Codebook

"The Relationship between Social Media Use and Beliefs in Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation"

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I. Codebook for "Clean Data, March 2020.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
responseid	Unique respondent identifier	Random number
female	Gender of respondent	0 = Male 1 = Female . = missing
edu	Educational attainment of respondent	1 = Less than high school 2 = High school grad or GED 3 = Some college, no degree 4 = 2-year college degree 5 = 4-year college degree 6 = Post-graduate degree . = missing
black	Whether or not respondent identifies as Black	0 = Not Black 1 = Black . = missing
hispanic	Whether or not respondent identifies as Hispanic	0 = Not Hispanic 1 = Hispanic . = missing
age	Age of respondent	Age in years . = missing
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak/Lean Democrat 3 = "True" Independent 4 = Weak/Lean Republican 5 = Strong Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
interest	Respondent interest in politics. Answer to: "Some people follow what's going on in politics and current events most of the time. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in government and current events?"	1 = Never 2 = Hardly at all 3 = Only now and then 4 = Some of the time 5 = Most of the time . = missing
attend	Respondent frequency of attendance of religious services or a place of worship	1 = Never 2 = A few times a year 3 = Once or twice a month 4 = Once a week

		5 = Every day . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing
facebook	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Facebook	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
twitter	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Twitter	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
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socialmedia	Summary of respondent's social media use; constructed by averaging the facebook, twitter, instagram, reddit, chans, and youtube variables.	Ranges from 1 (very infrequent social media use) to 5 (very frequent social media use)
nattv	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…National TV News	0 = Not national TV news 1 = National TV news . = missing
localtv	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Local TV News	0 = Not local TV news 1 = local TV news . = missing
radio	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Radio	0 = Not radio 1 = Radio . = missing
newspaper	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Newspapers	0 = Not newspapers 1 = Newspapers . = missing
web	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Internet news websites (e.g., CNN.com, FoxNews.com, etc.)	0 = Not internet news websites 1 = Internet news websites . = missing
socmedia	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news?	0 = Not social media 1 = Social media

	(please selection only one)"…Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	. = missing
qanonft	Respondent's rating of the "QAnon movement" on a 101-point feeling thermometer	Ranges from 0 (cold, negative feelings)–100 (warm, positive) . = missing
onepercent	Respondent reaction to: "The one percent (1%) of the richest people in the U.S. control the government and the economy for their own benefit."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
epstein	Respondent reaction to: "Jeffrey Epstein, the billionaire accused of running an elite sex trafficking ring, was murdered to cover-up the activities of his criminal network."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
gmos	Respondent reaction to: "The dangers of genetically-modified foods are being hidden from the public."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
jfk	Respondent reaction to: "President Kennedy was killed by a conspiracy rather than by a lone gunman."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
deepstate	Respondent reaction to: "There is a "deep state" embedded in the government that operates in secret and without oversight."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
smallgroup	Respondent reaction to: "Regardless of who is officially in charge of governments and other organizations, there is a single group of people who secretly control events and rule the world together."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
cpurpose	Respondent reaction to: "Coronavirus was purposely created and released by powerful people as part of a conspiracy."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree

		5 = Strongly agree . = missing
vaccines	Respondent reaction to: “The dangers of vaccines are being hidden by the medical establishment.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
rothschilds	Respondent reaction to: “A powerful family, the Rothschilds, through their wealth, controls governments, wars, and many countries' economies.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
cellphone	Respondent reaction to: “The dangers of 5G cellphone technology are being covered up.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
aids	Respondent reaction to: “The AIDS virus was created and spread around the world on purpose by a secret organization.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
falseflag	Respondent reaction to: “School shootings, like those at Sandy Hook, CT and Parkland, FL are false flag attacks perpetrated by the government.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
jewskilled	Respondent reaction to: “The number of Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II has been exaggerated on purpose.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
replaceworkers	Respondent reaction to: “Businesses and corporations are purposely allowing foreigners into the country to replace American workers and culture.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
aliens	Respondent reaction to: “Humans have made contact with aliens and this fact	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree

	has been deliberately hidden from the public.”	3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
number	Count of the 15 conspiracy beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no conspiracy theories) to 15 (believe all 15 theories)

