**Questionnaire**

**How Much Do People Value Future Generations?**

**Climate Change, Trust, and Public Support for Future-Oriented Policies**

(see the manuscript for more methodological details)

*The next few questions are about how the decisions we make in society today could affect the lives of people who are not even born yet.*

**Q1.**

How often would you say you think about the lives of future people who have not even

been born yet?

1. *Never or almost never*
2. *Not very often*
3. *Sometimes*
4. *Often*
5. *Very often*

**Q2.**

And, on a scale from 0 to 10, how much would you say you *care* or *do not care* about the future quality of life of people who have not even been born yet? 0 means you do not care at all, 10 means you care a great deal.

*0. Do not care at all*

*…*

*10. Care a great deal*

*The decisions we make in society today could also influence the size of the world population in the future.*

**Q3.**

To what extent are you in favor or not in favor of increasing the population?

To what extent are you in favor or not in favor of increasing the population, if a bigger future population means a lower future standard of living?

To what extent are you in favor or not in favor of increasing the population, if a bigger future population makes no difference to people’s standard of living?

To what extent are you in favor or not in favor of increasing the population, if a bigger future population could definitely enjoy a high standard of living?

To what extent are you in favor or not in favor of increasing the population? Keep in mind that increasing the population would mean more people get the chance to live.

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1. *Not at all in favor*

*…*

*10. Completely in favor*

**Q4.**

To what extent would you be willing or not to reduce your standard of living, so that people in the future can lead better lives?

1. *Not at all willing*

*…*

*10. Completely willing*

**Q5.**

For example, the government could put in place policies to reduce global warming. This could benefit people in the future, though it would have costs in the shorter term for people alive today.

For example, the government could put in place policies to reduce global warming, by increasing taxes. This could benefit people in the future, though it would have costs in the shorter term for people alive today.

For example, the government could put in place policies to reduce global warming, by paying for more research on new technologies. This could benefit people in the future, though it would have costs in the shorter term for people alive today.

For example, the government could put in place policies to reduce the national debt. This could benefit people in the future, though it would have costs in the shorter term for people alive today.

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For example, the government could put in place policies to reduce the national debt, by cutting spending. This could benefit people in the future, though it would have costs in the shorter term for people alive today.

To what extent would you support or not support the government doing this?

1. *Not support at all*

*…*

*10. Completely support*

**Q6.**

If the government succeeded in reducing global warming, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was introducing new policies to reduce global warming, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was increasing taxes to reduce global warming, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was paying for more research on new technologies to reduce global warming, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government succeeded in reducing the national debt, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was introducing new policies to reduce the national debt, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was increasing taxes, to reduce the national debt, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

If the government said it was cutting public spending, to reduce the national debt, how confident or not are you this would improve the lives of future generations?

1. *Not confident at all*

*…*

*10. Completely confident*

**Q7.**

In the future, how do you think most people's standards of living will probably change compared to today? Will they...

1. *Get much lower*
2. *Get a little lower*
3. *Not change much*
4. *Get a little higher*
5. *Get much higher*

**Q8.**

On a scale of 0 to 10, how much do you personally trust or not trust each of the following institutions or groups? (0 means you do not trust them at all, and 10 means you have complete trust.)

1. University research centers
2. The news media
3. Business and industry
4. The national parliament/congress
5. *Not trust at all*

*…*

*10. Have complete trust*