

# **"Strategic Choices for Redistribution and the Veil of Ignorance: Theory and Experimental Evidence"**

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## **Abstract**

The notion of the veil has been used to argue that higher degrees of uncertainty would make people choose higher degrees of redistribution. We put this hypothesis to a test in the laboratory and find that higher degrees of uncertainty tend, indeed, to be connected with choosing more redistribution. However, we find that a medium level of uncertainty leads people to choose unexpectedly much redistribution - compared to the rational benchmark - whereas a high level of uncertainty leads them to choose surprisingly little of it. Potential reasons are explored.