

Consent

We invite you to take part in this study, which is part of a larger program of research being carried out under the supervision of Professor Leif Nelson, who is a faculty member in the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley.

As a participant in this research, you will be asked to complete the attached online survey, which contains a short questionnaire.

You will complete this survey at home, on your own computer

Although this research has no direct benefits for you, the findings from it may benefit scientific knowledge.

This study presents minimal risk to you. In the event of an unanticipated breach of confidentiality, you would be exposed to a loss of privacy; however, we are taking measures to minimize such a risk. Your responses will be kept as confidential as possible and all data will be stored on password protected computers and on encrypted hard drives.

Your responses will be retained indefinitely. Your name and other identifying information will not be used in any publications of this research.

If you have any questions about your rights or treatment as a participant in this research project, please contact the University of California at Berkeley's Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at 510-642-7461 or email subjects@berkeley.edu.

If you agree to participate in this study, select yes below to enter the survey.

Do you consent to participate in this study?

☐ Yes

☐ No

video

Please watch the brief introductory video below and proceed to the survey.

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genes

Please consider the following hypothetical scenario:

J---- is a American adult who was born with genes for permanent below-average self-control. One day, he gets into a heated argument with a stranger. Unable to resist, he punches the man in the face so hard, the man goes permanently blind in one eye.

Would you find J--- guilty of assault and battery?

☐ No

☐ Yes

Please consider the following hypothetical scenario:

J--- is a American adult who suffered minor brain damage as an adult. The only effect was that the brain damage left J--- with permanent below-average self-control. One day, he gets into a heated argument with a stranger. Unable to resist, he punches the man in the face so hard, the man goes permanently blind in one eye.

Would you find J--- guilty of assault and battery?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

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Assume J--- is found guilty. This crime is punishable by up to five years in prison or probation.

Would you recommend J--- go to prison or be put on probation?

- ☐ Prison
- ☐ Probation

How much at fault is J--- for the man going blind in one eye?

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

How much should the victim blame J--- for making him go blind in one eye?

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| None at all | A little | A moderate amount | A lot | A great deal |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

How much self-control did J--- exert before punching the man?

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| A great deal | A lot | A moderate amount | A little | None at all |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

How much do you agree with the following statement?:

Deep down, the true self of J--- is not a violent person.

Strongly
Disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Somewhat
Disagree

☐

Neither agree
nor disagree

☐

Somewhat
agree

☐

Agree

☐

Strongly
Agree

☐

Based on J--- having genes causing below-average self-control, to what extent would you say that there is something 'wrong' with him?

None at all

☐

A little

☐

A moderate amount

☐

A lot

☐

A great deal

☐

Based on J--- having minor brain damage causing below-average self-control, to what extent would you say that there is something 'wrong' with him?

None at all

☐

A little

☐

A moderate amount

☐

A lot

☐

A great deal

☐

Attention Check

In this study, you read about J---, a person who has below-average self-control and punches a stranger in the face, causing the man to go blind in one eye. In the version of the study you completed, what caused J---'s below-average self-control?

- ☐ J--- sustained a traumatic brain injury (tbi) as an adult that caused below-average self-control.
- ☐ J--- was born with genes that caused below-average self-control.

