

about 500,000

about 5,000,000

about 50,000,000

Demographics

Please provide your age (number):
Please indicate your monthly income/living expenses (in US \$):

Powered by Qualtrics

Male chatbot + Product Category (utilitarian vs. hedonic)

https://intellectual-darlings-864159.framer.app/

Female chatbot + Product Category (utilitarian vs. hedonic)

https://favorable-photos-827928.framer.app/

Male chatbot + Product Gender (masculine vs. feminine)

https://experienced-size-420845.framer.app/

Female chatbot + Product Gender (masculine vs. feminine)

https://happier-presentations-837895.framer.app/