NSF2016 Questionnaire

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Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. If you are on a mobile device, please rotate your device or scroll to the right to see all possible response options.

Strongly disagree 1	Disagree 2	Neither agree nor disagree 3	Agree 4	Strongly agree 5

feel1 I trust my gut to tell me what's true and what's not
feel2 I trust my initial feelings about the facts
feel3 My initial impressions are almost always right
feel4 I can usually feel when a claim is true or false even if I can't explain how I know
evid1 Evidence is more important than whether something feels true
evid2 A hunch needs to be confirmed with data
evid3 I trust the facts, not my instincts, to tell me what is true
evid4 I need to be able to justify my beliefs with evidence
poli1 Facts are dictated by those in power
poli2 What counts as truth is defined by power
poli3 Scientific conclusions are shaped by politics
poli4 "Facts" depend on their political context

We'd like to know what you think about some issues that have important political implications. Several pairs of statements are listed below. Please place a mark closer to the statement that best describes your beliefs, placing it in the exact middle if you are unsure of the truth.

Climate						
Human activity is contributing to changes in the global climate	5	4	3	2	1	Human activity has no influence on the global climate
muslim						
Most Muslims support violence against Western countries, including the U.S.	1	2	3	4	5	Most Muslims oppose violence against Western countries, including the U.S.
WMD						
Iraq had weapons of mass destruction immediately before the Iraq war began	1	2	3	4	5	Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction immediately before the Iraq war began
vaccine						
Vaccines cause autism	1	2	3	4	5	Vaccination is unrelated to autism

polaf. Generally speaking, when it comes to political parties in the United States, how would you best describe yourself?

1 A Strong Democrat
2 A Not Very Strong Democrat
3 Independent, lean toward Democrat
4 Independent (close to neither party)
5 Independent, lean toward Republican
6 A Not Very Strong Republican
7 Strong Republican

ecoid. Now when thinking about **economic issues**, how would you describe your political views?

1 Very Liberal
2 Liberal
3 Somewhat Liberal
4 Moderate or Middle of the Road
5 Somewhat Conservative
6 Conservative
7 Very Conservative

socid. Now when thinking about **social issues**, how would you describe your political views?

1 Very Liberal
2 Liberal
3 Somewhat Liberal
4 Moderate or Middle of the Road
5 Somewhat Conservative
6 Conservative
7 Very Conservative

ncsites. How many conservative sites did R indicate using at least once in the past month.
nlsites. How many liberal sites did R indicate using at least once in the past month.

educ. Education (Highest Degree Received)

1 No formal education
2 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade
3 5th or 6th grade
4 7th or 8th grade
5 9th grade
6 10th grade
7 11th grade
8 12th grade NO DIPLOMA
9 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE - high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (GED)
10 Some college, no degree
11 Associate degree
12 Bachelors degree
13 Masters degree
14 Professional or Doctorate degree

polint. In general, how interested are you in politics and public affairs?

1 Very interested
2 Somewhat interested
3 Slightly interested
4 Not at all interested

camattn. How closely do you follow news about the 2016 Presidential election?

1 Very closely
2 Somewhat closely
3 Not too closely
4 Not at all closely

Please read the following statements carefully and tell us how much you agree or disagree with each statement. If you are on a mobile device, please rotate your device or scroll to the right to see all possible response options.

Strongly Disagree 1	Disagree 2	Somewhat Disagree 3	Somewhat Agree 4	Agree 5	Strongly Agree 6

nfc1. I dislike questions which could be answered in many different ways.
nfc2. I feel irritated when one person disagrees with what everyone else in a group believes
nfc3. I do not usually consult many different opinions before forming my own view