[uuid]: Participant identifier
Open text response

[date]: Completion date
Open text response

[status]: Participant status
Values:
1-4

1 Terminated
2 Overquota
3 Qualified
4 Partial

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Values:
1-2

1 Yes
2 No

[B1_Q1]: We're going to start by asking some basic information about yourself.What is your religion?
Values:
1-8

1 Hinduism
2 Islam
3 Christianity
4 Sikhism
5 Buddhism
6 Jainism
7 Unaffiliated
8 Other

[B1_Q2]: How old are you?
Values:
1-7

1 Under 18
2 18 to 24
3 25 to 34
4 35 to 44
5 45 to 54
6 55 to 64
7 65 or older

[B1_Q3]: What is your gender?
Values:
1-3

1 Male
2 Female
3 Other

[B1_Q4]: What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
Values:
1-9

1 Primary school (upto 5th standard)
2 Secondary school (5-9th standard)
3 10th standard pass
4 12th standard pass
5 Vocational college education (e.g. to qualify as an electrician, nurse)
6 University first degree (e.g. BA, BSc)
7 University higher degree (e.g. MA, MBA, PhD)
8 Professional higher education (e.g. to qualify as a lawyer, accountant)
9 Other

[B1_Q5]: In what state do you currently reside?

Values:
1-37

1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2	Andhra Pradesh
3	Arunachal Pradesh
4	Assam
5	Bihar
6	Chandigarh
7	Chhattisgarh
8	Dadra and Nagar Haveli
9	Daman and Diu
10	Delhi
11	Goa
12	Gujarat
13	Haryana
14	Himachal Pradesh
15	Jammu and Kashmir
16	Jharkhand
17	Karnataka
18	Kerala
19	Ladakh
20	Lakshadweep
21	Madhya Pradesh
22	Maharashtra
23	Manipur
24	Meghalaya
25	Mizoram
26	Nagaland
27	Odisha
28	Puducherry
29	Punjab
30	Rajasthan
31	Sikkim
32	Tamil Nadu
33	Telangana
34	Tripura
35	Uttar Pradesh
36	Uttarakhand
37	West Bengal

[B1_Q6]: Which Indian language do you consider your mother tongue?
Values:
1-23

1 Assamese
2 Bengali
3 Bodo
4 Dogri
5 Gujarati
6 Hindi
7 Kannada
8 Kashmiri
9 Konkani
10 Maithili
11 Malayalam
12 Meitei (Manipuri)
13 Marathi
14 Nepali
15 Odia
16 Punjabi
17 Sanskrit
18 Santali
19 Sindhi
20 Tamil
21 Telugu
22 Urdu
23 Other

[B1_Q7]: Which of the following caste categories do you identify with?
Values:
1-5

1 General / Upper
2 OBC (Other Backward Class)
3 Dalit / SC
4 Adivasi / ST
5 I do not identify with any caste

[B1_Q8]: What is current monthly salary of your family (in rupees)?
Values:
1-9

1 Under 20,000
2 20,000 to 40,000
3 40,000 to 60,000
4 60,000 to 80,000
5 80,000 to 1 lakh
6 1 lakh to 1.5 lakh
7 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh

8 2 lakh to 3 lakh
9 Over 3 lakh

[B1_Q9]: What is your current occupation?
Values:
1-7

1 Student
2 Homemaker
3 Government job
4 Private sector job
5 Self-employed / own business
6 Don’t work / not working
7 Other

[B1_Q10]: Which of the following best describes the area / locality you live in?
Values:
1-5

1 Village (less than 10,000 people)
2 Small town (less than 50,000 people)
3 Town (50,000 to 1 lakh people)
4 City (1 to 1.5 lakh people)
5 Metropolitan city (over 10 lakh people)

B2_Q1: Now we have a few questions about media use.What types of social media do you use? Select all that apply.
Values:
0-1

