# The Trust Game: Salience, Beliefs, and Social History

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# Abstract

The trust game is the standard experimental measure of trust and reciprocity in the social sciences. However, trust game experiments typically do not satisfy the salience precept, which is required to instantiate a microeconomic system in the lab. In three experiments, we find that when subjects are given all relevant information about the mapping between their actions and the earnings of both players, there is a dramatic increase in amounts returned. Beliefs about amounts returned, though, are pessimistic relative to the actual return behaviour we observe. After providing information on these returns in a graphical, easily intelligible manner, there is a marked increase in amounts sent, suggesting that the provision of social history information can be welfare enhancing for both players, and attributed to belief updating. Our results challenge the stylised facts of the trust game, and demonstrate that institutions matter.

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### 1. Introduction

The investment game has become the canonical behavioural measure of trust and reciprocity in economics and many cognate disciplines, and is now commonly referred to as the *trust* game. It is a (deceptively) simple strategic interaction between two agents. In its original form, both players receive the same endowment of, say, \$10, and player 1 is asked how much of this amount, if any, they want to send to player 2, knowing that the experimenter will triple the amount sent. After player 2 has received the tripled amount, they are asked how much, if any, they want to return to player 1. The amount sent by player 1 ostensibly measures trust, with larger amounts sent indicating higher levels of trust, while the amount returned by player 2 captures reciprocity.

The trust game's widespread adoption since Berg, Dickhaut and McCabe (BDM) [1995] arguably stems from its simplicity, and the fact that money is (typically) on the line, implying that experimental subjects have an incentive to reveal their preferences for trust and reciprocity. It also facilitates comparisons of trust across groups when typical survey questions (e.g., Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you cannot be too careful in dealing with people?)<sup>1</sup> may be interpreted differently by different people.

Drawing inferences from behaviour in the trust game may not be as simple as originally intended, though. For example, Cox [2004] shows that amounts sent and returned may be affected by other-regarding motives, particularly given that the amount sent by player 1 is multiplied by a factor greater than one. Other researchers have stressed the role of risk attitudes in amounts sent, given that this is an inherently risky "investment," because there is no guarantee that any of it will be returned (see Chetty et al. [2021] for a recent, systematic review and experimental results). Amounts sent will also be determined by a person's subjective beliefs about amounts conditionally returned.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This question is used in the World Values Survey, see Haerpfer et al. [2022]

While we incorporate these considerations in our econometric analyses, our focus is more fundamental. A pillar or *precept* of experimental economics that allows one to define a microeconomic system in the laboratory is salience (Smith [1982]). Salience ultimately requires that there is a clear mapping (for the subject) between choices and expected rewards in an experiment. Our contention is that the standard implementation of the trust game, where both the first mover and second mover<sup>2</sup> are given the same endowment, undermines salience by obscuring the translation from actions to the monetary rewards that subjects actually earn in the experiment. This lack of salience is not innocuous, because the calculations required to determine the *terminal* payoff consequences of choices are not trivial.

We conduct a set of experiments explicitly designed to promote salience, and our results are striking. First, player 2 returns far larger amounts than typically observed in trust game experiments. Second, subjective beliefs about amounts conditionally returned track the common result that player 1 tends to break even from the decision to trust, in the sense that the amount returned is equal to the amount sent, even though this pattern is not observed in our data. Finally, when we provide "social history" information to subjects about amounts returned in our first experiment, we observe a significant increase in amounts sent, which can be explained by belief updating.

Section 2 explains why the trust game undermines salience, discusses studies that elicit subjective beliefs about player 2 behaviour, and reviews experiments using social history treatments. Section 3 describes our experimental design, which involved three different experiments with three different samples all drawn from the University of Cape Town (UCT) student population. Section 4 explains our econometric approach. Section 5 presents the results and Section 6 concludes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We use the terms "player 1 and player 2," and "first mover and second mover" interchangeably.

### 2. Salience, Beliefs, and Social History in the Trust Game

# A. Salience

Do standard implementations of the trust game undermine **salience**? We realised they do when designing a set of experiments with the aim of structurally estimating a model of amounts sent in the trust game that takes into account other-regarding motives, subjective beliefs about amounts returned by player 2, and risk preferences.<sup>3</sup> For these experiments, we wanted to minimise the cognitive burden associated with mathematical calculations by directly performing these calculations for our subjects as they clicked through different options on their computer screens. We were motivated, in part, by Smith [1982, p. 934] who argues, "A third procedure can be directly inferred from the Siegel (1961) results, *namely to design the procedures, displays and computing aids of an experiment so as to make the experimental task as simple and transparent for the subject as is possible [our emphasis] without, of course, compromising the essential features of the institution under study."* 

In a standard<sup>4</sup> trust game, experiment instructions make it clear that both players are endowed with the same amount of money, say E = \$10. Player 1 can send an amount  $c \in \{\$0, \$1, ..., \$10\}$  that will be multiplied by a factor greater than one, typically three, and received by player 2. The amount sent by player 1 is then communicated to player 2, who must decide how much to return of the experimenter-augmented amount:  $d \in 3 \times c$ . Player 1's payoff is therefore E - c + d, and player 2's payoff is E + 3c - d. Assuming no other-regarding preferences, the subgame perfect Nash equilibrium (SPNE) of the game is (Amount<sub>Sent</sub>, **Amount<sub>Returned</sub>**) = (c, d) = (\$0, \$0), because player 1 anticipates that player 2 will return zero, regardless of any amount they receive, so player 1 sends zero as the first mover.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> We do not focus on this model here, but it is worthwhile understanding our original motivation because it helps to explain the experimental design choices we made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> By "standard," we refer to the original design of BDM where both the first mover and second mover receive the same endowment. Other designs have varied the endowment of the second mover. We discuss an experiment in Section 3 (Sapienza, Toldra-Simats and Zingales [2013]) where the second mover received no endowment.  $SP = 2^{2} + 4 + 4 + 5^{2} + 4 + 5^{2} + 5$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Player 2's strategy that forms part of the SPNE is the ordered list d = (0, ..., 0), which we simplify as d = (\$0).

When describing and analysing the game, BDM [p. 124] ignore the initial endowment *E* of player 2, stating that, "While subjects in room B pocket their show-up fees, subjects in room A must decide how much of their \$10 to send to an anonymous counterpart in room B." However, both player 1 and player 2 in the BDM experiments received an actual participation fee of \$10, which was not linked to the choices they made in the investment game. Thus, player 2's endowment was not a show-up fee, but rather a feature of the strategic interaction between the players that should be included in the analysis of the game.

While BDM's experiment instructions explain the *game form*, agents in game theory have preferences over *outcomes*, not actions, so analysis of the *game* requires that we incorporate player 2's endowment when drawing inferences about behaviour. Including player 2's endowment does not change the SPNE, but it does make the mapping from actions to rewards in the experiment more difficult to calculate, thereby undermining salience.<sup>6</sup> For example, if player 1 sends \$6 then they are left with \$4, while player 2 has  $(3 \times $6 =)$  \$18 + \$10 (the endowment) = \$28 in total (ignoring the players' participation fees of \$10, which are not a feature of the game). Will subjects behave differently if these actual payoff contingencies are shown to them?

As an example, suppose player 1, the first mover, sends \$8 to player 2. How much would player 2 need to return to equalise the players' earnings (inclusive of the second mover endowment)? These calculations are not trivial. The answer is that player 2 would need to return \$16, because when added to the \$2 left of player 1's endowment, they earn \$18 in total. Player 2 received  $(3 \times \$8 =)$  \$24, which when added to their \$10 endowment gives them \$34. Only by returning \$16 do both players end up earning \$18 from the experiment.<sup>7</sup> Again, by ignoring player 2's endowment, it would be easy for a subject to think that if they return the same amount sent to them by player 1, or even slightly more, then they would be repaying "trust." In reality, if

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ortmann, Fitzgerald and Boeing [2000, p. 82] make a related point when re-examining the BDM results with a modified experimental design, "Confusion and/or lack of understanding of the nature of the experimental situation may have arisen from the relatively long instructions and a fairly complicated experimental design."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> While this mental arithmetic may be easy for some people, we expect heterogeneity in subjects' willingness and ability to do these calculations.

player 2 sends back the same amount that was sent to them, they walk away with significantly more money from the experiment.

In Section 3, we discuss the institution we designed with our experimental software to promote salience in the trust game.

### B. Beliefs

A number of studies have investigated **beliefs** about amounts returned in the trust game. Some researchers elicit beliefs using incentivised experimental methods, while others use unincentivised survey questions asking subjects how much they expect the second mover to return.

Savage [1971] defines beliefs as subjective probabilities over possible events and reviews methods for eliciting full belief *distributions* as opposed to measures of central tendency of the distribution, such as the mean or mode.

With regard to unincentivised survey questions about expected returns, subject responses are difficult to interpret. For example, consider the common within-subject design where player 1 is asked to report "what they expect" player 2 to return to them either before or after making their amount sent choice (Ashraf, Bohnet and Piankov [2006], Buchan, Croson and Solnick [2008], Chaudhuri and Gangadharan [2007], Eckel and Wilson [2004], and Ortmann, Fitzgerald and Boeing [2000]). Does player 1 report the mean of their belief distribution over the possible amounts (or proportions) that player 2 can return, or do they report the amount they believe most likely to be returned, which is the mode of their belief distribution? These two measures of central tendency, the mean and the mode, of the subjective belief distribution are almost certainly not the same given the discrete event space in the trust game; see Section 5 where we find that the mean and mode do not coincide in our data. Some subjects may reasonably assume the question asks for the mode, while other subjects, just as reasonably, assume the question asks for the mean. Manski [2004, p. 1338] notes that subjective interpretations of qualitative *verbal* 

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questions on expectations may vary widely across subjects. We believe unincentivised elicitation of *numeric* expectations are likewise too ambiguous for consistent interpretation.

We have identified three studies where researchers elicit beliefs about amounts (or proportions) returned using incentivised experimental methods. Costa-Gomes, Huck and Weizsäcker (CHW) [2010] use a within-subject design where subjects first decided what *share* of their endowment to transfer as player 1, and the Quadratic Scoring Rule (QSR) was then used to elicit the *mean* of their belief distribution over *proportions* returned.<sup>8</sup> This method is only incentive compatible for risk neutral subjects who obey subjective expected utility theory<sup>9</sup>, and it just elicits one measure of central tendency, not the full belief distribution.

Sapienza, Toldra-Simats and Zingales (SPZ) [2013] use a within-subject design where subjects first chose an amount to send as player 1, their conditional beliefs were elicited about amounts returned for every positive amount sent, and they then chose amounts to return as player 2 using the strategy method. SPZ elicit beliefs with what we refer to as the *interval* elicitation method, because subjects are rewarded if their belief about an amount returned is within an interval of the second mover's actual decision. As SPZ [2013, Appendix B, p. 3] explain to subjects, "You earn \$10 for every amount sent in which your estimation matches the responder's decision (with a 10% margin of error)." The interval elicitation method approximates the mode of each (conditional) belief distribution; it does not elicit full belief distributions.

Finally, Vyrastekova and Garikipati (VG) [2005] use a within-subject design where subjects completed the trust game assuming the roles of player 1 *and* player 2 (the strategy method was employed), and the QSR was then used to elicit beliefs about amounts sent by player 1, and conditional belief *distributions* for amounts returned by player 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> By eliciting the mean of the *proportion* returned, CHW do not focus on conditional beliefs about *amounts* returned for different amounts sent. They cannot, therefore, investigate whether beliefs about amounts returned differ as a function of amounts sent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> In Section 4, we discuss our approach to the elicitation and estimation of full belief distributions for every positive amount sent. Our approach relaxes the assumptions of risk neutrality and subjective expected utility theory.

These incentivised studies all use within-subject designs: they elicit behaviour in the trust game *and* beliefs about behaviour in the trust game. As Blanco et al. [2010] explain, this design can incentivise subjects to report *beliefs* to hedge against *behaviour* in a game. In the trust game, player 1 may expect to receive a large return from player 2, but to hedge against the risk that this is not the case, they could report pessimistic beliefs about amounts returned. To mitigate the possibility of hedging, CHW and VG elicit beliefs *after* subject choices in both roles in the trust game, while SPZ do not tell subjects that their beliefs will be elicited after their amount sent choices and before their amount return choices. We are agnostic about whether subjects exploit hedging opportunities in these designs, but we used a between-subject experiment to elicit beliefs about amounts returned to remove the possibility of hedging.

SPZ argue that eliciting beliefs using proper scoring rules, such as the QSR, is complex and cognitively demanding for subjects. Their choice of the interval elicitation method was based on its simplicity. By contrast, CHW and VG use the QSR and explain how it works in their instructions. We agree that trying to explain the mechanics of the QSR to subjects is challenging, particularly because there is likely to be heterogeneity in understanding. But we do not think one needs to explain the calculations underlying the QSR if one uses an experimental design that shows subjects the earning implications of their choices; see Section 3 for more details.<sup>10</sup>

CHW, SPZ and VG all focus, in part, on the relationship between amounts sent and beliefs about amounts returned in the trust game. They find that amounts sent in the trust game are associated with beliefs about player 2 returns: the more a subject expects to receive in return, the larger the amount they tend to send. We enrich this literature by investigating whether beliefs about amounts returned track actual return behaviour, and apply Bayesian updating to explain how the provision of social history information affects amounts sent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> As an analogy, a subject does not need to understand an internal combustion engine for the relationship between the gas pedal and the car's acceleration to be salient.

# C. Social History

Does the provision of **social history** information influence behaviour in trust games? After collecting data from 32 *pairs* of student subjects (32 first movers, and 32 second movers) at the University of Minnesota, BDM ran a social history treatment where they presented a new set of 28 student subject pairs with the amounts sent and returned by the original 32 pairs. BDM used this treatment to investigate whether information provision bolsters trust and reciprocity, or whether it increases the prevalence of the SPNE strategy profile. BDM [p. 141] used a table to convey this information to subjects. The table listed every possible amount that could be sent (\$0 - \$10), the number of people choosing to send this amount, the average amount returned for each amount sent, and the average profit for each amount sent.

The table clearly shows that the only amounts sent that resulted in a positive average profit for the first mover were \$5 (half of the endowment) and \$10 (the full endowment). For all other amounts sent, the average profit was either zero or negative. Thus, the table suggests that amounts returned are conditional on (specific) amounts sent. However, the small sample size used to compile the table, coupled with zero, one, or two data points for six of the possible amounts sent, provides relatively limited information for subjects in the social history treatment to update their beliefs about amounts returned.

BDM found no statistically significant difference in amounts *sent* across their baseline and social history treatments: the average amount sent in the baseline treatment was \$5.16, compared to the average amount sent in the social history treatment of \$5.36. By contrast, BDM found that the average amount *returned* in the social history treatment (\$6.46) was significantly higher than the average amount returned in their baseline treatment (\$4.66). Thus, BDM's social history treatment had very little impact on average amounts sent, but a relatively large change in amounts returned, relative to their baseline treatment.

Ortmann, Fitzgerald and Boeing (OFB) [2000] sought to test the robustness of the BDM results by changing the way in which subjects were shown social history information, and by

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attempting to prompt strategic reasoning through a questionnaire.<sup>11</sup> They found that their baseline results were not significantly different to BDM. In addition, amounts sent in the OFB treatments did not differ significantly from their baseline results. OFB [p. 88] conclude that, "Our re-examination of the well-known BDM results suggest that they are quite robust. Even a presentation mode whose focus is on relative rather than absolute returns together with strategic reasoning prompts do not, counter to our expectation, manage to derail them." However, OFB's baseline results were generated by an even smaller sample than BDM: 16 pairs of student subjects in OFB compared to 32 pairs in BDM. This (very) small sample, and a lack of information on returns for all possible amounts sent<sup>12</sup>, limit the inferences subjects could draw about amounts returned in the OFB treatments from the baseline results.

Houser, Schunk and Winter (HSW) [2010] investigated the (potential) interaction between risk preferences<sup>13</sup> and amounts sent in the trust game by using an experimental design where first movers were either paired with a human counterpart or a computer. In the treatments where first movers were paired with a computer, the computer determined the amount returned to first movers using the distribution of returns in BDM. In the regular (human) trust game, subjects either participated in a baseline treatment where no information on past returns was provided, or a social history treatment where they were furnished with the distribution of returns from BDM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Specifically, OFB ran a baseline treatment (Treatment 1) that replicated the BDM design. They also ran a social history treatment (Treatment 2), which displayed the results from the OFB baseline treatment using the table that BDM employed. In Treatment 3, OFB presented both the table of social history results along with a figure that showed every *tripled* amount sent and the corresponding amount returned to emphasise that amounts returned were not (except in one case) equitable. In Treatment 4, OFB provided no social history information but sought to prompt strategic reasoning by asking first movers to complete a set of survey questions prior to making their amount sent choice. These questions were designed to promote salience, and to encourage first movers to think about what they would do if they were the second mover. Finally, in Treatment 5 (and Treatment 5R, which was a replication of Treatment 5), OFB combined Treatment 3 and Treatment 4 by providing social history information in a table and a figure, and including the set of survey questions for first movers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The only positive amounts sent in the OFB baseline treatment were \$2, \$3, \$5, \$9, and \$10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> HSW used the multiple price list of Holt and Laury [2002] to elicit risk preferences. For a detailed discussion of the HSW design, see Chetty et al. [2021].

In an earlier working paper, HSW [2006] include the figure that subjects were given in the social history treatment. The figure shows the fraction of second movers who returned specific percentages of the tripled amount they received. An example included on the figure explains that, "About 7% of all players 2 have sent back 50% (i.e. half) of the received money." There are two issues with this figure. First, HSW used the incorrect denominator when calculating the fraction of second movers that sent back particular percentages. In BDM, two of the 32 subjects sent zero, implying that the second mover could not return anything. HSW used 32 as the denominator to produce the fraction, as opposed to 30. Second, the figure is *not conditional* on the amount sent. In other words, there is no way for a subject to determine whether 0% was only returned for low amounts sent (e.g., \$1 or \$2) or whether this was a universal phenomenon for all amounts sent: \$1, ..., \$10. These issues aside, HSW [2010, p. 76] found no statistically significant differences in the distributions of amounts sent across the baseline and social history treatments.

Finally, Chetty et al. [2021] replicated the design of HSW, but with a corrected, and (slightly) more informative, version of the HSW social history figure, and a richer set of 40 lottery pairs to investigate whether attitudes to risk interact with amounts sent in the trust game. Similar to the preceding results on the effects of providing social history information, Chetty et al. [2021] found no statistically significant differences in amounts sent between the baseline and social history treatments across a number of statistical models.

In sum, the provision of social history information appears to have little effect on amounts sent in the trust game. We sought to investigate the apparent null effect of social history on amounts sent by implementing a social history institution, using a graphical, easily intelligible software interface, that provides player 1 with amount sent information from a large number of subjects.

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In the next section, we discuss our experimental design, explain how it bolsters salience, allows us to elicit subjective beliefs about amounts returned in the trust game, and presents social history information to subjects.

### 3. Experimental Design

We conducted three experiments at UCT that were designed to provide insights into the determinants of amounts sent in the trust game. In Experiment 1, 188 subjects took part in a discretised version of the trust game assuming the roles of player 1 (the first mover) *and* player 2 (the second mover), a generalised dictator game, and a risk preference task. In Experiment 2, we elicited subjects' (n = 106) beliefs about amounts returned in the trust game conducted in Experiment 1, and their risk preferences. Finally, in Experiment 3, we provided social history information about amounts returned in Experiment 1, and 94 subjects completed a discretised version of the trust game assuming the roles of player 1 (the first mover) *and* player 2 (the second mover), a generalised dictator game, and a risk preference task. Our final sample consists, therefore, of data provided by 388 *distinct* subjects from the UCT student population, where no subject participated in more than one experiment. We provide details of each experiment below.

### A. Experiment 1 (Baseline)

Our first experiment served as the baseline for Experiment 2 and Experiment 3 in the sense that the data we collected in Experiment 1 was used in these subsequent experiments. In Experiment 1, subjects took part in a discretised version of the trust game assuming the roles of player 1 (the first mover) *and* player 2 (the second mover), a generalised dictator game, and a risk preference task.

In the trust game, player 1 had to make *five* decisions to send  $c \in \{R0, R20, R40, R60, R80, R100\}^{14}$  to player 2, knowing that the amount sent would be tripled.<sup>15</sup> As player 2, subjects had to make return decisions for every possible amount sent, so we used the strategy method to elicit player 2's full strategy; this is an important design choice for the elicitation of beliefs in Experiment 2. In the generalised dictator game, each subject had to make five decisions to send  $b \in \{R0, R10, R20, ..., R80, R90, R100\}$  to another, anonymous subject, where player endowments and the multiplier differed across the five decisions, e.g., for one decision, both player 1 (the dictator) and player 2 (the receiver) had the same endowment and the multiplier was 3, thereby mimicking the trust game, as per Cox [2004]. Finally, in the risk preference task, subjects made 100 binary choices between the lottery pairs designed by Wilcox [2018].<sup>16</sup>

Subjects received written instructions explaining each task before they completed it.<sup>17</sup> When a subject finished reading the instructions for a task, they raised their hand so that a research assistant could play complementary audio-visual instructions on the computer that showed them the decision-making environment in greater detail. Subjects wore on-ear headphones provided by the experimenters, so that they did not disturb other subjects when watching the video instructions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> In 2018,  $1 \approx R6.40$  at purchasing power parity (PPP), implying the stakes in our experiment were slightly higher than BDM. Specifically, the largest amount player 1 could send was approximately \$16. We limited amounts sent to increments of R20, because we used the strategy method to elicit player 2's responses to every possible amount sent. <sup>15</sup> Subjects were asked to make five decisions given the discretised nature of our trust game. For example, suppose a subject in the role of player 1 wants to send half of their endowment. This is not possible if they make one choice, but by making five choices and oscillating between R40 and R60, their average amount sent would be close to R50. As we discuss later, our subjects did indeed oscillate between amounts sent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The generalised dictator game and risk preference task are not our focus here, except in so far as we use them to include covariates in our econometric analyses of amounts sent (dictator and risk) and amounts returned (dictator only) in the trust game. In addition, the risk preference data are used to *recover* subjective beliefs to account for our subjects' high levels of risk aversion, which, as a matter of theory, will affect their token allocations in the beliefs task; see the discussion in Section 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The written instructions for all tasks are available in Appendix A. The audio-visual instructions can be accessed at: <u>https://osf.io/ypuzd/</u>.

# Task 1

# Player 1 - Amount to Send

### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- You and Player 2 each have R100
- Any amount you send is multiplied by 3
- Player 2 then decides how much of this amount (if any) to send back to you

Example:

If you send R100, it is multiplied by 3, so Player 2 receives R300. You will have R0 and Player 2 will have R400. Player 2 then decides how much of the R300 (if any) to send back to you.

### What amount will you send to Player 2?

○ R0						
O R20						
<b>O</b> R40	If you send <b>R40</b> , it is multiplied by 3, so Player 2 receives <b>R120</b> .					
O R60	You will have <b>R60</b> and Player 2 will have <b>R220</b> .					
O R80	Player 2 then decides how much of the <b>R120</b> (if any) to send back to you.					
O R100						
This decision could be randomly selected for payment So think carefully about the choice you want to make						

Figure 1: Interface for Player 1 in the Trust Game

We varied the order of the roles in the Trust game, and the order of the Dictator game and Trust game between subjects, while always eliciting Risk preferences at the end of the session. Four task orders were, therefore, used: [T<sub>s</sub>, T<sub>R</sub>, D, R], [T<sub>R</sub>, T<sub>s</sub>, D, R], [D, T<sub>s</sub>, T<sub>R</sub>, R], and [D, T<sub>R</sub>, T<sub>s</sub>, R], where the subscript S refers to "send" and the subscript R refers to "return."

To promote salience, subjects were shown the payoffs from each possible amount they could choose to send or return in the trust game. Figure 1 shows the interface we designed for player 1 using *oTree*, developed by Chen, Schonger and Wickens [2016]. As subjects clicked on each possible amount to send, they were shown the payoff consequences of this alternative for player 1 *and* player 2. We randomly selected an Example for each subject on each screen so that any potential priming would wash out in the aggregate.

