1) What's the main question being asked or hypothesis being tested in this study?
Does inframoralization (less positive moral evaluation of outgroups than ingroups) predict likelihood of parochial altruism?

2) Describe the key dependent variable(s) specifying how they will be measured.
Choice decision in a one-shot intergroup prisoner’s dilemma-maximizing difference game (IPD-MD). In this game, participants select one of three choices; a self-interest choice, an ingroup-only-benefiting choice, or an ingroup-and-outgroup benefiting choice. The ingroup-only-benefiting choice constitutes parochial altruism (the decision of interest).

3) How many and which conditions will participants be assigned to?
Condition assignment is quasi-experimental. Participants will be screened prior to the experiment, and, according to whether they identify as a Republican or Democrat, they will be assigned to the Republican-ingroup, or Democrat-ingroup condition, respectively.

4) Specify exactly which analyses you will conduct to examine the main question/hypothesis.
Primary analysis is a binomial logistic regression; predicting the probability of a binary choice decision; (1) ingroup-only-benefiting choice (parochial altruism), vs. (2) self-interest choice or ingroup-and-outgroup benefiting choice (these latter two choices will be combined for the primary logistic regression). The IV predictor will be a continuous variable indexing inframoralization. This index will be computed by first (a) correlating the participant-rated desirability of moral traits with ingroup trait judgments and outgroup trait judgments; yielding an ingroup positivity coefficient and outgroup positivity coefficient for the moral domain for each participant. Then, (b) computing the difference between these positivity coefficients to give the index of inframoralization.

5) Any secondary analyses?
Confirmatory analyses: (1) We will also report results of the primary binomial logistic regression after controlling for ingroup superiority perceived in other domains of social evaluation (agency and sociability, computed in the same way as the inframoralization index). (2) We will also report the results after controlling for participants’ beliefs about the (non) reciprocity of other participants (in their ingroup, and in the outgroup). This measure will be determined by asking participants to report how they think other participants behaved in the decision task.

6) 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.
450 participants will be collected. 391 was indicated by our a priori power analysis; we added 15% for participant exclusion.

7) Anything else you would like to pre-register? (e.g., data exclusions, variables collected for exploratory purposes, unusual analyses planned?)
Participants will be excluded from all analyses if they fulfill one or more of several different criteria: (a) Participants that fail one or more embedded attention checks and/or provide incomplete data. (b) Those participants with a lack of variation (i.e., uniform responding) in judgments of the ingroup, outgroup, or trait desirability. (c) Participants who spend <10 seconds reading any of the decision task instruction screens and/or example choice screens. (d) Those responding “no” to a direct question asking them if they understood the task decision options.

Exploratory analyses: We will collect data on perceived intergroup threat and competition to explore how these variables relate to our hypothesized effect. We will explore whether Republicans or Democrats show differences in our hypothesized effect. We will also explore how our variables relate to the self-interest and collective-interest choice decisions.

8) Have any data been collected for this study already?
No, no data have been collected for this study yet.