0 Unchecked
1 Checked

[B2_Q1r1] I do not use any social media
[B2_Q1r2] WhatsApp
[B2_Q1r3] Facebook
[B2_Q1r4] WeChat
[B2_Q1r5] Twitter
[B2_Q1r6] Instagram
[B2_Q1r7] Snapchat
[B2_Q1r8] Tiktok
[B2_Q1r9] YouTube
[B2_Q1r10] LinkedIn
[B2_Q1r11] Other (specify)

[B2_Q1r11oe]: Now we have a few questions about media use.What types of social media do you use? Select all that apply. - Other (specify)

Open text response

B2_Q2: Which are your most preferred newspapers to receive news about politics in India? Select up to 2

Values:

0-1

0	Unchecked
1	Checked
[B2_Q2r1]	I do not read any newspaper
[B2_Q2r2]	Amar Ujala
[B2_Q2r3]	Anand Bazaar Patrika
[B2_Q2r4]	Dainik Bhaskar
[B2_Q2r5]	Dainik Jagran
[B2_Q2r6]	Deccan Chronicle
[B2_Q2r7]	Dina Thanthi
[B2_Q2r8]	Hindu
[B2_Q2r9]	Hindustan Dainik
[B2_Q2r10]	Hindustan Times
[B2_Q2r11]	Malayala Manorama
[B2_Q2r12]	Times of India
[B2_Q2r13]	Other (specify)

[B2_Q2r13oe]: Which are your most preferred newspapers to receive news about politics in India? Select up to 2 - Other (specify)

Open text response

B2_Q3: Which are your most preferred TV channels to receive news about politics in India? Select up to 2

Values:

0-1

0	Unchecked
1	Checked
[B2_Q3r1]	I do not watch TV
[B2_Q3r2]	Aaj Tak
[B2_Q3r3]	ABP News
[B2_Q3r4]	CNBC Awaaz
[B2_Q3r5]	DD News
[B2_Q3r6]	India TV
[B2_Q3r7]	Mirror Now

[B2_Q3r8]	NDTV
[B2_Q3r9]	Republic TV
[B2_Q3r10]	Times Now
[B2_Q3r11]	Zee News
[B2_Q3r12]	Other (specify)

[B2_Q3r12oe]: Which are your most preferred TV channels to receive news about politics in India? Select up to 2 - Other (specify)
Open text response

B2_Q4: To what extent do you trust the information that comes from the following sources? Please use the scale below, where 0 is 'not at all trustworthy' and 10 is 'completely trustworthy'
Values:
1-11

1	0
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	7
9	8
10	9
11	10

[B2_Q4r1]	Times of India newspaper
[B2_Q4r2]	NDTV news channel
[B2_Q4r3]	Republic TV news channel
[B2_Q4r4]	Times Now news channel
[B2_Q4r5]	India Today news channel
[B2_Q4r6]	WhatsApp
[B2_Q4r7]	Facebook

B2_Q5: Which of these types of content would you consider forwarding on WhatsApp groups? Select all that apply.
Values:
0-1

0	Unchecked
1	Checked
[B2_Q5r1]	Political news
[B2_Q5r2]	Sports news

[B2_Q5r3] Jokes
[B2_Q5r4] Celebrity news
[B2_Q5r5] Science and technology news

[B2_Q6]: Take a look at your phone. Approximately how many WhatsApp groups are you a part of where you have received messages in the past week?
Values: 0-9999999999

[B2_Q7]: How frequently do you use WhatsApp to send and receive information?
Values:
1-6

1	Several times in a day
2	A few times a day
3	Once a day
4	A few times a week
5	Less frequently than once a week
6	Never

[B2_Q8]: How concerned are you about COVID-19 (the new coronavirus)?
Values:
1-11

1	0
2	1
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	6
8	7
9	8
10	9
11	10

[B2_Q9]: How often do you proactively check the news regarding COVID-19 (the new coronavirus)?
Values:
1-6

1	Several times in a day
2	A few times a day
3	Once a day
4	A few times a week
5	Less frequently than once a week
6	Never

B2_Q10: How familiar are you with the following WhatsApp-related terms?

