

## **Supplementary Materials**

For manuscript titled “Belief in social mobility mitigates hostility resulting from disadvantaged social standing”

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### 2 SES\_Asesment

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#### 2.1 Demographics\_SES

##### Gender:

- male       female

##### Age:

##### Please indicate your marital status:

- Single
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

##### For each of the following items, indicate how much you agree or disagree with the respective statement.

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
The social environment we are born into determines our entire life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One's social status can dramatically increase or decrease over one's lifespan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social status is something that is highly flexible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going "from rags to riches" is still very much possible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most social hierarchies are inflexible and rarely change at all.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People who are rich now can still lose everything and become poor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

##### Are you still living at home?

- Yes
- No

**Education: Select highest level**

- less than high school
- high-school
- some college
- college degree
- bachelor
- master
- doctoral degree

**Please report your average monthly income (after taxes) over the last 6 months.**

\$

[ ] per month (A)

**Please provide a percentage breakdown of all income sources in the spaces below:**

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Family (include support for education cost) [ ]

Other [ ]

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(includes utilities) \$ [ ]

Food costs \$ [ ]

Clothing costs \$ [ ]

Transportation costs \$ [ ]

Debt payments \$ [ ]

**2.2 FCS\_Ellard****Please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:**

	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree
I buy lots of little things without paying much attention to how much I'm spending.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I keep a close watch on how much money is in my bank account.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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To show that I am paying attention, I will leave this item unanswered.	<input type="radio"/>					
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Those who know me well would say that I'm not very frugal with my finances.	<input type="radio"/>					
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Critical, quarrelsome.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dependable, self-disciplined.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anxious, easily upset.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open to new experiences, complex.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reserved, quiet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sympathetic, warm.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disorganized, careless.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calm, emotionally stable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conventional, uncreative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Calculating. Please wait.



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### 4.1 LOW\_SES

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**What do you think, why did you receive this score?**

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**What do you think, why did you receive this score?**

5 SES MC

**How would you rate your socioeconomic status compared to other people who matched your profile?**

- Very low  
Very high

6 Mediator

**How satisfied are you with your socioeconomic status?**



**To what extent do you feel like a winner compared to others who matched your profile?**

- Not at all
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Very much

#### To what extent do you feel worse off than others who matched your profile?

Not at all

Very much

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### Mood questionnaire

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements right now.

	Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3	Agree 4	Strongly Agree 5
I feel angry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel offended.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel discontented.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel irritated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel mad.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel frustrated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel outraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 8 Voodoo\_Doll

The doll you see in the pictures below represents the creator of the SES score program you completed earlier. Please choose how many needles (up to 19) you would like to put in the doll to punish that person.



First click and then you can adjust your value by sliding.

## 9 Demografie\_Debriefing

**Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements.**

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
I have enough money to buy things I want.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't need to worry too much about paying my bills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My family usually had enough money for things when I was growing up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I grew up in a relatively wealthy neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt relatively wealthy compared to the other kids in my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States.**

**At the top of the ladder are the people who are the best off – those who have the most money, the most education and the most respected jobs. At the bottom are the people who are the worst off – who have the least money, the least education and the least respected jobs or no jobs. The higher you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top; the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom.**

**Where would you place your self on this ladder?**

**Please type the number of the rung in the field below (ranging from 1-10), where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in the United States.**



**Type in your rung here:**

**Please indicate your country of birth AND your current location.**

Please select your country of birth.

(please select a country)

Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Bouvet Island  
Brazil  
British Indian Ocean Territory  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Cayman Islands  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Christmas Island  
Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Congo  
Congo, the Democratic Republic  
Cook Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia (Hrvatska)  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern Territories  
Gabon

Please select the country in which you currently live.

(please select a country)

Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Bouvet Island  
Brazil  
British Indian Ocean Territory  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Cayman Islands  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Christmas Island  
Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Congo  
Congo, the Democratic Republic  
Cook Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia (Hrvatska)  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern Territories  
Gabon

**Please rate your household's annual income by selecting one of the following eight categories.**

- < \$15,000
- \$15,001-\$25,000
- \$25,001-\$35,000
- \$35,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$75,000
- \$75,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$150,000
- > \$150,000

**Is English your first language?**

- yes
- no

**If not, what is your first language?**

**What do you think this experiment was trying to study?**

## **10 Endseite**

Thank you! You have completed this set of studies.

For approval, please enter the following code in mturk: #v\_16#

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**What do you think, why did you receive this score?**

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### 5 SES MC

**How would you rate your socioeconomic status compared to other people who matched your profile?**

- Very low
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  - 
  - Very high

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## 6 Mediator

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**How satisfied are you with your socioeconomic status?**

- Very dissatisfied
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- 
- 
- Very satisfied

**To what extent do you feel better off than others who matched your profile?**

- Not at all
- 
- 
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- 
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- Very much

**To what extent do you feel worse off than others who matched your profile?**

- Not at all
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- 
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- Very much

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### 7.1 Flexible

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Please read the following excerpt from a recent research article **carefully** and try to completely understand the author's perspective. We will ask you a few questions about its content afterwards.

The "Next" button will appear after about 40 seconds.

"Recent research shows that we live in a society that is becoming more and more flexible with regard to its social hierarchies. This means that if you hold a certain position in a social hierarchy (e.g., at work, in society), it is very much possible for you to move up or down in that hierarchy.

In other words, the social environment we were born into won't affect our future life to a significant degree. One could say, the well-known notion of going "from rags to riches" is very much applicable to our society. At the same time, people who are rich now can quickly lose large

parts of their wealth.

This is neither a strictly positive nor a strictly negative development. Flexible social hierarchies offer fairness and opportunities, while inflexible social hierarchies guarantee safety and stability."

**Please take a moment to think about what this development means for your future.**

Please take some notes on it (bullet points, if you like).



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## 7.2 Inflexible

Please read the following excerpt from a recent research article **carefully** and try to completely understand the author's perspective. We will ask you a few questions about its content afterwards.

The "Next" button will appear after about 40 seconds.

"Recent research shows that we live in a society that is becoming more and more inflexible with regard to its social hierarchies. This means that if you hold a certain position in a social hierarchy (e.g., at work, in society), you are not very likely to move up or down in that hierarchy. In other words, the social environment we were born into will determine our future life to a significant degree. One could say, the well-known notion of going "from rags to riches" is not applicable to our society anymore. At the same time, people who are rich now are unlikely to lose large parts of their wealth.

This is neither a strictly positive nor a strictly negative development. Flexible social hierarchies offer fairness and opportunities, while inflexible social hierarchies guarantee safety and stability."

**Please take a moment to think about what this development means for your future.**

Please take some notes on it (bullet points, if you like).



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## 8 MC Mobility

**1. According to the author, social hierarchies are becoming...**

- ...more inflexible.
- ...more flexible.

