Are Men Less Generous to a Smarter Woman? Evidence from a Dictator Game Experiment

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Abstract

Experimental economists have investigated the role of gender in dictator game allocation and found that men (and women) allocate more to women than to men. This paper introduces IQ as an additional dimension to gender and examines whether the allocation pattern of male dictators is reversed; that is, whether male dictators allocate less to female receivers than to male receivers when these receivers have higher IQs than dictators. By exogenously varying the IQ of receivers relative to that of dictators, I do not find evidence consistent with this conjecture; if anything, male dictators allocate slightly more to female receivers with higher IQs than to male receivers with higher IQs. The results hold both in mean and distribution. I argue that these findings have implications on whether smart women are penalized in the labor market.

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1 Introduction

Experimental economists have found the following about the role of gender in dictator game allocation:

- *The role of the dictators' gender*: Female dictators allocate more than male dictators, but the difference is quantitatively modest at best (Bilén, Dreber, and Johannesson 2021). The difference is also context-dependent (Croson and Gneezy 2009; Doñate-Buendía, García-Gallego, and Petrović 2022) and possibly driven by non-monetary motives (Klinowski 2018).
- *The role of the receivers' gender*: Dictators allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers (Engel 2011), and male dictators may do so more (Dufwenberg and Muren 2006; List 2004).

I add to the latter evidence by introducing IQ as another dimension, in addition to gender, in order to study whether the allocation pattern of male dictators between female receivers and male receivers is reversed when the receivers have higher IQs than the dictators. Anecdotes (e.g., Sandberg 2013) and sociology literature (e.g., Quadlin 2018) seem to support this conjecture.[1] By exogenously varying the receivers' IQ relative to the dictators' IQ, and using the novel design of Eil and Rao (2011) and Zimmermann (2020), I do not find evidence consistent with the conjecture. Looking at the sign of the coefficient estimate, male dictators allocate slightly more to female receivers than to male receivers, who both have higher IQs than the dictators, although the estimate is statistically insignificant. These empirical patterns hold both in mean and distribution and survive several robustness checks. However, the size of the standard error is not very small; thus, the results should be interpreted with caution. As dictator allocation is often used as a measure of a dictator's generosity towards receivers (see, for example, Aksoy, Chadd, and Koh 2023; List 2004; Rosenblat 2008, among others) and is correlated with behaviors outside the laboratory (Franzen and Pointner 2013), the results have implications about whether smart women are penalized in the labor market.

The remainder of the paper proceeds as follows. Section 2 describes the experimental design, procedure, implementation, and data. Section 3 discusses the empirical strategy. Section 4 presents the results. I provide concluding remarks in Section 5.

2 Experiment

I conduct the main and the follow-up experiments. The main experiment collects data on dictator game allocation, and the follow-up experiment collects data on the receivers' attractiveness and other facial characteristics. I describe each of them in detail below.

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1. Sandberg (2013) writes: "I instinctively knew that letting my academic performance become known was a bad idea.... Being at the top of the class may have made life easier for my male peers, but it would have made my life harder. I did not reach this conclusion in a vacuum. All through my life, culturally reinforced signals cautioned me against being branded as too smart or too successful" (chapter 3). Quadlin (2018) shows that female college students with high GPAs (grade-point averages) are less likely to receive callbacks from employers than male college students with high GPAs, and that employers question the personality of high-GPA female students, but not that of high-GPA male students.

2.1 Main Experiment

The main experiment consists of two parts, and participants receive instructions at the beginning of each part. They earn 2.5€ for their participation.

Pre-Experiment: Random Desk Assignment & Photo-Taking

Participants are randomly assigned to a partitioned computer desk. Afterwards, participants have their facial photos taken at a photo booth and enter their first name on their computer. The experimenters then go to each participant's desk to check that their photo and first name are correct, to assure other participants that the checked participant's photos and first names are real, following Isaksson (2018).

Part 1: IQ Test

In Part 1, participants work on an nine incentivized IQ questions for nine minutes to measure participants' IQ. I use Bilker et al. (2012)'s "form A 9-item Raven test," which measures one's IQ 90% as accurate as the full-length Raven test. Participants receive 0.5€ for each correctly solved IQ questions, but they do not receive information about how many IQ questions they have solved correctly until the end of the experiment.

After the IQ test, participants make an incentivized guess on the number of IQ questions they have solved correctly, which I use as a measure of their over-confidence level. They receive 0.5€ for a correct guess. They do not receive feedback on their guess accuracy until the end of the experiment.

Following Eil and Rao (2011), six participants are randomly grouped and privately informed about their IQ rank relative to the other five participants in the group. Ties are broken randomly. They then answer a set of comprehension questions about their IQ rank. They cannot proceed to the next part until they answer the comprehension questions correctly.

Part 2a: Dictator Game (Dictators Only)

In Part 2, three participants in each group are randomly assigned the role of dictators (which I call "active participant"), and the other three participants are randomly assigned the role of receivers (which I call "passive participant"). Dictators then play dictator games with windfall money three times, each time with a different receiver from their group, one by one, using a perfect stranger matching protocol. During the dictator game, dictators observe the receivers' facial photos, first names, and IQ ranks; see Figure 1 for an example of a dictator's decision screen. The use of photos follows gender economics literature (Babcock et al. 2017; Coffman 2014; Isaksson 2018) to minimize the experimenter demand effects.

Dictators are told that their decisions are anonymous to the receivers and that their allocation will be paid as a "top-up" to the receivers' earnings. Dictators decide allocations by moving a cursor on a slider where the cursor is initially hidden to prevent anchoring. I vary the endowment across rounds to make each dictator game less repetitive: 7€ for the 1st and the 3rd rounds, and 5€ for the

Figure 1: Dictator's allocation screen

Round 1 of 3

Giovanna

Rank 5

You have received **7€** for this round.

You have been paired with **Giovanna**.

Please allocate the endowment between yourself and Giovanna. When you click the line below, a cursor appears. You can move the cursor by dragging it. Please move the cursor to your preferred position to determine the allocation.

You ⸺⸺⸺⸺⸺⸺⸺⸺ **Giovanna**

Next

Notes: This figure shows an example of a dictator's allocation screen. In this example, the dictator is playing the first round and paired with a receiver whose first name is Giovanna (a female name) with an IQ rank of 5. In the actual experiment, dictators see Giovanna's facial photo in place of the silhouette.

2nd round. At the end of the experiment, one of the three allocations is randomly chosen for each participant as earnings for Part 2.[2,3]

Part 2b: Belief Elicitation (Receivers Only)

I also collect a proxy of dictators' beliefs on how many IQ questions the matched receivers have solved correctly. To prevent the belief elicitation from affecting/being affected by the dictator game, I exploit the random role assignment, and use the receivers' beliefs. This is a valid proxy because both dictators and receivers are exactly in the same experimental environment up to the role assignment and the role assignment is random. Specifically, while dictators are playing the dictator game, receivers are

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2. For each dictator and in each round, one of the three receivers in the same group is randomly chosen *without replacement* and the dictator allocates the endowment between themselves and the receiver. Thus, it is possible for two dictators to play the dictator game with the same receiver in the same round. At the end of the dictator games, each participant has three allocations, one of which is randomly chosen for payment.

3. Note that, as with other information provision experiments, the results I show later are intention-to-treat effects because some dictators may not have taken into account the receivers' IQ rank when deciding the allocation. Yet, dictators solved the comprehension questions about their IQ rank relative to other group members, as in Appendix Figure D1.

matched with the other two receivers in the same group one by one with a perfect stranger matching, and they make incentivized guesses on how many IQ questions they have solved correctly, observing the receivers' facial photo, first name, and IQ rank, just as dictators do. They receive 0.5€ for each correct guess.

To address the non-anonymity of showing facial photos and first names, I ask both dictators and receivers how well they know the paired participants on a scale of 4, from "Did not know at all" to "Knew very well."[4] I ask this question twice to make sure they do not answer randomly: right after the three dictator games (for dictators) or two guesses (for receivers) and in the post-experimental questionnaire.

Post-Experiment: Questionnaire

After the dictator game and the belief elicitation, participants are told, in private, their earnings from the IQ test, the dictator game, and the belief elicitation. Before receiving their earnings, participants answer a short questionnaire about their demographics. In addition, receivers are asked whether I could use their photos in another experiment with a gratuity of 1.5€(only for receivers who agreed; 162 receivers out of 193, or 84% of receivers, agreed).

Implementation

The main experiment was programmed with oTree (Chen, Schonger, and Wickens 2016) and conducted in English in November-December 2019 at the Bologna Laboratory for Experiments in Social Science (BLESS). I recruited 390 students (195 female and 195 male) of the University of Bologna via ORSEE (Greiner 2015) who (i) were born in Italy, (ii) had not participated in gender-related experiments in the past (as far as I could trace), and (iii) were available to participate in experiments in English. The first condition was to reduce the chance that receivers' photos and first names would signal ethnicity, race, or cultural background. The second condition was to minimize the experimenter demand effects. The third condition was to run the experiment in English. As a further attempt to make the data cleaner, I excluded receivers with non-Italian-sounding names and allocations in which the dictators answered at least once that they knew the paired receivers "very well."[5] These data screenings leave me with 388 participants, 195 dictators, and 558 dictator allocations.

The number of participants is based on the power simulation in the pre-analysis plan to achieve 80% power.[6] The experiment is pre-registered with the OSF.[7] Appendix A explains deviations from the pre-analysis plan.

I ran 24 sessions in total, and the number of participants in each session was a multiple of 6 (12 to 30). The average session length was 70 minutes, including registration and payment. The average

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4. See the experimental instructions in Appendix E for the exact wording.
5. Although it is easy to distinguish Italian and non-Italian-sounding names, to make sure not to misclassify I asked the laboratory manager, who was a native Italian, to check the participants' first names after each session.
6. I exclude the first-session data because of the problem discussed in Appendix A.
7. The pre-analysis plan and the R code for power calculation are available at the OSF registry: https://osf.io/r6d8f/files.

payment per participant was about 10€ including the participation fee and 1.5€ of gratuity for photo use in another experiment (only for receivers who agreed).

