

Screenshot Compilation

Main Study, Victim Condition – No Punishment

Informed Consent

Please read the following information about this research study and click the "I accept" button at the bottom of your screen if you are interested in participating.

The following survey is a study on bystander preferences for restoring justice after a transgression. You have been selected to participate in this study because you are a user on Prolific, the platform we are employing to administer our study.

You must be 18 years or older to participate in this survey.

This web-based survey will take approximately 6 minutes to complete. You will receive \$1.50 for completing it in full (and you may earn a portion otherwise). By choosing to participate you will help expand the knowledge about third-party preferences regarding punishment.

Your decision to participate is strictly voluntary and involves only the risk of mild psychological discomfort sometimes associated with choosing whether to take bonus money from a fellow participant. You are free to answer all, some or none of the questions on the survey. You may withdraw from participating at any time and to do so you simply close your internet browser. Declining to participate will involve no penalty to you.

If you submit a survey, your responses are recorded without any personal identifiers, so your responses are completely anonymous. We hope to gather approximately 500 responses. Data will be stored on a secure server and can only be accessed by the research team.

Reasonable and appropriate safeguards have been used in the creation of the web-based survey to maximize the confidentiality and security of your responses; however, when using information technology, it is never possible to guarantee complete privacy.

You can ask questions about the research by contacting David Zuckerman, Assistant Professor of Economics at CWU, either by phone at 509-963-3443 or by email at david.zuckerman@cwu.edu. You may also contact the CWU Human Protections Administrator if you have questions about your rights as a participant or if you think you have not been treated fairly. The HSRC office number is (509) 963-3115.

Please click "I accept" if you are 18 years or older and wish to participate.

Welcome. This study is expected to last about 6 minutes. You will be paid \$1.50 for completing it.

Please note, you must take this study on a device of sufficient screen size. You will NOT be able to take it on a mobile phone. We will run some initial checks to make sure your device is compliant.

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Before we begin the main part of the study, we'll have you respond to a short hypothetical scenario on the next page.

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Please consider the following scenario:

When Maria discovered that her friend and financial advisor, Sam, had drained her savings account through unauthorized withdrawals, she was devastated. Maria had trusted Sam implicitly, believing that he was managing her investments wisely. Instead, he had been siphoning funds for over a year to cover his personal debts.

Maria reported the incident to the police, and soon there was a criminal case filed against Sam.

In the case, Sam was charged with embezzling \$10,000, a felony. The jury has found him guilty, and the judge can now sentence him to up to 10 years in prison.

What prison sentence should the judge impose on Sam?

No prison time

6 months

1 year

2 years

3 years

4 years

5 years

6 years

7 years

8 years

9 years

10 years

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As part of a previous study, two participants - who we'll call Alex and Brad - completed some transcription tasks for us, and were each given \$10 in bonus money.



Then, Alex was given the chance to take \$5 from Brad. Click "Next" to see what they chose.

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We vary the names across participants. All offenders begin with "A" and all victims begin with "B". We have both male pairs and female pairs of names.

Alex chose to take \$5 from Brad. So, Alex's bonus payment **increased** to \$15 and Brad's **decreased** to \$5.



After Alex took \$5 from Brad, we informed Brad that another participant in a **future study** would be given an opportunity to reduce Alex's bonus payment.

(To be clear, that future study is the one you are currently taking.)

We further told Brad that any money taken away from Alex would go back to our Prolific account, not to Brad. So Brad's payment would stay at \$5, regardless of how much Alex's payment was reduced.

We then asked Brad, *"How much would you like the participant in the future study to reduce Alex's bonus payment by (if at all)?"* and gave them a set of options to choose from.

Click "Next" to see what Brad's response was.

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Brad indicated that they **didn't want** the future participant to reduce Alex's payment at all.

Now, *you* will decide how much to **reduce Alex's payment by (if at all)**. You can pick any amount between \$0 and \$15. This money would go back to our Prolific account. (So again, regardless of your decision, Brad's payment would stay at \$5.)

We won't reveal your decision to Brad.

After the current study is over, we'll select one participant from it and **actually implement their decision** to determine Alex's payment.

For example, if you chose to decrease Alex's payment by \$3, and your decision was selected to be implemented, we'd decrease Alex's payment from \$15 to \$12. Brad won't learn about the decrease.