**2. In your personal opinion, do you think social hierarchies are rather inflexible or flexible?**

Very inflexible  
1

2

3

4

5

6

	<b>Strongly Disagree 1</b>	<b>Disagree 2</b>	<b>Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3</b>	<b>Agree 4</b>	<b>Strongly Agree 5</b>
I feel angry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel offended.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel discontented.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel irritated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel mad.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel frustrated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel outraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## **10 PhD student rating intro**

## **Project Employee Evaluation**

Please think back to the socioeconomic status program you completed earlier. As mentioned in the instructions, it is part of an ongoing research project of our lab. In fact, the program was developed by one of the lab's doctoral students, who is soon to complete his PhD. Regarding this PhD student, we would like to ask you for your opinion. As is now custom in organizational contexts, employee evaluation is based not only on superiors' evaluation, but also on customers' and colleagues' judgments. Therefore, we would appreciate if you evaluated the developer of the SES program on the dimensions given on the next page. We will use your and other parties' feedback to decide whether to extend the student's current contract of employment.

## 10.1 PhD student rating

**How good of a job do you think the student has done in developing the CDI index program?**

- Very bad job
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - Very good job

- ## Very good job

**How would you evaluate the student's technical proficiency?**

- Very low

-  Very high

**How would you rate the student overall based on the program he/she has designed?**

- Poor employee
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  - 
  -

Excellent employee

**Would you recommend extending the student's contract agreement?**

Definitely no

Definitely yes

**11 Demografie\_Debriefing****Please indicate how much you agree with each of the following statements.**

	Strongly disagree <b>1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree <b>7</b>
I have enough money to buy things I want.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't need to worry too much about paying my bills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My family usually had enough money for things when I was growing up.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I grew up in a relatively wealthy neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt relatively wealthy compared to the other kids in my school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Please indicate your country of birth AND your current location.**

Please select your country of birth.

(please select a country)  
Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Bouvet Island  
Brazil  
British Indian Ocean Territory  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Cayman Islands  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Christmas Island  
Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Congo  
Congo, the Democratic Republic  
Cook Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia (Hrvatska)  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern Territories

Please select the country in which you currently live.

(please select a country)  
Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
Australia  
Austria  
Azerbaijan  
Bahamas  
Bahrain  
Bangladesh  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Benin  
Bermuda  
Bhutan  
Bolivia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Botswana  
Bouvet Island  
Brazil  
British Indian Ocean Territory  
Brunei Darussalam  
Bulgaria  
Burkina Faso  
Burundi  
Cambodia  
Cameroon  
Canada  
Cape Verde  
Cayman Islands  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Chile  
China  
Christmas Island  
Cocos (Keeling) Islands  
Colombia  
Comoros  
Congo  
Congo, the Democratic Republic  
Cook Islands  
Costa Rica  
Cote d'Ivoire  
Croatia (Hrvatska)  
Cuba  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Djibouti  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern Territories

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**Please rate your household's annual income by selecting one of the following eight categories.**

- < \$15,000
- \$15,001-\$25,000
- \$25,001-\$35,000
- \$35,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$75,000
- \$75,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$150,000
- > \$150,000

**Is English your first language?**

- yes       no

**If not, what is your first language?**

**What do you think this experiment was trying to study?**

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## **12 Endseite**

Thank you! You have completed this set of studies.

For approval, please enter the following code in mturk: #v\_16#

In case you have any questions regarding the background of this study, please contact us via MTurk or email us directly at:  
sozialpsychologie@uibk.ac.at

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# Fragebogen

## 1 1

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**Herzlich Willkommen!**

Diese Studie untersucht die Einstellungen von Menschen zu Geld und deren Verhalten. Sie dauert circa 13-14 Minuten.

Die Antworten sind anonym. Die Abgabe der Antworten wird als Erlaubnis verstanden, diese im Zuge der Forschung zu analysieren und zu veröffentlichen.

Für Fragen kontaktieren Sie: @student.uibk.ac.at oder @student.uibk.ac.at

## 2 SES-Assessment

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In dieser Studie untersuchen wir **die Einstellung von Menschen zu Geld und deren Verhalten**.

Dafür bitten wir Sie, eine Reihe von Fragen zu beantworten. Diese sind alle Teil eines aktuellen Forschungsprojekts, welches Vergleichstendenzen im Bezug auf den sozioökonomischen Status untersucht. Am Ende der Befragung erhalten Sie eine Rückmeldung über Ihren sozioökonomischen Status im Vergleich zu Personen, die ein ähnliches Persönlichkeits- und Verhaltensprofil aufweisen wie Sie. Diese Rückmeldung wird von statistischen Operationen gestützt, die Ihre persönlichen Information mit Informationen in unserer Datenbank abgleichen.

### 2.1 Demographics\_SES

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**Geschlecht:**

- männlich  weiblich

**Alter:**

**Bitte geben Sie Ihren Familienstand an:**

- Single  
 In einer Beziehung  
 Verheiratet  
 Getrennt  
 Geschieden  
 Verwitwet

**Leben Sie noch bei Ihren Eltern?**

- Ja  
 Nein

**Bitte geben Sie Ihren höchsten Bildungsabschluss an:**

- Hauptschulabschluss  
 Ausbildung  
 Matura/ Abitur  
 Bachelorstudium  
 Masterstudium  
 Doktorstudium

**Bitte geben Sie Ihr durchschnittliches Nettoeinkommen der letzten 6 Monate an.**

€

pro Monat (A)

**Bitte geben Sie unten den Anteil all Ihrer Einkommensquellen prozentual an:**

Erwerbstätigkeit

Familie  
(beinhaltet  
Unterstützung  
für das  
Studium)

Anderer

**Bitte geben Sie an, wie viel Sie in den letzten 6 Monaten durchschnittlich pro Monat für folgende Punkte ausgegeben haben.**

