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We are a non-partisan group of researchers from Washington University in St. Louis, USA, and Bocconi University in Milan, Italy.

Our goal is to understand the diversity of views on the desirability of income redistribution. This question has important implications for government policy, and your participation in this survey contributes to our knowledge as a society. It is important that you **answer all questions honestly**. Anytime you do not know an answer, it is ok to give your best guess. It is also very important for the success of our research project that you **complete the survey until the end**, once you have started. The survey should take (on average) about **7 minutes** to complete.

YOU MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact us at redistributionpreferences@wustl.edu.

Please enter your unique Prolific ID.

Consent Page

Informed Consent

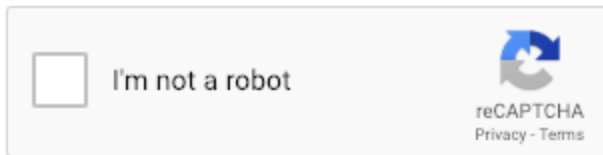
- I confirm that I have read and understood the information provided in the [informed consent form](#).
- I am 18 years of age or older, and volunteer to take part in this research.
- I understand that my Data will be processed in full compliance with the law.
- I freely consent to my Data to be used in the manner and uses described.
- I have understood my rights and limitations, as well as how to exercise them.
- I understand that I can withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or negative consequences.

Below, please confirm that you have read the above information and are willing to complete the survey.

- ☐ Yes, I consent to participate.
- ☐ No, I do not consent to participate.

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Please confirm below.



Block 4

The fruit test you are about to take part in is very simple. When asked to enter a fruit, you must select "Apple". This is an attention check.

Based on the text you read above, which fruit have you been asked to enter?

- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Cherry
- ☐ Mango
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Banana

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Overview

In this study, you will be presented with multiple scenarios where you must choose **which financial transfer should be given to one of two families.**

Each scenario will vary in two key ways:

- **The size of the financial transfer** each family could receive.
- **The after-tax income of each family**, which represents their earnings after taxes have been deducted (excluding the transfer).

Since only **one of the two transfers** can be implemented, your decision determines which family will receive financial support.

How Your Choice Could Have Real Consequences

At the end of this study, we will randomly select two families from the U.S. population who are also part of the Prolific sample but **are not participants in this survey**. These families will be **matched** to income levels similar to those presented in the scenarios.

One of these families will receive the **exact transfer amount** chosen by a participant in this study, while the other family will receive **nothing**.

This means your decisions are not just hypothetical—your choices could directly impact how much money a real family will receive from us.

Please pay attention and answer the question below correctly.

Based on the previous description of this study, which of the following statements is true?

- ☐ We will randomly select two families from the U.S. population who are part of the Prolific platform, and give ONLY ONE of them the chosen transfer.
- ☐ We will select one participant in this survey and give him/her the transfer amount.
- ☐ The transfers in the study are purely hypothetical and will not be given to any real families.
- ☐ We will randomly select two families from the U.S. population who are part of the Prolific platform, and give BOTH of them a chosen transfer.

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \{e://Field/Cost\}00$	$\$ \{e://Field/CostF2\}00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost2\} 00$	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost2F2\} 00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1



Transfer 2



Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost3\} 00$	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost3F2\} 00$
Current After-	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$

Tax Income		
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Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$ \$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost4\}00$	$ \$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost4F2\}00$
Current After-Tax Income	$ \$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000)*5\},000/year$	$ \$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000)*5\},000/year$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Tax-Break Amount	$$$\{e://Field/Cost5\}00$	$$$\{e://Field/Cost5F2\}00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression - 500\} / 5000\} * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression - 500\} / 5000\} * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Tax-Break Amount	$$$\{e://Field/Cost6\}00$	$$$\{e://Field/Cost6F2\}00$
Current After-	$\$ \{Invalid Expression - 500\} /$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression - 500\} /$

Tax Income	$5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$	$5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$
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Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Tax- Break Amount	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost7\} 00$	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost7F2\} 00$
Current After- Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / \text{year}$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \{e://Field/Cost8\}00$	$\$ \{e://Field/Cost8F2\}00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1



Transfer 2



Consider the following of the two hypothetical transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \{e://Field/Cost9\}00$	$\$ \{e://Field/Cost9F2\}00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5\}, 000 / year$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

Consider the following transfers.

