Workplace Wellbeing Study Part 1

Start of Block: Participant Information Sheet

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**ISSUES FACING MODERN UK SOCIETY**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

**What is the study about?**

The aim of the study is to assess people's opinions on a range of current issues in society.

**Who is taking part?**

Participants are adult men and women between the ages of 18 and 50 living in the UK.

**What will I have to do?**

This is a two-part online study, with the two parts conducted one week apart. During the study, you will be asked your opinions on some current issues in society. You will also be asked to provide a little information about yourself, including your age, gender, ethnicity, and employment status. This is to allow us to test whether these factors influence people’s opinions.   After you have completed part 1, you will be emailed one week later to complete the second part, and we ask that you complete it within 3 days of receiving the invitation. Part 1 will take approximately 5 minutes. Part 2 will take approximately 10 minutes.

**Is the survey anonymous?**

All responses will be anonymous. As part of this project, we will ask for your Prolific ID number, so that we will be able to pay you on completion of the study. As this code is unique to you, it is possible that this information can be used to identify you, for instance by employees of Prolific. During the data collection period, you will be identified only by your Prolific ID by the researchers. Note, however, that the employees of Prolific will not have access to the survey data, as this is stored on a different platform. Additionally, the Prolific ID number will be viewed by the researcher team, but they do not have access to the personal information you provide to Prolific. In sum, though we will ask for your Prolific ID number, the set-up of the study means that this cannot be used to trace your responses back to you. Prolific IDs will be deleted from our data as soon as the responses from both parts of the study have been combined, and before we begin data analysis. Information about participants’ geographic location that is embedded in many online surveys will be deleted from our data before data processing.   
   
**What are the risks?**

There is no risk involved in participating in this study beyond that encountered in daily life.

**What are the benefits?**

You will be reimbursed £0.45 after completing Part 1 of the study, and a further £0.85 after completing Part 2, for a total of £1.30. You will also contribute to our knowledge of how people in the UK feel about some important issues in society today.

**What if I do not wish to continue at any stage?**

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time, by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page. If you withdraw from the study your data will be destroyed. You may choose to withdraw from the study by contacting the lead researcher up to 72 hours after the invitation to participate in Part 2 has been sent. After this time, data from Part 1 and Part 2 will be combined using Prolific IDs, which will then be deleted from the data to protect participant anonymity. Therefore, it will no longer be possible to identify individual respondents after this time and withdrawal from the study will no longer be possible. 

**What happens to the information?**

The University of Exeter processes personal data for the purposes of carrying out research in the public interest. The University will endeavour to be transparent about its processing of your personal data and this information sheet should provide a clear explanation of this.

The information that is collected as part of the research project will be stored on secure University of Exeter servers and will only be accessed by authorized personnel at the University of Exeter where it is relevant to this research. After responses from the two parts of the study have been combined, Prolific IDs or other potentially identifying data will be deleted to protect participant anonymity. No identifying information will be retained, included in data analysis, shared, or published.

The information will be processed by the University of Exeter in accordance with the provisions of the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation principles. The data will be retained on secure University of Exeter servers only for the duration of the study – approximately six months. At the end of the study, anonymized data will be archived with the UK Data Service and may be shared with other researchers for use in future research projects.

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**Who has reviewed this study?**

This project has been reviewed by the Psychology Research Ethics Committee at the University of Exeter (reference number: eCLESPsy001156).

**What if I have some questions about the study?**

Please feel free to contact the lead researcher, Dr Angela Meadows, with any questions you would like answered prior to taking part, or if you have any further questions after participating in the study. Her email address is: a.meadows@exeter.ac.uk.

If you have any ethic concerns regarding this study, please contact the Chair of the School of Psychology’s Ethics Committee Dr Nick Moberly at n.j.moberly@exeter.ac.uk or Gail Seymour, University of Exeter Research Ethics and Governance manager at g.m.seymour@exeter.ac.uk, 01392 726621.

If you have any queries about the University’s processing of your personal data that cannot be resolved by the research team, further information may be obtained from the University’s Data Protection Officer by emailing dataprotection@exeter.ac.uk or at www.exeter.ac.uk/dataprotection.

End of Block: Participant Information Sheet

Start of Block: Consent Form

Please read each of the sentences below and confirm you understand their implications. If so, you will be able to proceed with the study. If not, that means that you do not provide consent to participate and you will be directed to the end of the survey.

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1. I understand that my participation in this study is completely voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason and without my legal rights being affected. I understand that I must use the withdraw button provided to receive the necessary completion code for payment.

* Yes, I understand. (1)
* No, I won't participate in the survey. (2)

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2. I understand that taking part involves anonymised questionnaire responses to be used for the purposes of scientific research. This includes allowing the research team to perform data analyses and to share the results of these analyses in public presentations and scientific publications.

