

Consent Form

Title of research study: Personality and Belief

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What should I know about a research study?

- This research study will be explained to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at www.byrdnick.com/contact

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or irbadmin@colorado.edu if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

How long will the research last?

We expect that you will be in this research study for up to 10 minutes.

How many people will be studied?

We expect about 200 people will be in this research study internationally.

What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?

You will complete one web-based survey. The survey will involve demographic information, up to 10 questions about your personality, up to 3 math questions, and up to 20 questions about your beliefs.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

You can leave the research at any time and it will not be held against you.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?

Again, you can leave the research at any time it will not be held against you.

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Any data collected from you will not be used in the study. You can explain your reasons for withdrawing, but you are not required to do so.

Will being in this study hurt me in any way?

There are not foreseen risks in participating in this study.

Will being in this study help me any way?

We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include improved self-awareness of personality and improved self-awareness of one's philosophical beliefs.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

No identifying information will be collected, so data will not include information like name or contact information. The researchers are interested only in answers to the survey questions. We cannot promise complete secrecy about these answers. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the IRB and other representatives of this organization.

Can I be removed from the research without my OK?

The person in charge of the research study or the sponsor can remove you from the research study without your approval. Possible reasons for removal include incomplete surveys or failures to give sufficient thought to survey questions (e.g., if you complete the entire survey in less than 60 seconds).

What else do I need to know?

This research is being funded in part by the Institute for Cognitive Science at the University of Colorado.

All participants will have the option to subscribe to updates about the study at the end of the survey.

After you click "submit" below, you will continue to the survey. If you do not click "Submit" again at the end of the survey, then none of your answers will be saved and they will not be viewed by the researchers.

by checking this box, you are indicating that you consent to participate in this study according to the terms above.

[Continue to survey (Button)]

Survey

Country of Citizenship: _____

Country of Residence: _____

Ethnicity:

Asian or Pacific Islander

Black/Non Hispanic

Caribbean

Caucasian

Latino/Hispanic

Native American or Alaskan Native

Multiethnic

Other:

Biological sex:

male

female

intersex

Gender

man

woman

other: _____

Do you have or are you a candidate for a PhD in philosophy?

yes

no

(if no, continue to survey for non-philosophers)

How many years have you been studying philosophy? ____

Research Profile:

Areas of specialization:

Areas of Competence:

Of the following, with which philosophical traditions do you most identify? (Check all that apply)

Analytic

Continental

Eastern

Western

History

With which time period(s) is most of your work directly concerned?

Ancient

Medieval

Renaissance

Modern

20th Century

Contemporary

Affiliation (check and clarify all that apply):

I am a graduate student

I am a postdoctoral researcher/teacher

I am non-tenure-track faculty member

I am a tenure-track faculty member

I am an emeritus faculty member

I have published in a peer-reviewed philosophy journal

I currently teach philosophy at a college/university

I know or am acquainted with the researcher(s) conducting this study.

PhilPapers Survey
(with modified questions for non-philosophers)

This is a survey about some central philosophical questions. The questions will be asked to you one at a time, in no particular order. The questions are phrased in a minimal way, in part because further clarification would usually be tendentious and would call for still further clarification in turn. Of course any philosopher can find ambiguity or other problems in such a question, so a number of "other" options are available. Nevertheless, we strongly encourage you to adopt the most natural interpretation of each question and to report an acceptance or a leaning toward one side or the other wherever possible.

Question 1

Mind: anti-physicalism or physicalism?

Accept: anti-physicalism

Lean toward: anti-physicalism

Accept: physicalism

Lean toward: physicalism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 1

Do you think the mind is entirely physical or not?

Accept: it's entirely physical

Lean toward: it's entirely physical

Accept: it's not entirely physical

Lean toward: it's not entirely physical

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 2

Mental content: externalism or internalism?

Accept: externalism

Lean toward: externalism

Accept: internalism

Lean toward: internalism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 2

Do you think the contents of the mind are entirely internal or do the contents of the mind depend on things outside the mind?

