

APPENDIX C

“STANDARD” VIGNETTES USED IN STUDY

The two vignettes shown below were presented to the respondent before the respondent was handed the vignette booklet. The interviewer observed the respondent as he or she marked answers to these vignettes to make sure that the respondent understood the task and had sufficient reading comprehension skills to fill out the vignette booklet.

A man has been convicted of possessing a small amount of marijuana for personal use.

The defendant is unmarried. The defendant is currently unemployed and has never been imprisoned before.

What sentence should be given in a case like this? **CIRCLE EITHER 1, 2, 3 OR 4:**

1 PROBATION No time in prison	2 PRISON Less than 1 year # Months ____	3 PRISON 1 Year or more # Years ____	4 DEATH Penalty
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A man has been convicted of robbing a bank. The robber pointed a handgun at a teller and demanded money. The robber fired the gun at the ceiling, but no one was hurt. \$19,000 was taken.

The defendant is married and has a spouse and two children. The defendant is currently unemployed and has served 2 previous sentences, each more than a year.

What sentence should be given in a case like this? **CIRCLE EITHER 1, 2, 3 OR 4:**

1 PROBATION No time in prison	2 PRISON Less than 1 year # Months ____	3 PRISON 1 Year or more # Years ____	4 DEATH Penalty
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