

Supplemental Online Materials: Table S1a and S1b

Measure 1a: Psychological distance – General

Item	Response options					
To what extent do you think climate change will harm the area where you live in the next five years?	Not at all	A little bit	A moderate amount	Quite a bit	A great deal	
How many people that you consider to be close friends and/or family have been directly affected by climate change?	0	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25
When do you think global warming will start to harm people in the United States?	Never	In 100 years or more	In 50 years or so	In 25 years or so	In 10 years or so	They are being harmed right now
How much have you been affected by climate change where you live?	Not at all	A little bit	A moderate amount	Quite a bit	A great deal	
How likely do you think it is that you will directly experience a major climate-related problem in the next year?	Not at all likely	Slightly likely	Somewhat likely	Quite likely	Extremely likely	

Measure 1b: Psychological distance – Biodiversity

Item	Response options					
About how many plant and animal species can you list that are endangered/threatened?	0	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25
How long do you think it will be before people in the United States will feel the effects of the shrinking number of species on our planet?	Never	In 100 years or more	In 50 years or so	In 25 years or so	In 10 years or so	They are being harmed right now
How much have you been affected by loss of species where you live?	Not at all	A little bit	A moderate amount	Quite a bit	A great deal	
How likely do you think it is that you will directly experience the loss of a plant or animal species that is important to you?	Not at all likely	Slightly likely	Somewhat likely	Quite likely	Extremely likely	
How much do you think global warming will harm plant and animal species?	Not at all	Only a little	A moderate amount	A great deal		