*Randomize order of questions SBB300-SBB319. Two questions should be presented on each screen*

**INTRO SCREEN**

We would now like to ask about your views on some of the types of issues that the U.S. Supreme Court is often asked to decide.  For each of the following situations, please tell us what **you personally** believe and also how you think **the Supreme Court** would decide if they were asked to rule on the case.

**SBB300, SBB301**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 1 Respondent, Case 1 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns a violation of the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment. Other people believe that this is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections.

What do you personally believe?

1 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a violation of the right to free speech

2 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a violation of the right to free speech

2 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections

*Version B*

Some people believe that prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections. Other people believe that this is a violation of the right to free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

What do you personally believe?

1 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections

2 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a violation of the right to free speech

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a legitimate restriction that promotes more democratic elections

2 Prohibiting corporations from contributing to political campaigns is a violation of the right to free speech

**SBB302, SBB303**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 2 Respondent, Case 2 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

[JUST A THOUGHT – NOT SURE THIS IS BETTER. THE WORDING IN THIS QUESTION MAY BE A LITTLE CONFUSING. WOULD IT MAKE SENSE TO MORE CLEARLY DEFINE THE “NO AUTHORITY” OPTION TO SAY SOMETHINGLIKE “OTHER PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST RELEASE THESE PEOPLE AFTER THEIR ORIGINAL PRISON SENTENCES HAVE ENDED”. I COULD GO EITHER WAY BUT WORRY A BIT THAT THE CURRENT WORDING MAKES THE ANSWER OPTIONS LESS OBVIOUS AND DOESN’T DEFINE THE OTHER SIDE AS CLEARLY.

*Version A*

Some people believe that the federal government should have the authority to imprison sex offenders indefinitely after their original prison sentences have ended. Other people believe that the federal government does not have this power.

What do you personally believe?

1 The federal government should have the authority

2 The federal government does not have this power

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The federal government should have the authority

2 The federal government does not have this power

*Version B*

Some people believe that the federal government does not have the power to imprison sex offenders indefinitely after their original prison sentences have ended. Other people believe that the federal government should have this authority.

What do you personally believe?

1 The federal government does not have this power

2 The federal government should have the authority

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The federal government does not have this power

2 The federal government should have the authority

**SBB304, SBB305**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 3 Respondent, Case 3 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that state and local governments should have the ability to ban the possession of handguns. Other people believe that the right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment.

What do you personally believe?

1 State and local government should be able to ban the possession of handguns

2 The right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 State and local government should be able to ban the possession of handguns

2 The right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment

*Version B*

Some people believe that the right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment. Other people believe that state and local governments should have the ability to ban the possession of handguns.

What do you personally believe?

1 The right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment

2 State and local governments should be able to ban the possession of

handguns

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The right of individual citizens to possess handguns is protected under the Second Amendment

2 State and local governments should be able to ban the possession of handguns

**SBB306, SBB307**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 4 Respondent, Case 4 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that religious symbols and statues such as crosses should be allowed to be placed on government-owned land. Other people believe that placing religious symbols on government-owned land represents a violation of the separation of church and state.

What do you personally believe?

1 Religious symbols should be allowed to be placed on public land

2 Placing religious symbols on public land violates the separation of church and state

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Religious symbols should be allowed to be placed on public land

2 Placing religious symbols on public land violates the separation of church and state

*Version B*

Some people believe that placing religious symbols and statues such as crosses on government-owned land represents a violation of the separation of church and state. Other people believe that religious symbols should be allowed to be placed on government-owned land.

What do you personally believe?

1 Placing religious symbols on public land violates the separation of church and state

2 Religious symbols should be allowed to be placed on public land

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Placing religious symbols on public land violates the separation of church and state

2 Religious symbols should be allowed to be placed on public land

**SBB308, SBB309**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 5 Respondent, Case 5 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that a city should be allowed to try to increase racial diversity by denying the promotion of white firefighters who passed a promotion test because no black firefighters passed the test. Other people believe that the city should be required to abide by the results of the promotion test and promote the white firefighters even if no black firefighters are promoted.

What do you personally believe?

1 The city should be allowed to deny the promotion of the white firefighters

2 The city must abide by the results of the test and promote the white firefighters

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The city should be allowed to deny the promotion of the white firefighters

2 The city must abide by the results of the test and promote the white firefighters

*Version B*

Some people believe that a city should be required to abide by the results of a promotion test and promote white firefighters even if no black firefighters passed the test and no black firefighters are promoted. Other people believe that the city should be allowed to try to increase racial diversity by denying the promotion of white firefighters who passed the promotion test because no black firefighters passed the test.