Haushaltsskosten  
(inklusive  
Gebrauchsgegenstände)  
€

Ausgaben für  
Essen €

Ausgaben für  
Kleidung €

Transportkosten  
€

Schuldentilgung  
€

**Sind Sie...**

- Student
- AZUBI
- Weder noch

## 2.2 FCS\_Ellard

**Bitte geben Sie an, zu welchen Ausmaß Sie den folgenden Aussagen zustimmen:**

	stimme überhaupt nicht zu	neutral	stimme völlkommen zu
Ich kaufe viele kleine Dinge, ohne darauf zu achten, wie viel ich ausgebe.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich habe genau im Auge, wie viel Geld sich auf meinem Bankkonto befindet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich achte genau auf die Auslastung meiner Kreditkarte.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich verbringe viel Zeit in Läden und Einkaufszentren.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich versuche regelmäßig etwas beiseite zu legen, damit ich etwas Erspartes habe, auf das ich zurückgreifen kann.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Am Ende des Monats bin ich überrascht, wie hoch meine Kreditkartenrechnung ist.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich kümmere mich nicht darum, ob ich mir etwas leisten kann, bis ich es gekauft habe.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Am Ende des Monats frage ich mich, wo all das Geld hin ist.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Ich überlege sorgfältig, ob ich mir etwas leisten kann, bevor ich mit dem Einkauf fortfahre.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich denke eine Weile über eine möglichen Kauf nach, anstatt in der Euphorie des Augenblicks zu entscheiden.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich vergewissere mich, dass ich das beste Angebot für mein Geld bekomme, bevor ich etwas kaufe.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich habe meine Finanzen genau im Blick, um unangenehme Überraschungen zu vermeiden.	<input type="radio"/>				
Meine Freunde und Familie würden sagen, dass ich gut mit Geld umgehen kann.	<input type="radio"/>				
Mir gefällt es Läden zu durchsuchen, um zu erwägen, welche Produkte ich eventuell in Zukunft kaufen werde.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich achte nicht besonders auf mein Konsumverhalten, da es sich am Ende irgendwie ausgeht.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich werde oft von der Euphorie des Augenblicks gepackt, wenn ich etwas kaufe und mir fällt erst später auf, dass ich es mir nicht leisten kann.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich gehe nicht shoppen, außer ich brauche etwas Bestimmtes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn ich Geld abhebe, achte ich nicht besonders auf meinen Kontostand.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich empfinde shoppen nicht als Vergnügen und bevorzuge, mich auf andere Arten zu vergnügen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich bevorzuge es, nicht über meine gesamte finanzielle Situation nachzudenken, wenn ich gerade dabei bin etwas zu kaufen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich habe wenig oder kein Ersparnes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Um zu zeigen, dass ich aufmerksam bin, lasse ich dieses Item unbeantwortet.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich ziehe großes Vergnügen daraus, etwas zu kaufen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wer mich kennt, würde sagen, dass ich nicht besonders sparsam mit Geld umgehe.	<input type="radio"/>				
Shoppen ist eine Form von Vergnügen für mich.	<input type="radio"/>				

## 2.3 Personality3

**Hier ist eine Auswahl an Persönlichkeitseigenschaften, die auf Sie zutreffen können oder nicht. Bitte bewerten sie inwieweit diese als Paar auf Sie zutreffen, auch wenn eine davon vielleicht besser passt als die andere.**

### **3 SES\_Calculation**

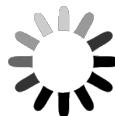
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Es wird nun der Wert Ihres **sozioökonomischen Status (SES)** berechnet. Basierend auf den Antworten, die Sie angegeben haben, wird das Programm mit Hilfe unserer Datenbank einen SES Wert bestimmen. Für die Vergleichsdaten werden Personen genommen, die Ihrem Persönlichkeits- und Verhaltensprofil in Bezug auf die soeben ausgefüllten Fragebögen gleichen. Ihr SES Wert wird in Euro und **relativ zu Ihrer Vergleichsgruppe** angegeben. Die Berechnung kann abhängig von Zugriffen auf die Datenbank bis zu einer Minute dauern. Klicken Sie auf „Fortfahren“ um Ihren Wert zu berechnen.

#### **3.1 Logo1**

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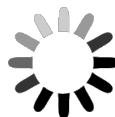
Kalkulation läuft. Bitte warten Sie einen Moment.



#### **3.2 Logo 2**

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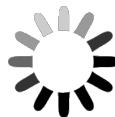
Zugriff auf Datenbank. Bitte warten Sie einen Moment.



#### **3.3 Logo3**

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SES Wert wird berechnet. Bitte warten Sie einen Moment.



#### **4.1 LOW\_SES**

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**-523€**

Ihr SES Wert wurde anhand einer statistischen Analyse ermittelt. Dazu wurden die von Ihnen eingegebenen Profildaten sowie Informationen zu Personen mit ähnlichem Profil aus unserer Datenbank verwendet. Ihr SES Wert repräsentiert Ihren sozioökonomischen Status im Vergleich zu Personen, die Ihrem Profil entsprechen. Ein SES Wert von 0€ +/- 20€ entspricht dem Durchschnittsbereich des sozioökonomischen Status von ähnlichen Personen. Ein negativer (-) SES Wert von unter -20€ bedeutet, dass Sie einen niedrigeren sozioökonomischen Status haben als Ihnen ähnliche Personen. Ein positiver (+) SES Wert von mehr als +20€ bedeutet, dass Sie einen höheren sozioökonomischen Status haben als Ihnen ähnliche Personen.

Geben Sie in diesem Feld bitte Ihren SES Wert an, um diesen für den Leiter der Studie für die aktuelle Forschung zugänglich zu machen.

Was könnten Ihrer Meinung nach Gründe dafür sein, dass Sie diesen SES Wert erhalten haben?

#### **4.2 High\_SES**

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**+87€**

Ihr SES Wert wurde anhand einer statistischen Analyse ermittelt. Dazu wurden die von Ihnen eingegebenen Profildaten sowie Informationen zu Personen mit ähnlichem Profil aus unserer Datenbank verwendet. Ihr SES Wert repräsentiert Ihren sozioökonomischen Status im Vergleich zu Personen, die Ihrem Profil entsprechen. Ein SES Wert von 0€ +/- 20€ entspricht dem Durchschnittsbereich des sozioökonomischen Status von ähnlichen Personen. Ein negativer (-) SES Wert von unter -20€ bedeutet, dass Sie einen niedrigeren sozioökonomischen Status haben als Ihnen ähnliche Personen. Ein positiver (+) SES Wert von mehr als +20€ bedeutet, dass Sie einen höheren sozioökonomischen Status haben als Ihnen ähnliche Personen.

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## **5 SES MC**

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**Wie würden Sie Ihren sozioökonomischen Status im Vergleich zu ähnlichen Anderen einstufen?**

- Sehr niedrig
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- 
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- 
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- 
- 
- 
- Sehr hoch

## **6 Deprivation**

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**Wie zufrieden sind Sie mit Ihrem sozioökonomischen Status?**

- Sehr unzufrieden
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Sehr zufrieden

**In welchem Ausmaß empfinden Sie sich als bessergestellt im Vergleich zu Personen, die ihrem Profil ähneln?**

- überhaupt nicht

- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- deutlich

**In welchem Ausmaß empfinden Sie sich als Verlierer im Vergleich zu Personen, die ihrem Profil ähneln?**

- überhaupt nicht
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- deutlich

### **7.1 Flexible**

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Bitte lesen Sie den folgenden Ausschnitt aus einem aktuellen Forschungsartikel **aufmerksam** durch und versuchen Sie den Standpunkt des Autors komplett nachzuvollziehen.

Es werden Ihnen danach ein paar Fragen zum Inhalt des Ausschnitts gestellt.

