mTurk Questionable Practices - Study 1

Q36 University of ChicagoElizabeth Necka – Student ResearcherJohn Cacioppo – Principal Investigator Consent FormYou are being asked to participate in a short survey regarding your typical behavior when completing studies on mTurk. The purpose of this form is to tell you more about the study and help you decide whether or not to participate in it. Please read this form carefully and think of any questions that you may have, such as what you will be asked to do, what direct risks or benefits are involved, and whether anything you say or do will be accessed by anyone else. Feel free to contact the researcher at CacioppoLabGroup@gmail.com if you have any questions. DescriptionIn this study, you will be asked to report on your typical behavior or others' typical behavior when completing studies on mTurk. During the study, you will fill out questionnaires. Your responses may be associated with prior work you may have completed with this research group (Cacioppo Lab), but this association will in no way affect your payment. This study should take 10-15 minutes to complete. If you complete this study, you will receive $0.75 compensation. As long as you complete the study and enter the proper completion code, you will be compensated for your time. Risks and Benefits-There is no expense to you associated with participating in this study. -The study poses minimal risks for you. However, at any time, if you feel that the study is too difficult or makes you feel uncomfortable, you may end your participation.-We expect that the information that we gather from you and other participants by doing this study will help us better understand how people use mTurk and what types of experiments are feasible to run on mTurk. -By agreeing to participate in this study, you will receive payment, as listed above. Your Rights -You have the right to choose not to be in the study without any harm or penalty to yourself or others.-You have the right to stop participating in the study at any time without any harm or penalty to yourself or others.-You have the right to choose not to answer certain questions at any time.-You have the right to email the experimenter or Principal Investigator at any time during the session if you have any questions or concerns.-You have the right to contact us at the phone number below if you have any questions or concerns after you have completed the study. ConfidentialityIf you agree to be in this study, we will keep all of your information private.1. Your name will not appear on the survey responses you provide.2. This consent form will be kept separate from your other information.4. All information about you will be kept in a locked drawer or in a secure password protected computer.5. The data collected as a result of your participation will be available, on request, to other researchers. However, the data will not contain your name or any other identifying information.6. Your name or any other identifying information will not be used in our reports or published papers.7. Your contact information will be destroyed after 3 years. MTurk worker IDs will only be collected for the purposes of distributing compensation and linking responses to any prior work you potentially completed with us and will not be stored with your survey responses. Please be aware that any work performed on Amazon MTurk can potentially be linked to information about you on your Amazon public profile page, depending on the settings you have for your Amazon profile. However, we will not be accessing any personally identifying information about you that you may have put on your Amazon public profile page. We will use the information gathered from your participation in reports and published papers. This information may also be presented at conferences. For answers to any questions you may have about this study, you may contact: Social

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Q37 If you agree with the above conditions, are at least 18 years of age, and are ready to proceed, please click “I agree” and write and sign your mTurk worker ID below.

- ❍ I agree (1)
- ❍ I do not agree (2)

Q38 mTurk worker ID (all capital letters, no spaces)

Q1 In the following pages, you will be presented with descriptions of different mTurk reporting practices. For each practice, we will ask you to assess the prevalence of the practice by estimating the percentage of mTurk workers that have engaged in the practice on at least one occasion.

Q15 In the following pages, you will be presented with descriptions of different mTurk reporting practices. For each practice, we will ask you how frequently you have engaged in this practice.

Q16 In the following pages, you will be presented with descriptions of different mTurk reporting practices. For each practice, we will ask you to estimate how frequently the average mTurk worker engages in this practice.

Q2 When completing behavioral sciences (e.g. psychology, economics, etc.) studies on mTurk, what percentage of mTurk workers have engaged in the following practices on at least one occasion?

	0-10% (1)	11-20% (2)	21-30% (3)	31-40% (4)	41-50% (5)	51-60% (6)	61-70% (7)	71-80% (8)	81-90% (9)	91-100% (10)
Began studies without paying full attention to the instructions? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies while multitasking (e.g. watching TV, listening to music, etc.)? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded to questions in ways that are not entirely truthful? (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded in ways that they deem to be socially acceptable? (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded without really thinking about a question? (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded in a way that helps the researcher find support for his or her hypotheses? (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies while	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

completely alone? (7)										
Completed studies while in the presence of others? (8)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Left the page of a study and returned at a later point in time? (9)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies in a sleepy state? (10)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reported one's age? (11)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reported one's ethnicity? (12)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used a VPN to appear to have a US IPaddress? (13)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reported one's gender? (14)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reported the frequency with which they engage in certain behaviors? (15)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used TurkOpticon, TurkerNation, or another forum to find answers to a	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