	Transfer 1	Transfer 2
Transfer Amount	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost10\} 00$	$\$ \$ \{e://Field/Cost10F2\} 00$
Current After-Tax Income	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5 \}, 000 / year$	$\$ \{Invalid Expression\} - 500) / 5000) * 5 \}, 000 / year$

Based on the information above, which of the two transfers do you prefer us to make?

Transfer 1

Transfer 2

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Which factors were most important in guiding your previous transfer decisions? Please respond in full sentences.

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The chocolate test you are about to take part in is very simple. When asked to enter a type of chocolate, you must select "Bittersweet Chocolate". This is an attention check.

Based on the text you read above, which type of chocolate have you been asked to enter?

- ☐ Bittersweet Chocolate
- ☐ White Chocolate
- ☐ Dark Chocolate
- ☐ Milk Chocolate

Block 6

Consider a hypothetical household who currently makes **\$40,000/year before taxes**. Suppose that the government introduces a tax reform that cuts this household's tax burden in half.

Indicate by what percent you expect this household's working hours to change in response to this reduction in taxes?

Additionally, indicate by what percent you expect this household's **pre**-tax income to change in response to this reduction in taxes.



Please indicate how certain you were of your answers to the previous question, on a scale from 0 to 100. The value "0" means "very uncertain" while the value "100" means "very certain".

very uncertain

very certain



100

Now consider a hypothetical household who currently makes **\$100,000/year before taxes**. Again, suppose that the government introduces a tax reform that cuts this household's tax burden in half.

Indicate by what percent you expect this household's working hours to change and **pre**-tax income to change in response to this reduction in taxes.

-100 -80 -60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60 80 100

% Change in
Hours Worked



% Change in
Pre-tax Income



Please indicate how certain you were of your answers to the previous question, on a scale from 0 to 100. The value

"0" means "very uncertain" while the value "100" means "very certain".

very uncertain

very certain



100



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What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Non-binary / third gender
- ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your age?

Please indicate your marital status

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married

Do you have children living with you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How would you describe your ethnicity/race?

- ☐ European American/White
- ☐ African American/Black
- ☐ Hispanic/Latino
- ☐ Asian/Asian American
- ☐ Other

Were you born in the United States?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

In which state do you live?

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Which category best describes your highest level of education?

- ☐ Eighth Grade or Less
- ☐ Some High School
- ☐ High School Degree/GED
- ☐ Some College
- ☐ 2-year College Degree
- ☐ 4-year College Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree
- ☐ Doctoral Degree
- ☐ Professional Degree (JD, MD, MBA)

What is your current employment status?

- ☐ Full-time Employee
- ☐ Part-time Employee
- ☐ Self-employed or Small Business Owner

- ☐ Unemployed and Looking for Work
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Not in Labor Force (For Example: Retired, or Full-time Parent)

What was your TOTAL household income, before taxes, last year (2024)?

- ☐ <\$10,000/year
- ☐ \$10,000-\$14,999/year
- ☐ \$15,000-19,999/year
- ☐ \$20,000-\$29,999/year
- ☐ \$30,000-\$39,999/year
- ☐ \$40,000-\$49,999/year
- ☐ \$50,000-\$74,999/year
- ☐ 75,000-\$99,999/year
- ☐ \$100,000-\$149,999/year
- ☐ \$150,000-\$199,999/year
- ☐ \$200,000+/year

On economic policy matters, where do you see yourself on the liberal/conservative spectrum?

- ☐ Very Conservative
- ☐ Conservative

- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Liberal
- ☐ Very Liberal

Completion

Thank you for the survey completion. Your Prolific completion code is **C1LHS43C**.

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