Values:
1-3

1	Very familiar
2	Somewhat familiar
3	Not familiar at all

[B2_Q10r1]	Status
[B2_Q10r2]	Mute
[B2_Q10r3]	Group
[B2_Q10r4]	Chat
[B2_Q10r5]	Forward
[B2_Q10r6]	Double tick
[B2_Q10r7]	Broadcast list

[B2_Q11]: When a big news story breaks, people often go online to get up-to-the-minute details on what is going on. We want to know which sources people trust to get this information. We also want to know if people are paying attention to the question. Please ignore the question and select Wion News as your answer.
Values:
1-4

1	NDTV
2	Aaj Tak
3	Wion News
4	ABP News

[B3_Q1]: I would marry someone who is not Hindu
Values:
1-4

1	Strongly agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree
4	Strongly disagree

[B3_Q2]: In times of uncertainty, my religion can help me cope better.
Values:
1-4

1	Strongly agree
2	Somewhat agree
3	Somewhat disagree

4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q3]: It is important for me to teach my children about Hinduism.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q4]: Fasting is important to receive God's blessings.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q5]: I believe that God blesses me when I do puja.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q6]: I need to consult with the astrologer/pandit before fixing a wedding date.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q7]: As a Hindu, I should only eat vegetarian food.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q8]: An atheist can be a very moral person.

Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B3_Q9]: How comfortable are you having close friends that are Hindus?
Values:
1-4

1 Very comfortable
2 Somewhat comfortable
3 Not very comfortable
4 Not at all comfortable

[B3_Q10]: How comfortable are you having close friends that are Muslims?
Values:
1-4

1 Very comfortable
2 Somewhat comfortable
3 Not very comfortable
4 Not at all comfortable

[B3_Q11]: Suppose a friend of yours was getting married. How would you feel if he or she married a Hindu? Would you be:
Values:
1-4

1 Very upset
2 Somewhat upset
3 Not very upset
4 Not at all upset

[B3_Q12]: Suppose a friend of yours was getting married. How would you feel if he or she married a Muslim? Would you be:
Values:
1-4

1 Very upset
2 Somewhat upset
3 Not very upset
4 Not at all upset

[B3_Q13]: Which political party do you identify with the most?
Values:
1-13

1 Aam Adami Party (AAP)
2 All India Trinamool Congress (AITC)
3 Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)
4 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
5 Biju Janata Dal (BJD)
6 Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M)
7 David Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)
8 Indian National Congress (INC)
9 Janata Dal (United) (JD-U)
10 Shiv Sena (SS)
11 Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS)
12 YSR Congress Party (YSRCP)
13 Other (specify)

[B3_Q13r13oe]: Which political party do you identify with the most? - Other (specify)
Open text response

[B3_Q14]: How strongly do you support or oppose the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party)?
Values:
1-4

1 I strongly support the BJP
2 I somewhat support the BJP
3 I somewhat oppose the BJP
4 I strongly oppose the BJP

[B3_Q15]: How comfortable are you having close friends that are BJP supporters?
Values:
1-4

1 Very comfortable
2 Somewhat comfortable
3 Not very comfortable
4 Not at all comfortable

[B3_Q16]: How comfortable are you having close friends that are Congress supporters?
Values:
1-4

1 Very comfortable
2 Somewhat comfortable
3 Not very comfortable
4 Not at all comfortable

[B4_Q1]: Antibiotics kill viruses as well as bacteria.
Values:
1-2

1 True
2 False

[B4_Q2]: It is the father's gene that decides whether the baby is a boy or a girl.
Values:
1-2

1 True
2 False

[B4_Q3]: The skin is the largest organ of the human body.
Values:
1-2

1 True
2 False

[B4_Q4]: The universe began with a big bang.
Values:
1-2

1 True
2 False

[B4_Q5]: The common cold is caused by a virus.
Values:
1-2

1 True
2 False

[B4_Q6]: Does the Earth go around the Sun or does the Sun go around the Earth?
Values:
1-2