# Task 1

# Player 2 - Amount to Send Back

### Decision: 2 of 5

#### Instructions

- You and Player 1 each had R100
- Suppose Player 1 sends **R40**, so Player 1 now has R60
- You received **R120**, so you now have R220
- · After you choose what to send back, the task ends

### <u>Example:</u> If you send back R0, Player 1 earns R60 and you earn R220.

#### Of the R120 you received, what amount will you send back to Player 1?

O R0					
○ R20					
O R40					
<b>O</b> R60	Player 1 earns <b>R120</b> and you earn <b>R160</b> .				
O R80					
O R100					
O R120					
This decision could be randomly selected for payment <b>So think carefully about the choice you want to make</b>					

Figure 2: Interface for Player 2 in the Trust Game

Figure 2 shows the interface we designed for player 2, where the Example on each screen was randomly selected for each subject. When subjects clicked on each possible amount to send back<sup>18</sup>, they were shown the payoff consequences of their choice for player 1 *and* player 2. These amounts incorporated player 2's endowment, as they should. This design directly maps actions to rewards in the experiment, thereby mitigating concerns about whether the salience precept was satisfied. McCabe and Smith [2000] also clearly point out the payoff consequences of player 1 and player 2's endowment: a binary trust game, inclusive of player 2's endowment, but in a far more restrictive environment: a binary trust game where player 1 sends all (\$10) or nothing, and player 2, conditional on receiving \$30, returns \$15 or nothing.<sup>19</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> We specifically avoided the word "return," because we did not want to prime subjects to reciprocate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> McCabe and Smith [2000] prevent player 2 from equalising the players' earnings by returning \$20, because they want to rule out concerns for equity or fairness in their analysis.

## Payment Protocol

We were sensitive to the possibility of cross-role and cross-task contamination in the experiment.<sup>20</sup> For example, if subjects are paid for both roles in the trust game they can hedge against risk by sending a large amount as player 1 and returning nothing as player 2. In addition, if subjects are paid for both tasks, then sending a large amount in the dictator game may crowd out other-regarding motives in the trust game. Consequently, we only randomly paired subjects at the end of the experiment and paid them for *one* role from *one* of the trust game and dictator game tasks. Subjects received a participation fee of R40, and were also paid for one randomly selected choice from the risk preference task, earning R410  $\approx$  \$65 (at PPP), on average.

# B. Experiment 2 (Beliefs)

In Experiment 2 we elicited subjects' risk preferences and subjective beliefs about amounts returned by the 188 participants in Experiment 1 for the five positive amounts  $c^* \in$ {R20, R40, R60, R80, R100} that player 1 could send. Experiment 2 provided the rationale for using a discretised version of the trust game, along with the strategy method for player 2, in Experiment 1. For this experiment, we varied the order of the subjective beliefs task and risk preference task across subjects.

For the beliefs task, subjects were given written and audio-visual instructions explaining the trust game that was run in Experiment 1, which included screenshots of player 2's interface so that it was clear that player 2 knew the payoff consequences of their returns. In the task itself, subjects had to allocate 20 tokens to bins, representing the possible amounts returned for each amount sent, to express their beliefs about the likelihood that a particular amount was returned

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Cox, Sadiraj and Schmidt [2014, 2015], Azrieli, Chambers and Healy [2018, 2020], and Brown and Healy [2018] for detailed discussions.

for that amount sent.<sup>21</sup> Subjects could allocate their tokens in any way, e.g., bimodally, and were incentivised using the QSR.

# Task 1

### Decision: 2 of 5

Instructions

- Suppose Player 1 sent R40 to Player 2
- This was tripled so Player 2 received R120
- How much of this **R120** did Player 2 send back to Player 1?
- 188 people took part in this interaction. You will be randomly matched with one of these people
- Express your beliefs about the amount this person sent back to Player 1 by allocating tokens using the sliders below
- The more tokens you allocate to the amount that was sent back, the more money you earn in this task

	Amount Sent Back	Tokens	You have 0 unallocated tokens.	Payment
<u>If Amount Sent Back = R60</u> Player 1 earned: R120 Player 2 earned: R160	RO	0	-0	R113.25
	R20	2		R143.25
	R40	4	O	R173.25
	R60	7	O	R218.25
	<b>R80</b>	5	O	R188.25
	R100	2		R143.25
	R120	0	-0	R113.25

Your payment depends on the amount that the person who you are randomly matched with chose to send back So think carefully about the choice you want to make

Submit

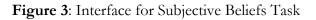


Figure 3 shows a screenshot of the subjective beliefs task for an amount sent of R40. When subjects hovered over a bin representing an Amount Sent Back, e.g., R60, a pop-up appeared showing what player 1 and player 2 would have earned from this particular return, e.g., (R120, R160). Our intention, again, was to make the experiment as simple and transparent as possible to enhance salience. Subjects had to report their beliefs about amounts returned for the five positive amounts that could be sent in our trust game. After completing the subjective beliefs task, subjects received written and audio-visual instructions for the risk preference task, which was identical to the task used in Experiment 1, and then made 100 lottery choices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> We have used 100 tokens in other experimental designs, e.g., Harrison et al. [2021, 2022], but chose to limit the number of tokens to 20, so that moving a token from one bin to another had relatively large payoff consequences for subjects. This choice was informed by our desire to avoid payoff dominance concerns (Harrison [1989, 1992, 1994]).

### Payment Protocol

After subjects had completed both tasks, they were paid for the subjective beliefs task in the following way: each subject was randomly paired with the data from one of the 188 participants in Experiment 1; one of the subject's five belief questions (for amounts sent of R20, R40, R60, R80, and R100) was randomly selected for payment; and they were paid out on the basis of their token allocation to the bin containing the participant's choice from Experiment 1 with whom they were paired. Using the example in Figure 3, suppose this (hypothetical) subject was paired with a participant in Experiment 1 who decided to return R20 after being sent R40. Given that the subject in Experiment 2 allocated 2 tokens to the Amount Sent Back bin of R20, they would have been paid R143.25.

Subjects received a participation fee of R40 and were paid for one randomly selected risk preference choice, earning R480  $\approx$  \$75 (at PPP), on average.

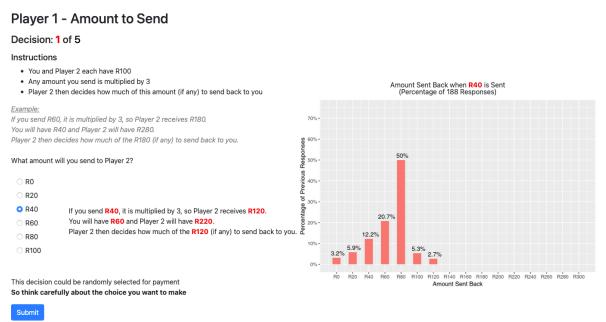
# C. Experiment 3 (Social History)

In Experiment 3 we provided social history information about return behaviour in Experiment 1, and subjects (n = 94) completed the discretised version of the trust game from Experiment 1, assuming the roles of player 1 *and* player 2, the generalised dictator game, and the risk preference task. In the role of player 1, as subjects clicked on each possible amount to send they were shown how this alternative affected the income distribution of player 1 *and* player 2 at this stage of the game. Crucially, they were also shown Amount Sent Bank histograms, using the data from Experiment 1, when they clicked on each alternative. Figure 4 shows the interface we designed for our social history treatment. The histograms automatically updated when subjects clicked on each possible amount, but using the same set of axes to (hopefully) aid comprehension, and to emphasise that amounts returned are necessarily conditional on amounts sent. To avoid priming subjects with social history information prior to making their return

decisions, they *always* assumed the role of player 2 first in this experiment, implying we used two

task orders:  $[T_R, T_S, D, R]$ , and  $[D, T_R, T_S, R]$ .<sup>22</sup>

### Task 1



# Figure 4: Interface for Player 1 in the Social History Treatment

### Payment Protocol

The payment protocol for Experiment 3 was identical to Experiment 1. Thus, subjects were randomly paired at the end of the experiment and paid for *one* role from *one* of the trust game and dictator game tasks. Subjects received a participation fee of R40, and were also paid for one randomly selected choice from the risk preference task, earning R425  $\approx$  \$67 (at PPP), on average.

# D. Discussion

To the best of our knowledge, the experimental design of STZ is the closest to ours in the following ways: 1) subjects assumed the roles of the first mover *and* second mover; 2) they elicited beliefs about amounts returned; 3) subjects were paid for *one* role in the trust game *or* the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> In subsequent discussions, we omit the "R" for brevity when referring to different task orders, because the risk preference task was completed at the end of the experimental session.

beliefs task; and 4) the software allowed subjects to calculate the payoffs of both players. It differs in some fundamental ways, though. First, subjects in the role of player 2 had to click a "Calculate" button to see the earnings of both players, whereas we presented this information automatically when subjects clicked on an amount to return. Second, STZ did not endow player 2; in principle this should make it easier for subjects to determine the payoffs to both players for a particular amount returned, in comparison to the BDM design. Third, we used a between-subject design to elicit beliefs as opposed to the within-subject design of STZ. Fourth, they elicited beliefs using the interval elicitation method, which approximates the mode of the belief distribution, in comparison to our approach that elicits the full distribution. Fifth, subjects were not shown the payoffs of both players during the beliefs task for each possible amount returned. Finally, STZ used a risk preference task where subjects had to make 15 choices between a two-outcome lottery and a certain reward, whereas we presented subjects with 100 lottery choices with up to three prizes per lottery.

In sum, our experimental design arguably elicits richer information about preferences and beliefs than STZ, while making the payoffs from various choices salient to subjects.

## 4. Econometrics

The amounts sent in our trust game generate discrete, bounded, ordered dependent variables given that R0 < R20 < R40, etc. Thus, we analyse amounts sent using ordered logit regression models. Following Long and Freese [2014, ch. 8] we also test the robustness of our results by estimating multinomial logit models of amounts sent, because the multinomial logit does not incorporate the parallel regression assumption of the ordered logit. For amounts returned, we pool the data for each subject and each possible amount sent, and estimate a fractional response (logistic) regression model of the *proportion* of the amount returned. Given that subjects made five amount sent choices and five amount return choices in our trust game,

we cluster the standard errors of the estimates by subject identifier to allow for heteroscedasticity across subjects.

Our econometric approach to the estimation of subjective beliefs about amounts returned in the trust game is relatively complex and requires more explanation. To fix ideas first, recall that subjective beliefs are defined as subjective probabilities over possible events. Thus, belief distributions obey the same rules as probability distributions: probabilities are non-negative and sum (or integrate) to 1. As Savage [1971] recognises, subjective beliefs and risk preferences jointly rationalise observed choices in subjectively risky environments.

Winkler [1969] and Matheson and Winkler [1976] discuss methods for eliciting subjective beliefs by paying subjects for their reported probabilities according to a "scoring rule." They proposed several scoring rules, but only a proper scoring rule, such as the QSR, is incentive compatible for risk neutral agents that obey Subjective Expected Utility (SEU) theory. If these assumptions hold, beliefs can be inferred directly from subjective probability *reports*, viz., token allocations in our setting. There is an extensive literature, though, which suggests that experimental subjects exhibit risk aversion, even over lotteries with small stakes.<sup>23</sup> If subjects are not risk neutral, proper scoring rules do not incentivise subjects to directly reveal their beliefs.

For example, if a subject is (sufficiently) risk averse then they will hedge in a subjective beliefs task by allocating tokens to a number of bins, even though they may not be particularly *confident*<sup>24</sup> that the answer to the belief question falls into these bins. For example, the belief distribution of a risk averse subject would be more highly peaked than the distribution of tokens in Figure 3. In addition, Rank-Dependent Utility (RDU) agents with pronounced probability weighting can allocate *more* tokens to a bin they consider *less* likely to contain the true answer than to the bin they consider most likely to contain the true answer. In Figure 3, a RDU agent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Savage [1971, p. 786] argues, "Within sufficiently narrow limits, any person's utilities can be expected to be practically linear." The experimental evidence, reviewed by Harrison and Rutström [2008], has *not* provided support for this conjecture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Harrison et al. [2021, 2022] explain the distinction between *bias* and *confidence* of subjective belief distributions.

may believe the answer is more likely to fall into the R80 bin, but nevertheless allocate more tokens to the R60 bin than the R80 bin.<sup>25</sup> Researchers have therefore sought to relax the assumptions of risk neutrality and conformance with SEU.

For example, Offerman et al. [2009] develop a method to correct subjective probability reports to account for risk aversion. However, their approach can produce "corrected" subjective probability reports that sum to greater than 1, and therefore violate a rule of probability distributions. Harrison et al. [2017] also relax the assumption of risk neutrality, while still assuming SEU, and derive subjective probability reports, viz., beliefs, that do indeed sum to 1. Harrison, Monroe and Ulm (HMU) [2022] further relax the requirement of SEU by allowing risk preferences to be consistent with RDU (and probability weighting functions that are invertible, continuous, and differentiable).<sup>26</sup>

We use the theory in HMU, which links RDU risk preferences with the reports elicited using the QSR, to *recover* subjective beliefs from subject token allocations. Adopting this approach we first specify the likelihood function to estimate risk preferences, use the candidate risk preference estimates to recover subjective beliefs, and then fit a probability distribution (in our case, a probability mass function) to the recovered beliefs. We provide a brief explanation of our econometric approach below, and include the details in Appendix B.

The RDU model, due to Quiggin [1982], nests Expected Utility Theory (EUT) when agents do not subjectively distort objective probabilities, so we use the RDU model for the sake of generality. We form an index of the RDU difference between the two lotteries in a pair, by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> For example, a RDU agent with a strictly convex probability weighting function will assign higher decision weights to worse prizes and lower decision weights to better prizes, relative to the prizes' objective probabilities. They may, therefore, allocate more tokens to an outcome they consider less likely, in comparison to an outcome they consider more likely.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Another approach is to risk neutralise subjects by using the experimental payment mechanism referred to as the binary lottery procedure (BLP) developed by Smith [1961]. With this approach, experimenters elicit beliefs using, say, the QSR but pay subjects using the BLP. Allen [1987] appears to be the first statement of this approach, and McKelvey and Page [1990] apply this method experimentally. Hossain and Okui [2013] and Schlag and van der Weel [2013] investigate extensions of this approach and refer to them as the "binarized scoring rule," and "randomized QSR," respectively. Harrison, Martínez-Correa, Swarthout and Ulm [2015] also used the QSR together with the BLP to elicit subjective belief *distributions*, as opposed to a moment of that distribution.

assuming a constant relative risk aversion (CRRA) utility function, and the Prelec [1998] twoparameter probability weighting function (PWF). We also adopt the Contextual Utility (CU) behavioural error specification of Wilcox [2011]. The CU model normalises the utility difference to lie within the interval [-1, 1] and includes a Fechner [1966/1860] error term to allow choices in the risk preference task to deviate from the deterministic predictions of RDU. The RDU difference index is passed through the logistic cumulative distribution function to determine the likelihood of a particular choice in each lottery pair. The resulting log-likelihood function can be maximised to estimate the CRRA parameter, the parameters of the PWF, and the Fechner error term.

Now consider our subjective beliefs task where subjects had to allocate 20 tokens to n bins to express the likelihoods they assigned to particular amounts returned, conditional on an amount sent, in the trust game in Experiment 1. Each question in the task elicits beliefs about the amount returned for each positive amount sent c. Thus, the amount sent determines the number of bins n for a particular subjective beliefs question, where  $n \in \{4, 7, 10, 13, 16\}$ . For example, suppose c = R40 (see Figure 3). This implies n = 7, because the amount returned  $d \in \{R0, R20, R40, R60, R80, R100, R120\}$ . Thus, we elicited beliefs about amounts returned for the five positive amounts sent  $c^* \in \{R20, R40, R60, R80, R100\}$ .

For simplicity, focus on the case were c = R20, implying n = 4, and  $d \in \{R0, R20, R40, R60\}$ . A subject must allocate all 20 tokens across the 4 bins, but there are no constraints in terms of the allocation, e.g., a subject can allocate all of their tokens to one bin. We summarise a token allocation by dividing the allocation to each bin by 20 (the number of tokens), and refer to this as the subject's observed *report*.

We used the QSR to reward subjects for their reports. Combining the QSR with the RDU model allows us to calculate the utility of a subject's report for a particular amount sent (R20 in our example). Again, we use the CRRA utility function and Prelec [2008] PWF to

determine the utility of the observed report. We employ the results in HMU to map the subject's observed report to their *beliefs*, which are conditional on the subject's risk preferences. Weighted maximum likelihood estimation is then used to fit a probability mass function to "recover" these beliefs. By combining the log-likelihood for risk preferences and the (weighted) log-likelihood for beliefs, we estimate subjective beliefs, adjusted for risk preferences, about amounts returned in Experiment 1.

### 5. Results

Johnson and Mislin (JM) [2011] conducted a meta-analysis of trust game experiments, involving more than 23,000 subjects, by pooling the results from 162 replications of the game up until 2011. They found that the average amount sent, as a proportion of the first mover's endowment, was 50%, whereas the average amount returned, as a proportion of the amount received by the second mover, was 37%. Thus, the stylised "facts" of the trust game are that first movers send about half of their endowment, and trust just pays off, in the sense that first movers tend to break even after receiving approximately the same amount that they sent.<sup>27</sup>

# A. Experiment 1 (Baseline)

Figure 5 shows the distribution of amounts sent in the trust game by the 188 subjects in the Baseline Treatment. Recall that each subject made *five* amount sent choices in the task, so the figure is based on 940 data points. The three most prevalent amounts sent are R20 (20%), R40 (24%), and R60 (18%). The average amount sent, pooling across all subjects and choices, is R48, with a standard deviation of R31, which is very close to the result identified by JM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Of the 162 trust game replications, 91% used a multiplier of 3, as per BDM, while the remaining studies used a multiplier of 2. JM find that a multiplier of 3, as opposed to 2, is associated with a statistically significant *decrease* in the proportion of the amount returned by second movers. On the other hand, the proportion of the amount returned is positively and significantly related to the amount sent by first movers. Thus, there is nuance to the stylised results discussed above.

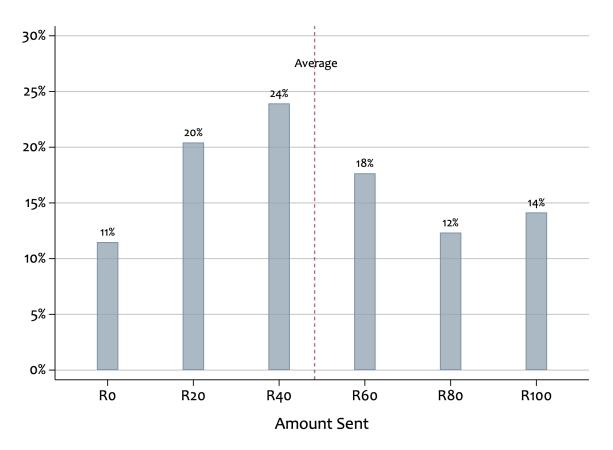


Figure 5: Amount Sent in the Baseline Treatment

We estimate an ordered logit model of amounts sent as a function of: age; whether the subject identifies as male; whether the subject's ethnicity is Black or African<sup>28</sup>; a categorical variable capturing a subject's financial situation on the day of the experiment; a categorical variable for task order; a quadratic of the number of risky choices in the risk preference task; and a quadratic of the amount sent in the dictator game when both the dictator and receiver had endowments of R100 and the multiplier was 3.<sup>29</sup> We cluster the standard errors of the estimates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> In terms of ethnicity, 55% of the sample is Black or African, 18% is Coloured, 11% is Indian, 16% is White, approximately 1% is Asian, and the rest of the sample responded with "Other" to the ethnicity question. In South Africa, "Coloured" is an official population group of individuals primarily of Malaysian and Indonesian descent who speak Afrikaans as a first language. "Indian" is also an official population group of people either from India or descendants of people from India.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The average age of the sample is approximately 21 years old, with a minimum of 18 and a maximum of 39. Men comprise 60% of the sample. A plurality of the subjects (41%) reported being "Broke" or "Very Broke" on the day of the experiment, while 39% reported being "Neither Broke nor in Good Shape," and 20% reported being in "Good Shape" or "Very Good Shape." Subjects were split quite evenly across task orders, with 46 subjects in the Ts, T<sub>R</sub>, D task order, 46 subjects in the T<sub>R</sub>, T<sub>S</sub>, D task order, 42 subjects in the D, T<sub>S</sub>, T<sub>R</sub> task order, and 54 subjects in the D, T<sub>R</sub>, T<sub>S</sub> task order. The average number of risky choices was approximately 49 (out of 100), with a standard deviation of R27.

by subject identifier to take into account the five amount sent choices that each subject made in the task, and focus on average marginal effects (AMEs) for the interpretation of our results.<sup>30</sup>

We find that a standard deviation increase in age, approximately 2.7 years, is associated with an *increase* in the probability of sending R0 or R20 by 3.1 and 2.7 percentage points, respectively, and a *decrease* in the probability of sending R60, R80, or R100 by 1.4, 1.7, and 2.8 percentage points, respectively (p < 0.01 for all results). Thus, increases in age shift probability mass to lower amounts sent. Similarly, men, relative to other genders, are significantly *more* likely to send R0 or R20 by 4.9 and 5.3 percentage points, respectively, and significantly *less* likely to send R60, R80, or R100 by 2.3, 3.2, and 5.8 percentage points, respectively (p < 0.05 for all results). We find no statistically significant differences in the probabilities of amounts sent according to ethnicity. While subjects who are in "Good Shape" or "Very Good Shape," relative to subjects who are "Broke" or "Very Broke" *and* "Neutral," are significantly less likely to send R0 (p < 0.1), there are no other statistically significant differences in the probabilities of sending amounts greater than R0.

In contrast to our previous research (Chetty et al. [2021]), there is no statistically significant relationship between number of risky choices and the probabilities of amounts sent. There is also no statistically significant relationship between task order and the probabilities of amounts sent. However, a standard deviation increase in the amount sent in the dictator game, approximately R27, is associated with large changes in the probabilities of amounts sent: the likelihood of sending R0, R20, or R40 *decreases* by 5.2, 6.7, and 3.2 percentage points, respectively (p < 0.001 for all results), while the likelihood of sending R60 (p < 0.1), R80 (p < 0.001), or R100 (p < 0.001) *increases* by 1.5, 3.7, and 9.9 percentage points, respectively. This result suggests that subjects who send more in the dictator game also tend to send more in the trust game, which is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Appendix C includes the full set of estimates, and our data and econometric code are available at: <u>https://osf.io/vpuzd/</u>.

similar to Cox [2004] who found that amounts sent in the dictator game account for a relatively large proportion of amounts sent in the trust game.

Figure 6 shows the distribution of *average* amounts sent by subjects in the Baseline Treatment with a kernel-weighted local polynomial smoothing overlay. We averaged the amounts sent by each subject across their five decisions in the trust game to construct the figure, which shows, given the probability mass between each R20 interval, that subjects tended to oscillate between amounts sent. Indeed, the modal (average) amount sent is R44 and the second mode is R36. The figure also shows that 4% of subjects sent R0 for all of their five choices, whereas 6% sent R100 for all five choices.

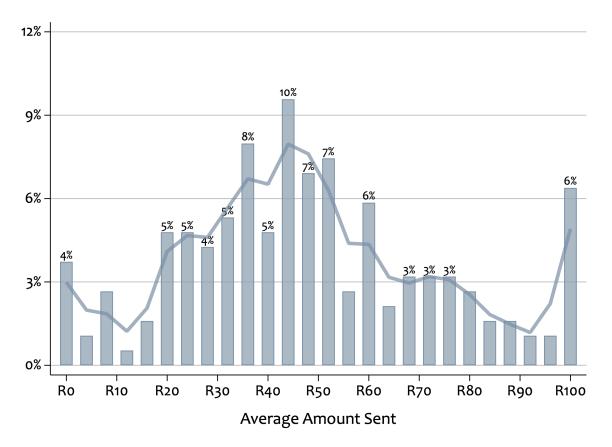


Figure 6: Average Amount Sent by Subjects in the Baseline Treatment

The average amount sent in the Baseline Treatment tracks the meta-analytic result in JM despite the information we provided to subjects to promote salience, the discretised nature of our trust game, and the fact that subjects made five amount sent choices. *The amounts returned, by* 

contrast, differ markedly to the extant literature. Specifically, for every positive amount sent  $c^* \in \{R20, d\}$ 

R40, R60, R80, R100}, the modal amount returned **equalised** the first and second movers' earnings.

