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Survey 1

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Q40   
   
***Department of Psychology*** *College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
 603 East Daniel Street  
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***Informed Consent***   
*Please read this consent agreement carefully. You must be 18 years or older to participate.*  
   
 **Purpose of the research:**  
         The purpose of the research is to understand how people process information about health threats and if they have difficult processing this information.  
    
 **What you will do in this study:**   
        *You will be asked to read at least one article regarding health threats, do some math, and be asked to state your beliefs about the topics discussed in the article(s). Finally, you will answer some questions about these choices as well as demographic questions such as gender and age.*  
   
 ***Risks:*** *There are no anticipated risks beyond those encountered in daily life associated with participating in this study.* ***Compensations:*** *The study will take about 10  minutes to complete. You will receive $0.80 to your Amazon Mechanical Turks account as compensation for participating in this study. At the end of this study, you will receive an explanation of the study and the hypotheses. We hope that you will learn a little bit about how psychological research is conducted.* ***Voluntary Withdrawal:*** *Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. However, if you choose to leave the session prior to completing the survey, you will receive no payment for incomplete participation. If you feel as if this experiment is not one you would like to participate in, there are other experiments on the Amazon Mechanical Turks website (https://www.mturk.com/mturk/welcome).* ***Confidentiality:*** *Your responses will be assigned a code number that is not linked to your name or other identifying information. All data and consent forms will be stored in a locked room. Results of this study may be presented at conferences and/or published in books, journals, and/or in the popular media.* ***Further information:*** *If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019] or Ryan Palmer [Department of Psychology, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: ryanjp2@illinois.edu; Phone: 310-592-6900].* ***Whom to contact about your rights in this study:*** *If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 or via email at irb@illinois.edu.* ***Will my study-related information be kept confidential?*** *Yes, but not always. In general, we will not tell anyone any information about you. When this research is discussed or published, no one will know that you were in the study.  However, laws and university rules might require us to disclose information about you.  For example, if required by laws or University Policy, study information which identifies you and the consent form signed by you may be seen or copied by the following people or groups:* *The university committee and office that reviews and approves research studies, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Office for Protection of Research Subjects; University and state auditors, and Departments of the university responsible for oversight of research*   
    
***Agreement:*** *The purpose and nature of this research have been sufficiently explained and I agree to participate in this study. I certify that I’m 18 years old or older, and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without incurring any penalty. I understand that I will print a copy of this form from my computer.*   
    
    
    
 

* Click to consent (1)

End of Block: Block 4

Start of Block: True/False

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Q1 Read the following statement and use the scales to describe your knowledge.

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|  | Definitely true (51) | Probably true (52) | Neither true nor false (53) | Probably false (54) | Definitely false (55) |
| Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote during the 2016 Presidential Elections. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers to work in the United States. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV/AIDS epidemic. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: True/False

Start of Block: Block 8

Q60 Please select the option "lavender note"

* Sports car (1)
* Lavender note (2)
* Cosmetic box (3)
* sofa (4)

End of Block: Block 8

Start of Block: Plausibility

Q2 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (23) | Mostly describes my feelings (24) | Moderately describes my feelings (25) | Slightly describes my feelings (26) | Does not describe my feelings (27) |
| People like me believe it is common for some people to fake documents to achieve power. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why somebody may want to fake documents to achieve power. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided many examples of people faking documents to achieve power. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please click the mid point of the scale for this one. (9) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q5 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for a president to not act when action is necessary. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why a president may not act in a situation like the one in Syria. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of presidents’ inaction when action was needed. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q21 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for people to vote illegally (electoral fraud) . (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why a political party would want to count illegal votes. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of electoral fraud (for example, people voting illegally). (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q7 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for people to fake documents to achieve what they want. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why people would fake documents in order to work. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of people faking documents to achieve a goal. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q8 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV epidemic.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for government researchers to knowingly harm research subjects (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why experiments might be allowed even though they hurt certain groups of people. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of experiments in which participants are harmed with the researchers knowing about the harm. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q11 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for government researchers to knowingly harm research subjects. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why experiments might be allowed even though they hurt certain groups of people. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of experiments in which participants are harmed with the researchers knowing about the harm. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q10 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| People like me think it is common for industry to hide damage done by their products. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why the damaging effect of a product might be covered up. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of industry hiding the damage done by their products. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q19 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| I am familiar with many similar situations or examples of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why an industry would cover up the damaging effects of its products. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of this type of situation of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Plausibility

Start of Block: Unfalsifiability

Q22 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if Obama was born in the United States or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can conclusively demonstrate if Obama was born in the United States or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to determine if Obama was born in the United States or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q23 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to determine if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q24 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally have prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q25 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q26 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV epidemic.**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q29 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q28 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q28 Independently on your beliefs as to whether this occurred, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Clearly describes my feelings (21) | Mostly describes my feelings (22) | Moderately describes my feelings (23) | Slightly describes my feelings (24) | Does not describe my feelings (25) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Unfalsifiability

Start of Block: Knowledge

Q59   
   
   
   
 Political Knowledge: Please, pick the right answer (After November 6, the last two questions may have a different right answer) Source Pew Center: http://www.people- press.org/2018/04/26/10-political-engagement-knowledge-and-the-midterms/   
 In the case of a tied vote in the U.S. Senate, the deciding vote is cast by:

* The president (1)
* The vice president (2)
* The Senate majority leader (3)
* The Senate parliamentarian (4)

Q60   
   
   
   
Political Knowledge: Please, pick the right answer (After November 6, the last two questions may have a different right answer) Source Pew Center: http://www.people- press.org/2018/04/26/10-political-engagement-knowledge-and-the-midterms/   
A filibuster in the U.S. Senate can be used to prevent legislation from coming to a vote. Of the 100 U.S. senators, how many votes are needed to end a filibuster? 

* 51 (1)
* 60 (2)
* 67 (3)
* 70 (4)

Q61   
   
   
   
Political Knowledge: Please, pick the right answer (After November 6, the last two questions may have a different right answer) Source Pew Center: http://www.people- press.org/2018/04/26/10-political-engagement-knowledge-and-the-midterms/   
How is the number of terms a president can serve determined? 

* There is no limit to the number of terms a president can serve. (1)
* Article II of the U.S. Constitution (2)
* Custom and precedent (3)
* The 22nd Amendment of the Constitution. (4)

End of Block: Knowledge

Start of Block: Individual DIfferences

Q114 Because people's reactions to information often depends on how they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (1) | Somewhat agree (2) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (4) | Strongly disagree (5) |
| I feel calm (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am confused. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have responsibility for handling situations that require a lot of thinking. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer simple to complex problems. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't like situations that are uncertain. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I seldom worry about whether other people care about me. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not like being alone. (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want other people to accept me. (10) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I feel calm. (11) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I am worried. (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I am confused. (13) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, thinking is not my idea of fun. (14) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I prefer my life to be filled with puzzles I must solve. (15) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I don’t like situations that are uncertain. (16) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I enjoy having a clear picture of how things are. (17) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to be surrounded by people who share my political ideas. (18) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to be surrounded by people who like to discuss politics. (19) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thinking about politics is entertaining to me. (20) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I trust the US government to do what's right. (21) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians are honest. (22) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians genuinely try to keep their campaign promises. (23) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians are incompetent. (24) |  |  |  |  |  |
| My financial situation has deteriorated in the last few years. (25) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sometimes don't feel safe. (26) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel integrated in society . (27) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The notion of thinking abstractly is appealing to me. (31) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important to one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought. (41) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a circle of people who support me. (33) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to belong to a group. (42) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politics makes me anxious. (35) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried about contemporary politics. (43) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health issues makes me anxious. (37) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried about health issues. (44) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The notion of thinking abstractly about politics is appealing to me. (39) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important to one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought. (45) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to belong to groups that have opinions about politics. (46) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a circle of people who agree with me politically. (48) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Individual DIfferences

Start of Block: Block 10

Q87 Some people pay a lot of attention to the news while other people are just too busy. How many days in the past week did you get information from each of the following sources?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 days (1) | 1 day (2) | 2 days (3) | 3 days (4) | 4 days (5) | 5 days (6) | 6 days (7) | 7 days (8) |
| A. Cable news channels Fox News or One America News (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Cable news channel MSNBC (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Cable news channel CNN (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Broadcast news (such as ABC, CBS, or NBC) (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Your local (e.g., county) television news (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F. Public Radio (such as NPR) (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Talk Radio (such as The Rush Limbaugh Show, The Mark Levin Show, or The Sean Hannity Show) (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H. Your local (e.g., county) newspaper (including online) (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. National newspapers (such as the New York Times, USA Today, or the Wall Street Journal (including online) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. Online news and blogs such as the Drudge Report or Breitbart (10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. Online news and blogs such as Vox, or HuffPost (11) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L. ]Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Reddit) (13) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q89 If you had to choose between traditional sources of information, such as newspapers or television, and social media, such as Facebook or Twitter, which one would you prefer to get your information from?   

* Traditional media (1)
* Social media (2)

Q90 How often do you do the following?

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Every day (1) | Several times a week (2) | Several times a month (3) | Several times ayear (4) | Never (5) |
| Watch movies (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watch sports (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Read fiction (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Block 10

Start of Block: Block 6

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Q38 What is your year of birth?