Die „Weiter“ Taste erscheint nach circa 40 Sekunden

**„Aktuelle Forschung zeigt, dass soziale Hierarchien in westlichen Gesellschaften immer flexibler und durchlässiger werden. Auch wenn Sie aktuell eine bestimmte Position innerhalb einer sozialen Hierarchie (z. B. am Arbeitsplatz oder generell in der Gesellschaft) innehaben, ist es dennoch sehr gut möglich, dass sich diese Position mit der Zeit verändert und Sie innerhalb dieser sozialen Hierarchie auf- oder absteigen. Das soziale Umfeld, in das wir hineingeboren werden, bestimmt unser zukünftiges Leben folglich nur in einem geringen Ausmaß. Man könnte es so formulieren: Der altbekannte Spruch „vom Tellerwäscher zum Millionär“ trifft auf unsere heutige Gesellschaft sehr gut zu. Dies bedeutet aber auch, dass derjenige, der aktuell reich ist, schon in kurzer Zeit einen Großteil seines Vermögens wieder verlieren könnte.“**

**Dies ist weder eine grundsätzlich positive noch eine grundsätzlich negative Entwicklung. Flexible soziale Hierarchien bieten Möglichkeiten und Gerechtigkeit, während unflexible Strukturen für Sicherheit und Stabilität sorgen.“**

**Bitte denken Sie nun einen Moment darüber nach, was diese Entwicklung für Ihre persönliche Zukunft bedeutet.**



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### **7.2 Inflexible**

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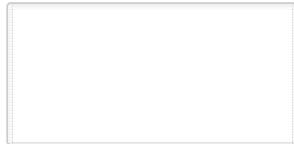
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## 8 MC Mobility

**1. Dem Autor des Textausschnitts zufolge werden soziale Hierarchien...**

- ...unflexibler
- ...flexibler

**2. Als wie flexibel empfinden Sie persönlich soziale Hierarchien in Ihrer Gesellschaft?**

- Sehr unflexibel
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- Sehr flexibel
- 7

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## 9 SHO

### **Momentanes Befinden**

Bitte geben Sie an, in welchem Ausmaß Sie den einzelnen Aussagen zu Ihrem momentanen Befinden zustimmen.

Ich fühle mich....

	stimme überhaupt nicht zu 1	stimme eher weniger zu 2	neutral 3	stimme eher zu 4	stimme völlig zu 5
ärgerlich.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
gekränkt.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
unzufrieden.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
gereizt.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
wütend.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
frustriert.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
empört.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## **10 Demografie\_Debriefing**

**Bitte geben Sie an, in welchem Ausmaß Sie den folgenden Aussagen zustimmen.**

	Stimme überhaupt nicht zu 1	2	3	4	5	6	Stimme völlig zu 7
Ich habe genug Geld, um mir Dinge zu kaufen, die ich haben möchte.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich muss mir keine großen Sorgen um das Zahlen meiner Rechnungen machen.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Als ich aufwuchs hatte meine Familie in der Regel immer genug Geld.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ich wuchs in einer relativ wohlhabenden Gegend auf.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Im Vergleich mit den anderen Kindern meiner Schule fühlte ich mich relativ wohlhabend.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Bitte geben Sie Ihre Nationalität UND Ihren aktuellen Aufenthaltsort an.**

Bitte wählen Sie Ihr Geburtsland aus.

(please select a country)

Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
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Argentina  
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Azerbaijan  
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Bermuda  
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Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana

Bitte wählen Sie das Land aus, in dem Sie gerade leben.

(please select a country)

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Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana

**Bitte schätzen Sie das jährliche Brutto-Einkommen Ihres Haushaltes anhand der folgenden Kategorien ein.**

Falls Sie noch bei Ihren Eltern wohnen oder von Ihren Eltern finanziell unterstützt werden, schätzen Sie bitte deren summiertes Brutto-Jahreseinkommen. Falls Sie einen vollständig eigenständigen Haushalt haben, geben Sie bitte das Brutto-Jahreseinkommen Ihres Haushaltes an:

- < 15,000€
- 15,001€-25,000€
- 25,001€-35,000€
- 35,001€-50,000€
- 50,001€-75,000€
- 75,001€-100,000€
- 100,001€-150,000€
- > 150,000€

**Ist Deutsch Ihre Muttersprache?**

- Ja
- Nein

**Falls nein, was ist Ihre Muttersprache?**

**Falls Sie studieren, bitte geben Sie Ihre Studienfach an!**

- Bachelor Psychologie
- Master Psychologie
- Anderes:

**Was könnte diese Studie Ihrer Meinung nach untersucht haben?**

**Bitte geben Sie den höchsten Bildungsabschluss Ihrer Mutter an:**

- Keinen Schulabschluss
- Hauptschulabschluss oder mittlere Reife
- abgeschlossene Ausbildung/Lehre
- Matura/ Abitur
- Matura/ Abitur + Ausbildung
- begonnenes Hochschulstudium
- abgeschlossenes Hochschulstudium
- Doktorstudium

**Bitte geben Sie den höchsten Bildungsabschluss Ihres Vaters an:**

- Keinen Schulabschluss
- Hauptschulabschluss oder mittlere Reife
- abgeschlossene Ausbildung/Lehre
- Matura/ Abitur

- Matura/ Abitur + Ausbildung
  - begonnenes Hochschulstudium
  - abgeschlossenes Hochschulstudium
  - Doktorstudium
- 

### 11.1 Envy

**Im zweiten Teil unserer Studie haben wir noch ein paar Fragen zu Ihrer Person.**

Die folgenden Aussagen beziehen sich auf Situationen, in denen Ihnen die besseren Eigenschaften, Leistungen oder Besitztümer einer anderen Person fehlen und Sie diese begehrten oder sich wünschten, dass die andere Person sie nicht mehr hätte.

Geben Sie bitte für jede Aussage auf der vorgegebenen Skala an, wie sehr Sie ihr zustimmen.

Es gibt keine richtigen oder falschen Aussagen. Zögern Sie nicht, die erste Antwort zu geben, die Ihnen in den Sinn kommt.

Stimme überhaupt nicht zu <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Stimme vollkommen zu <b>6</b></b>
Wenn ich andere beneide, konzentriere ich mich darauf, wie ich in Zukunft auch so erfolgreich werden kann.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich wünsche mir, dass Menschen, die mir in etwas überlegen sind, ihren Vorsprung einbüßen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn ich bemerke, dass eine andere Person in etwas besser ist als ich, versuche ich mich selbst zu verbessern.	<input type="radio"/>				
Andere zu beneiden motiviert mich dazu, meine Ziele zu erreichen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn andere Menschen etwas haben, was ich auch gern hätte, möchte ich es ihnen am liebsten wegnehmen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich habe feindselige Gefühle gegenüber Menschen, auf die ich neidisch bin.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich strebe danach, die hervorragenden Leistungen anderer Menschen auch zu erreichen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Neidgedanken bringen mich dazu, die andere Person nicht zu mögen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn jemand bessere Eigenschaften, Errungenschaften oder Besitztümer hat als ich, versuche ich diese auch zu erlangen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Die Leistungen anderer Menschen zu sehen, löst bei mir Missgunst aus.	<input type="radio"/>				

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### 11.2 Vergleichsorientierung