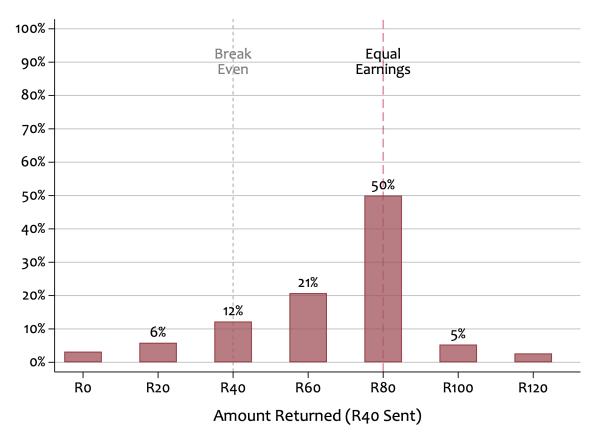


Figure 7: Amount Returned for R40 Sent

Figure 7 shows the distribution of amounts returned for R40 sent. The dashed "Break Even" line shows what the second mover would have to return for the first mover to break even given the amount sent. This is the "standard" result identified by JM: first movers tend to break even on the amount sent. However, only 12% of subjects returned this break even amount for the amount sent of R40. By contrast, 50% of subjects sent back double the amount sent, which equalises the first and second movers' earnings, whereas 21% of subjects returned R60. Appendix D includes Figures for every possible amount sent, and confirms that the modal amount returned equalised the players' earnings.

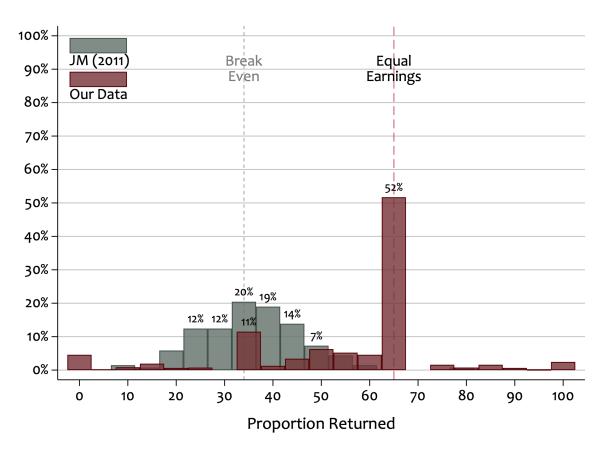


Figure 8: Proportion Retuned in JM (2011) Compared to Our Data

Figure 8 combines the proportion returned histogram from the meta-analysis in JM [p. 872] with the data we elicited in Experiment 1, pooling across all amounts sent. The difference in the distributions is dramatic: while the proportion returned is clustered tightly around the mean of 37% in JM, the median and modal amount returned in our data is 67%, and the mean is 56%. Although an eyeball test clearly shows the distributions are different, we nevertheless conduct Kolmogorov-Smirnov and Epps-Singleton tests, and find that the distribution functions of the two independent samples are **not** identical (p < 0.001 in both cases).<sup>31</sup>

We estimate a fractional response model of the proportion of the amount returned for each possible amount sent and include the same set of variables for our model of amounts sent,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> The JM data in Figure 8 is the distribution of *average* proportions returned for each study in their meta analysis, whereas we show the full distribution of proportions returned in our experiment. The JM data is not, therefore, directly comparable to ours. Nevertheless, there is no probably mass in the JM data on the mode of our distribution (67%) of proportions returned.

together with a variable indexing the magnitude of the amount sent: R20, R40, R60, etc.<sup>32</sup> We find no statistically significant differences in the proportion of the amount returned according to age, gender, ethnicity, and financial situation (p > 0.12 in all tests). Unlike JM, who find that the proportion of the amount returned tends to increase with the amount sent, there are no statistically significant differences in proportions returned by amount sent (p > 0.28 in all tests). By contrast, the proportion of the amount returned tends to be higher for task orders that start with the generalized dictator game (3 out of 4 comparisons, p < 0.1) as opposed to the trust game. In addition, a standard deviation increase in the amount sent in the dictator game, approximately R27, is associated with a 3.7 percentage point increase in the proportion of the amount returned.

We contend that the striking amounts returned are a direct product of the institution we designed with our experimental software. In standard implementations of the trust game, the terminal payoff consequences from amounts returned are not clear, because experiment instructions and software interfaces emphasise the amount that player 2 receives and the amount, therefore, they can return, without linking these choices to the players' final earnings. In analyses of a game, preferences are defined over *outcomes*, so the argument of the utility function in the trust game should be final earnings. By focussing attention on *actions*, trust game experiment instructions undermine salience, particularly given the non-trivial calculations required to determine each player's final earnings. Our simple experimental design makes the mapping between actions and final rewards clear, and obviates the need to do any mental arithmetic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> We exclude the number of risky choices in the risk preference task from our model, because there is no stochastic element to the amount return decision.

# B. Experiment 2 (Beliefs)

In Experiment 2, we elicited subjective beliefs about amounts returned in the Baseline Treatment. Our sample consists of 106 subjects who responded to five belief questions about amounts returned for the five positive amounts sent in the trust game. When subjects hovered over an amount returned in the beliefs task, they were shown the payoff consequences for player 1 and player 2, thereby insuring they had the same information as subjects in the Baseline Treatment. Subjects in Experiment 2 were also informed that 188 people took part in the Baseline Treatment, and their earnings in the beliefs task would be determined by how one of these 188 subjects actually responded in the Baseline Treatment.

We use the econometric approach outlined in Section 4 to estimate subjective belief probability mass functions with a RDU model of risk preferences, assuming homogenous risk preferences over all individuals in the form of a representative agent. We find no statistically significant evidence of probability weighting. Specifically, our PWF estimates of  $\phi = 1.025$  and  $\eta$ = 0.987 are not significantly different to 1:  $\phi = 1$  (p = 0.670);  $\eta = 1$  (p = 0.782); and  $\phi = \eta = 1$  (p= 0.901). Thus, our (pooled) sample is best characterised by EUT.<sup>33</sup> We find a high level of risk aversion in our sample, with the coefficient of relative risk aversion r = 1.333, which is significantly greater than 1 (p < 0.001).<sup>34</sup> This implies that *token allocations* in the subjective beliefs task will be less peaked than estimated *belief distributions*.

Figure 9 shows the amounts returned for R40 sent from Figure 7, together with the estimated probability mass function from the subjective beliefs task. We see that the modal belief tracks the result in JM, in the sense that subjects believe that the R40 break-even amount is the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Although EUT best represents the risk preferences of the sample in Experiment 2, we know from prior experience that some individual subjects are better characterised by RDU, while others are better characterised by EUT. Given the issues that Monroe [2020] identifies with individual-level maximum likelihood estimation, to draw inferences about the *type* of risk preferences prevalent in a sample one should estimate pooled mixture models, pooled maximum simulated likelihood models, or Bayesian Hierarchical Models, as discussed by Harrison et al. [2022] and implemented by Gao, Harrison and Tchernis [2023] and HMU.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> These estimates of r,  $\phi$  and  $\eta$  are from the model for beliefs about the amount sent of R100. The estimates of these parameters are very similar across all models, and differ only by the second or third decimal point.

most likely. However, there is significant probability mass for amounts returned both above and below the break-even amount.

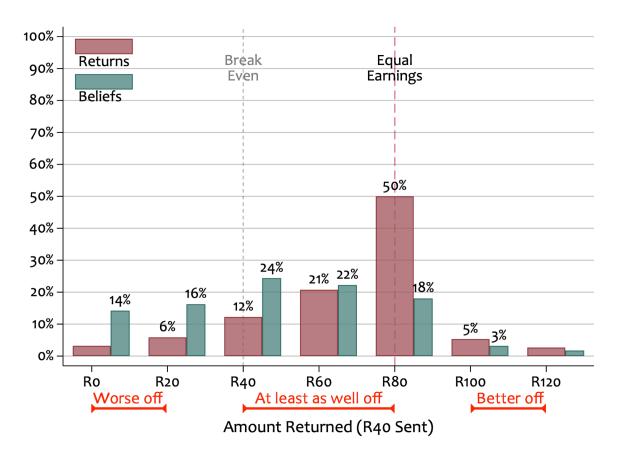


Figure 9: Amounts Returned and Beliefs about Amounts Returned for R40 Sent

An informative way to compare actual returns with beliefs about amounts returned is by dividing the amount returned region into three parts: 1) returns that make player 1 worse off (returns of R0 and R20 for R40 sent); 2) returns that make player 1 at least as well off for the amount sent, but not better off than player 2 (returns of R40, R60 and R80)<sup>35</sup>; and 3) returns that make player 1 better off than player 2 (returns of R100 and R120 for R40 sent). When aggregating amounts returned (and beliefs about amounts returned) in this way, the results are striking: subjects in Experiment 2 believed returns were 21 percentage points *more* likely to leave player 1 worse off relative to the actual amounts returned. Figure 9 shows why this is the case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> For brevity, we refer to this as the "at least as well off" region.

The sum of the probability mass for beliefs about amounts returned of R0 and R20 is 30%, but the sum of the probability mass for the actual amounts returned is only 9%, leading to the difference of 21 percentage points. By contrast, subjects in Experiment 2 believed returns were 18 percentage points *less* likely to leave player 1 at least as well off in comparison to the actual amounts returned. Finally, subjects believed returns were 3 percentage points *less* likely to leave player 1 better off relative to actual returns. All of these differences are statistically significant (p< 0.001).

Appendix E includes complementary figures for all subjective belief questions, along with figures that include the raw token allocations as opposed to the estimated beliefs. Tests for whether beliefs about amounts returned are significantly different to actual amounts returned, focussing on the three regions define above, are included Appendix C. The results for other amounts sent are just as stark as those presented above for R40 sent.

### C. Experiment 3 (Social History)

In our Social History Treatment (Experiment 3), subjects (n = 94) in the role of first mover were shown distributions of the actual amounts returned for each amount sent in the Baseline Treatment. We hypothesised that presenting this information to subjects in an easily intelligible way would increase amounts sent, because subjects in the Baseline Treatment tended to equalise the earnings of both players, implying there were large potential gains from sending positive amounts in the trust game.

Figure 10 shows the distributions of amounts sent in the Baseline and Social History treatments. The conspicuous differences occur at the end points: amounts sent of R0 and R100. In the Baseline Treatment, 11% of all amounts sent were R0, compared to only 6% in the Social History Treatment. On the other hand, fully 23% of amounts sent in the Social History Treatment were R100, compared to only 14% in the Baseline Treatment. Thus, probability mass shifted dramatically from R0 to R100 across the Baseline and Social History treatments. Indeed, the modal amount sent in the Social History Treatment is R100, whereas the mode is R40 in the Baseline Treatment.

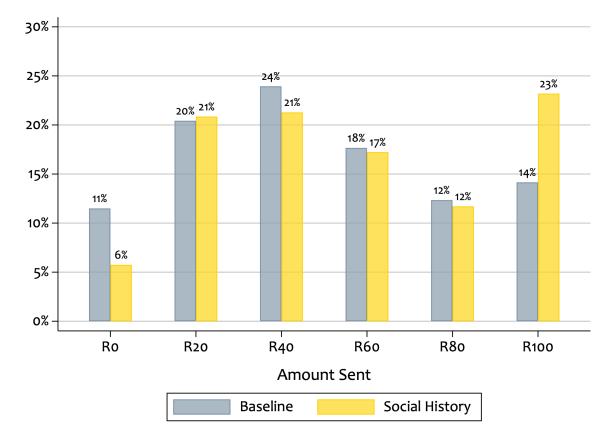


Figure 10: Amounts Sent in Baseline and Social History Treatments

We estimate an ordered logit model of amounts sent, pooling data across the Baseline and Social History treatments, which includes all of the variables from our original specification, e.g., age, gender, etc., along with a dummy variable for the Social History Treatment. Estimation of AMEs reveal a dramatic shift in probability mass across the two treatments. Specifically, the likelihood of sending R0, R20, or R40 *decreased* by 5.1, 7.1, and 2.2 percentage points, respectively, whereas the probabilities of sending R60, R80, or R100 *increased* by 2.3, 3.7 and 8.5 percentage points, respectively, in the Social History Treatment relative to the Baseline Treatment (p < 0.05 in all tests).

We also estimate a multinomial logit of amounts sent to test the robustness of our results to the parallel regression assumption (Long and Freese [2014, ch. 8]). The Social History

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Treatment is associated with 5.2 (p = 0.045) and 6.4 (p = 0.003) percentage point *decreases* in the probability of sending R0 and R40, respectively, and a 14.4 percentage point *increase* in the probability of sending R100 (p = 0.002) relative to the Baseline Treatment. These results clearly track those from the ordered logit regression model and the histograms in Figure 10.<sup>36</sup>

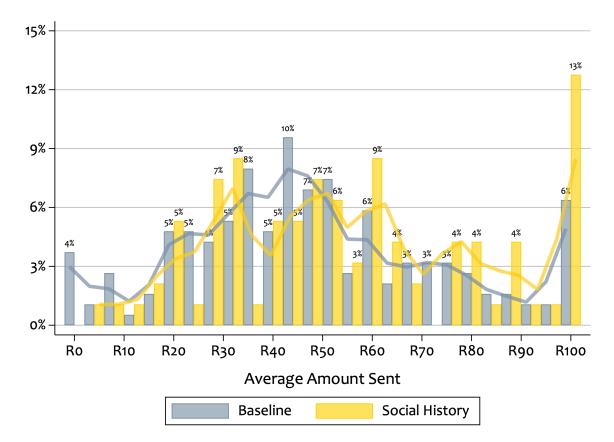


Figure 11: Average Amount Sent by Subjects in the Baseline and Social History Treatments

Figure 11 shows distributions of the average amount sent by each subject across the Baseline and Social History treatments with a kernel-weighted local polynomial smoothing overlay. The most interesting feature of the figure is that 4% of subjects sent R0 for all their five choices in the Baseline Treatment, whereas *no* subjects sent R0 for all their five choices in the Social History Treatment. By contrast, 13% of subjects sent R100 for all their choices in the Social History Treatment, and only 6% of subjects sent R100 for all their choices in the Baseline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Appendix F includes additional robustness checks by focusing on the task orders common to the Baseline and Social History treatments, and amounts returned across the Baseline and Social History treatments. In addition, we focus purely on the first and last of the five amount sent choices across the Baseline and Social History treatments. Our results are robust to these different specifications.

Treatment. Figure 11 therefore emphasises the effect of the provision of social history information on amounts sent in our trust game experiments.

# D. Bayesian Updating

Through what channel did the provision of social history information affect amounts sent in Experiment 3? The natural candidate, particularly given the robustness checks we conducted, is subjective beliefs. Bayes' Rule implies that subjects update their prior beliefs after receiving new information. This means that our subjects' posterior beliefs are a "compromise" between their prior beliefs and the likelihood of the new data, where the new data in our case is the information we presented in the Social History Treatment about amounts returned in Experiment 1.

The data presented to subjects in the Social History Treatment is categorical, because every observation is an amount returned, such as R20, from a set of possible returns, such as {R0, R20, R40, R60}. Consequently, we use the Dirichlet-Multinomial conjugate family to define the Bayesian updating process.<sup>37</sup> With uninformative prior beliefs, the distribution of posterior beliefs will largely reflect the likelihood of the data presented to subjects in the Social History Treatment. We therefore investigate how the "strength" of informative priors, combined with the likelihood of the data, affect the distribution of posterior beliefs. Specifically, we assume that the beliefs elicited in Experiment 2 represent the most likely draw from the Dirichlet prior distribution. We then assume that the distribution was characterised by either 25 previous observations (a weakly informative prior) or 250 previous observations (an informative prior) of amounts returned in the trust game.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The Dirichlet distribution is multivariate, and defined such that each draw from the distribution is a *vector* of values in [0, 1] and the sum of these values equals 1. The Dirichlet distribution defines the prior for the probabilities of the possible amounts returned in the trust game. The Multinomial likelihood function is a generalisation of the Binomial likelihood function to events with more than two possible values. In our context, the Multinomial likelihood function models the probability of every possible amount returned, conditional on the amount sent, across the number of subjects: 188 in the Baseline Treatment.

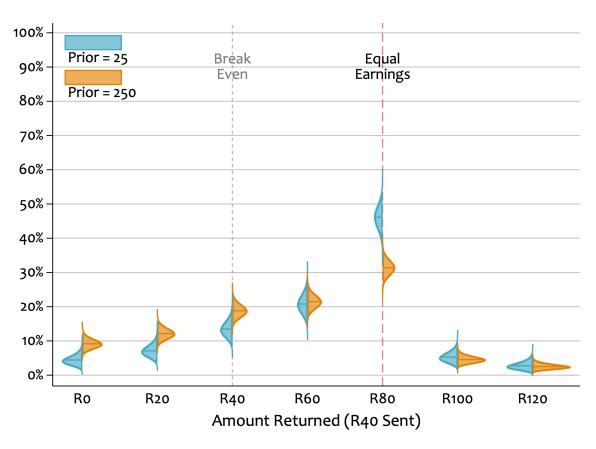


Figure 12: Posterior Beliefs About Amounts Returned

Figure 12 is a split violin plot of the posterior belief distributions assuming prior beliefs informed by 25 (teal) or 250 (orange) previous observations of amounts returned for R40 sent. Assuming 25 observations, the likelihood of the new data overwhelms the prior beliefs, and shifts posterior beliefs away from the pessimistic belief distribution elicited in Experiment 2 towards the actual returns in Experiment 1 (see Figure 9). In other words, the data shown to subjects shift probability mass from the break-even amount of R40 towards R80 (the amount that equalises the players' earnings). Assuming 250 observations, the data has a less pronounced effect on posterior beliefs, but the greatest probability mass is *still* assigned to the R80 equalise-earnings amount. Thus, the large change in amounts sent across Experiment 1 and Experiment 3 can be rationalised by applying Bayesian updating in response to the social history information presented to subjects, even if subjects held strong priors informed by 250 previous observations

of amounts returned. Appendix G includes split violin plots for all amounts sent, and the same qualitative pattern in Figure 12 is reproduced in each figure.

#### 6. Conclusion

The investment game is ubiquitous in social science investigations of trust, and the stylised results suggest that behaviour is remarkably robust across different populations. We adopted a new experimental design to enhance salience so that experimental subjects understood how the choices they made affected the final earnings of both players. We replicate the result that player 1 tends to send about 50% of their endowment to player 2, but observe a dramatic increase in amounts returned. Instead of the break-even return observed in other experiments, player 2 tends to equalise earnings, thereby making the decision to "trust" welfare enhancing for *both* players (on average). We find that subjects tend to be pessimistic about amounts returned, even when they were provided with the same information that player 2 had when making their decisions, which is clearly at odds with what we observed. However, after providing information on actual return behaviour, player 1 sends significantly more to player 2, thereby increasing the gains from trade and the welfare of both players. Finally, we demonstrate that this increase in amounts sent can be explained through belief updating.

One could argue that our experimental design may prime subjects to equalise earnings, because it shows them the amount they would need to return so that both players receive the same payoff. We do not agree with this supposition. Subjects were shown the earnings implications for each amount returned, without any particular emphasis on the amount that would equalise earnings. Furthermore, the trust game is one of complete information, in the sense that players (at least ordinally) know the preferences of their partner. Showing the amounts both players would earn from amount return choices therefore instantiates a core information property of the trust game, and promotes salience.

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We acknowledge that there are settings in which using our experimental design may not be practical, such as field experiments or with subjects who are not computer literate. In these cases, experimenters could use a quiz that asks subjects to calculate the earnings of both players for different amounts returned, and only allow them to progress to the experiment if their answers are correct. We believe this is a second-best approach because there will be heterogeneity in subjects' willingness and ability to perform these calculations in the trust game itself.

Our results support the findings of Cox [2004] and Chetty et al. [2021], and suggest that the trust game does not (only) measure trust and reciprocity. With minor tweaks to the standard experimental design, we observed marked increases in amounts returned. Indeed, the modal amount returned for every amount sent equalised the players' earnings in our experiment, which is a result that, to the best of our knowledge, does not appear in the extant literature. Similarly, providing social history information can affect amounts sent in the trust game, if this information is presented in a simple, graphical manner. As Smith [1982, p. 936] argues, "...if institutions make a difference, it is because the rules make a difference, and if the rules make a difference, it is because incentives make a difference." The institution we designed for our experiments made the rules of the game clear, and mapped actions directly to rewards. We therefore encourage other researchers to adopt our experimental design to determine whether the results they typically find stand up to minor changes in the way subjects are shown the consequences of their choices.

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#### Appendix A: Experiment Instructions [Online Only]

This appendix includes the written experiment instructions for the Trust game, generalised Dictator game, Risk preference task, and subjective Beliefs task, respectively. The headers on the right of the subsequent pages (-T-, -D-, -R-, -B-) make this clear. We used identical written experiment instructions for the trust game in Experiment 1 and the trust game with Social History information in Experiment 3. The audio-visual instructions for the trust game differed across these two experiments though: subjects were shown the amount sent histograms in Experiment 3 *prior* to making their amount sent choices, but *after* making their amount return choices. In other words, we wanted Experiment 3 to be as similar to Experiment 1 as possible, except for the provision of social history information. The audio-visual experiment instructions are available at: <a href="https://osf.io/ypuzd/">https://osf.io/ypuzd/</a>.

## **Task Instructions**

This is a task where the decisions that you and another person make will determine the amounts of money that each of you earn. In this task, there are two roles, which we can refer to as Player 1 and Player 2. You will be asked to make decisions in each of these roles: as Player 1 **and** as Player 2.

At the end of the session today, you will be randomly and anonymously paired up with another person in the room. If this task is selected for payment, you and your partner will be randomly assigned to one of the two roles: either you are Player 1 and your partner is Player 2, or you are Player 2 and your partner is Player 1. Once these roles have been randomly assigned, a choice that you and your partner made will determine the earnings that each of you receive.

The task works as follows: Player 1 and Player 2 are both given R100. Player 1 needs to decide how much of the R100 (if any) to send to Player 2. Player 1 can send amounts in R20 increments: R0, R20, R40, R60, R80, or R100. The amount that Player 1 sends is automatically tripled before it is received by Player 2. So, if Player 1 sends R40 then Player 2 receives R120. Player 2 then decides how much of the R120 (if any) to send back to Player 1 and, therefore, how much to keep for himself/herself. Player 2 can send amounts in R20 increments.

These decisions will be made on a computer. This is what the computer display will look like for Player 1:

## Player 1 - Amount to Send

#### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- You and Player 2 each have R100
- Any amount you send is multiplied by 3
- Player 2 then decides how much of this amount (if any) to send back to you

#### Example:

If you send R20, it is multiplied by 3, so Player 2 receives R60. You will have R80 and Player 2 will have R160. Player 2 then decides how much of the R60 (if any) to send back to you.

#### What amount will you send to Player 2?

() R0

- R20
- R40
- R60
- **R80**
- R100

This decision could be randomly selected for payment So think carefully about the choice you want to make

#### Submit

As you can see, Player 1 has to choose whether to send R0, R20, R40, R60, R80, or R100 to Player 2, knowing that any amount that is sent will be tripled and received by Player 2. Player 1 has to make this decision 5 times, on 5 separate computer screens. As any of these 5 choices could be randomly selected for payment, you should approach each choice as if it is the one that you will be paid for.

Now, when you are in the role of Player 2, you will not know how much money has been sent to you by Player 1 because we only randomly and anonymously pair up people at the end of the session today. So, you will choose how much to send back to Player 1 for every possible amount that Player 1 can send you, except if Player 1 sends R0 because then there is nothing for you to send back.

