**Control Explanations**

Prior to conducting our main analyses, we examined participants’ responses to the control explanations (weather and hunger as punitive motives) to ensure participants’ rejected such items. To do so, we conducted a repeated measures analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Age Group (child, adult) and Social Role (teacher, adult, peer) as between-subjects variables and Motive Type (hunger, weather) as a within-subjects factor. In doing so, we did not find an Age Group (child, adult) x Social Role (teacher, adult, peer) x Motive Type (weather, hunger) interaction, *F*(2, 193) = 1.85, *p* = .160, ηp2 = .019; these results indicate that both children and adults responded similarly to the control items—follow up analyses revealed that participants strongly rejected the control explanations (all *p*s < .001; Figure 1). For this reason, we exclude control motives for the main analyses.

**Supplemental Table 1**

