

Participant Information Sheet:**Study Name:**

Crowdsourcing annotations of statements by US politicians

Ethics approval:

This study received approval from the Institutional Review Board of the University of Konstanz.

Eligibility Requirements:

You must be over the age of 18.

You must currently live in the US.

You must be a national of the US.

Description of the study:

This study aims to collect annotations of political discourse with respect to evidence-based and evidence-free argumentation. For this study, we will present participants with statements made by politicians and ask them to judge to what extent it relies on evidence or not.

Risks to participant:

There are no known risks to the participant. Data collected will be stored securely and follow all GDPR regulations.

Consent to withdraw:

If you do not wish to participate in the study you can exit the survey now or at any later point without providing a reason and your data will be withdrawn from the study. Please be aware that once you have participated in the study, you cannot withdraw your data at a later stage because of the anonymized nature of the study.

What will happen to my data?

Your involvement in the study will remain confidential. This information will only be available to research staff and national bodies which monitor whether research studies are conducted properly. Your study data will be anonymised. This means that it will be given an identification number and any identifying information about you will be removed. Therefore, it will not be possible to identify you by name from any aspect of documentation or reporting for this research study. At the end of the study your data will be made "Open Data". This means that it will be stored in an online database so that it is publicly available.

What is open Data?

Open data means that data are made available, free of charge, to anyone interested in the research, or who wishes to conduct their own analysis of the data. We will therefore have no control over how these data are used. However, all data will be anonymised before it is made available and therefore there will be no way to identify you from the research data.

Why open data?

Open access to research findings and access to data is considered best research practice and is a requirement of many funding bodies and journals. As a large proportion of research is publicly funded, the outcomes of the research should be made publicly available. Sharing data helps to maximise the impact of investment through wider use, and encourages new avenues of research.

Duration:

The experiment will take about 10 minutes and the data will be stored for at least 18 months.

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Consent Form:

By consenting to your participation you confirm: You are 18 or over You have received enough information about the study to make a decision about your participation

By consenting to your participation you understand that: You are free to withdraw from the study at any time by closing the browser tab You do not have to provide a reason for withdrawing Your data will be made “open data”. This means the anonymised data will be publicly available and may be used for purposes not related to this study, and it will not be possible to identify you from these data.

☐ I consent to my participation in the study

Instructions:

Discourse plays a fundamental role in various aspects of society as it can shape governance, policies, and general state of affairs. One way to characterize discourse is to examine their reliance on evidence. We are focusing on evidence-free and evidence-based discourse.

Evidence-free discourse often relies on intuition, “gut feeling”, anecdotes, and opinions. It tends to be less focused on analysis of available information rather more on personal beliefs or emotional appeal.

Evidence-based discourse employs verifiable facts and analysis. The focus is to align with or seek evidence in order to arrive at a well-informed perspective or outcome.

Your task is to judge, for each statement below, to what extent it is an evidence-free or evidence-based discourse.

Task:

Please indicate the extent to which this statement is an evidence-free or evidence-based discourse

[tweets go here]

	None at all	A little	A moderate amount	A lot	A great deal
evidence-free	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
evidence-based	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Prolific data:

Please note that this response should auto-fill with the correct ID

End:

Thank you for your participation.

If you have any queries, please contact Dr Almog Simchon at:

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Click next to finish the survey