What do you personally believe?

1 The city must abide by the results of the test and promote the white firefighters

2 The city should be allowed to deny the promotion of the white firefighters

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The city must abide by the results of the test and promote the white firefighters

2 The city should be allowed to deny the promotion of the white firefighters

**SBB310, SBB311**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 6 Respondent, Case 6 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that states can require voters to provide photo identification at the polling place. Other people believe that requiring people to show photo identification violates voting rights.

What do you personally believe?

1 States can require voters to show photo identification

2 Requiring voters to show photo identification violates voting rights

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 States can require voters to show photo identification

2 Requiring voters to show photo identification violates voting rights

*Version B*

Some people believe that requiring voters to show photo identification at the polling place violates voting rights. Other people believe that states can require people to show photo identification.

What do you personally believe?

1 Requiring voters to show photo identification violates voting rights

2 States can require voters to show photo identification

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Requiring voters to show photo identification violates voting rights

2 States can require voters to show photo identification

**SBB312, SBB313**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 7 Respondent, Case 7 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that legal injection should be allowed to be used to execute convicted criminals on death row. Other people believe that using lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment.

What do you personally believe?

1 Lethal injection should be allowed

2 Lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Lethal injection should be allowed

2 Lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment

*Version B*

Some people believe that using lethal injection to execute convicted criminals on death row is cruel and unusual punishment. Other people believe that lethal injection should be allowed.

What do you personally believe?

1 Lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment  
2 Lethal injection should be allowed

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment

2 Lethal injection should be allowed

**SBB314, SBB315**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 8 Respondent, Case 8 Case

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that school districts should be allowed to assign students to schools based on race in order to promote diversity and reduce segregation. Other people believe that race should not play a factor at all in assigning students to schools.

What do you personally believe?

1 School districts should be allowed to use race to promote diversity

2 Race should not be used to assign students to school

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 School districts should be allowed to use race to promote diversity

2 Race should not be used to assign students to school

*Version B*

Some people believe that race should not play a factor at all when school districts assign students to school. Other people believe that school districts should be allowed to assign students to schools based on race in order to promote diversity and reduce segregation.

What do you personally believe?

1 Race should not be used to assign students to school

2 School districts should be allowed to use race to promote diversity

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Race should not be used to assign students to school

2 School districts should be allowed to use race to promote diversity

**SBB316, SBB317**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 9 Respondent, Case 9 Case

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that the federal government should be allowed to ban partial birth abortions. Other people believe that banning this procedure violates women’s rights.

What do you personally believe?

1 The federal government should be allowed to ban partial birth abortions

2 Banning partial birth abortions violates women’s rights

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The federal government should be allowed to ban partial birth abortions

2 Banning partial birth abortions violates women’s rights

*Version B*

Some people believe that the federal government banning partial birth abortions violates women’s rights. Other people believe that the federal government should be allowed to ban this procedure.

What do you personally believe?

1 Banning partial birth abortions violates women’s rights

2 The federal government should be allowed to ban partial birth abortions

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Banning partial birth abortions violates women’s rights

2 The federal government should be allowed to ban partial birth abortions

**SBB318, SBB319**

SINGLE CHOICE

Case 10 Respondent, Case 10 Court

*Randomize (50-50) whether respondents are presented Version A or Version B*

*Version A*

Some people believe that the federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of suspected terrorists in Guantanamo Bay. Other people believe that these individuals have the right to be tried in the American court system.

What do you personally believe?

1 The federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of suspected terrorists

2 Suspected terrorists have the right to be tried in the American court system

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 The federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of suspected terrorists

2 Suspected terrorists have the right to be tried in the American court system

*Version B*

Some people believe that suspected terrorists have the right to be tried in the American court system. Other people believe that the federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of these individuals in Guantanamo Bay.

What do you personally believe?

1 Suspected terrorists have the right to be tried in the American court system

2 The federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of suspected terrorists

What do you think the Supreme Court would decide if they were asked to rule on this issue?

1 Suspected terrorists have the right to be tried in the American court system

2 The federal government should be allowed to conduct military trials of suspected terrorists

**SBB320**

SINGLE CHOICE

Liberal/Conservative

*Reverse the order (50-50) of outcome categories*

Do you think the Supreme Court is too liberal, too conservative, or about right in its decisions?

1 Too liberal

2 About right

3 Too conservative

**SBB321**

SINGLE CHOICE

Checks and Balances

*Reverse the order (50-50) of outcome categories*

Which of the following two statements comes closer to your own point of view?

