

# Corporate Essence - Identity

## Asymmetry, firm size

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### Start of Block: Consent

#### consent **Informed Consent**

##### **Participation is voluntary**

It is your choice whether or not to participate in this research. If you choose to participate, you may change your mind and leave the study at any time. Refusal to participate or stopping your participation will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

##### **What is the purpose of this research?**

The purpose of this research is to examine human judgments. All data from this experiment are gathered for scientific purposes and will contribute to our eventual understanding of behaviors and attitudes. These data may be published in scientific journals so that other researchers may have access to these data.

##### **How long will I take part in this research?**

Your participation will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

##### **What can I expect if I take part in this research?**

As a participant, you will be asked to look at images and information presented on the screen display and asked to respond to it. Your response may involve responding as quickly as you can, memorizing what you saw, making a judgment, or completing a questionnaire. You will also be asked to complete a demographics form.

##### **What are the risks and possible discomforts?**

If you choose to participate, the effects should be comparable to those you would experience from viewing a computer monitor for 5-10 minutes and using a mouse or keyboard, e.g., eye fatigue. You are free to take breaks throughout the session. Some of the images and stories are mildly emotional, and some of the written stories are disgust-inducing.

##### **Will I be compensated for participating in this research?**

You will be compensated \$1.20 for this study. You will still receive payment if you withdraw early.

##### **If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?**

Your participation in this experiment will remain confidential, and your identity will not be stored

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- ☐ I agree (1)
- ☐ I don't agree (2)

End of Block: Consent

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Start of Block: Attention Check

att\_1 This is an attention check.

John is 45 years old and Paul is 42 years old. Who is younger?

- ☐ John (1)
- ☐ Paul (4)
- ☐ Neither John nor Paul (2)
- ☐ Both John and Paul (3)

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att\_2 What color is the sky when it is clear?

Please make sure to select green, so that we know you're paying attention.

☐ Green (1)

☐ Blue (2)

End of Block: Attention Check

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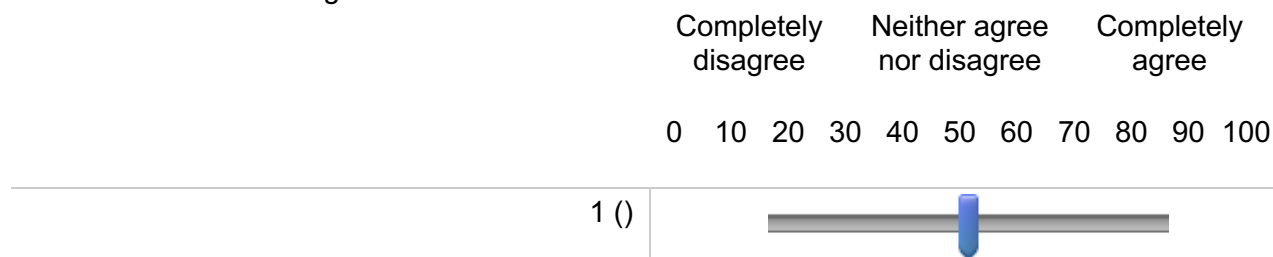
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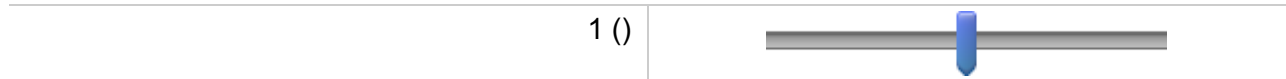
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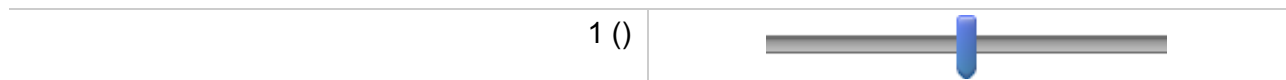


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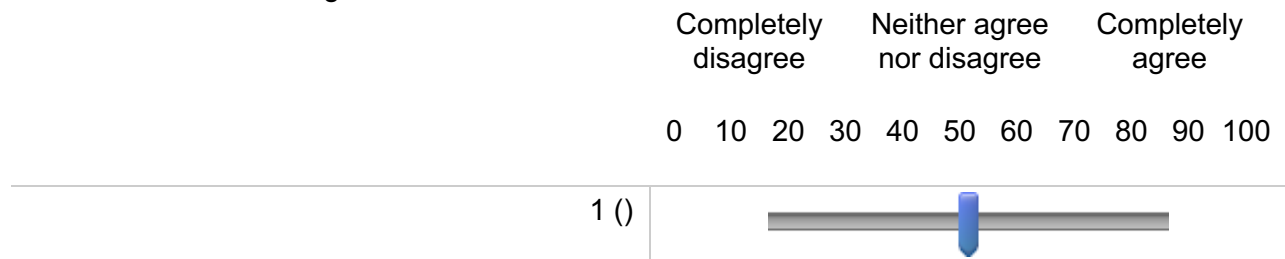
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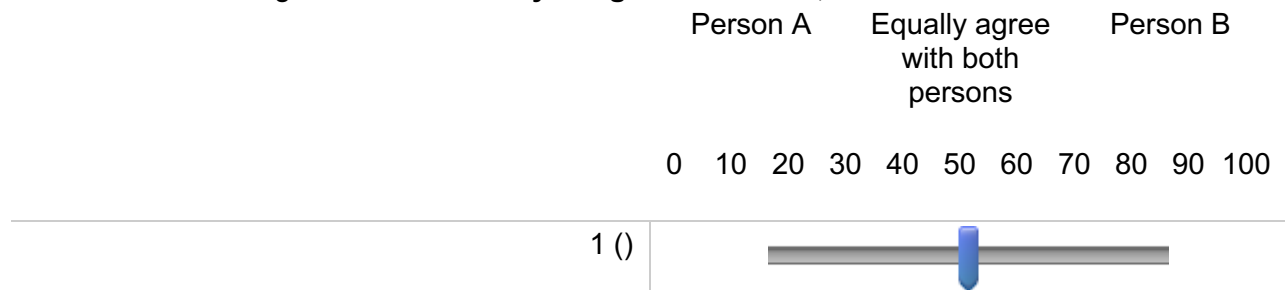
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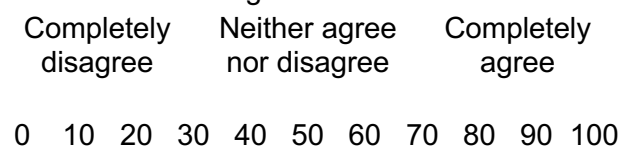


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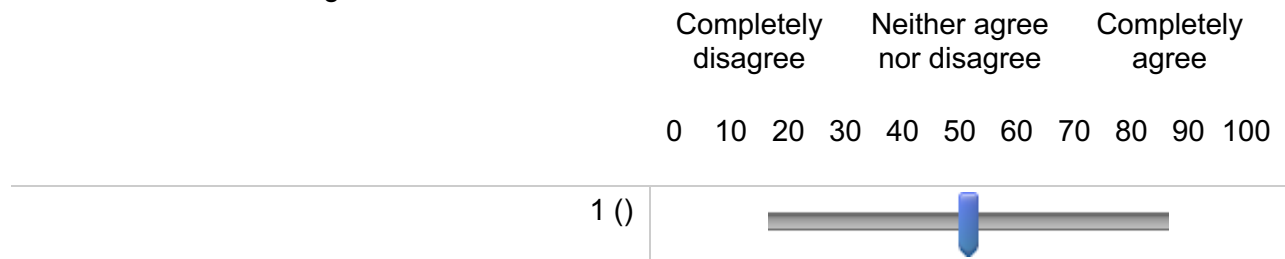
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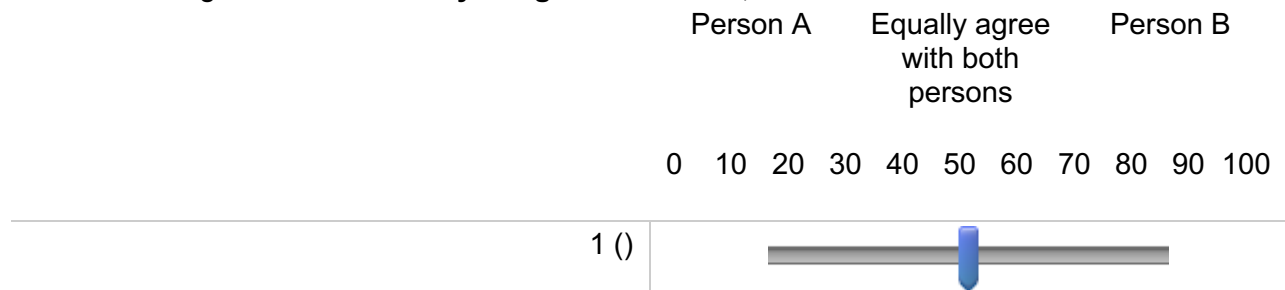


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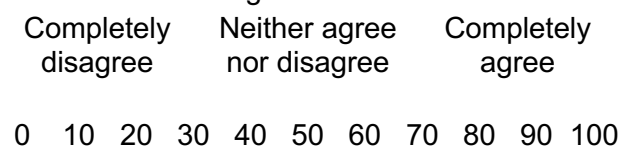


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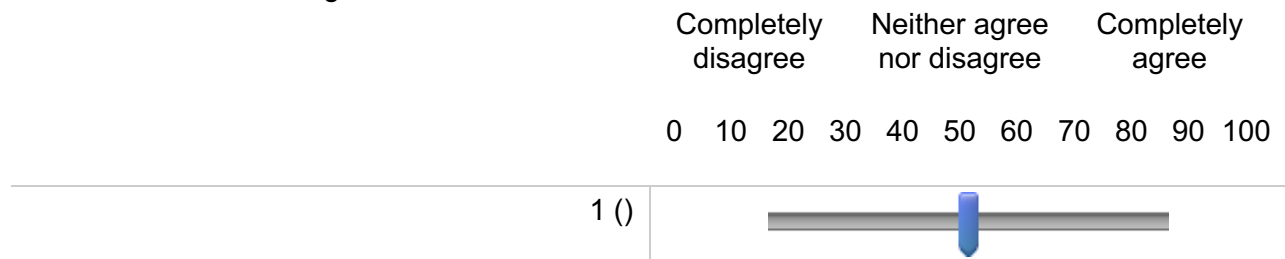
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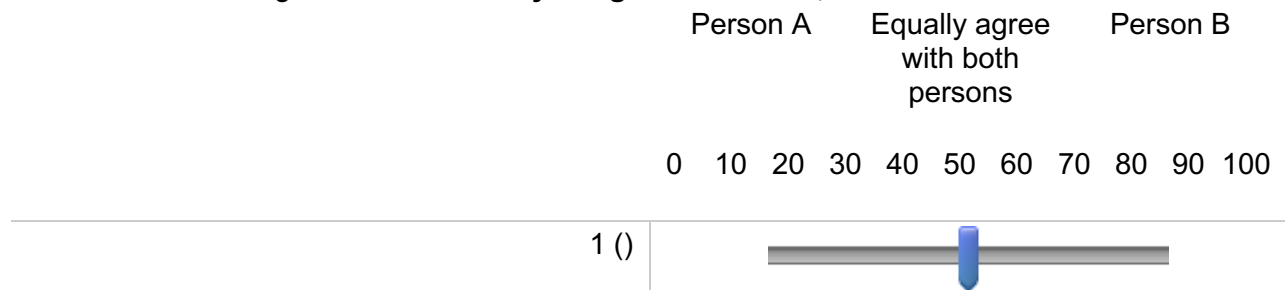
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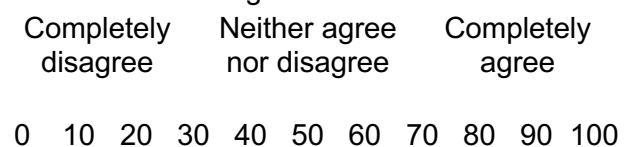


