A 'task' for the Experimental session on Tuesday the 22nd of March 2022

In between my two mini-lectures, I would like us to discuss how one might begin to implement the following experiment.

"Suppose you wanted to design (and later) implement an experiment to *explore the effect different sources of information have on **beliefs** and **decisions**.* You might like to choose a particular context, for example: Covid vaccination; the war in Ukraine; the validity of the last US presidential election, and so on. The different sources are, in the first instance (though you could add to them):

- Official government information.
- Information from friends or from self-reflection.
- Information from social media.

You will have to think how you might observe the two key variables, *beliefs and decisions*. How will you provide an incentive for honest reporting?"

This is not an easy task, but I would hope that you could make a start. You can work individually, or in teams. I am perfectly happy if you do the latter, and if the team is all the students on the course, so much the better. However, no free-riders please – I want you all to contribute to the task. You will have to appoint a spokesperson to relate your ideas to everyone else. You can, of course, consult with me if you want (send me an email) and I will reply.