2.2 Follow-Up Experiment

I conduct a follow-up experiment to collect a measure of the attractiveness and other facial characteristics of the receivers in the main experiment. It consists of one part, and participants earn a flat fee of 10€.

Participants are randomly assigned to a partitioned computer desk. Afterward, participants see photos of 100 receivers in the main experiment and rate the attractiveness of each of the photos on a 5-point Likert scale. I also ask them to rate the photos in terms of how kind they look (on a 5-point Likert scale), to which extent they look Italian (on a 3-point Likert scale), and whether they know the person (yes or no) – all in one screen for each photo. The photos are randomly drawn from the pool of all receivers who agreed to show their photos in another experiment, and the order of the photos is randomized. After rating all the 100 photos, participants provide their gender and age.

The follow-up experiment was programmed with oTree and conducted in Italian in October 2023 at the Bologna Laboratory for Experiments in Social Science (BLESS). I recruited 28 students (14 female and 14 male) who (i) were born in Italy and (ii) were available to participate in experiments in English to make the subject pool as close as possible to that of the main experiment. I also restricted participants to those who had not participated in the main experiment.[8,9][10]

2.3 Data

Appendix B describes the data in detail; I briefly summarize its key aspects here. First, most male dictators (95%) do not know the receiver at all, so it is unlikely that the relationship outside the laboratory affects dictator allocation. Second, consistent with the literature, male dictators allocate less (6.3 percentage points less, the p-value < 0.05 with two-sided t-test) to receivers than female dictators do. Third, again somewhat consistent with the literature, dictators, especially male dictators, allocate slightly more (2.4 percentage points more; male dictators allocate 3.1 percentage points more) to female receivers than to male receivers, although the difference is statistically insignificant. Fourth, both men and women consider women to look more attractive than men, regardless of their IQ level.

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8. Participants know the people in the photos in 10 out of 2800, or 0.4% of total ratings.

9. Although I recruited participants born in Italy, 5 people in the photos were considered completely non-Italian (4 by male raters and 4 by female raters with overlaps of 3 receivers).

10. I use ratings by male raters for male dictators and by female raters for female dictators. For female and male raters, the median ratings per receiver is 9, the mean is 8.81, the minimum is 4, the maximum is 14, and the standard deviation is 1.77.

3 Empirical Strategy

I estimate the following equation via OLS using allocation data of male dictators:

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\begin{aligned}
Allocate_{ij} =& \beta_1 HigherIQReceiver_{ij} \times FemaleReceiver_j \\
&+ \beta_2 HigherIQReceiver_{ij} + \beta_3 FemaleReceiver_j + X_{ij}'\gamma + \mu_i^{IQ} + \epsilon_{ij}
\end{aligned}
\tag{1}
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where each variable is defined as follows:

- $Allocate_{ij} \in [0,1]$: dictator i's allocation to receiver j as a fraction of endowment.
- $HigherIQReceiver_{ij} \in \{0,1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if receiver j's IQ is higher than that of dictator i.
- $FemaleReceiver_j \in \{0,1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if receiver j is female.
- X_{ij}: a set of additional covariates to increase statistical power. Appendix C provides a full description of the covariates.
- ϵ_{ij}: the error term.

and $\mu_i^{IQ} \equiv \sum_{k=1}^{9} \theta_k^{IQ} \mathbb{1}[\text{i's IQ} = k]$ is fixed effects for the dictators' IQ levels (the number of IQ questions they have solved correctly), where $\mathbb{1}$ is the indicator function. Standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment. The IQ fixed effects are included following Zimmermann (2020), so that the coefficients in equation 1 capture allocation differences due to the receivers' IQ, not that of the dictators.

The coefficient of interest is β_1, which captures the difference between the dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers and higher-IQ male receivers relative to the difference between the dictator allocations to lower-IQ female receivers and lower-IQ male receivers. I use the latter difference as a comparison group because men rate women more highly than men on attractiveness (see the discussion in Section 2.3), and, thus, male dictators may allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers (Rosenblat 2008). Although the higher-IQ receivers earned more than the lower-IQ receivers in the IQ test in Part 1, which can induce inequality aversion on the part of the dictators (Fehr and Schmidt 1999), it is not a problem in my specification because I am comparing allocation to higher-IQ female receivers and higher-IQ male receivers.

The key identification assumption is that, conditional on dictator-IQ fixed effects, the receiver's gender, the receiver's gender IQ rank relative to that of the dictator, and their interaction are uncorrelated with factors that affect dictator game allocation. This assumption is satisfied by design: (i) the receiver's gender is exogenous to dictator game allocation by random desk assignment, and (ii) the receiver's IQ rank is also exogenous to the dictator's allocation, conditional on dictator-IQ fixed effects by random desk assignment and random matching of dictators and receivers.

Table 1: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – OLS, male dictators

Outcome:	Dictator's allocation (fraction of endowment)			
Sample:	Male dictators			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.017	0.031	0.047	0.018
	(0.060)	(0.061)	(0.075)	(0.060)
	[-0.101, 0.134]	[-0.089, 0.151]	[-0.101, 0.195]	[-0.101, 0.136]
Higher IQ receiver	0.054	0.048	0.007	0.093*
	(0.053)	(0.055)	(0.059)	(0.048)
	[-0.050, 0.159]	[-0.060, 0.156]	[-0.109, 0.124]	[-0.001, 0.188]
Female receiver	0.031	0.014	-0.021	0.038
	(0.035)	(0.034)	(0.044)	(0.035)
	[-0.038, 0.100]	[-0.053, 0.081]	[-0.108, 0.066]	[-0.031, 0.107]
Dictator IQ FE	✓	✓	✓	-
Round FE	-	✓	✓	-
Social distance FE	-	✓	✓	-
Dictator demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver attractiveness FE	-	-	✓	-
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.102*	0.093*	0.033	0.149**
+Higher IQ receiver	(0.055)	(0.055)	(0.074)	(0.059)
+Female receiver	[-0.005, 0.210]	[-0.015, 0.201]	[-0.113, 0.179]	[0.033, 0.266]
Baseline Mean	0.305	0.305	0.327	0.305
Baseline SD	0.269	0.269	0.270	0.269
Adj. R-squared	0.052	0.080	0.088	0.032
Observations	260	260	211	260
Clusters	91	91	91	91

Notes: This table presents the regression results of equation 1. The standard error (in parenthesis) and the 95% confidence interval (in bracket) are reported below each coefficient estimate. The standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment. Baseline mean and standard deviation are that of lower-IQ male receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%.

4 Results

4.1 Regression Results

Columns 1-2 of Table 1 present the regression results of equation 1 with data for male dictators. Column 1 has dictator-IQ fixed effects only, which is necessary for the coefficient estimates to have a causal interpretation. Column 2 additionally controls for dictator and receiver demographics, as well as for round and dictator-receiver social distance to increase statistical power.

Column 1 shows that the coefficient estimate on female receivers is 0.031, but statistically insignificant, suggesting that male-dictator allocations to lower-IQ female receivers and to lower-IQ male receivers are statistically indistinguishable. Also, the coefficient estimate on higher-IQ receivers is 0.054, but again statistically insignificant, suggesting that male-dictator allocations to higher-IQ male receivers and to lower-IQ male receivers are statistically indistinguishable. The sum of the coefficient estimates on the interaction term between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers, higher-IQ receivers, and female receivers is 0.102 and statistically significant at 10%, suggesting that male dictators allocate 10.2 percentage points more to higher-IQ female receivers than to lower-IQ male receivers. However, as discussed in the empirical strategy (Section 3), the comparison between allocations to higher-IQ female receivers and allocations to lower-IQ male receivers is confounded for two reasons. First, men consider women to be more attractive than men and thus may allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers. Second, higher-IQ receivers earn more in the IQ test than lower-IQ receivers, which may induce dictators' inequality aversion.

To address these concerns, we turn to our coefficient of interest: The coefficient estimate on the interaction between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers, which is 0.017 and statistically insignificant, suggesting that male-dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers and higher-IQ male receivers are statistically indistinguishable. Column 2 presents quantitatively similar empirical patterns to Column 1.[11,12,13]

A caveat is that the confidence interval is not very tight. Looking at the 95% confidence intervals of the interaction between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers, our coefficient of interest, we can reject at the 5% significance level that the effect size is no smaller than -8.9 to -10.1 percentage points and no larger than 13.4 to 15.1 percentage points. As references, Engel (2011) finds via meta-analysis that male dictators allocate 14.3 percentage points more to female receivers than to male receivers, and Dufwenberg and Muren (2006) find using a university-student sample that male dictators allocate 7.6 to 8.9 percentage points more to female receivers than to male receivers. To halve the confidence intervals, we need approximately 1560 participants (=390*4).[14]

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11. Appendix Table D1 presents results where I gradually add controls and show that the main results are not driven by specific controls. Column 1 presents biases from not controlling for dictator-IQ fixed effects.

12. Appendix Table D2 presents results where the standard errors are neither cluster-robust nor heteroskedasticity-robust to see how the standard errors change by clustering and making it robust to heteroskedasticity.

13. Appendix Table D3 presents the same results as Table 1 but with female dictators. While the coefficient estimates on higher-IQ receivers and on female receivers are slightly negative albeit statistically insignificant, the the coefficient estimate of the interaction between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers remains positive, albeit statistically insignificant.

