

### **Monetary Choice Questionnaire** (9-item subset from Kirby et al., 1999)

For each of the following questions, please indicate the amount you would prefer. Please answer the questions quickly and honestly.

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|----|------------------------------|------|--------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 1. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$54 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>117 Days?</u> |
| 2. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$47 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>160 Days?</u> |
| 3. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$25 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>14 Days?</u>  |
| 4. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$40 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>62 Days?</u>  |
| 5. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$27 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>21 Days?</u>  |
| 6. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$49 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>89 Days?</u>  |
| 7. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$34 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>30 Days?</u>  |
| 8. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$54 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>111 Days?</u> |
| 9. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$20 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>7 Days?</u>   |

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|-----|------------------------------|------|--------------|------------|---------|------------------|
| 1.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$54 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>117 Days?</u> |
| 2.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$55 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$75 in | <u>61 Days?</u>  |
| 3.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$19 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$25 in | <u>53 Days?</u>  |
| 4.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$31 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$85 in | <u>7 Days?</u>   |
| 5.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$14 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$25 in | <u>19 Days?</u>  |
| 6.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$47 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>160 Days?</u> |
| 7.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$15 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$35 in | <u>13 Days?</u>  |
| 8.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$25 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>14 Days?</u>  |
| 9.  | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$78 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$80 in | <u>162 Days?</u> |
| 10. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$40 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>62 Days?</u>  |
| 11. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$11 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$30 in | <u>7 Days?</u>   |
| 12. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$67 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$75 in | <u>119 Days?</u> |
| 13. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$34 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$35 in | <u>186 Days?</u> |
| 14. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$27 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>21 Days?</u>  |
| 15. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$69 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$85 in | <u>91 Days?</u>  |
| 16. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$49 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>89 Days?</u>  |
| 17. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$80 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$85 in | <u>157 Days?</u> |
| 18. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$24 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$35 in | <u>29 Days?</u>  |
| 19. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$33 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$80 in | <u>14 Days?</u>  |
| 20. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$28 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$30 in | <u>179 Days?</u> |
| 21. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$34 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$50 in | <u>30 Days?</u>  |
| 22. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$25 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$30 in | <u>80 Days?</u>  |
| 23. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$41 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$75 in | <u>20 Days?</u>  |
| 24. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$54 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$60 in | <u>111 Days?</u> |
| 25. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$54 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$80 in | <u>30 Days?</u>  |
| 26. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$22 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$25 in | <u>136 Days?</u> |
| 27. | <i>Would you rather have</i> | \$20 | <b>Today</b> | <b>Or,</b> | \$55 in | <u>7 Days?</u>   |



**How strongly do you affiliate with this party?**

(Not at all strongly) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (Very strongly)

**Are you generally a person who is fully prepared to take risks or do you try to avoid taking risks?**

(Unwilling to take risks) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fully prepared to take risk)

**On average, how many hours do you spend using the internet each week?**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

**On average, how many hours do you spend watching TV each week?**

\_\_\_\_\_ hours

**Rank the top 3 of the following according to how much you rely on them for your news:**

(only rank 0, 1, or 2 of them if you have watched fewer than 3)

ABC: \_\_\_\_\_ CBS: \_\_\_\_\_ CNN: \_\_\_\_\_ Fox News: \_\_\_\_\_

NBC: \_\_\_\_\_ National Public Radio (NPR): \_\_\_\_\_ MSNBC: \_\_\_\_\_



**Religious Commitment Inventory** (Worthington et al., 2003)

- 1 *not at all true of me*
- 2 *somewhat true of me*
- 3 *moderately true of me*
- 4 *mostly true of me*
- 5 *totally true of me.*

1. I often read books and magazines about my faith.
2. I make financial contributions to my religious organization.
3. I spend time trying to grow in understanding of my faith.
4. Religion is especially important to me because it answers many questions about the meaning of life.
5. My religious beliefs lie behind my whole approach to life.
6. I enjoy spending time with others of my religious affiliation.
7. Religious beliefs influence all my dealings in life.
8. It is important to me to spend periods of time in private religious thought and reflection.
9. I enjoy working in the activities of my religious organization.
10. I keep well informed about my local religious group and have some influence in its decisions.

**Need for Closure Scale** (Roets & Hiel, 2011)

**Instructions:** Indicate how much you agree with each of the following by choosing the appropriate number:

**Scale options (1-6 scale):**

1 = Completely Disagree

6 = Completely Agree

1. I don't like situations that are uncertain.
2. I dislike questions which could be answered in many different ways.
3. I find that a well ordered life with regular hours suits my temperament.
4. I feel uncomfortable when I don't understand the reason why an event occurred in my life.
5. I feel irritated when one person disagrees with what everyone else in a group believes.
6. I don't like to go into a situation without knowing what I can expect from it.
7. When I have made a decision, I feel relieved.
8. When I am confronted with a problem, I'm dying to reach a solution very quickly.
9. I would quickly become impatient and irritated if I would not find a solution to a problem immediately.
10. I don't like to be with people who are capable of unexpected actions.
11. I dislike it when a person's statement could mean many different things.
12. I find that establishing a consistent routine enables me to enjoy life more.
13. I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life.
14. I do not usually consult many different opinions before forming my own view.
15. I dislike unpredictable situations.