**Die meisten Menschen vergleichen sich ab und an mit anderen. Zum Beispiel vergleichen sie**

**wie sie sich fühlen, ihre Meinungen, Fähigkeiten und/oder ihre Situation mit der anderer**

**Menschen. Es gibt nichts was besonders „gut“ oder „schlecht“ wäre an dieser Art von**

**Vergleichen und einige Menschen tun dies öfter als andere. Wir möchten nun herausfinden, wie**

**oft Sie sich mit anderen Menschen vergleichen. Um dies zu erfahren, möchten wir Sie bitten uns**

**mitzuteilen wie sehr Sie den folgenden Aussagen zustimmen.**

<b>stimme überhaupt nicht zu</b>	<b>neutral</b>	<b>stimme vollkommen zu</b>
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Ich vergleiche häufig das Wohlergehen meiner Angehörigen (Partner, Familienangehörige, etc.) mit dem von anderen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich achte immer sehr stark darauf, wie ich Dinge im Vergleich zu anderen mache.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn ich herausfinden möchte, wie gut ich etwas erledigt oder gemacht habe, dann vergleiche ich mein Ergebnis mit dem anderer Personen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich vergleiche häufig meine sozialen Fähigkeiten und meine Beliebtheit mit denen anderer Personen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich bin nicht der Typ Mensch, der sich oft mit anderen vergleicht.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich vergleiche mich häufig selbst mit anderen in Bezug auf das, was ich im Leben (bislang) erreicht habe.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich tausche mich gerne häufig mit anderen über Meinungen und Erfahrungen aus.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich versuche häufig herauszufinden, was andere denken, die mit ähnlichen Problemen konfrontiert sind wie ich.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich möchte immer gerne wissen wie sich andere in einer ähnlichen Situation verhalten würden.	<input type="radio"/>				
Wenn ich über etwas mehr erfahren möchte, versuche ich herauszufinden was andere darüber denken oder wissen.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ich bewerte meine Lebenssituation niemals im Vergleich zu der anderer Personen.	<input type="radio"/>				

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## 12 Endseite

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Vielen Dank für Ihre Teilnahme!

Zu Studienzwecken wurden im Verlauf der Studie einige Angaben manipuliert.

Der Wert für Ihren sozioökonomischen Status wurde Ihnen vom Programm zufällig zugewiesen. Er hat nichts mit Ihrem eigentlichen sozioökonomischen Status zu tun und basiert auf keinen Kalkulationen mit den von Ihnen zuvor eingegebenen Daten.

Des Weiteren war der Textausschnitt, den Sie im Verlauf der Studie präsentiert bekommen haben, frei von uns erfunden.

Beide Manipulationen dienten dem Zweck der Studie.

Falls Sie Personen kennen, die eventuell noch an der Studie teilnehmen, würden wir Sie bitten, diese Manipulation zu verschweigen.

Falls Sie Fragen zum Hintergrund, dem Ablauf oder der Auswertung der Studie haben, kontaktieren Sie uns unter: [@student.uibk.ac.at](mailto:@student.uibk.ac.at)  
oder [@student.uibk.ac.at](mailto:@student.uibk.ac.at)

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## Fragebogen

### 1 1

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#### Welcome!

This survey investigates people's financial beliefs and behavior. It will take approximately 7-8 minutes.

Responses are anonymous. The submission of responses will be taken as permission to use these in research analysis and in resulting publications. Submitted answers cannot be deleted.

For questions contact: sozialpsychologie@uibk.ac.at

## 2 PRD MANIPULATION

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### 2.1 PRD\_Assesment

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In this survey, we would like to investigate **people's financial beliefs and behaviors**. In order to do so, we ask you to complete a series of questionnaires that are all part of a current research project examining comparative trends in the discretionary income of MTurkers. At the end of the survey, you will be given feedback about your discretionary income as it compares to the discretionary income of MTurkers who match your particular profile (e.g., similar job, similar education). Your feedback is determined by powerful statistical procedures that compare your personal information with information in a large database provided by similar others.

#### 2.1.1 Demographics\_PRD

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##### Gender:

- male     female

##### Age:

##### Please indicate your marital status:

- Single
- Married
- Separated
- Divorced
- Widowed

##### For each of the following items, indicate how much you agree or disagree with the respective statement.

	Strongly disagree 1	2	3	4	5	6	Strongly agree 7
The social environment we are born into determines our entire life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One's social status can dramatically increase or decrease over one's lifespan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social status is something that is highly flexible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Going "from rags to riches" is still very much possible.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Most social hierarchies are inflexible and rarely change at all.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
People who are rich now can still lose everything and become poor.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

##### Education: Select highest level

- less than high school
- high-school
- some college
- college degree
- bachelor
- master
- doctoral degree

**Please report your average monthly income (after taxes) over the last 6 months.**

\$

per month (A)

**Please provide a percentage breakdown of all income sources in the spaces below:**

Employment

Family (include support for education cost)

Other

**Please provide the average amount you have spent each month on the following items over the past 6 months:**

Housing costs  
(includes utilities) \$

Food costs \$

Clothing costs \$

Transportation costs \$

Debt payments \$

### 2.1.2 FCS\_Ellard

**Please indicate to what extent you agree with each of the following statements:**

	Strongly disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Strongly agree
I buy lots of little things without paying much attention to how much I'm spending.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I keep a close watch on how much money is in my bank account.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I pay close attention to my credit card balance.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I spend a lot of time in stores and shopping malls.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I try to regularly put away a little bit of money so I have some savings to fall back on.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At the end of the month, I'm surprised by how high my credit card bill is.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't worry about whether I can afford a purchase until after I buy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At the end of the month, I wonder where all my money went.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I evaluate carefully whether I can afford a purchase before I'm willing to go ahead with it.	<input type="radio"/>					
I mull over a potential purchase for a while instead of making a decision in the heat of the moment.	<input type="radio"/>					
I make sure that I'm getting the best deal for my money before I buy.	<input type="radio"/>					
I pay close attention to my finances to avoid unpleasant surprises.	<input type="radio"/>					
My friends and family would say that I am financially responsible.	<input type="radio"/>					
I enjoy browsing in stores to consider purchases I might like to make in the future.	<input type="radio"/>					
I don't pay too much attention to my spending patterns since it all seems to work out in the end anyhow.	<input type="radio"/>					
I often get caught in the heat of the moment when making a purchase and realize later that I couldn't really afford it.	<input type="radio"/>					
I don't go shopping unless I have a specific purchase I need to make.	<input type="radio"/>					
When I withdraw money from the bank, I don't pay much attention to my account balance.	<input type="radio"/>					
I don't find shopping fun and prefer to entertain myself in other ways.	<input type="radio"/>					
I prefer not to think about my overall financial picture when I'm thinking about making a purchase.	<input type="radio"/>					
I have little or no savings.	<input type="radio"/>					
I'll show that I'm paying attention by selecting '5 strongly agree'.	<input type="radio"/>					
I derive a lot of enjoyment from buying things.	<input type="radio"/>					
Those who know me well would say that I'm not very frugal with my finances.	<input type="radio"/>					
Shopping is a form of entertainment for me.	<input type="radio"/>					

### 2.1.3 Personality3

**Here are a number of personality traits that may or may not apply to you. Please select a number next to each statement to indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with that statement. You should rate the extent to which the pair of traits applies to you, even if one characteristic applies more strongly than the other.**

	Disagree strongly 1	Disagree moderately 2	Disagree a little 3	Neither agree nor disagree 4	Agree a little 5	Agree moderately 6	Agree strongly 7
Extraverted, enthusiastic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Critical, quarrelsome.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dependable, self-disciplined.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Anxious, easily upset.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open to new experiences, complex.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reserved, quiet.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sympathetic, warm.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disorganized, careless.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Calm, emotionally stable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conventional, uncreative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 2.2 Feedback\_Calculation

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We will now calculate your **Comparative Discretionary Income Index (CDI Index) score**. The CDI index measures a person's standing in terms of his/her average monthly discretionary **income relative to the discretionary income of similar others**. Based on the information you provided, the index will produce a score using your profile and the information in our database from people who match your profile. The score will tell you how much monthly discretionary income you have in dollars relative to people who match your profile. Depending on current database activities, the process may take up to a minute to complete. Please click "continue" to calculate your CDI index score.