So, you will decide how much to send back to Player 1 for every possible amount Player 1 can send:

- If Player 1 sends R20, which is then tripled and becomes R60
- If Player 1 sends R40, which is then tripled and becomes R120
- If Player 1 sends R60, which is then tripled and becomes R180
- If Player 1 sends R80, which is then tripled and becomes R240
- If Player 1 sends R100, which is then tripled and becomes R300

This is what the computer display will look like for Player 2:

# Player 2 - Amount to Send Back

## Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- You and Player 1 each had R100
- Suppose Player 1 sends R20, so Player 1 now has R80
- You recieve R60, so you now have R160
- After you choose what to send back, the task ends

#### Example:

If you send back R20, Player 1 earns R100 and you earn R140.

Of the R60 you recieved, what amount will you send back to Player 1?

- R0
- O R20
- R40
- O R60

This decision could be randomly selected for payment So think carefully about the choice you want to make

## Submit

Once you have made your choices in the roles of Player 1 and Player 2 you will move on to the next task. At the end of the session today, we will determine your earnings for the first 2 tasks in the following way:

- You will be randomly and anonymously paired with another person in the room
- One of the first 2 tasks in today's session will then be randomly selected for payment
- If this task is randomly selected for payment, you and your partner will be randomly assigned to one of the two roles: either you are Player 1 and your partner is Player 2, or you are Player 2 and your partner is Player 1.
- Once these roles have been randomly assigned, one of the choices Player 1 made will be randomly selected
- Given the amount sent by Player 1, the amount that Player 2 chose to send back to Player 1 will determine the earnings that each of you receive

For example, suppose that you are randomly selected as Player 1. One of the 5 choices you made in this role will be randomly selected to determine payment. Suppose you chose to send R60 to Player 2. This amount is tripled so that Player 2 receives R180. Player 2 would have chosen what amount to send back to Player 1 for every possible amount that Player 1 could send. Suppose that when Player 1 sends R60, which is tripled to become R180, Player 2 chose to send R100 back to Player 1. Then, as Player 1, you earn the R100 that you were given at the start, minus the R60 you sent to Player 2, plus the R100 that Player 2 returned to you = R100 – R60 + R100 = **R140**. Player 2 earns the R100 that he/she was given at the start, plus the R180 that you sent, minus the R100 that Player 2 sent back to you = R100 + R180 – R100 = **R180**.

As another example, suppose that you are randomly selected as Player 2 and that Player 1 chose to send R20. This amount is tripled so that you receive R60. You would have chosen what to send back to Player 1 if Player 1 sends R20. Assume that you chose to send back R20 out of the R60 you received. Then you, as Player 2, earn the R100 that you were given at the start, plus the R60 you received from Player 1, minus the R20 that you sent back = R100 + R60 - R20 = **R140**. Player 1 earns the R100 that he/she was given at the start, minus the R20 that was sent to you, plus the R20 that you sent back to Player 1 = R100 - R20 + R20 = **R100**.

There are no right or wrong answers in this task. Please work silently and make your choices by thinking carefully about the different options. When you have finished the task, please raise your hand and a research assistant will come to you to prepare you for the next task.

### Please raise your hand now.

## **Task Instructions**

This is a task where the decisions that either you or another person make will determine the amounts of money that each of you earn. In this task, there are two roles, which we can refer to as Player 1 and Player 2. Player 2 is a passive player and does not have any choices to make. Player 1, on the other hand, has to make choices and these choices will determine the amounts of money that Player 1 and Player 2 earn.

At the end of the session today, you will be randomly and anonymously paired up with another person in the room. If this task is selected for payment, you and your partner will be randomly assigned to one of the two roles: either you are Player 1 and your partner is Player 2, or you are Player 2 and your partner is Player 1. Once these roles have been randomly assigned, a choice that you or your partner made will determine the earnings that each of you receive.

The task works as follows: Player 1 is given an amount of money, e.g., R100. Player 1 needs to decide how much of this amount (if any) to send to Player 2. Player 1 can send amounts in R10 increments: R0, R10, R20, R30, R40, R50, R60, R70, R80, R90, or R100. The money that is sent is then multiplied by a number, e.g., 3, before it is received by Player 2. After Player 2 has received the amount sent by Player 1, the task ends.

Player 1 needs to make 5 of these decisions on 5 separate computer screens. While the basic structure of the task is the same for each decision, some of the details change across the decisions. For example, for one of the decisions, Player 1 will be given R100 and Player 2 will also be given R100. For another decision, Player 1 will be given R80 and Player 2 will be given R0. Thus, the amounts that Player 1 and Player 2 are given differs across the decisions.

In addition, the money that Player 1 sends to Player 2 will be multiplied by different numbers for different decisions. For example, for one of the decisions, any money that Player 1 sends will be multiplied by 3 before it is received by Player 2 (i.e., the multiplier is 3). So, if Player 1 sends R10 then Player 2 will receive R30. For another decision, any money that Player 1 sends will be multiplied by 1 before it is received by Player 2 (i.e., the multiplier is 1). So, if Player 1 sends R40, then Player 2 receives R40 in this case. Finally, for another decision, any money that Player 1 sends will be multiplier is 5). So, if Player 1 sends R20 then Player 2 receives R100.

# Player 1 - Amount to Send

### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- You have R100
- Player 2 has R100
- Any amount you send will be multiplied by 1
- After you choose what to send, the task ends

#### Example:

If you send R10, it is multiplied by 1, so you earn R90 and Player 2 earns R110.

What amount will you send to Player 2?

○ R0	
○ R10	
○ R20	
⊖ R30	
○ R40	
○ R50	
○ R60	
○ R70	
○ R80	
○ R90	
O R100	

This decision could be randomly selected for payment So think carefully about the choice you want to make

### Submit

Once you have made your choices as Player 1 you will move on to the next task. At the end of the session today, we will determine your earnings for the first 2 tasks in the following way:

- You will be randomly and anonymously paired with another person in the room
- One of the first 2 tasks in today's session will then be randomly selected for payment
- If this task is randomly selected for payment, you and your partner will be randomly assigned to one of the two roles: either you are Player 1 and your partner is Player 2, or you are Player 2 and your partner is Player 1.
- Once these roles have been randomly assigned, one of the choices that Player 1 made will be randomly selected to determine the earnings that each of you receive.

Note that as any of the 5 choices that you make as Player 1 could be randomly selected for payment, you should approach each choice as if it is the one that you will be paid for. In addition, please pay careful attention to the information that is provided on every screen because the amounts of money that Player 1 and Player 2 are given and the amount by which sent money is multiplied changes across the screens.

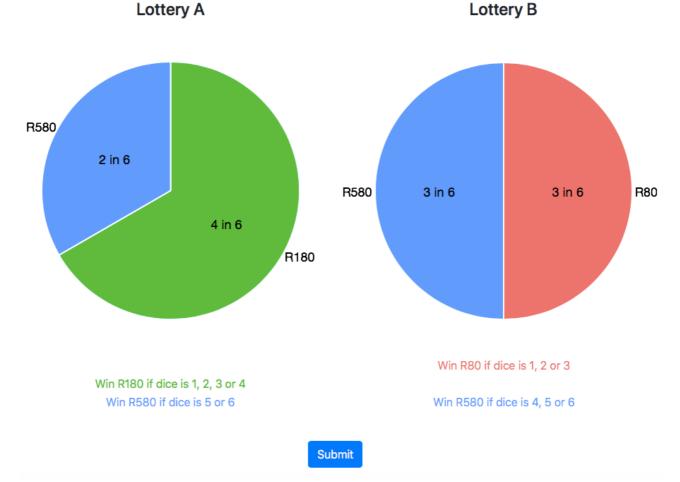
There are no right or wrong answers in this task. Please work silently and make your choices by thinking carefully about the different options, particularly because they vary across the different decisions. When you have finished the task, please raise your hand and a research assistant will come to you to prepare you for the next task.

Please raise your hand now.

## **Task Instructions**

This is a task where you will choose between lotteries with varying prizes and chances of winning. On each computer screen you will be presented with a pair of lotteries and you will need to choose one of them. There are 100 pairs of lotteries in this task. For each pair of lotteries, you should choose the lottery you would prefer to play. You will actually get the chance to play **one** of the lotteries you choose, and you will be paid according to the outcome of that lottery, so you should think carefully about which lottery you prefer. Note that this is an individual decision-making task so you are not paired with anyone else.

Here is an example of what the computer display of a pair of lotteries might look like:



The outcome of the lotteries will be determined by rolling a regular 6-sided dice. And you will get to roll this 6-sided dice yourself at the end of the session today.

In the above example, Lottery A pays R180 with a 4-in-6 chance and R580 with a 2in-6 chance. So when you roll the 6-sided dice, if it lands on 1, 2, 3 or 4 you will be paid R180, and if it lands on 5 or 6 you will be paid R580. The green colour in the pie chart corresponds to 4/6 of the area and illustrates the chance that the dice lands on 1, 2, 3 or 4 and your prize is R180. The blue colour in the pie chart corresponds to 2/6 of the area and illustrates the chance that the dice lands on 5 or 6 and your prize is R580. Now look at Lottery B in the example. It pays R80 with a 3-in-6 chance, and R580 with a 3-in-6 chance. So when you roll the 6-sided dice, if it lands on 1, 2 or 3 you will be paid R80, and if it lands on 4, 5 or 6 you will be paid R580. The red colour in the pie chart corresponds to 3/6 of the area and illustrates the chance that the dice lands on 1, 2 or 3 and your prize is R80. The blue colour in the pie chart corresponds to 3/6 of the area that the dice lands on 4, 5 or 6 and your prize is R580.

Each pair of lotteries is shown on a new screen on the computer. On each screen, you should indicate which lottery you would prefer to play by clicking on the pie chart that represents the lottery. You will then click the "Submit" button to move on to the next screen with a new set of lotteries.

After you have worked through all of the 100 pairs of lotteries, raise your hand and a research assistant will come to you to determine your payment for this task. You will roll two 10-sided dice to pick a number between 1 and 100 to determine which pair of lotteries will be played out. Since there is a chance that any of your 100 choices could be played out for real, you should approach each pair of lotteries as if it is the one that you will play out.

Therefore, your earnings for this task are determined by three things:

- by which lottery you selected, Lottery A or Lottery B, for each of the 100 pairs;
- by which lottery pair is chosen to be played out in the set of 100 pairs using the two 10-sided dice; and
- by the outcome of that lottery when you roll the regular 6-sided dice.

Which lotteries you prefer is a matter of personal taste. The people next to you may be presented with different lotteries, and may have different preferences, so their responses should not matter to you. Please work silently and make your choices by thinking carefully about each lottery.

Payment for this task is in cash and is in addition to the R40 show-up fee that you receive just for being here. When you have finished the task, please raise your hand and a research assistant will come to you to determine your payment for this task and for the first two tasks that you completed.

## Please raise your hand now.

## **Task Instructions**

This is a task where you will be paid according to how accurate your beliefs are about the outcome of an interaction between two people. When you have made your choices in this task, one of them will be randomly selected to determine your payment. You will then be randomly matched with one of the 188 people who took part in this interaction in the last month and your earnings will be based on what this person actually chose to do.

The interaction between the two people works as follows. Player 1 and Player 2 are each given R100. Player 1 decides how much of the R100 (if any) to send to Player 2. Player 1 can send amounts in R20 increments: R0, R20, R40, R60, R80, or R100. The amount that Player 1 sends is automatically tripled before it is received by Player 2. So, if Player 1 sends R20 then Player 2 receives R60. Player 2 then decides how much of the R60 (if any) to send back to Player 1 and, therefore, how much to keep for himself/herself. Player 2 can send back amounts in R20 increments. After Player 2 chooses what amount to send back, the interaction ends.

In this interaction, Player 2 had to choose what amount he/she would send back to Player 1 for every amount of money that Player 1 could send to Player 2.

So, Player 2 had to make 5 choices, one for each of the 5 amounts of money that Player 1 could send:

- If Player 1 sends R20, which is then tripled and becomes R60
- If Player 1 sends R40, which is then tripled and becomes R120
- If Player 1 sends R60, which is then tripled and becomes R180
- If Player 1 sends R80, which is then tripled and becomes R240
- If Player 1 sends R100, which is then tripled and becomes R300

The screenshot below shows you the computer display for Player 2 for the case where Player 1 sends R20, which is tripled and becomes R60. The software was designed so that whenever Player 2 clicked an amount to send back to Player 1, it told Player 2 the amount that Player 1 would earn and the amount that Player 2 would earn from this choice. So, in the screenshot below, if Player 1 sent R20 and Player 2 chose to send back R20 to Player 1 then Player 1 would earn R100 and Player 2 would earn R140 in this interaction. In other words, Player 2 was completely aware of how his/her choices would affect the earnings of both players when the choice was made about the amount to send back.

## Decision: 1 of 5

### Instructions

- You and Player 1 each had R100
- Suppose Player 1 sends R20, so Player 1 now has R80
- You received R60, so you now have R160
- After you choose what to send back, the task ends

### Example:

If you send back R0, Player 1 earns R80 and you earn R160.

Of the R60 you received, what amount will you send back to Player 1?

○ R0	
<b>O</b> R20	
○ R40	Player 1 earns <b>R100</b> and you earn <b>R140</b> .
○ R60	
	d be randomly selected for payment about the choice you want to make
Submit	

In this task, you will need to express your beliefs about the amount of money that Player 2 actually chose to send back to Player 1 for each possible amount of money that Player 1 could send to Player 2.

So, you will need to express your beliefs about how much Player 2 sent back to Player 1 in the following 5 situations:

- If Player 1 sent R20, which was tripled and became R60: How much of the R60 did Player 2 send back?
- If Player 1 sent R40, which was tripled and became R120: How much of the R120 did Player 2 send back?
- If Player 1 sent R60, which was tripled and became R180: How much of the R180 did Player 2 send back?
- If Player 1 sent R80, which was tripled and became R240: How much of the R240 did Player 2 send back?
- If Player 1 sent R100, which was tripled and became R300: How much of the R300 did Player 2 send back?

You will express your beliefs by allocating tokens to the possible amounts that Player 2 could send back to Player 1. The screenshot below shows you the computer display for the case where Player 1 sent R20 which was tripled and became R60. Player 2 could send back R0, R20, R40, or R60 and you need to express your beliefs about the amount of money that Player 2 actually chose to send back.

You express your beliefs about how much money Player 2 sent back to Player 1 by allocating tokens to the amounts of money (R0, R20, R40, and R60) in the "Amount Sent Back" column. You allocate these tokens using the sliders next to each Amount Sent Back. For each of the 5 decisions you need to make, you have 20 unallocated tokens to begin with and you must allocate all of these tokens before the payments you will receive for this particular allocation are displayed on screen.

### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- Suppose Player 1 sent R20 to Player 2
- This was tripled so Player 2 received R60
- How much of this R60 did Player 2 send back to Player 1?
- 188 people took part in this interaction. You will be randomly matched with one of these people
- Express your beliefs about the amount this person sent back to Player 1 by allocating tokens using the sliders below
- The more tokens you allocate to the amount that was sent back, the more money you earn in this task

Amount Sent Back	Tokens	You have 20 unallocated tokens.	Payment
RO	0	-0	
R20	0	-0	
R40	0	-0	
R60	0	-0	

All tokens need to be allocated to see Payment.

Suppose you think there is a good chance that Player 2 chose to send back R20. Then you might allocate 10 tokens to the Amount Sent Back of R20. Suppose you also think there is a pretty good chance that Player 2 sent back R0, a pretty good chance that Player 2 sent back R60. Then you might allocate 5 tokens to the Amount Sent Back of R0, 5 tokens to the Amount Sent Back of R40, and 0 tokens to the Amount Sent Back of R60. This is what the computer display will look like in this case:

### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- Suppose Player 1 sent R20 to Player 2
- This was tripled so Player 2 received R60
- How much of this R60 did Player 2 send back to Player 1?
- 188 people took part in this interaction. You will be randomly matched with one of these people
- Express your beliefs about the amount this person sent back to Player 1 by allocating tokens using the sliders below
- The more tokens you allocate to the amount that was sent back, the more money you earn in this task

Amount Sent Back	Tokens	You have 0 unallocated tokens.	Payment
RO	5	O	R168.75
R20	10	O	R243.75
R40	5	O	R168.75
R60	0	-0	R93.75

Your payment depends on the amount that the person who you are randomly matched with chose to send back **So think carefully about the choice you want to make** 

#### Submit

So here we show 5 tokens allocated to R0, 10 tokens allocated to R20, 5 tokens allocated to R40, and 0 tokens allocated to R60. Because you have allocated all of your 20 tokens, the "Payment" column is now visible and a "Submit" button appears on screen so that you can submit your choice and move on to the next decision. If you would like to change your token allocation then just use the sliders to make any adjustments.

At the end of the session today one of your five choices will be randomly selected for payment and you will be randomly matched with one of the 188 people who took part in this interaction in the last month. Note that with the token allocation above, if the person who took part in this interaction actually chose to send back R40 then your payment for this task will be R168.75.

What if you had allocated all of your tokens to the Amount Sent Back of R40? Then you would have faced the earnings outcomes shown below:

-B-

### Decision: 1 of 5

#### Instructions

- Suppose Player 1 sent R20 to Player 2
- This was tripled so Player 2 received R60
- How much of this R60 did Player 2 send back to Player 1?
- 188 people took part in this interaction. You will be randomly matched with one of these people
- Express your beliefs about the amount this person sent back to Player 1 by allocating tokens using the sliders below
- · The more tokens you allocate to the amount that was sent back, the more money you earn in this task

Amount Sent Back	Tokens	You have 0 unallocated tokens.	Payment
RO	0	-0	R0.00
R20	0	-0	R0.00
R40	20		R300.00
R60	0	-0	R0.00

Your payment depends on the amount that the person who you are randomly matched with chose to send back **So think carefully about the choice you want to make** 

#### Submit

Note the "good news" and the "bad news" here. If the person who you are randomly matched with chose to send back R40, you earn the maximum payoff, shown here as R300.00. But if the person who you are randomly matched with sent back some other amount (R0, R20, or R60), then you would have earned nothing.

It is up to you to balance the strength of your personal beliefs with the risk of them being wrong. There are two important points for you to keep in mind when allocating tokens to the different amounts sent back in each decision:

- 1. Your belief about the amount of money that Player 2 chose to send back to Player 1 is a personal judgement. You may think that someone will always send back R0 or that someone will always send back R60 and your token allocation will reflect this.
- 2. Your choices might also depend on your willingness to take risks or to gamble. There is no right choice for everyone. For example, in a horse race you might want to bet on the longshot since it will bring you more money if it wins. On the other hand, you might want to bet on the favourite since it is more likely to win something.

For each decision, your choice will depend on two things: your judgement about how likely it is that each possible amount was actually sent back, and how much you like to gamble or take risks.

When you are happy with your token allocation, you should click the "Submit" button to confirm your choice and move on to the next decision. When you are finished the task, please raise your hand and a research assistant will come to you to prepare you for the next part of the session.

Please raise your hand now.

#### Appendix B: Econometrics [Online Only]

Adopting the HMU approach we first specify the likelihood function to estimate risk preferences, use the candidate risk preference estimates to recover subjective beliefs, and then fit a probability distribution (in our case, a probability mass function) to the recovered beliefs. We start, therefore, by specifying our likelihood function for risk preferences.

The RDU model, due to Quiggin [1982], nests expected utility theory (EUT) when agents do not subjectively distort objective probabilities, so we use the RDU model below for the sake of generality. Let  $x_j$  represent prize j in lottery L,  $p(x_j) = p_j$  the probability assigned to prize j,  $w(x_j) = w_j$  the decision weight applied to prize j, and  $u(x_j)$  the utility of prize j. The RDU of lottery L is:

$$RDU(L) = \sum_{j=1, \dots, m} \left[ w_j \times u\left( x_j \right) \right], \tag{1}$$

where

$$w_{j} = \pi \left( p_{j} + \dots + p_{m} \right) - \pi \left( p_{j+1} + \dots + p_{m} \right),$$
(2)

for j = 1, ..., m - 1, and

$$w_j = \pi\left(p_j\right),\tag{3}$$

for j = m. The subscript j represents outcomes ranked from worst to best, and  $\pi(p)$  is a specific probability weighting function (PWF). We use the Prelec [1998] PWF, because it allows independent specification of location and curvature in probability weighting:

$$\pi(p) = \exp\left[-\eta\left(-\ln\left(p\right)\right)^{\phi}\right] \tag{4}$$

where 1 > p > 0,  $\phi > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$ .

We also assume that the utility function over income u(x) exhibits constant relative risk aversion (CRRA):

$$u(x) = \frac{x^{1-r}}{1-r}$$
(5)

where r is the coefficient of relative risk aversion.

Given two lotteries presented to subjects on a computer screen, the Left lottery L and the

right lottery R, we can calculate the difference in the RDU of these two lotteries given their associated prizes,  $x_{jL}$  and  $x_{jR}$ , and probabilities,  $p_{jL}$  and  $p_{jR}$ , along with candidate values of r,  $\phi$ , and  $\eta$ :

$$\nabla RDU = RDU_R - RDU_L \tag{6}$$

To link this index to a subject's observed choices in the risk preference task we use the logistic cumulative distribution function , which yields the "logit" link function:

$$Pr(\mathbf{R}) = \Lambda \left(\nabla \mathbf{R} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}\right) \tag{7}$$

The index in (6) is linked to subject's choices by specifying that the Right lottery is chosen when  $\Lambda$  ( $\nabla$ RDU) >  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Let z denote a binary indicator of whether the subject chose lottery R (z=1) or lottery L (z=0). Then the likelihood of the observed responses, conditional on the RDU, Prelec [1998] and CRRA assumptions, depends on the estimates of r,  $\phi$ , and  $\eta$ , given the statistical model in (7) and subject choices in the risk preference task. Using  $\iota$  to index observations, the conditional log-likelihood for the risk preference responses is:

$$\ln L_{i}^{\mathrm{RP}}\left(r,\phi,\eta;z\right) = \sum_{i} z_{i} \ln\left(\Lambda\left(\nabla \mathrm{RDU}\right)\right) + (1-z_{i}) \ln\left(1-\Lambda\left(\nabla \mathrm{RDU}\right)\right)$$
(8)

Finally, we adopt the Contextual Utility behavioural error specification of Wilcox [2011] to allow choices in the risk preference task to deviate from the deterministic predictions of RDU. We therefore change the index in (6) to incorporate a Fechner [1966/1860] error term  $\mu$  and a term  $\lambda = u_{\text{max}} - u_{\text{min}}$ , where  $u_{\text{max}}$  represents the utility of the highest prize in a lottery pair and  $u_{\text{min}}$  represents the utility of the lowest prize in a lottery pair, which normalises the RDU difference to lie in the interval [-1, 1]. Our new index function is therefore:

$$\nabla RDU = \frac{\left(RDU_{R} - RDU_{L}\right)/\lambda}{\mu}$$
(9)

The conditional log-likelihood for the model now includes the Fechner error term  $\mu$  in addition to r,  $\phi$ , and  $\eta$ :

$$\ln L_{\iota}^{\mathrm{RP}}\left(r,\phi,\eta,\mu;z\right) = \sum_{\iota} z_{\iota} \ln\left(\Lambda\left(\nabla \mathrm{RDU}\right)\right) + (1-z_{\iota}) \ln\left(1-\Lambda\left(\nabla \mathrm{RDU}\right)\right). \tag{10}$$

This expression can be maximised using standard numerical optimisers to estimate the parameters r,  $\phi$ , and  $\eta$ , which define risk preferences under RDU, together with the Fechner error term  $\mu$ .

Now consider our subjective beliefs task where subjects had to allocate 20 tokens to *n* bins to express the likelihoods they assigned to particular amounts returned, conditional on an amount sent, in the trust game in Experiment 1. Each positive amount sent c > 0 determines the number of bins *n* for a particular subjective beliefs question, where  $n \in \{4, 7, 10, 13, 16\}$ . For example, suppose c = R40. This implies n = 7, because the amount returned  $d \in \{R20, R40, R60, R80, R100\}$ . Thus, we elicited beliefs about amounts returned for the five positive amounts sent  $c^* \in \{R20, R40, R60, R80, R100\}$ .

