Data Appendix

Interpretation of Summaries - These variables are on a scale of -8 to 8. We used the raw numbers that participants entered.

Prior Beliefs: These variables are on a scale of -8 to 8. We used the raw numbers that participants entered.

Demographic Controls:
Female - This question was a free response. We coded the variable as a 1 if participants entered "F", "Female", "Woman" etc. We coded the variable as 0 if the participant entered "Man", "M", "Male" etc.

Missing gender - We coded missing gender as 1 if participants left the answer blank, or entered something that was not decipherable, and 0 otherwise.

Additional Demographic Indicators: For each of the following variable categories, participants were required to select an answer to continue. Each of the variables corresponds to a single answer choice within the category that was offered to participants. We coded these variables as 0 if the participant did not select the corresponding box, and 1 otherwise. In the case of race, participants could select multiple boxes.

Race indicators - Black, Chinese, Indian, Other asian, Hispanic, Native American, White, Other race, Prefer not to answer

Religion indicators-Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Not religious, Prefer not to answer

Education level indicators - We asked what was the highest level of education that the participant achieved. Answer choices and corresponding indicator variables were Some High School, High School Graduate, College with no degree, Bachelor’s Degree, Graduate degrees (Master, PhD, etc.), Other and Prefer not to answer.

College - We coded the variable College as equal to 1 if participants selected Bachelor’s degree or Graduate degrees. We coded the variable as 0 if participants did not select Bachelor’s degree or Graduate degree and did not select Prefer not to answer.

Employment indicators -Employed, A Student, Unemployed and seeking work, Not formally employed amd not seeking formal employment, Retired, Other and Prefer not the answer.

Political affiliation indicators- Democrat, Republican, Independent and Prefer not to answer

Hourly wage category indicators- $0.00-$2.00, $2.01-$4.00, $4.01-$7.00, $7.01-$10.00, $10.01-$15.00, $15.01-$20.00, $20.01-$30.00, $30.01-$50.00, $50.01 or more and Prefer not to answer. For the purposes of calculating the mean in Table 1, we used the midpoint of each category (e.g. $1.00 for the first category, $3.00 for the next category, etc.). We coded the $50.00 or more category as equal to $60.00.

Approximate annual income category indicators- $0.00-$5,000, $5,001-$10,000, $10,001-$20,000, $20,001-$30,000, $30,001-$40,000, $40,001-$60,000, $60,001-$80,000, $80,001 or more and Prefer not to answer. For the purposes of calculating the mean in Table 1, we used the midpoint of each category (e.g. $2,500 for the first category, $7,500 for
the next category etc.). We coded the $80,000 or more category as equal to $100,000.

Location indicators—We first defined the boundaries of the continental United States using the following boundary lines: Western boundary = -124.8 degrees; Eastern boundary = -66.9 degrees; Northern boundary = 49.4 degrees; Southern boundary = 24.4 degrees. Then we split it into quadrants along the East-West line = -95.85 degrees and the North-South line = 36.9 degrees. We used the location coordinates that were recorded based on the participant’s IT address to assign each participant to a quadrant: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest and Southeast.

Location type indicators—Urban, Suburban, Rural and Prefer not to answer