

**Please read the following information about the study before continuing.**

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Daniel M.T. Fessler, PhD., Professor from the Anthropology Department at the University of California. You are a possible participant in this study if you are at least 18 years of age. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary.

**WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE?**

The purpose of this study is to investigate how people judge information presented in the media.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I TAKE PART IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY?**

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to read a series of statements collected from the media, some of which are true and some of which are false; we will ask you to evaluate these statements. Then, you will answer questions about yourself, including your social opinions, age, gender, income, and political affiliation. The total length of time it takes to complete the study is approximately 10 minutes.

**ARE THERE ANY POTENTIAL BENEFITS IF I PARTICIPATE?**

The results may provide society with a fuller understanding about people's intuitions, and in turn, provide helpful information about human psychology. Those interested in research will be able to refer back to the author's website at <http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/anthro/faculty/fessler/> to see final results.

**WILL I BE PAID FOR MY PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDY?**

You will receive £1.00 (\$1.25) in compensation for your participation in this study.

**WILL INFORMATION ABOUT ME AND MY PARTICIPATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?**

IP addresses will be collected and used to identify repeat participants, then deleted.

**WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IF I TAKE PART IN THE STUDY?**

You can choose whether or not you want to be in the study. If you volunteer to be in the study, you may leave the study at any time without consequences by closing your web browser.

**WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT I MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THIS STUDY?**

If you have any questions, comments or concern about the study, you can contact:

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If you want to ask questions about your rights as a research participant, or want to voice any problems or concerns you may have about the study to someone other than the researchers, please call the Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP) at 825-7122 or send a letter to OHRPP, UCLA, 11000 Kinross Avenue, Suite 102, Box 951694, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1694. Completing the survey indicates that you have agreed to participate in the study.

**By continuing to the study, you state that you understand the procedures described above, that your questions have been answered to your satisfaction, and that you agree to participate.**

**On the next page, you will find a series of statements collected from the media.**

**Some of these statements are TRUE, and some of them are FALSE.**

**For each of the statements, please indicate, by checking the appropriate box, how confident you are that the statement is true or false. For each of the statements, you will also be asked to indicate how RISKY or BENEFICIAL you think the things described in the statement are.**

**Please note that your answers to each of these two questions should be thought about independently of each other. For example, you might decide that you're absolutely certain that a statement is true, but also feel that the risk or benefit described in the statement is small.**





































**On the next page, you will find a series of statements asking about what your general beliefs. You will be asked to indicate you likely you think that each statement is true, from certainly not true, to certainly true.**





Please indicate whether you agree or disagree, or are uncertain, with regard to each topic listed below:

|   | <i>Agree</i>          | <i>Disagree</i>       | <i>Uncertain</i>      |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| School prayer:                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pacifism:                                       | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Socialism:                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Pornography:                                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Illegal immigration:                            | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Women's equality:                               | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Death penalty:                                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Use nuclear weapons against threats to the US : | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Premarital sex:                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Gay marriage:                                   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Abortion rights:                                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Evolution:                                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Patriotism:                                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Biblical truth:                                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree, or are uncertain, with regard to each topic listed below:

|  | <i>Agree</i>          | <i>Disagree</i>       | <i>Uncertain</i>      |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bomb cities controlled by terrorists:</b> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Welfare spending:</b>                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Tax cuts:</b>                             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Waterboarding terror suspects:</b>        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Gun control:</b>                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Military spending:</b>                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Warrantless searches:</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Globalization:</b>                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Pollution control:</b>                    | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Small government:</b>                     | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Charter schools:</b>                      | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Foreign aid:</b>                          | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Free trade:</b>                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Drone strikes</b>                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Obedience to authorities:</b>             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>Compromise with enemies:</b>              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Annual household income:

Education:

What is your height, to the nearest half-inch?

|        | Feet                 | Inches               | Half-Inch            |
|--------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Height | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

What is your Prolific Academy ID?

How many letters are in the word "obligatory"?

In all honesty, did you pay close attention during this study? (Please answer honestly -- your answer will improve the quality of the study, but will not affect your Prolific Academy rating in any way.)

- Yes, I paid attention throughout
- Somewhat -- I paid attention at some points but became distracted at other points
- No, I did not really pay close attention



**Thank you for participating!**

Your Prolific Academy Completion URL is:

<https://prolific.ac/submissions/complete?cc=SATWFF85>

**(IMPORTANT! You must click on the link to complete the study in Prolific Academy and receive payment.)**

This study is intended to investigate how social attitudes and abstract reasoning affect the evaluation of information. Please keep in mind that, although some of the statements that you evaluated are true, many of them are false.

If you would like to be informed via email as to which of the statements are true and which are false, please enter your email address in the box below, and we will email you after this project has been completed; your email address will be stored separately from your responses to all questions on this survey. After the requested information is sent, all email addresses will be deleted.

(TOTALLY OPTIONAL) Your email address:

Thank you again, very much, for your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please feel free to contact me.

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