INSTRUCTIONS

This exercise is a survey of sorts, in which I ask you to mark your position on a series of diagrams, in relation to a variety of subjective questions. It is part of my research, and I plan to compile all of the answers I collect into a publication. Your answers will be anonymous.

In each diagram, try to locate where you see yourself on the horizontal and the vertical scales. Indicate the spot where these values intersect by tracing a dot, as in the following example:
Morality and social norms are human universals

Life is just life, there is no greater meaning to be found

Nothing is inherently good or bad, morality is completely subjective and cultural

I want my life to be part of a larger whole, of something that has meaning beyond my small existence

It's easy for me to exist in this world

It's hard for me to exist in this world

Beginning of my life

End of my life

PART I

YOU

Life is just life, there is no greater meaning to be found

I want my life to be part of a larger whole, of something that has meaning beyond my small existence
Think of the land where you grew up. Think of its natural physical properties, such as mountains, valleys, plains, forests, wetlands, rivers, lakes, sea, desert, etc. Then try to imagine this land in relation to the totality of physical spaces all across the globe.

In your life, how much did you get to know the physical world?

I have a deep connection with the land and I can feel the vastness of the physical world in my bones

I've never left the place where I was born

I never even think about the land

I constantly keep moving far and wide
I accept the legitimacy of the current world order, with its borders, states, nations, etc.

I don't believe in the legitimacy of the current world order.

Exposure to different beliefs and value systems leads to increased tolerance and mutual understanding.

Exposure to different beliefs and value systems leads to confusion / confrontation / violence.

I care only about the concrete and tangible reality of life.

I care only about the larger questions and abstractions.

I define myself and my convictions on my own, not in relation to any group.

I define myself and my convictions in relation to groups with whom I identify.
PART III
YOU AND THE FUTURE

Try to picture the totality of human activities taking place on the planet today.

Do you think that humanity as a whole is moving in a good direction, aligned with a coherent vision for the future?

We, humans living today, will have an impact of cosmological importance for the future of humanity

We're moving toward self-destruction

We're making constant progress

We, humans living today, will have no impact whatsoever on the future of humanity
I have the power to change things on a structural level.

We need to fight the establishment and create a new vision to defend private property, the free market economy and the freedom of the individual.

We need to fight the establishment and create a radically new vision to protect our planet and reinvent a more egalitarian world.

I don’t care.

I’m ready to give my life for this.

Pragmatism is more important.

Idealism is more important.

I feel powerless.

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I feel powerless.
My answers truly represent how I feel about these issues.

I answered randomly, it means nothing

I found the questions biased and/or moralizing and/or annoying

I thought the questions were relevant and well balanced

I answered randomly, it means nothing

Please leave the completed mapping exercise in the box.

Write your email below if you want to be notified if this project turns into a publication. Feel free to leave comments or suggestions.