What kind of individual characteristics contribute public goods?

: experimental approach \*

Yumi YOSHIDA †

May, 2007

セッション名:実験経済学

報告論文タイトル: What kind of individual characteristics contribute public goods?: experimental

approach

報告者氏名:吉田 友美

所属:神戸大学経済学研究科博士後期課程

概要

This paper reports the results of experimental study on private provision of public

goods with uncertainty and without uncertainty. The result shows that the amount of

contribution to public goods depends on individual characteristics. Individualists and

risk lovers tend to more invest to public goods with or without uncertainty. Hierarchists

tend to more invest to public goods with uncertainty. Fatalists tend to less invest to

\* I am grateful for helpful suggestions and valuable comments to Kenji Takeuchi, Masanobu Ishikawa, Ken-Ichi Shimomura, Jyunya Masuda, Tomomichi Mizuno. All remaining errors are mine.

† Graduate School of Economics, Kobe University, Rokkodai-cho 2-1, Nada-ku, Kobe 657-8501, Japan. E-mail: 046e008e@stu.kobe-u.ac.jp

public goods without uncertainty. Individual's behavior is affected by leader's behavior with uncertainty.

keywords: public goods; voluntary contributions mechanism; experiments; free-

riding; regression analysis; cultural theory

JEL Classification: H41