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?
The research question is whether focusing on the future can promote generosity.

The central hypothesis is that participants who focus on the future (vs. the present) will be willing to donate more money (H1) and more time (H2) to a charity organization.

As an explanatory hypothesis (H3), I predict that participants who focus on the future (vs. the present) will also report stronger reputational concern for their choices, and that this effect will mediate the effect of future-focus on generosity as predicted by H1 and H2.

3) Describe the key dependent variable(s) specifying how they will be measured.
Two separate generosity DVs will be measured, one for money and one for time, using hypothetical choices.

1: How much money out of $100 to donate to charity (0-100)
2: Willingness to donate one working day to a call center for the same charity (Yes or No)

Following each DV measure, participants will respond to a four-item scale measure of reputational concern, using a rating scale from 1 (totally disagree) to 7 (totally agree). These items will ask to what extent participants were thinking about their reputation when making their choice.

4) How many and which conditions will participants be assigned to?
Participants will be randomly assigned to one out of two conditions, in which their time perspective will be manipulated using an explicit task instruction: future-focus OR present-focus.

5) Specify exactly which analyses you will conduct to examine the main question/hypothesis.
H1: An independent t-test will compare the mean level of charity giving between conditions ($0-$100), to test the prediction that participants in the future-condition (vs. present-condition) will be willing to donate more money to charity (p<0.05, two-tailed).

H2: A chi-square test will compare how many participants in each condition that will be willing to donate one working day of their time to charity, to test the prediction that a greater proportion of participants in the future-condition (vs present-condition) will be willing to do that (p<0.05, two-tailed).

H3: A statistical mediation analysis will be conducted, using Model 4 in the PROCESS macro relying on 10,000 bootstrap samples, to test the prediction that the effect of future-focus on generosity predicted by H1 and H2 will be mediated by stronger reputational concern in the future-focus condition (CI not including zero). That is, I will conduct one mediation analysis for H1 and one for H2.

6) Describe exactly how outliers will be defined and handled, and your precise rule(s) for excluding observations.
As manipulation check following the time perspective instruction (focus on future OR present), before the DVs, participants will report what their main focus will be for the remaining questions (scale: 0=the present, 10=the future).

To avoid including responses from possibly inattentive or non-complying participants in the data analysis, I will exclude all participants in the present-condition who responds with the value 5 or higher, and similarly exclude all participants in the future-condition who responds with the value 5 or lower. In this way, I can make sure that the participants in the future-condition are actually future-focused, and that the participants in the present-condition are actually present-focused.

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.
The planned sample size for this online experiment is 500 participants (N=250 per cell).

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

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