14. The number is based on the OLS standard error formula.

4.2 Distribution Results

Figure 2: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – Distribution, male dictators
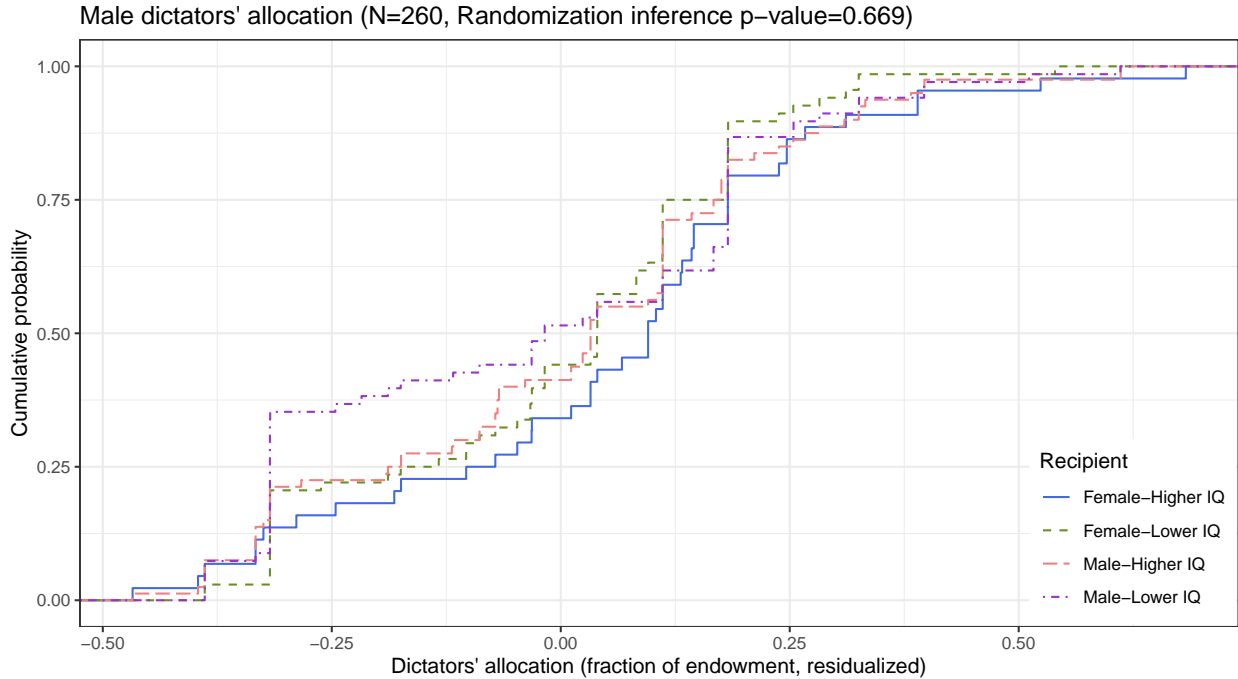
Male dictators' allocation (N=260, Randomization inference p–value=0.669)

Notes: The figure presents the empirical CDF of dictator allocations by receiver types, residualized with the dictator-IQ fixed effects, to give a causal interpretation to the differences. The randomization inference p-value (Young 2019) is calculated with the Kruskal-Wallis test with 2000 random draws. I use randomization inference to address arbitrary dependency among allocations. The null hypothesis is that all CDFs coincide.

Figure 2 presents the empirical CDF of dictator allocations by receiver types, residualized with the dictator-IQ fixed effects to give a causal interpretation to the differences,[15] and shows that the results in Section 4.1 also hold in distribution. It shows that across almost all dictator-allocations, male dictators allocate slightly more to higher-IQ female receivers than to lower-IQ male receivers, higher-IQ male receivers, and lower-IQ female receivers, albeit the differences are statistically insignificant (the randomization inference p-value 0.669 that is robust to arbitrary dependency among allocations, calculated with the Kruskal-Wallis test with 2,000 random draws).[16]

Thus, the results are inconsistent with the conjecture that male dictators allocate less to higher-IQ female receivers than to higher-IQ male receivers; rather, if anything, male dictators allocate slightly more to higher-IQ female receivers than to higher-IQ male receivers.

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15. Residualized allocation is residual from a regression of dictator allocations on dictator-IQ fixed effects.

16. Appendix Figure D2 presents the same results as Figure 2, but with female dictators and shows essentially the same empirical patterns.

4.3   Robustness Check

"Beauty Premium"

In the main results, I control for the possibility that dictators allocate more to more attractive receivers – the so-called "beauty premium" (Rosenblat 2008) – by taking double differences. Yet, I further address this concern in Column 3 of Table 1. In addition to all the controls in Column 2, Column 3 controls for the receivers' attractiveness via fixed effects (adding dummies for each level of attractiveness ratings) and presents slightly different empirical patterns; in particular, the sum of the coefficient estimates on the interaction term between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers, higher-IQ receivers, and female receivers is statistically insignificant.[17] Yet, the magnitude of the coefficient of interest, the interaction term between higher-IQ receivers and female receivers, remains essentially the same as in Column 2, albeit the standard errors are larger due to a drop in the sample size by 16%.[18]

Collinearity between Dictator-IQ Fixed Effects and the Higher-IQ Receiver Dummy

One may wonder whether the insignificant coefficient estimate for the higher-IQ receiver dummy is because it is collinear with dictator-IQ fixed effects. However, if there is any significant causal relationship, it would still show up in the main results by the Frisch-Waugh-Lowell theorem (see, for example, Section 2.4 of Davidson and MacKinnon (2004) and Section 3.1.2 of Angrist and Pischke (2009)). Also, although endogenous, Column 4 of Table 1 presents the results without dictator-IQ fixed effects, and the coefficient estimates are quantitatively very similar to Column 1.

Inequality Aversion due to Differential Earnings in the IQ Test

I control for dictators' inequality aversion (Fehr and Schmidt 1999) due to the differential earnings in the IQ test between higher-IQ receivers and dictators by taking double differences. Yet, I further address this concern in Column 5 of Appendix Table 1. Instead of allocation data for male dictators, Column 5 uses data for male receivers' beliefs on the IQ levels of the other receivers.[19] It shows that male receivers believe that higher-IQ female receivers solve about 0.57 more IQ test questions (=0.856-0.291) or earn about 0.29€ more (less than 2% of the dictator endowment) than higher-IQ male receivers, although it is statistically insignificant. Thus, if anything, the main results are underestimated in the absence of inequality aversion.

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17. This difference mainly comes from two factors. First, the magnitude of the coefficient estimate on female receivers is lower than in Columns 1 and 2, likely because men consider women to be more attractive than men, which is now controlled for. Second, the magnitude of the coefficient estimate on higher-IQ receivers is also lower than in Columns 1 and 2. It is a bit puzzling, but it might be that the receivers' decision to show their photos in the follow-up experiment is correlated with their performance in the IQ test.

18. 31 out of 193 receivers, or 16%, refused to show their photos in the follow-up experiment.

19. See Section 2 for the justification that it is a valid proxy of the male dictators' beliefs about the receivers' IQ level.

IQ Rank Differences

Dictators see the difference between the receivers' and their own IQ rank. Yet, in the main results, I only consider whether the receivers' IQ rank is higher than the dictators' IQ rank. To investigate the heterogeneity by the difference in the IQ rank, I estimate the following equation:

$$Allocate_{ij} = \sum_{k=-3,\neq1}^{3} \beta_1^k \mathbb{1}[ReceiverIQRank_j - DictatorIQRank_i = k] \times FemaleReceiver_j$$

$$+ \sum_{k=-3,\neq1}^{3} \beta_2^k \mathbb{1}[ReceiverIQRank_j - DictatorIQRank_i = k] + \beta_3 FemaleReceiver_j$$

$$+ X_{ij}'\gamma + \mu_i^{IQ} + \epsilon_{ij}$$

$$(2)$$

where $ReceiverIQRank_j$ is receiver j's IQ rank, $DictatorIQRank_i$ is dictator i's IQ rank, and other variables are as defined in equation 1. In the main specification, $HigherIQReceiver_{ij}$ is equal to $\sum_{k=-3}^{-1} \mathbb{1}[ReceiverIQRank_j - DictatorIQRank_i = k]$ and the omitted category is $\sum_{k=2}^{3} \mathbb{1}[ReceiverIQRank_j - DictatorIQRank_i = k]$.

Figure 3: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – IQ rank differences, male dictators
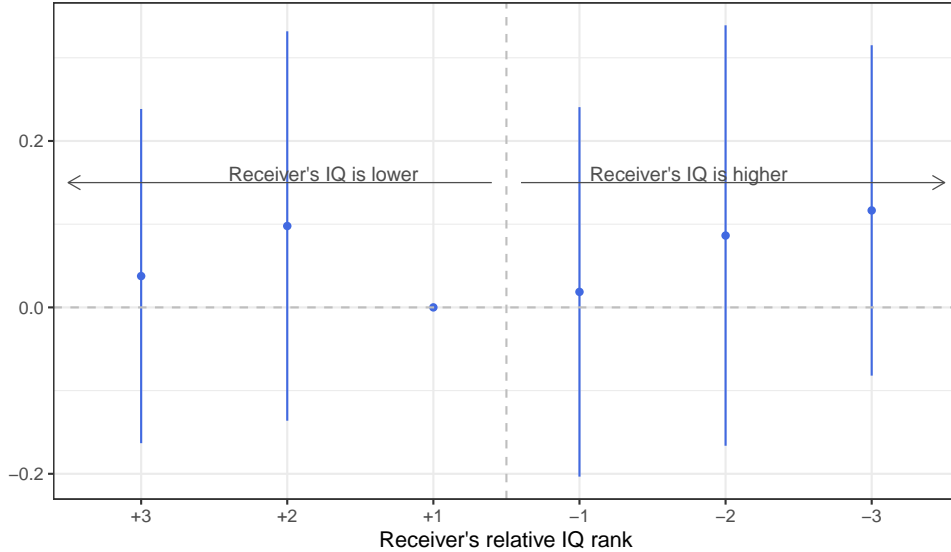
Notes: This figure plots the OLS estimates of β_1s in equation 2, along with the 95% confidence intervals. The omitted category is the receiver's relative IQ rank is 1. The standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment.