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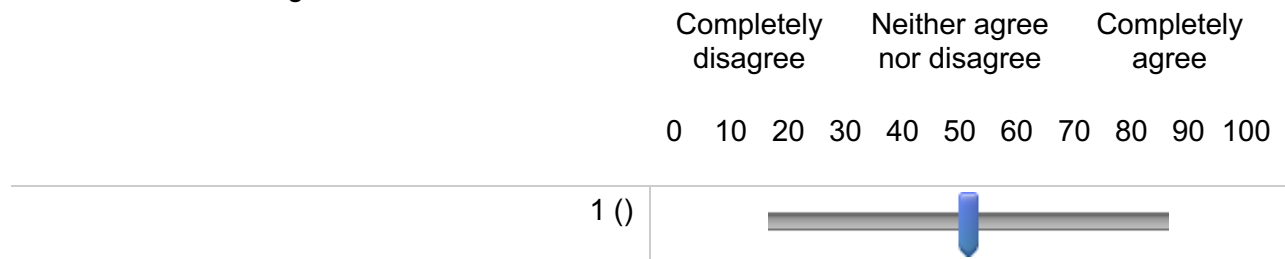
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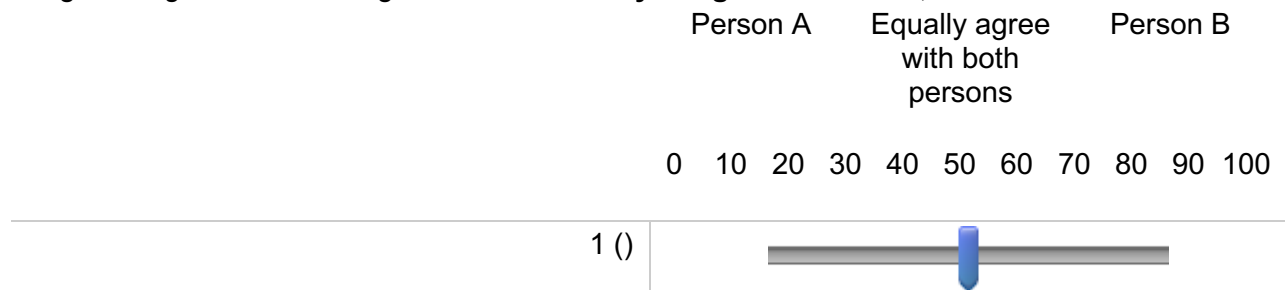
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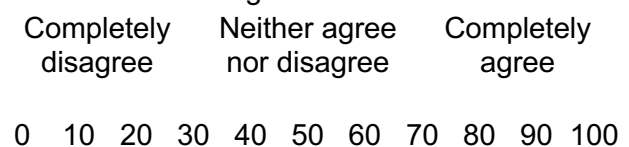


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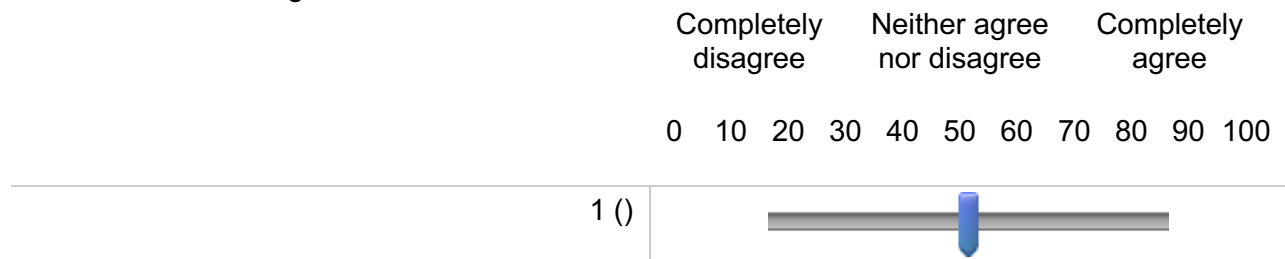
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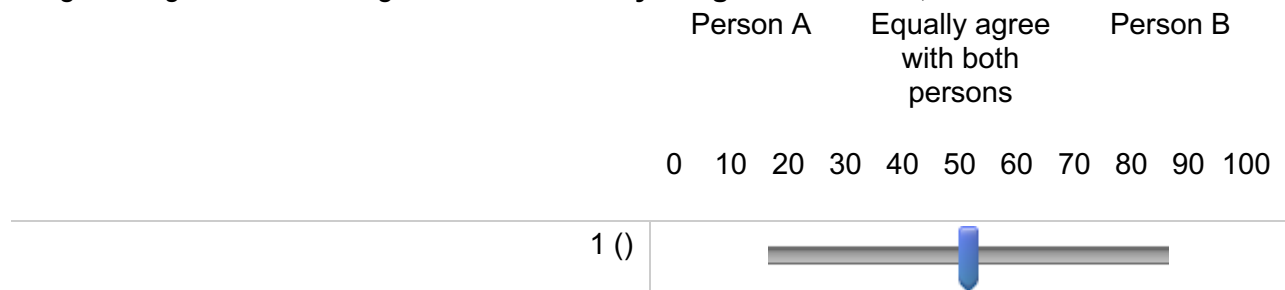
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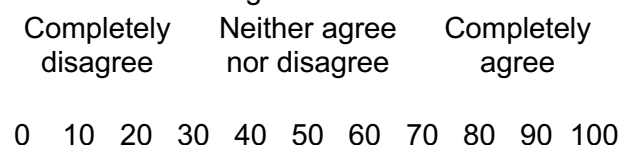


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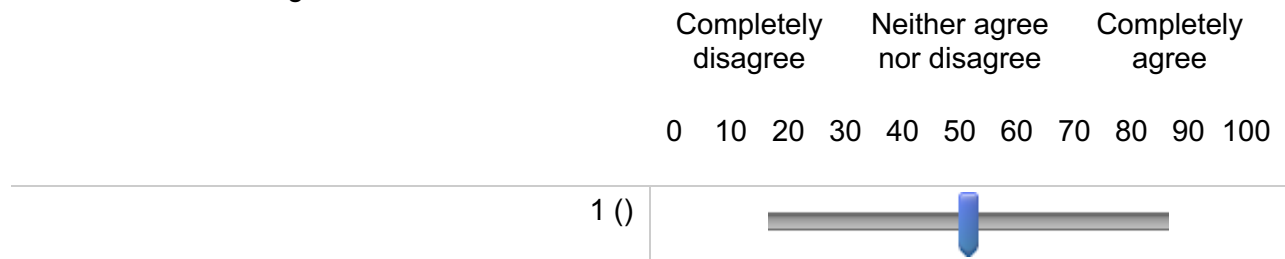
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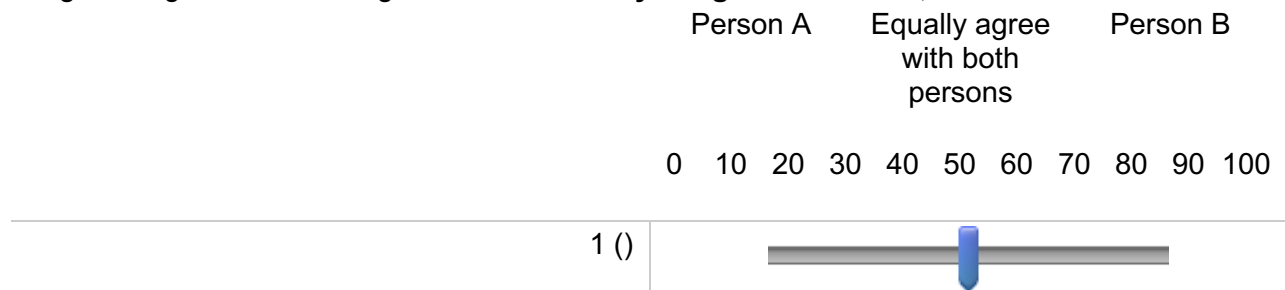
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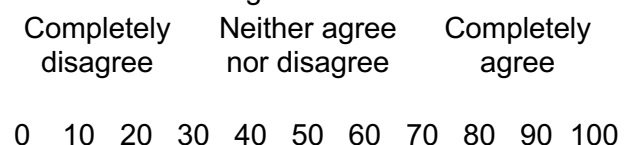


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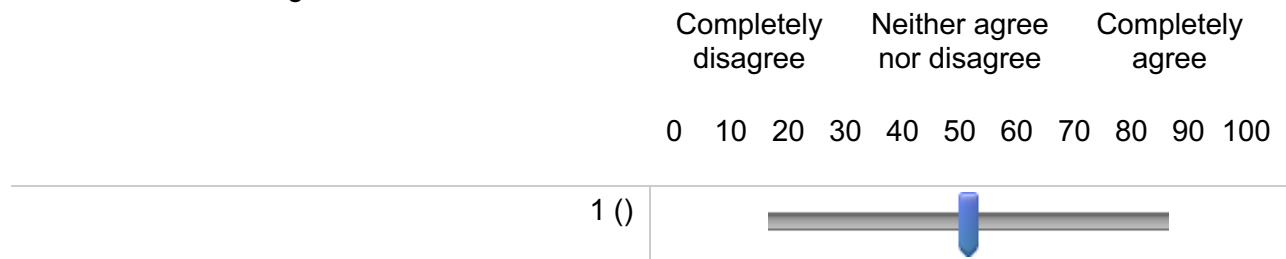
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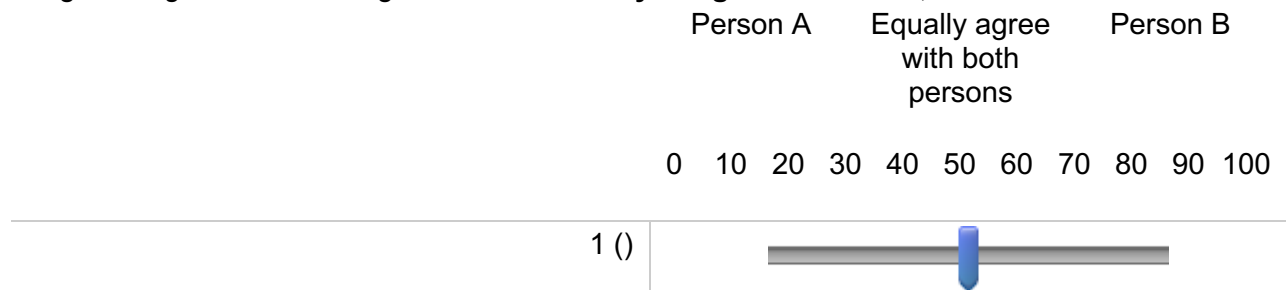
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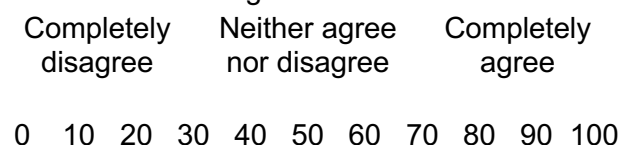


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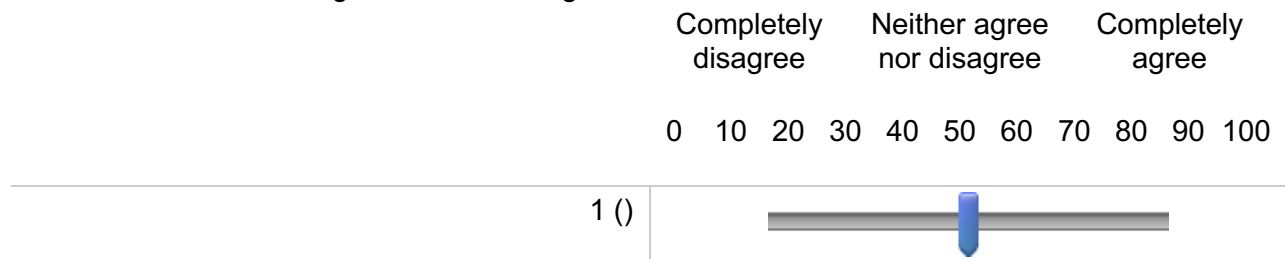
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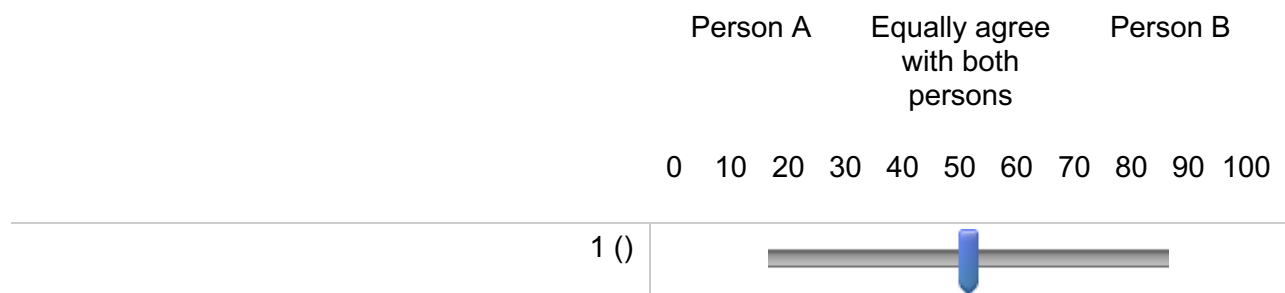
*Wonderland Clothing* is a very small, 5 person clothing company. The majority of its clothes are intentionally made using paid adult labor in its factory, while some of its other clothes are intentionally made using unpaid child labor based in a poor country. Over the years,

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WL\_detiriorate\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes.