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### 2.2.1 Logo1

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Calculating. Please wait.



### 2.2.2 Logo 2

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Accessing database. Please wait.



### 2.2.3 Logo3

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Calculating CDI index score. Please wait.



### 2.3.1 LOW\_STANDING

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- C\$523

Your CDI index score was derived from statistical analyses using both the information from your profile and the information in our database from people who matched your profile. Your CDI index score represents on average how much monthly discretionary income you have relative to other MTurkers who matched your profile. A negative (-) CDI index score means that you have on average less discretionary income than similar others. A positive (+) CDI index score means you have on average more discretionary income than similar others.

**In this field, please write down (copy/paste if you like) your CDI index score to make it available to the experimenter for use in current research projects.**

**What do you think, why did you receive this score?**

### 2.3.2 High\_STANDING

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**+ C\$87**

Your CDI index score was derived from statistical analyses using both the information from your profile and the information in our database from people who matched your profile. Your CDI index score represents on average how much monthly discretionary income you have relative to other MTurkers who matched your profile. A negative (-) CDI index score means that you have on average less discretionary income than similar others. A positive (+) CDI index score means you have on average more discretionary income than similar others.

**In this field, please write down (copy/paste if you like) your CDI index score to make it available to the experimenter for use in current research projects.**

**What do you think, why did you receive this score?**

### **3 PDR MC**

**What would you say, to what extent are you better off compared to other MTurkers who matched your profile?**

- Not at all
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Very much

**What would you say, how disadvantaged are you compared to other MTurkers who matched your profile?**

- Not at all
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Very much

### **4 PRD experience**

**Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements about your discretionary income in comparison to similar other MTurkers (e.g., in education level, spending behavior):**

Please read each statement carefully.

**My current level of discretionary income is fair.**

- Don't agree at all.

- 
- 
- 
- 
- 
- Completely agree.

**My current level of discretionary income is less than I deserve.**

- Don't agree at all.
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- 
- Completely agree.

**I'm satisfied with my current level of discretionary income.**

- Don't agree at all.
- 
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- 
- 
- Completely agree.

**I'm resentful with my current level of discretionary income.**

- Don't agree at all.
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- 
- Completely agree.

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**5 Hostile Affect**

**Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements right now.**

	<b>Strongly Disagree 1</b>	<b>Disagree 2</b>	<b>Neither Agree Nor Disagree 3</b>	<b>Agree 4</b>	<b>Strongly Agree 5</b>
I feel angry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel offended.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel discontented.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel irritated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel mad.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel frustrated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel outraged.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**6 Demografie\_Debriefing**

**Please indicate your country of birth AND your current location.**

Please select your country of birth.



(please select a country)

Afghanistan  
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American Samoa  
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Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
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Aruba  
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Azerbaijan  
Bahamas  
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Bangladesh  
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Botswana  
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Burkina Faso  
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Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
East Timor  
Ecuador  
Egypt  
El Salvador  
Equatorial Guinea  
Eritrea  
Estonia  
Ethiopia  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
Faroe Islands  
Fiji  
Finland  
France  
France, Metropolitan  
French Guiana  
French Polynesia  
French Southern Territories  
Gabon

Please select the country in which you currently live.

(please select a country)

Afghanistan  
Albania  
Algeria  
American Samoa  
Andorra  
Angola  
Anguilla  
Antarctica  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Aruba  
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French Southern Territories  
Gabon

**Please rate your household's annual income by selecting one of the following eight categories.**

- < \$15,000
- \$15,001-\$25,000
- \$25,001-\$35,000
- \$35,001-\$50,000
- \$50,001-\$75,000
- \$75,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$150,000
- > \$150,000

**Is English your first language?**

- yes
- no

**If not, what is your first language?**

**What do you think this experiment was trying to study?**

## **7 Endseite**

Thank you very much for your participation! You've completed this study.

Here's some important information about the study:

For research purposes, the feedback about your financial resources was randomly determined and was not based on any of the data that you entered. In case you have any questions regarding the background of this study, please feel free to contact us:  
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For approval, please enter the following code in mturk: #v\_55#

**Note.** The above versions of the questionnaires were created through the survey software. Each number (e.g., 1, 2, 2.1) signifies a separate survey page that was displayed to participants. The fonts and positions are not accurately displayed (for example, the gifs on pages 3.1 - 3.3 were animated "loading" icons). Participants were randomly directed to either page 4.1 or page 4.2 (the social status manipulation) and, in Studies 2 and 3, were later randomly directed to page 7.1 or 7.2 (the social mobility manipulation). Study 3 was part of a student research project. It contained another trait measure at the end of the survey that was not analyzed within the present research project.

### **Supplementary analyses**

#### **Social Mobility Belief Measure (Studies 1 and 4)**

In Studies 1 and 4, SMB was measured and conceptualized as a chronically accessible construct that influenced how individuals are emotionally affected by experiencing PRD. We can see from looking at the item means that in both studies participants endorsed downward mobility (last item) to a similar extent than they endorsed upward mobility (item 4). In fact, downward mobility reveals the highest mean value of all items. These data suggest that at least our participants' chronic SMB construct is comprised of downward as well as upward mobility. This is further corroborated by the internal consistency of the scale, as well as the fact that all items load on a single factor in a principal component analysis. As such, responses to both upward and downward items seem to be affected by one underlying belief that participants have.

					5. Most social hierarchies	6. People who are rich now can still lose everything and become poor.
<b>Study 1</b>	1. The social environment we are born into determines our entire life.	2. One's social status can dramatically increase or decrease over one's lifespan.	3. Social status is something that is highly flexible.	4. Going "from rags to riches" is still very much possible.	5. Most social hierarchies	6. People who are rich now can still lose everything and become poor.
N	Valid	374	374	374	374	374
	Missing	0	0	0	0	0
Mean		3.34	5.43	4.86	5.09	3.59
SD		1.697	1.440	1.616	1.663	1.649
<b>Study 4</b>						
N	Valid	734	734	734	734	734
	Missing	0	0	0	0	0
Mean		3.51	5.49	4.83	5.10	3.68
SD		1.590	1.334	1.457	1.559	1.531

### Component Matrix<sup>a</sup>

The social environment we are born into determines our entire life.	-.611	-.581
One's social status can dramatically increase or decrease over one's lifespan.	.767	.781
Social status is something that is highly flexible.	.839	.818
Going "from rags to riches" is still very much possible.	.839	.817
Most social hierarchies are inflexible and rarely change at all.	-.742	-.654
People who are rich now can still lose everything and become poor.	.669	.684

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

a. 1 components extracted.