1 We should respect the rights of the majority and therefore the President and the Congress should have the power to enact the laws they want

2 We should be careful of protecting minority rights and therefore the Supreme Court should have the power to overturn laws enacted by the President and Congress

**SBB322**

SINGLE CHOICE

Supreme Court Trust

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: The Supreme Court can usually be trusted to make decisions that are right for the country as a whole

1 Strongly agree

2 Somewhat agree

3 Somewhat disagree

4 Strongly disagree

**SBB323**

SINGLE CHOICE

Supreme Court Popularity

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?: The US Supreme Court should have the right to say what the Constitution means, even when the majority of the people disagree with the Court’s decision.

1 Strongly agree

2 Somewhat agree

3 Somewhat disagree

4 Strongly disagree

**SBB324**

SINGLE CHOICE

Supreme Court Approval

How much do you approve of the performance of the Supreme Court?

1 Strongly approve

2 Somewhat approve

3 Somewhat disapprove

4 Strongly disapprove

**SBB325**

SINGLE CHOICE

Knowledge 1

*Reverse the order (50-50) of outcome categories*

To the best of your knowledge, how many justices sit on the Supreme Court?

1 Seven

2 Eight

3 Nine

4 Ten

5 Eleven

9 Not sure

**SBB326**

SINGLE CHOICE

Knowledge 2

*Reverse the order (50-50) of first three outcome categories (but always leave “Not sure” last)*

To the best of your knowledge, how are justices chosen for the Supreme Court?

1 Elected by voters

2 Chosen by the president and confirmed by Congress

3 Chosen by Congress and confirmed by the president

9 Not sure

**SBB327**

SINGLE CHOICE

Knowledge 3

*Randomize the order of the outcome categories (but leave “Not sure” last)*

To the best of your knowledge, who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

1 Antonin Scalia

2 John Paul Stevens

3 John Roberts

4 Samuel Alito

5 Sonya Sotomayor

6 Anthony Kennedy

7 Elena Kagan

8 David Souter

9 Stephen Breyer

10 Ruth Bader Ginsburg

11 Clarence Thomas

20 Not sure

SBB330.

SCALE WIDGET

Risk1

Some people say you should be cautious about making major changes in life. Suppose these people are located at 1. Others say that you will never achieve much in life unless you act boldly. Suppose these people are located at 7. And others have views in between.

Where would you place yourself on this scale?

1. You should be cautious about making major changes in life
2. You will never achieve much in life unless you act boldly

SBB331.

SINGLE CHOICE

Risk2.

Suppose you were betting on horses and were a big winner in the third or fourth race.

Would you be more likely to continue playing or take your winnings?

1. Definitely continue playing
2. Probably continue playing
3. Not sure
4. Probably take my winnings
5. Definitely take my winnings

SBB332, SBB333, SBB334, SBB335

DYNAMIC GRID

Risk3, Risk4, Risk5, Risk6

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements:

Rows:

SBB332 I like to explore strange places.

SBB333 I like to do frightening things.

SBB334 I like new and exciting experiences, even if I have to break the rules.

SBB335 I prefer friends who are exciting and unpredictable.

Columns:

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat agree
5. Strongly agree

SBB336

SINGLE CHOICE

Risk7

In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to accept taking risks?

1. Very easy
2. Somewhat easy
3. Somewhat difficult
4. Very difficult

SBB337

SCALE WIDGET

Risk8

Imagine there is a lottery ticket that gives you the following odds:

There is a 60% chance you will win nothing.

There is a 40% chance you will win $10.

Suppose that you had a choice of receiving the lottery ticket or a fixed amount of money.

What is the MOST money you would be willing to pay to buy such a lottery ticket?

1. $1
2. $2
3. $3
4. $4
5. $5
6. $6
7. $7
8. $8
9. $9

SBB338

Tax burden

Do you feel you are asked to pay more than you should in federal income taxes, about the right amount, or less than you should?

1. More than I should pay
2. About right
3. Less than I should pay

SBB339

Personal economic conditions

Would you say that over the past year, you and your family are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

1. Much better off than a year ago
2. Better off than a year ago
3. About the same
4. Worse off than a year ago
5. Much worse off than a year ago

SBB401

EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT

LARGE TEXT BOX WITH EXTENSIVE READING

*Subjects randomly assigned to receive Version A or Version B or Version C.*

*Text for Versions A and B:*

Periodically, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) performs calculation checks of the tax returns from American taxpayers to determine whether or not there has been an error. Whether or not someone’s tax return is subject to a calculation check is for most people largely due to random chance. Sometimes the IRS identifies cases of underpayment and requires individuals to submit a corrected payment. Sometimes the IRS identifies cases of overpayment and furnishes individuals with a refund. In most cases where the IRS has conducted a calculation check, it is correct in its initial determination.