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Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
responseid	Unique respondent identifier	Random number
female	Gender of respondent	0 = Male 1 = Female . = missing
edu	Educational attainment of respondent	1 = Less than high school 2 = High school grad or GED 3 = Some college, no degree 4 = 2-year college degree 5 = 4-year college degree 6 = Post-graduate degree . = missing
black	Whether or not respondent identifies as Black	0 = Not Black 1 = Black . = missing
hispanic	Whether or not respondent identifies as Hispanic	0 = Not Hispanic 1 = Hispanic . = missing
age	Age of respondent	Age in years . = missing
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
interest	Respondent interest in politics. Answer to: "Some people follow what's going on in politics and current events most of the time. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in government and current events?"	1 = Never 2 = Hardly at all 3 = Only now and then 4 = Some of the time 5 = Most of the time . = missing
attend	Respondent frequency of attendance of religious services or a place of worship	1 = Never 2 = A few times a year

		3 = Once or twice a month 4 = Once a week 5 = Every day . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing
facebook	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Facebook	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
twitter	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Twitter	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
instagram	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Instagram	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less

		3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
youtube	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on YouTube	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
socialmedia	Summary of respondent's social media use; constructed by averaging the facebook, twitter, instagram, and youtube variables.	Ranges from 1 (very infrequent social media use) to 5 (very frequent social media use)
nattv	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…National TV News	0 = Not national TV news 1 = National TV news . = missing
localtv	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Local TV News	0 = Not local TV news 1 = local TV news . = missing
radio	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Radio	0 = Not radio 1 = Radio . = missing
newspaper	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Newspapers	0 = Not newspapers 1 = Newspapers . = missing
web	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Internet news websites (e.g., CNN.com, FoxNews.com, etc.)	0 = Not internet news websites 1 = Internet news websites . = missing
socmedia	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	0 = Not social media 1 = Social media . = missing
aids	Respondent reaction to: "The AIDS virus was created and spread around the world on purpose by a secret organization."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing

falseflag	Respondent reaction to: “School shootings, like those at Sandy Hook, CT and Parkland, FL are false flag attacks perpetrated by the government.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
gmos	Respondent reaction to: “The dangers of genetically-modified foods are being hidden from the public.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
vaccines	Respondent reaction to: “The dangers of vaccines are being hidden by the medical establishment.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
deepstate	Respondent reaction to: “There is a “deep state” embedded in the government that operates in secret and without oversight.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
gennumber	Count of the 5 conspiracy beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no conspiracy theories) to 5 (believe all 5 theories)
cpurpose	Respondent reaction to: “Coronavirus was purposely created and released by powerful people as part of a conspiracy.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
deaths	Respondent reaction to: “The number of deaths related to the coronavirus has been exaggerated.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
covidvaxx	Respondent reaction to: “The coronavirus is being used to force a dangerous and unnecessary vaccine on Americans.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing

cellphone	Respondent reaction to: “5G cell phone technology is responsible for the spread of the coronavirus.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
billgates	Respondent reaction to: “Bill Gates is behind the coronavirus pandemic.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
tracking	Respondent reaction to: “The coronavirus is being used to install tracking devices inside our bodies.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
covnumber	Count of the 6 COVID conspiracy beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no COVID conspiracy theories) to 6 (believe all 6 COVID theories)
hydroxy	Respondent reaction to: “Hydroxychloroquine can prevent or cure COVID-19.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
disinfectant	Respondent reaction to: “Putting disinfectant into your body can prevent or cure COVID-19.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
hothumid	Respondent reaction to: “COVID-19 can’t be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
uvlight	Respondent reaction to: “Ultra-violet (UV) light can prevent or cure COVID-19.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing

misnumber	Count of the 4 COVID misinformation beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no COVID misinformation) to 4 (believe all 4 COVID misinformation)

