Text Materials

1. The social/political topics and their corresponding statements:

Some of these topics and statements are not the same as in the original study.

- **Gun control:** "Adults should have the right to carry a concealed handgun"
- **Feminism:** "Feminism is important and beneficial to modern society"
- **AfD:** "AfD winning the next federal election will be good for Germany"
- **Refugees:** "Should Refugees be allowed to come to Germany?"
- **Transgender rights**: "Transgender people should be allowed to use the bathrooms of the gender they identify as"
- **Drug legalization**: "Possession of drugs should be legalized"
- **Buying and wearing fur:** "Buying and wearing fur is wrong"
- **Taxing religious organizations:** "Religious organizations should be taxed"

2. Moral Dilemma:

"Imagine you have witnessed a man rob a bank. However, you then saw him do something unexpected with the money. He donated it all to a run-down orphanage that would benefit greatly from the money. You must decide whether to call the police and report the robber or do nothing and leave the robber alone."

3. Understanding check questions:

- Participants chose which action they preferred (correct)
- Due to a computer error, participants were not allocated equally to imagine performing the different actions (incorrect)
- No data was saved during the experiment. (incorrect)
- The participants completed the experiment with their eyes closed. (incorrect)

4. Identity check formulations for both in- and outgroup:

These were not given in the materials of the original study According to Pryor et al. (2019) the identity checks were to have the template of and are always preceded by: "I identify with [INGROUP]" and "I identify with [OUTGROUP]". We generated the following values to replace the [INGROUP] and [OUTGROUP] with the appropriate terms corresponding to the participant's chosen political topic:

INGROUP

- Pro gun enthusiasts
- Pro-feminist advocates
- AfD supporters
- Pro Immigration proponents
- Transgender rights activists
- Pro legalization advocates
- Pro fur wearing advocates
- Advocates of taxing religious institutions

OUTGROUP

- Anti-gun advocates
- Feminism critics
- Anti-AfD advocates
- Anti-Immigration advocates
- Transgender critics
- Anti legalization advocates
- Animal rights advocates
- Adversaries of taxing religious institutions

5. Second **exploratory** understanding check:

We added this step to the original experimental paradigm.
- The majority of people who agreed with you on [topic] chose to leave the robber alone.
- The majority of people who agreed with you on [topic] chose to call the police.

6. Additional **exploratory** question:

I would prefer the company of someone who agrees with me on [topic] over the company of someone who disagrees with me on [topic].