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1) Have any data been collected for this study already?

No, no data have been collected for this study yet.

2) What's the main question being asked or hypothesis being tested in this study?

Are people more accepting of economic inequality in an imaginary universe without free will, relative to an imaginary universe with free will?

3) Describe the key dependent variable(s) specifying how they will be measured.

The key dependent variable is support for inequality in a hypothetical universe. This will be measured using the following question:

Imagine that in this imaginary universe, there are also differences in how much money, status and resources people have. That is, some people have a great deal of money, status, and resources, while others have very little. How acceptable do you think it is that these differences exist in this imaginary universe?

10 = completely acceptable

1 = not at all acceptable

4) How many and which conditions will participants be assigned to?

Participants will be randomly assigned to one of two conditions. In one condition participants will be asked to imagine a deterministic universe without free will. In the other condition, participants will be asked to imagine an indeterministic universe where people have free will.

5) Specify exactly which analyses you will conduct to examine the main question/hypothesis.

As a manipulation check, we will compare perceptions of the amount of free will in the imaginary universe in each condition. We predict that participants in the free will condition will perceive more free will than those in the no free will condition. We will test this directional prediction using a one tailed t-test. To test our main hypothesis, we will compare how acceptable participants in each condition believe inequality is in the universe they imagined. We predict that participants in the free will condition will be more accepting of inequality in their imagined universe, and we will test this directional prediction using a one tailed t-test.

Additionally, we will also test whether participants in each condition believe that inequality is more acceptable in the universe they imagined than in our universe. For each condition, we will use a one tailed, paired samples t-test to test whether support for inequality in the imaginary universe is less than support for inequality in our own universe. We predict a significant difference in the no free will condition, but not in the free will condition.

6) Describe exactly how outliers will be defined and handled, and your precise rule(s) for excluding observations.

We will exclude any participants who spend less than 5 seconds reading the description of the imaginary universe.

Additionally, we will exclude any participants who do not correctly answer an attention check question ("Because you're paying attention to this survey, please select 'Agree' for this question") included in the demographic form.

7) How many observations will be collected or what will determine sample size? No need to justify decision, but be precise about exactly how the number will be determined.

1793 participants will be collected.

8) Anything else you would like to pre-register? (e.g., secondary analyses, variables collected for exploratory purposes, unusual analyses planned?)

Nothing else to pre-register.