Codebook

Survey — India (IN)

Source: Online survey of Scheduled Caste (Dalit) and Scheduled Tribe respondents in India, conducted via YouGov India online panel.

Variable	Description	Values	Stata name
Survey administration			
Respondent ID	Unique respondent record number		recordno
Completion status	Survey completion status	0 = Incomplete or screened out; 1 = Completed	status
Block A: Consent			
Consent to participate	"If you would like to participate in this survey, please click 'I would like to participate' below."	1 = I would like to participate; 2 = I do not want to participate.	qIntro
Block B: Screening and pre-treatment outcomes			
Attention check 1	"For our research, it is very important that you pay careful attention to survey questions. We thank you for your care."	1 = I understand; 2 = I do not understand; 3 = Don't know.	qScreen1
Pre-treatment fairness	"In your opinion, do you think that current economic differences in India between rich and poor households are?"	1 = Very unfair; 2 = Unfair; 3 = Neither fair nor unfair; 4 = Fair; 5 = Very fair; 6 = Don't know	q1
Pre-treatment effort attribution	"In your opinion, how much of the current economic differences in India between rich and poor households are due to differences in people's own hard work or due to differences in chance?"	1 = Only chance; 2 = Mostly chance; 3 = Neither chance nor effort; 4 = Mostly hard work; 5 = Only hard work; 6 = Don't know	q2
Caste group	Caste group of respondent (panel pre-screener string variable)	"Scheduled Caste/Dalit"; "Scheduled Tribe"	caste_var
Block B (cont.): Group identity			
Row randomization order (q3)	Row randomization seed for q3 items (system variable)		q3_row_rnd
Group identity, item 1	"Overall, being Scheduled Caste/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes has very little to do with how I feel about myself." Row order randomized.	1 = Strongly disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Somewhat disagree; 4 = Neither agree nor disagree; 5 = Somewhat agree; 6 = Agree; 7 = Strongly agree	q3_1
Group identity, item 2	"In general, being Scheduled Caste/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes is an important part of my self-image."	Same scale as q3_1.	q3_2
Group identity, item 3	"My destiny is tied to the destiny of other Scheduled Castes/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes."	Same scale as q3_1.	q3_3

Group identity, item 4	"I have a strong sense of belonging to Scheduled Caste/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes people."	Same scale as q3_1.	q3_4
Group identity, item 5	"Being Scheduled Caste/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes is an important reflection of who I am."	Same scale as q3_1.	q3_5
Group identity, item 6	"Being Scheduled Caste/Dalits and Scheduled Tribes is not a major factor in my social relationships."	Same scale as q3_1.	q3_6
Block B (cont.): Subjective economic placement			
Economic placement	Subjective economic placement on a horizontal slider (0–100). "Use the slider to select your position among the the population in India (18 years or older). E.g., 90 indicates you are among the richest 10% of households."	0-100	q4
Block C: Psychological variables			
Row randomization order (q5)	Row randomization seed for q5 items (system variable)		q5_row_rnd
Social Dominance Orientation, item 1	An ideal society requires some groups to be on top and others to be on the bottom." Row order randomized.	1 = Strongly disagree; 2 = Disagree; 3 = Somewhat disagree; 4 = Neither agree nor disagree; 5 = Somewhat agree; 6 = Agree; 7 = Strongly agree	q5_1
Social Dominance Orientation, item 2	"Some groups of people are simply inferior to other groups."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_2
Social Dominance Orientation, item 3	"No single group should dominate in society."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_3
Social Dominance Orientation, item 4	"Groups at the bottom are just as deserving as groups at the top."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_4
Social Dominance Orientation, item 5	"Group equality should not be our primary goal."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_5
Social Dominance Orientation, item 6	"It is unjust to try to make groups equal."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_6
Social Dominance Orientation, item 7	"We should do what we can to equalize conditions for different groups."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_7
Social Dominance Orientation, item 8	"We should work to give all groups an equal chance to succeed."	Same scale as q5_1.	q5_8
Row randomization order (q6)	Row randomization seed for q6 items (system variable)		q6_row_rnd
Compassion, item 1	"I feel sympathy for those who are worse off than myself." Row order randomized.	1 = Very inaccurate; 2 = 2; 3 = 3; 4 = 4; 5 = 5; 6 = 6; 7 = Very accurate	q6_1