WL\_detiriorate\_Q2 Person A thinks that *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is still the same company as *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Wonderland Clothing* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Wonderland Clothing* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



WL\_det\_essence Now, think of the true essence of *Wonderland Clothing*. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of *Wonderland Clothing*.

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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Deteriorate

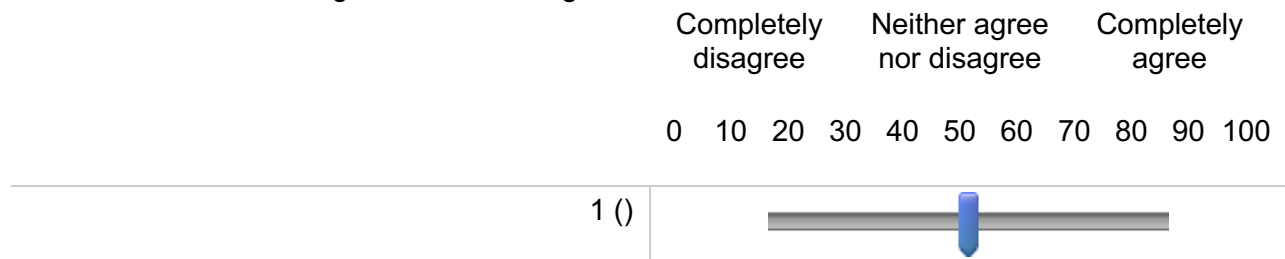
Start of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Deteriorate (Big)

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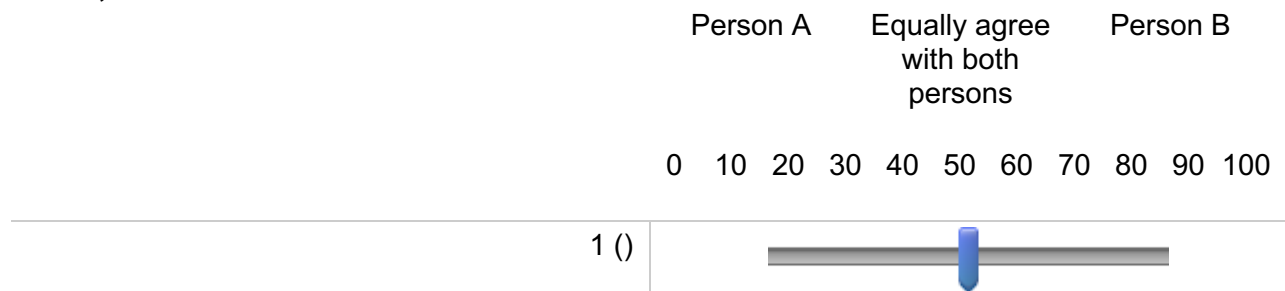
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WL\_detiriorate\_Q1\_b **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes.



WL\_detiriorate\_Q2\_b Person A thinks that *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is still the same company as *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Wonderland Clothing* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Wonderland Clothing* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Deteriorate (Big)

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Start of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Improve

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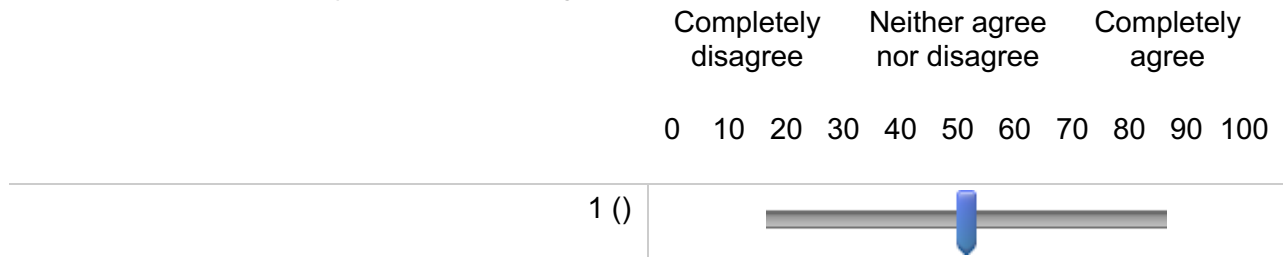
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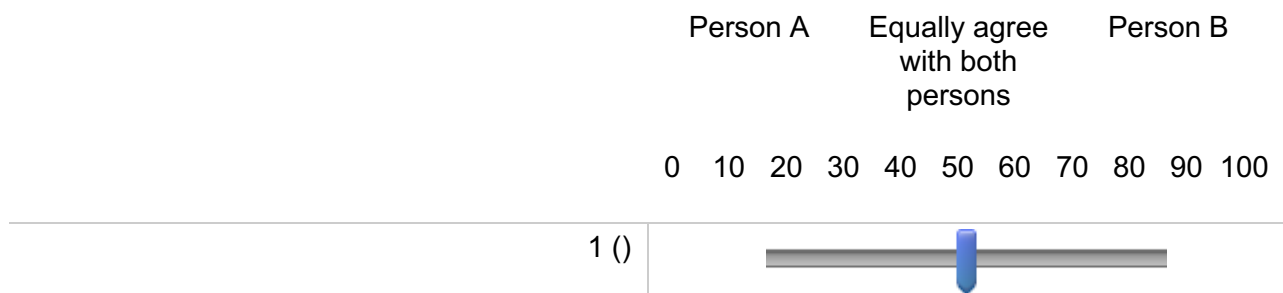
*Clothing* change their policies. Now, after these changes, the majority of its clothing are intentionally made using paid adult labor in its factory.

WL\_improve\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following**

**statement:** The *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes.



WL\_improve\_Q2 Person A thinks that *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is still the same company as *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Wonderland Clothing* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Wonderland Clothing* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



WL\_im\_essence Now, think of the true essence of *Wonderland Clothing*. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of *Wonderland Clothing*.

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End of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Improve

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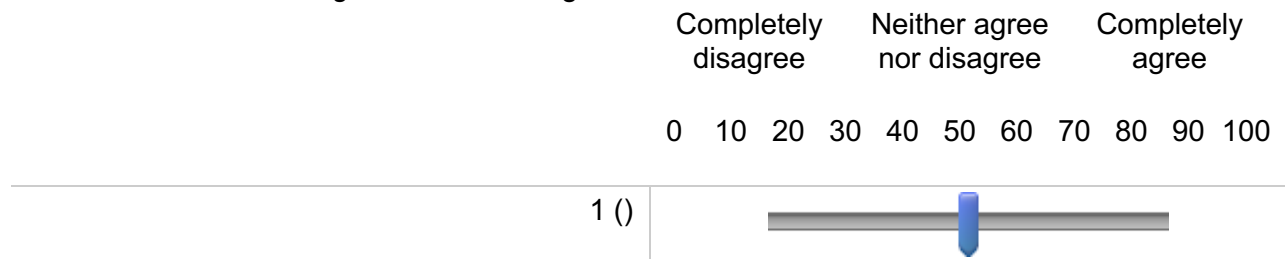
Start of Block: Wonderland Clothing, Improve (Big)

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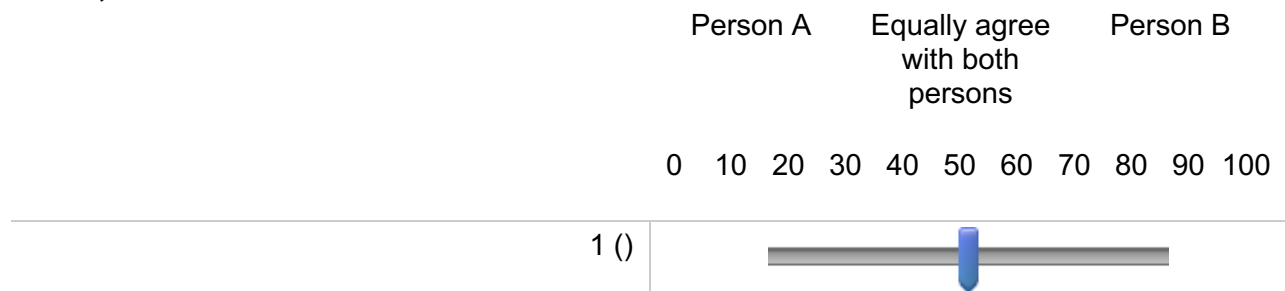
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WL\_improve\_Q1\_b **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes.



WL\_improve\_Q2\_b Person A thinks that *Wonderland Clothing* after the changes is still the same company as *Wonderland Clothing* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Wonderland Clothing* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Wonderland Clothing* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: *Wonderland Clothing, Improve (Big)*

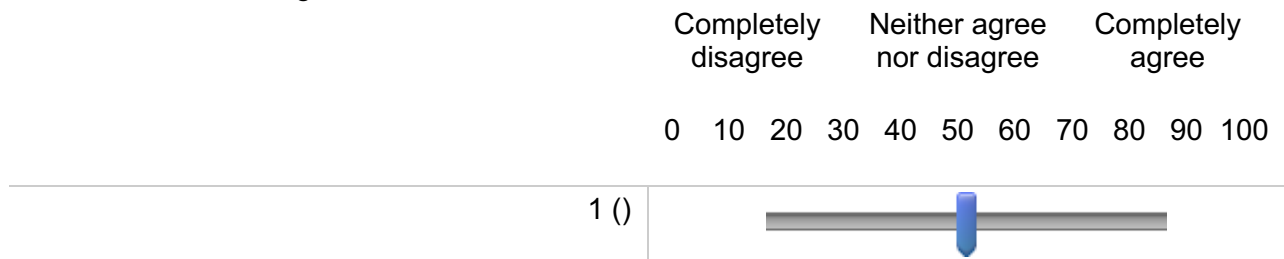
Start of Block: *Access Mart, Deteriorate*

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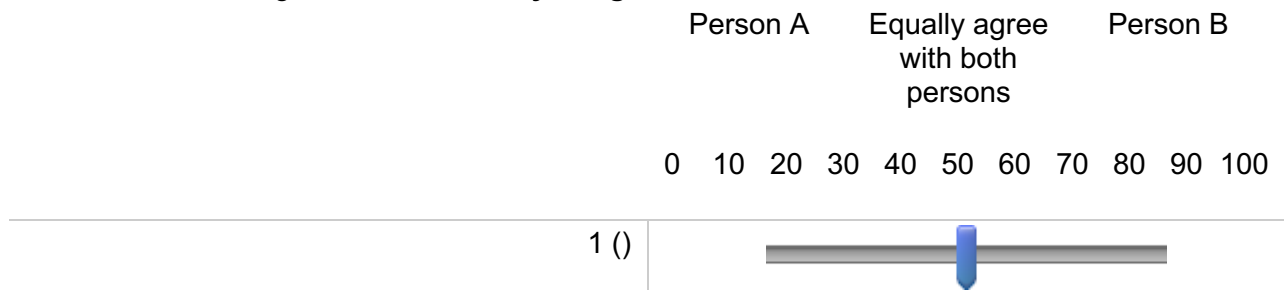
*Access Mart* is a very small, 5 person convenience store company. The majority of returns and refund policies are intentionally convenient and easy for the customers, while some of the returns and refund cases intentionally ignore consumer protection regulations which makes

returns and refund difficult for some customers. Over the years, Access Mart change their policies. Now, after these changes, the majority of the returns and refund policies intentionally ignore consumer protection regulations which makes returns and refund difficult for most customers.

AM\_deteriorate\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Access Mart* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Access Mart* before the changes.

