Reviewer’s report

Title: Is the non-identity problem relevant to public health and policy? An online survey

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This is an interesting and important study of the relevance of the non-identity problem to public policy debates.

The study shows that the problem, though of considerable interest to philosophers, may not be that important to the public and that other factors pertaining to ethical decisions may be.

This should give philosophers some pause.

Although population surveyed in this study is considerably biased in terms of educational level and lack of religiosity, the authors discuss this limitation.

My one suggestion for improvement if for the authors to better describe the methods they used to code the free-text responses.

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