For simplicity, focus on the case were c = R20, implying n = 4, and  $d \in \{R0, R20, R40, R60\}$ . A subject must allocate all 20 tokens across the 4 bins, but there are no constraints in terms of the allocation, e.g., a subject can allocate all of their tokens to one bin. We summarise a token allocation by dividing the allocation to each bin by 20 (the number of tokens), and refer to this as the subject's observed *report*  $\mathbf{s} = (s_{R0}, s_{R20}, s_{R40}, s_{R60}) = (s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4)$ , where  $s_i \ge 0 \forall i$  and  $\sum_i s_i = 1$ .<sup>1</sup>

We used the QSR to reward subjects for their reports. If *i* is the bin in which the actual amount returned lies, then the payoff is defined by Matheson and Winkler [1976, p. 1088, equation (6)] as:  $Q(s_i|s) = (2 \times s_i) - \sum_i (s_i)^2$ . This means that the payoff is determined by doubling the report  $s_i$  to the correct bin *i*, and penalising the subject depending on the full report **s** across all *n* bins. We used an endowment,  $\alpha$ , and scaling parameter,  $\beta$ , to prevent subjects from incurring losses. In this case, the payoff from the QSR is:  $Q(s_i|s) = \alpha + \beta [(2 \times s_i) - \sum_i (s_i)^2]$ . We set  $\alpha = R150$  and  $\beta = R150$  in our experiments. We can now define the RDU of a report **s**:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The ordered list s is an *n*-tuple, where *n* represents the number of bins for a subjective beliefs question.

$$RDU(\mathbf{s}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i(b_i) \times u(Q(s_i|\mathbf{s})), \qquad (11)$$

where  $b_i$  represents an agent's belief that the amount returned lies in bin *i*. In the case where a subject is risk neutral and obeys SEU,  $b_i = s_i \forall i$ , but if either of these assumptions do not hold then  $b_i \neq s_i$ .<sup>2</sup> We use the Prelec [1998] PWF (4) to calculate decision weights  $w_i$ , and the CRRA function (5) to determine the utility of the payoff  $Q(s_i | \mathbf{s})$ .

HMU prove the existence of a function  $g(\mathbf{s}|\psi)$  that maps the observed report  $\mathbf{s}$  to beliefs  $\mathbf{b}$  given risk preferences  $\psi$ .<sup>3</sup> Lemma 2 of HMU [p. 11] explains the assumptions that must hold for this function to exist: the utility function  $u(\cdot)$  is increasing, continuous, twice differentiable and concave, and the report  $\mathbf{s}$  maximises RDU. If these assumptions hold, a report  $\mathbf{s}$  maps to unique "recovered" beliefs  $\mathbf{b}$  given risk preferences  $\psi$ . We use weighted maximum likelihood estimation to fit a probability mass function to the recovered beliefs. Candidate beliefs  $\tilde{b}_i$  are logged and weighted by recovered beliefs  $b_i = g_i(s|\tilde{\psi})$ , and then summed across the n bins. The recovered beliefs are determined by candidate risk preferences  $\tilde{\psi}$  and the observed report  $\mathbf{s}$ . The weighted log-likelihood for recovered beliefs  $\mathbf{b}$  is therefore:

$$\ln L^{B}\left(\mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{s}, \widetilde{\psi}\right) = \sum_{i}^{n} b_{i} \times \ln\left(\widetilde{b}_{i}\right).$$
(12)

The log-likelihood for risk preferences (10) is combined with the weighted log-likelihood for recovered beliefs (12) to form the joint log-likelihood of risk preferences and beliefs:

$$\ln L^{\text{Joint}} = \ln L^{\text{RP}} + \ln L^{\text{B}}.$$
(13)

The specification in (13) is maximised to estimate the risk preference parameters r,  $\phi$ , and  $\eta$ , the Fechner error term  $\mu$ , and the recovered beliefs **b**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Harrison et al. [2017] show that the observed *reports* of risk averse SEU agents, with coefficients of relative risk aversion in the range often observed in lab experiments, are "close" to their *beliefs*. This is not the case, however, with RDU agents, because there can be first order differences between observed reports and beliefs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Under RDU, risk preferences are determined by the curvature of the utility function  $u(\cdot)$  along with the probability weighting parameters  $\phi$  and  $\eta$ . We therefore use  $\psi = \{u(\cdot), \phi, \eta\}$  to represent risk preferences under RDU.

#### Appendix C: Estimates [Online Only]

We include all of the estimates referenced in the main text in the order that they appear there. The covariates in the statistical models are explained in the text. The notation for the subjective beliefs estimation is:

• The parameter of the utility function is *r* in the estimates, and *r* in Appendix B.

• The parameters of the Prelec [1998] probability weighting function are phi and eta, and  $\phi$  and  $\eta$  in

Appendix B.

• The Fechner error term is noise, and  $\mu$  in Appendix B.

• After the subjective belief estimates for every amount sent, e.g., R20, R40, etc., we calculate the

probability mass of each bin, e.g., bin1, bin2, etc., along with the mean (mean) and standard deviation (sd) of the probability mass function.

. /\* SECTION 0: Some simple results first > Notes: This DO file performs the analyses of the TG data from the study conducted by Hofmeyr, Kincaid and Monroe at UCT in 2018. \*/ > . /\*-----\*/ /\* [> Summary Statistics <] \*/</pre> ----\*/ /\* . /\* [> Baseline treatment <] \*/</pre> . \* Summarise the continuous and binary variables . summarize age male no\_risky\_choices if period == 1 & treatment == 1 Variable | 0bs Mean Std. dev. Min Max 187 21.26738 2.755865 39 age 18 male 188 .6010638 .4909871 0 1 188 49.32447 14.28009 13 93 no\_risky\_c~s | . \* Categorical variables . tab task\_order if period == 1 & treatment == 1 Order in which subjects completed the TG and DG, and R and B Freq. Cum. Percent 1. Ts, Tr, D, R | 2. Tr, Ts, D, R | 3. D, Ts, Tr, R | 4. D, Tr, Ts, R | 46 24.47 24.47 46 24.47 48.94 42 22.34 71.28 54 28.72 100.00 Total | 188 100.00 . tab financial\_situation\_3\_cat if period == 1 & treatment == 1 Financial Situation - 3 categories Freq. Percent Cum. V Broke / Broke 77 40.96 40.96 79.79 Neutral 73 38.83 Good / V Good 38 20.21 100.00 188 100.00 Total | . tab black\_african if period == 1 & treatment == 1 Black / African | Freq. Percent Cum. Other 85 45.21 45.21 Black / African 103 54.79 100.00

Total | 188 100.00

. tab ethnicity if period == 1 & treatment == 1

Ethnicity	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1. Black / African   2. Coloured   3. Indian   4. White 5. Asian   6. Other	103 33 20 30 1 1	54.79 17.55 10.64 15.96 0.53 0.53	54.79 72.34 82.98 98.94 99.47 100.00
+- Total	188	100.00	

. \* Summarize DG data for multiplier of 3, and R100 endowments for both players

. \* in baseline treatment

. summarize amount\_sent\_dg if dictator == 1 & dictator\_multiplier == 3 ///
> & dictator\_receiver\_endowment == 100 & dictator\_sender\_endowment == 100 ///

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Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
amount_sen~g	188	27.5	27.03978	0	100

\* Tabulate average amount sent in baseline treatment
. tab avg\_amount\_sent\_tg if treatment == 1 & period == 1

Average amount sent in Trust game	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
0	7	3.72	3.72
4	j 2	1.06	4.79
8	j 5	2.66	7.45
12	2   5   1	0.53	7.98
16	j 3	1.60	9.57
20	j 9	4.79	14.36
24	j 9	4.79	19.15
28	8	4.26	23.40
32	10	5.32	28.72
36	15	7.98	36.70
40	9	4.79	41.49
44	18	9.57	51.06
48	13	6.91	57.98
52	14	7.45	65.43
56	5	2.66	68.09
60	11	5.85	73.94
64	4	2.13	76.06
68	6	3.19	79.26
72	6	3.19	82.45
76	6   5   3   3   2   2	3.19	85.64
80	5	2.66	88.30
84	3	1.60	89.89
88	3	1.60	91.49
92	2	1.06	92.55
96	2   12	1.06	93.62
100		6.38	100.00
Total	188	100.00	

. \* Summarize average amount sent in baseline treatment
. summarize avg\_amount\_sent\_tg if treatment == 1 & period == 1

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
avg_amount~g	188	48.2766	25.52399	0	100

. \* Summarize amount sent and proportion of amount returned in baseline treatment
. summarize choice\_logit\_send choice\_logit\_return\_prop if treatment == 1, detail

		Amount Sent			
	Percentiles	Smallest			
1%	0	0			
5%	0	0			
10%	0	0	0bs	940	
25%	20	0	Sum of wgt.	940	
50%	40		Mean	48.2766	
		Largest	Std. dev.	31.23323	
75%	80	100			
90%	100	100	Variance	975.5145	
95%	100	100	Skewness	.2012532	
99%	100	100	Kurtosis	1.997448	
	cł	noice_logit_returr	n_prop		
	Percentiles	Smallest			
1%	0	0			
5%	.0833333	0			
10%	.3333333	0	0bs	940	
25%	<b>.</b> 4666667	0	Sum of wgt.	940	
50%	.6666667		Mean	.5601773	
		Largest	Std. dev.	.2043327	
75%	.6666667	1			
90%	.6666667	1	Variance	.0417518	
95%	.7888889	1	Skewness	-1.027394	
99%	1	1	Kurtosis	4.140436	
• * 1	abulate amount	returned as a fur	nction of amou	nt sent in b	paseline treatment
		return choice_orde			

or each   Amount			ice_order	_		
Sent)	1	2	3	4	5	Total
RØ	9	6	8	8	12	43
R20	44	11	3	5	2	65
R40	130	23	5	5	2	165
R60	5	39	18	6	1	69
R80	0	94	24	8	1	127
R100	0	10	35	8	15	68
R120	0	5	82	20	4	111
R140	0	0	5	24	8	37
R160	0	0	4	82	14	100
R180	0	0	4	11	19	34
R200	0	0	0	4	98	102
R220	0	0	0	2	4	6
R240	0	0	0	5	2	7
R260	0	0	0	0	1	1
R280	0	0	0	0	1	1
R300	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	188	188	188	188	188	940

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. /\* SECTION 1: Ordered Logit analyses of the TG Amount Sent data Notes: Estimates for Baseline treatment. \*/ > . /\*-----\*/ /\* [> 1.1. Baseline Treatment <] \*/</pre> . /\*---\_\_\_\_\*/ . /\* [> Primary ordered logit with task order (to) variables <] \*/ . \* Set estimation variables . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.no\_risky\_choices##c.no\_risky\_choices c.amount\_ > sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_to" . ologit choice\_logit\_send `est\_vars' if treatment == 1, cluster(subjectid) Iteration 0: log pseudolikelihood = -1642.6927 log pseudolikelihood = -1534.6538 log pseudolikelihood = -1530.4609 Iteration 1: Iteration 2: log pseudolikelihood = -1530.4345 Iteration 3: Iteration 4: log pseudolikelihood = -1530.4345 Ordered logistic regression Number of obs = 935

Log pseudolikelihood = -1530.4345

Number of obs = 935 Wald chi2(12) = 75.90 Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Pseudo R2 = 0.0683

(Std. err. adjusted for 187 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_send	     Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf	. interval]
age 1.male	1059919  5356529	.0322252 .2385929	-3.29 -2.25	0.001 0.025	1691521 -1.003286	0428317 0680194
black_african Black / African	     .0980217	.2205613	0.44	0.657	3342705	.5303139
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0438034 .5201557	.2337783 .330076	-0.19 1.58	0.851 0.115	5020004 1267815	.4143936 1.167093
<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	  0302052	.0375065	-0.81	0.421	1037166	.0433063
c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices	.0003205	.0003658	0.88	0.381	0003966	.0010375
amount_sent_dg	.0211397	.0118608	1.78	0.075	002107	.0443863
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	.0000778	.0001291	0.60	0.547	0001752	.0003309
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	2863928 .0073288 .4459578	.2605631 .3106459 .2890196	-1.10 0.02 -1.54	0.272 0.981 0.123	7970871 601526 -1.012426	.2243016 .6161836 .1205103
/cut1 /cut2 /cut3 /cut4 /cut5	-4.916383 -3.496662 -2.334064 -1.412596 4925649	1.264429 1.247369 1.239945 1.235743 1.238544			-7.394618 -5.941461 -4.764311 -3.834607 -2.920066	-2.438148 -1.051863 .0961832 1.009415 1.934937

. /\* [> Average Marginal Effects (AMEs) <] \*/
. local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices
amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to"</pre>

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. foreach var of varlist `est_vars_no_factor' {
    2. mchange `var', amount(sd) brief
    3. }
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ologit: Changes in  $Pr(y) \mid Number of obs = 935$ 

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

		RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
age	+SD	0.031	0.027	0.001	-0.014	-0.017	-0.028
	p-value	0.005	0.000	0.625	0.002	0.001	0.001

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
male 1 vs 0 p-value	   0.049   0.012	0.053 0.034	0.011 0.201	-0.023 0.021	-0.032 0.028	-0.058 0.037

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
black african Black / African vs Other   p-value	-0.009 0.661	-0.009 0.653	-0.001 0.649	0.004 0.658	0.006 0.659	0.010 0.654

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

ļ	R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
financial situation 3 cat						
Neutral vs V Broke / Broke	0.004	0.004	0.000	-0.002	-0.003	-0.004
p-value	0.851	0.852	0.857	0.852	0.852	0.851
Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e	-0.044	-0.051	-0.015	0.020	0.031	0.059
p-value	0.081	0.125	0.306	0.083	0.114	0.150
Good / V Good vs Neutral	-0.048	-0.056	-0.016	0.022	0.033	0.064
p-value	0.062	0.114	0.300	0.073	0.102	0.132

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
no risky c~s +SD p-value	-0.005 0.592	-0.008 0.523	-0.005 0.427	0.001 0.729	0.005 0.499	0.012 0.490

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
amount sen~g   +SD   p-value	-0.052 0.000	-0.067 0.000	-0.032 0.000	0.015 0.062	0.037 0.000	0.099 0.000

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 935

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Expression in (choice_cogic_scha), predict(outcome())	Expression:	Pr(choice_	_logit_send),	<pre>predict(outcome())</pre>
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p-value   0.267 0.278 0 3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R   -0.001 -0.001 -0 p-value   0.981 0.981 0 4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R   0.043 0.044 0 p-value   0.138 0.126 0	.384 .000 .981	-0.013 0.273 0.000 0.981	0.275	-0.031 0.279 0.001
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	.384 .000 .981	0.273	0.275	0.279
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p-value   0.981 0.981 0 4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R   0.043 0.044 0 p-value   0.138 0.126 0	.981			0.001
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R   0.043 0.044 0 p-value   0.138 0.126 0		0.981	0 001	
p-value   0.138 0.126 0	006		0.981	0.981
P	.000 .	-0.021	-0.026	-0.045
3 D TS TR R VS 2 Tr TS $\sim R$ = -0.027 -0.029 -0	.375	0.143	0.143	0.119
	.006	0.013	0.017	0.031
p-value   0.310 0.326 0	.444	0.312	0.316	0.337
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts, ~R   0.017 0.015 0	.000	-0.008	-0.009	-0.015
p-value   0.567 0.558 0	.907	0.567	0.567	0.554
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R   0.044 0.044 0	.006	-0.021	-0.027	-0.046
p-value   0.168 0.164 0	.423	0.170	0.172	0.170

/\* SECTION 2: JM comparison . > Notes: Statistical comparisons of JM data with proportions returned in our experiment. \*/ > . do JMcomparison.do . // KS test of equality of the two emperical distributions . // Visually obvious, but nice to have . ksmirnov percent\_returned, by(dat) exact Two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for equality of distribution functions Smaller group D p-value Exact \_ 0 0.0536 0.503 1 -0.6540 0.000 Combined K-S 0.6540 0.000 0.000 Note: Ties exist in combined dataset; there are 69 unique values out of 1077 observations. . // ES test that the distribution functions of the two /// . // independent samples are identical . escftest percent\_returned, group(dat) Epps-Singleton Two-Sample Empirical Characteristic Function test Sample sizes: dat = 0940 dat = 1137 1077 total t1 0.400 0.800 +2 Critical value for W2 at 10% 7.779 5% 9.488 1% 13.277 Test statistic W2 906.479 Ho: distributions are identical P-value 0.00000 . . ----- End of SECTION 2 ------. /\*-\_\_\_\_\*/

. /\* SECTION 3: Analyses of TG Amount Returned data > Notes: Fractional logistic regression of proportion of amounts > returned. \*/ . /\*------\*/ /\* [> 3.1. Baseline Treatment <] \*/</pre> . /\*----------\*/ . \* Set estimation variables . /\* [> choice\_order represents amount sent where 1 = R20, 2 = R40, etc. <] \*/ . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.amount\_sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_t
> o i.choice\_order" . /\* [> Fractional logistic regrestion with clustered standard errors to allow > for heteroscedasticity across individuals <] \*/</pre> . fracreg logit choice\_logit\_return\_prop `est\_vars' if treatment == 1, /// > vce(cluster subjectid) log pseudolikelihood = -649.31952 Iteration 0: Iteration 1: log pseudolikelihood = -633.27817 log pseudolikelihood = -633.256 log pseudolikelihood = -633.256 Iteration 2: Iteration 3:

Fractional logistic regression

Log pseudolikelihood = -633.256

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Number of obs = 935 Wald chi2(14) = 23.46 Prob > chi2 = 0.0532 Pseudo R2 = 0.0125

(Std. err. adjusted for 187 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_return_prop	   Coefficient	Robust std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
age 1.male	0367598 .0798147	.0245853 .1045985	-1.50 0.76	0.135 0.445	0849462 1251945	.0114265 .284824
black_african Black / African	.176732	.1132456	1.56	0.119	0452252	.3986892
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0415138 .1239433	.1298485 .1368335	-0.32 0.91	0.749 0.365	2960121 1442454	.2129845 .392132
amount_sent_dg	.0010885	.0054305	0.20	0.841	0095551	.0117322
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	.0000599	.0000611	0.98	0.327	00006	.0001797
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	.1146874 .356087 .2816343	.1412293 .1461253 .1413461	0.81 2.44 1.99	0.417 0.015 0.046	162117 .0696867 .0046009	.3914918 .6424874 .5586676
choice_order 2 3 4 5	0257798 0539291 0092162 0117949	.05258 .0509288 .061035 .0604357	-0.49 -1.06 -0.15 -0.20	0.624 0.290 0.880 0.845	1288347 1537477 1288426 1302467	.0772752 .0458895 .1104102 .106657
_cons	.5893954	.5612868	1.05	0.294	5107065	1.689497

<ul> <li>/* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous</li> <li>variables - this takes (some) time */</li> <li>local est_vars_no_factor "age male black_african financial_situation_3_cat amount_sent_dg base_info_to choice_order"</li> </ul>
<pre>. foreach var of varlist `est_vars_no_factor' {     2. mchange `var', amount(sd) brief     3. }</pre>
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
Change p-value age   +SD   -0.025 0.135
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
Change p-value male   1 vs 0   0.019 0.446
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
black african   Black / African vs Other   0.043 0.119
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
financial situation 3 cat Neutral vs V Broke / Broke   -0.010 0.749 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e   0.030 0.365 Good / V Good vs Neutral   0.040 0.190
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
amount sen~g   +SD   0.037 0.002
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 935
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
base info to       0.028       0.416         2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R       0.086       0.014         3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R       0.069       0.045         3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R       0.058       0.092         4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R       0.041       0.216         4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R       -0.018       0.590

fracreg: Changes in Margin | Number of obs = 935

Expression: Conditional mean of choice\_logit\_return\_prop, predict()

(	Change p-	-value
3 vs 1   - 4 vs 1   - 5 vs 1   - 3 vs 2   - 4 vs 2   5 vs 2   4 vs 3   5 vs 3	-0.006 -0.013 -0.002 -0.003 -0.007 0.004 0.003 0.011 0.010 -0.001	0.624 0.290 0.880 0.845 0.532 0.736 0.738 0.290 0.401 0.951

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     /* [> 3.2. Baseline and Info Treatments <] */</pre>
. /*--
                                                                -*/
. /* [> ROBUSTNESS CHECK <] */
. /* [> choice_order represents amount sent where 1 = R20, 2 = R40, etc. <] */
. local est_vars "c.age i.male i.black_african i.financial_situation_3_cat
c.amount_sent_dg##c.amount_sent_dg i.base_info_t
> o i.choice_order i.treatment"
. /* [> Fractional logistic regrestion with clustered standard errors to allow
> for heteroscedasticity across individuals <] */
. fracreg logit choice_logit_return_prop `est_vars', vce(cluster subjectid)
                 log pseudolikelihood = -968.99706
log pseudolikelihood = -940.68221
Iteration 0:
Iteration 1:
                 log pseudolikelihood = -940.64033
Iteration 2:
Iteration 3:
                 log pseudolikelihood = -940.64033
                                                                Number of obs = 1,385
Wald chi2(15) = 31.39
Fractional logistic regression
                                                                Prob > chi2 = 0.0078
Pseudo R2 = 0.0134
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Log pseudolikelihood = -940.64033

(Std. err. adjusted for 277 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_return_prop	   Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
age 1.male	0302432 .0387296	.020923 .0913756	-1.45 0.42	0.148 0.672	0712515 1403633	.010765 .2178225
black_african Black / African	.0740215	.0959812	0.77	0.441	1140982	.2621412
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0738096 .0521192	.1076457 .1310213	-0.69 0.40	0.493 0.691	2847913 2046779	.1371721 .3089162
amount_sent_dg	.004472	.0051665	0.87	0.387	005654	.0145981
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	.0000396	.0000605	0.66	0.512	0000789	.0001581
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	.0499298 .3451537 .3709723	.1334806 .1470596 .1371772	0.37 2.35 2.70	0.708 0.019 0.007	2116874 .0569222 .1021099	.3115471 .6333852 .6398346
choice_order 2 3 4 5	0519349 0445299 0185762 .0148861	.0439802 .040818 .0485819 .0497557	-1.18 -1.09 -0.38 0.30	0.238 0.275 0.702 0.765	1381344 1245317 113795 0826333	.0342647 .035472 .0766426 .1124056
treatment 3. Information _cons	  154951   .4902225	.109899 .4761534	-1.41 1.03	0.159 0.303	3703491 4430211	.0604472 1.423466

<ul> <li>/* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous</li> <li>variables - this takes (some) time */</li> <li>local est_vars_no_factor "age male black_african financial_situation_3_cat amount_sent_dg base_info_to choice_order"</li> </ul>
. foreach var of varlist `est_vars_no_factor' { 2. mchange `var', amount(sd) brief 3. }
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
Change p-value age   +SD   -0.019 0.149
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
male   1 vs 0   0.009 0.672
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
<pre>Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()</pre>
Change p-value
black african   Black / African vs Other   0.018 0.441
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
financial situation 3 cat Neutral vs V Broke / Broke   -0.018 0.492 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e   0.013 0.691 Good / V Good vs Neutral   0.031 0.280
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
amount sen~g   +SD   0.046 0.000
fracreg: Changes in Margin   Number of obs = 1385
Expression: Conditional mean of choice_logit_return_prop, predict()
Change p-value
base info to       0.012       0.708         2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R       0.012       0.708         3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R       0.084       0.018         4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R       0.091       0.007         3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R       0.072       0.031         4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R       0.078       0.003         4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R       0.006       0.850

fracreg: Changes in Margin | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Conditional mean of choice\_logit\_return\_prop, predict()

l	Change	p-value
choice order   2 vs 1   3 vs 1   4 vs 1   5 vs 1   3 vs 2   4 vs 2   5 vs 2   4 vs 3   5 vs 3	-0.013 -0.011 -0.005 0.004 0.002 0.008 0.016 0.006 0.014	0.238 0.275 0.702 0.765 0.845 0.393 0.123 0.454 0.131
5 vs 4	0.008	0.337

. margins treatment, post

Predictive margins Model VCE: Robust Number of obs = 1,385

Expression: Conditional mean of choice\_logit\_return\_prop, predict()

	Margin	Delta-method std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
treatment   1. Baseline   3. Information	.5610278 .5232458	.0125972 .0224407	44.54 23.32	0.000 0.000	.5363377 .4792628	.5857179 .5672288

