

Consent

Recruitment Statement for Research Participation

1. Brendan Molinar, a graduate student and research assistant at Saint Louis University, and Dr. Ruth Warner, a professor of psychology at Saint Louis University, are inviting you to participate in this research study.
2. In order to participate in this study, you must be : 1) between the ages of 18 to 89, and 2) a United States citizen
3. The title of this study is Political and Societal Perceptions. The purpose of this study is to understand how individuals perceive present and future societies as differing and how this relates to their philosophical beliefs.
4. In this study, you will be asked to answer several questions about how you perceive the present, optimal future, and worst future. You will then be asked to complete a few other surveys about your philosophical/political beliefs and answer a few demographic questions. The study should take you between 15-25 minutes to complete.
5. The risks to you as a participant are minimal. These include fatigue, boredom, discomfort answering particular items, and loss of anonymity. If you do not wish to answer to a particular item, you have the option of selecting "Prefer not to Answer."
6. Once you complete the survey, the computer will not record the IP address of your computer along with the results, this thus protects your anonymity. Furthermore, only the principle researcher (Brendan Molinar) and his advisor (Dr. Ruth Warner) will have access to the data; thus safeguarding confidentiality. You will not be asked to report any identifying information (e.g. name or social security number), and in the event of publication no identifying information will be reported. All results and findings will be published in summarized format without reference to specific responses.
7. Participation in this study will not benefit you directly. Your participation may benefit others by identifying any relationship between philosophical beliefs and perceptions about the future.
8. You can choose not to participate. If you decide not to participate, there will not be a penalty to you or loss of any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may withdraw from this study at any time. Furthermore, you may refuse to answer any question for any reason and without penalty; if you do choose not to answer a question, please select the "Prefer not to Answer" option. Other questions may prompt you to answer, but you may still decline to answer.
9. If you have any questions about this research study, you can call Brendan Molinar at 314-977-2276 (email: molinarbk@slu.edu) If you have questions about your rights as a participant, you may call the Saint Louis University Institutional Review Board at 314-977-7744 and reference IRB #28789

If you consent to participate in this study, please select that option below. If you do not wish to participate in this study, please select the option "I do not consent to participate in this study."

- ☐ I consent to participate in this study
- ☐ I do not consent to participate in this study

Present Society

On this page you are asked to indicate how you **perceive our current and present American society** on a number of dimensions. Use the scale of -100 (absolute lowest level) to 100 (absolute highest level) to indicate your perception.

| | Absolute Lowest Level | Absolute Highest Level |
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| How much fairness do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |
| How much freedom do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |
| How much prosperity do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |
| How much equality do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |
| How much security do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |
| How much goodness do you believe our present society has? | <input type="text" value="20"/> | |

