

**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
	-100   -80   -60   -40   -20   0   20   40   60   80   100	
How much <b>fairness</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>freedom</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>prosperity</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>equality</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>security</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>goodness</b> do you believe our <b>present</b> society has?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	

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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.

	Absolute Lowest Level					Absolute Highest Level					
	-100	-80	-60	-40	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100
How much <b>fairness</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										
How much <b>freedom</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										
How much <b>prosperity</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										
How much <b>equality</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										
How much <b>security</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										
How much <b>goodness</b> do you believe the <b>best possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" 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					
	-100	-80	-60	-40	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100
How likely is it that Americans will reach the <b>best possible</b> future?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>										

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	-100	-80	-60	-40	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100
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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.

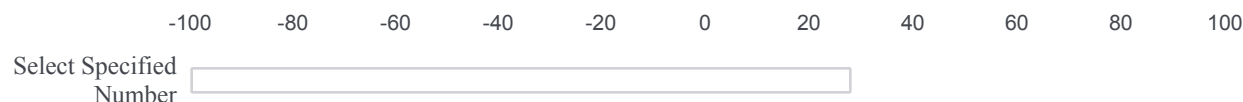
	Absolute Lowest Level	Absolute Highest Level
	-100   -80   -60   -40   -20   0   20   40   60   80   100	
How much <b>fairness</b> do you believe the <b>worst possible</b> society can have?	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
How much <b>freedom</b> do you believe the <b>worst possible</b> society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

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"/>

### Political Issues/Policies

Please indicate the extent to which you feel positively or negatively towards each issue. Scores of -100 indicate greater negativity, and scores of 100 indicate greater positivity. Scores of 0 indicate that you feel neutral about the issue. If you are unfamiliar with an issue or prefer not to respond select the option "Don't Know about Issue."

	-100	-80	-60	-40	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100	Not Applicable
Abortion	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited Government	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Funding for Military and National Security	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Prayer in Public Schools	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Welfare Benefits	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Gun Ownership	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay Marriage	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug Legalization	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Fiscal Responsibility	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Ownership of Companies	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Privatizing Government Services (e.g. roads, social security, etc.)	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
The War on Terror	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Amnesty for Undocumented Workers	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Building a Wall on the Mexican Border	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Corporate Taxation	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
High Taxes on Wealthy People	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Control of the Economy	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare")	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Free Trade Agreements	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Unemployment Benefits	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Security	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Medicare/Medicaid	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>

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Applicable

Government Regulation of Industry	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Protection Agency	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charter Schools	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital Punishment ("Death Penalty")	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum Wage	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stem Cell Research	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationalizing (Government Control of) Companies/Industries	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mandatory Minimum Sentences for Criminals	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Administration

Please indicate the extent to which you feel positively or negatively towards each political figure. Scores of -100 indicate greater negativity, and scores of 100 indicate greater positivity. Scores of 0 indicate that you feel neutral about a person. If you are unfamiliar with a political figure, please select the option "Don't Know."

	Very Negative	Very Positive					Neutral		Not Applicable			
	-100	-80	-60	-40	-20	0	20	40	60	80	100	
Barack Obama	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald Trump	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Johnson	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Sanders	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
Hilary Clinton	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>
George W. Bush	<input type="text"/>											<input type="checkbox"/>

### Gov

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	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to Answer
People can generally trust the government to do what is right	<input type="radio"/>	<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	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree	Prefer not to Answer
Hardly anyone in the government is corrupt	<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 government exists for the benefit of a few big interest groups	<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 government is very capable of achieving its goals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When the government passes a new law or policy, it is generally implemented as it was intended	<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 policies and laws are often implemented with damaging effects to 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"/>

### 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"/>

### Values Suvey

Please, rate the importance of the following values as a life-guiding principle for you. Please use the following scale of "Not Important" to "Of Supreme Importance" to indicate which values are most important to you. If a value is against you belief system, please indicate that by selecting "Opposed to my Principles." If you prefer not to answer, please select "Prefer not to Answer."

	Opposed to my Principles	Not At All Important	Not Very Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Highly Important	Of Supreme Importance	Prefer Not to Answer
POWER (social power, authority, wealth)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



	Opposed to my Principles	Not At All Important	Not Very Important	Slightly Important	Moderately Important	Very Important	Highly Important	Of Supreme Importance	Prefer Not to Answer
ACHIEVEMENT (success, capability, ambition, influence on people and events)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
HEDONISM (gratification of desires, enjoyment in life, self-indulgence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
STIMULATION (daring, a varied and challenging life, an exciting life)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SELF-DIRECTION (creativity, freedom, curiosity, independence, choosing one's own goals)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
UNIVERSALISM (broad-mindedness, beauty of nature and arts, social justice, a world at peace, equality, wisdom, unity with nature, environmental protection)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
BENEVOLENCE (helpfulness, honesty, forgiveness, loyalty, responsibility)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TRADITION (respect for tradition, humbleness, accepting one's portion in life, devotion, modesty)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CONFORMITY (obedience, honoring parents and elders, self-discipline, politeness)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SECURITY (national security, family security, social order, cleanliness, reciprocation of favors)	<input type="radio"/>	<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 other church or religious based activities besides attending services?

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

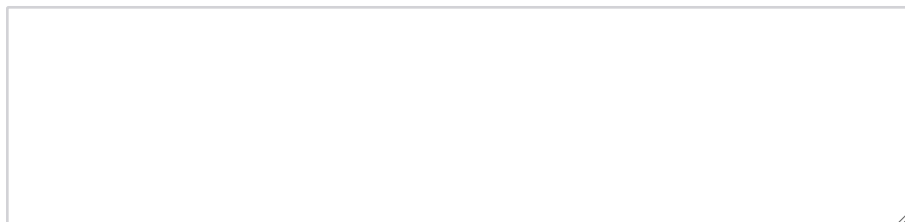
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Dear Participant,

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this study! The primary goal of this study is to understand how people view the potential for society to get worse/better and how it relates to political ideology and philosophical beliefs, such as free will. Your participation will help to improve our understanding of this topic. If you have any comments/thoughts about your experience taking this study, please feel free to share them in the textbox provided below. If you have any questions your participation in this study, please feel free to contact the primary investigator of this study, Brendan Molinar, at the following email address: [molinarb@slu.edu](mailto:molinarb@slu.edu).

Sincerely,  
Brendan Molinar  
Psychology Department  
Saint Louis University

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