

Online Appendix

Table 3: Sample Description

Variable	values	Survey	Survey	German
		n	Percent	population ¹ Percent
Total		1055	100.00	
Sex	Female	547	51.85	51.70
	Male	508	48.15	48.30
West/East Germany	West Germany	774	73.36	80.42
	East Germany	281	26.64	19.58
Age (Median = 50)	16-24	126	11.94	9.72
	25-29	57	5.40	7.26
	30-39	174	16.49	14.15
	40-49	164	15.55	19.90
	50-64	286	27.11	24.34
	65+	248	23.51	24.62
Education	Still Pupil	16	1.52	3.63
	No qualification	2	0.19	4.16
	Primary education (Hauptschulabschluss)	124	11.75	30.37
	Secondary education (Realschulabschluss)	361	34.22	29.79
	Higher education entrance qualification (Abitur)	540	51.18	31.89
	Other qualification	12	1.14	0.16
Population of current hometown	Less than 5.000	190	18.10	14.13
	5.000 – 20.000	247	23.52	26.01
	20.000 – 100.000	284	27.05	27.72
	100.000 – 500.000	159	15.14	15.27
	More than 500.000	170	16.19	16.87
Type of region	Independent city	298	28.25	29.12
	Urban area	450	42.65	39.06
	Rural area	150	14.22	17.27
	Sparsely populated rural area	157	14.88	14.55
Employment Status	Full time employed (minimum 35h per week)	464	43.97	45.10
	Part time employed	164	16.16	16.42
	Not employed (also students and pensioners)	387	38.13	38.48
Net household income	Below 850€	78	7.39	4.23
	850€ - below 2000€	258	24.45	20.10
	2000€ - below 3500€	350	33.18	31.26
	3500€ - below 5000€	182	17.25	19.70
	5000€ and above	80	7.58	13.60
	No answer	107	10.14	11.10
Attitude reciprocal expectations “there are too many getting help even though they do nothing for society”	1 I do not agree	63	5.97	
	2	107	10.14	
	3	245	23.22	
	4	277	26.26	
	5 I agree	363	34.41	
Attitude government expenditures “If the government must go deeper in debt to help people, then it should do so”	1 I do not agree	116	11.00	
	2	154	14.60	
	3	325	30.81	
	4	255	24.17	
	5 I agree	205	19.43	

¹ Aged 16 and more. Regional data from the Federal Statistical Office in Germany, www.destatis.de. Employment status and net household income are from the representative survey Allbus 2018 (GESIS, 2019).

Figure 3: Example of a vignette

Region 2 of 6										
<p>The recipient region is located in <u>Germany</u>. <u>Few</u> business relationships exist between the firms in the recipient region and the region where you live. Economic strength and income in the recipient region are about <u>30 percent</u> lower than the average in Germany. The proportion of elderly people in the recipient region <u>is lower than the average</u> in Germany. In the past, the recipient region has invested <u>less</u> in schools and roads than in recreational facilities. Through the creation of new jobs, <u>few residents</u> of the recipient region will be discouraged from leaving their home region and searching for jobs throughout Germany.</p>										
Do you agree with the support of this region?										
<p>I totally disagree I fully agree</p>										
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Table 4: Acceptance of transfers – control variables (random intercept models)

DV: Acceptance of the regional transfer (1 disagree/11 fully agree)

Variable	Level	Model 1 b/SE	Model 4 b/SE
Vignette dimensions		Included	Included
Age (Ref. 16-24 years)	25-34 years	0.161 (0.207)	0.144 (0.206)
	35-44 years	0.087 (0.206)	0.097 (0.205)
	45-54 years	0.060 (0.200)	0.070 (0.199)
	55-64 years	0.520* (0.208)	0.527* (0.207)
	65 and above	0.736*** (0.201)	0.715*** (0.200)
Sex (Ref. female)	Male	0.101 (0.103)	0.086 (0.102)
Education (Ref. Primary education, Hauptschulabschluss)	Still pupil	-0.019 (0.471)	0.041 (0.469)
	No qualification	0.041 (1.166)	-0.037 (1.159)
	Secondary education (Realschulabschluss)	-0.183 (0.174)	-0.177 (0.173)
	Higher education entrance qualification (Abitur)	-0.301+ (0.174)	-0.294+ (0.173)
	Other qualification	-0.507 (0.489)	-0.487 (0.486)

+ p < 0.1; * p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001

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DV: Acceptance of the regional transfer (1 disagree/11 fully agree)

Variable	Level	Model 1 b/SE	Model 4 b/SE
Net household income (Ref. 2000€ – below 3500€)	Below 850€	-0.079 (0.208)	-0.145 (0.208)
	850€ - below 2000€	-0.231+ (0.134)	-0.226+ (0.134)
	3500 – below 5000€	-0.196 (0.149)	-0.176 (0.149)
	5000€ and above	-0.359+ (0.204)	-0.305 (0.204)
	No answer	-0.147 (0.182)	-0.149 (0.181)
West/East Germany (Ref. West Germany)	East Germany	0.274+ (0.143)	-0.229 (0.231)
Type of region (Ref. Independent City)	Urban Area	0.060 (0.128)	-0.046 (0.143)
	Rural Area	-0.039 (0.170)	-0.341+ (0.204)
	Sparsely populated rural area	0.012 (0.171)	-0.272 (0.203)
Median income in respondent's district (Ref. Above 40%- to 60% quantile)	Lower 20% quantile		0.683** (0.254)
	Above 20% - to 40% quantile		-0.021 (0.175)
	Above 60% - to 80% quantile		-0.091 (0.168)
	Above 80% quantile		-0.126 (0.183)
Attitude government expenditures (Ref. No agreement 1-3)	Agreement (4-5) to “if the government must go deeper in debt to help people, it should do so”		0.306** (0.100)
Constant		6.740*** (0.265)	6.754*** (0.314)
Random Effects Parameters			
Var (cons)		1.919 (0.113)	1.877 (0.111)
Var (Residual)		3.929 (0.077)	3.929 (0.077)
n vignettes		6330	6330
n Respondents		1055	1055

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