Network setups (i.e. cover stories) that differ between conditions. The text below was displayed to participants prior to letting them revise their belief and confidence ratings.

**1) Independent sources, different observations**:

After providing your initial recommendation you interviewed two locals: **Paul** and **Lisa**.

**Paul** and **Lisa** are two likely voters from your party and you want to know **their beliefs** about whom of the two competing candidates is most suitable for public office.

**Important background information**:

1. To learn which candidate is most suitable for public office, **Paul** went to see a debate between Brown and Davis in the local townhall.

2. **Lisa** went to the local townhall during another day to see a **different debate** between Brown and Davis. The topics covered during this debate were **completely different** from the topics covered during the debate that Paul attended.

*You****never visited the local townhall****. The only thing you know is that your****selection tests****and the internal testing of your party's local branch****did not cover****any of the topics addressed in the townhall.*

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**2) Independent sources, correlated observations:**

After providing your initial recommendation you interviewed two locals: **Jim** and **Mete**.

**Jim** and **Mete** are two likely voters from your party and you want to know **their beliefs** about whom of the two competing candidates is most suitable for public office.

**Important background information**:

1. To learn which candidate is most suitable for public office, both **Jim** and **Mete** went to their local townhall during the same day to see **the same debate** between Williams and Smith.

*You****never visited the local townhall****. The only thing you know is that your****selection tests****and the internal testing of your party's local branch****did not cover****any of the topics addressed in the townhall.*

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**3) Dependent sources, different observations:**

After providing your initial recommendation you interviewed two locals: **Eva** and **Tom**.

**Eva** and **Tom** are two likely voters from your party and you want to know **their beliefs** about whom of the two competing candidates is most suitable for public office.

**Important background information**:

1. To learn which candidate is most suitable for public office, **Eva** went to see a **debate** between Lewis and Walker in the local townhall.

2. **Tom** went to the local townhall during another day to see a **different debate** between Lewis and Walker. The topics covered during this debate were **completely different** from the topics covered during the debate that Eva attended.

3. **However**, **Tom told Eva everything** about the debate that **he attended** by himself. This means that **Eva knew everything** about the belief and confidence ratings of Tom **before you** interviewed both. **Tom** only knows what he has seen during the debate that he attended by himself.

*You****never visited the local townhall****. The only thing you know is that your****selection tests****and the internal testing of your party's local branch****did not cover****any of the topics addressed in the townhall.*

A close up of a clock

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