There's a chance we'll select your decision to determine Alex's bonus payment. So take your decision seriously!

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Recap

- Alex and Brad completed some transcription tasks and were given \$10 in bonus money.
- Alex took \$5 from Brad. Alex then had **\$15** and Brad had **\$5**.
- Brad indicated that they **did not want** a future participant to reduce Alex's payment.
- Now **you** will decide how much to reduce Alex's payment by (if at all). We won't reveal your decision to Brad.
- Your decision could be selected to count - so be sure to think carefully!

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Please answer the comprehension questions below. You can review the instructions by clicking the "Previous" button at the bottom of the page. You have 3 tries to answer all questions correctly.

1. Alex and Brad completed some transcription tasks and were given \$10. What did Alex then choose to do?

Nothing

Give \$5 to Brad.

Take \$5 from Brad.

2. How much did Brad want a future participant to reduce Alex's payment by? Please enter a number between 0 and 15 in the textbox below. Do not include anything in the textbox other than the number.

If Brad did not want Alex's payment to be reduced at all, please enter 0.

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3. True or false: the decision you make could be selected to determine Alex's final bonus payment.

True

False

4. True or false: we won't reveal your decision to Brad.

True

False

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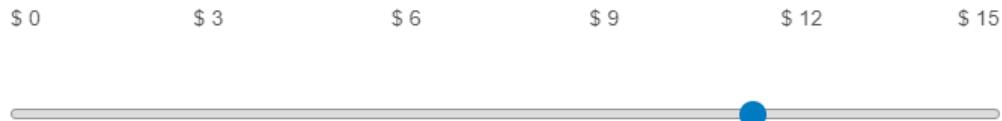
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Great, you passed the check.

Now, please click on the slider below and drag the handle to indicate how much you would like to **reduce Alex's payment by (if at all)**. You may choose any amount between \$0 and \$15. A recap of the instructions is below the slider, for your reference.

Amount Alex's payment is reduced: **\$11.35**

Amount Alex has left: **\$3.65**



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The text above the slider dynamically updates as the participants scrolls to the left and right.

You chose to decrease Alex's payment by **\$11.35**, leaving them with **\$3.65** in bonus money.

If you're happy with your choice, click "Next" to confirm it. If you'd like to change your choice, click "Previous."

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Thanks. Now, please think for a minute about how you made your decision.

Did Brad's preference **not** to have Alex's payment decreased at all impact your decision?

No

Yes

I'm not sure

If Brad's preference **did** impact your decision:

Did you decrease Alex's payment **more** than you would have otherwise, or **less** than you would have otherwise?

I decreased Alex's payment **more** than I would have otherwise.

I decreased Alex's payment **less** than I would have otherwise.

I'm not sure.

I wasn't impacted by Brad's preference.

If you'd like to elaborate, you can do so below:

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Should Brad's preference **not** to have Alex's payment decreased at all have impacted your decision?

No

Yes

I'm not sure

If you'd like to elaborate, you can do so below:

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Brad lost \$5 because of Alex's choice.

How big of a financial impact do you think this loss of \$5 will have on Brad?

Minimal Impact

Slight Impact

Moderate Impact

Large Impact

Maximum Impact

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Next, we want to check if you remember the answer to the question below. Everyone who answers the question correctly will be entered into a lottery with a \$10 prize.

You decided to decrease Alex's payment by \$11.35. Will we reveal your decision to Brad?

Yes

Maybe

No

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Please answer the following demographic questions. If you feel uncomfortable answering any, you may choose to leave it blank.

What is your age?

To which gender do you most identify?

Female

Male

Other

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

Yes

No

How would you describe yourself? Please select all that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

What is your household income level?

Less than \$20,000

\$20,000 to \$34,999

\$35,000 to \$49,999

\$50,000 to \$74,999

\$75,000 to \$99,999

\$100,000 to \$149,000

Over \$150,000

How would you describe your political leanings?

Very
Liberal

Liberal

Slightly
Liberal

Center

Slightly
Conservative

Conservative

Very
Conservative

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Thank you for completing this study.

As mentioned, after everyone completes the study, we will randomly select one participant and implement their choice to determine Alex's bonus payment. If you have been selected, we'll notify you via Prolific's Messaging System.

Please let us know below if you found anything confusing about the survey, or if you would like to share any additional comments. Then, click "Next" to be redirected to the completion URL.

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