Figure 3 plots the OLS estimates of β_1s of equation 2, along with the 95% confidence intervals. We do not see any statistically or quantitatively significant heterogeneity due to the IQ rank differences – all $\hat{\beta}_1$s are close to each other.

Other Concerns

Figure 4: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – Sub-sample analysis, male dictators
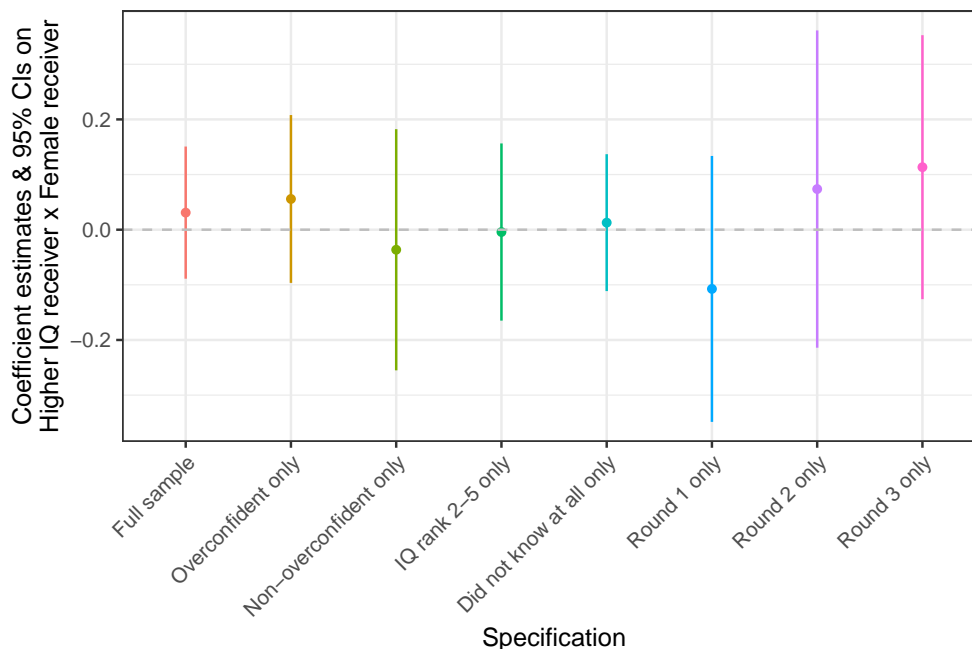
Notes: This figure presents the OLS estimates of β_1 and their 95% confidence intervals of equation 1 with the same controls in Column 2 of Table 1 but with sub-samples of male dictators. "Full sample" is the same estimate as in Column 2 of Table 1, provided as a reference. The standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment for specifications from "Full sample" to "Did not know at all only" and heteroskedasticity-robust with Bell and McCaffrey (2002)'s small sample bias adjustment for specifications "Round 1 only," "Round 2 only," and "Round 3 only."

Figure 4 presents the OLS estimates of β_1 and their 95% confidence intervals of equation 1 with the same controls in Column 2 of Table 1 but with sub-samples of male dictators. "Full sample" is the same estimate as in Column 2 of Table 1, provided as a reference. As we see, the point estimates are quantitatively very close to those of the full sample, although the confidence intervals are wider due to a drop in the sample size. One noticeable heterogeneity is round effects, where male dictators allocate less in round 1 and more in rounds 2 and 3. This heterogeneity could possibly be due to the experimenter demand effect, as dictators may have realized that the experiment was about gender and IQ.

5 Concluding Remarks

The literature on the role of the receivers' gender in dictator game allocation finds that dictators, especially male dictators, allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers. I add to this literature by introducing IQ as an additional dimension to gender and examine whether the male-dictator allocations pattern between female receivers and male receivers is reversed when the receivers

have higher IQs than dictators. Using Eil and Rao (2011) and Zimmermann (2020)'s novel design, I exogenously vary the receivers' IQ relative to that of the dictators. The results, however, are inconsistent with the conjecture; if anything, male dictators give more to higher IQ female receivers than to higher IQ male receivers. The results may have implications on whether smart women are penalized in the labor market. The caveat is that the confidence intervals are not very tightly estimated.

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Online Appendix

A Deviations from the Pre-Analysis Plan

A.1 Implementation

In the initial design, receivers finished all the tasks except the post-questionnaire and left the laboratory before dictators received their IQ rank so that dictators could play the dictator game without receivers in the same room. The allocation to the receivers was paid electronically as a "participation fee" for the online post-questionnaire, which was sent to receivers via email after the session was over. However, as I ran the 1st session with this initial design with 24 participants, dictators had to wait idly for about 20-30 minutes until receivers left the laboratory, and dictators seemed to have lost concentration during this waiting time: about half of the dictators could not answer the comprehension questions about their IQ rank. Thus, I changed the design and let receivers stay in the laboratory while dictators played the dictator game. I looked at the 1st session data before making this change. I exclude the 1st session data in the analysis, but results are robust to including the 1st session data. The oTree code and instructions used for the 1st session are available upon request.

I also made the following changes after the 1st session:

1. I reduced participation fee from 3€ to 2.5€ because participants earned more than I expected in the IQ test.
2. I added more explanation to the instructions on how the IQ rank was assigned and how to allocate endowment in the dictator game.
3. I asked participants' major by simply choosing among the choices from humanities, social sciences, natural sciences/mathematics, medicine, and engineering and letting them type in their degree program name for a check, instead of letting them access to the University of Bologna's degree program website. This is because the computers in the laboratory sometimes did not accept `iframe` or prevented a pop-up to another website due to the security setting.

A.2 Other Changes

1. I mainly discussed results for question 3.
2. I corrected the definition of $Lower_{ij}$. Consequently, I renamed it as $IQHigher_{ij}$ to make the meaning clearer.
3. I added distributional analysis (in Figure 2) to examine whether the results hold also in distribution.
4. I added round-by-round analysis in Figure 4.
5. I used `lm_robust` instead of `vcovCR` to apply Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment because `vcovCR` did not make degrees of freedom adjustment.

6. I included in female and male dictator regressions STEM major dummy and Emilia-Romagna dummy because excluding them in regressions where the sample is conditioned by gender made little sense. The results are invariant to the exclusion of these covariates.

7. I divided dictator allocations by dictator endowment to facilitate the interpretation of the regression results (this does not affect my results because of the round fixed effects).

A.3 Follow-Up Experiment

The follow up experiment was not pre-registered. Thus, the robustness check where I control for the receivers' attractiveness was not pre-registered either.

B Data Description

Table B1 describes dictators' own (panel A) and paired receivers' characteristics (panel B) as well as dictators' social distance with paired receivers (panel C) and dictator game allocation (panel D), separately for male and female dictators.

Panel A shows that male dictators solve 0.37 more IQ questions (out of 9) than female dictators, but the difference is quantitatively insignificant. Also, male dictators are less likely to major in humanities and more likely to major in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), consistent with the pattern observed in most OECD countries (see, for example, Carrell, Page, and West 2010). In addition, male dictators are more overconfident than female dictators, consistent with other studies (Bertrand 2011; Croson and Gneezy 2009; Niederle and Vesterlund 2011). Further, male dictators are less likely to have completed undergraduate studies than female dictators, consistent with that women are more educated than men in OECD countries (see, for example, Almås et al. 2016; Autor and Wasserman 2013).

Panel B shows that paired receivers' characteristics are roughly balanced, except that male dictators are 10% less likely to be paired with receivers from the Emilia-Romagna region where the experiment was conducted. I control this imbalance in the analysis. The attractiveness/kindness is a median of the attractiveness/kindness ratings by male participants in the followup experiment for male dictators and by female participants for female dictators (the median ratings per receiver is 9, the minimum is 4, the maximum is 14, the mean is 8.81, and the standard deviation is 1.77). There are some differences in men's and women's perception of attractiveness and kind-lookingness of the receivers, although the differences are not quantitatively significant.

Panel C shows that dictators do not know 95-98% of the paired receivers at all, addressing the concern that dictator game allocation is driven by relationships outside the laboratory. Panel D shows that male dictators allocate six percentage points less than female dictators.

