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SUBJECT: “Yes, of course! I love helping with research projects!”

RA: “Thank you so much for your time; I hope to only take up 5 or 10 minutes.”

The interviewer will then read out descriptions of the six selected bills, noting the bill sponsor and a description of the bill. After reading each bill one at a time, the interviewer will ask, “Do you think you could support this legislation? How much do you think it would cost?”

SUBJECT: (Participant answers each question happily)

RA: At the end of the interview, “Thank you so much for your time!”

SUBJECT: “You’re welcome. Have a great day!”

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SUBJECT: (Participant answers two questions) “I no longer wish to participate in this research project. I am not sure what exactly you are trying to measure and I no longer wish to participate.”

RA: “That’s okay. You do not have to finish the interview. Thank you so much for your time.”

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SUBJECT: “No, sorry. I don’t do interviews for research projects.”

RA: “No worries. Thank you!”

**SCRIPT: BECOMING IRATE WHEN REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE**

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SUBJECT: “No. This project seems stupid and you’re stupid for researching it.”

RA: “I’m sorry you feel that way. Have a nice day.”