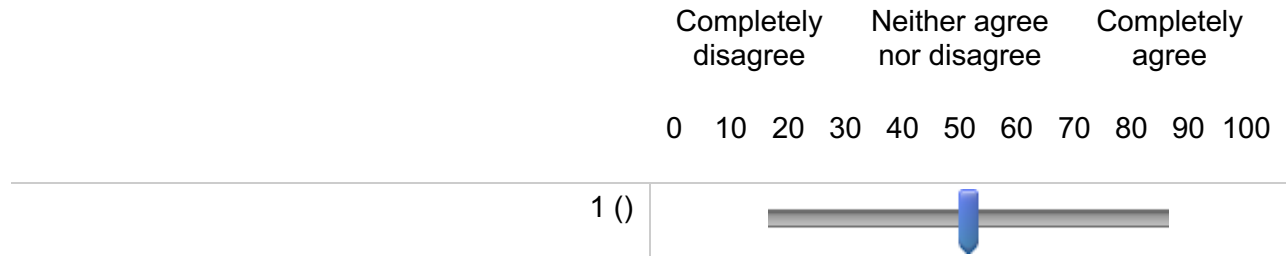


AM\_deteriorate\_Q2 Person A thinks that *Access Mart* after the changes is still the same company as *Access Mart* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Access Mart* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Access Mart* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



AM\_det\_essence Now, think of the true essence of Access Mart. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of Access Mart.

How much do you agree with the following statement: The *Access Mart* after the changes no longer reflects the true essence of the Access Mart before the changes.



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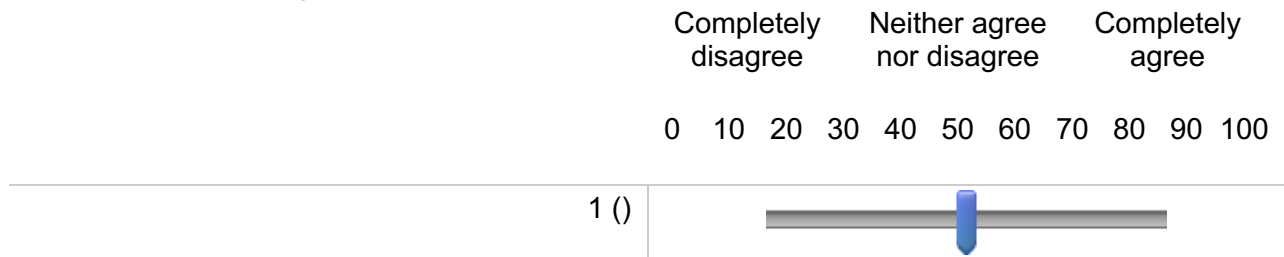
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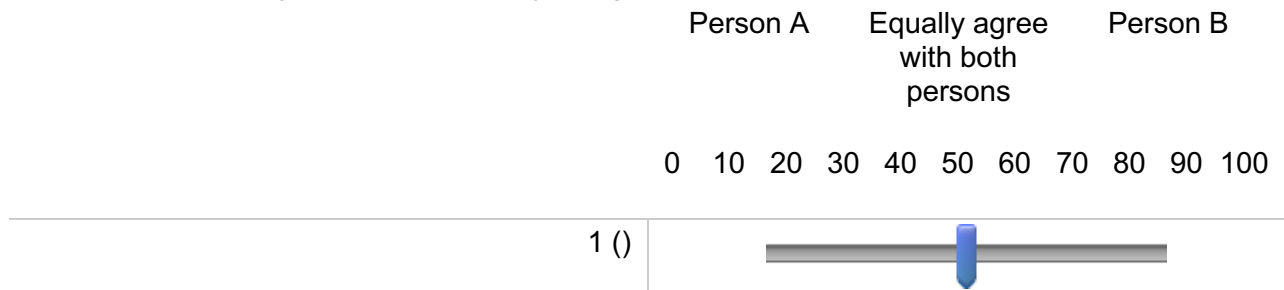
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AM\_deteriorate\_Q1\_b **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Access Mart* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Access Mart* before the changes.

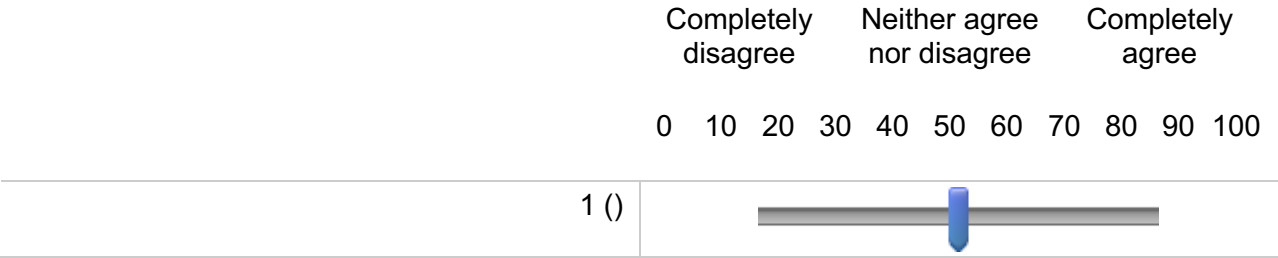


AM\_deteriorate\_Q2\_b Person A thinks that *Access Mart* after the changes is still the same company as *Access Mart* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Access Mart* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Access Mart* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

- ☐ Very Large (1)
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End of Block: *Access Mart*, Deteriorate (Big)

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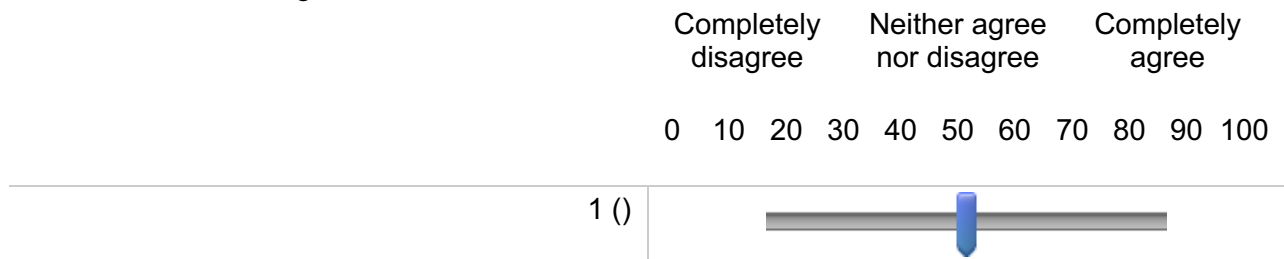
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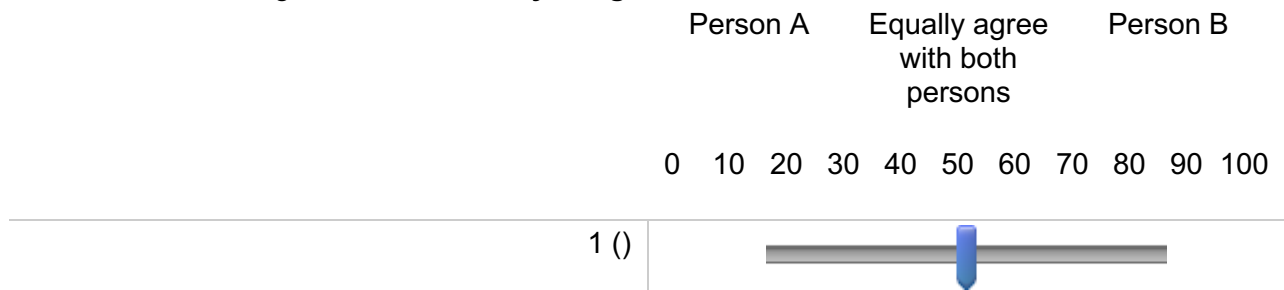
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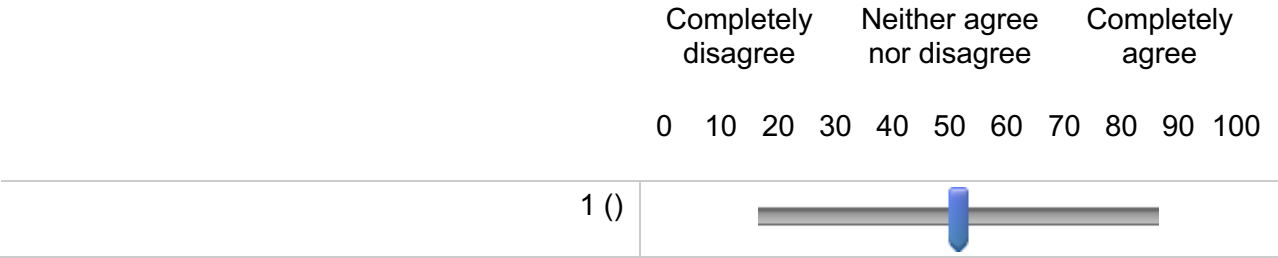


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End of Block: Access Mart, Improve

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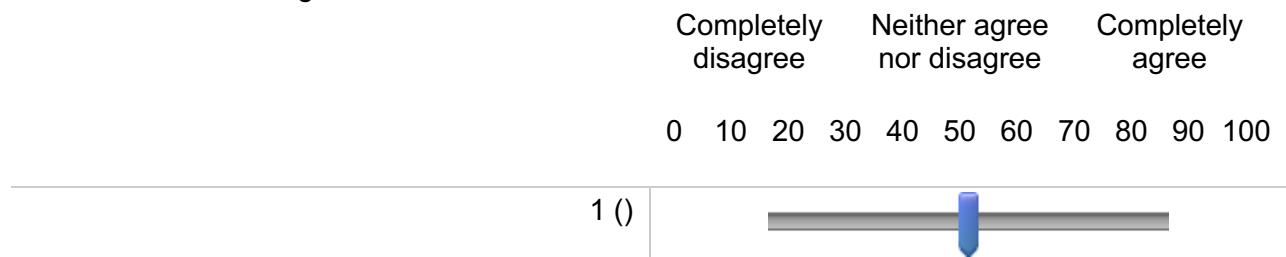
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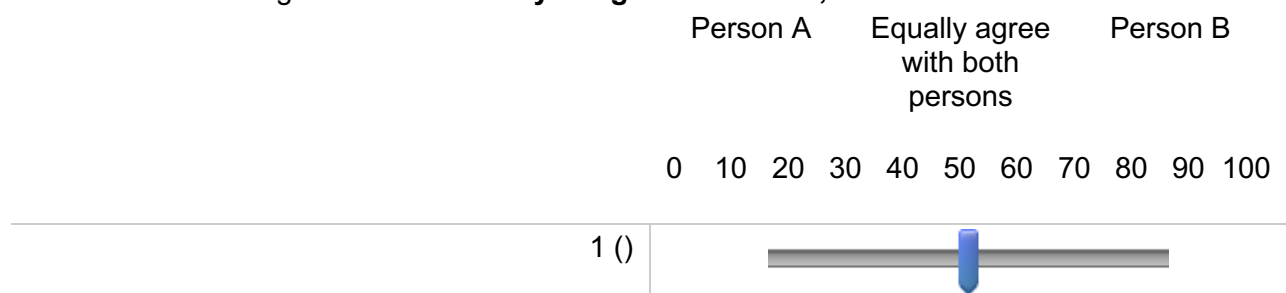
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AM\_improve\_Q1\_b **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Access Mart* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Access Mart* before the changes.



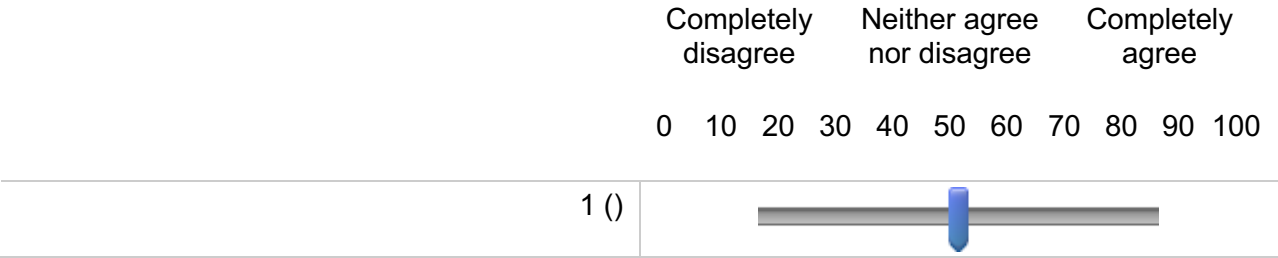
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comprehension\_chk\_Q2 After the changes, how would you describe *Access Mart*?