Finally, the standard deviation of the residualized allocation in Panel D shows that there is enough variation in the dictator game allocation after adding dictator-IQ fixed effects, which I exploit in the analysis.[20]
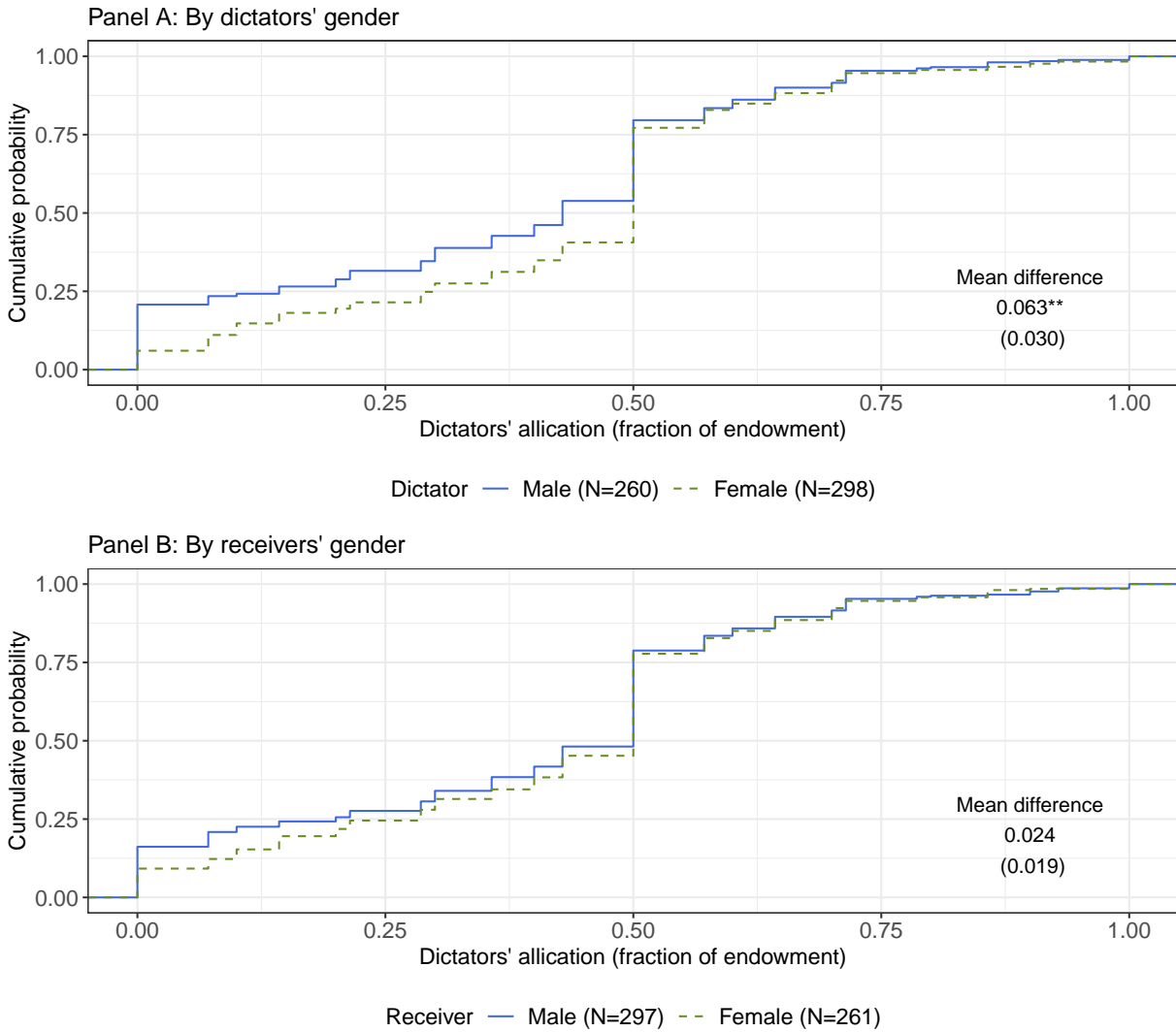
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20. The residualized allocation is the residual from regressing the dictator game allocation on dictator-IQ fixed effects.

Table B1: Dictators' and paired receivers' characteristics, proximity between dictators and paired receivers, and dictator game allocation

	Male dictators		Female dictators		Difference (Male – Female)		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SE	P-value
Panel A: Own characteristics							
IQ level	6.89	1.24	6.52	1.20	0.37	0.18	0.04
IQ rank	3.31	1.73	3.83	1.59	-0.52	0.24	0.03
Age	23.23	2.81	23.68	2.62	-0.45	0.39	0.25
From Emilia-Romagna	0.19	0.39	0.18	0.39	0.00	0.06	0.94
Humanities	0.32	0.47	0.58	0.50	-0.26	0.07	0.00
Social sciences	0.24	0.43	0.15	0.36	0.09	0.06	0.13
STEM	0.44	0.50	0.27	0.45	0.17	0.07	0.01
Post bachelor	0.37	0.49	0.53	0.50	-0.16	0.07	0.03
Overconfidence	0.56	0.72	0.31	0.78	0.25	0.11	0.02
Time on feedback (sec.)	107.52	102.26	107.67	89.88	-0.16	13.88	0.99
Observations	91		104				
Panel B: Paired receivers' characteristics							
IQ level	6.91	1.12	6.77	1.19	0.14	0.09	0.11
IQ rank	3.45	1.74	3.39	1.75	0.05	0.10	0.61
Higher IQ	0.48	0.50	0.57	0.50	-0.09	0.05	0.08
Age	23.55	2.98	23.17	2.57	0.37	0.24	0.12
Female	0.43	0.50	0.50	0.50	-0.07	0.04	0.06
From Emilia-Romagna	0.25	0.43	0.15	0.36	0.09	0.04	0.01
Attractiveness (1-5)	2.62	0.73	2.37	0.74	0.25	0.07	0.00
Kind-lookingness (1-5)	3.14	0.57	3.27	0.50	-0.13	0.05	0.01
Observations	260		298				
Panel C: Social distance with paired receivers							
Did not know at all	0.95	0.23	0.98	0.15	-0.03	0.02	0.14
Knew but not well	0.03	0.18	0.02	0.15	0.01	0.02	0.48
Saw before	0.02	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.06
Observations	260		298				
Panel D: Dictator game allocation (fraction of endowment)							
Allocation	0.37	0.25	0.43	0.22	-0.06	0.03	0.04
Allocation (residualized)	-0.03	0.25	0.03	0.22	-0.06	0.03	0.06
Observations	260		298				

Notes: This table shows dictators' own (panel A) and paired receivers' characteristics (panel B) as well as dictators' social distance with paired receivers (panel C) and dictator game allocation (panel D), separately for male and female dictators. Residualized allocation is residual from the regression of the dictator game allocation as a fraction of endowment on IQ fixed effects and shows within dictator IQ variation. P-values for the difference between male and female dictators are calculated with heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors with Bell and McCaffrey (2002)'s small sample bias adjustment for Panel A and with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment for Panels B-D. Attractiveness and kindness are the medians of the attractiveness/kindness ratings by male participants in the followup experiment for male dictators and by female participants for female dictators.
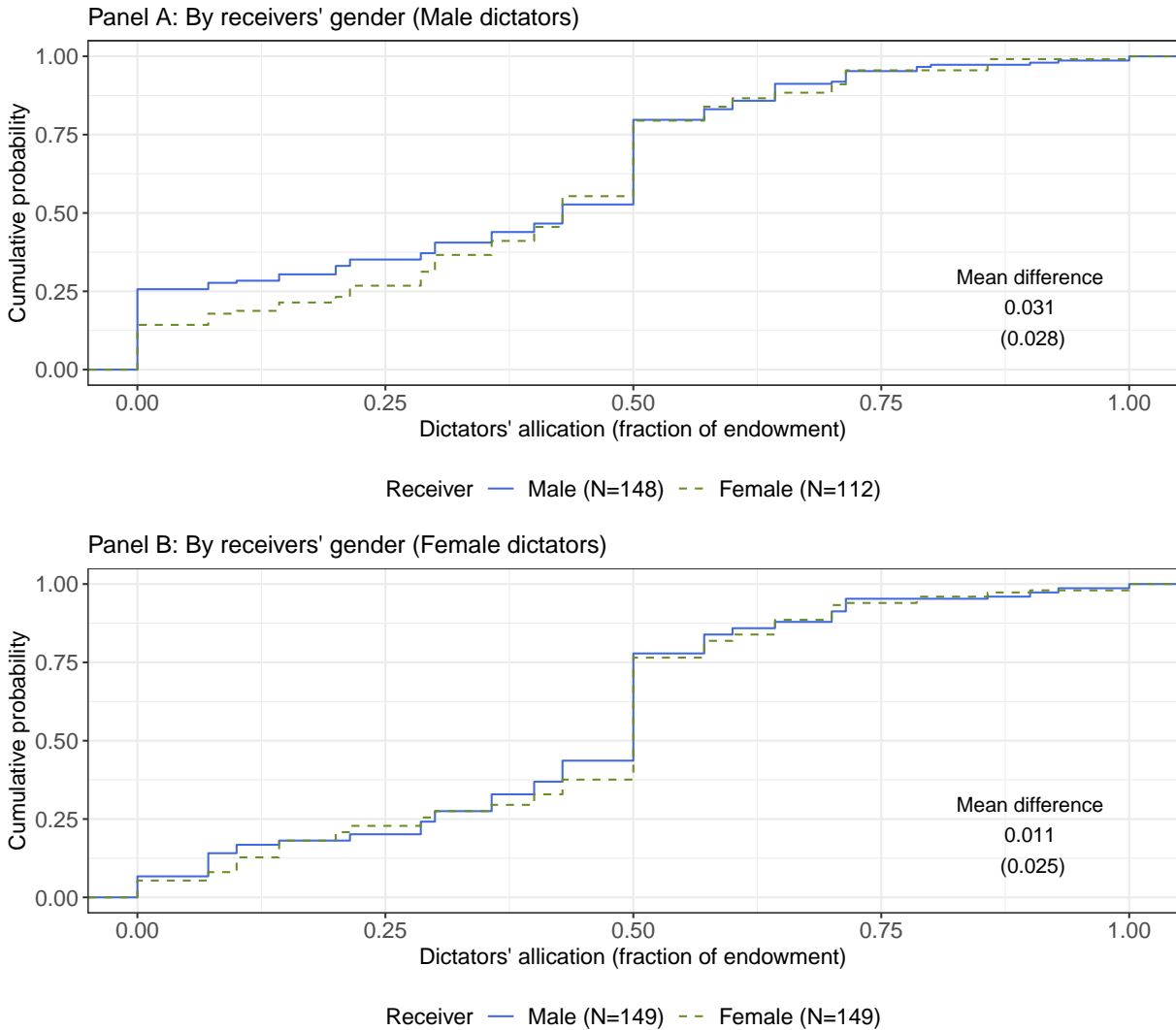
Figure B1: Distribution of the dictator allocations by dictators' and receivers' gender

Panel A: By dictators' gender

Dictator — Male (N=260) - - Female (N=298)

Panel B: By receivers' gender

Receiver — Male (N=297) - - Female (N=261)

Notes: Panel A plots empirical cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) of dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) dictators. Panel B plots empirical CDFs of dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%. The significance level of the mean difference is calculated with standard errors with with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment.

