Participatory Exploration of Alternative Futures 2
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£5.00 • 30 minutes • £10.00/hr • 11 places remaining

<u>What you will be asked to do</u>
In this study, we will be asking you, and others, to help build multiple storylines about *what might happen* in the USA following the inauguration of Joe Biden on January 20, 2021, as President of the United States. The study will involve eight iterations of storyline development, whose contents will cover eight calendar quarters, from early 2021 to the end of 2022. Each iteration will constitute a separate prolific.co study - the whole set of studies should not extend over more than 17 days.

In this second iteration, you will be taken to a SurveyMonkey survey, via the"Open the Study Link" button below. There you will be asked to view the results of the first iteration. This is a set of 10 young storylines. You will be asked to identify one of these, which you would most like to extend by adding a new contribution, which says what happened next in the April to June 2021 period. You will then write and submit that contribution. These contributions will then become visible to all participants at the beginning of the next iteration (iteration 3) More details will be provided on SurveyMonkey on the nature of the contributions that are needed, and those that are not wanted.

Six more iterations will take place, involving the same sequence of activities: a review of existing storylines then the addition of new content onto the end of selected storylines.

After the eighth iteration, participants will be asked to evaluate the completed storylines, and some of these evaluation judgements will be shared with participants on an aggregated basis

<u>Timing</u>
Following prolific.co advice on Longitudinal/Multi-part studies, nine separate studies will be set up, one per iteration. Plus an additional study for the evaluation stage. It is very important that the same participants take part in each of the eight iterations and in the evaluation stage.

The time between each iteration should not be longer than two days. If this is the case, the whole study should be completed within 17 days.

Participants will be paid after each completed iteration, and then after the evaluation stage. Each iteration is expected to take no more than 30 minutes at the most. The same amount of time has been allocated for the evaluation stage.

<u>The purpose of this study is threefold</u>
1. To identify and understand the many different ways that people think about the future

2. To identify how participants' different choices contribute to the development of different kinds of storylines i.e. alternate futures

3. To identify different ways of managing the ParEvo process, which is intended to facilitate the participatory exploration of alternate futures

There is no deception of purpose involved in this study. Those wanting to know more about the design of the process used in the study can visit
 https://mscinnovations.wordpress.com

<u>What is definitely not wanted</u>
1. Contributions that describe events that are manifestly not possible e.g. fantasy or science fiction.

2. Contributions which are obscene or which appear to be intentionally offensive to any religious, ethnic or other groups.

3. Contributions which encourage or do break the law in the USA or the UK

4. Contributions which are primarily intended to be humorous. This is a serious study, so please resist the temptation to entertain

5. Contributions which are thoughtless, random, casual or frivolous. Avoid humour, sarcasm, irony, rhetoric, exaggeration or fantasy. Focus on what realistically you think might happen

Contributions breaking these requirements will be rejected. Participants will then be given one opportunity to resubmit new content

All communications with the study manager should be through the prolific.co message facility

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS STUDY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF ITS OPENING

if all participants do so quickly then the next study will be able to begin earlier

Open study link in a new window