

## Ending on a familiar note - Spontaneous data (#91670)

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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?

Relatively more participants will spontaneously report preferences to end meaningfully vs. to end hedonically.

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

First, all participants will be asked to write (300-character minimum) about what it specifically means for them to end well, assuming they were about to have their "last night in town for a while." Next, we'll pipe back this response and ask participants to code what describes it via 1 of 3 forced-choice options, randomly presented: mostly about personal meaning/sentimental vs. mostly about pure pleasure/hedonic vs. neither of these options.

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

1 condition, fully within-subjects.

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

We don't know what to expect regarding the number of participants who might choose "neither." As our key test is a relative difference between the other options, we thus assume to conduct a chi-square specifically comparing the number of "meaning" choices to the number of "pleasure" choices.

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

No plans at this time.

### 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.

We will request 250 "Cloud Approved" participants from Cloud Research.

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

After, participants will report demographics (gender, ethnicity, age).