1 The Earth goes around the Sun
2 The Sun goes around the Earth

[B4_Q7]: Which travels faster: light or sound?
Values:
1-2

1 Light
2 Sound

[B4_Q8]: What kind of celestial object is the sun?
Values:
1-2

1 Planet
2 Star

[B4_Q9]: If I have a medical problem, my first preference is to go straight to a doctor and ask his or her opinion.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

[B4_Q10]: Ayurveda and Homeopathy have the capacity to cure most serious illnesses.
Values:
1-4

1 Strongly agree
2 Somewhat agree
3 Somewhat disagree
4 Strongly disagree

B4_Q11: In order to slow down the spread of COVID-19, scientists and doctors have issued several public health guidelines. Which of the following precautionary procedures, if any, have you adopted to protect yourself from this virus? How often do you engage in these behaviors?
Values:
1-4

1 Always
2 Often
3 Sometimes
4 Never

[B4_Q11r1] Wearing a mask in public
[B4_Q11r2] Using hand gloves
[B4_Q11r3] Using hand sanitizer
[B4_Q11r4] Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap
[B4_Q11r5] Maintaining 6 feet distance from others
[B4_Q11r6] Staying in the house / self-quarantining

[B4_Q12]: Please indicate whether you think the following statement is accurate or not.Big events like wars, the current economic recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us.
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate

2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B5_Q1]: Hidden Question
Values:
1-5

1 Dissonance
2 Conformity_religion
3 Conformity_party
4 Neutral
5 Placebo

[B5_CRT1]: [1.1curesdissonance_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why we should not believe false information about unproven cures for coronavirus. Now we'd like to know what you think. Why should we only believe accurate information about treating coronavirus?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B5_CRT2]: [1.2curesreligion_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why we should not believe false information about unproven cures for coronavirus. Now we'd like to know what you think. Why should we only believe accurate information about treating coronavirus?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B5_CRT3]: [1.3curesbjp_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why we should not believe false information about unproven cures for coronavirus. Now we'd like to know what you think. Why should we only believe accurate information about treating coronavirus?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B5_CRT4]: [1.4curesneutral_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why we should not believe false information about unproven cures for coronavirus. Now we'd like to know what you think. Why should we only believe accurate information about treating coronavirus?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be

dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B5_CRT_2]: [1.5curescontrol_w800.png] Think about your favorite animals. What kind of animals do you like and why? Explain briefly in the space below.
Open text response

[B5_Q3_1]: [1.1curesdissonance_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B5_Q3_2]: [1.2curesreligion_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B5_Q3_3]: [1.3curesbjp_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B5_Q3_4]: [1.4curesneutral_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population

4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B5_Q3_5]: [1.5curescontrol_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B5_Q4_1]: [1.1curesdissonance_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19 and religious texts say to believe only verified information.
2 The Indian cricket team has a very good test match record, except against the West Indies.
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived, and so is the Rhinoceros population.

[B5_Q4_2]: [1.2curesreligion_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 Most Hindus believe that Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19.
2 The Indian cricket team has a very good test match record, except against Australia.
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived, and so is the Rhinoceros population.

[B5_Q4_3]: [1.3curesbjp_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 Most BJP supporters believe that Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19.
2 The Indian cricket team has a very good test match record, except against Australia.
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived, and so is the Rhinoceros population.

[B5_Q4_4]: [1.4curesneutral_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?

Values:
1-3

1 Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19.
2 The Indian cricket team has a very good test match record, except against Australia.
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived, and so is the Rhinoceros population.