**Psychological Essentialism Scale** (Bastian & Haslam, 2006, omitting 'biological basis' subscale)

Read each of the following statements and decide how much you agree with each according to your attitudes, beliefs, and experiences. It is important for you to realize that there are no "right" or "wrong" answers to these questions. People are different, and we are interested in how you feel. Please respond according to the following 6-point scale:

1 = *strongly disagree*

2 = *moderately disagree*

3 = *slightly disagree*

4 = *slightly agree*

5 = *moderately agree*

6 = *strongly agree*

1. The kind of person someone is, is clearly defined; they either are a certain kind of person or they are not\*
2. When getting to know a person it is possible to get a picture of the kind of person they are very quickly
3. People can behave in ways that seem ambiguous, but the central aspects of their character are clear-cut
4. It is possible to know about many aspects of a person once you become familiar with a few of their basic traits
5. A person's behavior in a select number of contexts can never tell you a lot about the kind of person they are
6. A person's basic qualities exist in varying degrees, and are never easily categorized\*
7. Everyone is either a certain type of person or they are not
8. Although a person may have some basic identifiable traits, it is never easy to make accurate judgments about how they will behave in different situations
9. A person's basic character is never easily defined
10. Generally speaking, once you know someone in one or two contexts it is possible to predict how they will behave in most other contexts\*
11. A person either has a certain attribute or they do not
12. It is never possible to judge how someone will react in new social situations
13. No matter what qualities a person has, those qualities are always indefinite and difficult to define
14. There are different 'types' of people and it is possible to know what 'type' of person someone is relatively quickly\*
15. People can have many attributes and are never completely defined by any particular one\*

**\* Denotes items included in a 5-item version of this scale for one of our samples**

**Cognitive Reflection Task** (Frederick, 2005)

You will next see a few problems that vary in difficulty. Try to answer as many as you can.

(1) A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost? \_\_\_\_ cents

(2) If it takes 5 machines 5 minutes to make 5 widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets? \_\_\_\_ minutes

(3) In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake? \_\_\_\_ days

**Probability matching** (adapted from Koehler & James, 2010)

The buttons below represent 10 orange cups and 10 blue cups. Imagine five-dollar bills are distributed randomly beneath 10 of these cups, and that you would get those \$5 for each cup you chose correctly. You know that the distribution was set up so that five-dollar bills were placed under 7 of the blue cups and 3 of the orange cups. If you only have 10 guesses to try to get as many right as possible (and collect the hypothetical cash underneath), click the buttons to indicate the cups you would choose.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange	Orange
Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

**Additional Items** (from separate portions of the same survey sample)

1. Do you currently smoke?

Yes                  No

2. Are behavioral differences between racial groups due more to genetic factors or environmental factors?

- 1 Completely due to genetic factors
- 2 Predominantly due to genetic factors
- 3 Somewhat more due to genetic factors than environmental factors
- 4 Equally due to genetic factors and environmental factors
- 5 Somewhat more due to environmental factors than genetic factors
- 6 Predominantly due to environmental factors
- 7 Completely due to environmental factors



**News Complexity Survey Items** (independent sample)

[Each of the following sets of questions was asked for the following networks (in randomized order): ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News, NBC, National Public Radio (NPR), MSNBC.]

**1) How much do you associate {NETWORK} with each of the following? (1 = 'not at all,' 9 = 'a great deal')**

Intuitive \_\_\_\_\_ Complex/multifaceted \_\_\_\_\_

Entertaining \_\_\_\_\_ Easy to consume \_\_\_\_\_

Informative \_\_\_\_\_

**2) How familiar are you with {NETWORK} as a news source?**

(Not at all) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (Extremely)

**3) How much do you rely on {NETWORK} for your news?**

(Not at all) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (A great deal)

**4) Do you feel that you share the views of the individuals on {NETWORK}?**

(Not at all) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (A great deal)

**Age:** \_\_\_\_ years      **Gender/sex:**    Male      Female

**When it comes to social issues, how liberal or conservative are you?**

(Very liberal) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (Very conservative)

**When it comes to economic issues, how liberal or conservative are you?**

(Very liberal) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (Very conservative)

**Political affiliation**

Republican      Democrat      Independent      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**How strongly do you affiliate with this party?**

(Not at all strongly) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (Very strongly)

**On average, how many hours do you spend using the internet each week?** \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**On average, how many hours do you spend watching TV each week?** \_\_\_\_\_ hours

**On average, how many hours do you spend listening to radio (or radio podcasts) each week?** \_\_\_\_\_ hours