### Study 1: Additional dependent variable

In addition, we employed a measure of aggressive behavior: the Voodoo Doll Task (DeWall et al., 2013). We presented 20 pictures of a doll with an increasing number of needles placed in it and asked participants to imagine that this doll represented the person who developed

the SES test they completed earlier. They selected the number of needles they wanted to place in the doll (between 0 and 19) by typing it into a text box. Participants in the low social status condition chose to hypothetically insert more needles ( $M = 2.86$ ,  $SD = 5.37$ ) than did participants in the high social status condition ( $M = .071$ ,  $SD = 2.71$ ),  $t(372) = 4.92$ ,  $p < .001$ , 95% CI = [1.29, 3.02],  $d = 0.51$ .

**Results including the measure of aggressive behavior: moderated serial mediation analysis.** We also tested the moderation of social mobility in a model that included the aggressive behavioral measure. We specified social mobility belief to moderate the link between the two sequential mediators. We performed structural equation modeling in R 3.2.3 (R Core Team, 2015), using the LAVAAN Package for structural equation modeling (Rosseel, 2012). We standardized all variables entered in this model to obtain standardized regression coefficients. The independent variable was effect coded (-1 for low status and +1 for high status). When we controlled for objective SES in the model by including it as a predictor for all outcome measures, inclusion of this control variable did not change any of the effects and was neither a significant predictor of any of the variables. Hence, the SEM reported here does not include objective SES. Model fit estimates were obtained through full information maximum likelihood estimations (FIML). The overall model fit turned out to be very good, indicated by comparative fit index (CFI) = 1.000, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = 1.013, and root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA) < 0.001, 90% CI = [0.000, 0.065]. Figure S1 illustrates the results of the SEM with detailed path coefficients. All paths were significant, except for the regression of aggressive behavior on feelings of relative deprivation. Importantly, the interaction between social mobility and deprivation significantly predicted hostile affect, thereby supporting our main hypothesis.

To analyze the role of the moderator (i.e., social mobility) in the overall mediation model in more detail, we defined parameters for the serial mediation at different levels of the moderator.

Indices for the serial mediation were significant at all values of the moderator, but the effect decreased in size with increasing belief in social mobility. Specifically, at low levels of social mobility belief (-1 SD), the total mediation effect was largest,  $b = -0.10$ ,  $SE = .02$ ,  $p < .001$ , 95% CI [-0.15, -0.06]. At mean levels of social mobility belief, the effect decreased,  $b = -0.08$ ,  $SE = .02$ ,  $p < .001$ , 95% CI [-0.11, -0.04], and it decreased further at high levels of social mobility belief (+1 SD),  $b = -0.06$ ,  $SE = .02$ ,  $p < .001$ , 95% CI [-0.09, -0.02]. The effects significantly differed from each other, resulting in a significant index of moderated serial mediation,  $b = 0.02$ ,  $SE = .01$ ,  $p = .022$ , 95% CI [0.00, 0.04] (Hayes, 2015).

## **Study 2: Additional dependent variable**

We additionally employed a measure of aggressive behavior (see e.g., Greitemeyer & Sagioglou, 2016). Specifically, participants received information about an ostensible PhD student who we introduced as the developer of the SES score program. Participants rated the PhD student on 7-point scales on the following four items: “How good of a job do you think the student has done in developing the SES score program?” (scale anchors 1—*very bad job*, 7—*very good job*), “How would you evaluate the student’s technical proficiency?” (scale anchors 1—*very low*, 7—*very high*), “How would you rate the student overall based on the program he/she has designed?” (scale anchors 1—*poor employee*, 7—*excellent employee*), “Would you recommend extending the student’s contract agreement?” (scale anchors 1—*definitely no*, 7—*definitely yes*). Scale reliability was very good ( $\alpha = .96$ ). The results of an ANOVA with social status and social mobility as independent variables revealed a significant main effects of social status on aggressive behavior  $F(1, 527) = 24.63$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_p^2 = .05$ . The mobility manipulation did not affect aggressive behavior,  $F(1, 527) = 0.30$ ,  $p = .587$ ,  $\eta_p^2 = .00$ . Moreover, the interaction

between status and mobility on aggressive behavior was not significant,  $F(1, 527) = 1.25, p = .264$ ,  $\eta_p^2 = .00$ .

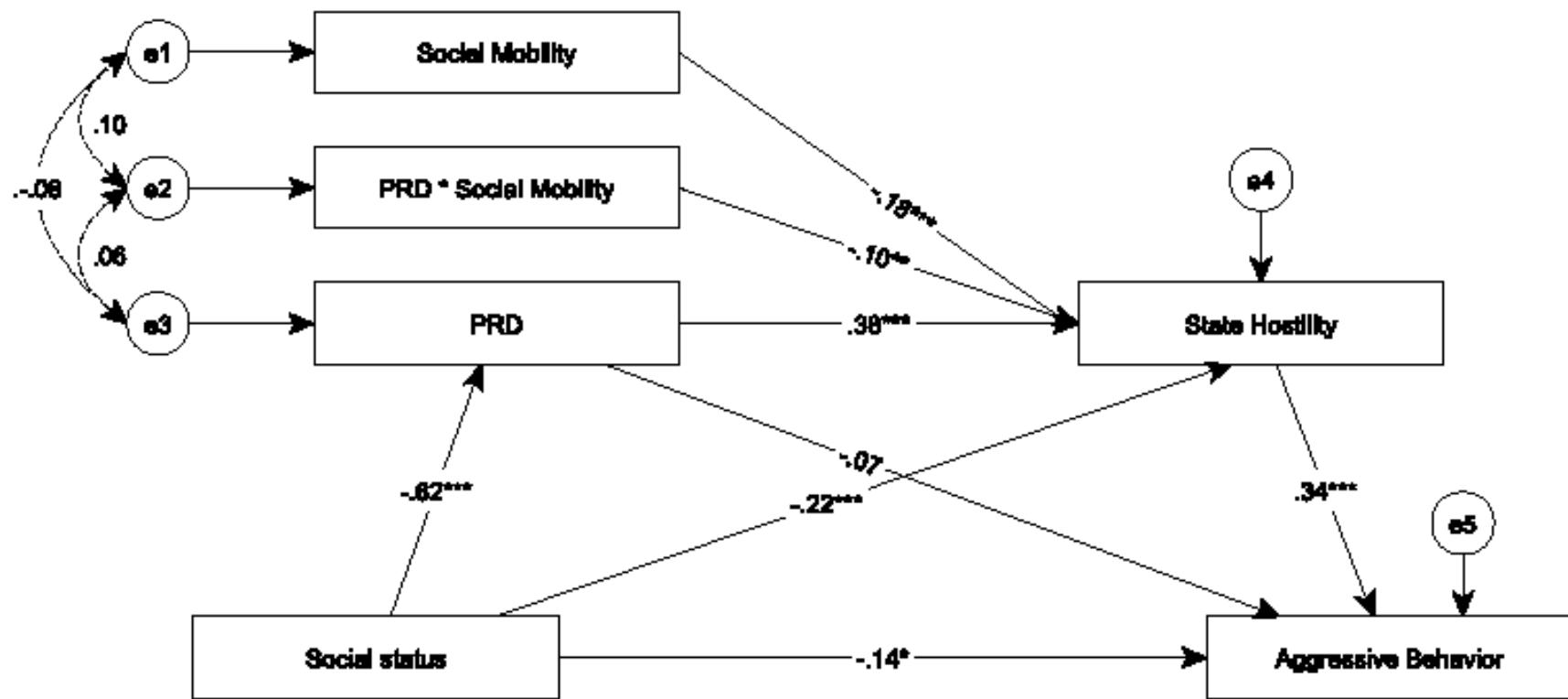
**Table S1.** Descriptive statistics for aggressive behavior by status and mobility conditions (Study 2).