Compassion, item 2	"I can't stand weak people."	Same scale as q6_1.	q6_2
Compassion, item 3	"I believe people should fend for themselves."	Same scale as q6_1.	q6_3
Compassion, item 4	"I sympathize with the homeless."	Same scale as q6_1.	q6_4
Compassion, item 5	"I am not interested in other people's problems."	Same scale as q6_1.	q6_5
Block C (cont.): Attention check 2			
Attention check 2, color 1–9	Color selection task. Respondents instructed to select "red" (option 5) and "green" (option 3) regardless of preference.	Separate binary indicator for each option: (1)=White, (2)=Black, (3)=Green, (4)=Pink, (5)=Red, (6)=Yellow, (7)=Blue, (8)=Brown, (9)=Don't know.	qScreen2_1–qScreen2_9
Block C (cont.): Political identification			
Party identification	"Do you feel close to any particular political party?"	1 = No; 2 = Yes; 3 = Prefer not to answer; 4 = Don't know	q7
Specific party	"What political party, if any, do you feel close to?" Asked only if q7 = 2.	1 = Aam Aadmi Party; 2 = Bahujan Samaj Party; 3 = Bharatiya Janata Party; 4 = Communist Party of India; 5 = Indian National Congress; 6 = National People's Party; 7 = Other; 8 = Don't know	q8
Party name (open)	Open-text entry for party name. Asked only if q8 = 7.	Open text	q8_Other
Block D: Mock vignette			
Mock comprehension check 1	"What was the topic of the magazine article you just read?"	1 = Literary Magazines; 2 = Scientific Research Publishing; 3 = Arts Funding; 4 = English Education; 5 = Immigration Policy; 6 = Funding for Space Exploration; 7 = Don't know	q11
Mock comprehension check 2	"Regarding the rumored change in policy, the magazine passage indicated that:"	1 = Lawmakers won't comment; 2 = Legal scholars stated the change would be challenged; 3 = Publishers have already begun preparing; 4 = Scientific researchers support the policy; 5 = All of the above; 6 = None of the above; 7 = Don't know	q12
Mock comprehension check 3	"Current policy allows funded research to be withheld from the public for up to:"	1 = 1 Month; 2 = 6 Months; 3 = 1 Year; 4 = 3 Years; 5 = 5 Years; 6 = 10 Years; 7 = Don't know	q13

Block E: Experimental treatment			
Treatment block assignment	Random assignment to treatment condition.	1 = E1 (Intergroup inequality frame); 2 = E2 (interpersonal inequality frame); 3 = E3 (control, no treatment)	BlockE
Treatment recall check (E1)	"What did you just read about?" (E1: economic resources of upper-caste households approx. 9× larger than SC/ST households.) .	1 = Economic inequality between rich and poor families; 2 = Economic inequality between upper-caste and SC/ST families; 3 = A new proposal to change football rules; 4 = Don't know	q14_E1
Treatment recall check (E2)	"What did you just read about?" (E2: economic resources of richest households approx. 9× larger than poorest.)	1 = Economic inequality between rich and poor families; 2 = Economic inequality between upper-caste and SC/ST families; 3 = A new proposal to change football rules; 4 = Don't know	q14_E2
Block F: Outcome variables			
Row randomization order (Block F)	Randomization order of Block F outcome questions (system variable)		m_Block_F_rnd
Post-treatment fairness	"How fair or unfair do you think the differences in economic resources are in India?"	1 = Very unfair; 2 = Unfair; 3 = Somewhat unfair; 4 = Neither fair nor unfair; 5 = Somewhat fair; 6 = Fair; 7 = Very fair; 8 = Don't know	q15
Effort–luck attribution	"To what extent do you think differences in economic resources are caused by people's efforts over their lifetime or rather by luck?"	0 = Only luck; 1–9; 10 = Only effort; 77 = Prefer not to answer	q16
Emotional response: Angry	"If you think about the distribution of economic resources in India: how does that make you feel? [Angry]"	0 = Not at all; 1–9; 10 = Very much	q17_A
Emotional response: Frustrated	Same prompt as q17_A.	0 = Not at all; 1–9; 10 = Very much	q17_B
Emotional response: Hopeful	Same prompt as q17_A.	0 = Not at all; 1–9; 10 = Very much	q17_C
Open-ended reasons	"We are now interested in hearing your reasons for why there are differences in economic resources in India."	Open text	q18
Survey timing variables			

Page timing	Time spent (in seconds) on each survey page.	Continuous (seconds)	page_*_timing
Total survey time	Total survey duration in seconds	Continuous (seconds)	tot_time
Duration	Survey duration in seconds	Continuous (seconds)	duration
End time	Survey completion timestamp	Timestamp	endtime
Demographic variables (YouGov panel pre-screeners)			
Gender		1 = Male; 2 = Female	gender
Age	Age in years	Range: 18–77	age
Age group (4 categories)		1 = 18–24; 2 = 25–34; 3 = 35–44; 4 = 45+	profile_age1
Age group (12 categories)		1 = 18–19; 2 = 20–24; 3 = 25–29; 4 = 30–34; 5 = 35–39; 6 = 40–44; 7 = 45–49; 8 = 50–54; 9 = 55–59; 10 = 60–64; 11 = 65–69; 12 = 70+	profile_age2
Geographic region	Geographic region of India	1 = North; 2 = South; 3 = East; 4 = West; 5 = Central; 6 = Northeast	geo_region_in_2
State	Indian state code (YouGov India codes)	Range: 2–36	geo_state_in
City tier		1 = Tier 1; 2 = Tier 2; 3 = Tier 3	geo_citytier_in
City	City code (YouGov India codes)	Range: 1–999	geo_city_in
Education		1 = No formal education; 2 = Primary school; 3 = Some secondary school; 4 = Secondary completed; 5 = Some college; 6 = Vocational/technical; 7 = College completed; 8 = Postgraduate	education_in
Caste category	Panel screening variable. Sample restricted to codes 3 and 4.	3 = Scheduled Caste/Dalit; 4 = Scheduled Tribe	caste_in
Personal income	Personal income bracket (YouGov India income categories)	1–11 = Income brackets (ascending); 96 = Don’t know; 98 = Prefer not to answer	gross_personal_in
Household income	Household income bracket (YouGov India income categories)	1–11 = Income brackets (ascending); 96 = Don’t know; 98 = Prefer not to answer	gross_household_in