survey or how to complete a task? (16)										
Provided privileged information (e.g. answers or instructions on how to complete a certain task) on forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation? (17)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used more than one mTurk worker ID account? (18)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Intentionally participated in the same study more than once? (19)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used a search engine (excluding online forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation) to find the answer to a survey or the key to an experimental task? (20)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies under the influence of alcohol or other drugs? (21)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Contacted a researcher if there was a glitch with their survey? (23)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Looked for studies by a requester that they already know? (24)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Thoughtfully read each question in a survey? (25)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Participated in a survey because the topic was interesting? (26)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Please select 61-70%. (27)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q17 If you flip a standard American quarter, what percentage of the time will it come up heads?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q18 What percentage of mTurk workers believe that survey measures on mTurk represent meaningful psychological phenomena?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q19 What percentage of mTurk workers rely on mTurk as their primary form of income?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q4 How many hours a week do you think the average mTurk worker spends completing HITs on mTurk? (Please enter your response as a number (e.g. 2 not "two"; 2.5 not "two and a half").

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Q25 When completing behavioral sciences (e.g. psychology, economics, etc.) studies on mTurk, what percentage of the time that you have spent on mTurk have you engaged in each of the following practices?

	0-10% (1)	11-20% (2)	21-30% (3)	31-40% (4)	41-50% (5)	51-60% (6)	61-70% (7)	71-80% (8)	81-90% (9)	91-100% (10)
Began studies without paying full attention to the instructions? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies while multitasking (e.g. watching TV, listening to music, etc.)? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded to questions in ways that are not entirely truthful? (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded in ways that you deem to be socially acceptable? (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded without really thinking about a question? (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responded in a way that helps the researcher find support for his or her hypotheses? (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies while	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

completely alone? (7)										
Completed studies while in the presence of others? (8)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Left the page of a study and returned at a later point in time? (9)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies in a sleepy state? (10)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports your age? (11)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports your ethnicity? (12)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used a VPN to appear to have a US IPaddress? (13)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports your gender? (14)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports the frequency with which you engage in certain behaviors? (15)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used TurkOpticon, TurkerNation, or another forum to find answers to a survey or how to complete a task? (16)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Provided privileged information (e.g. answers or instructions on how to complete a certain task) on forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation? (17)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used more than one mTurk worker ID account? (18)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Intentionally participated in the same study more than once? (19)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Used a search engine (excluding online forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation) to find the answer to a survey or the key to an experimental task? (20)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completed studies under the influence of alcohol or other drugs? (21)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Contacted a researcher if there was a glitch with	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

their survey? (22)										
Looked for studies by a requester that you already know? (23)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Thoughtfully read each question in a survey? (24)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Participated in a survey because the topic was interesting? (25)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Please select 61-70%. (26)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q26 If you flip a standard American quarter, what percentage of the time will it come up heads?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q27 What percentage of the time do you believe that survey measures on mTurk represent meaningful psychological phenomena?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q13 Do you rely on mTurk as your primary form of income?

- ❍ Yes (1)
- ❍ No (2)

Q12 How many hours a week do you spend completing HITs on mTurk? (Please enter your response as a number (e.g. 2 not "two"; 2.5 not "two and a half").

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Q20 When completing behavioral sciences (e.g. psychology, economics, etc.) studies on mTurk, what percentage of time spent on mTurk does the average mTurk worker engage in each of the following practices?

	0-10% (1)	11-20% (2)	21-30% (3)	31-40% (4)	41-50% (5)	51-60% (6)	61-70% (7)	71-80% (8)	81-90% (9)	91-100% (10)
Begins studies without paying full attention to the instructions? (1)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completes studies while multitasking (e.g. watching TV, listening to music, etc.)? (2)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responds to questions in ways that are not entirely truthful? (3)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responds in ways that they deem to be socially acceptable? (4)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responds without really thinking about a question? (5)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Responds in a way that helps the researcher find support for his or her hypotheses? (6)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completes studies while	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

completely alone? (7)										
Completes studies while in the presence of others? (8)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Leaves the page of a study and returns at a later point in time? (9)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completes studies in a sleepy state? (10)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports one's age? (11)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports one's ethnicity? (12)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Uses a VPN to appear to have a US IPaddress? (13)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports one's gender? (14)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reports the frequency with which they engage in certain behaviors? (15)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Uses TurkOpticon, TurkerNation, or another forum to find answers to a survey or how to complete a	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

task? (16)										
Provides privileged information (e.g. answers or instructions on how to complete a certain task) on forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation? (17)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Uses more than one mTurk worker ID account? (18)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Intentionally participates in the same study more than once? (19)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Uses a search engine (excluding online forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation) to find the answer to a survey or the key to an experimental task? (20)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Completes studies under the influence of alcohol or other drugs? (21)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Contacts a researcher if	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

there was a glitch with their survey? (22)										
Looks for studies by a requester that they already know? (23)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Thoughtfully reads each question in a survey? (24)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Participates in a survey because the topic is interesting? (25)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍
Please select 61-70%. (26)	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍	❍

