In the data files, the column names have the following meanings.

All experiments

sub: participants codingage: demographic variable

gender: demographic variable, 0 = female, 1 = male

Experiment 1a

condition: "0" represents in the gain domain; "1" represents in the loss domain.

time: "1" represents the delay of the intertemporal choice is 3 days; "2" represents the delay of the intertemporal choice is 1 week; "3" represents the delay of the intertemporal choice is 1 month; "4" represents the delay of the intertemporal choice is 1 year.

percentage: the proportion following the discounting model.

Experiment 1b

condition: "week" represents in that group, people faced two time alternatives of now vs. one week from now; "year" represents in that group, people faced two time alternatives of now vs. one year from now.

making_a_fool: making a fool of themselves in front of classmates, 0 = alternatives of now, 1 = alternatives of future.

poor_performance: getting a bad grade in a competition, 0 = alternatives of now, 1 = alternatives of future.

lose money: losing \$100, 0 = alternatives of now, 1 = alternatives of future.

being_expelled: being expelled from a club, 0 = alternatives of now, 1 = alternatives of future.

gettting_stung_by_a_hornet: getting stung by a hornet, 0 = alternatives of now, 1 = alternatives of future.

Experiment 2a

money: four groups, each group differing in terms of the magnitude of money loss, $\frac{10}{100}$, $\frac{100}{1000}$, and $\frac{100}{1000}$.

magnitude: two categories, $\frac{10}{100}$ and $\frac{100}{100}$ belong to small magnitude, $\frac{1000}{100}$ and $\frac{100}{1000}$ belong to large magnitude. $\frac{1}{1000}$ = small magnitude, $\frac{1}{1000}$ = large magnitude.

time: the distance of the vertical line (|) from the left end.

reason numb: the numbers of reasons participants provided.

re1: present bias, the value equals to the numbers of this reason divide by the total numbers of reasons. The following indicators also follow the same principle.

re2: anticipated dread.

re10: others.

re11: early compensation for losses.

re8: opportunity costs (investment, savings).

re7: the time value of money.

re5: uncertainty.

re4: insufficient resources.

re6: mental preparation.

re3: instinctive avoidance.

re9: Can afford to lose.

Experiment 2b

stimuli: 0 refers to an injection; 1 refers to hornet stings; 2 refers to being scalded with boiling water; 3 refers to tooth extraction.

pain_lev: degree of pain on a 7-point scale (1 = very mild pain, 4 = moderate pain, and 7 = very intense pain).

pain experience: 0 refers to Yes; 1 refers to No.

reason numb: the numbers of reasons participants provided.

time: the distance of the vertical line (|) from the left end.

re1: present bias, the value equals to the numbers of this reason divide by the total numbers of reasons. the following indicators also follow the same principle.

re2: anticipated dread.

re3: mental preparation.

re4: uncertainty.

re5: instinctive avoidance.

re6: can bear the pain.

re7: others.

Experiment 3

version: different manipulations, 1= copy negative emotions first, 2 = copy positive emotions first.

manipulation_check_of_anticipated_feelings: the feeling on a 9-point scale (1 = very pleasant, 5 = neither pleasant nor unpleasant, 9 = very unpleasant)

pain_level: degree of pain on a 9-point scale (1 = not at all painful, 9 = very painful) **making_a_fool**: making a fool of themselves in front of classmates, on a 6-point scale, with 1 = very definitely choosing now and 6 = very definitely choosing one week later. The following indicators are also on a 6-point scale.

poor performance: getting a bad grade in a competition.

lose money: losing \(\pm\)100.

being_expelled: being expelled from a club.

gettting_stung_by_a_hornet: getting stung by a hornet.