Study 2

Survey Flow

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Branch: New Branch

If

If survey Is Equal to 1

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observers = Black

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If survey Is Equal to 2

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observers = White

Block: Informed consent (1 Question)

Branch: New Branch

If

If observers Is Equal to Black

Group: Cause – Defunding Police

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cause = defunding the police

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

Group: Protesters – Black

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protesters = Black

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

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protest = for

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protest = against

Group: Protesters – White

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protesters = White

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

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protest = for

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protest = against

Branch: New Branch

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If observers Is Equal to White

Group: Cause – Defunding Police

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cause = defunding the police

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

Group: Protesters – Black

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protesters = Black

BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

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protest = for

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Group: Protesters – White

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BlockRandomizer: 1 - Evenly Present Elements

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protest = for

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protest = against

Branch: New Branch

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If protest Is Equal to for

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opposite = against

Branch: New Branch

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If protest Is Equal to against

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opposite = for

Standard: Scenario, Part 1 (4 Questions)

Standard: Scenario, Part 2 (7 Questions)

Standard: System-justifying beliefs (1 Question)

Standard: Reactions (6 Questions)

Standard: Demographics (2 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

If

If observers Is Equal to White

And What ethnic or racial group do you belong to? White Is Not Selected

ElseIf

If observers Is Equal to Black

And What ethnic or racial group do you belong to? Black Is Not Selected

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exclude = TRUE

EndSurvey: Advanced

Standard: Attention check (4 Questions)

Branch: New Branch

If

If In this study, you first read about a proposed solution to police violence. What was it? defunding the police Is Selected

Branch: New Branch

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If protest Is Equal to for

And In this study, you then read about protesters. Were these protesters for or against the proposed... For Is Selected

Branch: New Branch

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If protesters Is Equal to Black

And Were most of the protesters Black or White? Black Is Selected

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exclude = FALSE

Branch: New Branch

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If protesters Is Equal to White

And Were most of the protesters Black or White? White Is Selected

EmbeddedData

exclude = FALSE

Branch: New Branch

If

If protest Is Equal to against

And In this study, you then read about protesters. Were these protesters for or against the proposed... Against Is Selected

Branch: New Branch

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If protesters Is Equal to Black

And Were most of the protesters Black or White? Black Is Selected

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exclude = FALSE

Branch: New Branch

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If protesters Is Equal to White

And Were most of the protesters Black or White? White Is Selected

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exclude = FALSE

Branch: New Branch

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If exclude Is Empty

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exclude = TRUE

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Start of Block: Informed consent

Q1 We are collecting responses to this survey as part of a research project. This survey asks questions about recent events and about the kind of actions people might take in response to them. It also asks a few questions about your beliefs. It takes around five minutes to complete. If you choose to complete the survey, your responses will be recorded anonymously and you are free to leave any of the questions unanswered. You may quit the study at any point.  
   If you would like to learn more about this research project, please feel free to contact Dr. Jin X. Goh at [jin.goh@colby.edu](mailto:jin.goh@colby.edu). If you have any concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Chair of the Colby Institutional Review Board for Research with Human Subjects at [institutionalreviewboard@colby.edu](mailto:institutionalreviewboard@colby.edu).   
 **If you agree to participate in this study, please proceed to the next screen.**

End of Block: Informed consent

Start of Block: Scenario, Part 1

Q2 **Please read this text carefully. You will answer questions about it.**

Q3 In 2020, police officers killed Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Many were outraged that police officers had, once again, killed unarmed Black Americans. Across the United States, people called for changes to prevent future police violence.  
 Some argue that, to end police violence, we should take money away from police departments. Reducing police funding would mean fewer police officers on the street. Fewer police officers would mean fewer opportunities for them to turn violent. Reducing police funding would also leave more money for other services. Proponents argue for reallocating police funding to social services, housing, and education. Doing so would keep communities safer with fewer police officers. We refer to this position as “defunding the police”. This position differs from “reforming the police” which might mean increasing police funding and also differs from “abolishing the police” which means disbanding police departments altogether.

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Q4 What position does the text describe?

* reforming the police (1)
* defunding the police (2)
* abolishing the police (3)

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Q5 Do you support or oppose defunding the police?

* Strongly oppose (1)
* Somewhat oppose (2)
* Undecided (3)
* Somewhat support (4)
* Strongly support (5)

End of Block: Scenario, Part 1

Start of Block: Scenario, Part 2

Q6 **Please read this text carefully. You will answer questions about it.**

Display This Question:

If protest = for

Q7 Earlier, you read about defunding the police as a possible solution to end police violence. Some local residents want to protest *for* defunding the police. They argue that reducing police funding would prevent police violence. Most of the protesters are ${e://Field/protesters}.

Display This Question:

If protest = against

Q8 Earlier, you read about defunding the police as a possible solution to end police violence. Some local residents want to protest *against* defunding the police. They argue that reducing police funding would mean fewer police officers serving their community. Most of the protesters are ${e://Field/protesters}.

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Q9 Are the protesters for or against defunding the police?

* For (1)
* Against (2)

Display This Question:

If protesters = Black

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Q10 Who are the protesters?

