

Please read all directions and guidelines before beginning the survey.

- In order to participate in this survey, you must understand and agree to the consent form
- Please understand that your anonymity and confidentiality is a top priority throughout this experimentation process
- If you add **any** personal identifying information to this survey (names, date of births, etc.), your response will be discarded and not recorded
- If you wish to withdraw your participation at any time for any reason, please let me know and it will be handled
 - Your survey will be numbered. If you wish to withdraw after submission at any time, please contact me at josephinethuynh1@gmail.com with your survey number and your intent to withdraw
- Your identity will **never** be associated with any of your responses to the following questions.

****What is expected of the participant:** In this survey, you will be provided with three situations. Please read through each situation fully. You will then be provided with two options. Choose **ONE** answer according to what you **can** and **would** do, not what you **should** do. Pick the **best** or **closest** answer that you agree with. Keep in mind that your responses will not be connected to you personally in any way. Honesty benefits this study more than focusing on “correct” answers, which do not exist. Take each sentence at face value. The goal is to make a general decision about the situation.

After each situation, you will be asked a few follow up questions to further gain an understanding of why you selected your previous answer. You **do not** have to answer any or all of the follow up questions if you would prefer not to.

Please answer the questions in the order that they come. If you choose to skip any, leave them blank and do not come back to them.

The survey begins on the next page.

Select your age range.

- ☐ 18-24 years
- ☐ 25-34 years
- ☐ 35-44 years
- ☐ 45-54 years
- ☐ 55-70 years
- ☐ Over 70 years

Situation 1:

You are walking to work. On the way, you notice a child drowning in a shallow pond. You are wearing expensive clothing and shoes that will be ruined if you go into the water. Nobody else is around and able to help.

Which of the following options **best** describes what you would do in this situation?

- ☐ Go into the water to save the child, even if it means ruining your clothes and being late for work.
- ☐ Ignore the situation to avoid ruining your clothes and being late for work.

Situation 1 Follow Up Questions:

1a. Do you believe that people have a moral obligation to help in this situation regardless of the money-related costs such as clothes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1b. Would your decision change if the price of your clothes/shoes had a certain

dollar value? (Example: \$5,000+)

☐ Yes

☐ No

1c. **Only answer this question if you chose to ignore the situation and not save**

the child. - Do you believe that it is morally wrong to judge the choice to not help

as right or wrong?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Situation 2:

You are given the choice to donate \$500 dollars to a charity that can save a child's life by providing them access to food, water, or medical care. The charity is proven to be reputable, and it helps children in third-world nations. You have been planning to spend the \$500 on yourself or family for an inessential purchase.

Which of the following options **best** describes what you would do in this situation?

- ☐ Donate the \$500 despite the fact that it means giving up something you would enjoy.
- ☐ Do not donate because you are not directly responsible for the child's life.

Situation 2 Follow Up Questions:

2a. Do you feel that your moral obligation to help someone far away (like in this scenario) is the same as your moral obligation to help someone right in front of you (like in scenario 1)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2b. Only answer this question if you chose to donate. - Would your decision to donate be the same if the child's life depended on recurring donations (such as twice a year)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2c. Only answer this question if you chose *not* to donate. - Does the distance between you and the child affect whether or not you feel the need to help?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2d. Only answer this question if you chose *not* to donate. - If you were able to meet this child in person, would your decision change?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Situation 3:

You are scrolling online and come across an article and video about a sick child in a developing nation. The article states that a donation can help save the child's life by giving them access to medical care that cannot be funded otherwise. However, you are unsure about the legitimacy of the website, or how beneficial your donation would be.

Which of the following options **best** describes what you would do in this situation?

- ☐ Donate despite being unsure about whether or not your donation will actually make an impact.
- ☐ Do not donate because you are unsure about the website's legitimacy.

Situation 3 Follow Up Questions:

3a. Does the legitimacy of the website play a major role in your decision?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3b. Do you believe that you are morally obligated to take risks if it means helping

others by saving their lives?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3c. Do you believe that risks and skepticism make people less morally obligated to help in situations such as this?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3d. **Only answer this question if you chose *not* to donate.** - If the website were

to be verified as legitimate, would you change your decision?

☐ Yes

☐ No