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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

- ☐ Very Large (1)
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End of Block: *Access Mart*, Improve (Big)

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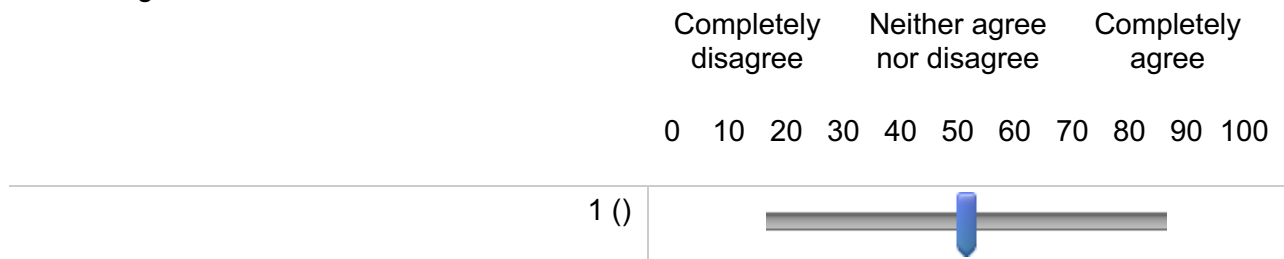
Start of Block: *Tecigo*, Deteriorate

TC\_deteriorate\_vig **Read the scenario below about a company carefully. Once you are finished, you will be asked to answer some questions about it.**

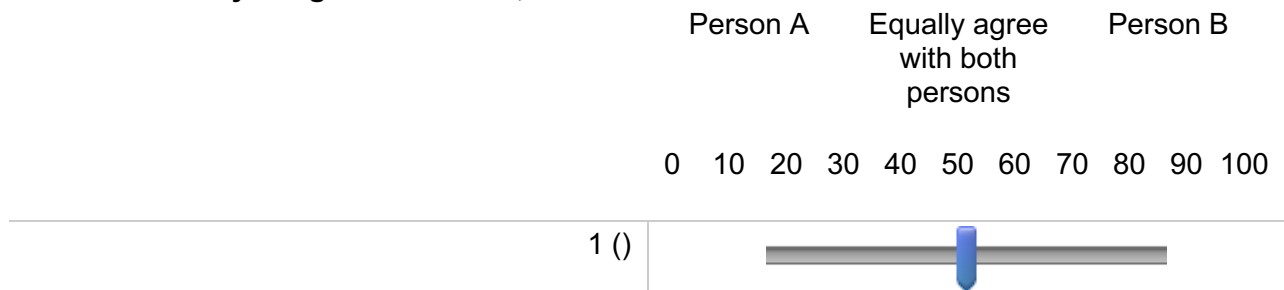
*Tecigo* is a very small, 5 person technology company. The majority of its products are intentionally made using the labor of well-paid factory workers, while some of its other products are intentionally made using the labor of underpaid factory workers. Over the years, *Tecigo*

change their policies. Now, after these changes, the majority of its products are intentionally made using the labor of underpaid factory workers.

TC\_deteriorate\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Tecigo* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Tecigo* before the changes.

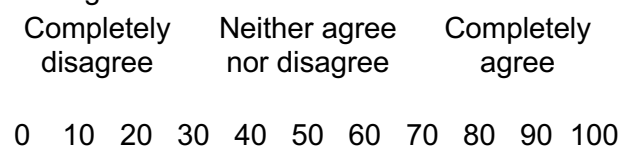


TC\_deteriorate\_Q2 Person A thinks that *Tecigo* after the changes is still the same company as *Tecigo* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Tecigo* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Tecigo* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



TC\_det\_essence Now, think of the true essence of *Tecigo*. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of *Tecigo*.

How much do you agree with the following statement: The *Tecigo* after the changes no longer reflects the true essence of the *Tecigo* before the changes.



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comprehension\_chk\_Q1 Before the changes, how would you describe *Tecigo*?

- ☐ The majority of its products are intentionally made using the labor of well-paid factory workers, while some of its other products are intentionally made using the labor of underpaid factory workers. (2)
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comprehension\_chk\_Q2 After the changes, how would you describe *Tecigo*?

- ☐ The majority of its products are intentionally made using the labor of well-paid factory workers, while some of its other products are intentionally made using the labor of underpaid factory workers. (2)
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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

- ☐ Very Large (1)
- ☐ Very Small (2)

End of Block: *Tecigo*, Deteriorate

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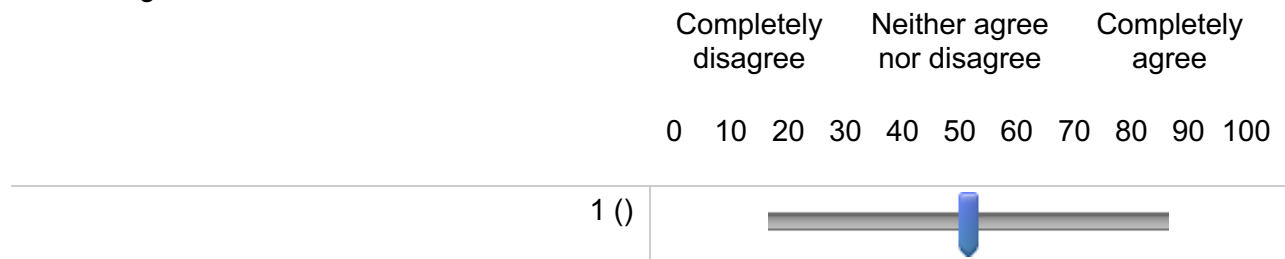
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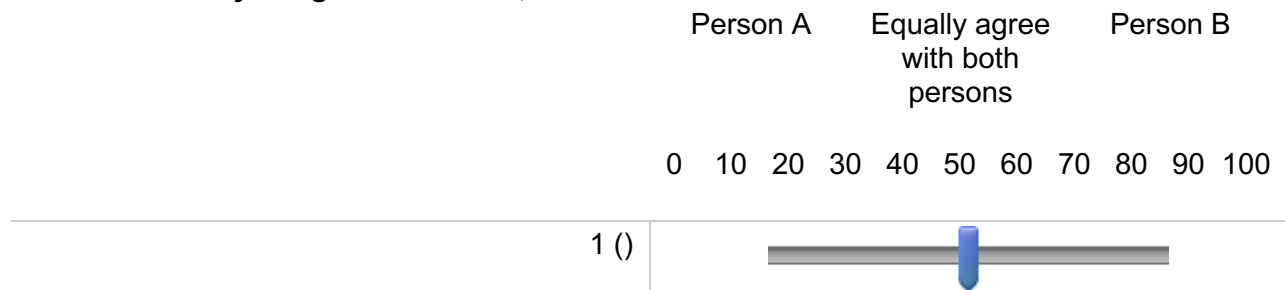
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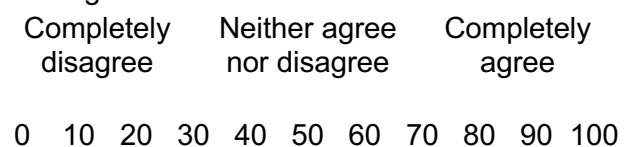


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comprehension\_chk\_Q2 After the changes, how would you describe *Tecigo*?

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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: *Tecigo*, Deteriorate (Big)

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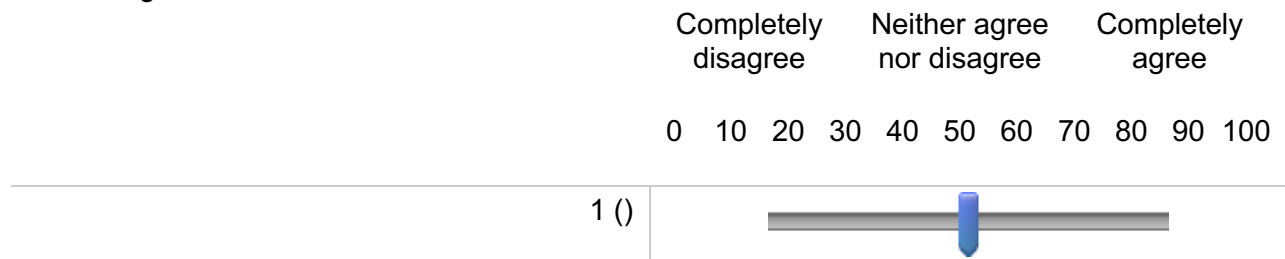
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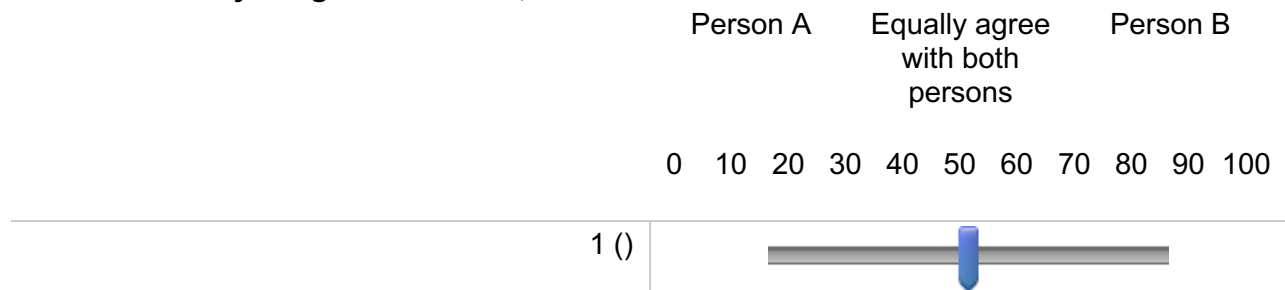
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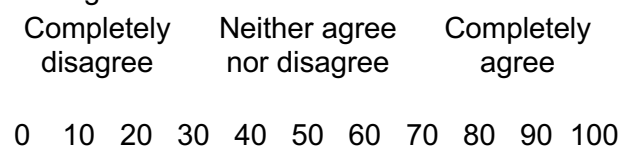


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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: Tecigo, Improve

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Start of Block: Tecigo, Improve (Big)

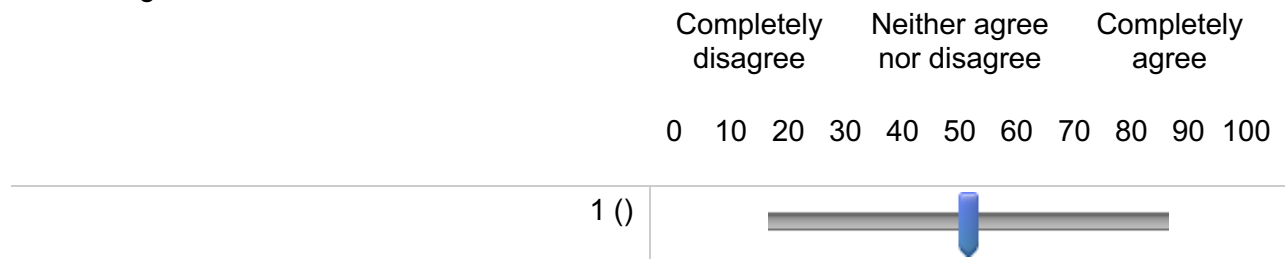
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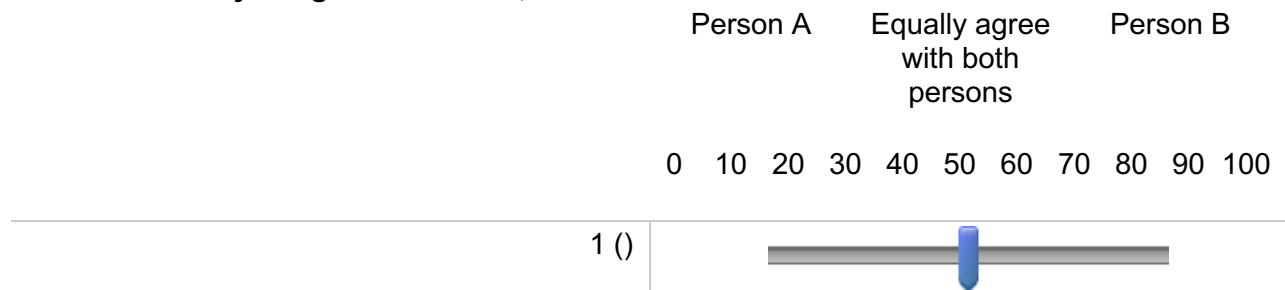
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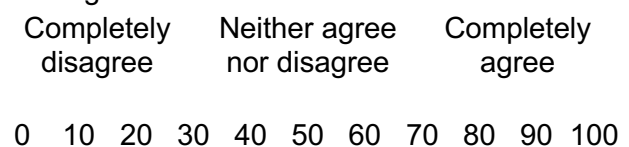


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End of Block: *Tecigo*, Improve (Big)

