A Study of Payday Loan Borrower Behavior: Exclusion Criteria

Our primary analysis of the survey data will use a sample of individuals who satisfy the four criteria below:

- 1. They correctly answer the comprehension check about the "\$100 If You Are Debt-Free" reward.
- 2. They pass the "attention check" question where they are instructed to click "Next," without clicking one of the options below.
- 3. They do not make an inconsistent choice in trading off "Money For Sure" with "\$100 if You Are Debt-Free" or in trading off "Money For Sure" with "Flip a Coin for \$100." By "inconsistent," we mean that the subject responds that he or she prefers \$X for Sure over option Y but then does not prefer \$X+P for Sure over Y, where Y refers to either "\$100 if You Are Debt Free" or "Flip a Coin for \$100" and where P is a certain positive amount.
- 4. They do not indicate that they prefer "\$100 if You Are Debt-Free" over \$160 For Sure, or that they prefer "Flip a Coin for \$100" over \$160 For Sure.

In analyzing the actual impact of getting the "\$100 If You Are Debt-Free" reward on borrowing, we will analyze both the restricted sample above, as well as the full sample.