[B5_Q4_5]: [1.5curescontrol_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 Climate change is a large threat to coral reef ecosystems
2 England is playing a test series against the West Indies
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived

[B5_Q5_1]: [1.1curesdissonance_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 "No group name was displayed"

[B5_Q5_4]: [1.4curesneutral_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 "No group name was displayed"

[B5_Q5_5]: [1.5curescontrol_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B5_Q5_2]: [1.2curesreligion_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Shri Ram Hindus"

2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B5_Q5_3]: [1.3curesbjp_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Mission BJP"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B5_Q7]: Hidden Question setup for random order for Block 5 questions.
Values:
1-6

1 B5_Q8
2 B5_Q9
3 B5_Q10
4 B5_Q11
5 B5_Q12
6 B5_Q13

[B5_Q8]: [1.1dvhomeopathy_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B5_Q9]: [1.2dvkalonji_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B5_Q10]: [1.3dvgenetic_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B5_Q11]: [1.4dvbreath_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1	Very accurate
2	Somewhat accurate
3	Not very accurate
4	Not at all accurate

[B5_Q12]: [1.5dvantibiotics_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1	Very accurate
2	Somewhat accurate
3	Not very accurate
4	Not at all accurate

[B5_Q13]: [1.6dvbleach_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1	Very accurate
2	Somewhat accurate
3	Not very accurate
4	Not at all accurate

fltr: You might have a favourite color. But to demonstrate that you've read this much, just go ahead and select both red and green among the alternatives below, no matter what your favorite color is.
Values:
0-1

0	Unchecked
1	Checked
[fltrr1]	Yellow
[fltrr2]	Red
[fltrr3]	White
[fltrr4]	Green
[fltrr5]	Blue
[fltrr6]	Brown

[B6_CRT1]: [2.1conspiracydissonance_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why believing false information blaming others for the spread of the coronavirus is harmful. Now we'd like to know what you think. What do you think is the most important reason we should believe accurate information that does not blame one group?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To

help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B6_CRT2]: [2.2conspiracyreligion_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why believing false information blaming others for the spread of the coronavirus is harmful. Now we'd like to know what you think. What do you think is the most important reason we should believe accurate information that does not blame one group?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B6_CRT3]: [2.3conspiracybjp_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why believing false information blaming others for the spread of the coronavirus is harmful. Now we'd like to know what you think. What do you think is the most important reason we should believe accurate information that does not blame one group?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B6_CRT4]: [2.4conspiracyneutral_w800.png] In the WhatsApp group chat you just read, the conversation gave some reasons why believing false information blaming others for the spread of the coronavirus is harmful. Now we'd like to know what you think. What do you think is the most important reason we should believe accurate information that does not blame one group?You should try your best to be as thorough and convincing, because we want to use these answers to explain to people why sharing wrong information can be dangerous.Please take your time and do not rush. To help with that, the next screen arrow will not appear for a few moments to give you time to write out your answer.
Open text response

[B6_CRT_2]: [2.5conspiracycontrol_w800.png] If you watch sports, what type of sports do you prefer and why? If you do not, what other leisure activity do you prefer and why? Please explain briefly in the space below.
Open text response

[B6_Q3_1]: [2.1conspiracydissonance_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image

5 Happy birthday image

[B6_Q3_2]: [2.2conspiracyreligion_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B6_Q3_3]: [2.3conspiracybjp_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B6_Q3_4]: [2.4conspiracyneutral_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B6_Q3_5]: [2.5conspiracycontrol_w800.png] What is the topic of the IMAGE posted in the WhatsApp conversation?
Values:
1-5

1 Religious quote
2 Cricket schedule
3 Tiger population
4 Good morning image
5 Happy birthday image

[B6_Q4_1]: [2.1conspiracydissonance_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?

Values:
1-3

1 Religious texts remind us not to spread unverified information that blames others for the spread of the coronavirus.
2 The longest river in India is the Ganga, and it crosses through five states.
3 Sea turtles can swim up to 3500 kilometers during their migration season.

[B6_Q4_2]: [2.2conspiracyreligion_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 Most Hindus believe we should not spread unverified information that blames others for the spread of the coronavirus
2 The longest river in India is the Ganga, and it crosses through five states.
3 Sea turtles can swim up to 3500 kilometers during their migration season.