. test 1.treatment == 3.treatment

(1) 1bn.treatment - 3.treatment = 0

chi2( 1) = 1.98 Prob > chi2 = 0.1590

. /\*----- End of SECTION 3 -----\*/

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Structural Estimates

Log ps	eudolike	elihood = -630		Number of obs Wald chi2(0) Prob > chi2	= .		
			(Std. err.	adjusted	for 106	clusters in s	subjectid)
		Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
r 	_cons	1.336165	.0698942	19.12	0.000	1.199175	1.473156
phi	_cons	1.021261	.0589964	17.31	0.000	.9056299	1.136892
eta	_cons	.9828443	.0451896	21.75	0.000	.8942743	1.071414
noise	_cons	.1620843	.0100683	16.10	0.000	.1423509	.1818178
b1	_cons	1.0975	.1996134	5.50	0.000	.7062652	1.488735
b2	_cons	1.829841	.2040076	8.97	0.000	1.429994	2.229689
b3	cons	1.518752	.1897591	8.00	0.000	1.146831	1.890673

Beliefs about Amount sent: R20

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1 bin2 bin3 bin4 mean sd	2025309 4212531 3086305 0675854 24.82541 17.00931	.0176734 .0187412 .0202485 .0118845 .8410963 .4738677	11.46 22.48 15.24 5.69 29.52 35.89	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	.1678918 .3845211 .2689441 .0442922 23.17689 16.08055	.2371701 .4579852 .3483169 .0908786 26.47393 17.93808

Beliefs and Actual Returns for Amount sent: R20

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1m	.1546586	.0176734	8.75	0.000	.1200195	.1892977
bin2m	.1872106	.0187412	9.99	0.000	.1504785	.2239426
bin3m	3828589	.0202485	-18.91	0.000	4225453	3431725
bin4m	.0409897	.0118845	3.45	0.001	.0176965	.0642829
worse	<b>.</b> 1546586	.0176734	8.75	0.000	.1200195	.1892977
asgood	1956483	.0208725	-9.37	0.000	2365577	1547389
better	.0409897	.0118845	3.45	0.001	.0176965	.0642829

Structural Estimates

Log ps	Number of obs = 10,706Wald chi2(0) =Log pseudolikelihood = -6359.5131Prob > chi2 =									
			(Std. err.	adjusted	for 106	clusters in	subjectid)			
		Coefficient	Robust std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]			
r	_cons	1.336412	.0698652	19.13	0.000	1.199479	1.473345			
phi	_cons	1.022043	.058902	17.35	0.000	.9065976	1.137489			
eta	_cons	.9822725	.0452951	21.69	0.000	.8934956	1.071049			
noise	_cons	.1621216	.0100614	16.11	0.000	.1424017	.1818416			
b1	_cons	2.105965	.2617793	8.04	0.000	1.592887	2.619043			
b2	_cons	2.239249	.2343698	9.55	0.000	1.779893	2.698606			
b3	_cons	2.646714	.2461756	10.75	0.000	2.164218	3.129209			
b4	_cons	2.553632	.23914	10.68	0.000	2.084926	3.022338			
b5	_cons	2.343972	.2345365	9.99	0.000	1.884289	2.803655			
b6	_cons	.6104992	.1800104	3.39	0.001	.2576854	.963313			

Beliefs about Amount sent: R40

	Coefficient	Std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1 bin2 bin3 bin4 bin5 bin6 bin7 mean sd	.1420633 .162318 .2439642 .2222804 .1802383 .0318427 .0172931 46.02026 29.30167	.0176922 .0136958 .0157917 .0157372 .0189873 .0056032 .0037803 1.708377 .7406937	$\begin{array}{c} 8.03\\ 11.85\\ 15.45\\ 14.12\\ 9.49\\ 5.68\\ 4.57\\ 26.94\\ 39.56\end{array}$	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	.1073872 .1354748 .2130131 .191436 .143024 .0208606 .0098839 42.6719 27.84994	.1767393 .1891612 .2749154 .2531248 .2174527 .0428247 .0247023 49.36861 30.7534

Beliefs and Actual Returns for	or Amount sent:	R40
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	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1m	.1101484	.0176922	6.23	0.000	.0754723	.1448245
bin2m	.1038074	.0136958	7.58	0.000	<b>.</b> 0769642	.1306506
bin3m	.1216238	.0157917	7.70	0.000	.0906726	<b>.</b> 152575
bin4m	.0148336	.0157372	0.94	0.346	0160108	.045678
bin5m	3197617	.0189873	-16.84	0.000	356976	2825473
bin6m	0213488	.0056032	-3.81	0.000	0323308	0103668
bin7m	0093026	.0037803	-2.46	0.014	0167119	0018934
worse	.2139557	.0249099	8.59	0.000	<b>.</b> 1651332	.2627783
asgood	1833043	.0254684	-7.20	0.000	2332215	1333871
better	0306515	.0084384	-3.63	0.000	0471905	0141125

Structural Estimates

Log	pseudolike	Number of ob Wald chi2(0) Prob > chi2	= .				
			(Std. err.	adjusted	for 106	clusters in	subjectid)
		Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
r	_cons	1.337031	.0700236	19.09	0.000	1.199787	1.474274
phi	_cons	1.024121	.0593567	17.25	0.000	.9077839	1.140458
eta	_cons	.9819407	.0452485	21.70	0.000	.8932552	1.070626

Std.	err.	adjusted	for	106	clusters	in	subjectid)

	Coefficient	std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
_cons	1.337031	.0700236	19.09	0.000	1.199787	1.474274
_cons	1.024121	.0593567	17.25	0.000	.9077839	1.140458
_cons	.9819407	.0452485	21.70	0.000	.8932552	1.070626
_cons	.1622542	.0101016	16.06	0.000	.1424553	.182053
_cons	2.264498	.2807323	8.07	0.000	1.714273	2.814724
_cons	1.982239	.263651	7.52	0.000	1.465493	2.498986
_cons	2.277888	.2656753	8.57	0.000	1.757174	2.798603
_cons	2.548679	.2648908	9.62	0.000	2.029503	3.067856
_cons	2.505778	.266761	9.39	0.000	1.982936	3.028619
_cons	2.42881	.2644271	9.19	0.000	1.910542	2.947077
_cons	2.56764	.2642199	9.72	0.000	2.049779	3.085502
_cons	.8096963	.2201319	3.68	0.000	.3782457	1.241147
_cons	.2671808	.2612627	1.02	0.306	2448847	.7792462
	cons cons cons cons cons cons cons cons cons cons cons cons	cons   1.337031 cons   1.024121 cons   .024121 cons   .1622542 cons   2.264498 cons   2.277888 cons   2.548679 cons   2.505778 cons   2.42881 cons   2.42881 cons   2.56764 cons   8096963	Coefficient std. err.         _cons       1.337031       .0700236         _cons       1.024121       .0593567         _cons       .9819407       .0452485         _cons       .1622542       .0101016         _cons       2.264498       .2807323         _cons       1.982239       .263651         _cons       2.277888       .2656753         _cons       2.548679       .2648908         _cons       2.505778       .266761         _cons       2.42881       .2644271         _cons       2.56764       .2642199         _cons       8096963       .2201319	Coefficient         std. err.         z           _cons         1.337031         .0700236         19.09           _cons         1.024121         .0593567         17.25           _cons         .9819407         .0452485         21.70           _cons         .1622542         .0101016         16.06           _cons         2.264498         .2807323         8.07           _cons         2.264498         .2807323         8.07           _cons         1.982239         .263651         7.52           _cons         2.277888         .2656753         8.57           _cons         2.548679         .2648908         9.62           _cons         2.505778         .266761         9.39           _cons         2.42881         .2644271         9.19           _cons         2.56764         .2642199         9.72           _cons         2.56764         .2642199         9.72	Coefficient         std. err.         z         P> z            _cons         1.337031         .0700236         19.09         0.000           _cons         1.024121         .0593567         17.25         0.000           _cons         .9819407         .0452485         21.70         0.000           _cons         .1622542         .0101016         16.06         0.000           _cons         2.264498         .2807323         8.07         0.000           _cons         1.982239         .263651         7.52         0.000           _cons         2.277888         .2656753         8.57         0.000           _cons         2.548679         .2648908         9.62         0.000           _cons         2.505778         .266761         9.39         0.000           _cons         2.42881         .2644271         9.19         0.000           _cons         2.56764         .2642199         9.72         0.000	Coefficient         std. err.         z         P> z          [95% conf.           _cons         1.337031         .0700236         19.09         0.000         1.199787           _cons         1.024121         .0593567         17.25         0.000         .9077839           _cons         .9819407         .0452485         21.70         0.000         .8932552           _cons         .1622542         .0101016         16.06         0.000         .1424553           _cons         1.1982239         .263651         7.52         0.000         1.714273           _cons         1.982239         .263651         7.52         0.000         1.465493           _cons         2.277888         .2656753         8.57         0.000         1.757174           _cons         2.548679         .2648908         9.62         0.000         2.029503           _cons         2.505778         .266761         9.39         0.000         1.982936           _cons         2.42881         .2644271         9.19         0.000         1.910542           _cons         2.56764         .2642199         9.72         0.000         2.049779           _cons         8.096963         .2201319

Beliefs about Amount sent: R60

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1	.1194055	.0173904	6.87	0.000	.085321	.15349
bin2	.0900411	.0102403	8.79	0.000	.0699705	.1101117
bin3	.1210151	.0126541	9.56	0.000	.0962135	.1458168
bin4	.1586509	.0131903	12.03	0.000	.1327983	.1845035
bin5	.1519884	.01304	11.66	0.000	.1264304	<b>.</b> 1775465
bin6	.1407291	.0132733	10.60	0.000	.1147138	<b>.</b> 1667444
bin7	.1616878	.0186595	8.67	0.000	.1251159	<b>.</b> 1982597
bin8	.0278748	.0047777	5.83	0.000	.0185106	.037239
bin9	.0162032	.0042618	3.80	0.000	.0078502	.0245562
bin10	.0124041	.0029474	4.21	0.000	.0066272	.018181
mean	70.52272	2.645249	26.66	0.000	65.33813	75.70731
sd	43.57398	1.179842	36.93	0.000	41.26153	45.88643

Beliefs and Actual Returns for Amount sent: R60

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1m	.0768523	.0173904	4.42	0.000	.0427678	.1109368
bin2m	.0740837	.0102403	7.23	0.000	.0540131	.0941543
bin3m	.0944194	.0126541	7.46	0.000	.0696177	.119221
bin4m	.0629062	.0131903	4.77	0.000	.0370536	.0887588
bin5m	.0243289	.01304	1.87	0.062	0012292	.0498869
bin6m	0454411	.0132733	-3.42	0.001	0714564	0194258
bin7m	2744824	.0186595	-14.71	0.000	3110543	2379105
bin8m	.0012791	.0047777	0.27	0.789	0080851	.0106433
bin9m	0050734	.0042618	-1.19	0.234	0134264	.0032796
bin10m	0088725	.0029474	-3.01	0.003	0146494	0030956
worse	.2453553	.0283324	8.66	0.000	.1898248	.3008859
asgood	2326885	.0288682	-8.06	0.000	2892691	1761078
better	0126669	.0092991	-1.36	0.173	0308928	.0055591

Structural Estimates

Number of obs = 10,706Wald chi2(0) = Prob > chi2 = Log pseudolikelihood = -6420.3185 (Std. err. adjusted for 106 clusters in subjectid) Robust Coefficient std. err. z P>|z| [95% conf. interval] r 1.336672 .0699611 19.11 0.000 1.199551 1.473793 \_cons phi 1.024167 .0594638 17.22 0.000 .9076205 1.140714 \_cons eta .0458275 21.44 0.000 .8927915 1.072432 .9826117 cons noise .162279 .0101095 16.05 0.000 .1424646 .1820933 \_cons b1 2.354716 .3690796 6.38 0.000 1.631333 3.078099 \_cons b2 1.929488 .3469506 5.56 0.000 1.249478 2.609499 \_cons b3 1.937731 .3467751 5.59 0.000 1.258065 2.617398 \_cons b4 \_cons 1.789776 .3362716 5.32 0.000 1.130695 2.448856 b5 \_cons 2.703571 .3570993 7.57 0.000 2.003669 3.403473 b6 \_cons 2.529668 .3456388 7.32 0.000 1.852228 3.207107 b7 \_cons 2.488342 .3322012 7.49 0.000 1.837239 3.139444 b8 \_cons 2.322104 .3325289 6.98 0.000 1.670359 2.973848 b9 .3499596 7.96 \_cons 2.785509 0.000 2.099601 3.471418 b10 \_cons .609739 .2533326 2.41 0.016 **.**1132162 1.106262 b11 .4423715 .3015111 1.47 -.1485794 1.033322 \_cons 0.142 b12 .5656849 .1114407 .2317615 0.48 0.631 -.3428036 \_cons |

Beliefs about Amount sent: R80

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1	.1034934	.0160853	6.43	0.000	.0719669	.13502
bin2	.0676455	.0087785	7.71	0.000	.0504399	.0848511
bin3	.0682054	.0094406	7.22	0.000	.0497021	.0867087
bin4	.0588251	.007192	8.18	0.000	.0447291	.072921
bin5	.1466961	.0157023	9.34	0.000	.1159201	<b>.</b> 1774721
bin6	.1232802	.01276	9.66	0.000	.0982711	<b>.</b> 1482894
bin7	1182894	.0110905	10.67	0.000	.0965523	<b>.</b> 1400264
bin8	.1001727	.0109933	9.11	0.000	.0786263	.1217191
bin9	<b>.</b> 1592224	.0190133	8.37	0.000	.1219569	<b>.</b> 1964878
bin10	.018075	.0037098	4.87	0.000	.0108039	.0253462
bin11	.0152895	.0044867	3.41	0.001	.0064956	.0240833
bin12	.0109817	.0027724	3.96	0.000	.005548	.0164154
bin13	.0098236	.0031095	3.16	0.002	.0037291	.0159182
mean	96.45387	3.630713	26.57	0.000	89.33781	103.5699
sd	57.041	1.790752	31.85	0.000	53.53119	60.55081

Beliefs and Actual Returns for Amount sent: R80

	Coefficient	Std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1m	.0609402	.0160853	3.79	0.000	.0294137	.0924668
bin2m	.0410497	.0087785	4.68	0.000	.0238441	.0582554
bin3m	.0416096	.0094406	4.41	0.000	.0231063	.0601129
bin4m	.0269102	.007192	3.74	0.000	.0128142	.0410061
bin5m	.1041429	.0157023	6.63	0.000	.0733669	<b>.</b> 1349189
bin6m	.080727	.01276	6.33	0.000	.0557179	.1057362
bin7m	.0119064	.0110905	1.07	0.283	0098306	.0336434
bin8m	0274869	.0109933	-2.50	0.012	0490333	0059405
bin9m	2769479	.0190133	-14.57	0.000	3142133	2396824
bin10m	0404356	.0037098	-10.90	0.000	0477068	0331645
bin11m	0059871	.0044867	-1.33	0.182	014781	.0028067
bin12m	.0003434	.0027724	0.12	0.901	0050903	.0057771
bin13m	0167721	.0031095	-5.39	0.000	0228667	0106775
worse	.1705098	.0289408	5.89	0.000	.1137868	.2272328
asgood	1076584	.0296426	-3.63	0.000	1657569	0495599
better	0628514	.0115021	-5.46	0.000	0853951	0403077

Structural Estimates

Number of obs = 10,706Wald chi2(0) = Log pseudolikelihood = -6438.2444 Prob > chi2 = (Std. err. adjusted for 106 clusters in subjectid) Robust Coefficient std. err. P>|z| [95% conf. interval] z r 1.332628 .0689828 19.32 0.000 1.197424 1.467832 \_cons phi 1.025481 .0597086 17.17 0.000 .9084541 1.142507 \_cons eta 1.078271 .9871497 .0464913 21.23 0.000 .8960284 cons noise .1625325 .0101395 16.03 0.000 .1426594 .1824055 \_cons b1 2.322042 .3484999 6.66 0.000 1.638995 3.005089 \_cons b2 1.454355 .3478892 4.18 0.000 .7725046 2.136205 \_cons b3 1.438206 .3657868 3.93 0.000 .7212768 2.155135 \_cons b4 \_cons 1.526805 .3576052 4.27 0.000 .8259117 2.227698 b5 1.59729 .3475209 4.60 0.000 .9161611 2.278418 \_cons b6 \_cons 2.614859 .3331306 7.85 0.000 1.961935 3.267782 b7 \_cons 2.019497 .3330993 6.06 0.000 1.366635 2.67236 b8 \_cons 2.141705 .34631 6.18 0.000 1.462949 2.82046 b9 \_cons 1.814094 .3325929 5.45 0.000 1.162224 2.465964 b10 5.42 \_cons 1.803504 .3327832 0.000 1.151261 2.455747 b11 2.691968 .318909 8.44 0.000 2.066918 3.317018 \_cons b12 .4978091 .4010207 0.214 -.2881771 1.283795 \_cons 1.24 b13 .5256217 0.44 -.7999641 .2302355 0.661 1.260435 \_cons b14 -.0095105 -0.02 0.987 -1.187852 \_cons .6012059 1.168831 b15 .247343 -.616978 -2.490.013 -1.101761 -.1321946 \_cons

Beliefs about Amount sent: R100

	Coefficient	Std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1	.1128561	.0171836	6.57	0.000	.0791768	.1465353
bin2	.0473907	.0067226	7.05	0.000	.0342146	.0605668
bin3	.0466315	.008009	5.83	0.000	.0309501	.062313
bin4	.0509516	.007727	6.59	0.000	.0358069	.0660963
bin5	.0546725	.0068736	7.95	0.000	.0412006	.0681445
bin6	.1512494	.0137179	11.03	0.000	.1243628	.1781359
bin7	.0833934	.0084982	9.81	0.000	.0667372	.1000496
bin8	.0942335	.011678	8.07	0.000	.071345	.1171221
bin9	.0679088	.0077174	8.80	0.000	.052783	.0830345
bin10	.0671934	.0084413	7.96	0.000	.0506488	.083738
bin11	.1633735	.0191073	8.55	0.000	.1259239	.2008231
bin12	.0182084	.0051232	3.55	0.000	.0081671	.0282496
bin13	.0139337	.0065543	2.13	0.034	.0010875	.0267798
bin14	.0109634	.0059025	1.86	0.063	0006054	.0225321
bin15	.0059721	.0015317	3.90	0.000	.0029699	.0089742
bin16	.0110681	.0034107	3.25	0.001	.0043833	.017753
mean	119.3967	4.828596	24.73	0.000	109.9329	128.8606
sd	72.60476	2.245172	32.34	0.000	68.20431	77.00522

Beliefs and Actual Returns for Amount sent: R100

	Coefficient	Std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
bin1m	.0490263	.0171836	2.85	0.004	.015347	.0827055
bin2m	.0367524	.0067226	5.47	0.000	.0235763	.0499285
bin3m	.0359932	.008009	4.50	0.000	.0203118	.0516747
bin4m	.0456325	.007727	5.91	0.000	.0304878	.0607771
bin5m	.0493534	.0068736	7.18	0.000	.0358814	.0628253
bin6m	.0714621	.0137179	5.21	0.000	.0445756	.0983487
bin7m	.0621168	.0084982	7.31	0.000	.0454606	.078773
bin8m	.0516803	.011678	4.43	0.000	.0287918	.0745689
bin9m	0065593	.0077174	-0.85	0.395	0216851	.0085664
bin10m	0338704	.0084413	-4.01	0.000	050415	0173258
bin11m	3579031	.0191073	-18.73	0.000	3953526	3204535
bin12m	0030682	.0051232	-0.60	0.549	0131095	.006973
bin13m	.0032954	.0065543	0.50	0.615	0095508	.0161415
bin14m	.0056442	.0059025	0.96	0.339	0059245	.017213
bin15m	.0006529	.0015317	0.43	0.670	0023493	.0036551
bin16m	0102084	.0034107	-2.99	0.003	0168933	0035236
worse	.2167578	.0300988	7.20	0.000	.1577651	<b>.</b> 2757504
asgood	2130736	.029902	-7.13	0.000	2716805	1544667
better	0036842	.013479	-0.27	0.785	0301026	.0227343

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. /\* SECTION 5: Ordered and Multinomial logit analysis of amount sent > Notes: These models compare the Baseline Treatment with the Social History Treatment. \*/ > . /\*------\*/ /\* [> 5.1. Ordered Logit <] \*/ . /\*---------\*/ . /\* [> Primary ordered logit with treatment and task order (to) variables <] \*/ . \* Set estimation variables . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.no\_risky\_choices##c.no\_risky\_choices c.amount\_ > sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_to i.treatment" . \* Estimate ordered logit . ologit choice\_logit\_send `est\_vars', cluster(subjectid) log pseudolikelihood = -2428.2301 Iteration 0: Iteration 1:

Iteration 1: log pseudolikelihood = -2287.3423 Iteration 2: log pseudolikelihood = -2283.6976 Iteration 3: log pseudolikelihood = -2283.6733 Iteration 4: log pseudolikelihood = -2283.6733

Ordered logistic regression

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Log pseudolikelihood = -2283.6733
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Number of obs = 1,385 Wald chi2(13) = 93.36 Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Pseudo R2 = 0.0595

(Std. err. adjusted for 277 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_send	   Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf	. interval]
age 1.male	+0969325  5104467	.0312383 .1932314	-3.10 -2.64	0.002 0.008	1581584 8891733	0357066 13172
black_african Black / African	     –.0886744	.1887613	-0.47	0.639	4586397	.2812909
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0209983 .3480058	.1986815 .2546673	-0.11 1.37	0.916 0.172	410407 1511328	.3684103 .8471445
<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	.0109884	.0250476	0.44	0.661	038104	.0600809
c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices	0001	.0002322	-0.43	0.667	0005552	.0003551
amount_sent_dg	.0137265	.010429	1.32	0.188	0067139	.034167
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	.000163	.0001167	1.40	0.163	0000658	.0003918
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	  4822832   .0148267  2205951	.2467751 .2994562 .2641105	-1.95 0.05 -0.84	0.051 0.961 0.404	9659534 5720967 7382423	.0013871 .6017501 .297052
treatment 3. Information	.6634948	.2073232	3.20	0.001	.2571487	1.069841
/cut1 /cut2 /cut3 /cut4 /cut5	-3.983759   -2.486452   -1.388417  5311779   .2919157	1.072785 1.063731 1.058001 1.055301 1.051342			-6.086379 -4.571325 -3.462061 -2.59953 -1.768677	-1.881139 4015777 .6852275 1.537174 2.352508

/\* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous > variables - this takes (some) time \*/ . local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to t > reatment" . foreach var of varlist `est\_vars\_no\_factor' { mchange `var', amount(sd) brief 2. 3. } ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 age +SD 0.023 0.026 0.004 -0.011 -0.014-0.028 p-value | 0.008 0.001 0.032 0.006 0.002 0.001 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice logit send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 male 1 vs 0 0.040 0.055 0.017 -0.019 -0.030 -0.064 p-value | 0.004 0.010 0.066 0.007 0.010 0.014 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R0 R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 black african 0.007 0.009 0.002 -0.003 -0.011 Black / African vs Other -0.005 0.634 0.641 0.651 0.636 0.638 0.641 p-value | ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R80 R100 RØ R20 R40 R60 financial situation 3 cat 0.002 -0.001 0.002 0.000 -0.001 -0.002 Neutral vs V Broke / Broke 0.916 p-value 0.916 0.916 0.916 0.916 0.916 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e -0.027 -0.037 -0.012 0.012 0.020 0.045 0.276 0.172 0.193 p-value 0.145 0.173 0.139 Good / V Good vs Neutral -0.029 -0.039 -0.013 0.012 0.021 0.047 p-value | 0.138 0.170 0.265 0.140 0.167 0.183 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 no risky c~s 0.000 -0.001 +SD 0.001 0.001 0.000 -0.0000.992 0.956 0.988 0.929 p-value | 0.828 0.963 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 R0 amount sen~g +SĎ -0.039 -0.063 -0.035 0.006 0.028 0.103 p-value | 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.243 0.000 0.000

## ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression:	Pr(choice	_logit_send),	predict(out	come())
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!	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
base info to						
2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.041	0.051	0.012	-0.018	-0.027	-0.059
p-value	0.044	0.049	0.171	0.030	0.047	0.067
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	-0.001	-0.002	-0.001	0.000	0.001	0.002
p-value	0.960	0.961	0.961	0.960	0.960	0.961
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.017	0.023	0.008	-0.007	-0.012	-0.029
p-value	0.400	0.403	0.435	0.395	0.407	0.410
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.042	-0.052	-0.013	0.019	0.028	0.061
p-value	0.066	0.080	0.230	0.044	0.072	0.109
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.024	-0.027	-0.004	0.011	0.015	0.030
p-value	0.215	0.217	0.330	0.202	0.208	0.232
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R	0.018	0.025	0.008	-0.007	-0.013	-0.031
p-value	0.417	0.425	0.470	0.404	0.425	0.438

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

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Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
treatment 3. Information vs 1. Baseline p-value	   -0.051   0.001	-0.071 0.001	-0.022 0.031	0.023 0.001	0.037 0.001	0.085 0.004

. /\* [> ROBUSTNESS CHECK <] \*/ /\* [> Secondary ordered logit with with the interaction of treatment and task > order, but only using the task orders common across the two treatments. This > can only estimate with common task orders or there are empty interactions <] \*/ . \* Set estimation variables . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.no\_risky\_choices##c.no\_risky\_choices c.amount\_ > sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_to##i.treatment " . \* Estimate ordered logit . ologit choice\_logit\_send `est\_vars' if (base\_info\_to == 2 | base\_info\_to == 4), /// > cluster(subjectid) log pseudolikelihood = -1643.5395 Iteration 0: log pseudolikelihood = -1530.7341 log pseudolikelihood = -1527.6031 Iteration 1: Iteration 2: log pseudolikelihood = -1527.5618 Iteration 3: Iteration 4: log pseudolikelihood = -1527.5618 Ordered logistic regression Number of obs = 945 Wald chi2(12) = 64.49Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Log pseudolikelihood = -1527.5618Pseudo R2 = 0.0706

(Std. err. adjusted for 189 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_send	   Coefficient	Robust std. err.	Z	P> z	[95% conf.	interval]
age 1.male	1047518  6403433	.0402853 .2485312	-2.60 -2.58	0.009 0.010	1837094 -1.127456	0257941 153231
black_african Black / African	     –.1435703	.2340778	-0.61	0.540	6023544	.3152138
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0601629 .1472504	.2355725 .3112315	-0.26 0.47	0.798 0.636	5218765 4627522	.4015507 .757253
no_risky_choices	.0208475	.0273528	0.76	0.446	032763	.0744581
c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices	0002068	.0002346	-0.88	0.378	0006667	.0002531
amount_sent_dg	.0072798	.0136072	0.53	0.593	0193898	.0339494
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	.0002703	.0001592	1.70	0.090	0000417	.0005824
base_info_to 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	   –.2619538	.275665	-0.95	0.342	8022473	.2783398
treatment 3. Information	.1904875	.2482777	0.77	0.443	2961278	.6771028
base_info_to#treatment 4. D, Tr, Ts, R#3. Information	1.070433	.4456259	2.40	0.016	.197022	1.943843
/cut1 /cut2 /cut3 /cut4 /cut5	-4.058513 -2.400168 -1.287008 4726767 .3242032	1.312676 1.296649 1.291701 1.28902 1.279621			-6.631311 -4.941554 -3.818695 -2.999109 -2.183807	-1.485715 .1412175 1.244679 2.053756 2.832214

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/\* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous > variables - this takes (some) time \*/ . local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to t > reatment" . foreach var of varlist `est\_vars\_no\_factor' { mchange `var', amount(sd) brief 2. 3. } ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 age +SD 0.022 0.028 0.002 -0.010-0.013 -0.028 p-value | 0.027 0.006 0.345 0.019 0.011 0.007 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice logit send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 male 1 vs 0 0.047 0.073 0.017 -0.022 -0.034 -0.081 p-value | 0.004 0.012 0.141 0.007 0.014 0.019 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R0 R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 black african 0.003 -0.005 -0.017 Black / African vs Other 0.011 0.016 -0.007 0.529 0.545 0.586 0.539 0.542 0.544 p-value | ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R80 R100 RØ R20 R40 R60 financial situation 3 cat 0.007 -0.007 -0.002 -0.003 Neutral vs V Broke / Broke 0.005 0.001 0.799 0.799 0.799 p-value 0.798 0.802 0.798 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e -0.011 -0.016 -0.003 0.005 0.008 0.018 0.680 0.627 0.636 0.643 p-value 0.628 0.638 Good / V Good vs Neutral 0.007 0.025 -0.004 -0.016 -0.023 0.011 p-value | 0.496 0.518 0.597 0.496 0.516 0.525 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 no risky c~s 0.002 -0.005 +SD 0.004 0.001 -0.001-0.002 0.742 0.691 p-value | 0.756 0.662 0.264 0.637 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 R0 amount sen~g +SĎ -0.037 -0.067 -0.032 0.005 0.023 0.107 p-value | 0.001 0.000 0.000 0.389 0.005 0.000

## ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 945

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# Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
base info to 4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R p-value	   -0.007   0.673	-0.030 0.214	-0.023 0.042	0.002 0.784	0.016 0.158	0.043 0.148
ologit: Changes in Pr(y)   Number	of obs = $94$	5				
Expression: Pr(choice_logit_send)	, predict(ou	tcome())				
!	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
treatment   3. Information vs 1. Baseline   p-value	-0.054 0.002	-0.086 0.000	-0.017 0.112	0.028 0.004	0.039 0.000	0.090 0.002

. /\* [> ROBUSTNESS CHECK <] \*/ . /\* [> Primary ordered logit but only focussing on FIRST of the five choices <] \*/ . \* Set estimation variables . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.no\_risky\_choices##c.no\_risky\_choices c.amount\_ > sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_to i.treatment" . \* Estimate ordered logit . ologit choice\_logit\_send `est\_vars' if choice\_order == 1, cluster(subjectid) Iteration 0: log pseudolikelihood = -467.37259Iteration 1: log pseudolikelihood = -428.85248 Iteration 2: log pseudolikelihood = -427.51837 Iteration 3: log pseudolikelihood = -427.50587Iteration 4: log pseudolikelihood = -427.50587 Ordered logistic regression Number of obs = 277 Wald chi2(13) = 67.66Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Pseudo R2 Log pseudolikelihood = -427.50587= 0.0853 (Std. err. adjusted for 277 clusters in subjectid) Robust Coefficient choice\_logit\_send std. err. z P>|z| [95% conf. interval] -.1640375 .0511434 -3.21 0.001 -.2642767 -.0637984 age -.5215235 .2549772 -2.050.041 -1.02127 -.0217774 1.male black african -.1159646.2494423 -0.460.642 -.6048626 .3729334 Black / African financial situation 3 cat -.1041595.2576113 -.6090683 .4007494 Neutral -0.400.686 Good / V Good .4643375 .3318563 1.40 0.162 -.186089 1.114764 no\_risky\_choices .0334388 .0357551 0.94 0.350 -.03664 .1035175 c.no\_risky\_choices#c.no\_risky\_choices -.0003367 .0003203 -1.05 0.293 -.0009645 .0002911 amount\_sent\_dg .0188687 .0127575 1.48 0.139 -.0061356 .0438729 .0001444 c.amount\_sent\_dg#c.amount\_sent\_dg .0001371 1.05 0.292 -.0001244 .0004131 base\_info\_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R -.4917522 .3267391 -1.132149 -1.510.132 .1486447 .1620627 .359852 0.45 0.652 -.5432343 .8673597 -.32711 .3541723 -0.92 0.356 -1.021275 .3670549 treatment 3. Information 1.01706 .279843 3.63 0.000 .4685777 1.565542 /cut1 -5.122586 1.50642 -8.075115 -2.170057 /cut2 -3.098253 1.475698 -5.990567 -.205939 /cut3 -1.78348 1.465997 -4.656781 1.089821 -3.666986 -.8242146 1.45042 2.018557 /cut4 /cut5 -.2318023 1.445702 -3.065327 2.601722

/\* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous > variables - this takes (some) time \*/ . local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to t > reatment" . foreach var of varlist `est\_vars\_no\_factor' { mchange `var', amount(sd) brief 2. 3. } ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 age +SD 0.033 0.050 -0.003 -0.023 -0.015 -0.040 p-value | 0.008 0.001 0.521 0.005 0.004 0.000 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice logit send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 male 1 vs 0 0.033 0.065 0.008 -0.026 -0.020 -0.059 p-value | 0.030 0.046 0.359 0.051 0.067 0.050 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R0 R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 black african 0.008 -0.006 -0.004 -0.013 Black / African vs Other 0.014 0.001 0.636 0.643 0.711 0.640 0.642 0.645 p-value | ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R80 R100 RØ R20 R40 R60 financial situation 3 cat -0.004 -0.000 -0.006 -0.011 Neutral vs V Broke / Broke 0.008 0.013 0.939 0.686 p-value 0.687 0.686 0.688 0.686 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e -0.027 -0.057 -0.010 0.021 0.018 0.055 0.399 0.190 p-value 0.135 0.160 0.146 0.173 Good / V Good vs Neutral -0.035 -0.070 -0.010 0.027 0.022 0.066 p-value | 0.080 0.097 0.410 0.085 0.115 0.123 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 no risky c~s 0.004 -0.008 +SD 0.009 0.002 -0.003 -0.003 0.593 0.536 0.470 p-value | 0.646 0.531 0.203 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 R0 amount sen~g +SĎ -0.035 -0.084 -0.032 0.020 0.024 0.108 p-value | 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.025 0.002 0.000

ologit: Changes	in Pr(y)	Number of	obs = 277
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!	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
base info to						
2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.033	0.059	0.004	-0.024	-0.018	-0.054
p-value	0.129	0.127	0.594	0.093	0.140	0.164
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	-0.008	-0.019	-0.005	0.006	0.006	0.021
p-value	0.650	0.653	0.662	0.654	0.652	0.654
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.021	0.039	0.005	-0.015	-0.012	-0.038
p-value	0.362	0.353	0.504	0.347	0.356	0.367
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.041	-0.078	-0.009	0.030	0.024	0.075
p-value	0.054	0.062	0.394	0.032	0.066	0.093
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.012	-0.020	0.001	0.009	0.006	0.016
p-value	0.563	0.568	0.731	0.559	0.572	0.575
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R	0.029	0.059	0.010	-0.021	-0.018	-0.059
p-value	0.190	0.189	0.352	0.180	0.187	0.209

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277

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Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
treatment 3. Information vs 1. Baseline p-value	-0.059 0.001	-0.128 0.000	-0.018 0.214	0.048 0.000	0.038 0.002	0.119 0.002

. /\* [> ROBUSTNESS CHECK <] \*/ . /\* [> Primary ordered logit but only focussing on LAST of the five choices <] \*/ . \* Set estimation variables . local est\_vars "c.age i.male i.black\_african i.financial\_situation\_3\_cat c.no\_risky\_choices##c.no\_risky\_choices c.amount\_ > sent\_dg##c.amount\_sent\_dg i.base\_info\_to i.treatment" . \* Estimate ordered logit . ologit choice\_logit\_send `est\_vars' if choice\_order == 5, cluster(subjectid) Iteration 0: log pseudolikelihood = -489.01922Iteration 1: log pseudolikelihood = -454.42541 Iteration 2: log pseudolikelihood = -453.72559 Iteration 3: log pseudolikelihood = -453.72318 Iteration 4: log pseudolikelihood = -453.72318 Ordered logistic regression Number of obs = 277 Wald chi2(13) = 61.86Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Pseudo R2 Log pseudolikelihood = -453.72318= 0.0722 (Std. err. adjusted for 277 clusters in subjectid) Robust Coefficient choice\_logit\_send std. err. z P>|z| [95% conf. interval] -.0932191 .0467593 -1.990.046 -.1848655 -.0015726 age -.7345577 .2476473 0.003 -1.219938-.2491779 1.male -2.97 black african .1040748 .2480563 0.42 0.675 -.3821066 .5902562 Black / African financial situation 3 cat .0176789 .2632877 -.4983555 .5337132 Neutral 0.07 0.946 Good / V Good .2366302 .333116 0.71 0.477 -.4162651 .8895256 no\_risky\_choices -.0171493 .0260142 -0.66 0.510 -.0681362 .0338376 c.no\_risky\_choices#c.no\_risky\_choices .0001519 .0002469 0.62 0.539 -.0003321 .0006358 amount\_sent\_dg .0164301 .0125567 1.31 0.191 -.0081805 .0410408 c.amount\_sent\_dg#c.amount\_sent\_dg .0001732 .0001508 1.15 0.251 -.0001223 .0004688 base\_info\_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R .3125367 -2.74 -1.468064 -.2429427 -.8555034 0.006 -.9896315 .3845668 -.2358944 -0.61 0.540 .5178427 -.5888799 .3327333 -1.77 0.077 -1.241025 .0632655 treatment 3. Information .8508558 .2720151 3.13 0.002 .3177161 1.383996 /cut1 -4.757263 1.439158 -7.577961-1.936566/cut2 -3.615136 1.41671 -6.391837 -.8384343 /cut3 -2.561386 1.404586 -5.314324 .1915509 1.396687 -1.554718-4.292174 1.182738 /cut4 /cut5 | -.6765126 1.394884 -3.4104342.057409

/\* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous > variables - this takes (some) time \*/ . local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to t > reatment" . foreach var of varlist `est\_vars\_no\_factor' { mchange `var', amount(sd) brief 2. 3. } ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 age +SD 0.023 0.019 0.008 -0.008 -0.013 -0.029 p-value | 0.067 0.045 0.034 0.106 0.049 0.036 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice logit send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 male 1 vs 0 0.061 0.059 0.037 -0.016 -0.041 -0.100p-value | 0.003 0.005 0.017 0.039 0.004 0.007 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R0 R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 black african -0.009 -0.008 -0.004 0.013 Black / African vs Other 0.003 0.006 0.678 0.671 0.684 0.676 p-value | 0.675 0.673 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R80 R100 RØ R20 R40 R60 1 financial situation 3 cat -0.001 0.001 -0.002 -0.001 0.002 Neutral vs V Broke / Broke 0.001 0.946 0.946 0.947 0.946 0.946 p-value 0.946 Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e -0.020 -0.019 -0.011 0.005 0.013 0.032 0.456 0.512 0.450 0.472 0.489 p-value 0.484 Good / V Good vs Neutral 0.029 -0.019-0.017 -0.010 0.005 0.012 p-value | 0.504 0.531 0.554 0.489 0.521 0.535 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) RØ R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 no risky c~s 0.001 0.001 +SD -0.000-0.001 -0.001-0.0000.999 0.989 0.956 p-value | 0.949 0.900 0.771 ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277 Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome()) R20 R40 R60 R80 R100 R0 amount sen~g +SĎ -0.047 -0.051 -0.044 -0.005 0.027 0.121 p-value | 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.447 0.002 0.000

ologit: Changes	in Pr(y)	Number	of obs = $277$
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!	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
base info to						
2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.073	0.066	0.039	-0.017	-0.044	-0.116
p-value	0.005	0.008	0.029	0.063	0.008	0.010
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.016	0.018	0.014	-0.000	-0.011	-0.037
p-value	0.556	0.543	0.529	0.962	0.552	0.533
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.045	0.045	0.031	-0.007	-0.029	-0.085
p-value	0.080	0.077	0.100	0.314	0.083	0.084
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.057	-0.048	-0.024	0.017	0.033	0.079
p-value	0.077	0.113	0.214	0.069	0.100	0.138
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	-0.027	-0.021	-0.008	0.010	0.015	0.031
p-value	0.316	0.327	0.365	0.317	0.323	0.327
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R	0.029	0.028	0.017	-0.007	-0.018	-0.048
p-value	0.355	0.375	0.421	0.345	0.367	0.393

ologit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 277

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Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
treatment 3. Information vs 1. Baseline p-value	   -0.069   0.001	-0.068 0.002	-0.042 0.020	0.017 0.024	0.045 0.003	0.116 0.005