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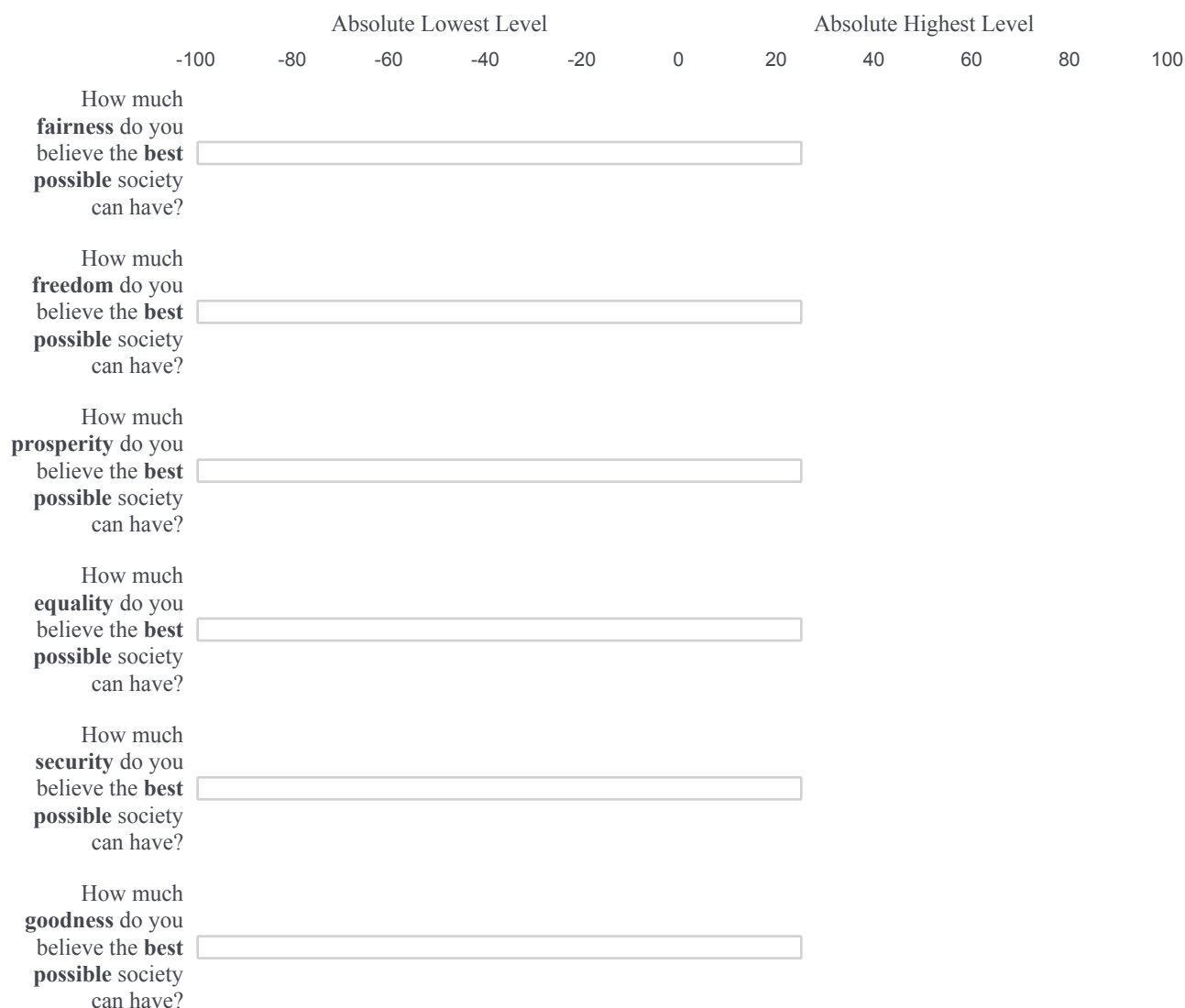
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Best Future Society

On this page you are asked to indicate how you **perceive the future of American society under the best possible conditions** on a number of dimensions. For these questions, we are more interested in your perceptions

of an **attainable** future. Use the scale of -100 (absolute lowest level) to 100 (absolute highest level) to indicate your perception.



Please indicate on the following scale how likely you believe the following outcome to be. A value of -100 Indicate the outcome is Highly Unlikely and a value of 100 indicate the outcome is Highly Likely. A value of 0 indicates the result is somewhat likely.



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Worst Future Society

On this page you are asked to indicate how you **perceive the future of American society under the worst possible conditions** on a number of dimensions. For these questions, we are more interested in your perceptions of an **attainable** future. Use the scale of -100 (absolute lowest level) to 100 (absolute highest level) to indicate your perception.

| | Absolute Lowest Level | Absolute Highest Level |
|---|--|------------------------|
| | -100 -80 -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100 | |
| How much fairness do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |
| How much freedom do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |
| How much prosperity do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |
| How much equality do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |
| How much security do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |
| How much goodness do you believe the worst possible society can have? | <input type="text"/> | |

Please indicate on the following scale how likely you believe the following outcome to be. A value of -100 Indicate the outcome is Highly Unlikely and a value of 100 indicate the outcome is Highly Likely. A value of 0 indicates the result is somewhat likely.

| Highly Unlikely | Highly Likely |
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How likely is it
that Americans will
reach the **worst**
possible future?

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Free Will Survey

Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements using the scale of "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree." If you prefer not to rate your agreement with a particular statement, please select the "prefer not to answer" option at the far right-hand side of the screen.

| | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Slightly Disagree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Slightly Agree | Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to Answer |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| People have complete control over the decisions they make. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People must take full responsibility for any bad choices they make. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People can overcome any obstacles if they truly want to. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People are totally responsible for the bad things they do. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People have complete free will. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Criminals are totally responsible for the bad things they do. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People are always at fault for their bad behavior. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Strength of mind can always overcome the body's desires. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Authoritarianism

Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements using the scale of "Strong Disagreement" to "Strong Agreement." If you prefer not to rate your agreement with a particular statement, please select the "Prefer not to Answer" option at the far right-hand side of the screen.