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Q40 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

* Less than high school degree (1)
* High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
* Some college but no degree (3)
* Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
* Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
* Master's degree (6)
* Doctoral degree (7)
* Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

Q42 Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q46 Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q48 What is your sex?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)

Q50 Information about income is very important to understand.  Would you please give your best guess?Please indicate the answer that includes your entire household income in (previous year) before taxes.

* Less than $10,000 (1)
* $10,000 to $19,999 (2)
* $20,000 to $29,999 (3)
* $30,000 to $39,999 (4)
* $40,000 to $49,999 (5)
* $50,000 to $59,999 (6)
* $60,000 to $69,999 (7)
* $70,000 to $79,999 (8)
* $80,000 to $89,999 (9)
* $90,000 to $99,999 (10)
* $100,000 to $149,999 (11)
* $150,000 or more (12)

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Q52 What is your ZIP code?

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Q56 Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated or never married?

* Married (1)
* Widowed (2)
* Divorced (3)
* Separated (4)
* Never Married (5)

Q60 Have you ever served on active duty in the US Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q62 Are you now serving in the Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q66 Which statement best describes your current employment status?

* Working (paid employee) (1)
* Working (self-employed) (2)
* Not working (temporary layoff from a job) (3)
* Not working (looking for work) (4)
* Not working (retired) (5)
* Not working (disabled) (6)
* Not working (other) (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to answer (8)

Q68 Did you vote in the last election?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q70 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No preference (5)

Q76 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

* Republican (1)
* Democratic (2)

Q76 Do you think of yourself liberal, conservative, or neither?

* Liberal (1)
* Neither (2)
* Conservative (3)

End of Block: Block 6

Start of Block: Block 9

Q61 Please enter your MTurk ID.

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Q59   
**DEBRIEFING FORM**   
    
  
         Thank you very much for your participation! We are interested in studying how people process misinformation and conspiracy theories and how they can be dissuaded of such information, once they believe it. Currently we are just testing the items to decide how to best ask the questions.  
         Should you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact: Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019.  
  
 Thank you again for your cooperation!  
  
  
Steps to complete:   
1. Enter the 6-digit code DD8023 to your MTurk hit.  
2. Submit your MTurk hit.  
3. Come back to this page, and press the continue button below to submit your answers.  
  
ONLY UNTIL YOU FINISH All THE STEPS COULD YOU RECEIVE THE PAYMENT! Thank you very much for participating in this study!

Q58 Steps to complete:    
 1. Enter the 6-digit code DD8023 to your MTurk hit.  
 2. Submit your MTurk hit.  
 3. Come back to this page, and press the continue button below to submit your answers.  
   
 **ONLY UNTIL YOU FINISH All THE STEPS COULD YOU RECEIVE THE PAYMENT!**   Thank you very much for participating in this study!

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Survey 2

Start of Block: Block 4

Q40 Department of Psychology  
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
 603 East Daniel Street  
  
 Champaign, IL 61820   
  
  
  
 Informed Consent  
  
  
Please read this consent agreement carefully. You must be 18 years or older to participate.  
   
  
 Purpose of the research:       
  
  
  
The purpose of the research is to understand how people process information about health threats and if they have difficulty processing this information.    
  
 What you will do in this study:          
  
  
  
You will be asked to read at least one article regarding health threats, do some math, and be asked to state your beliefs about the topics discussed in the article(s). Finally, you will answer some questions about these choices as well as demographic questions such as gender and age.   
 Risks:  
  
  
  
There are no anticipated risks beyond those encountered in daily life associated with participating in this study.    
  
  
 Voluntary Withdrawal:  
  
  
Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. However, if you choose to leave the session prior to completing the survey, you will receive no payment for incomplete participation.  
    
  
 Confidentiality:  
  
Your responses will be assigned a code number that is not linked to your name or other identifying information. All data and consent forms will be stored in a locked room. Results of this study may be presented at conferences and/or published in books, journals, and/or in the popular media.  
    
  
 Further information:  
  
If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019] or Ryan Palmer [Department of Psychology, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: ryanjp2@illinois.edu; Phone: 310-592-6900].  
    
 Whom to contact about your rights in this study:  
  
          
  
 If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 or via email at irb@illinois.edu.    
 Will my study-related information be kept confidential?  
  
    
  
Yes, but not always. In general, we will not tell anyone any information about you. When this research is discussed or published, no one will know that you were in the study.  However, laws and university rules might require us to disclose information about you.  For example, if required by laws or University Policy, study information which identifies you and the consent form signed by you may be seen or copied by the following people or groups:  
  
   The university committee and office that reviews and approves research studies, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Office for Protection of Research Subjects; University and state auditors, and Departments of the university responsible for oversight of research    Agreement:  
  
  
  
The purpose and nature of this research have been sufficiently explained and I agree to participate in this study. I certify that I’m 18 years old or older, and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without incurring any penalty. I understand that I will print a copy of this form from my computer.

* Click to consent (1)
* I Do Not Consent (2)

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Start of Block: True/False

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Q1 Read the following statements and use the scales to indicate whether you believe each to be true or false.

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|  | Definitely true (1) | Probably true (2) | Neither true nor false (3) | Probably false (4) | Definitely false (5) |
| Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote during the 2016 Presidential Elections. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers to work in the United States. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV/AIDS epidemic. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: True/False

Start of Block: Block 8

Q60 Please select the option "lavender note"

* Sports car (1)
* Lavender note (2)
* Cosmetic box (3)
* sofa (4)

End of Block: Block 8

Start of Block: Plausibility

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Q2 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me believe it is common for some people to fake documents to achieve power. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why somebody may want to fake documents to achieve power. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided many examples of people faking documents to achieve power. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please click the mid point of the scale for this one. (9) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q5 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for a president to not act when action is necessary. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why a president may not act in a situation like the one in Syria. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of presidents’ inaction when action was needed. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q21 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for people to vote illegally (electoral fraud) . (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why a political party would want to count illegal votes. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of electoral fraud (for example, people voting illegally). (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q7 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for people to fake documents to achieve what they want. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why people would fake documents in order to work. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of people faking documents to achieve a goal. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q8 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV epidemic.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for government researchers to knowingly harm research subjects (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why experiments might be allowed even though they hurt certain groups of people. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of experiments in which participants are harmed with the researchers knowing about the harm. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q11 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for government researchers to knowingly harm research subjects. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why experiments might be allowed even though they hurt certain groups of people. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of experiments in which participants are harmed with the researchers knowing about the harm. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q10 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for industry to hide damage done by their products. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why the damaging effect of a product might be covered up. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of industry hiding the damage done by their products. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q19 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| I am familiar with many similar situations or examples of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why an industry would cover up the damaging effects of its products. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of this type of situation of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Plausibility

Start of Block: Unfalsifiability

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Q22 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if Obama was born in the United States or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can conclusively demonstrate if Obama was born in the United States or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to determine if Obama was born in the United States or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q23 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to determine if Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria or not. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q24 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally have prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q25 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q26 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **A US government’s experiment injecting the HIV virus to African-Americans created the HIV epidemic.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the HIV epidemic was created the US government’s experiment or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q29 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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28a Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q28b Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| Some types of evidence (data, documents) can demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Unfalsifiability

Start of Block: Knowledge

Q59   
   
   
   
 **Please choose the correct answer:**   In the case of a tied vote in the U.S. Senate, the deciding vote is cast by:

* The president (1)
* The vice president (2)
* The Senate majority leader (3)
* The Senate parliamentarian (4)

Q60   
   
   
   
**Please choose the correct answer:**      
  A filibuster in the U.S. Senate can be used to prevent legislation from coming to a vote. Of the 100 U.S. senators, how many votes are needed to end a filibuster? 

* 51 (1)
* 60 (2)
* 67 (3)
* 70 (4)

Q61   
   
   
   
 **Please choose the correct answer:**      How is the number of terms a president can serve determined? 

* There is no limit to the number of terms a president can serve. (1)
* Article II of the U.S. Constitution (2)
* Custom and precedent (3)
* The 22nd Amendment of the Constitution. (4)

End of Block: Knowledge

Start of Block: Individual DIfferences

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Q114 Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| I feel calm most of the time (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried most of the time (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am confused most of the time (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have responsibility for handling situations that require a lot of thinking. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer simple to complex problems. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I don't like situations that are uncertain. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I seldom worry about whether other people care about me. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not like being alone. (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want other people to accept me. (10) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I feel calm. (11) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I am worried. (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I am confused. (13) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, thinking is not my idea of fun. (14) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I prefer my life to be filled with puzzles I must solve. (15) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I don’t like situations that are uncertain. (16) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I enjoy having a clear picture of how things are. (17) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to be surrounded by people who share my political ideas. (18) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to be surrounded by people who like to discuss politics. (19) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thinking about politics is entertaining to me. (20) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I trust the US government to do what's right. (21) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians are honest. (22) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians genuinely try to keep their campaign promises. (23) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians are incompetent. (24) |  |  |  |  |  |
| My financial situation has deteriorated in the last few years. (25) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sometimes don't feel safe. (26) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel integrated in society . (27) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The notion of thinking abstractly is appealing to me. (31) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important to one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought. (41) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a circle of people who support me. (33) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to belong to a group. (42) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politics makes me anxious. (35) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried about contemporary politics. (43) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health issues makes me anxious. (37) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried about health issues. (44) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The notion of thinking abstractly about politics is appealing to me. (39) |  |  |  |  |  |
| When it comes to politics, I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important to one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought. (45) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to belong to groups that have opinions about politics. (46) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a circle of people who agree with me politically. (48) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Individual DIfferences

Start of Block: Block 10

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Q46 How much news do you get from each of the following sources? Use a scale where "1" means you get NONE of your news and information from these sources, and "6" means you get A LOT of your news and information from these sources. Of course, you can use any number between 1 and 6.