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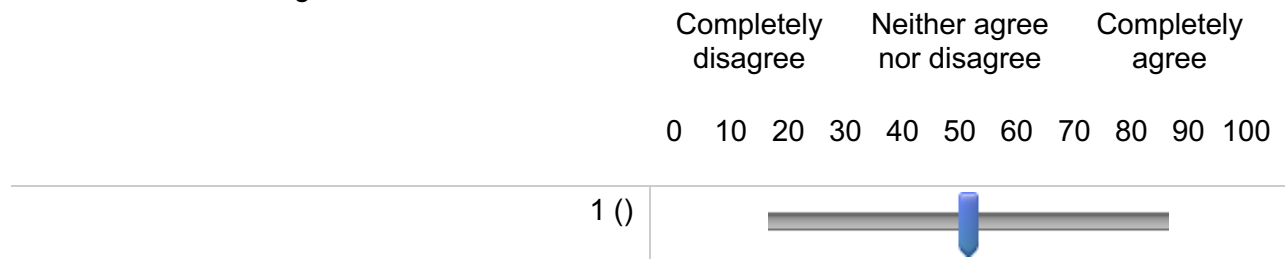
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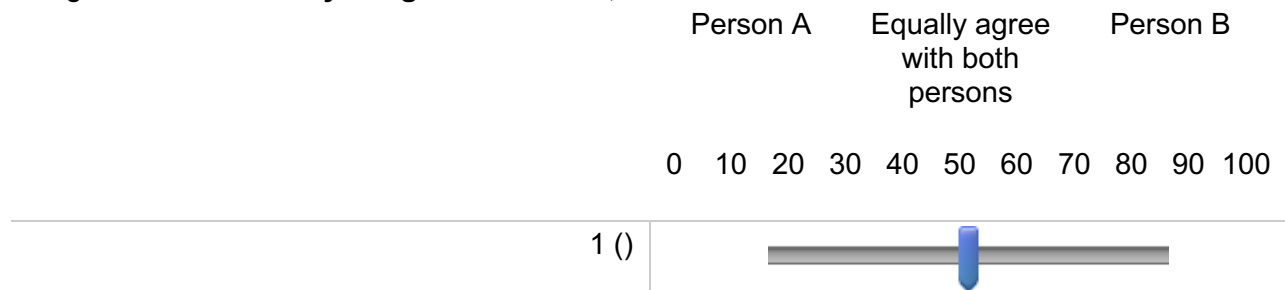
*Royal Olor* is a very small, 5 person laundry service company. The majority of its waste are intentionally disposed of through a certified waste company, while some of its other waste are intentionally disposed in violation of local environment standards. Over the years, *Royal*

*Olor* change their policies. Now, after these changes, the majority of its wastes are intentionally disposed of in violation of local environment standards.

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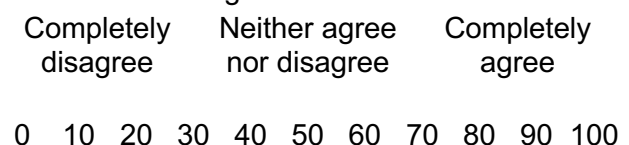


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RO\_det\_essence Now, think of the true essence of *Royal Olor*. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of *Royal Olor*.

How much do you agree with the following statement: The *Royal Olor* after the changes no longer reflects the true essence of the *Royal Olor* before the changes.



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End of Block: Royal Olor, Deteriorate

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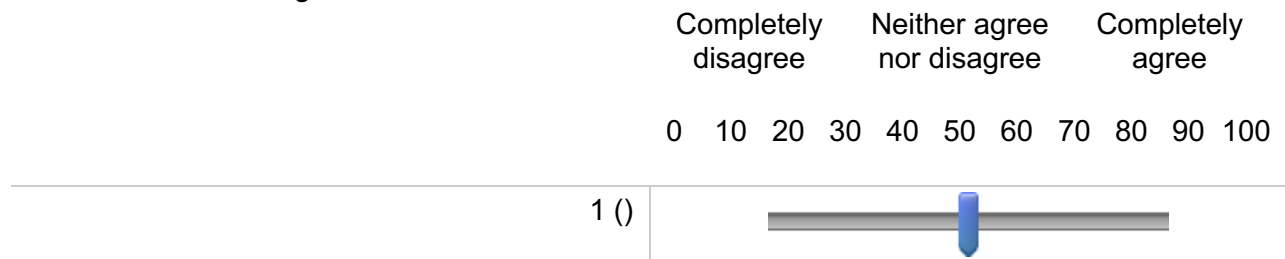
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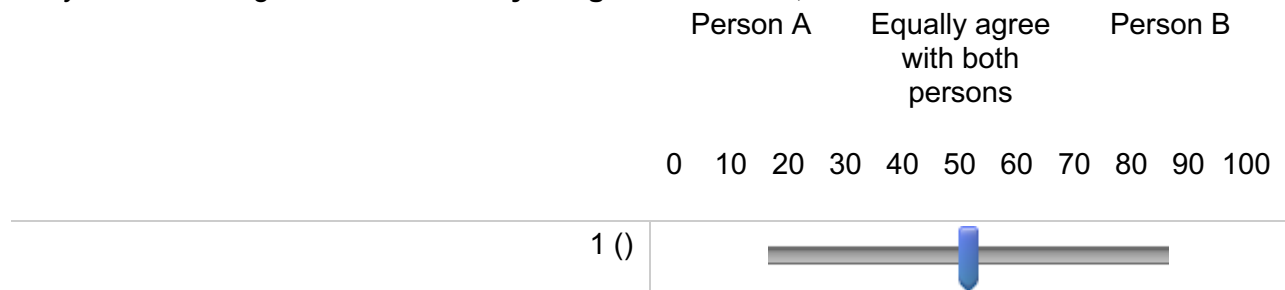
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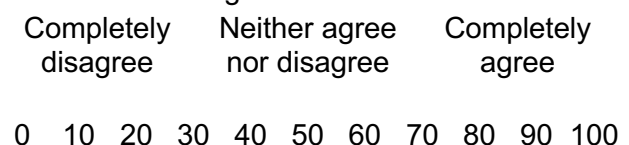


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Start of Block: Royal Olor, Improve

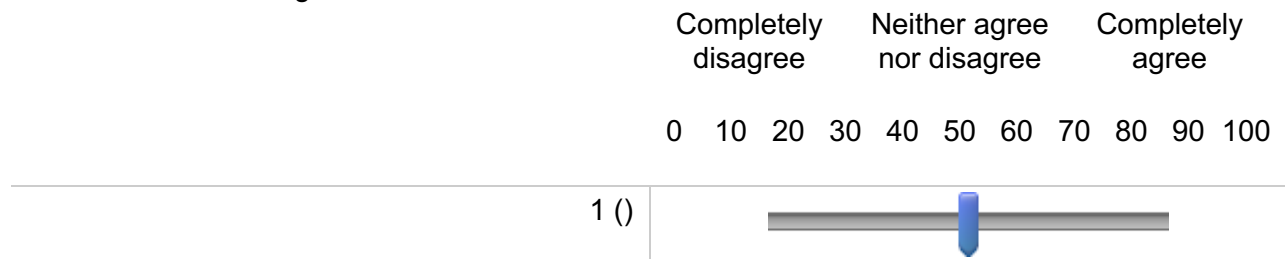
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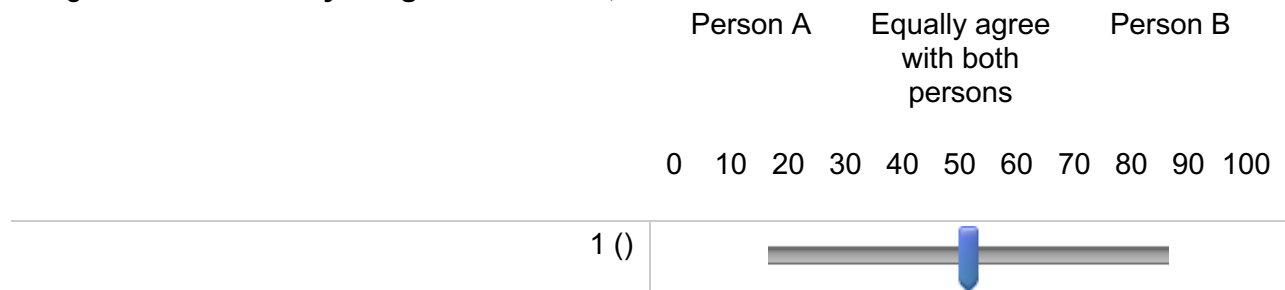
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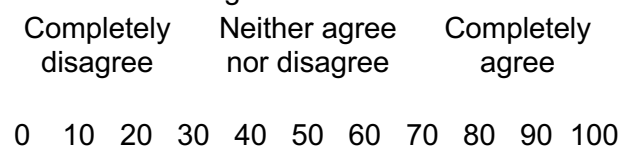


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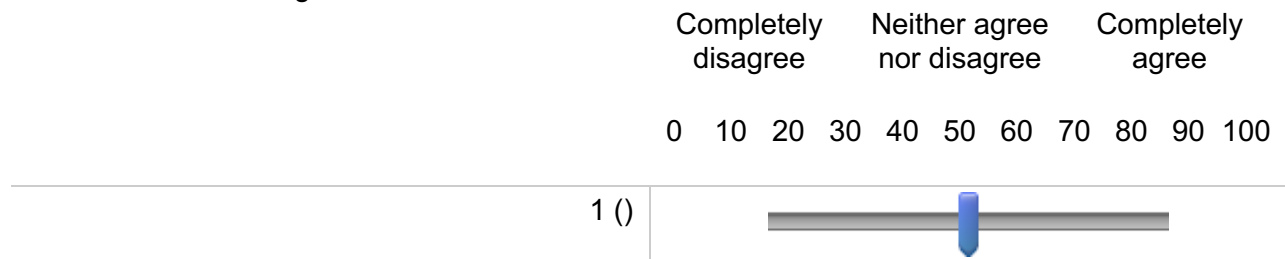
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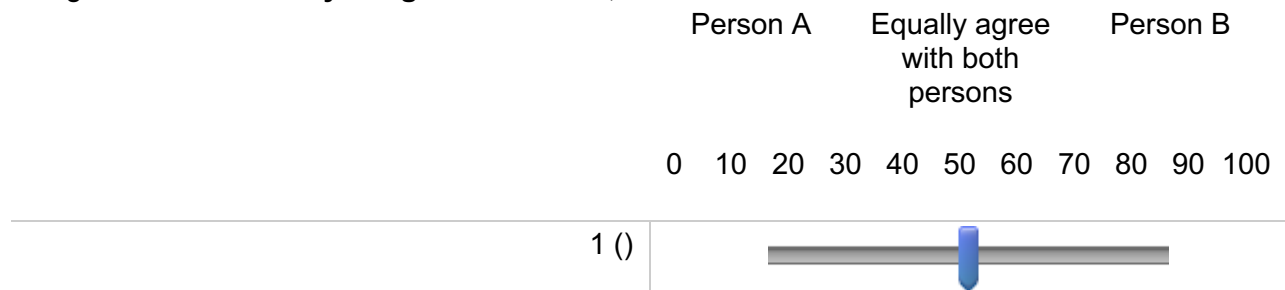
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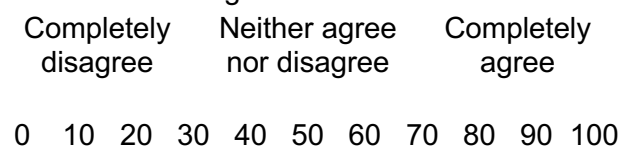


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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

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End of Block: Royal Olor, Improve (Big)

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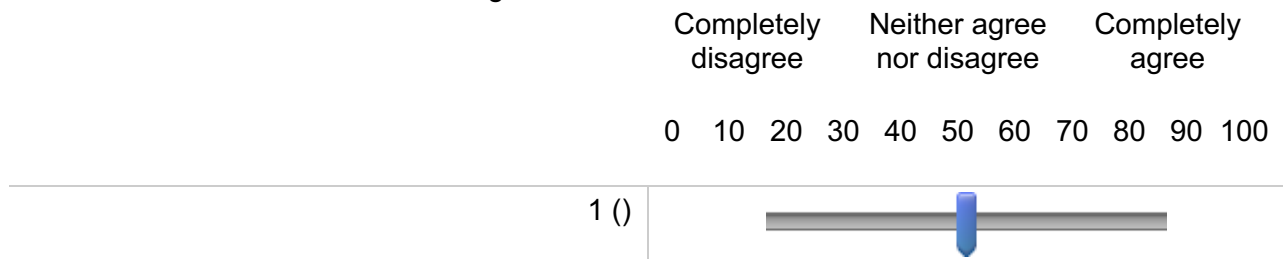
Start of Block: Bluewater Tobacco, Deteriorate

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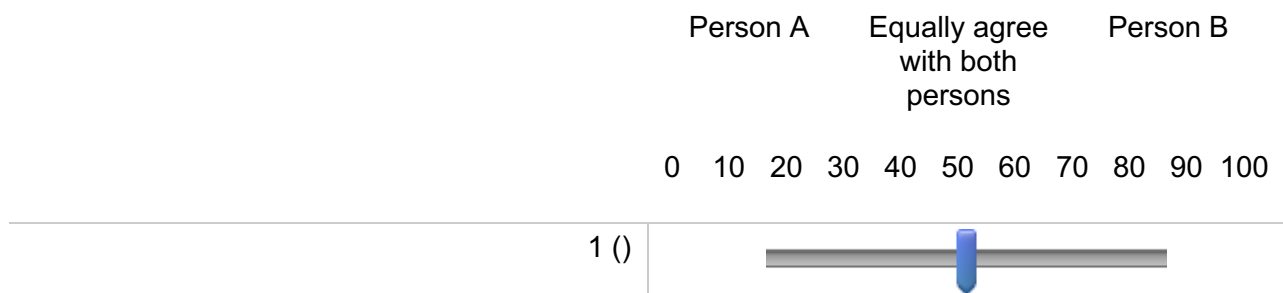
*Bluewater Tobacco* is a very small, 5 person tobacco production company. The majority of its products are intentionally advertised to adults by using classy themes and regular nicotine flavors, while some of its other products are intentionally advertised to children by using colorful

themes and fruity flavors. Over the years, *Bluewater Tobacco* change their policies. Now, after these changes, the majority of its products are intentionally advertised to children.