Imagine that the IRS has informed you that on your 2009 IRS tax return, there has been a calculation error.

*Version A:* In your particular case, the IRS has determined that you must pay $1000, to be mailed to the IRS within thirty days.

We are interested in your reactions to the scenario of hearing that, because of a calculation error, you owe the IRS $1000. Try to imagine that you’ve been put in this situation. What thoughts would run through your mind, upon hearing that you owe the IRS $1000? What would you have to do in order to make sure that you paid the $1000? How would you feel about having to pay the IRS $1000? Who would you tell about the situation? Please type out all of the thoughts and feelings that would occur to you, if you were contacted by the IRS and told that you must pay them $1000.

*(Present big text box, leave on screen for 1 minute)*

*Version B:* In your particular case, the IRS has determined that you will receive a tax refund of $2000, to be mailed to you within thirty days.

We are interested in your reactions to the scenario of hearing that, because of a calculation error, the IRS will send you $2000. Try to imagine that you’ve been put in this situation. What thoughts would run through your mind, upon hearing that you will receive $2000 from the IRS? What thoughts would go through your mind upon hearing that you will receive $2000 from the IRS? What would you do with the $2000? How would you feel about receiving a refund of $2000 from the IRS? Who would you tell about the situation? Please type out all of the thoughts and feelings that would occur to you, if you were contacted by the IRS and told that you will receive a $2000 refund.

*(Present big text box, leave on screen for 1 minute)*

*Version C:*

We are interested in your reactions to things you do on a regular basis, such as eating lunch or brushing your teeth. Imagine the next time you are put in this situation. What thoughts would run through your mind while eating lunch or brushing your teeth? What steps would you go through to eat lunch or brush your teeth? How would you feel while doing this ordinary activity? Please type out all of the thoughts and feelings that would occur to you in doing an ordinary activity like eating lunch or brushing your teeth.

*(Present big text box, leave on screen for 1 minute)*

SBB411, SBB412, SBB413, SBB414, SBB415

DYNAMIC GRID

**happy, angry, sad, excited, disgusted**

*Randomization is based on Version administered in SBB401.*

Here is a scale that consists of a number of words that describe different feelings and emotions.

*Version A:* Indicate to what extent you would feel this if you had to pay the IRS $1000.

*Version B:* Indicate to what extent you would feel this if you were going to receive $2000 from the IRS.

*Version C:* Indicate to what extent you would feel this if you were doing the laundry.

Columns:

Happy

Angry

Sad

Excited

Disgusted

Rows

Very slightly or not at all

A little

Moderately

Quite a bit

Extremely

**SBB421**

**SINGLE ITEM WITH EXTENSIVE READING**

**Asian Flu**

*Subjects are randomly assigned to receive either* ***Version A or Version B.***

Experts from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently appeared before Congress to discuss the need to take steps to protect Americans from a possible smallpox epidemic. Although some Americans were vaccinated against smallpox in their youth, those vaccinations are now ineffective against the more powerful smallpox strains that exist today. All 300 million Americans are vulnerable to being infected by smallpox, even though the possibility of a bioterrorist attack remains very small.

CDC experts proposed two programs to try to minimize the consequences of a smallpox epidemic. As an example, they illustrated the effects of the programs in a medium-sized town in the United States. They believe that an initial outbreak of smallpox in a medium-sized town of 60,000 people in the United States would kill 6,000 people. They proposed two alternative programs to combat the disease. These programs would fund research, vaccinations, medical treatment facilities, and the training of medical personnel. The scientific estimates of the consequences of the programs are as follows:

**Version A**. If program A is adopted, 2000 people will be saved.

If program B is adopted, there is a 1/3 probability that 6000 people will be saved and a 2/3 probability that no people will be saved.

**Version B.** If program A is adopted, 4000 people will die.

If program B is adopted, there is a 1/3 probability that nobody will die, and a 2/3 probability that 6000 people will die.

**All Respondents**

Imagine you were faced with the decision of adopting program A or program B. Which would you select?

1. Program A
2. Program B

**SBB423**

**SINGLE ITEM**

**Social security framed**

*Subjects are randomly assigned to receive either Version A or Version B*

Analysts from the Government Accounting Office (GAO) recently appeared before Congress to discuss the possible reforms to Social Security. The way the program is currently run, it will begin running a deficit by 2016 but will continue to pay out benefits from the Social Security Trust Fund, which consists of surpluses generated in earlier years. Under current policy, the Social Security Trust Fund is projected to be depleted by 2037. It is projected that workers’ future benefits will have to fall by 10% if no action is taken to pursue higher gains with regards to Social Security funds.

