

APPENDIX A: Demographic and Political Characteristics of MTurk Sample

Age

Mean: 37.6
Minimum: 18
Maximum: 82

Gender

Female: 43.1%

Race

Nonwhite: 20.2%

Income

Less than \$50,000: 45.25%
Between \$50-99,999: 43.25%
\$100,000 or more: 11.5%

Education

No college diploma: 32.7%
Associates or Bachelors: 55.4%
Post-graduate work or degree: 11.9%

Married

Yes: 40.7%

Religious Attendance

Never: 57.6%
Rarely: 26.2%
Often: 16.2%

Ideology

Extremely liberal: 13.7%
Liberal: 25.9%
Slightly liberal: 11.5%
Moderate: 20.7%
Slightly conservative: 12.5%
Conservative: 13.0%
Extremely Conservative: 2.7%

Party ID

Strong Democrat: 21.0%
Weak Democrat: 22.0%
Independent: 31.7%
Weak Republican: 18.5%
Strong Republican: 7.0%

APPENDIX B: Experimental Treatments

You will now read a story about a city that faced the question of keeping or removing a Confederate monument in a city park. You will spend at least 90 seconds reading the story, at which point we will ask you for your feelings about the story and broader issues related to it.

GROUP 1: COUNCIL-KEEP

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GROUP 2: COUNCIL-REMOVE

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GROUP 3: VOTERS-KEEP

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GROUP 4: VOTERS-REMOVE

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APPENDIX C: Survey Questions

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the decision made regarding the Hood statue was fair. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the decision made regarding the Hood statue was legitimate. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the decision made regarding the Hood statue allowed the voices of the citizens of Owingsville to be heard. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the decision made regarding the Hood statue increases my confidence in our system of government. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: the decision made regarding the Hood statue is likely to settle the debate over Confederate statues in the city of Owingsville once and for all. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

To what extent do you agree with the following statement: both sides of the debate regarding the Hood statue had their voices heard. 1. Strongly disagree 2. Disagree 3. Neither agree nor disagree 4. Agree 5. Strongly agree

Do you support or oppose removing Confederate statues from public spaces around the country? 1. Oppose 2. Unsure 3. Support