BT\_deteriorate\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Bluewater Tobacco* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Bluewater Tobacco* before the changes.



BT\_deteriorate\_Q2 Person A thinks that *Bluewater Tobacco* after the changes is still the same company as *Bluewater Tobacco* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Bluewater Tobacco* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Bluewater Tobacco* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



BT\_det\_essence Now, think of the true essence of *Bluewater Tobacco*. The true essence is defined as the most important, fundamental aspects of *Bluewater Tobacco*.

How much do you agree with the following statement: The *Bluewater Tobacco* after the changes no longer reflects the true essence of the *Bluewater Tobacco* before the changes.

Completely disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Completely agree
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End of Block: Bluewater Tobacco, Deteriorate

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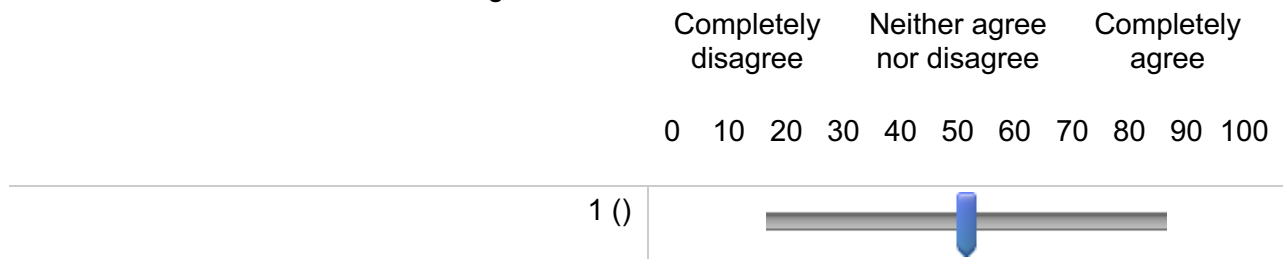
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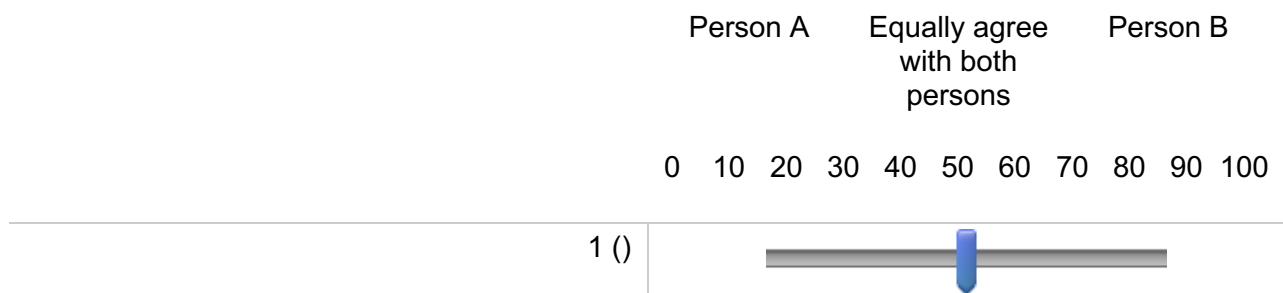
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BT\_deteriorate\_Q1\_b **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statement:** The *Bluewater Tobacco* after the changes is not really the same company as the *Bluewater Tobacco* before the changes.



BT\_deteriorate\_Q2\_b Person A thinks that *Bluewater Tobacco* after the changes is still the same company as *Bluewater Tobacco* before the changes. Person B thinks that it makes more sense to say that *Bluewater Tobacco* is no longer the same company it used to be. The way he sees it, the original *Bluewater Tobacco* no longer exists. **Who do you agree with more, Person A or Person B?**



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comprehension\_chk\_Q3 According to the scenario, the company is

- ☐ Very Large (1)
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End of Block: Bluewater Tobacco, Deteriorate (Big)

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Start of Block: Bluewater Tobacco, Improve

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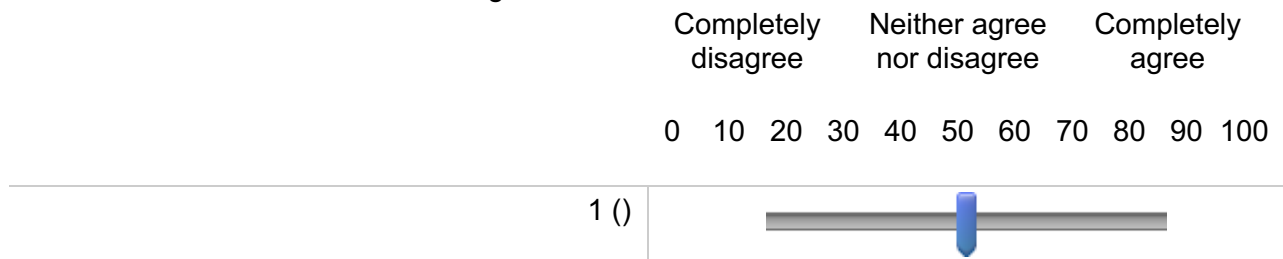
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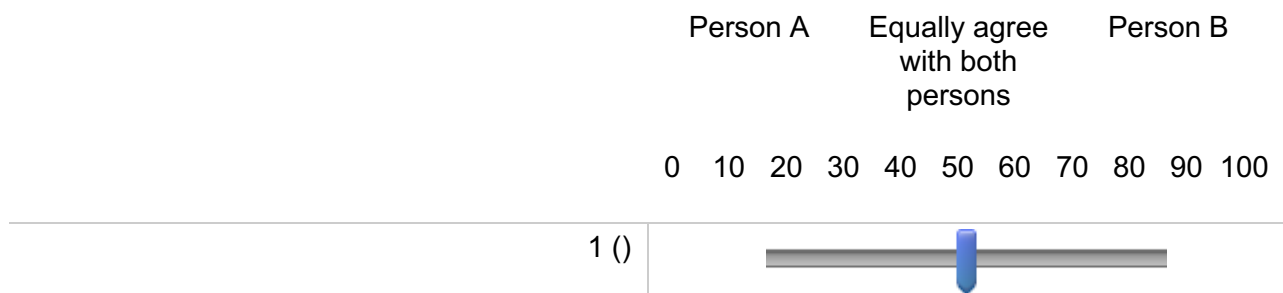
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BT\_improve\_Q1 **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following**

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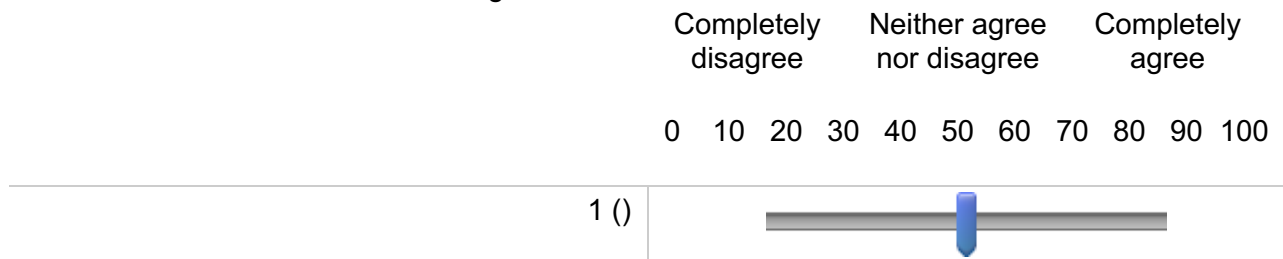
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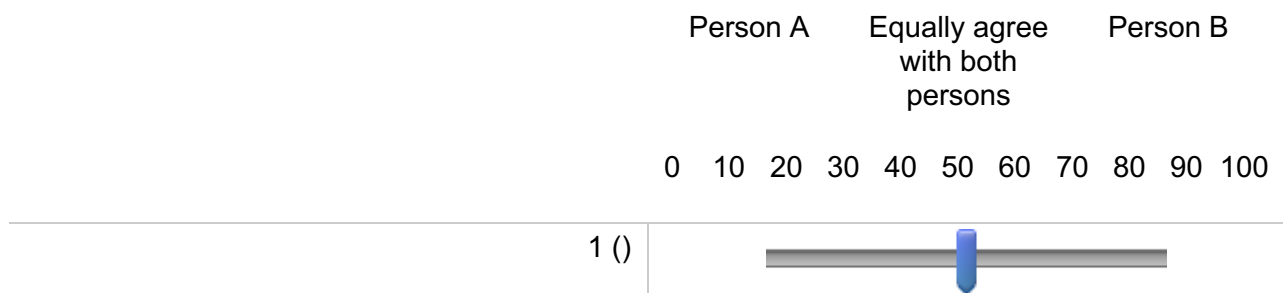
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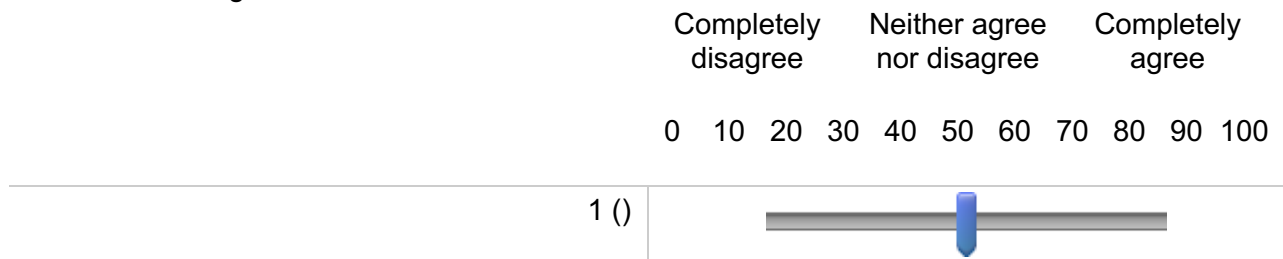
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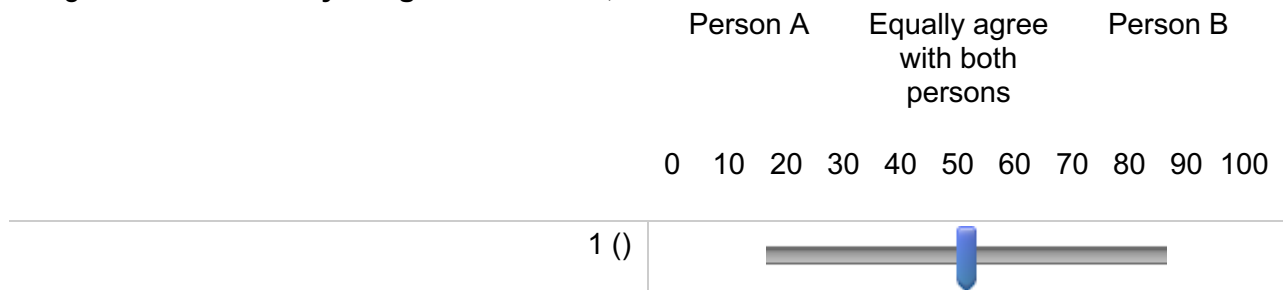
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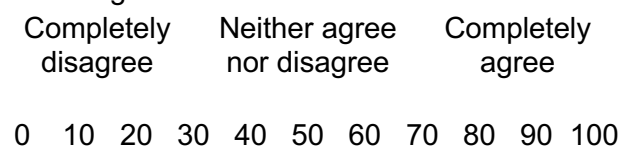


