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Statement of Ethical Approval Exemption

I, the undersigned, as a statutory representative of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava, issue this confirmation of exemption from the requirement to assess the ethicality of the research in connection with the research and data collection, which are the basis of the article: "Equality, Reciprocity, or Need? Bolstering Welfare Policy Support for Marginalized Groups with Distributive Fairness" by authors: Andrej Findor, Matej Hruška, Roman Hlatky, Tomáš Hrustič, Zuzana Bošeľová.

At the time of data collection, i.e. in 2019, the requirement of research assessment by the Ethics Committee was not applied in the conditions of the Slovak Republic. The requirement for the creation of ethics' standards of scientific research were formulated in connection with the requirement of Act No. 269/2018 of 11 September 2018 on Quality Assurance of Higher Education, on the basis of which the the internal regulation of Comenius University in Bratislava No. 23/2021 Internal Quality Assurance System of Higher Education of the University of Bratislava (https://uniba.sk/fileadmin/ruk/legislativa/2021/Vp_2021_23.pdf) was adopted. The eighth part of this regulation regulates the standards and the process of granting approval for research according to these standards. The regulation came into force on 8.11.2021.

All previous research has required researchers to secure informed consent from research participants. Therefor all participants signed a consent form that explains how their data will be used including their anonymity and confidentiality, requested by GDPR regulation. Compliance with the obligation to ensure informed consent from research participants was acknowledged by the authors in a declaration at the end of the articles. We are not aware of any foreseeable intended or unintended adverse impact on participants in these studies, especially on members of the vulnerable Roma population.

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