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|  | None of your news      1 (1) | 2 (2) | 3 (3) | 4 (4) | 5 (5) | A lot of your news       6 (6) |
| Sources such as Fox News, Rush Limbaugh, Breitbart News, One America News, or The Drudge Report (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources such as MSNBC, Bill Maher, or Huffington Post (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources such as ABC News, CBS News, or NBC News (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q87 Some people pay a lot of attention to the news while other people are just too busy. How many days in the past week did you get information from each of the following sources?

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|  | 0 days (0) | 1 day (1) | 2 days (2) | 3 days (3) | 4 days (4) | 5 days (5) | 6 days (6) | 7 days (7) |
| A. Cable news channels Fox News or One America News (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Cable news channel MSNBC (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Cable news channel CNN (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Broadcast news (such as ABC, CBS, or NBC) (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Your local (e.g., county) television news (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F. Public Radio (such as NPR) (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Talk Radio (such as The Rush Limbaugh Show, The Mark Levin Show, or The Sean Hannity Show) (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H. Your local (e.g., county) newspaper (including online) (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. National newspapers (such as the New York Times, USA Today, or the Wall Street Journal (including online) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. Online news and blogs such as the Drudge Report or Breitbart (10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. Online news and blogs such as Vox, or HuffPost (11) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L. ]Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Reddit) (13) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q89 If you had to choose between traditional sources of information, such as newspapers or television, and social media, such as Facebook or Twitter, which one would you prefer to get your information from?   

* Traditional media (1)
* Social media (2)

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Q90 How often do you do the following?

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|  | Every day (5) | Several times a week (4) | Several times a month (3) | Several times ayear (2) | Never (1) |
| Watch movies (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watch sports (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Read fiction (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Block 10

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Q38 What is your year of birth?

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Q40 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

* Less than high school degree (1)
* High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
* Some college but no degree (3)
* Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
* Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
* Master's degree (6)
* Doctoral degree (7)
* Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

Q42 Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q46 Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q48 What is your sex?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)

Q50 Information about income is very important to understand.  Would you please give your best guess?Please indicate the answer that includes your entire household income in (previous year) before taxes.

* Less than $10,000 (1)
* $10,000 to $19,999 (2)
* $20,000 to $29,999 (3)
* $30,000 to $39,999 (4)
* $40,000 to $49,999 (5)
* $50,000 to $59,999 (6)
* $60,000 to $69,999 (7)
* $70,000 to $79,999 (8)
* $80,000 to $89,999 (9)
* $90,000 to $99,999 (10)
* $100,000 to $149,999 (11)
* $150,000 or more (12)

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Q52 What is your ZIP code?

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Q56 Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated or never married?

* Married (1)
* Widowed (2)
* Divorced (3)
* Separated (4)
* Never Married (5)

Q60 Have you ever served on active duty in the US Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q62 Are you now serving in the Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q66 Which statement best describes your current employment status?

* Working (paid employee) (1)
* Working (self-employed) (2)
* Not working (temporary layoff from a job) (3)
* Not working (looking for work) (4)
* Not working (retired) (5)
* Not working (disabled) (6)
* Not working (other) (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to answer (8)

Q68 Did you vote in the last election?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q70 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No preference (5)

Q76 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

* Republican (1)
* Democratic (2)

Q76 Do you think of yourself liberal, conservative, or neither?

* Liberal (1)
* Neither (2)
* Conservative (3)

End of Block: Block 6

Start of Block: Block 7

Q59   
**DEBRIEFING FORM**   
    
Thank you very much for your participation! We are interested in studying how people process misinformation and conspiracy theories and how they can be dissuaded of such information, once they believe it.  
 Currently we are just testing the items to decide how to best ask the questions.  
 Should you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact:  
 **Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration,  
 UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019.**   
  
 Thank you again for your cooperation!   
    
    Thank you very much for participating in this study!

End of Block: Block 7

# **Survey 3**

Start of Block: Block 4

Q40 Department of Psychology  
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
 603 East Daniel Street  
  
 Champaign, IL 61820   
  
  
  
 Informed Consent  
  
  
Please read this consent agreement carefully. You must be 18 years or older to participate.  
   
  
 Purpose of the research:       
  
  
  
The purpose of the research is to understand how people process information about health threats and if they have difficulty processing this information.    
  
 What you will do in this study:          
  
  
  
You will be asked to read at least one article regarding health threats, do some math, and be asked to state your beliefs about the topics discussed in the article(s). Finally, you will answer some questions about these choices as well as demographic questions such as gender and age.   
 Risks:  
  
  
  
There are no anticipated risks beyond those encountered in daily life associated with participating in this study.    
  
  
 Voluntary Withdrawal:  
  
  
Your participation in this study is completely voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty. However, if you choose to leave the session prior to completing the survey, you will receive no payment for incomplete participation.  
    
  
 Confidentiality:  
  
Your responses will be assigned a code number that is not linked to your name or other identifying information. All data and consent forms will be stored in a locked room. Results of this study may be presented at conferences and/or published in books, journals, and/or in the popular media.  
    
  
 Further information:  
  
If you have questions about this study, please contact Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019] or Ryan Palmer [Department of Psychology, UIUC, IL 61820; Email: ryanjp2@illinois.edu; Phone: 310-592-6900].  
    
 Whom to contact about your rights in this study:  
  
          
  
 If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this study or any concerns or complaints, please contact the University of Illinois Institutional Review Board at 217-333-2670 or via email at irb@illinois.edu.    
 Will my study-related information be kept confidential?  
  
    
  
Yes, but not always. In general, we will not tell anyone any information about you. When this research is discussed or published, no one will know that you were in the study.  However, laws and university rules might require us to disclose information about you.  For example, if required by laws or University Policy, study information which identifies you and the consent form signed by you may be seen or copied by the following people or groups:  
  
   The university committee and office that reviews and approves research studies, the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Office for Protection of Research Subjects; University and state auditors, and Departments of the university responsible for oversight of research    Agreement:  
  
  
  
The purpose and nature of this research have been sufficiently explained and I agree to participate in this study. I certify that I’m 18 years old or older, and I voluntarily consent to participate in this study. I understand that I am free to withdraw at any time without incurring any penalty. I understand that I will print a copy of this form from my computer.

* Click to consent (1)
* I Do Not Consent (2)

End of Block: Block 4

Start of Block: beliefs

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Q1 Read the following statements and use the scales to indicate whether you believe each to be true or false.

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|  | Definitely true (1) | Probably true (2) | Neither true nor false (3) | Probably false (4) | Definitely false (5) |
| Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote during the 2016 Presidential Elections. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers to work in the United States. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: beliefs

Start of Block: Block 8

Q60 Please select the option "lavender note"

* Sports car (1)
* Lavender note (2)
* Cosmetic box (3)
* sofa (4)

End of Block: Block 8

Start of Block: Plausibility immigrants

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plaus\_voting Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for people to vote illegally (electoral fraud) . (1) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why a political party would want to count illegal votes. (2) (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of electoral fraud (for example, people voting illegally). (3) (10) |  |  |  |  |  |

plausibility\_SSN Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below: **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (1) | Mostly describes my feelings (2) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (4) | Does not describe my feelings (5) |
| People like me think it is common for people to fake documents to achieve what they want. (1) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why people would fake documents in order to work. (2) (11) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of people faking documents to achieve a goal. (3) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Plausibility immigrants

Start of Block: Plausibility health

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plasu\_MMR Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| People like me think it is common for industry to hide damage done by their products. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why the damaging effect of a product might be covered up. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of industry hiding the damage done by their products. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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plaus\_tobb Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| I am familiar with many similar situations or examples of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (1) (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I can imagine why an industry would cover up the damaging effects of its products. (2) (17) |  |  |  |  |  |
| History has provided a lot of examples of this type of situation of an industry covering up the damaging effects of its products. (3) (18) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Plausibility health

Start of Block: Unfalsifiability immigrants

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unf\_voting Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **Undocumented immigrants voting illegally have prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote in the 2016 Presidential Elections**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants voted in the 2016 Presidential Elections or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

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unf\_SSN Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers in order to work in the United States.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| No evidence can demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if undocumented immigrants often use fake social security numbers to work in the United States or not. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Unfalsifiability immigrants

Start of Block: unfalsifiability mmr

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unf\_MMR   Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:   **The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (2) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the MMR vaccine causes autism or not. (3) (13) |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q133 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, please consider the situation described in this statement  and answer the questions below:  **The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking.**

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|  | Clearly describes my feelings (5) | Mostly describes my feelings (4) | Moderately describes my feelings (3) | Slightly describes my feelings (2) | Does not describe my feelings (1) |
| No evidence can demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not. (2) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are no reliable sources to demonstrate if the tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of tobacco or not (3) (13) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Please mark this "clearly describe my feelings" to check format. (14) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: unfalsifiability mmr

Start of Block: discussions illegal vote

Discussions\_voting Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, have **you ever talked about the issue of** immigrants voted illegally in the 2016 election with the following people?

