# Methods

## Study 1a

In total, 627 people decided to participate in the study. As was stated earlier, we have decided to exclude participants who have entered a fine greater than or equal to 10200 HRK. None of the participants met the exclusion criterion. However, 95 participants were excluded because they have not responded to questions regarding the assessment of blame or the assessment of the fine. These exclusions left us with 532 participants who have provided the data necessary for the analysis. Of the 532 participants, 263 read the agentive description of the event, and 269 read the nonagentive description of the event.

The participants were students from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb, Croatia. Of the 532 participants whose data were analysed, 414 declared themselves as women, 106 as men, 3 chose “other”, and 4 chose not to disclose the information. The median age of the participants whose data was analysed and who listed their age was 21 (with a range from 18 to 40).

## Study 1b

In total, 537 people decided to participate in the study. As was stated earlier, we have decided to exclude participants who have entered a fine greater than or equal to 4500 USD. One of the participants met the exclusion criterion. Furthermore, 6 participants were excluded because they have not responded to questions regarding the assessment of blame or the assessment of the fine. These exclusions left us with 531 participants who have provided the data necessary for the analysis. Of the 531 participants, 274 read the agentive description of the event, and 257 read the nonagentive description of the event.

The participants were recruited through Prolific. Of the 531 participants whose data were analysed, 263 declared themselves as women, 260 as men, and 7 chose “other”. The median age of the participants whose data was analysed and who listed their age was 31 (with a range from 18 to 90).

## Study 2a

In total, 795 people decided to participate in this study. None of the participants responded that the fine should be greater than or equal to 10200 HRK. However, 196 participants did not state a fine, and were therefore excluded. Furthermore, 29 participants stated that they have recently participated in a similar study (or have not answered to that question), and so were also excluded. This left us with 570 participants.

In total, 276 participants read the agentive description of the event. Of those, 96 were assigned to blame level 1, 102 were assigned to blame level 4, 78 were assigned to blame level 7. In total, 294 participants read the agentive description of the event. Of those, 94 were assigned to blame level 1, 90 were assigned to blame level 4, 110 were assigned to blame level 7.

The participants were students from the University of Zagreb, Croatia, but not students of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. Of the 570 participants whose data were analysed, 403 declared themselves as women, 162 as men, 1 chose “other”, and 3 did not disclose any information. The median age of the participants whose data was analysed and who listed their age was 19 (with a range from 18 to 61).

## Study 2b

In total, 499 people decided to participate in this study. Of those, 4 participants responded that the fine should be greater than or equal to 4500 USD, and were therefore excluded. Additionally, 3 participants did not state a fine, and so were excluded. This left us with 496 participants.

In total, 241 participants read the agentive description of the event. Of those, 81 were assigned to blame level 1, 81 were assigned to blame level 4, 79 were assigned to blame level 7. In total, 255 participants read the agentive description of the event. Of those, 77 were assigned to blame level 1, 83 were assigned to blame level 4, 95 were assigned to blame level 7.

The participants were recruited through Prolific. Of the 496 participants whose data were analysed, 242 declared themselves as women, 240 as men, 9 chose “other”, and 4 did not disclose any information. The median age of the participants whose data was analysed and who listed their age was 29 (with a range from 18 to 79).