

**TASK DESCRIPTION:**

Thanks for participating in this HIT!

**DESCRIPTION:** You are invited to participate in a research study on the psychology of personal opinions. The scientific findings of this study will help advance the field psychology. For each task, you will be asked to read a series of questions and identify if they are or are not controversial. This experiment takes most people around two minutes to complete. There may also be comprehension and attention checks. Participation in this research is voluntary, and you are free to withdraw your consent at any time. The results of the research may be presented at scientific meetings or published in scientific journals.

**TIME INVOLVEMENT:** Your participation will take most people no more than two minutes.

**PAYMENTS:** You will receive \$1 (about \$20 per hour) as payment for your participation.

**PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** There are no significant risks associated with this study. Study data will be stored securely, in compliance with Stanford University standards, minimizing the risk of confidentiality breach. Your individual privacy will be maintained during the research and in all published and written data resulting from the study.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Questions:** If you have any questions, concerns or complaints about this research, its procedures, risks and benefits, contact the Protocol Director, Dr. Diyi Yang, at [diyi@cs.stanford.edu](mailto:diyi@cs.stanford.edu).

**Independent Contact:** If you are not satisfied with how this study is being conducted, or if you have any concerns, complaints, or general questions about the research or your rights as a participant, please contact the Stanford Institutional Review Board (IRB) to speak to someone independent of the research team at 650-723-2480 or toll free at 1-866-680-2906, or email at [irbnonmed@stanford.edu](mailto:irbnonmed@stanford.edu). You can also write to the Stanford IRB, Stanford University, 1705 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

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If you agree to participate in this research, please complete this form. By completing the survey, you are indicating that you have understood the information contained here and would like to be a volunteer in this research study.

## Question 1

**How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

- Do you believe that abortion should be a legal option?
- Do you believe that restrictions should be placed on abortion procedures?
- Do you think that the government should have a say in a woman's decision to have an abortion?
- Do you think that women should have the right to choose whether to have an abortion or not?

- ☐ Very controversial
- ☐ Somewhat controversial
- ☐ Not very controversial
- ☐ Not at all controversial

## Question 2

**How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

- Do you agree that affirmative action is an effective way to address historical injustices?
- Do you believe that affirmative action is necessary to ensure diversity in college admissions and hiring?
- Do you believe that affirmative action policies can lower standards in college admissions and hiring?
- Do you think that affirmative action policies can lead to reverse discrimination?
- Do you think that affirmative action should be abolished in college admissions and hiring?

- ☐ Very controversial
- ☐ Somewhat controversial
- ☐ Not very controversial
- ☐ Not at all controversial

## Question 3

**How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

- Do you agree with the practice of factory

- ☐ Very controversial
- ☐ Somewhat controversial
- ☐ Not very controversial

- farming?

Do you believe animals should have the same rights as humans?

Do you support the use of animals in scientific testing?

Do you think it's ethical to use animals for entertainment purposes, such as in circuses or zoos?

Should hunting for sport be banned?

Not at all controversial

Question 4

- How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

Are you concerned about privacy issues related to the use of artificial intelligence?

Do you believe that the benefits of artificial intelligence outweigh its potential risks?

Do you support the continued development and use of artificial intelligence?

Should there be stricter regulations on the use of artificial intelligence?

Very controversial

Somewhat controversial

Not very controversial

Not at all controversial

Question 5

- How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

Do you believe that censorship is necessary to prevent the spread of hate speech and misinformation?

Do you think that censorship infringes upon the right to free speech?

Is it acceptable for governments to use censorship in the interest of national security?

Should social media platforms have the right to censor content they deem inappropriate or harmful?

Very controversial

Somewhat controversial

Not very controversial

Not at all controversial

Question 6

- How controversial are these questions?** (How much would you expect random people to disagree about each?)

Do you believe that climate change is primarily caused by human activities?

Do you believe that natural cycles contribute more to climate change than human activities?

Do you support immediate and drastic measures to combat climate change?

Do you think that economic growth should be prioritized over climate change mitigation efforts?

Do you think that the severity of climate change has been exaggerated by the media?

Very controversial

Somewhat controversial

Not very controversial

Not at all controversial

(Optional) Please let us know if anything was unclear, if you experienced any issues, or if you have any other feedback for us.

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