GAO analysts have proposed two programs to try to deal with the eventual bankruptcy of Social Security. Under one possibility (Portfolio J), workers would be allowed to invest part of their earnings that would usually go to Social Security taxes in a portfolio that pays out a fixed return. Under the other possibility (Portfolio K), workers would be allowed to invest a portion of their earnings in a second, more risky, portfolio. As an example, they estimated the yield from investing $200 million in savings from workers who opt out of Social Security, using these two alternative portfolios. Their scientific estimates of the consequences of investing $200 million from current workers are as follows:

*Version A.*

If Portfolio J is selected, workers’ Social Security checks would be 5% higher than they would be if the current policy were maintained

If Portfolio K is adopted, there is an 80% chance that workers’ Social Security checks would be 7% higher and a 20% chance that they would be the same as if the current policy were maintained

*Version B.*

If Portfolio J is adopted, workers’ Social Security checks would only be 5% lower than their current levels

If Portfolio K is adopted, there is an 80% chance that workers’ checks would only be 3% lower than their current levels a 20% chance that workers’ checks would be 10% lower than their current levels

*All Respondents*

Imagine you were faced with the decision of investing your savings in Portfolio J or Portfolio K. Which would you select?

1. Portfolio J
2. Portfolio K

**SBB425**

**SINGLE ITEM**

**Captrade framed**

*Subjects are randomly assigned to receive either* ***Version A or Version B.***

The scientific consensus is that carbon dioxide emissions are contributing to an increase in global temperatures. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, this increase in temperatures is expected to lead to longer droughts and more frequent storms, among other potential problems. Some of these changes would lead to economic losses that are projected to occur due to disruptions to the global economy.

Imagine that your job is to advise the president about whether it makes sense from a purely economic point of view for the United States to support a series of policies aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

The country is considering one program (Policy C) that will involve a market-based system aimed at making it more expensive for private corporations or individuals to emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, and a different program (Policy D) that will make the price of emitting greenhouse gases even higher and include a variety of subsidies to support wind and solar power.

It is unclear which policy will lead to better economic conditions due to the uncertainty with the costs associated with choosing not to take more aggressive action to prevent global warming. Suppose that incomes currently grow at about $700 per year for the average family.

Suppose that our best estimates of the possible outcomes under the two policies are the following:

*Version A.*

If Policy C is adopted, there is a 50% chance that household incomes will grow by $600 and a 50% chance that household income will grow by $100, on average for the next 20 years.

If Policy D is adopted, household incomes will grow by $350 per year, on average for the next 20 years.

*Version B.*

If Policy C is adopted, there is a 50% chance that household income growth will be $100 less per year compared with the current rate and a 50% chance that household income will grow by $600 less per year compared with the current rate, on average for the next 20 years.

If Policy D is adopted, household incomes will grow by $350 less per year compared with the current rate with certainty, on average for the next 20 years.

*All Respondents*

According to its consequences for economic growth, which policy do you think is the one that the United States should adopt?

1. Policy C
2. Policy D

**SBB430**

**SINGLE CHOICE**

**Social security**

Currently, Social Security is a program that transfers money from current workers to current retirees. None of the funds are invested in the stock or bond market.

A proposal has been made that would allow current workers to take some of the taxes that they pay into Social Security and to invest them in selected funds in the stock market. Some critics argue that investing retirement funds in the stock market is too risky, especially given the 2008 collapse of the stock market, while others think that in the long-term, the potential for high returns justifies the risk.

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree with this proposed change from the current system?

1. Strongly agree with the proposed change
2. Somewhat agree with the proposed change
3. Somewhat disagree with the proposed change
4. Strongly disagree with the proposed change

**SBB431**

**SINGLE CHOICE**

**Captrade**

The U.S. has pledged to reduce global emissions by 17% by the year 2020, but the U.S. Senate has not yet enacted environmental regulation that would put this emissions reduction into place.

A proposal in the Senate has been made to establish a “cap and trade” system that would require companies and institutions to essentially purchase the right to pollute and would allow them to buy and sell credits from one another as a way to curb emissions at the lowest cost.

Some people think that this is too risky a way to handle global warming because it might end up doing more harm than good to the economy while others think any action taken to begin to regulate U.S. emissions justifies the risk.

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree with this proposed change from the current system?

1. Strongly agree with the proposed change
2. Somewhat agree with the proposed change
3. Somewhat disagree with the proposed change
4. Strongly disagree with the proposed change