Figures B1 and B2 elaborate Panel D of Table B1. Panel A of Figure B1 plots empirical cumulative distribution functions (CDFs) of dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) dictators. Consistent with the literature, male dictators allocate less than female dictators up to the 50% split, but after that, there is no noticeable differences between them, consistent with Bilén, Dreber, and Johannesson (2021). Also, the mean effect size is moderate, about 6.3 percentage points, again consistent with Bilén, Dreber, and Johannesson. The overall pattern is similar to that of Bohnet and Frey (1999)'s one-way identification with information treatment where the social distance between dictators and receivers is the closest to my setting.

Figure B2: Distribution of the dictator allocations by dictators' and receivers' gender
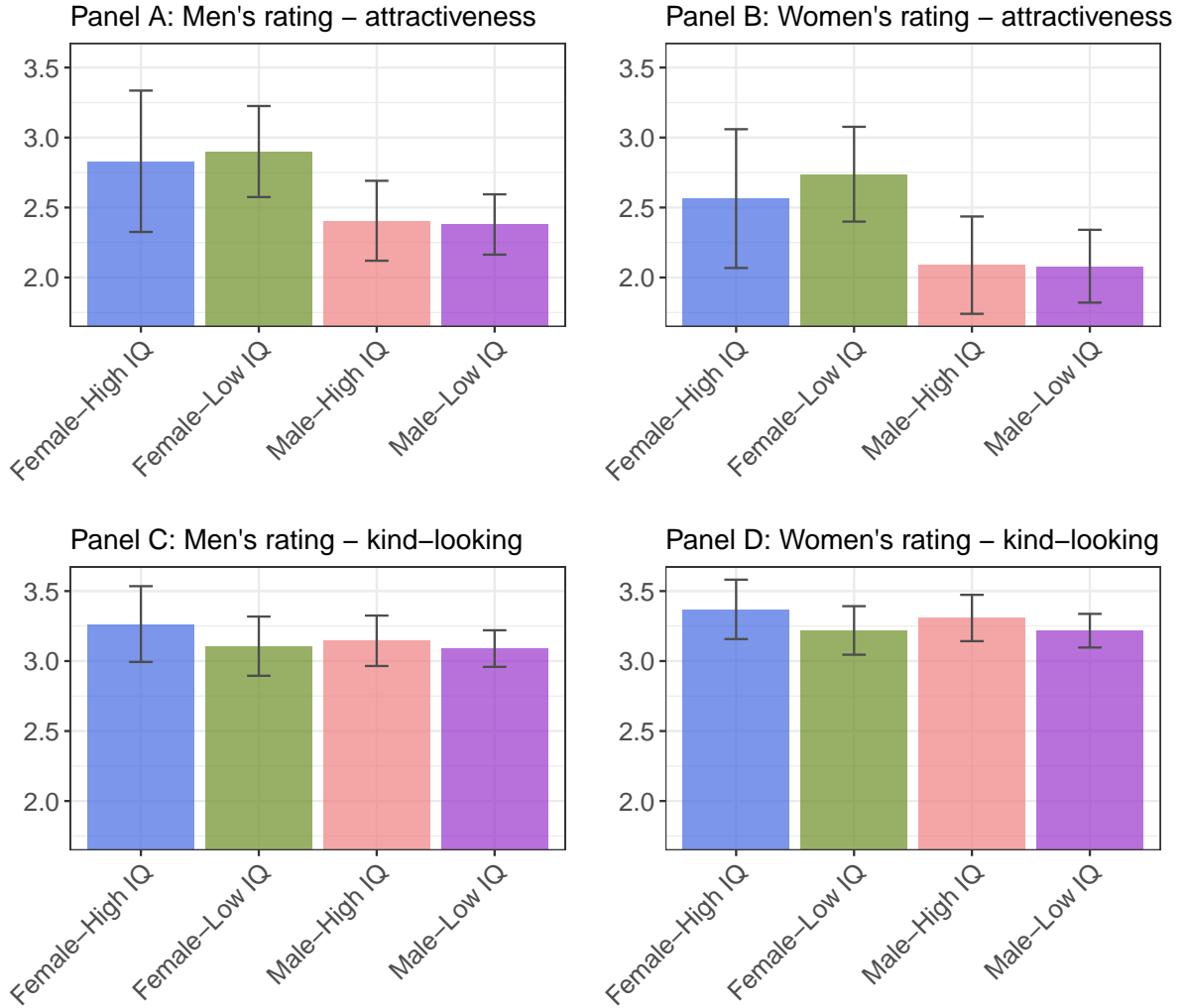
Panel A: By receivers' gender (Male dictators)

Receiver — Male (N=148) -- Female (N=112)

Panel B: By receivers' gender (Female dictators)

Receiver — Male (N=149) -- Female (N=149)

Notes: Panel A plots empirical CDFs of male-dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) receivers. Panel B plots empirical CDFs of female-dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%. The significance level of the mean difference is calculated with standard errors with with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment.

Panel B of Figure B1 plots empirical CDFs of dictator allocations separately for male (blue, solid line) and female (green, dashed line) receivers. Dictators allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers, consistent with the literature, but the difference is modest (2.4 percentage points). Figure B2 plots the same empirical CDFs separately for male (Panel A) and female (Panel B) dictators and shows that male dictators allocate more to female receivers than to male receivers than female dictators do, consistent with the literature.

Figure B3 elaborate Panel B of Table B1. Panel A plots median attractiveness ratings by male participants by receivers' gender and IQ and Panel B plots the same but by female participants.

Figure B3: Attractiveness and Kind-lookingness rating by receivers' gender and IQ

Panel A: Men's rating – attractiveness
Panel B: Women's rating – attractiveness
Panel C: Men's rating – kind–looking
Panel D: Women's rating – kind–looking

Notes: Panel A plots attractiveness ratings by male participants by receivers' gender and IQ and Panel B plots the same but by female participants, along with the 95% confidence intervals. Panel A plots kind-lookingness ratings by male participants by receivers' gender and IQ and Panel B plots the same but by female participants, along with the 95% confidence intervals. Confidence intervals are calculated with standard errors with with Bell and McCaffrey (2002)'s small sample bias adjustment. Receivers are high IQ if their IQ level is above median in the sample, and are low IQ otherwise.

Panels A and B show that both men and women consider that women look more attractive than men, regardless of their IQ level. On the other hand, Panels C and D show that whether a given person look more kind than other people does not depend on their gender or IQ level.

C Description of Covariates

X_{ij} in equation 1 includes the following variables:

Dictator characteristics

- $Age_i \in \mathbb{N}$: dictator i's age.
- $FromEmiliaRomagna_i \in \{0, 1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if dictator i is from the Emilia-Romagna region where the experiment was conducted, 0 otherwise.
- $SocialSciences_i \in \{0, 1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if dictator i majors in social sciences, 0 otherwise.
- $STEM_i \in \{0, 1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if dictator i majors in natural sciences/mathematics, engineering, or medicine; 0 otherwise.
- $PostBachelor_i \in \{0, 1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if dictator i is either a master or post-bachelor student, a student in the 4th year or beyond in a bachelor-master combined program (bachelor is a 3 year program in Italy), or PhD student, 0 otherwise.
- $OverConfidence_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$: degree of dictator i's overconfidence. It is equal to -1 if dictator i's guess about the number of IQ test questions they have solved correctly is lower than the actual number, 0 if equal to the actual number, and 1 if higher than the actual number.

receiver characteristics

- $Age_j \in \mathbb{N}$: receiver j's age.
- $FromEmiliaRomagna_j \in \{0, 1\}$: an indicator variable equals 1 if receiver j is from the Emilia-Romagna region where the experiment was conducted, 0 otherwise.

Fixed effects

- $\sum_{k=2}^{3} \theta_k^{round} \mathbb{1}[\text{round}_{ij} = k]$: fixed effects for dictator game or belief elicitation round. $\mathbb{1}$ is the indicator variable.
- $\sum_{k=2}^{3} \theta_k^{social\ distance} \mathbb{1}[\text{social distance}_{ij} = k]$: fixed effects for social distance between dictator i and receiver j. social distance$_{ij} = 1$ means dictator i did not know receiver j at all, $= 2$ knew but not well, and $= 3$ saw before. $\mathbb{1}$ is the indicator variable.

D   Additional Figures and Tables

Figure D1: IQ rank comprehension questions screen

Feedback

Among your 6 group members including you, you received **Rank 4**.

Among your 6 group members, how many people performed better than you in the IQ test?

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Among your 6 group members, how many people performed worse than you in the IQ test?

[   ]

[Next]

Notes: This figure shows an example of an IQ rank comprehension questions screen participants solve at the end of Part 1. In this example, the participant's IQ rank is 4.