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|  | Very frequently (1) | Frequently (2) | Somewhat (3) | Rarely (4) | Never (5) |
| Friends and people close to you (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| People I only interact with online (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acquaintances (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: discussions illegal vote

Start of Block: read voting

Q146 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, have **you read or watched news about the issue of** immigrants voted illegally in the 2016 election?

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|  | Very frequently (1) | Frequently (2) | Somewhat (3) | Rarely (4) | Never (5) |
| Read news about this (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watched news (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heard on radio (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: read voting

Start of Block: Discussion MMR

Discussions\_MMR Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, have **you ever talked about the issue of t**he autism effects of the MMR vaccine being covered up, with the following people?

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|  | Very frequently (1) | Frequently (2) | Somewhat (3) | Rarely (4) | Never (5) |
| Friends and people close to you (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| People I only interact with online (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Acquaintances (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Discussion MMR

Start of Block: read mmr

Q147 Regardless of whether you believe this to be true or not, have **you read or watched news about the** autism effects of the MMR vaccine being covered up?

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|  | Very frequently (1) | Frequently (2) | Somewhat (3) | Rarely (4) | Never (5) |
| Read news about this (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watched news (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heard on radio (3) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: read mmr

Start of Block: norms

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Norms People who are close to me believe that this is:

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|  | People Close to Me Believe This is Definitely true (1) | People Close to Me Believe This is Probably true (2) | People Close to Me Believe This is Neither true nor false (3) | People Close to Me Believe This is Probably false (4) | People Close to Me Believe This is Definitely false (5) |
| Obama was not born in the United States and faked his birth certificate to become president. (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Obama’s inaction facilitated the humanitarian crisis in Syria (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants voting illegally prevented Republicans from winning the popular vote during the 2016 Presidential Elections. (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Undocumented immigrants often obtain fake social security numbers to work in the United States. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US government studied the natural course of syphilis by leaving African Americans untreated. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The MMR vaccine causes autism but this fact has been covered up. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The tobacco industry covered up the damaging effects of smoking. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: norms

Start of Block: Knowledge

Q59   
   
   
   
 **Please choose the correct answer:**   In the case of a tied vote in the U.S. Senate, the deciding vote is cast by:

* The president (1)
* The vice president (2)
* The Senate majority leader (3)
* The Senate parliamentarian (4)

Q60   
   
   
   
**Please choose the correct answer:**      
  A filibuster in the U.S. Senate can be used to prevent legislation from coming to a vote. Of the 100 U.S. senators, how many votes are needed to end a filibuster? 

* 51 (1)
* 60 (2)
* 67 (3)
* 70 (4)

Q61   
   
   
   
 **Please choose the correct answer:**      How is the number of terms a president can serve determined? 

* There is no limit to the number of terms a president can serve. (1)
* Article II of the U.S. Constitution (2)
* Custom and precedent (3)
* The 22nd Amendment of the Constitution. (4)

End of Block: Knowledge

Start of Block: Individual DIfferences

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Anxiety,situation Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| I feel calm most of the time (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am worried most of the time (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am confused most of the time (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I sometimes don't feel safe. (26) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Individual DIfferences

Start of Block: Trust in Government

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Trust Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| Politicians are honest. (22) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians genuinely try to keep their campaign promises. (23) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Politicians are incompetent. (24) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US president is honest. (25) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US House of Representatives can be trusted. (26) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The US Senate can be trusted. (27) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) can be trusted. (80) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The police can be trusted. (81) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) can be trusted. (82) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Trust in Government

Start of Block: misc. social integration original scales

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Misc\_Social Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| My financial situation has deteriorated in the last few years. (25) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel integrated in society . (27) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not like being alone. (80) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a circle of people who support me. (81) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to belong to a group. (82) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: misc. social integration original scales

Start of Block: NeedBelong

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NBelong Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| I seldom worry about whether other people care about me. (8) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not like being alone. (9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want other people to accept me. (10) |  |  |  |  |  |
| If other people don't seem to accept me, I don't let it bother me. (59) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I try hard not to do things that will make other people avoid or reject me. (60) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I need to feel that there are people I can turn to in times of need. (61) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being apart from my friends for long periods of time does not bother me. (62) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I have a strong need to belong. (63) |  |  |  |  |  |
| It bothers me a great deal when I am not included in other people's plans. (64) |  |  |  |  |  |
| My feelings are easily hurt when I feel that others do not accept me. (65) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: NeedBelong

Start of Block: NeedStructure

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NeedStructure Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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| I don't like situations that are uncertain. (6) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy having a clear and structured mode of life. (7) |  |  |  |  |  |
| It upsets me to go into a situation without knowing what I can expect from it. (49) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I'm not bothered by things that interrupt my daily routine. (50) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like to have a place for everything and everything in its place. (51) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy being spontaneous. (52) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find that a well-ordered life with regular hours makes my life tedious. (53) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I hate to change my plans at the last minute. (54) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I hate to be with people who are unpredictable. (55) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find that a consistent routine enables me to enjoy life more. (56) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy the exhilaration of being in unpredictable situations. (57) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I become uncomfortable when the rules in a situation are not clear. (58) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: NeedStructure

Start of Block: NCog

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NeedCog Because people's reactions to information often depends on who they are, we have some questions about yourself.

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|  | Strongly agree (5) | Somewhat agree (4) | Neither agree nor disagree (3) | Somewhat disagree (2) | Strongly disagree (1) |
| I like to have responsibility for handling situations that require a lot of thinking. (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer simple to complex problems. (5) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The notion of thinking abstractly is appealing to me. (31) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would prefer a task that is intellectual, difficult, and important to one that is somewhat important but does not require much thought. (41) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Thinking is not my idea of fun. (66) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would rather do something that requires little thought than something that is sure to challenge my thinking abilities. (67) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I try to anticipate and avoid situations where there is a likely chance I will have to think in depth about something. (68) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I find satisfaction in deliberating hard and for long hours. (69) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I only think as hard as I have to. (70) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer to think about small daily projects to long term ones. (71) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I like tasks that require little thought once I’ve learned them. (72) |  |  |  |  |  |
| The idea of relying on thought to make my way to the top appeals to me. (73) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I really enjoy a task that involves coming up with new solutions to problems. (74) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Learning new ways to think doesn’t excite me very much. (75) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer my life to be filled with puzzles I must solve. (76) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I feel relief rather than satisfaction after completing a task that requires a lot of mental effort. (77) |  |  |  |  |  |
| It’s enough for me that something gets the job done; I don’t care how or why it works. (78) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I usually end up deliberating about issues even when they do not affect me personally (79) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: NCog

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Q46 How much news do you get from each of the following sources? Use a scale where "1" means you get NONE of your news and information from these sources, and "6" means you get A LOT of your news and information from these sources. Of course, you can use any number between 1 and 6.

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|  | A lot of your news; 1 (1) | 2 (2) | 3 (3) | 4 (4) | 5 (5) | None of your news; 6 (6) |
| Sources such as Fox News, Rush Limbaugh, Breitbart News, One America News, or The Drudge Report (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources such as MSNBC, Bill Maher, or Huffington Post (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sources such as ABC News, CBS News, or NBC News (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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Q87 Some people pay a lot of attention to the news while other people are just too busy. How many days in the past week did you get information from each of the following sources?

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|  | 7 days (0) | 6 day (1) | 5 days (2) | 4 days (3) | 3 days (4) | 2 days (5) | 1 days (6) | 0 days (7) |
| A. Cable news channels Fox News or One America News (1) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B. Cable news channel MSNBC (2) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C. Cable news channel CNN (3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D. Broadcast news (such as ABC, CBS, or NBC) (4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Your local (e.g., county) television news (5) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F. Public Radio (such as NPR) (6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G. Talk Radio (such as The Rush Limbaugh Show, The Mark Levin Show, the Hugh Hewitt Show, The Glenn Beck Show, The Michael Savage, The Michael Meded Show, or The Sean Hannity Show) (7) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H. Your local (e.g., county) newspaper (including online) (8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I. National newspapers (such as the New York Times, USA Today, or the Wall Street Journal (including online) (12) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J. Online news and blogs such as the Drudge Report or Breitbart (10) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K. Online news and blogs such as Vox, or HuffPost (11) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L. Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, or Reddit) (13) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M. Websites like DavidIcke.com, WhatReallyHappened.com, thetruthseeker.co.uk, bilderbergmeetings.org, nexusmagazine.com,conspiracyarchive.com, serendipity.it, propagandamatrix.com, thethreewars.com or the like? (14) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N. www.infowars.com (15) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O. Websites like Radix Journal, American Renaissance, Vdare, The RIght Stuff, Daily Stormer, or similar publication. (16) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P. Ben Shapiro's The Daily Wire. (17) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Q. Magazines like National Review, the Weekly Standard, American Spectator. American Thinker, The Washington Examiner, The American Conservative, or Newsmax Magazine (18) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| R. New York Times (19) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S. Blogs like Power Line, Captain Quarters, Red State, Power Line, Hot Air, Instapundit, or Michelle Malkin's (23) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| T. Cable news from Blaze Media, Newsmax TV, or Sinclair Broadcast Group (24) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| U. slate,com (25) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| V. The New York Post, or the Washington Times (26) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| W. Websites like Indymedia, truthdig, US Uncut, World Socialist Web Website, or The Real News (27) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| X. Radio shows like • Pacifica Radio, The David Pakman Show, Democracy Now!, The Majority Report with Sam Seder, Chapo Trap House, and The Jimmy Dore Show (28) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q89 If you had to choose between traditional sources of information, such as newspapers or television, and social media, such as Facebook or Twitter, which one would you prefer to get your information from?   

