

### The control question (in all three experiments)

Every year the Australian government provides aid money to poorer countries. Which of the following options best reflects your opinion about aid spending:

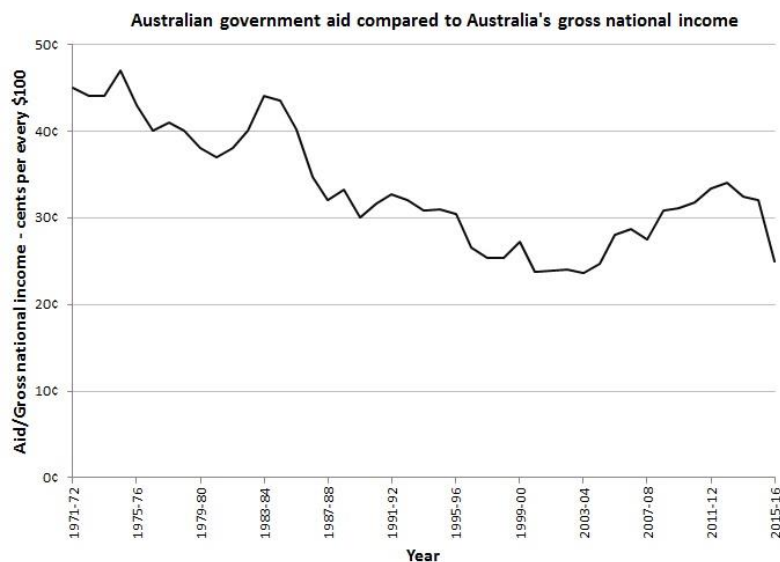
- (a) the Australian government gives too much aid;
- (b) the Australian government gives about the right amount of aid;
- (c) the Australian government does not give enough aid;
- (d) I don't know.

### Treatment Question – Experiment 1

Every year the Australian government provides aid money to poorer countries. Currently just under 1 dollar out of every 100 dollars of federal spending is given as aid. Which of the following options best reflects your opinion about aid spending:

- (a) the Australian government gives too much aid;
- (b) the Australian government gives about the right amount of aid;
- (c) the Australian government does not give enough aid;
- (d) I don't know.

### Treatment Question – Experiment 2



Every year the Australian government provides aid money to poorer countries. Over time, compared to the size of Australia's economy, Australia's aid budget has become smaller.

This chart compares Australian aid to Australia's Gross National Income (a standard measure of the size of an economy). In 1971 Australia gave 45 cents of aid for every 100 dollars of Gross National Income. In 2015 it gave 25 cents. Which of the following options best reflects your opinion about aid spending:

- (a) the Australian government gives too much aid;
- (b) the Australian government gives about the right amount of aid;
- (c) the Australian government does not give enough aid;
- (d) I don't know.

### **Treatment Question – Experiment 3**

Every year the Australian government provides aid money to poorer countries. Since 2013 Australia has reduced the amount of aid it gives. At the same time, some countries, such as the United Kingdom, have increased the aid they give. The United Kingdom now gives about 70 cents out of every \$100 of its Gross National Income as aid (Gross National Income is a standard measure of the size of a country's economy). By comparison Australia gives 25 cents out of every \$100 of its Gross National Income as aid. Considering this, which of the following options best reflects your opinion about aid spending:

- (a) the Australian government gives too much aid;
- (b) the Australian government gives about the right amount of aid;
- (c) the Australian government does not give enough aid;
- (d) I don't know.