Research question:
Do subjective beliefs about the state of the world transparently translate to expectations about upcoming linguistic material in comprehension and linguistic choices in production?

Experiment 1: Pronouns referring to the next US President during the 2016 US presidential campaign

- Online data collection from June 2016 (primaries) to February 2017 (after inauguration).
- Belief estimation task (N=3,360): Participants indicate how likely each candidate is to become the next president. → Likelihood of female future president.
- Sentence completion task (N=6,720): Participants completed sentences about the future president, potentially with gendered or gender-neutral pronoun referring to the future president.
- Self-paced reading task (N=13,440): Participants read texts about the future president containing pronominal references (e.g., he/she/them).

Stimuli text completion (N=12):
The next US president will be sworn into office in January 2017. After moving into the Oval Office, one of the first things that...