* Traditional media (1)
* Social media (2)

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Q90 How often do you do the following?

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|  | Every day (5) | Several times a week (4) | Several times a month (3) | Several times ayear (2) | Never (1) |
| Watch movies (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watch sports (2) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Read fiction (3) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watch television (4) |  |  |  |  |  |

End of Block: Block 10

Start of Block: Block 6

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Q38 What is your year of birth?

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Q40 What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

* Less than high school degree (1)
* High school graduate (high school diploma or equivalent including GED) (2)
* Some college but no degree (3)
* Associate degree in college (2-year) (4)
* Bachelor's degree in college (4-year) (5)
* Master's degree (6)
* Doctoral degree (7)
* Professional degree (JD, MD) (8)

Q42 Are you Hispanic, or Latino?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q46 Choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be:

* White (1)
* Black or African American (2)
* American Indian or Alaska Native (3)
* Asian (4)
* Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (5)
* Other (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q48 What is your sex?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Other (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q50 Information about income is very important to understand.  Would you please give your best guess?Please indicate the answer that includes your entire household income in (previous year) before taxes.

* Less than $10,000 (1)
* $10,000 to $19,999 (2)
* $20,000 to $29,999 (3)
* $30,000 to $39,999 (4)
* $40,000 to $49,999 (5)
* $50,000 to $59,999 (6)
* $60,000 to $69,999 (7)
* $70,000 to $79,999 (8)
* $80,000 to $89,999 (9)
* $90,000 to $99,999 (10)
* $100,000 to $149,999 (11)
* $150,000 or more (12)

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Q52 What is your ZIP code?

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Q56 Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated or never married?

* Married (1)
* Widowed (2)
* Divorced (3)
* Separated (4)
* Never Married (5)

Q60 Have you ever served on active duty in the US Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Q62 Are you now serving in the Armed Forces?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q66 Which statement best describes your current employment status?

* Working (paid employee) (1)
* Working (self-employed) (2)
* Not working (temporary layoff from a job) (3)
* Not working (looking for work) (4)
* Not working (retired) (5)
* Not working (disabled) (6)
* Not working (other) (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Prefer not to answer (8)
* Not working (student) (9)

Q68 Did you vote in the last election?

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

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Q70 Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

* Republican (1)
* Democrat (2)
* Independent (3)
* Other (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* No preference (5)

Q76 Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?

* Republican (1)
* Democratic (2)

Q76 Do you think of yourself liberal, conservative, or neither?

* Liberal (1)
* Neither (2)
* Conservative (3)

Q49   
DEBRIEFING FORM  
   
Thank you very much for your participation! We are interested in studying how people process misinformation and conspiracy theories and how they can be dissuaded of such information, once they believe it.  
Currently we are just testing the items to decide how to best ask the questions.  
Should you have any questions or concerns about this study, please feel free to contact:  
Dr. Dolores Albarracín [Department of Psychology and Business Administration,  
UIUC, IL 61820; Email: dalbarra@illinois.edu; Phone: 217-244-7019.  
  
Thank you again for your cooperation!  
   
  Thank you very much for participating in this study!

End of Block: Block 6

# **Survey 4 Baseline**

**SXXXX APPC First Deep State Survey**

**Sample Types**

IDENT1

1 – LL

2 – Cell

3 – Web

**IDENT2**

1 – Northeast

2 – Northcentral

3 – South

4 – West

**Programs**

C= Prescreened CATI

W= Web Panel

**PRESCREENED CATI INTERVIEW**

**INTRODUCTION**

**TELEPHONE RECRUITMENT PROTOCOL**

**INTRO1**

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1; ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE)**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting a research study about some issues related to current events. We will pay eligible respondents five dollars for participating in this survey.

[IF ASKED WHERE DID YOU GET MY NUMBER: Your telephone number was randomly chosen and your opinion will be used to represent U.S. residents.]

SC1. May I please speak with an adult age 18 or older who lives in this house or apartment?

1 Already on phone CONTINUE to SC2

2 Brought to phone CONTINUE TO INTRO2

3 No adult 18 or older at home now SET UP CALLBACK

4 No adult 18 or older in household THANK & TERM. RECORD AS TQSC1

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQSC1

**(READ IF Q.SC1=2)**

INTRO2 Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting a research study about some issues related to current events. We will pay eligible respondents five dollars for participating in this survey.

[IF ASKED WHERE DID YOU GET MY NUMBER: Your telephone number was randomly chosen and your opinion will be used to represent U.S. residents.]

We would like to speak with someone living in your house or apartment for our survey.

SC2. To determine who we should speak with, including yourself, could you please tell me how many adults age 18 or older currently live in this house or apartment?

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DD (DO NOT READ) Don’t know GO TO Q.SC3c

RR (DO NOT READ) Refused GO TO Q.SC3c

**(ASK Q.SC3a IF Q.SC2 = 2)**

**(P.N. – RANDOMLY SELECT YOUNGER OR OLDER)**

SC3a. May I please speak with the (younger/older) of the two adults, who is now at home?

1 Already on phone GO TO INTRO3

2 Brought to phone GO TO Q.SC4

3 No adult available SET UP CALLBACK

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQSC3a

**(ASK Q.SC3b IF Q.SC2 = 3)**

**(P.N. – RANDOMLY SELECT YOUNGEST ADULT/OLDEST ADULT/ADULT WHOSE AGE IS IN THE MIDDLE)**

SC3b. May I please speak with the (youngest adult/oldest adult/adult whose age is in the middle), and who is now at home?

1 Already on phone GO TO INTRO3

2 Brought to phone GO TO Q.SC4

3 No adult available SET UP CALLBACK

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQSC3b

**(ASK Q.SC3c IF Q.SC2 = 4+ OR SC2=DD, RR)**

**(P.N. – RANDOMLY SELECT CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY LAST/WILL CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY NEXT)**

SC3c. May I please speak with the adult who (celebrated a birthday last/will celebrate a birthday next), and who is now at home?

1 Already on phone GO TO INTRO3

2 Brought to phone GO TO Q.SC4

3 No adult available SET UP CALLBACK

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQSC3c

**(ASK Q.SC4 IF Q.SC3a OR Q.SC3b OR Q.SC3c = 2)**

SC4. Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting an opinion survey on current issues.

1 Agreed to interview GO TO INTRO3

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQSC4

**(ASK IF IDENT1=2; ASK IF CELL SAMPLE)**

CP\_INTRO1 Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting a research study about some issues related to current events. We will pay eligible respondents five dollars for participating in this survey.

Before we continue, are you driving (OPTIONAL: and unable to complete the survey)?

1 Not driving GO TO S-0a

2 Driving SET UP CALL BACK

3 (DO NOT READ) This is NOT a cell phone THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

TQCP\_INTRO1

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQCP\_INTRO1

**(ASK IF IDENT1=2; ASK IF CELL SAMPLE)**

S-0a. Could you please tell me if you are 18 or older?

1 Under 18 THANK & TERM. RECORD AS TQS-0a

2 18 or older GO TO INTRO3

9 (DO NOT READ) REFUSED THANK & TERM. RECORD AS RQS-0a

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2; ASK IF CATI)**

INT1. Do you use the internet or email, at least occasionally?

1 Yes

2 No

9 (DO NOT READ) Don’t Know/Refused

**(INT1=2,9)**

INT3. Do you access the internet on a cell phone, or other mobile handheld device, at least occasionally?

1 Yes

2 No

9 (DO NOT READ) Don’t Know/Refused

**[PN: TERMINATE IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI) AND (INT1=1,9 OR INT3=1,9) (INTERNET-USER)]**

**INFORMED CONSENT**

**(SHOW TO ALL SAMPLE TYPES):**

INTRO3. **(IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI):** “Now I”**; IF IDENT1=3 (WEB):** “We”**)** have some questions for you for a research study on issues related to current events on behalf of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all responses will remain confidential in a password protected file at the University of Pennsylvania. Your individual responses will never be released as findings will be reported in the aggregate. The information that we gather may help us to provide invaluable data on current events.

**IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI):** If there is a question you would rather not answer, then we will move on.

**IF IDENT1=3 (WEB):** You can skip any question that you would rather not answer.

**IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI):** [IF NECESSARY: If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641]

**IF IDENT1=3 (WEB):** If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641.

**VOICEMAIL MESSAGE**

**[PN: LEAVE ONLY ONCE IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); LEAVE MESSAGE THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL]**

AM. I am calling from the University of Pennsylvania. We are conducting a research study on current issues. This is NOT a sales call. We would appreciate the participation of a member of your household. We will try to reach you again. Thank you so much, and have a great day/evening.

**MAIN INTERVIEW**

**[PN: CREATE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE A/B; INCLUDE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE IN DATA FILE]**

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE A ONLY)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4--1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1A. Thinking about feeling calm or worried. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most the time

3 Fairly worried most the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

IF IDENT1=1,2: 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

IF IDENT1=3: *9 Web Blank*

**IDENT1=1,2 (CATI):** I’m going to read you a few statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**IDENT1=3 (ONLINE):** For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1. It was actually Ukraine and NOT Russia that hacked Democratic National Committee email accounts in 2016.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q2. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q3. How about people close to you? Do people who are close to you believe this is:

**IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q4. Regardless of what you believe with respect to this group of unelected U.S. government officials, how frequently, if ever, have you talked about this issue with other people before today:

**IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q5; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q5. And how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue on TV, radio or cable?

**IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Somewhat

4 Frequently

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT3=3; ASK IF WEB)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q5; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q6. And how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue in Internet communities or social media?

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Somewhat

4 Frequently

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

[PN: ROTATE “true” AND “false” IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q8]

IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI), READ: I’m going to read you a few more statements. Again, for each one, please tell me if you believe it is (true), (false) or if you aren’t sure.

IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), SHOW: For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is (true), (false) or if you aren’t sure.

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q7. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have taken actions against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q8; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q8. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have used available laws and the democratic processes to take actions against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q8; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q9. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have violated the law in the process of taking actions against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q8; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q10. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have acted in secret against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q11. How familiar, if at all, are you with the term “Deep State”?

**IF IDENT1=1,2:** (READ)

1 Very familiar

2 Somewhat familiar

3 Not too familiar

4 Not familiar at all

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE B ONLY)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q12. Thinking about feeling calm or worried. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF IDENT1=1,2:** (READ)

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most the time

3 Fairly worried most the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

IF IDENT1=1,2: 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

IF IDENT1=3: *9 Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q13. Thinking about a typical week, how frequently, if ever, do you get information from sources such as Fox News, Rush Limbaugh, or One America News?

**IF IDENT1=1,2:** (READ)

1 Never

2 One or two days a week

3 3-4 days a week

4 Everyday

IF IDENT1=1,2: 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

IF IDENT1=3: *9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2; ASK IF CATI)**

Q14. During the last 12 months, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

(READ)

1 Basically, every day

2 A few times a week

3 A few times a month

4 Once a month

5 Less than once a month

6 Not at all

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2; ASK IF CATI)**

Q15. We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. In the last 12 months, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

1 Yes

2 No

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

**SSRS PANEL DEMOS**

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D1. Which group describes your marital status?

(READ LIST)

1 Single that is never married

2 Single, living with a partner

3 Married

4 Separated

5 Widowed

6 Divorced

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D2. Currently, are you yourself employed full‑time, part‑time, or not at all?

1 Full‑time

2 Part‑time

3 Not employed

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF D2=3 AND IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D3. Would you say you are….?

(READ LIST)

1 Retired

2 A homemaker

3 A student

4 Temporarily unemployed

5 (DO NOT READ) Disabled/handicapped

0 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't Know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D4 Including yourself, how many adults are there living in your household?

(DO NOT READ)

Please type in a number from 1 to 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 Eight or more (CHECK BOX)

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF D4=2-8 AND IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA** **IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD)**

D5. How many are children ages (INSERT ITEM)?

a. 12 to 17

b. 6 to 11

c. 5 and under

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [PN: ALLOW CODES 1-4]

0 None

5 Five or more children

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF ANY D5A-C=1-5 AND IDENT1=1,2 (CATI AND HAS AT LEAST ONE CHILD UNDER 18 IN HOUSEHOLD); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D6. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18 living in your household?

1 Yes

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D7. What is your age?

Please type in your age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ALLOW 2‑DIGIT NUMBER)

99 (DO NOT READ) Refused

9*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF D7=99 AND IDENT1=1,2 (REFUSED INITIAL AGE QUESTION AND CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D7a. Could you please tell me if your age falls into one of these ranges?

(READ LIST)

1 18-29

5 30-49

2 50-64

4 65+

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D8. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

(DO NOT READ LIST)

01 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)

02 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)

03 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate or vocational, business technical or other training that did not count toward a degree)

04 Some college, no degree (includes community college)

05 Two year associate degree from a college or university

06 Four year college or university degree/Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)

07 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree

08 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master’s, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)

98 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

99 (DO NOT READ) Refused

9*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

D9. For classification purposes, is your household’s total annual income before taxes:

**(IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI): (READ LIST)**

01 Under $20,000

02 $20,000 to under $30,000

03 $30,000 to under $40,000

04 $40,000 to under $50,000

05 $50,000 to under $60,000

06 $60,000 to under $70,000

07 $70,000 to under $100,000

08 $100,000 to under $150,000

09 $150,000 or more

98 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

99 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Prefer not to answer*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D10. Are you of Hispanic or Latino origin or descent?

1 Yes

2 No

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 Prefer not to answer

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D11. Do you consider yourself white, black or African American, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, mixed race or some other race?

1 White

2 Black or African American

3 Asian/Chinese/Japanese

4 Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native

5 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

6 Mixed

7 Another race (Please type in)

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

D12. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself as:

(ROTATE 1-2)

1 A Republican

2 A Democrat

3 An independent

0 Something Else (Please type in) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF D12=3,0,9)**

(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS 1-2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS D12)

D13. As of today, do you lean more to the (Democratic party) or the (Republican party)?

1 Democratic party

2 Republican party

3 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Neither/other

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

**(ROTATE 1-5/5-1)**

D14. Generally speaking, how would you describe your political views?

(READ LIST)

1 Very conservative

2 Somewhat conservative

3 Moderate

4 Somewhat liberal

5 Very liberal

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D15. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D16. What is your gender?

1 Male

2 Female

3 (DO NOT READ) Other

8 (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1; ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE)**

L-1. Now thinking about your telephone use. Does anyone in your household including yourself, have a working cell phone?

1 Yes respondent or someone else has cell phone in household

2 No

8 Don't Know

9 Refused

**(ASK IF IDENT1=2; ASK IF CELL PHONE SAMPLE)**

C1. Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

1 Yes, has a home telephone

2 No, no home telephone

8 (DO NOT READ) Don't know

9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D17 What is your current zip code?

(IF "DON'T KNOW" OR "REFUSED" ENTER "99999"

Type in your 5 digit zip code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ALLOW 5 DIGITS)

Not sure (CHECK BOX)

Prefer not to answer (CHECK BOX)

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2 (ASK ALL CATI); IF IDENT1=3 (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

STATE: What state do you currently live in?

[RECORD STATE IN DROPDOWN MENU]

(DO NOT READ) Refused

**PN: INCLUDE DERIVED REGION BASED ON STATE.**

**(ASK IF IDENT1=1,2; ASK IF CATI):**

That’s the end of the interview. We’d like to send you $5 for your time. Can I please have your full name and a mailing address where we can send you the money?

INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R does not want to give full name, explain we only need it so we can send the $5 to them personally.

1 Name/Address Given

9 Respondent does not want the money

[ENTER FULL NAME] – INTERVIEWER: PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING

[ENTER MAILING ADDRESS]

[City]

[State]

CONFIRM ZIP from above

**(SHOW FOR ALL)**

That completes the survey. Thank you for participating. If you have any additional questions about the study, you may contact project investigator at the University of Pennsylvania at [surveys@appc.upenn.edu](mailto:surveys@appc.upenn.edu) or 215-898-9400.)

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. These are all the questions (IF CATI: “I”; IF WEB: “we”) have for you. Have a nice day/evening.

# **Survey 4 Time 2**

**Deep State Survey**

**LONGITUDINAL PANEL BACK TO WAVE 1**

**December 16, 2019**

**Sample Types: LL, Cell, Probability Panel**

LandCell

Phone TYPE

0 = LL

1 = CELL

Excel\_Ident

1 = LL

2 = Cell

**Programs**

C= Prescreened CATI

W= Web Panel

**PRESCREENED CATI INTERVIEW**

**INTRODUCTION**

**TELEPHONE RECRUITMENT PROTOCOL**

**INTRO1**

**(ASK IF NAME ON SAMPLE)**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania.

We spoke with you a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. We would like to follow-up with you, with a few additional questions.. We will pay respondents ten dollars for participating in this survey.

[IF ASKED WHERE DID YOU GET MY NUMBER: Your telephone number was randomly chosen and your opinion will be used to represent U.S. residents.]

**[PN: Removed SC1]**

Just to verify, I am speaking with (INSERT RESPONDENT NAME)

1 Yes, correct person on phone CONTINUE TO INTRO3a IF

LL/CONTINUE TO CELL1 IF CELL

2 Yes, correct person coming to phone RE-READ INTRO

3 Correct person not available GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

4 No, requested person unknown THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

TQINTRO

R Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQINTRO

**(IF NO NAME ON SAMPLE)**

INTRO2: Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We spoke with a (INSERT RESP GENDER/AGE) a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. We would like to follow-up with (him/her) with a few additional questions. We will pay respondents ten dollars for participating in this survey. May I please speak with (him/her)?

1 Yes, correct person on phone CONTINUE TO INTRO3a IF

LL/CONTINUE TO CELL1 IF CELL

2 Yes, correct person coming to phone RE-READ INTRO2

3 Correct person not available GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

4 No, requested person unknown THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

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RQINTRO

**(ASK IFIDENT1=2, CELL SAMPLE)**

CELL1. Before we continue, are you driving or doing anything that requires your full attention right now?

1 Yes, respondent is driving/doing something GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

2 No, respondent is not driving/doing something CONTINUE TO INTRO3

9 Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQCELL1

**(SHOW TO ALL SAMPLE TYPES):**

INTRO3.

