

**TABLE 5.1** The Effects of Question Wording: The Issue of Public Housing

*One-sided question*

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The federal government should see to it that all people have adequate housing.

Agree: government responsible  
Disagree: government not responsible

*Two-sided question, government option first*

Some people feel that the federal government should see to it that all people have adequate housing, while others feel each person should provide for his own housing. Which comes closest to how you feel about this?

Government responsible  
Government not responsible

*Two-sided question, government option second*

Some people feel that each person should provide for his own housing, while others feel the federal government should see to it that all people have adequate housing. Which comes closest to how you feel about this?

Government responsible  
Government not responsible

SOURCE: Howard Schuman and Stanley Presser, *Questions and Answers in Attitude Surveys* (New York: Academic Press, 1981), 70-71.