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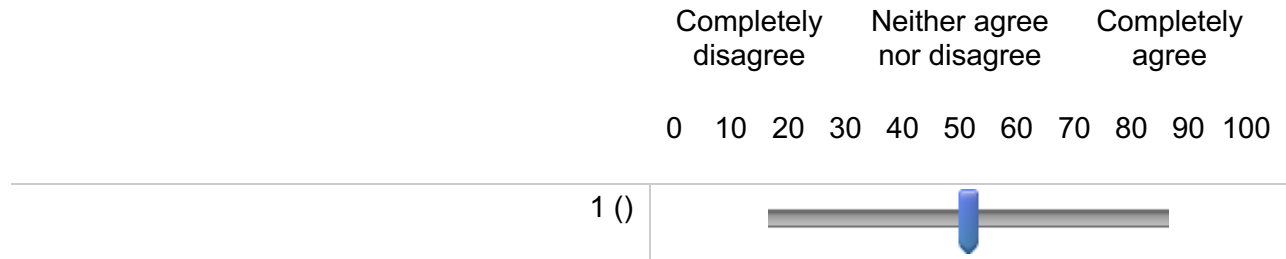
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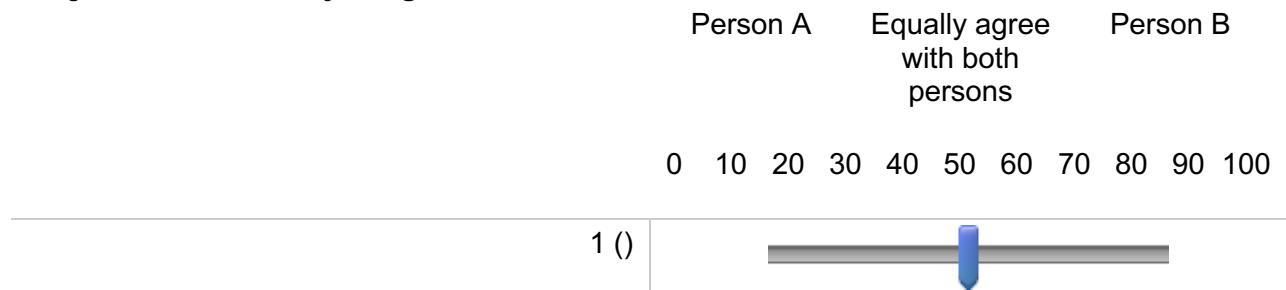
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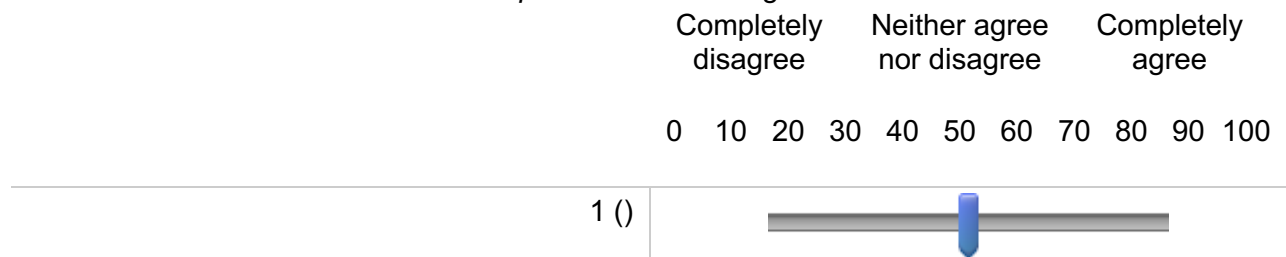


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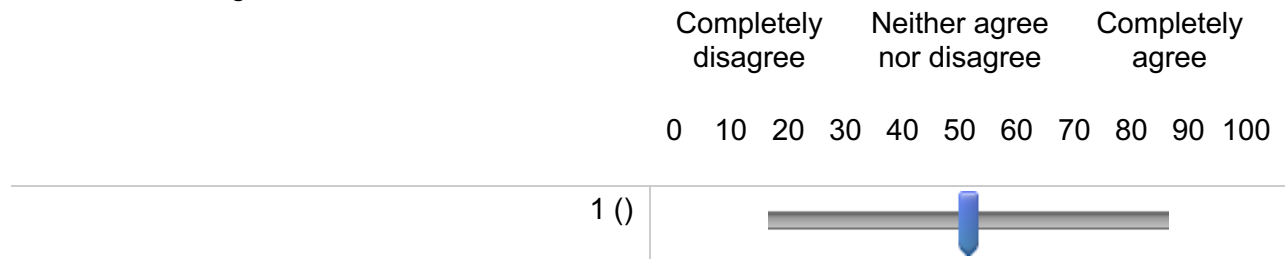
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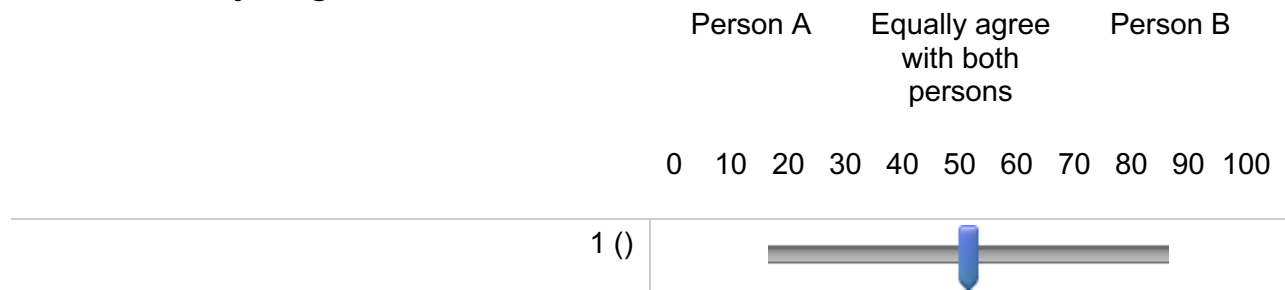
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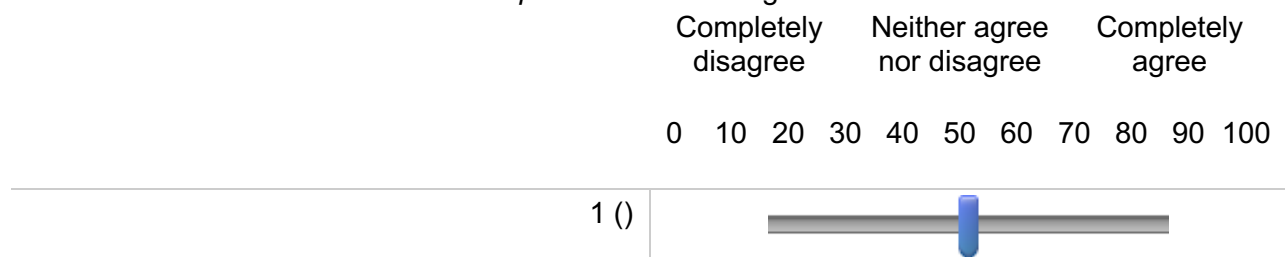


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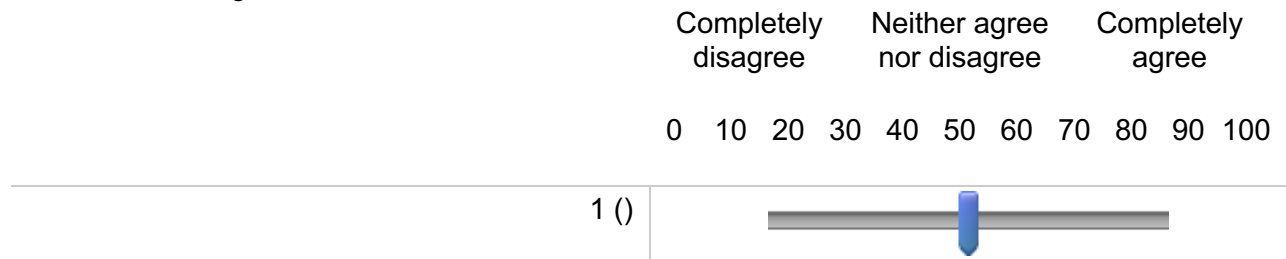
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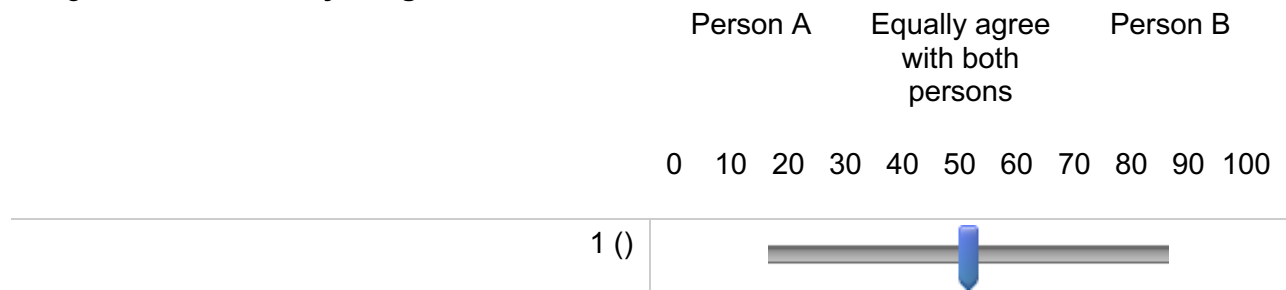
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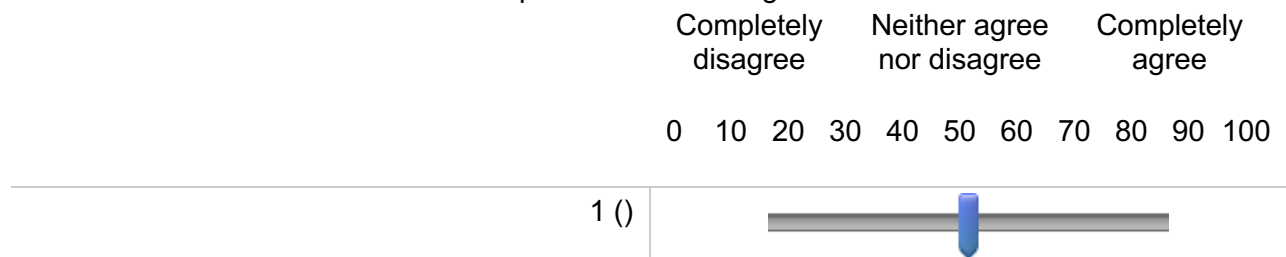


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Start of Block: Demographic Questions

politics **What is your political orientation?**

Definitely liberal    Neither liberal  
   nor  
   conservative    Definitely conservative

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gender What is your **gender**?

- ☐ Male (1)
- ☐ Female (2)
- ☐ Prefer not to disclose (3)
- ☐ Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_

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ethnicity  
What is your **ethnicity**?

- ☐ White (1)
- ☐ Black (2)
- ☐ Asian (3)
- ☐ Mixed (4)
- ☐ Other (5) \_\_\_\_\_

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age What is your **age (in years)**?

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education **Please indicate the highest level of education completed.**

- ☐ Grammar School (1)
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End of Block: Demographic Questions

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### **Debriefing**

For many companies, their values are central to what they offer to consumers. Coca-Cola is about community-driven fun, Patagonia is about connecting with nature, and Nike is about bringing out the best version of you. In the current research, we are trying to understand what happens when these values change. When companies with strong values lose those values, are they even really the same company? When companies with bad values gain better values, how is this reflected in consumers' attitudes? Your data is helping us to answer these questions, which we hope can encourage companies to adopt more prosocial values by aligning values with companies' bottom lines.

**Researchers:** Sam Johnson (sgbjohnson@gmail.com) and Julian De Freitas

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comments **If you have any comments about this idea or about the survey more generally, please feel free to share below.**

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