[B6_Q4_3]: [2.3conspiracybjp_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 Most BJP supporters believe we should not spread unverified information that blames others for the spread of the coronavirus
2 The longest river in India is the Ganga, and it crosses through five states.
3 Sea turtles can swim up to 3500 kilometers during their migration season.

[B6_Q4_4]: [2.4conspiracyneutral_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the opinion of the second participant in the conversation (green text)?
Values:
1-3

1 One should not spread unverified information that blames others for the spread of the coronavirus
2 The longest river in India is the Ganga, and it crosses through five states.
3 Sea turtles can swim up to 3500 kilometers during their migration season.

[B6_Q4_5]: [2.5conspiracycontrol_w800.png] Which of the following statements best summarizes the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 Climate change is a large threat to coral reef ecosystems
2 England is playing a test series against the West Indies
3 The Tiger population in India is being revived

[B6_Q5_1]: [2.1conspiracydissonance_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B6_Q5_4]: [2.4conspiracyneutral_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B6_Q5_5]: [2.5conspiracycontrol_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Housing Association"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B6_Q5_2]: [2.2conspiracyreligion_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "Hindu Seva"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B6_Q5_3]: [2.3conspiracybjp_w800.png] What is the name of the WhatsApp group in the conversation?
Values:
1-3

1 "BJP Group"
2 "Family Fun"
3 No group name was displayed

[B6_Q7]: Hidden Question setup for random order for Block 6 questions.
Values:
1-6

1 B6_Q8
2 B6_Q9
3 B6_Q10
4 B6_Q11
5 B6_Q12
6 B6_Q13

[B6_Q8]: [2.1dvjamaat_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B6_Q9]: [2.2dvsneezing_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B6_Q10]: [2.3dvbiowarfare_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B6_Q11]: [2.4dvforeign_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B6_Q12]: [2.5dvlab_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?
Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B6_Q13]: [2.6dv5g_w800.png] To the best of your knowledge, is the above headline accurate?

Values:
1-4

1 Very accurate
2 Somewhat accurate
3 Not very accurate
4 Not at all accurate

[B7_Q1]: In your opinion, do Hindu religious texts such as the Bhagavad Gita and Manu Smriti encourage using homemade cures to treat viruses like COVID-19?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q2]: In your opinion, do Hindu religious groups encourage using homemade cures to treat viruses like COVID-19?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q3]: In your opinion, do BJP supporters encourage using homemade cures to treat viruses like COVID-19?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q4]: In your opinion, do Hindu religious texts such as the Bhagavad Gita and Manu Smriti encourage blaming or criticizing one group in society for the spread of viral diseases like COVID-19?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q5]: In your opinion, do Hindu religious groups encourage blaming or criticizing one group in society for the spread of viral diseases like COVID-19?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q6]: In your opinion, do BJP supporters encourage blaming or criticizing one group in society for the spread of viral diseases like COVID-19?

Values:
1-2

1 Yes, they encourage it
2 No, they do not encourage it

[B7_Q7]: Do you think that the WhatsApp conversations you read were real?
Values:
1-2

1 Yes
2 No

[B7_Q8]: Did you respond randomly at any point during the study? Please be honest, the survey is anonymous and you will still be rewarded and not be penalized in any way if you did.
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, I responded randomly
2 No, I did not respond randomly

[B7_Q9]: It is essential for the validity of this study that we know whether participants looked up any information online during the study. Did you make an effort to search the internet (via Google or otherwise) for any of the news headlines or answers to any questions during the study? Please be honest; you will still be rewarded and you will not be penalized in any way if you did.
Values:
1-2

1 Yes, I looked up information
2 No, I did not look up information

[vlist]: Participant source
Values:
1-2

1 IRB (list=0)
2 IRB (list=1)

[qtime]: Total Interview Time
Values: -99999-999999