Accept: entirely internal

Lean toward: entirely internal

Accept: depends on the contents of the world
Lean toward: depends on the contents of the world
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 3

Language: Russellianism or Fregeanism?
Accept: Russellianism
Lean toward: Russellianism
Accept: Fregeanism
Lean toward: Fregeanism
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 3

Do you think that uttering the words "Santa Claus" implies that Santa Claus actually exists or does it merely imply that an idea of Santa Claus exists?
Accept: refer directly to things / implies that Santa Claus actually exists
Lean toward: refer directly to things / implies that Santa Claus actually exists
Accept: refers to just to an idea of things / merely implies that an idea of Santa Claus exists
Lean toward: refers to just an idea of things / merely implies that an idea of Santa Claus exists
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 4

Analytic-synthetic distinction: yes or no?
Accept: yes
Lean toward: yes
Accept: no
Lean toward: no
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 4

Do you think there is an important difference between statements that are true depending on how they describe the world and statements that are true by definition?
Accept: yes
Lean toward: yes
Accept: no
Lean toward: no
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 5

Time: B-theory or A-theory?

Accept: B-theory

Lean toward: B-theory

Accept: A-theory

Lean toward: A-theory

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 5

Do you think that our experience of time's passage represents an objective passage of time in the world, or do you think that our experience of time's passage is illusory?

Accept: it represents an objective passage of time

Lean toward: it represents an objective passage of time

Accept: it's illusory

Lean toward: it's illusory

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 6

Laws of nature: Humeanism or non-Humeanism?

Accept: Humeanism

Lean toward: Humeanism

Accept: non-Humeanism

Lean toward: non-Humeanism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 6

Do you think natural laws are just descriptions of observed regularities or are they law-like features that truly govern events such in such a way that observable regularities occur?

Accept: just descriptions

Lean toward: just descriptions

Accept: law-like features

Lean toward: law-like features

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 7

Justification: externalism or internalism?

Accept: externalism

Lean toward: externalism

Accept: internalism

Lean toward: internalism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 7

Do you think someone's beliefs and actions should be justified by factors that are "external" (e.g., objective truth or consequences) or "internal" to the person (e.g., motivation, intention, awareness)?

Accept: external

Lean toward: external

Accept: internal

Lean toward: internal

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 8

Free will: incompatibilism or compatibilism?

Accept: incompatibilism

Lean toward: incompatibilism

Accept: compatibilism

Lean toward: compatibilism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 8

If every event in the universe is determined, do you think it is possible that there could be free will?

Accept: no

Lean toward: no

Accept: yes

Lean toward: yes

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 9

God: theism or atheism?

Accept: theism

Lean toward: theism
Accept: atheism
Lean toward: atheism
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 9

Do you think that a God exists?
Accept: yes
Lean toward: yes
Accept: no
Lean toward: no
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 10

Meta-ethics: moral realism or moral anti-realism?
Accept: moral realism
Lean toward: moral realism
Accept: moral anti-realism
Lean toward: moral anti-realism
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 10

Is anything objectively or truly morally right or wrong?
Accept: yes
Lean toward: yes
Accept: no
Lean toward: no
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 11

Moral judgment: externalism or internalism?
Accept: externalism
Lean toward: externalism
Accept: internalism
Lean toward: internalism
Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 11

Do you think that moral judgments are justified only by external criteria (e.g., whether or not someone is known to be a good person), or by only factors internal to the person (e.g., whether or not the person was motivated by good intentions)?

Accept: external

Lean toward: external

Accept: internal

Lean toward: internal

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 12

Normative ethics: consequentialism, deontology or virtue ethics?

Accept: consequentialism

Lean toward: consequentialism

Accept: deontology

Lean toward: deontology

Accept: virtue ethics

Lean toward: virtue ethics

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 12

Which of the following do you think makes an action right or wrong?

(a) The consequences of the action.

(b) The definition of the action.

(c) Whether or not the person who did the action was a good person.

Accept: (a)

Lean toward: (a)

Accept: (b)

Lean toward: (b)

Accept: virtue (c)

Lean toward: (c)

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 13

Politics: libertarianism or egalitarianism?