**(IF LL/CELL (CATI):**

Now I would like to follow up with you with a few additional questions for you for a research study on issues related to current events on behalf of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all responses will remain confidential in a password protected file at the University of Pennsylvania. Your individual responses will never be released as findings will be reported in the aggregate. The information that we gather may help us to provide invaluable data on current events.

**IF WEB (WEB):**

A few weeks ago, you completed our online survey about some issues related to current events on behalf of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. We would like to follow-up with you, with a few additional questions. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all responses will remain confidential in a password protected file at the University of Pennsylvania. Your individual responses will never be released as findings will be reported in the aggregate. The information that we gather may help us to provide invaluable data on current events.

**IF LL/CELL (CATI):** If there is a question you would rather not answer, then we will move on.

**IF WEB (WEB):** You can skip any question that you would rather not answer.

**IF LL/CELL (CATI):** [IF NECESSARY: If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641]

**IF WEB (WEB):** If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641.

**VOICEMAIL MESSAGE**

**[PN: LEAVE ONLY ONCE IF LL/CELL (CATI); LEAVE MESSAGE THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL]**

AM.

I am calling from the University of Pennsylvania. We spoke with you a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. This is NOT a sales call. We would like to follow up with you, with a few additional questions. We will try to reach you again. Thank you so much, and have a great day/evening.

**MAIN INTERVIEW**

**[PN: CREATE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE A/B; INCLUDE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE IN DATA FILE]**

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE A ONLY)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4--1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1A. Thinking about feeling calm or worried. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most of the time

3 Fairly worried most of the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

IF LL/CELL: 9 (DO NOT READ)Q1a Refused

IF WEB: *9 Web Blank*

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE A ONLY)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4--1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1B. Thinking about feeling frustrated. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 Very frustrated most of the time

2 Fairly frustrated most of the time

3 Slightly frustrated most of the time

4 Not at all frustrated most of the time

5 Neutral

**IF LL/CELL:** 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

**IF WEB:** *9 Web Blank*

**LL/CELL (CATI):** I’m going to read you a few statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**WEB (ONLINE):** For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1. It was actually Ukraine and NOT Russia that hacked Democratic National Committee email accounts in 2016.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE ORDER OF 2A/2B;** **INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

*Q2A,* During the 2016 election, Ukraine and Russia both meddled in the US presidential election

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

*Q2B* During the 2016 election, top government leaders of Ukraine meddled in the US presidential election by **publicly** opposing the election of Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q2. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ**) Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q3. How about people close to you? Do people who are close to you believe this is:

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 **IF WEB:** Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL:** Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q4. Regardless of what you believe with respect to this group of unelected U.S. government officials, in the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you talked about this issue with other people before today:

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB:** *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q5. And, in the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue on TV, radio or cable?

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB:** *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT3=3; ASK IF WEB)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q6. And, in the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue in Internet communities or social media?

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9 Web Blank*

SHOW FOR ALL MODES: “On another topic…”

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE B)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q12. Thinking about feeling calm or worried. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most of the time

3 Fairly worried most of the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

**IF LL/CELL:** 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB:** *9 Web Blank*

(ASK HALF SAMPLE B)

(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)

Q12b. Thinking about feeling frustrated. In the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL: (READ)**

1 Very frustrated most of the time

2 Fairly frustrated most of the time

3 Slightly frustrated most of the time

4 Not at all frustrated most of the time

5 Neutral

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: 9 Web Blank

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q24A. How frequently, if at all, have you followed the news about the impeachment of Donald Trump?

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: 9 Web Blank

(ASK ALL)

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-D; INCLUDE SCRAMBLE IN DATA FILE)

(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)

[PN: DO NOT PROGRAM AS A GRID; PROGRAM ON SEPARATE SCREENS]

Q24. Thinking about the last month, how often do you get information from sources such as (INSERT ITEM)?

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 Never

2 One or two days a week

3 3 or 4 days a week

4 5 or 6 days a week

5 Everyday

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: *9 Web Blank*

a. Fox News, Rush Limbaugh, or One America News

b. MSNBC, Bill Maher[**IF PHONE**: “(MAR)”], or Huffington Post

c. ABC News, CBS News, or NBC News

d. Breitbart News and websites like DavidIcke.com, WhatReallyHappened.com, thetruthseeker.co.uk.[**IF PHONE**: Breitbart News and websites like David Icke, What Really Happened or the truth seeker ]

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS PER THESE ROTATE SCENARIOS 1/2/3, 1/3/2, 2/3/1, 3/2/1; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)**

Q25. When it comes to the question of impeachment, which one of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 President Donald Trump’s actions did not justify impeachment by the House of Representatives

2 President Donald Trump’s actions justified impeachment by the House of Representatives but do not justify removal from office by the Senate

3 President Donald Trump’s actions justified impeachment by the House of Representatives and also justify removal from office by the Senate

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: 9 *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

D12. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself as:

(ROTATE 1-2)

1 A Republican

2 A Democrat

3 An independent

0 Something Else (Please type in) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ) Don’t know

9 IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF WEB: *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF D12=3,0,9)**

(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS 1-2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS D12)

D13. As of today, do you lean more to the (Democratic party) or the (Republican party)?

1 Democratic party

2 Republican party

3 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Neither/other

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF LL/CELL (CATI); IF WEB (WEB), WILL BE APPENDED FROM PANEL DATA)**

D15. Are you registered to vote at your present address, or not?

1 Yes

2 No

9 **(DO NOT READ**) Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE TEXT IN PARENS; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)**

Q26. Did you vote in the 2016 presidential election when (Donald Trump) ran against (Hillary Clinton)?

1 Yes

2 No

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF Q26=1; ASK IF RESPONDENT VOTED IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION)**

**(ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 IN SAME ORDER AS Q26)**

Q27. Did you vote for:

IF PHONE: (READ LIST)

1 Donald Trump, the Republican

2 Hillary Clinton, the Democrat

3 Or someone else

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF LL/CELL; ASK IF CATI):**

That’s the end of the interview. We’d like to send you $10 for your time. Can I please have your full name and a mailing address where we can send you the money?

INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R does not want to give full name, explain we only need it so we can send the $10 to them personally.

1 Name/Address Given

9 Respondent does not want the money

[ENTER FULL NAME] – INTERVIEWER: PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING

[ENTER MAILING ADDRESS]

[City]

[State]

CONFIRM ZIP from above

**(SHOW FOR ALL)**

That completes the survey. Thank you for participating. If you have any additional questions about the study, you may contact project investigator at the University of Pennsylvania at [surveys@appc.upenn.edu](mailto:surveys@appc.upenn.edu) or 215-898-9400.)

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. These are all the questions (IF CATI: “I”; IF WEB: “we”) have for you. Have a nice day/evening.

# **Survey 4 Time 3**

**Deep State Survey**

**LONGITUDINAL PANEL**

**January 31, 2020**

**Sample Types: LL, Cell, Probability Panel**

LandCell

Phone TYPE

0 = LL

1 = CELL

Excel\_Ident

1 = LL

2 = Cell

**Programs**

C= Prescreened CATI

W= Web Panel

**PRESCREENED CATI INTERVIEW**

**INTRODUCTION**

**TELEPHONE RECRUITMENT PROTOCOL**

**INTRO1**

**(ASK IF NAME ON SAMPLE)**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We spoke with you a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. We would like to follow-up with you, with a few additional questions.. We will pay respondents ten dollars for participating in this survey.

[IF ASKED WHERE DID YOU GET MY NUMBER: Your telephone number was randomly chosen and your opinion will be used to represent U.S. residents.]

Just to verify, I am speaking with (INSERT RESPONDENT NAME)

1 Yes, correct person on phone CONTINUE TO INTRO3a IF

LL/CONTINUE TO CELL1 IF CELL

2 Yes, correct person coming to phone RE-READ INTRO,

3 Correct person not available GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

4 No, requested person unknown THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

TQINTRO

R Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQINTRO

**(IF NO NAME ON SAMPLE)**

INTRO2: Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calling from The University of Pennsylvania. We spoke with a (INSERT RESP GENDER/AGE) a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. We would like to follow-up with (him/her) with a few additional questions. We will pay respondents ten dollars for participating in this survey. May I please speak with (him/her)?

1 Yes, correct person on phone CONTINUE TO INTRO3a IF

LL/CONTINUE TO CELL1 IF CELL

2 Yes, correct person coming to phone RE-READ INTRO2

3 Correct person not available GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

4 No, requested person unknown THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

TQINTRO

R Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQINTRO

**(ASK IFIDENT1=2, CELL SAMPLE)**

CELL1. Before we continue, are you driving or doing anything that requires your full attention right now?

1 Yes, respondent is driving/doing something GO TO CALLBACK SCREEN

2 No, respondent is not driving/doing something CONTINUE TO INTRO3

9 Refused THANK & TERM. RECORD AS

RQCELL1

**(SHOW TO ALL SAMPLE TYPES):**

INTRO3.

**(IF LL/CELL (CATI):**

Now I would like to follow up with you with a few additional questions for you for a research study on issues related to current events on behalf of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all responses will remain confidential in a password protected file at the University of Pennsylvania. Your individual responses will never be released as findings will be reported in the aggregate. All data we collect will be de-identified, and could be stored and distributed for future research. The information that we gather may help us to provide invaluable data on current events.