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Social Mobility</b>	<b>Social status</b>	
		<b>Low</b> <b><i>M (SD)</i></b>	<b>High</b> <b><i>M (SD)</i></b>
Aggressive behavior	low	3.12 (1.54)	2.39 (1.12)
	high	3.05 (1.55)	2.59 (1.31)

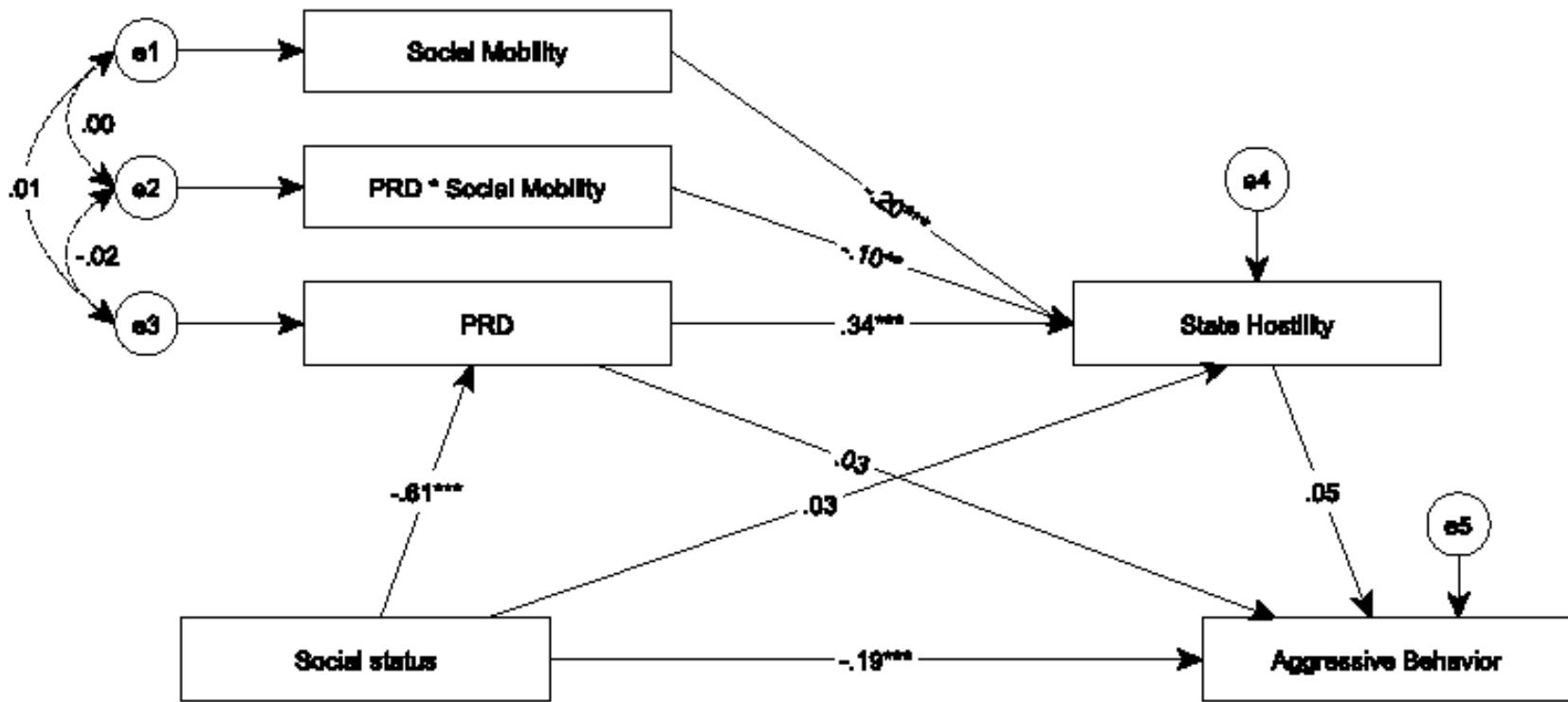
**Results of the moderated serial mediation analysis including our behavioral measure.** We again performed structural equation modeling in R 3.2.3 (R Core Team, 2015). We standardized all variables entered in this model to obtain standardized regression coefficients. We also controlled for OSES in the model by including it as a predictor for all variables. As in Study 1, including it did not affect any of the remaining paths in the model, but it significantly predicted one of our variables. We therefore report the SEM results that included OSES as a control variable. Model fit estimates were obtained through full information maximum likelihood estimations (FIML). The overall model fit turned out to be very good, indicated by comparative fit index (CFI) = 1.000, Tucker-Lewis Index (TLI) = 1.028, and root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA) < 0.001, 90% CI = [0.000, 0.033]. Figure S2 illustrates the results of the SEM with detailed path coefficients.

The data again supported our prediction that social mobility moderates the influence of feelings of relative deprivation on state hostility. Specifically, when participants were induced to believe that social hierarchies in society were flexible, feelings of relative deprivation made them less aggressive than when they were made believe social hierarchies were inflexible. Why especially state hostility and aggressive behavior were unrelated, however, remains unclear. It is unlikely to be solely attributable to the new behavioral DV, as the same and similar job-based

evaluations have been used as measures of aggressive behavior in the model of relative deprivation (Greitemeyer & Sagioglou, 2016, 2017) and in many other contexts in the past (for a review, see Bushman & Anderson, 1998). However, one possibility could be that—in contrast to the relatively abstract measure of hostility used in Study 1—rendering beliefs about social mobility accessible may have interfered with participants' responses to a measure that would have tangible negative consequences for another person's de-facto social status. As hostile affect is related to aggressive behavior, it is likely that attenuating hostile affect also reduces aggressive behavior. Nevertheless, whether the interactive effect of social mobility and PRD influences behavioral outcomes cannot be conclusively determined at this point.



**Figure S1.** Path model illustrating the moderated mediation analysis with the effects of social status on PRD, state hostility, and aggressive behavior and the moderating effects of social mobility beliefs on the link between PRD and state hostility (Study 1). Social status was coded -1 = low status, +1 = high status. All other variables were continuous and z-transformed before being entered in the model. Asterisks indicate significant coefficients as follows: \* $p < .05$ , \*\* $p < .01$ , \*\*\* $p < .001$ .



**Figure S2.** Path model illustrating the moderated mediation analysis with the effects of social status on PRD, state hostility, and aggressive behavior and the moderating effects of social mobility beliefs on the link between PRD and state hostility (Study 2). OSES was included as a control variable, but is not displayed. Social status was coded -1 = low status, +1 = high status. Social mobility was coded -1 = low, +1 = high. All other variables were continuous and z-transformed before entered in the model. Asterisks indicate significant coefficients as follows: \* $p < .05$ , \*\* $p < .01$ , \*\*\* $p < .001$ .

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