Accept: libertarianism

Lean toward: libertarianism

Accept: egalitarianism

Lean toward: egalitarianism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 13

What is more important in a good society: ensuring liberty or ensuring equality?

Accept: liberty

Lean toward: liberty

Accept: equality

Lean toward: equality

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 14

Science: scientific anti-realism or scientific realism?

Accept: scientific anti-realism

Lean toward: scientific anti-realism

Accept: scientific realism

Lean toward: scientific realism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 14

Do you think that science can describe the fundamental nature of the world, or can it only produce useful predictions and technology?

Accept: produce useful predictions and technology

Lean toward: produce useful predictions and technology

Accept: describe the fundamental nature of the world

Lean toward: describe the fundamental nature of the world

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 15

Abstract objects: nominalism or Platonism?

Accept: nominalism

Lean toward: nominalism

Accept: Platonism

Lean toward: Platonism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 15

Do you think abstract entities like numbers really exist, or do things like numbers only exist as descriptions of quantities (for example 3 apples)?

Accept: descriptions

Lean toward: descriptions

Accept: entities that really exist

Lean toward: entities that really exist

Lean toward: Other:
Comment (optional):

Question 16

Knowledge: empiricism or rationalism?

Accept: empiricism

Lean toward: empiricism

Accept: rationalism

Lean toward: rationalism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 16

Do you think we have to see how the world works to have knowledge or can we know things by just thinking about them?

Accept: we have to see how the world works

Lean toward: we have to see how the world works

Accept: we can just think about them

Lean toward: we can just think about them

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 17

Metaphilosophy: naturalism or non-naturalism?

Accept: naturalism

Lean toward: naturalism

Accept: non-naturalism

Lean toward: non-naturalism

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 17

Do you think that there are supernatural forces, causes, or beings?

Accept: no

Lean toward: no

Accept: yes

Lean toward: yes

Other:

Comment (optional):

(not using question 18_

Question 19

Trolley problem (five straight ahead, one on side track, turn requires switching): straight or turn?

Accept: straight

Lean toward: straight

Accept: turn

Lean toward: turn

Other:Comment (optional):

Question 19

You see a train racing down its track towards five people. You happen to be standing near the switch that would divert the train down a sidetrack toward one person. If you pull the switch the train will surely kill 1 person. If you do not pull the switch the train will surely kill five persons. Do you pull the switch?

Accept: no

Lean toward: no

Accept: yes

Lean toward: yes

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 20

Personal identity: physical view or psychological view?

Accept: physical view

Lean toward: physical view

Accept: psychological view

Lean toward: psychological view

Other:

Comment (optional):

Question 20

Do you think that your brain and body have to continue to exist for you to continue to exist, or could you continue to exist so long as your mental states continue to exist?

Accept: brain and body have to continue to exist

Lean toward: brain and body have to continue to exist

Accept: only mental states have to continue to exist

Lean toward: only mental states have to continue to exist

Other:

Comment (optional):

Below are a series of math questions of varying difficulty. Please answer as many as you can.

1. A notebook and a pencil cost \$1.10 in total. The notebook costs \$1.00 more than the pencil. How much does the pencil 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
4. Are you familiar with these questions?
5. Are you familiar with the answers to these questions?

[end survey]

You have successfully submitted your answers to the survey. Thank you for completing the study!

Why was I invited to take part in a research study?

You were invited to take part in a research study because you are an academic philosopher.

Why is this research being done?

This study is designed to determine whether and how certain psychological and cognitive features correlate with, interact with, and predict self-reported philosophical beliefs.

Questions, Concerns, & Suggestions

If you have any questions, comments, or other suggestions, then you are welcome to leave them in the space below (The researchers will contact you to answer your questions only if you include your email address with your question. This will not be linked to your answers to survey questions but will confirm you as a participant.)

If you would like to be kept up to date on this research or if you would like to participate in future studies related to this research, then you can sign up below. To sign up, write your email address in the box below and click sign-up.

Your email address will not be stored with or connected with the data, you can provide your email address and keep your survey answers anonymous.

Email: _____

[sign-up]