**IF WEB (WEB):**

A few weeks ago, you completed our online survey about some issues related to current events on behalf of the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. We would like to follow-up with you, with a few additional questions. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all responses will remain confidential in a password protected file at the University of Pennsylvania. Your individual responses will never be released as findings will be reported in the aggregate. All data we collect will be de-identified, and could be stored and distributed for future research. The information that we gather may help us to provide invaluable data on current events.

**IF LL/CELL (CATI):** If there is a question you would rather not answer, then we will move on.

**IF WEB (WEB):** You can skip any question that you would rather not answer.

**IF LL/CELL (CATI):** [IF NECESSARY: If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641]

**IF WEB (WEB):** If you have any questions regarding this research or with regard to your participation, you can contact Dr. Ken Winneg at the University of Pennsylvania: 215-898-2641.

**VOICEMAIL MESSAGE**

**[PN: LEAVE ONLY ONCE IF LL/CELL (CATI); LEAVE MESSAGE THE FIRST TIME A CALL GOES TO VOICEMAIL]**

AM.

I am calling from the University of Pennsylvania. We spoke with you a few weeks ago about some issues related to current events. This is NOT a sales call. We would like to follow up with you, with a few additional questions. We will try to reach you again. Thank you so much, and have a great day/evening.

**MAIN INTERVIEW**

**[PN: CREATE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE A/B; INCLUDE HALF SAMPLE VARIABLE IN DATA FILE]**

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE A ONLY)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4--1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1A. Thinking about feeling calm or worried, in the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most of the time

3 Fairly worried most of the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

IF LL/CELL: 9 (DO NOT READ) Refused

IF WEB: *9 Web Blank*

**LL/CELL (CATI):** I’m going to read you a few statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**WEB (ONLINE):** For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q1. It was actually Ukraine and NOT Russia that hacked Democratic National Committee email accounts in 2016.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE ORDER OF 2A/2B;** **INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q2A. During the 2016 election, Ukraine and Russia both meddled in the US presidential election.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q2B. During the 2016 election, top government leaders of Ukraine meddled in the US presidential election by **publicly** opposing the election of Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q2. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF WEB: Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL**: Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ**) Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q3. Still thinking about the statement that unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump …

How about people close to you? Do people who are close to you believe this is:

**IF LL/CELL: (READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 **IF WEB:** Not sure

8 **IF LL/CELL:** Or are you not sure?

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB**: *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q4. Regardless of what you believe with respect to this group of unelected U.S. government officials, in the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you talked about this issue with other people before today:

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB:** *Web Blank*

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q5. Still thinking about the statement that unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump …

In the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue on TV, radio or cable?

**IF LL/CELL: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9* **IF WEB:** *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF IDENT1=3; ASK IF WEB)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q6. Still thinking about the statement that unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have secretly conspired to illegally undermine the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump …

In the last month, how frequently, if ever, have you heard or read about this issue in Internet communities or social media?

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

9 **IF LL/CELL: (DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**LL/CELL (CATI):** I’m going to read you a few statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**WEB (ONLINE):** For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

**(FROM S4000- Q8)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q8. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have used available laws and the democratic processes to take actions against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(FROM S4000- Q9)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q9. Unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have violated the law in the process of taking actions against Donald Trump.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

SHOW FOR ALL MODES: “On another topic…”

**(ASK HALF SAMPLE B)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q12. Thinking about feeling calm or worried, in the past week, would you say you felt:

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 Very calm most of the time

2 Fairly calm most of the time

3 Fairly worried most of the time

4 Very worried most of the time

5 Neither calm nor worried

**IF LL/CELL:** 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB:** *9 Web Blank*

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q4; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q24A. How frequently, if at all, have you followed the news about the impeachment of Donald Trump?

1 Never

2 Rarely

3 Sometimes

4 Frequently

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: 9 Web Blank

(ASK ALL)

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-D; INCLUDE SCRAMBLE IN DATA FILE)

(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS 1-5/5-1; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)

[PN: DO NOT PROGRAM AS A GRID; PROGRAM ON SEPARATE SCREENS]

Q24. Thinking about the last month, how often do you get information from sources such as (INSERT ITEM)?

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 Never

2 One or two days a week

3 3 or 4 days a week

4 5 or 6 days a week

5 Everyday

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: *9 Web Blank*

a. Fox News, Rush Limbaugh, or One America News

b. MSNBC, Bill Maher[**IF PHONE**: “(MAR)”], or Huffington Post

c. ABC News, CBS News, or NBC News

d. Breitbart News and websites like DavidIcke.com, WhatReallyHappened.com, thetruthseeker.co.uk. **[IF phone:** Breitbart News and websites like David Icke, What Really Happened or the truth seeker ]

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE ANSWER OPTIONS PER THESE ROTATE SCENARIOS 1/2/3, 1/3/2, 2/3/1, 3/2/1; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)**

Q25. When it comes to the question of impeachment, which one of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

**IF LL/CELL:** (READ)

1 President Donald Trump’s actions did not justify impeachment by the House of Representatives

2 President Donald Trump’s actions justified impeachment by the House of Representatives but do not justify removal from office by the Senate

3 President Donald Trump’s actions justified impeachment by the House of Representatives and also justify removal from office by the Senate

**IF LL/CELL**: 9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

**IF WEB**: 9 *Web Blank*

**(ASK IF RESPONDENT DID NOT COMPLETE S4005)**

**(ROTATE TEXT IN PARENS; INCLUDE ROTATE IN DATA FILE)**

Q26. Did you vote in the 2016 presidential election when (Donald Trump) ran against (Hillary Clinton)?

1 Yes

2 No

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

*9 Web Blank*

**(ASK IF Q26=1; ASK IF RESPONDENT VOTED IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION)**

**(ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2 IN SAME ORDER AS Q26)**

Q27. Did you vote for:

IF PHONE: (READ LIST)

1 Donald Trump, the Republican

2 Hillary Clinton, the Democrat

3 Or someone else

9 **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

9 Web Blank

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1, ALWAYS PUT 5 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q27A. On another topic, do you think Barack Obama was:

**IF PHONE: (READ LIST)**

1 Definitely born in the United States

2 Probably born in the United States

3 Probably born in another country

4 Definitely born in another country

5 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or don’t you know enough to say?

5 IF IDENT=3: Don’t know enough to say

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

9 IF IDENT=3: *Web Blank*

LL/CELL (CATI): And on another subject, I’m going to read you a few more statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

WEB (ONLINE): For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

(NEW)

(ASK ALL)

(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)

Q28. History has provided a lot of examples of unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services secretly conspiring to illegally undermine U.S. candidates and presidents.

Do you believe this is: IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

**(NEW)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q29. The evidence that would demonstrate whether unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services have conspired against the candidacy or presidency of Donald Trump has been covered up.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(NEW)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q29; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q29A. The impeachment process demonstrates that a group of unelected U.S. government officials including some in the U.S. intelligence services are conspiring to undermine Donald Trump’s presidency.

Do you believe this is: IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

**(NEW)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q31. Evidence that the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine causes autism has been covered up.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

**(NEW)**

**(ASK ALL)**

**(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)**

Q32. A secret plan called United Nations’ Agenda 21 would require the use of birth control to curb population growth around the globe.

Do you believe this is: **IF IDENT1=1,2: “(READ LIST)”**

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

*9* IF IDENT1=3: *Web Blank*

ADD CORONAVIRUS QUESTIONS HERE

And, on another topic,

Q33. Have you read, heard, or seen anything about a virus called the coronavirus, first detected in Wuhan China in December 2019?

1. Yes
2. No

I’m going to read you a few more statements. For each one, please tell me if you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

WEB (ONLINE): For each of the following statements, please indicate whether you believe it is true, false or if you aren’t sure.

(NEW)

(ASK ALL)

ROTATE Q34 **AND** Q36

(ROTATE 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS Q2; INCLUDE ROTATE VAR IN DATA FILE)

Q34. The US government created the coronavirus

Do you believe this is: (READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

Q35. Taking vitamin C can prevent a person from being infected with the coronavirus.

Do you believe this is: “(READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

Q36. The coronavirus was created  by the Chinese government as a biological weapon

Do you believe this is: “(READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

Q37. The ways to prevent infection with the coronavirus include regular hand washing and avoiding those showing symptoms of respiratory illness.

Do you believe this is: “(READ LIST)”

1 Definitely true

2 Probably true

3 Probably false

4 Definitely false

8 IF IDENT1=3: Not sure

8 IF IDENT1=1,2: Or are you not sure?

9 IF IDENT1=1,2: (DO NOT READ) Refused

9 IF IDENT1=3: Web Blank

**(ASK IF LL/CELL; ASK IF CATI):**

That’s the end of the interview. We’d like to send you $10 for your time. Can I please have your full name and a mailing address where we can send you the money?

INTERVIEWER NOTE: If R does not want to give full name, explain we only need it so we can send the $10 to them personally.

1 Name/Address Given

9 Respondent does not want the money

[ENTER FULL NAME] – INTERVIEWER: PLEASE VERIFY SPELLING

[ENTER MAILING ADDRESS]

[City]

[State]

CONFIRM ZIP from above

**(SHOW FOR ALL)**

That completes the survey. Thank you for participating. If you have any additional questions about the study, you may contact project investigator at the University of Pennsylvania at [surveys@appc.upenn.edu](mailto:surveys@appc.upenn.edu) or 215-898-9400.)

Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. These are all the questions (IF CATI: “I”; IF WEB: “we”) have for you. Have a nice day/evening.