**Impact of Social Consensus on Support for Universal Health Care**

- Debrief

Dear Participant,

During this study, you were asked to predict and estimate what public approval in 2018 was for several scientific and social issues, as well as to estimate what it would be in current (2023) times. Additionally, we asked you to rate your own level of agreement with the four aforementioned issues.

You were told that the purpose of the research study was to examine what characteristics of issues affect accuracy of recollection. Additionally, we were trying to determine if individual differences in people has a direct effect or interaction with these issue traits.

The actual purpose of the study was to investigate how various characteristics of social perception, as well as individual differences in people, could or would have a direct effect on support for Universal Health Care.

We did not tell you everything at the beginning of the study because we were trying to directly determine if outside perception of greater social consensus would 'over-ride' individual preferences one way or another for greater support of Universal Health Care. To describe in a simple way, we thought that if we could get you to believe that the general public was in favor of something (which we did by giving you the false feedback) you may become more likely to favor it.

Of note, the actual values from real, recent surveys, circa 2017-2019 are provided below for your edification.  
  
**49%** of the American Public agrees that Greenhouse gas emissions generated by human activity has and will continue to change Earth's climate a great deal.

**63%** of the American Public agrees that the US government needs to implement Universal Health Care because basic population needs are not being met.

**60%** of the American Public agrees that Capital Punishment (the Death Penalty) is necessary in the US.

Of note, the question on "slavery, forced labor, and human trafficking are violations of human rights." was an entirely falsified question, placed at an obviously artificially high value to provide some calibration in social perception.

**The responses in this study cannot be linked to you.**

We would like you to know that we really appreciate your time in helping with this research and are always happy to answer any questions that you might have about it. We think that one way to understand medical decisions is by learning more about what was investigated today.

If you have any additional questions about the study, you can reach me by email at sxdff5@mail.missouri.edu. **Thank you, specifically**for your participation. Really, it helps out a ton!

- Sean Duan

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant or want to report a complaint, please contact the Campus Institutional Review Board at the University of Missouri at 573-882-3181, 485 McReynolds Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, or at umcresearchcirb@missouri.edu