Figure D2: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – Distribution, female dictators
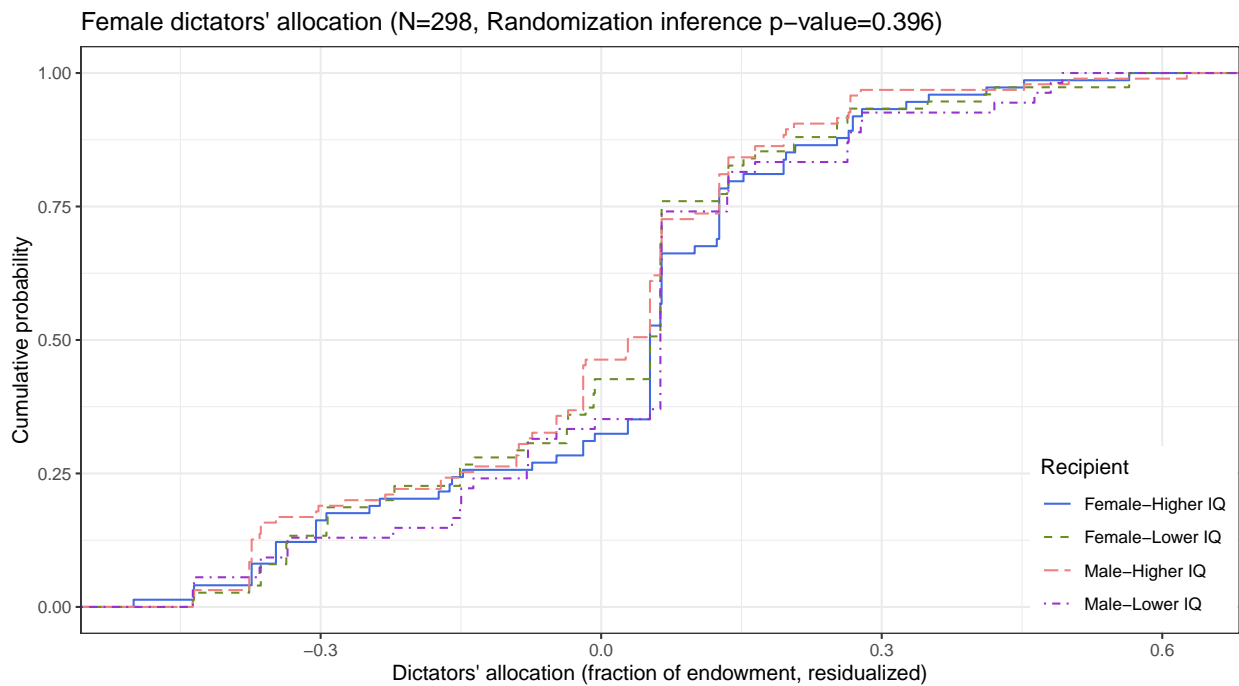
Notes: The figure presents the empirical CDF of dictator allocations by receiver types, residualized with the dictator-IQ fixed effects to give a causal interpretation to the differences. The randomization inference p-value (Young 2019) is calculated with the Kruskal-Wallis test with 2000 random draws. I use randomization inference to address arbitrary dependency among allocations. The null hypothesis is that all CDFs coincide.

Table D1: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – OLS, male dictators (robustness)

Outcome:	Dictator's allocation (fraction of endowment)				Belief on IQ level
Sample:	Male dictators				Male receivers
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.008	0.035	0.044	0.035	0.818
	(0.062)	(0.060)	(0.075)	(0.077)	(0.522)
	[-0.113, 0.130]	[-0.083, 0.154]	[-0.103, 0.191]	[-0.117, 0.187]	[-0.212, 1.847]
Higher IQ receiver	0.056	0.042	0.019	0.010	0.291
	(0.053)	(0.054)	(0.059)	(0.056)	(0.426)
	[-0.049, 0.161]	[-0.064, 0.147]	[-0.097, 0.135]	[-0.101, 0.121]	[-0.549, 1.132]
Female receiver	0.031	0.014	-0.011	-0.009	-0.253
	(0.035)	(0.034)	(0.043)	(0.046)	(0.362)
	[-0.037, 0.100]	[-0.052, 0.081]	[-0.095, 0.073]	[-0.099, 0.082]	[-0.968, 0.463]
Dictator IQ FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Round FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Social distance FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dictator demographics	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Receiver demographics	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Receiver attractiveness FE	-	-	-	✓	-
Receiver kind-lookingness FE	-	-	✓	✓	-
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.096*	0.091*	0.052	0.037	0.856**
+Higher IQ receiver	(0.056)	(0.055)	(0.071)	(0.076)	(0.412)
+Female receiver	[-0.014, 0.206]	[-0.017, 0.199]	[-0.089, 0.192]	[-0.114, 0.187]	[0.044, 1.669]
Baseline Mean	0.305	0.305	0.327	0.327	6.489
Baseline SD	0.269	0.269	0.270	0.270	1.842
Adj. R-squared	0.051	0.083	0.079	0.103	0.047
Observations	260	260	211	211	197
Clusters	91	91	91	91	104

Notes: This table presents the same regression results as Table 1 but with different controls. The standard error (in parenthesis) and the 95% confidence interval (in bracket) are reported below each coefficient estimate. The standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment. Baseline mean and standard deviation are that of lower-IQ male receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%.

Table D2: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – OLS, male dictators, No standard error clustering

Outcome:	Dictator's allocation (fraction of endowment)			
Sample:	Male dictators			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.017	0.031	0.047	0.018
	(0.063)	(0.064)	(0.074)	(0.063)
	[-0.107, 0.140]	[-0.096, 0.158]	[-0.098, 0.192]	[-0.107, 0.142]
Higher IQ receiver	0.054	0.048	0.007	0.093**
	(0.045)	(0.046)	(0.053)	(0.041)
	[-0.034, 0.143]	[-0.043, 0.139]	[-0.098, 0.113]	[0.013, 0.174]
Female receiver	0.031	0.014	-0.021	0.038
	(0.042)	(0.043)	(0.052)	(0.043)
	[-0.052, 0.115]	[-0.070, 0.098]	[-0.124, 0.081]	[-0.046, 0.122]
Dictator IQ FE	✓	✓	✓	-
Round FE	-	✓	✓	-
Social distance FE	-	✓	✓	-
Dictator demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver attractiveness FE	-	-	✓	-
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.102*	0.093*	0.033	0.149***
+Higher IQ receiver	(0.053)	(0.054)	(0.067)	(0.048)
+Female receiver	[-0.003, 0.207]	[-0.013, 0.199]	[-0.099, 0.165]	[0.055, 0.244]
Baseline Mean	0.305	0.305	0.327	0.305
Baseline SD	0.269	0.269	0.270	0.269
Adj. R-squared	0.052	0.080	0.088	0.032
Observations	260	260	211	260
Clusters	91	91	91	91

Notes: This table presents the regression results of equation 1. The standard error (in parenthesis) and the 95% confidence interval (in bracket) are reported below each coefficient estimate. The standard errors are neither cluster-robust nor heteroskedasticity-robust. Baseline mean and standard deviation are that of lower-IQ male receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%.

Table D3: Dictator allocations to higher-IQ female receivers – OLS, female dictators

Outcome:	Dictator's allocation (fraction of endowment)			
Sample:	Female dictators			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	0.060	0.057	0.035	0.057
	(0.047)	(0.046)	(0.063)	(0.045)
	[-0.032, 0.152]	[-0.034, 0.147]	[-0.089, 0.160]	[-0.033, 0.146]
Higher IQ receiver	-0.051	-0.049	-0.020	-0.049
	(0.037)	(0.042)	(0.063)	(0.035)
	[-0.123, 0.021]	[-0.131, 0.033]	[-0.144, 0.105]	[-0.119, 0.021]
Female receiver	-0.027	-0.014	-0.009	-0.024
	(0.038)	(0.037)	(0.043)	(0.037)
	[-0.101, 0.048]	[-0.088, 0.059]	[-0.094, 0.077]	[-0.098, 0.049]
Dictator IQ FE	✓	✓	✓	-
Round FE	-	✓	✓	-
Social distance FE	-	✓	✓	-
Dictator demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver demographics	-	✓	✓	-
Receiver attractiveness FE	-	-	✓	-
Higher IQ receiver x Female receiver	-0.017	-0.007	0.007	-0.017
+Higher IQ receiver	(0.041)	(0.045)	(0.066)	(0.039)
+Female receiver	[-0.098, 0.063]	[-0.095, 0.081]	[-0.124, 0.138]	[-0.093, 0.060]
Baseline Mean	0.458	0.458	0.466	0.458
Baseline SD	0.225	0.225	0.222	0.225
Adj. R-squared	-0.008	0.021	-0.014	-0.004
Observations	298	298	223	298
Clusters	104	104	103	104

Notes: This table presents the regression results of equation 1. The standard error (in parenthesis) and the 95% confidence interval (in bracket) are reported below each coefficient estimate. The standard errors are clustered at the dictator level with Pustejovsky and Tipton (2018)'s small cluster bias adjustment. Baseline mean and standard deviation are that of lower-IQ male receivers. Significance levels: * 10%, ** 5%, and *** 1%.

E Experimental Instructions

To the experimenter:

- *Before subjects arrive:*
- *Clear image cache from the browser.*
- *Put on each desk (i) a scratch paper and (ii) a pencil.*
- *Have a printed instructions ready.*
- *Set up photo booth. The brightness of the camera should be 172 and resolution 0.7 mb with 4:3 aspect ratio.*
- *Leave a paper in which participants write down their desk number on the photo booth.*
- *After registration:*
- *Give them photo taking instructions.*
- *Ask them to take photo at the photo booth, then take seat.*
- *After subjects took photo:*
- *Check that all the participants' photos are neutral: they must not signal nothing other than their gender.*
- *Make sure that the photos are saved as Pxx.jpg where xx is participant's desk number.*
- *After reserve participants left the room:*
- *Rename the photo name to the new desk number's for those who moved to new desks.*
- *Store photos in _static/photo folder.*
- *Startup Chrome & oTree*

App: personal_info

Page: DeskNumber

Please enter your desk number and click "Next"

[Your desk number:]

Page: PersonalInfo

Please check that the photo is yours

[Participant's photo]

The photo you took is displayed above. Please check that the photo is yours. Please also enter your first name. We will come to each desk and check the photo and the first name.

 [Your first name:]

[Digital signature (please wait for us to sign you in):]

To the experimenter: before type in the password, do the followings:

- *Check that the photo and the first name correspond to the participant.*

Then click "Next" to let participants to proceed.

