

Word formation is syntactic: Raising in nominalizations

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Appendix: Experimental items for the acceptability survey

1. (a) (Subj_Nom) According to historians, that radical group was eager to start a civil war despite its certainty to cause a bloodbath.
(b) (Subj-Clause) According to historians, that radical group was eager to start a civil war despite the fact that it was certain to cause a bloodbath.
(c) (Obj_Nom) According to historians, that radical group was eager to start a civil war despite their acknowledgment of it to be folly.
(d) (Obj-Clause) According to historians, that radical group was eager to start a civil war despite the fact that they acknowledged it to be folly.
2. (a) (Subj_Nom) Studies have found that the name of a species affects its likelihood to become endangered.
(b) (Subj-Clause) Studies have found that the name of a species affects whether it is likely to become endangered.
(c) (Obj_Nom) Studies have found that the name of a species affects conservation groups' pronouncement of them to be endangered.
(d) (Obj-Clause) Studies have found that the name of a species affects whether conservation groups will pronounce them to be endangered.
3. (a) (Subj_Nom) The litigants were determined to go forward with the lawsuit despite its certainty to be a bitter and prolonged process.
(b) (Subj-Clause) The litigants were determined to go forward with the lawsuit despite the fact that it was certain to be a bitter and prolonged process.
(c) (Obj_Nom) The litigants were determined to go forward with the lawsuit despite their recognition of it to be a bitter and prolonged process.
(d) (Obj-Clause) The litigants were determined to go forward with the lawsuit despite the fact that they recognized it to be a bitter and prolonged process.
4. (a) (Subj_Nom) At the hearing, the government-appointed psychiatrist asserted that the defendant's likelihood to re-offend is low.
(b) (Subj-Clause) At the hearing, the government-appointed psychiatrist asserted that the defendant is not likely to re-offend.
(c) (Obj_Nom) At the hearing, the government-appointed psychiatrist asserted his estimation of the defendant to be unlikely to re-offend.
(d) (Obj-Clause) At the hearing, the government-appointed psychiatrist asserted that he estimated the defendant to be unlikely to re-offend.

5.
 - (a) (Subj_Nom) One state representative argued against the legislation on the basis of its certainty to increase consumer bills.
 - (b) (Subj_Clause) One state representative argued against the legislation on the basis of the fact that it was certain to increase consumer bills.
 - (c) (Obj_Nom) One state representative argued against the legislation on the basis of his calculation of it to be cost prohibitive.
 - (d) (Obj_Clause) One state representative argued against the legislation because he calculated it to be cost prohibitive.
6.
 - (a) (Subj_Nom) One large-scale study of workplace environments found that whether or not a man was in a committed relationship had no influence on his likelihood to sexually harass.
 - (b) (Subj_Clause) One large-scale study of workplace environments found that whether or not a man was in a committed relationship had no influence on whether he was likely to sexually harass.
 - (c) (Obj_Nom) One large-scale study of workplace environments found that whether or not a man was in a committed relationship had no influence on the observation of him to be a harasser.
 - (d) (Obj_Clause) One large-scale study of workplace environments found that whether or not a man was in a committed relationship had no influence on whether anyone observed him to be a harasser.
7.
 - (a) (Subj_Nom) Public opinion has shifted in favor of that country, perhaps because of its certainty to lose the war it began without provocation.
 - (b) (Subj_Clause) Public opinion has shifted in favor of that country, perhaps because it is certain to lose the war it began without provocation.
 - (c) (Obj_Nom) Public opinion has shifted in favor of that country, perhaps because of their presumption of it to be about to lose the war it began without provocation.
 - (d) (Obj_Clause) Public opinion has shifted in favor of that country, perhaps because they presume it to be about to lose the war it began without provocation.
8.
 - (a) (Subj_Nom) Equity investors have revised their assessment of that company on the basis of their estimate of its likelihood to meet its debt obligations.
 - (b) (Subj_Clause) Equity investors have revised their assessment of that company on the basis of their estimate that it is likely to meet its debt obligations.
 - (c) (Obj_Nom) Equity investors have revised their assessment of that company on the basis of their calculation of it to be able to meet its debt obligations.
 - (d) (Obj_Clause) Equity investors have revised their assessment of that company because they calculate it to be able to meet its debt obligations.