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     /* [> 5.2. Multinomial logit <] */</pre>
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. /* [> ROBUSTNESS CHECK <] */
. /* [> Primary multinomial logit with treatment and task order (to) variables <] */
* Set estimation variables
. local est_vars "c.age i.male i.black_african i.financial_situation_3_cat
c.no_risky_choices##c.no_risky_choices c.amount_
> sent_dg##c.amount_sent_dg i.base_info_to i.treatment"
. * Estimate multinomial logit
. mlogit choice_logit_send `est_vars', base(0) cluster(subjectid)
                 log pseudolikelihood = -2428.2301
log pseudolikelihood = -2211.9237
Iteration 0:
Iteration 1:
                 log pseudolikelihood = -2194.5178
Iteration 2:
                 log pseudolikelihood = -2192.9516
log pseudolikelihood = -2192.9474
Iteration 3:
Iteration 4:
Iteration 5:
                 log pseudolikelihood = -2192.9474
                                                                  Number of obs = 1,385
Multinomial logistic regression
                                                                  Wald chi2(65) = 235.12
                                                                  Prob > chi2 = 0.0000
Pseudo R2 = 0.0969
Log pseudolikelihood = -2192.9474
```

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(Std. err. adjusted for 277 clusters in subjectid)

choice_logit_send	   Coefficient	Robust std. err.	z	P> z	[95% conf	. interval]
R0	(base outco	ome)				
R20 age 1.male	   –.0344472   .4233936	.0472814 .3435768	-0.73 1.23	0.466 0.218	127117 2500045	.0582226 1.096792
black_african Black / African	5090397	.3179201	1.60	0.109	1140723	1.132152
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	.2124445   .450396	.3760777 .3903721	0.56 -1.15	0.572 0.249	5246543 -1.215511	.9495434 .3147192
<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	0205336	.0415001	-0.49	0.621	1018723	.0608051
<pre>c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices</pre>	.000236	.0004216	0.56	0.576	0005902	.0010623
amount_sent_dg	.0623255	.018945	3.29	0.001	.025194	.099457
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	0007954	.0002975	-2.67	0.008	0013784	0002123
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	   .4444745  0845068   .1267313	.4997021 .5610873 .5206368	0.89 -0.15 0.24	0.374 0.880 0.808	5349235 -1.184218 893698	1.423873 1.015204 1.147161
treatment 3. Information _cons	   .3888047   .5180218	.3698068 1.58888	1.05 0.33	0.293 0.744	3360034 -2.596125	1.113613 3.632169
R40 age 1.male	  1033599   .1872206	.0565472 .3632476	-1.83 0.52	0.068 0.606	2141903 5247317	.0074706 .8991728
black_african Black / African	.162878	.3130198	0.52	0.603	4506296	.7763856
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	   –.1036917   –.5409395 	.3627854 .4310451	-0.29 -1.25	0.775 0.209	814738 -1.385772	.6073546 .3038934

<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	0039439	.0468211	-0.08	0.933	0957116	.0878238
<pre>c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices</pre>	.0001374	.0004837	0.28	0.776	0008107	.0010854
amount_sent_dg	.0874581	.016813	5.20	0.000	.0545053	.1204109
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	  0008512	.0001868	-4.56	0.000	0012173	0004852
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	   .2429378  0022487  1660075	.4926509 .5582515 .5288546	0.49 -0.00 -0.31	0.622 0.997 0.754	7226401 -1.096402 -1.202543	1.208516 1.091904 .8705285
treatment 3. Information cons	.3465234 1.748377	.3966929 1.805191	0.87 0.97	0.382 0.333	4309803 -1.789733	1.124027 5.286486
R60		0000177	2 20	0 022	2700240	0206742
age 1.male	1457545  1601335	.0638177 .3867743	-2.28 -0.41	0.022 0.679	2708348 9181972	0206742 .5979302
black_african Black / African	.2669878	.3478154	0.77	0.443	4147179	.9486934
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral	, 3313576	.3997957	0.83	0.407	4522276	1.114943
Good / V Good	.0887867	.4591907	0.19	0.847	8112106	.9887839
<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	.0167185	.0490987	0.34	0.733	0795133	.1129502
<pre>c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices</pre>	000162	.0004897	-0.33	0.741	0011218	.0007979
amount_sent_dg	.0783733	.0188851	4.15	0.000	.0413591	.1153874
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	  0006507	.0002305	-2.82	0.005	0011025	0001989
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	  0156624   .1125988  8709779	.5187795 .5915508 .5526931	-0.03 0.19 -1.58	0.976 0.849 0.115	-1.032452 -1.046819 -1.954237	1.001127 1.272017 .2122808
treatment 3. Information cons	.6946655 2.169555	.4384538 1.953774	1.58 1.11	0.113 0.267	1646881 -1.659771	1.554019 5.998882
R80	Ì					
age 1.male	1059953  3266801	.0513782 .3928762	-2.06 -0.83	0.039 0.406	2066948 -1.096703	0052958 .4433432
black_african Black / African	.8641287	.368979	2.34	0.019	.1409432	1.587314
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	.2188562 .1800764	.4273738 .4628014	0.51 0.39	0.609 0.697	6187811 7269977	1.056494 1.08715
<pre>no_risky_choices</pre>	.0129007	.046409	0.28	0.781	0780593	.1038608
<pre>c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices</pre>	0001973	.0004691	-0.42	0.674	0011167	.0007221
amount_sent_dg	.081435	.0192826	4.22	0.000	.0436418	.1192282
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	  0006102	.0002049	-2.98	0.003	0010117	0002086
have infected	1					
base_info_to	6050701	<b>.</b> 5677528	-1.07	0.286	-1.718648	.506902
2. Tr, Ts, D, R	6058731		1 0 0	0.301	-1.818978	<b>.</b> 5622386
2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R	6283696	.6074643	-1.03 -1.84			
2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R		.6074643 .535957	-1.03 -1.84	0.066	-2.037213	.0637003
2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R treatment	6283696  9867562 	.535957	-1.84	0.066	-2.037213	.0637003
2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	6283696					

age 1.male	1921075 6077745	.0840642 .4217054	-2.29 -1.44	0.022 0.150	3568704 -1.434302	0273446 .218753
black_african Black / African	1087048	.4074371	-0.27	0.790	9072669	.6898573
financial_situation_3_cat Neutral Good / V Good	0429921 .2567678	.4665015 .5243791	-0.09 0.49	0.927 0.624	9573182 7709963	.871334 1.284532
no_risky_choices	.0132514	.0542078	0.24	0.807	092994	.1194968
c.no_risky_choices#c.no_risky_choices	0000136	.0005416	-0.03	0.980	0010751	.0010479
amount_sent_dg	.042476	.0211703	2.01	0.045	.000983	.083969
c.amount_sent_dg#c.amount_sent_dg	0000554	.0002216	-0.25	0.802	0004899	.000379
base_info_to 2. Tr, Ts, D, R 3. D, Ts, Tr, R 4. D, Tr, Ts, R	8724918 .2318691 2250371	.6043197 .6627733 .616841	-1.44 0.35 -0.36	0.149 0.726 0.715	-2.056937 -1.067143 -1.434023	.311953 1.530881 .9839491
treatment 3. Information _cons	1.64498 3.072127	.5070404 2.536703	3.24 1.21	0.001 0.226	.6511996 -1.89972	2.638761 8.043975

. /\* All AMEs in the model with only SD change reported for continuous > variables - this takes (some) time \*/ . local est\_vars\_no\_factor "age male black\_african financial\_situation\_3\_cat no\_risky\_choices amount\_sent\_dg base\_info\_to t > reatment"

. foreach var of varlist `est\_vars\_no\_factor' {
 2. mchange `var', amount(sd) brief
 3. }

mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

		R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
age	+SD	0.023	0.030	-0.004	-0.019	-0.001	-0.028
	p-value	0.049	0.016	0.773	0.166	0.901	0.101

mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

I	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
male   1 vs 0   p-value	0.001 0.979	0.081 0.005	0.048 0.106	-0.020 0.465	-0.033 0.171	-0.076 0.023

mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
black african   Black / African vs Other   p-value	-0.026 0.284	0.044 0.163	-0.029 0.319	-0.003 0.911	0.068 0.003	-0.054 0.109

#### mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: A	<pre>Pr(choice_</pre>	_logit_s	send),	predict(	(outcome()	))
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	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
financial situation 3 cat						
Neutral vs V Broke / Broke	-0.009	0.024	-0.050	0.039	0.013	-0.018
p-value	0.740	0.517	0.109	0.215	0.621	0.614
Good / V Good vs V Broke / Br~e	0.015	-0.052	-0.088	0.035	0.037	0.054
p-value	0.670	0.142	0.019	0.286	0.178	0.229
Good / V Good vs Neutral	0.024	-0.076	-0.039	-0.004	0.023	0.072
p-value	0.519	0.045	0.307	0.922	0.432	0.123

# mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
no risky c~s +SD p-value	-0.006 0.645	0.003 0.858	0.025 0.281	-0.015 0.172	-0.022 0.010	0.015 0.463

mlogit: Changes in Pr(y) | Number of obs = 1385

Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
amount sen~g +SD p-value	-0.055 0.000	-0.066 0.000	0.009 0.564	0.018 0.187	0.028 0.015	0.067 0.000

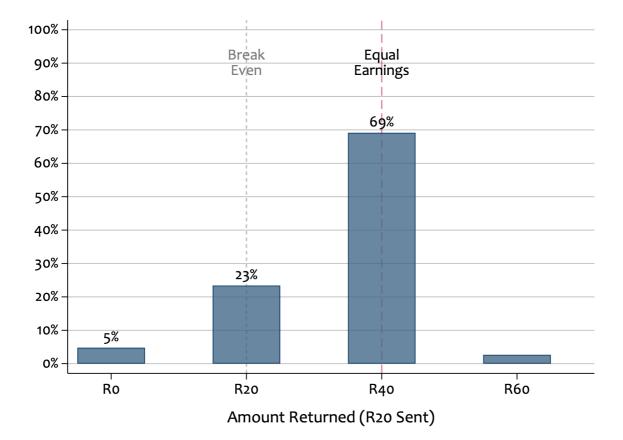
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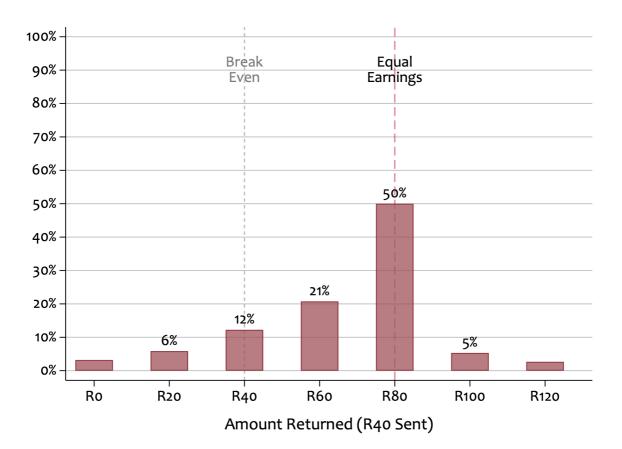
Expression: Pr(choice\_logit\_send), predict(outcome())

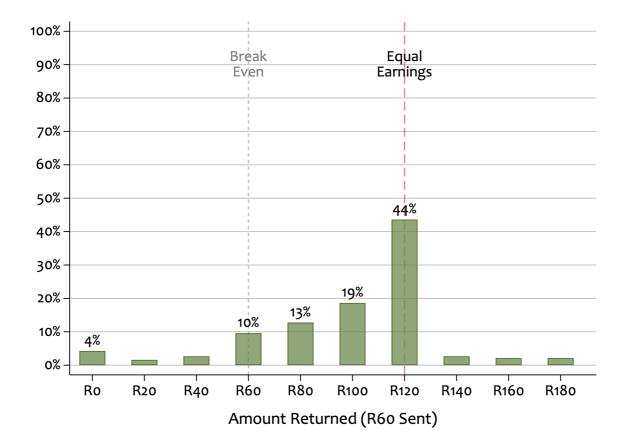
	R0	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
base info to	-+ 					
2. Tr, Ts, D, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.001	0.084	0.063	0.012	-0.075	-0.085
p-value	0.969	0.034	0.098	0.759	0.078	0.057
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.003	-0.005	0.008	0.031	-0.084	0.047
p-value	0.933	0.895	0.871	0.556	0.047	0.450
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 1. Ts, Tr,~R	0.027	0.079	0.035	-0.077	-0.089	0.025
p-value	0.492	0.045	0.397	0.030	0.013	0.630
3. D, Ts, Tr, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	0.002	-0.089	-0.055	0.019	-0.009	0.132
p-value	j 0.956	0.027	0.226	0.719	0.828	0.037
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 2. Tr, Ts,~R	0.026	-0.005	-0.029	-0.089	-0.013	0.110
p-value	0.421	0.889	0.359	0.001	0.613	0.002
4. D, Tr, Ts, R vs 3. D, Ts, ~R	0.024	0.084	0.027	-0.108	-0.005	-0.022
p-value	0.550	0.036	0.589	0.032	0.890	0.747
<pre>mlogit: Changes in Pr(y)   Number</pre>	of obs = 13	85				
<pre>Expression: Pr(choice_logit_send)</pre>	, predict(ou	tcome())				
!	RØ	R20	R40	R60	R80	R100
treatment						
3. Information vs 1. Baseline	-0.052	-0.040	-0.064	0.003	0.009	0.144
p-value	0.045	0.190	0.030	0.929	0.734	0.002
. /*	End	of SECTION	5			*/

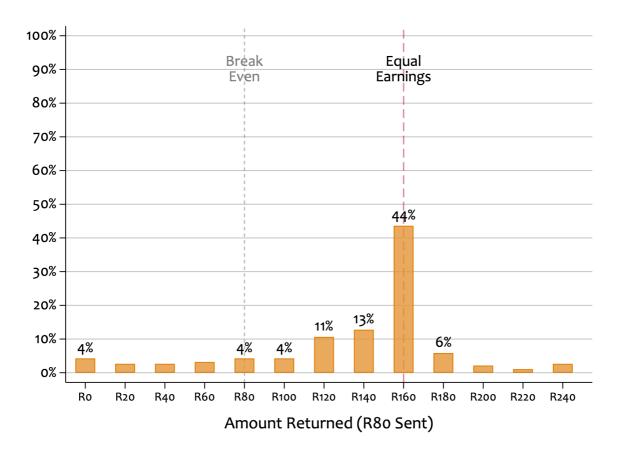
## Appendix D: Additional Baseline Treatment Figures [Online Only]

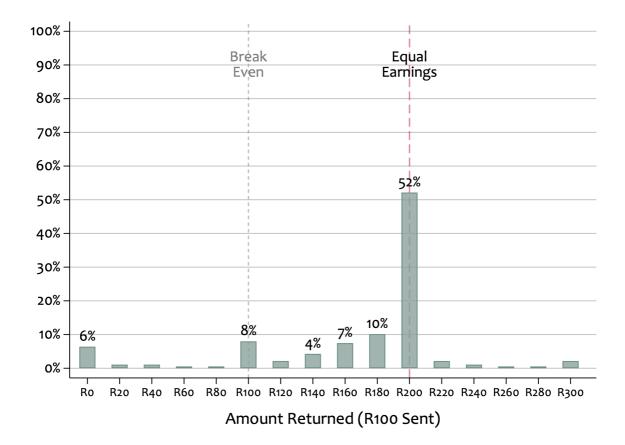
In this appendix, we include figures of amounts returned for every positive amount sent in the trust game. We used the strategy method to elicit amounts returned, so each figure is based on N = 188 observations.





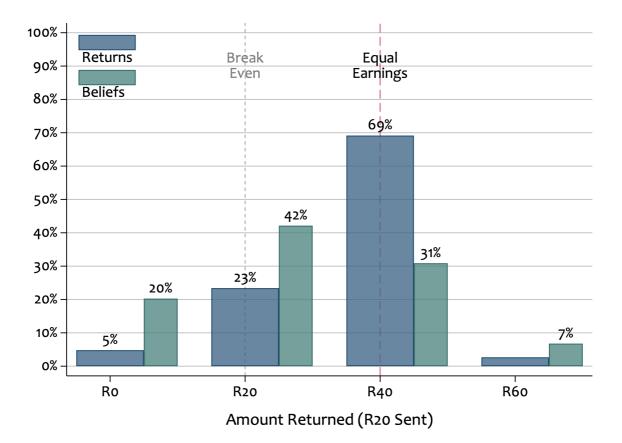




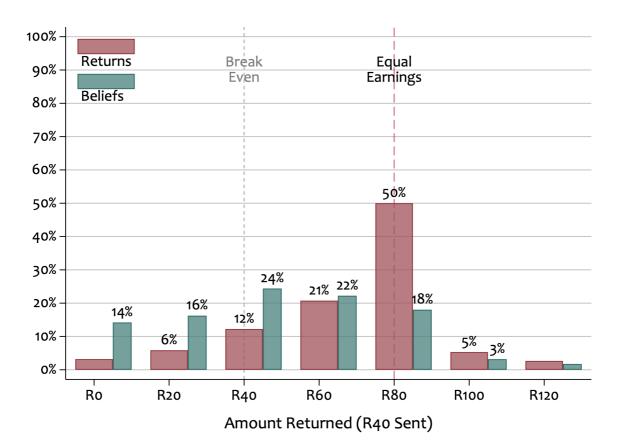


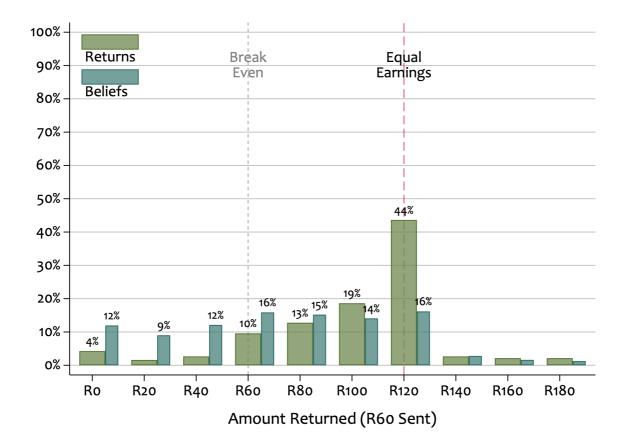
# Appendix E: Additional Belief Figures [Online Only]

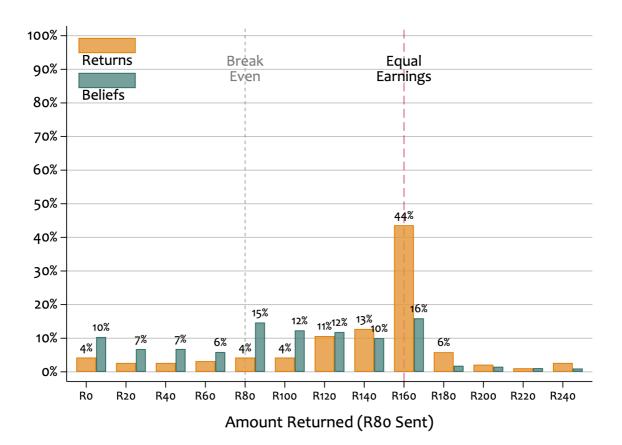
In this appendix, we include figures of amounts returned for every positive amount sent in the trust game, together with estimated belief distributions. We also include figures that include raw token allocations as opposed to estimated beliefs.

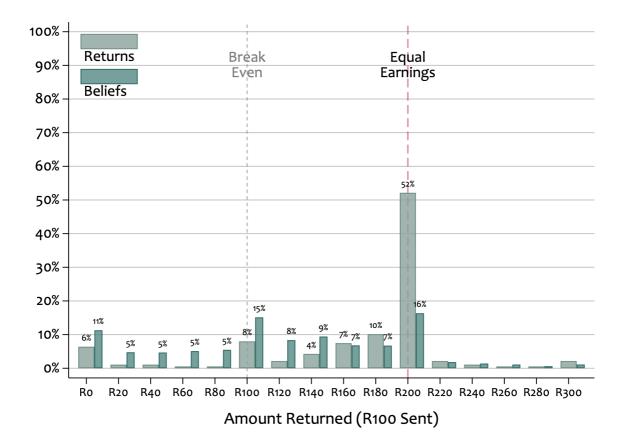


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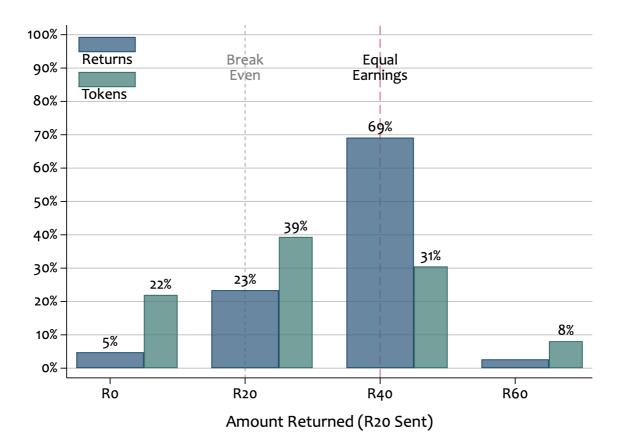


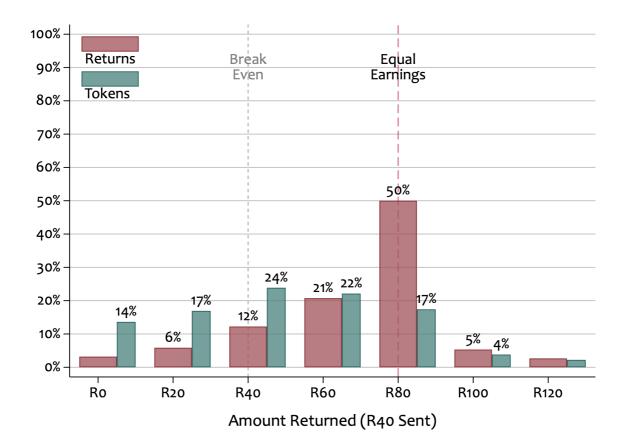


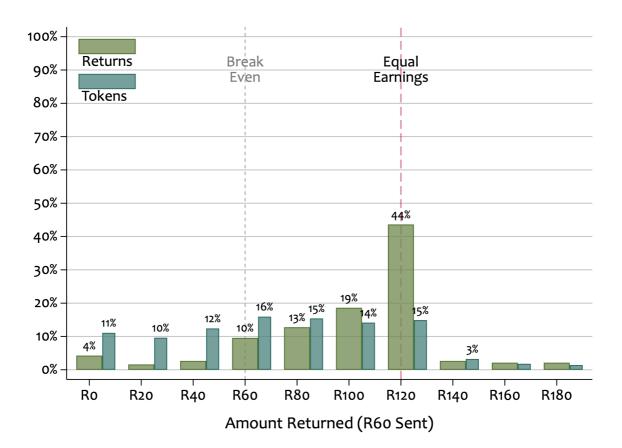


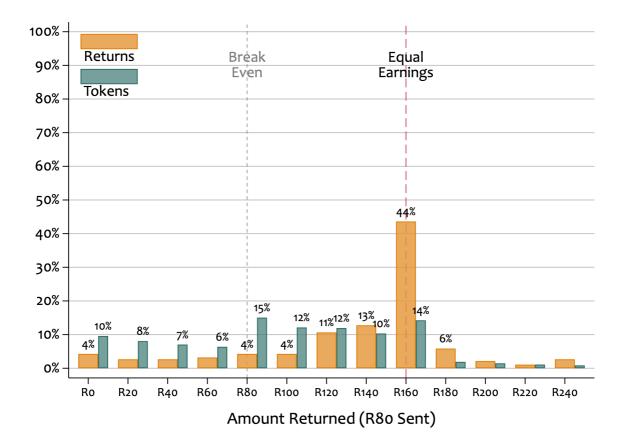


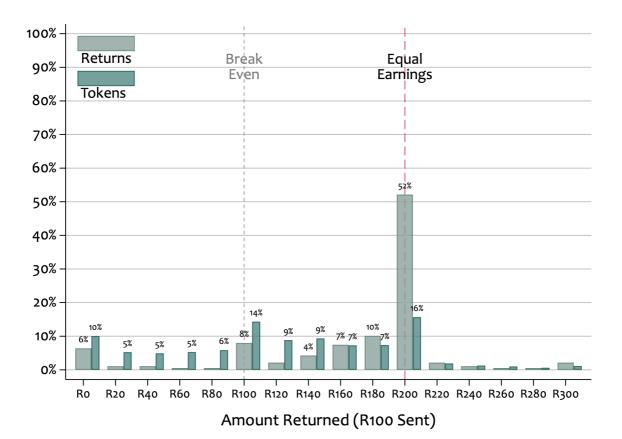
## **Token Allocations**











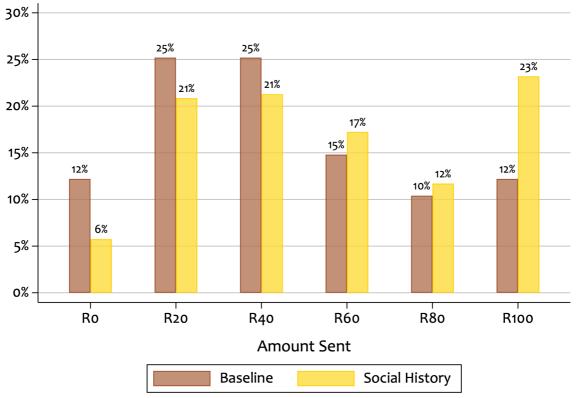
### Appendix F: Baseline and Social History Treatment Robustness Checks [Online Only]

In addition to the robustness checks in the main text, we also investigate whether amounts sent in the Baseline and Social History treatments differ when we only focus on the task orders common to both experiments:  $T_R$ ,  $T_S$ , D and D,  $T_R$ ,  $T_S$ . Figure F1 mimics Figure 10, but only includes data for task orders common to both experiments. The figure shows, again, that the marked differences occur at the end points of the distributions: amounts sent of R0 and R100. In the Baseline Treatment with common task orders, 12% of all amounts sent were R0, compared to only 6% in the Social History Treatment. On the other hand, 23% of amounts sent in the Social History Treatment were R100, compared to only 12% in the Baseline Treatment with common task orders. Thus, probability mass shifted from R0 to R100 across the Social History Treatment and Baseline Treatment with common task orders. AMEs from an ordered logit regression model confirm that probability mass shifted significantly from amounts sent of R0 and R20 to amounts sent of R60, R80, and R100 (p < 0.01 in all comparisons) across the Baseline Treatment (with common task orders) and the Social History Treatment; see Appendix C for results.

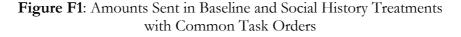
We also estimate a fractional response model of the proportion of the amounts returned across the Baseline and Social History treatments that includes the same set of covariates from our earlier specification. The logic of estimating this model is that perhaps subjects in the Social History Treatment were just more generous, both in terms of amounts sent and amounts returned, than subjects in the Baseline Treatment. Then the observed difference in amounts sent may be driven by differences in the samples in the two experiments as opposed to the provision of information.<sup>1</sup> The predicted probability of the proportion of the amount returned is actually *lower* for subjects in the Social History Treatment than the estimate for subjects in the Baseline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Given that we include a number of variables to account for observed individual heterogeneity in our amount sent models this is unlikely, but we conduct this test nevertheless.

Treatment, but the difference is not statistically significant (p = 0.16). This result lends further credence to our assertion that presenting information about return behaviour in an easily intelligible way, and based on the behaviour of a relatively large sample of individuals, has an impact on amount sent behaviour in the trust game.



Note: Baseline and Social History treatments with common task orders.



As final robustness checks, we estimate ordered logit models of the *first* and *last* amount sent choices to determine whether they differ across the Baseline and Social History treatments. The rationale for these tests is to ensure that the differences we find across treatments are not a function of the five amount sent choices in our experimental design. Focussing on the first amount sent choice, probability mass shifted significantly from amounts sent of R0 and R20 to amounts sent of R60, R80, and R100 (p < 0.01 in all comparisons) across the Baseline Treatment and the Social History Treatment. For the last amount sent choice, the probability of sending R0, R20, and R40 *decreases*, whereas the probability of sending R60, R80, and R100 *increases* across the Baseline and Social History treatments (p < 0.05 in all comparisons). Thus, information provision has a consistent effect irrespective of whether we pool all five amount sent choices, or focus purely on the first and last amount sent choices.

# Appendix G: Bayesian Updating of Beliefs [Online Only]

This appendix includes split violin plots of the posterior belief distributions assuming priors of 25 (teal) or 250 (orange) previous observations of amounts returned for all possible amounts sent.



Figure G1: Posterior Beliefs About Amounts Returned

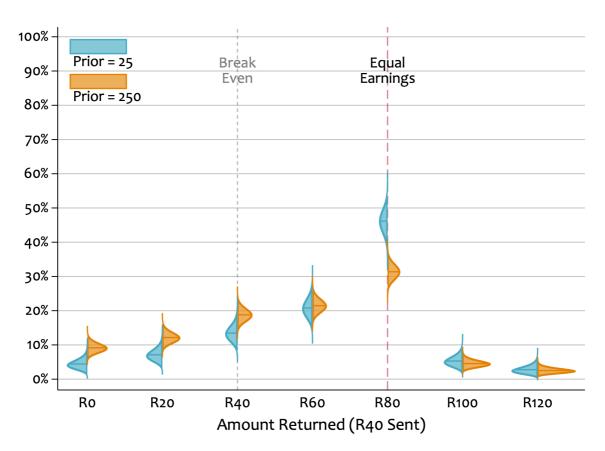


Figure G2: Posterior Beliefs About Amounts Returned

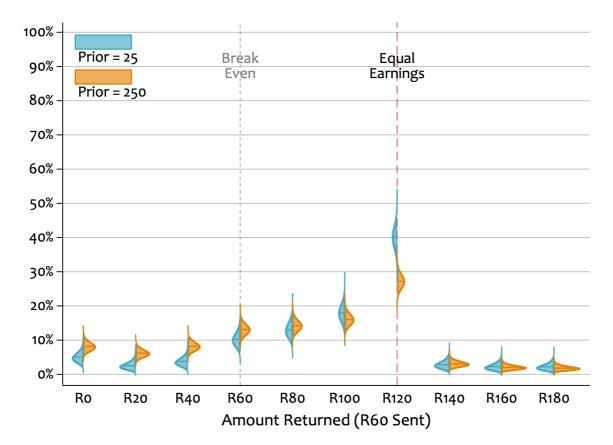


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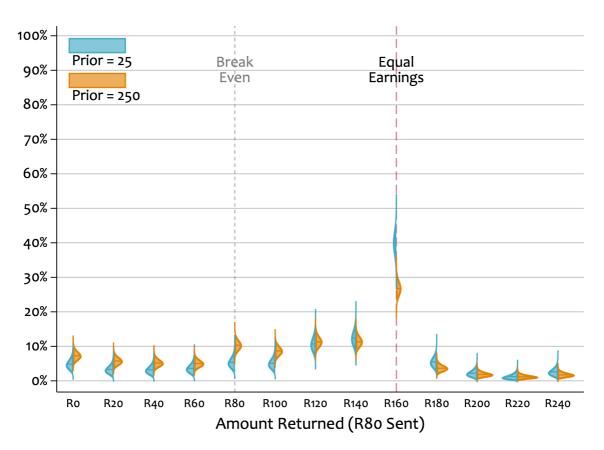


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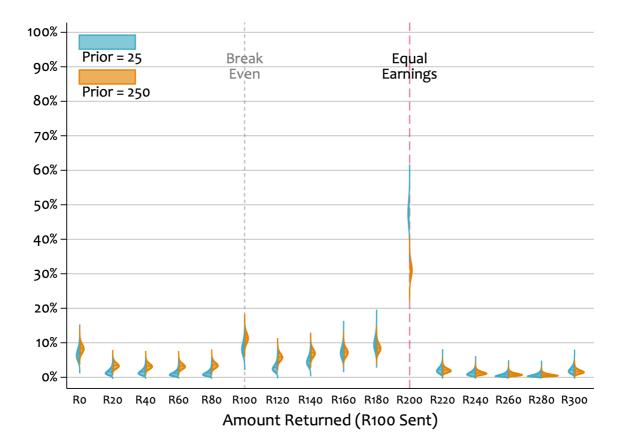


Figure G5: Posterior Beliefs About Amounts Returned