* They are local residents. Most of them are White. (1)
* They are local residents. Most of them are Black. (2)
* They are from outside the local area. (3)

Display This Question:

If protesters = White

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Q11 Who are the protesters?

* They are local residents. Most of them are White. (1)
* They are local residents. Most of them are Black. (2)
* They are from outside the local area. (3)

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Q12   
Think about the protesters described on the last page. Here is a list of actions they might take to protest ${e://Field/protest} defunding the police. When answering this question, please ignore restrictions related to COVID-19 that might affect any of these actions.  
   
    
**Do you think this action is an acceptable means for them to protest ${e://Field/protest} defunding the police?**

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|  | Yes (1) | No (0) |
| attend a protest march even though it might be unlawful (Q15\_1) |  |  |
| hand out flyers, leaflets, or pamphlets (Q15\_2) |  |  |
| make a public speech (Q15\_3) |  |  |
| hold meetings to influence the public (Q15\_4) |  |  |
| attend or organise a protest march (Q15\_5) |  |  |
| wear or display political symbols (e.g., patches, flags, bumper stickers) (Q15\_6) |  |  |
| use social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to influence the public (Q15\_7) |  |  |
| refuse to buy goods or services from companies that advocate *${e://Field/opposite}* defunding the police (boycott) (Q15\_8) |  |  |
| paste up posters with political messages in places where it is allowed and encouraged (Q15\_9) |  |  |
| join or form a group of activists (Q15\_10) |  |  |
| refuse to accept honors or awards in protest (Q15\_11) |  |  |
| donate to politicians who advocate *${e://Field/protest}* defunding the police (Q15\_12) |  |  |
| refuse to work (strike) (Q15\_13) |  |  |
| pay for adverts on social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to influence public opinion (Q15\_14) |  |  |
| donate to activist groups (Q15\_15) |  |  |
| visit people in their homes to convince them about the issue (canvassing, door knocking) (Q15\_16) |  |  |
| stand or sit in a building and refuse to leave (stand-in, sit-in) (Q15\_17) |  |  |
| attend a protest march while carrying a firearm (where legal) (Q15\_18) |  |  |
| enter and refuse to leave a building (occupation) (Q15\_19) |  |  |
| paste up posters with political messages in places where it is not allowed or encouraged (Q15\_20) |  |  |
| disrupt traffic (e.g., blocking roads) (Q15\_21) |  |  |
| refuse to pay fees, fines, or taxes in protest (Q15\_22) |  |  |
| mock or insult individuals who are *${e://Field/opposite}* defunding the police (Q15\_23) |  |  |
| spray paint political messages in public places (Q15\_24) |  |  |
| attend a protest march even though it might turn violent (Q15\_25) |  |  |

End of Block: Scenario, Part 2

Start of Block: System-justifying beliefs

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Q13 Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements.

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| In general, I find society to be fair. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| In general, the American system operates as it should. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| American society needs to be radically restructured. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The United States is the best country in the world to live in. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Most policies serve the greater good. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Every one has a fair shot at wealth and happiness. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Our society is getting worse every year. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Society is set up so that people usually get what they deserve. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: System-justifying beliefs

Start of Block: Reactions

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Q14 How outraged are you about recent incidents of police violence against Black Americans?

* 1Not at all (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 (5)
* 6 (6)
* 7Very much (7)

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Q15 To what extent do you identify with the protesters described in this study?

* 1Not at all (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 (5)
* 6 (6)
* 7Very much (7)

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Q16 To what extent do you identify with ${e://Field/observers} Americans?

* 1Not at all (1)
* 2 (2)
* 3 (3)
* 4 (4)
* 5 (5)
* 6 (6)
* 7Very much (7)

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Q17 How often, if at all, have you participated in protest actions such as the ones we have asked about earlier?

* Never (1)
* Rarely (2)
* Sometimes (3)
* Often (4)
* Very often (5)

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Q18 Have you participated in any of the following protests?

* Yes, *for* reforming, defunding or abolishing the police. (1)
* Yes, *against* reforming, defunding or abolishing the police. (2)
* No. (3)

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Q19 People often describe their political orientation as liberal or conservative. On a scale from liberal to conservative, where would you position yourself?

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|  | 1 (1) | 2 (2) | 3 (3) | 4 (4) | 5 (5) | 6 (6) | 7 (7) |  |
| Liberal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Conservative |

End of Block: Reactions

Start of Block: Demographics

Q20 Please answer the following questions.

* What is your gender? (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How old are you? (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Q21 What ethnic or racial group do you belong to?

* White (1)
* Black (2)
* Asian (3)
* Mixed (4)
* Other (5)

End of Block: Demographics

Start of Block: Attention check

Q22 **You're almost done. Please answer the following questions.**

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Q23 In this study, you first read about a proposed solution to police violence. What was it?

* reforming the police (1)
* defunding the police (2)
* abolishing the police (3)

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Q24 In this study, you then read about protesters. Were these protesters for or against the proposed solution?

* For (1)
* Against (2)

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Q25 Were most of the protesters Black or White?

* Black (1)
* White (2)

End of Block: Attention check