Q21 If you flip a standard American quarter, what percentage of the time will it come up heads?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q22 What percentage of the time does the average mTurk worker believe that survey measures on mTurk represent meaningful psychological phenomena?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q23 What percentage of mTurk workers rely on mTurk as their primary form of income?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q24 How many hours a week do you think the average mTurk worker spends completing HITs on mTurk? (Please enter your response as a number (e.g. 2 not "two"; 2.5 not "two and a half").

Q14 Are the following behaviors defensible as typical practices among mTurk workers? Feel free to explain your thought process if you would like by typing in the box beneath each action.

	No (1)	Possibly (2)	Yes (3)
Beginning studies without paying full attention to the instructions? (1)	❍	❍	❍
Completing studies while multitasking (e.g. watching TV, listening to music, etc.)? (2)	❍	❍	❍
Responding to questions in ways that are not entirely truthful? (3)	❍	❍	❍
Responding in ways that one deems to be socially acceptable? (4)	❍	❍	❍
Responding without really thinking about a question? (5)	❍	❍	❍
Responding in a way that helps the researcher find support for his or her hypotheses? (6)	❍	❍	❍
Completing studies while completely alone? (7)	❍	❍	❍
Completing studies while in the presence of others? (8)	❍	❍	❍
Leaving the page of a study and returned at a later point in time? (9)	❍	❍	❍
Completing studies in a sleepy state? (10)	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reporting one's age? (11)	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reporting one's ethnicity? (12)	❍	❍	❍
Using a VPN to appear to have a US	❍	❍	❍

IPaddress? (13)			
Falsely reporting one's gender? (14)	❍	❍	❍
Falsely reporting the frequency with which one engages in certain behaviors? (15)	❍	❍	❍
Using TurkOpticon, TurkerNation, or another forum to find answers to a survey or how to complete a task? (16)	❍	❍	❍
Providing privileged information (e.g. answers or instructions on how to complete a certain task) on forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation? (17)	❍	❍	❍
Creating more than one mTurk worker ID account? (18)	❍	❍	❍
Participating intentionally in the same study more than once? (19)	❍	❍	❍
Using a search engine (excluding online forums such as TurkOpticon or TurkerNation) to find the answer to a survey or the key to an experimental task? (20)	❍	❍	❍
Completing a study under the influence of alcohol or other drugs? (21)	❍	❍	❍
Contacting a researcher if there was a glitch with their survey? (22)	❍	❍	❍
Looking for studies by	❍	❍	❍

a requester that one already knows? (23)			
Thoughtfully reading each question in a survey? (24)	❍	❍	❍
Participating in a survey because the topic is interesting? (25)	❍	❍	❍

Q30 What percent of 100 is 32?

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q40 If you are paying attention to this survey, please select 0-10%.

- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

Q35 On what percentage of questions in this survey have you been completely honest?
- ❍ 0-10% (1)
- ❍ 11-20% (2)
- ❍ 21-30% (3)
- ❍ 31-40% (4)
- ❍ 41-50% (5)
- ❍ 51-60% (6)
- ❍ 61-70% (7)
- ❍ 71-80% (8)
- ❍ 81-90% (9)
- ❍ 91-100% (10)

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Q44 What is your gender?
- ❍ Male (1)
- ❍ Female (2)

Q46 What is your birthdate? (Please enter in MM/DD/YYYY format)

Q48 What is your ethnicity?
- ❍ American Indian/Alaskan Native (1)
- ❍ Asian (2)
- ❍ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (3)
- ❍ African American (4)
- ❍ Caucasian (5)
- ❍ Hispanic (6)
- ❍ More than One Race (7)
- ❍ Other (8)

Q50 How many years of education have you completed? (12=high school graduate; add one year for each additional year of education)

_____ (1)

Q52 What is your marital status?
- ❍ Married (1)
- ❍ Cohabitating (2)
- ❍ Separated (3)
- ❍ Divorced (4)
- ❍ Widowed (5)
- ❍ Never Married (6)

Q53 Page 3/3 Please click the ">>>" to receive your code to enter into mTurk.