Page: Introduction

To the experimenter: read the instructions aloud.

Welcome!

You are participating in a study of the BLESS. For your participation, you will receive a fixed amount of [Participation fee]€. There are 2 parts in which you can earn additional earnings. The expected length is 1 hour.

During the study, we use your photo and first name to identify you. Your photo and the first name will only be used in this session and deleted immediately afterwards. However, we may ask some of you to allow us to use their photo in another study, which you can opt out.

The study is computerized, meaning that the computer program will give you precise instructions in each task. In the following you will find general instructions of the study, which you can always find in the bottom of the screen.

General instructions

- Please turn off your mobile phone.
- Please do not communicate with other participants.
- Please only use paper and pencil.
- Once you understand the instructions or enter your decisions, please click "Next" to proceed unless instructed otherwise.
- If you have any questions, please raise your hand at any time.

If there is no question, we will start the study.

To the experimenter:

- *Confirm that everyone turned off their mobile phone.*
- *Then, if there is no question, click "Advance slowest user(s)."*

After that, just sit in the experimenter area unless someone raises her or his hand. Do not read instructions aloud unless this document says to do so.

App: iqtest

Page: Introduction

Part 1: Instructions

In part 1, you will work on an IQ test, which is frequently used to measure intelligence. The IQ test you will work on is the Raven's Standardized Progressive Matrices Test.

You will solve the IQ test as follows: for each question, you will see an image in which a piece is missing. Below the image there will be several options. Choose the correct option among them to complete the image. There will be only one correct option.

An example is provided below. In the image, there are 9 large white squares each containing a small black square. In the first column, the small black square is located on the left; in the second column, in the middle; in the third column, on the right. In the first row, it is located on the top; in the second row, in the middle; in the third row, in the bottom. Thus, in the third

column of the third row, the small black square must be located in the right bottom, thus the correct option is 5.

[Raven matrix no. 31 here]

There are 9 questions in total and you have 9 minutes. Once the time is over, you will automatically be directed to the next page. You will earn [Payoff per IQ test]€ for each correct answer. There is no penalty for wrong answers. You can use paper and pencil on your desk.

Page: IQTest (9 minutes)

Please complete the image by choosing the correct option

[Raven IQ test]

Page: Guess

Guess the number of questions you solved

The IQ test is over.

We have randomly formed a group of 6 participants including you in this room and constructed a ranking among the 6 group members based on their IQ test performance.

A group member with rank 1 performed the best in the IQ test, followed by a group member with rank 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. In case of a tie between group members, the computer randomly decided who receives the higher rank.

How many questions do you think you have solved correctly? If your guess is correct, you will additionally earn [Earnings from guess]€.

[Guess]

[Dictator] *Page: Feedback*

Feedback

Among your 6 group members including you, you received **Rank [Participant's rank]**.

[Among your 6 group members, how many people performed better than you in the IQ test?:]

[Among your 6 group members, how many people performed worse than you in the IQ test?:]

App: dictator

[Dictator] *Page: IntroductionDict*

Part 2: Instructions

In this part, half of you will be active participants who will work on the task described in the next page, and the remaining half will be passive participants who will NOT work on the task described in the next page.

 [Dictator] *Page: IntroductionDictCont*

Part 2: Instructions

You are assigned to a role of **active participant**.

Part 2 consist of 3 rounds. In each round, you will first receive an endowment (money). After that, you will be paired with a passive participant in your group.

Your task in this part is to allocate the endowment to yourself and the paired passive participant. The passive participants, other active participants, or anyone else other than us will never know who allocated how much.

At the end of the study, the computer will randomly select 1 out of 3 rounds and the amount you allocated to you in that round will be your earnings in this part.

The computer will also randomly select 1 out of 3 rounds for the paired passive participants and the amount you allocated to him or her in that round will be his or her earnings in this part.

[Recipient] *Page: IntroductionRecip*

Part 2: Instructions

In part 2 consists of 2 rounds. In each round, you will be paired with another participant in your group.

Your task in this part is to guess how many questions the paired participant has solved correctly in the IQ test. For each correct guess, you will earn [Earning from guess other]€.

[Dictator] *Page: PrepEndow*

Round [Round number] of 3

Please wait.

[Dictator] *Page: OfferDict1-3*

Round [Round number] of 3

[Paired participant's photo]

[Paired participant's first name]

Rank [Paired participant's rank]

You have received **[7/5/7]€** for this round.

You have been paired with **[Paired participant's first name].**

Please allocate the endowment between yourself and [Paired participant's first name]. When you click the line below, a cursor appears. You can move the cursor by dragging it. Please move the cursor to your preferred position to determine the allocation.

[Slider from 0 to endowment that moves with increment of 0.5]

[Recipient] *Page: GuessOther1-3*

Round [Round number] of 2

[Paired participant's photo]

[Paired participant's first name]

Rank [Paired participant's rank]

You have been paired with **[Paired participant's first name].**

How many questions do you think [Paired participant's first name] has solved correctly?

[Guess]

[Dictator] **Page: AnonymityCheckDict**

Round 3 of 3

Below we display the participants whom you were paired with. How well did you know him/her before participating in this study?

[Paired participant 1's photo] [Paired participant 1's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 2's photo] [Paired participant 2's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 3's photo] [Paired participant 3's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]

[Recip] **Page: AnonymityCheckRecip**

Round 2 of 2

Below we display the participants whom you were paired with. How well did you know him/her before participating in this study?

[Paired participant 1's photo] [Paired participant 1's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 2's photo] [Paired participant 2's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]

Page: ShowResults

Results

The study is over. The results are provided below.

- In part 1, you solved [**Number of IQ test questions solved**] questions and earned [**Earnings from IQ test**]€. [If guess is correct] You have additionally earned **[Earnings from guess]€** because your guess about the number of questions solved was correct.
- [Dictator] In part 2, computer selected **round [1/2/3]** in which you allocated **[Allocation to self]€** to yourself.
- [Recipient] In part 2, you made **[Number of correct guesses on others]** guesses correct. So you earned **[Earnings from guesses other]€**.
- [Recipient] You additionally earned a top-up of **[Allocation from dictator]€**.

So, your total earnings are **[Participant's earnings]€** including [Participation fee]€ of participation fee.

Thank you for participating in this study! We will prepare your payment soon. Meanwhile, please answer a short questionnaire by clicking "Next." Your answer will be kept anonymous and will not affect your payment.

Page: Questionnaire1

Questionnaire 1 of 3

[Your study program: Agricultural and Food Sciences; Economics and Management; Education; Engineering and Architecture; Humanities; Languages and Literatures, Interpreting and Translation; Law; Medicine; Pharmacy and Biotechnology; Political Sciences; Psychology; Sciences; Sociology; Sport Sciences; Statistics; Veterinary Medicine]

[Please also type your full study program name in Italian:]

If you are enrolled in a specialized or professional program, please choose the closest study program. If you are enrolled in a post-bachelor vocational program, please choose the study program of your bachelor's degree. If you are an exchange student, please choose the study field closest to the one in your home university.

 [Your degree program: Bachelor, Master/Post-bachelor, Bachelor-master combined (ciclo unico), Doctor]

[Your year in the degree program: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th]

[Your age:]

[Your gender: Male, Female]

[Are you from Emilia-Romagna region?: Yes, No]

[Recipient] In another study, we'd like to use your photo. We will show your photo to some people in the University of Bologna only in this room, but no other people except us will see

your photo. Your photo will be deleted immediately after we finish another study. For your cooperation, we will pay you gratuity of [Gratuity for photo use]€. May we use your photo in another study?

[Yes, I allow the researcher to use my photo in another study; No, I do NOT allow the researcher to use my photo in another study]

[What do you think the study you participated was about?]

[Was there anything unclear or confusing about the study you participated?]

[Do you have any other comments? (optional)]

Page: Questionnaire2

To the experimenter:

- *Prepare payment.*

Questionnaire 2 of 3

Below we display the participants whom you were paired with. How well did you know him/her before participating in this study?

[Dictator]

[Paired participant 3's photo] [Paired participant 3's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 1's photo] [Paired participant 1's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 2's photo] [Paired participant 2's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]

[Recipient]

[Paired participant 2's photo] [Paired participant 2's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]	[Paired participant 1's photo] [Paired participant 1's first name] [I didn't know him/her at all, I saw him/her before, I knew him/her but not very well, I knew him/her very well]

Page: Questionnaire3

Questionnaire 3 of 3

[What do you think this study was about?]

[Was there anything unclear or confusing about this study?]

[Do you have any other comments? (optional)]

[Participants with payment less than 5€] *Page: ExtraTask*

Extra task

Please solve the additions below and click next to earn [5€ – Participant's earnings]€.

84	33	64

[Sum of the above numbers:]

19	65	97

[Sum of the above numbers:]

[English translation – Original in Italian]

Welcome!

Thank you for participating in this study, which should take around 30 minutes of your time.

In this study, we will show you 100 facial photos of participants in another study conducted in BLESS. For each photo, we will ask you to evaluate some aspects of the photos.

Please click Next to continue.

[Next]

Photo 1/100

- How attractive do you think this person is? [Not attractive at all, Not attractive, Neither not attractive nor attractive, Attractive, Very attractive]
- How kind do you think this person is? [Not kind at all, Not kind, Neither not kind nor kind, Kind, Very kind]
- Do you think this person is Italian? [Italian, Maybe Italian, Foreigner]
- Do you know this person? [Yes, No]

[Next]

Thank you!

Thank you for your participation. Before you leave, could you please tell us about yourself?

- Your gender: [Male, Female, Other]
- Your age: [Under 25, 25 or above]

[Next]

End of the study

The study is over. We will pay you 10€ for your participation via PayPal in 2 weeks. Please remain seated until the experimenter calls you.