Life Is Now a Dark Game of Would You Rather

A scientific way to assess pandemic risks

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The world now has options. We can choose to stay at home. We can choose to go out. We choose the level of risk we accept. But choosing a level of risk is hard. It is even harder when the risk is a novel one that doesn’t have a clear end. As the pandemic continues on, we are faced with the question of how much risk is too much risk? And as we face this question, we must consider how the framing of the question changes our answer.

The framing of the question

Ever heard the phrase “the way you frame a question changes the answer?” Let me explain why it’s true. Let’s start with a classic experiment called the Tversky and Kahneman study. In this study, participants were asked to choose between two different options. Option A was to allow 200 people to die. Option B was to ensure that 600 people did not die, but there was a 50% chance that 600 people would die anyway. The majority of participants chose Option B, even though Option A was a safer option. However, when the question was rephrased to ask the participants to choose between saving 200 lives or 200 lives versus 600 lives, the majority of participants chose Option A.

This experiment shows how the framing of the question can change the answer. The same choice can be framed in a positive or negative way, and this can affect our decision-making. For example, if the question is framed in a positive way, we are more likely to choose the option that saves more lives. However, if the question is framed in a negative way, we are more likely to choose the option that saves fewer lives. This is because framing the question changes the way we think about the options.

The framing of the question in the pandemic

In the pandemic, we are faced with similar choices. We can choose to stay at home and protect ourselves, or we can choose to go out and engage with the outside world. The question of how much risk is too much risk is difficult to answer, but it is important to consider how we frame the question. If the question is framed in a positive way, we are more likely to choose to go out and engage with the outside world. However, if the question is framed in a negative way, we are more likely to choose to stay at home and protect ourselves.

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