* Yes, I understand. (1)
* No – I won't participate in the survey. (2)

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3. I understand that my data might be publicly shared, if that is required on a future occasion, but that if this is done I will remain completely anonymous. I understand that prolific IDs will be deleted from the data as soon as the responses from both parts of the study have been combined, and before data analysis is begun.

* Yes, I understand. (1)
* No – I won't participate in the survey (2)

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4. I confirm that I have read the information about this project. I have had the opportunity to consider the information and freely choose to participate in this study.

* Yes, I confirm. (1)
* No – I won't participate in the survey. (2)

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End of Block: Consent Form

Start of Block: No Consent

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As you do not wish to participate in this study, please return your submission on Prolific by selecting the 'Stop without completing' button.

End of Block: No Consent

Start of Block: Prolific ID

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Thank you, you may now proceed to the survey. Please do not spend too long on any one question. Remember, there are no right or wrong answers and all responses are anonymous. If you wish to withdraw from the study at any time, simply click on the link at the bottom of the screen. This will take you to a closure screen from where you may return to your Prolific dashboard.

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End of Block: Prolific ID

Start of Block: Charitable Giving

Which, if any, of the following have you done in the last year? Please tick as many as apply.

* Donated money to charity (1)
* Given goods to charity (2)
* Sponsored someone for charity (3)
* Volunteered for a charity (4)
* Signed a petition (5)
* Bought an ethical product (6)
* Taken part in a local or public consultation (7)
* Taken part in a public demonstration or protest (8)
* None of the above (9)

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Which of the following types of charitable organisations would you consider donating to? Please tick as many as apply.

* Medical research (1)
* Animal welfare (2)
* Children or young people (3)
* Overseas aid and disaster relief (4)
* Homeless people/housing/refuge shelters (5)
* Conservation (6)
* The arts (7)
* Other (8)
* None of the above (9)

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To what extent do you agree with the following statement?

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Somewhat disagree (3) | Neither agree or disagree (4) | Somewhat agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| Most charities are trustworthy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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End of Block: Charitable Giving

Start of Block: Food/environment

How concerned are you about the following issues? Please select the response that best represents your opinions

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|  | Not at all concerned (1) | Somewhat unconcerned (2) | A little unconcerned (3) | Neither concerned or unconcerned (4) | A little concerned (5) | Somewhat concerned (6) | Extremely concerned (7) |
| The effect of pesticides and fertilisers on the environment? (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depletion of ocean fish stocks (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Animals being treated cruelly during food production (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food imports from countries or areas that employ cheap labour (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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 How likely are you do the following actions in the next 3 months?

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|  | Very unlikely (1) | Somewhat unlikely (2) | A little unlikely (3) | Neither likely or unlikely (4) | A little likely (5) | Somewhat likely (6) | Very likely (8) |
| Purchase environmentally friendly food products (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Avoid buying products containing chemical food additives (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buy free range eggs (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Try to reduce my household food waste (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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End of Block: Food/environment

Start of Block: WSRS

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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|  | Strongly disagree (1) | Disagree (2) | Slightly disagree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Slightly agree (5) | Agree (6) | Strongly agree (7) |
| As a result of how overweight/fat people are treated, I want to stand up for weight-related issues (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thinking about how overweight/fat people are treated makes me want to fight for fat rights (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I directly confront those responsible for treating overweight/fat people badly (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I bring the negative treatment of overweight/fat people to the attention of the appropriate authorities or people in charge (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want to lose weight to reduce my chances of being discriminated against. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It’s up to me to change my weight if I want to be treated better (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| The way overweight/fat people are treated makes me angry (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overweight/fat people should do something about their weight to fit into society (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Start of Block: Modern sexism

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

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|  | Strongly agree (1) | Agree (2) | Somewhat agree (3) | Neither agree nor disagree (4) | Somewhat disagree (5) | Disagree (6) | Strongly disagree (7) |
| Discrimination against women is no longer a problem in the UK (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Women often miss out on good jobs due to sexual discrimination (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is rare to see women treated in a sexist manner on television (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| On average, people in our society treat husbands and wives equally (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Society has reached the point where women and men have equal opportunities for achievement (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is easy to understand the anger of women’s groups (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is easy to understand why women’s groups are still concerned about societal limitations of women’s opportunities (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Over the past few years, the government and news media have been showing more concerns about the treatment of women than is warranted by women’s actual experiences (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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End of Block: Modern sexism

**End of Survey message:**

Thank you. You have now completed Part 1 of the study. You will receive an invitation to participate in Part 2 in seven days. When you receive the email, we request that you complete Part 2 within 72 hours (3 days). After 72 hours, the survey will be closed and you will not be able to participate.

Thank you for your time.  
  
Please [click on this link](https://app.prolific.ac/submissions/complete?cc=2L59S3QI) to register your responses and return to your Prolific dashboard.