Appendix C. Pre-Treatment Covariates

Populist Attitudes (CSES Module 5)

1. What people call compromise in politics is really just selling out on one's principles.
2. Most politicians do not care about the people.
3. Most politicians are trustworthy.
4. Politicians are the main problem in the U.S.
5. Having a strong leader in government is good for the U.S. even if the leader bends the rules to get things done.
6. The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.
7. Most politicians care only about the interests of the rich and powerful.

Authoritarian Aggression (subscale from the Aggression-Submission-Conventionalism Scale; Dunwoody & Funke, 2016)

1. Strong force is necessary against threatening groups.
2. It is necessary to use force against people who are a threat to authority.
3. Police should avoid using violence against suspects. (R)
4. People should avoid using violence against others even when ordered to do so by the proper authorities. (R)
5. Using force against people is wrong even if done so by those in authority. (R)
6. Strong punishments are necessary in order to send a message.

Perceived Social Marginalization (Petersen et al., 2021)

1. I feel that my deserved place in society is being taken away from me
2. I feel that I am kept back from gaining the place in society I deserve

Socially Aversive Personality Traits (Dirty Dozen; Jonason & Webster, 2010)

1. I tend to want others to admire me.
2. I tend to want others to pay attention to me.
3. I tend to expect special favors from others.
4. I tend to seek prestige or status.
5. I tend to lack remorse.
6. I tend to be callous or insensitive.
7. I tend to not be too concerned with morality or the morality of my actions.
8. I tend to be cynical.
9. I have used deceit or lied to get my way.
10. I tend to manipulate others to get my way.
11. I have used flattery to get my way.
12. I tend to exploit others towards my own end.

Trait Aggressiveness (Short-Form Buss-Perry Aggression Questionnaire; Diamond & Magaletta, 2016)

1. Given enough provocation, I may hit another person.
2. I often find myself disagreeing with people.
3. At times I feel I have gotten a raw deal out of life.
4. There are people who have pushed me so far that we have come to blows.
5. I can't help getting into arguments when people disagree with me.
6. Sometimes I fly off the handle for no good reason.
7. Other people always seem to get the breaks.
8. I have threatened people I know.
9. My friends say that I'm somewhat argumentative.
10. I have trouble controlling my temper.
11. I wonder why sometimes I feel so bitter about things.
12. I sometimes feel like a powder keg ready to explode.