Happiness - Evil Agent - Moral Q

Consent Research Informed Consent   Intuitions on Social Judgments   Purpose: We are conducting a research study to examine people’s ordinary intuitions about how they make social judgments.   Procedures: Participation in this study will involve filling out a brief questionnaire.  We anticipate that your involvement will require approximately three to four minutes.  You will be compensated financially for participating. You must be at least 18 years of age to participate.   Risks and Benefits: You will be paid for participation through Amazon's Mechanical Turk. Further, we hope that our results will add to scientific knowledge about people’s ordinary causal intuitions.   Confidentiality: All of your responses will be anonymous. Only the researchers involved in this study and those responsible for research oversight will have access to the information you provide.    Voluntary Participation: Participation in this study is completely voluntary.  You are free to decline to participate, to end participation at any time for any reason, or to refuse to answer any individual question without penalty.   Questions: If you have any questions about this study, you may contact the investigator, Joshua Knobe at joshua.knobe@yale.edu. If you would like to talk with someone other than the researchers to discuss problems or concerns, to discuss situations in the event that a member of the research team is not available, or to discuss your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Yale University Human Subjects Committee, Box 208252, New Haven, CT  06520-8252, 203-436-3650, human.subjects@yale.edu. Additional information is available at http://www.yale.edu/hsc/Subject/subjectsrights.htm        Do you voluntarily consent to participate in this study?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

immoVign Please carefully read the following story. You will be asked some questions about it afterward.   Maria is a mother of three children, who wants to live the life of a celebrity in L.A. In fact, she has even started trying to date a few famous people. Maria usually works hard to become popular. She often finds herself rushing from one social gathering to the next and is always going to pick up some alcohol or a dress.   Maria is completely preoccupied with becoming popular. She is no longer concerned with being honest or nice to her old friends unless they know someone famous. Almost every night she ends up drinking or partying with famous people she wants to be like.   Almost every single day Maria is in a great mood and generally experiences a lot of pleasant emotions. In fact, it is very rare that she would ever experience negative emotions like sadness or loneliness. When Maria thinks about her life, she always comes to the same conclusion: she is highly satisfied with the way she lives.

immoMoral Now please tell us your thoughts about the moral value of Maria’s life using the scale below.

* Most immoral life possible (1)
* (2)
* (3)
* In between (4)
* (5)
* (6)
* Completely morally fine (7)

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evilVign Please carefully read the following story. You will be asked some questions about it afterward.   Maria is part of a violent terrorist group called White Nation. From an extremely young age, she has believed that only white people are good and that all black people should be killed or locked away in prisons. Every day, she is busy working with the other members of her group to make sure this happens. They are currently plotting to blow up a number of civil rights museums and black churches around the country.   Maria is completely preoccupied with her goal, and only talks with white people who share her beliefs. Almost every night, she ends up talking with the other white supremacists about how to take back their country and eliminate or imprison everyone who is not white.   Almost every single day Maria is in a great mood and generally experiences a lot of pleasant emotions. In fact, it is very rare that she would ever experience negative emotions like sadness or loneliness. When Maria thinks about her life, she always comes to the same conclusion: she is highly satisfied with the way she lives.

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DemoInstr   In this part of the experiment, we'd like you to answer a series of background questions.   Your answers to these questions are very helpful, and are for research purposes only. Remember that your responses are entirely anonymous. If you feel uncomfortable with a question in this section, you can leave the question blank.

Age What is your age?

Gender What is your gender?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)

Ethnicity What is your ethnicity?

* Black / African American (1)
* Hispanic / Latino (2)
* Asian / Pacific Islander (3)
* Native American / American Indian (4)
* White / Caucasian (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Education Please indicate the highest level of education completed.

* Grammar School (1)
* High School or equivalent (2)
* Vocational/Technical School (2 year) (3)
* Some College (4)
* College Graduate (4 year) (5)
* Master's Degree (MS) (6)
* Doctoral Degree (PhD) (7)
* Professional Degree (MD, JD, etc.) (8)
* Other (9)

SES Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States. At the top of the ladder are the people who have the most money, most education, and most respected jobs. At the bottom are the people who have the least money, least education, and least respected jobs or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top, and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom. Where would you place yourself on this ladder? Please select the rung where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in the United States.

* Rung 10 (Top Rung) (1)
* Rung 9 (2)
* Rung 8 (3)
* Rung 7 (4)
* Rung 6 (5)
* Rung 5 (6)
* Rung 4 (7)
* Rung 3 (8)
* Rung 2 (9)
* Rung 1 (Bottom Rung) (10)