| | Strong Disagreement | Moderate Disagreement | Slight Disagreement | Neither Agree Nor Disagree | Slight Agreement | Moderate Agreement | Strong Agreement | Prefer Not to Answer |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Excessive taxation is a prime example of the way in which governments take away individual freedom. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| We need a stronger government to create a better society. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government programs discourage individual responsibility and achievement while fostering dependency and failure. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| In my kind of ideal society, all basic needs (food, housing, healthcare, education) will be guaranteed by the government for everyone. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The more powerful a government becomes, the greater is the risk that It will become corrupt and unresponsive to the will of its people. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| A fair society is not possible without strict and comprehensive government controls. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Individuals create wealth and governments tax it away to promote the interests of those in control. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Individual freedom and opportunity are greater when government is smaller and less able to intervene in social and economic areas. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government laws and regulations make it possible to have a moral society. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am entitled only to the fruits of my own labor; not to that of others passed on to me through government handouts. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I am willing to exchange my personal freedoms for greater security provided by government programs. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

| | Strong Disagreement | Moderate Disagreement | Slight Disagreement | Neither Agree Nor Disagree | Slight Agreement | Moderate Agreement | Strong Agreement | Prefer Not to Answer |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| We need strict government intervention to ensure that everyone will succeed socially and economically. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Typically, government agencies spend our money carelessly and wastefully, which is natural, since they don't have to earn it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most of our economic woes are caused by repeated and massive government meddling in the economy. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our government is not active enough; we need more laws and government programs to regulate and improve our lives and dealings with each other. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| As a government gets bigger and more powerful, its citizens become poorer and less free. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| For me, government-imposed social order and security are more important than individual freedom. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our society can improve only with more government controls over individuals and businesses. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| My ideal government would be very small and would only perform a very few essential functions. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Government must limit our individual freedoms so as to prevent unchecked selfishness, greed, and immorality. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Please rate the how you feel about the following statements using the scale of "Very Negative" to "Very Positive." If you prefer not to indicate your attitude about a particular statement, please select the "Prefer not to Answer" option at the far right-hand side of the screen.

| | Very Negative | Moderately Negative | Slightly Negative | Neutral | Slightly Positive | Moderately Positive | Very Positive | Prefer not to Answer |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Our country needs a powerful leader, in order to destroy the radical and immoral currents prevailing in society today. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

| | Very Negative | Moderately Negative | Slightly Negative | Neutral | Slightly Positive | Moderately Positive | Very Positive | Prefer not to Answer |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Our country needs free thinkers, who will have the courage to stand up against traditional ways, even if this upsets many people. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The “old-fashioned ways” and “old-fashioned values” still show the best way to live. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our society would be better off if we showed tolerance and understanding for nontraditional values and opinions. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| God's laws about abortion, pornography and marriage must be strictly followed before it is too late, violations must be punished. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The society needs to show openness towards people thinking differently, rather than a strong leader, the world is not particularly evil or dangerous. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It would be best if newspapers were censored so that people would not be able to get hold of destructive and disgusting material. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Many good people challenge the state, criticize the church and ignore “the normal way of living.” | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Our forefathers ought to be honored more for the way they have built our society, at the same time we ought to put an end to those forces destroying it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People ought to put less attention to the Bible and religion, instead they ought to develop their own moral standards. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| There are many radical, immoral people trying to ruin things; the society ought to stop them. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| It is better to accept bad literature than to censor it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Facts show that we have to be harder against crime and sexual immorality, in order to uphold law and order. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| The situation in the society of today would be improved if troublemakers were treated with reason and humanity. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

| | Very Negative | Moderately Negative | Slightly Negative | Neutral | Slightly Positive | Moderately Positive | Very Positive | Prefer not to Answer |
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| If the society so wants, it is the duty of every true citizen to help eliminate the evil that poisons our country from within. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

PHNS

Instructions: Read each statement, decide if you agree or disagree and determine the strength of your opinion, and then select the appropriate statement on the scale provided for the answer. First impressions are generally best in such matters. Try to answer every statement. If you find that the options listed do not adequately indicate your own opinion, use the one that is closest to the way you feel.

| | Strongly Disagree | Moderately Disagree | Slightly Disagree | Slightly Agree | Moderately Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to Answer |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Most students will tell the instructor when he has made a mistake in adding up their scores, even if he has given them more points than they deserved. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If you give the average person a job and leave him to do it, he will finish it successfully. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People usually tell the truth, even when they know they would be better off lying. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most students do not cheat when taking an exam. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most people are basically honest. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If you act in good faith with people, almost all of them will reciprocate with fairness toward you. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most people lead clean decent lives. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| People claim that they have ethical standards regarding honesty and morality, but few people stick to them when no one will find out about their amorality. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If you want people to do a job right, you should explain things to them in great detail and supervise them closely. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If most people could get into a movie without paying and be sure that they were not seen, they would do it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

| | Strongly Disagree | Moderately Disagree | Slightly Disagree | Slightly Agree | Moderately Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to Answer |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Most people are not really honest for a desirable reason; they're afraid of getting caught | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most people would tell a lie if they thought they could gain by it. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Most people would cheat their income tax if they had a chance. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Nowadays people commit a lot of crimes and sins that no one else ever hears about. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Optimism

Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements using the scale of "Strongly Disagree" to "Strongly Agree." If you prefer not to rate your agreement with a particular statement, please select the "Prefer not to Answer" option at the far right-hand side of the screen.

| | Strongly Disagree | Moderately Disagree | Slightly Disagree | Neither Agree Nor Disagree | Slightly Agree | Moderately Agree | Strongly Agree | Prefer not to Answer |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| In uncertain times, I usually expect the best. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| If something can go wrong for me, it will. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I'm always optimistic about my future. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I hardly ever expect things to go my way. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| I rarely count on good things happening to me. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Demo

Please indicate how old you are in years

Which of the following options best describes your gender identity? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Gender Non-binary
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Which of the following options best describes your racial identity?

- ☐ European-American or White
- ☐ African-American or Black
- ☐ Latino-American or Hispanic
- ☐ Native American or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Asian-American or Asian
- ☐ Arab-American or Arab
- ☐ Multiracial or Other (please specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Which of the following options best describes your political orientation?

- ☐ Strongly Liberal
- ☐ Moderately Liberal
- ☐ Slightly Liberal
- ☐ Moderate or Centrist
- ☐ Slightly Conservative
- ☐ Moderately Conservative
- ☐ Strongly Conservative
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Which of the following political parties do you tend to identify with the most?

- ☐ Republican Party
- ☐ Democratic Party
- ☐ Libertarian Party
- ☐ Green Party
- ☐ Socialist Party
- ☐ Constitution Party
- ☐ Other (Please Specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer/None

Please indicate the highest level of education you have completed

- ☐ Less than High School
- ☐ High School or GED
- ☐ Some College or Two Year Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's or Four Year Degree
- ☐ Graduate or Professional Degree
- ☐ Other (Please Specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Which of the following ranges best approximates your annual family household income (in US currency)?

- ☐ Less than \$20,000
- ☐ Between \$20,000 and \$40,000
- ☐ Between \$40,000 and \$65,000
- ☐ Between \$65,000 and \$105,000
- ☐ Between \$105,000 and \$160,000
- ☐ More than \$160,000
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Which of the following options best describes the economic class you belong to?

- ☐ Poor/Struggling
- ☐ Working Class/Lower Middle Class
- ☐ Middle Class
- ☐ Upper Middle Class
- ☐ Wealthy/Affluent
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

Are you currently a citizen of the United States of America?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What region of the United States do you currently reside in?

- ☐ New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont)
- ☐ Mideast (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania)
- ☐ Great Lakes (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin)
- ☐ Plains (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota)
- ☐ Southeast (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia)
- ☐ Southwest (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas)
- ☐ Rocky Mountain (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming)
- ☐ Far West (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington)
- ☐ US Territory (Please Specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

With which of the following religious groups do you most identify with?

- ☐ Protestant
- ☐ Catholic
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Buddhist

- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Other (Please Specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

How religious do you consider yourself to be?

- ☐ Not At All Religious
- ☐ Not Religious
- ☐ Somewhat Not Religious
- ☐ Neither Very Religious nor Not Religious
- ☐ Somewhat Religious
- ☐ Religious
- ☐ Devoutly Religious
- ☐ Prefer Not to Answer

How often do you attend religious services?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Seldom
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Very Often
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

How often do you engage in prayer or other religious based reflection?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Seldom
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Very Often
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

How often do you engage in church or religious based activities?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ Seldom
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Very Often
- ☐ Prefer not to Answer

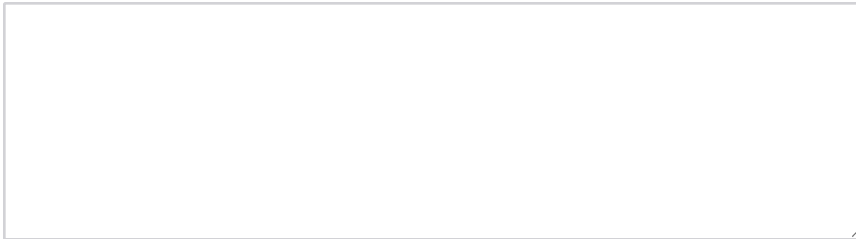
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Sincerely,
Brendan Molinar
Psychology Department
Saint Louis University

Please feel free to include any comments or thoughts you had about the study here



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