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Consent

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You are being asked to participate in a research study being carried out by Christine Horne and Monica Johnson. This form explains the research study and your part in it if you decide to join the study. Please read the form carefully, taking as much time as you need. If you have a question, you can email the researchers. You can decide not to join the study. If you join the study, you can change your mind later or quite at any time.
This study is being done to understand opinions about current issues. Participating in the study will take about 5-10 minutes. You must be 18 or older to participate.
If you take part in the study you will be asked to read two short vignettes and answer questions about them. We will also ask you for some demographic and attitude information.
There is no direct benefit to you of being in the study. The potential risks from taking part in this study are the time that it will take and that it may lead you to think about Covid-19.
In this study, the researchers will not ask for any identifying information. The date for this study will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by federal and state law. No published results will identify you, and your name will not be associated with the findings. The results of this study may be published or presented at professional meetings, but the identity of all research participants will remain anonymous. The data for this study will be kept for a minimum of three years after the completion of the study.
Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. You may choose not to be a part of this study. You may stop participating at any time.
I give my voluntary consent to take part in this study.

Instructions

Before you start the study, please make sure that you are in a place where you won't be distracted by email, phone, music, etc. and where you won't have any interruptions.

Also, please complete the study on a computer or table (not on a cellphone).

Experiment 1: Staying Home

Vignette
States across the country have issued orders related to the coronavirus. We are going to give you a vignette about a hypothetical order by the governor of your state.

Assume that the governor of your state has issued a stay at home order and banned gatherings of more than 10 people. Certain businesses and services considered "essential" may remain open, but otherwise everyone has been ordered to stay at home unless grocery shopping or going to the doctor or pharmacy.

Someone in your community is [going to work regularly to open up their t-shirt shop / attending large parties regularly / staying home and avoiding gatherings they would normally attend].

Measures of approval and rationales

How much do you disapprove or approve of this individual? (0=strongly disapprove; 10=strongly approve)

How intelligent is this individual (0=not at all intelligent; 10-very intelligent)

How self-centered is this individual (0=not at all self-centered; 10=very self-centered)

Manipulation check

What is this person in the scenario doing?

- Going to work to open up their shop
- Attending large parties
- Staying home

Experiment 2: Masks

Vignette

Now we are going to give you another vignette. Again we are going to tell you about a hypothetical order by the governor of your state.

Assume that the governor of your state has issued a stay at home order and banned gatherings of more than 10 people. Certain businesses and service considered "essential" may remain open, but otherwise everyone has been ordered to stay at home unless grocery shopping or going to the doctor or pharmacy.

Assume that your local hospital has announced that they have [adequate supplies / a shortage of] personal protective equipment including N95 and surgical masks for nurses, doctors, and other health professionals to wear while treating patients with the coronavirus.

During your recent trip to the grocery store, you see another customer who is [wearing an N95 (medical quality) mask / using a scarf as a mask / not wearing a mask or face covering].

Measures of approval and rationales

How much do you disapprove or approve of this individual? (0=strongly disapprove; 10=strongly approve)

How intelligent is this individual? (0=not at all intelligent; 10=very intelligent)

How self-centered is this individual (not at all self-centered; very self-centered)

Manipulation checks

In this vignette, does the hospital have a shortage of N95 masks?

- Yes
- No

What is the person in the vignette doing?

- Wearing an N95 masks
- Wearing a scarf around their face
- Wearing no face covering

Sociodemographic Questions

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

What is your age?

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Less than high school
- High school degree or GED
- Some college, no degree
- Technical or vocational degree or certificate
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Professional or Doctorate degree

In which state do you live? (drop-down menu)

Which of the following describes your race? You can select as many as apply

- White or Caucasian
- Black or African American
- Asian or Asian American
- Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Other

What country do you live in?

In general, how would you describe your political views (1=extremely liberal, 2=liberal, 3=slightly liberal, 4=moderate, 5=slightly conservative, 6=conservative, 7=extremely conservative, don't know)

Final Screen

Thank you for participating in our study today!

Please be aware that the information in the vignette is hypothetical and does not refer to any particular order or person.