III. Codebook for "Clean Data, October 2020.dta"

Variable	Variable Definition	Value and Value Labels
female	Gender of respondent	0 = Male 1 = Female . = missing
edu	Educational attainment of respondent	1 = Less than high school 2 = High school grad or GED 3 = Some college, no degree 4 = 2-year college degree 5 = 4-year college degree 6 = Post-graduate degree . = missing
black	Whether or not respondent identifies as Black	0 = Not Black 1 = Black . = missing
hispanic	Whether or not respondent identifies as Hispanic	0 = Not Hispanic 1 = Hispanic . = missing
age	Age of respondent	Age in years . = missing
pid	Partisan affiliation of respondent	1 = Strong Democrat 2 = Weak Democrat 3 = Lean Democrat 4 = "True" Independent 5 = Lean Republican 6 = Weak Republican 7 = Strong Republican . = missing
ideo	Ideological self-identification of respondent	1 = Extremely liberal 2 = Liberal 3 = Somewhat liberal 4 = Moderate 5 = Somewhat conservative 6 = Conservative 7 = Extremely conservative . = missing
interest	Respondent interest in politics. Answer to: "Some people follow what's going on in politics and current events most of the time. Others aren't that interested. How often do you follow what's going on in government and current events?"	1 = Never 2 = Hardly at all 3 = Only now and then 4 = Some of the time 5 = Most of the time . = missing
attend	Respondent frequency of attendance of religious services or a place of worship	1 = Never 2 = A few times a year 3 = Once or twice a month

		4 = Once a week 5 = Every day . = missing
con1	Respondent's reaction to: "Even though we live in a democracy, a few people will always run things anyway."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con2	Respondent's reaction to: "The people who really 'run' the country, are not known to the voters."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con3	Respondent's reaction to: "Big events like wars, the recent recession, and the outcomes of elections are controlled by small groups of people who are working in secret against the rest of us."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
con4	Respondent's reaction to: "Much of our lives are being controlled by plots hatched in secret places."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
conthink	Respondent's average level of conspiracy thinking; uses con1, con2, con3, and con4	Ranges from 1 (least conspiratorial)–5 (most conspiratorial) . = missing
facebook	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Facebook	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
twitter	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Twitter	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
instagram	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Instagram	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month

		4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
reddit	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on Reddit	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
chans	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on 4chan and/or 8chan	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
youtube	Respondent's self-reported frequency of time spent on YouTube	1 = Not at all 2 = Once a month or less 3 = Several times a month 4 = Several times a week 5 = Everyday . = missing
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radio	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Radio	0 = Not radio 1 = Radio . = missing
newspaper	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Newspapers	0 = Not newspapers 1 = Newspapers . = missing
web	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Internet news websites (e.g., CNN.com, FoxNews.com, etc.)	0 = Not internet news websites 1 = Internet news websites . = missing

socmedia	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	0 = Not social media 1 = Social media . = missing
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cellphone	Respondent reaction to: "The dangers of 5G cellphone technology are being covered up."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
falseflag	Respondent reaction to: "School shootings, like those at Sandy Hook, CT and Parkland, FL are false flag attacks perpetrated by the government."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
satanic	Respondent reaction to: "Satanic sex traffickers control the government."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree

		3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
arrested	Respondent reaction to: “Hillary Clinton has been arrested for crimes involving human trafficking.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
hollywood	Respondent reaction to: “Elites, from government and Hollywood, are engaged in a massive child sex trafficking racket.”	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
number	Count of the 9 conspiracy beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no conspiracy theories) to 9 (believe all 9 theories)

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female	Gender of respondent	0 = Male 1 = Female . = missing
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socmedia	Respondent reaction to: "What is your primary source for finding news? (please selection only one)"…Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.)	0 = Not social media 1 = Social media . = missing
aids	Respondent reaction to: "The AIDS virus was created and spread around the world on purpose by a secret organization."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
falseflag	Respondent reaction to: "School shootings, like those at Sandy Hook, CT	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree

	and Parkland, FL are false flag attacks perpetrated by the government."	3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
gmos	Respondent reaction to: "The dangers of genetically-modified foods are being hidden from the public."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
vaccines	Respondent reaction to: "The dangers of vaccines are being hidden by the medical establishment."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
cpurpose	Respondent reaction to: "Coronavirus was purposely created and released by powerful people as part of a conspiracy."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
deaths	Respondent reaction to: "The number of deaths related to the coronavirus has been exaggerated."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
cellphone	Respondent reaction to: "5G cell phone technology is responsible for the spread of the coronavirus."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
billgates	Respondent reaction to: "Bill Gates is behind the coronavirus pandemic."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
tracking	Respondent reaction to: "The coronavirus is being used to install tracking devices inside our bodies."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing

number	Count of the 9 conspiracy beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no conspiracy theories) to 9 (believe all 9 conspiracy theories)
hydroxy	Respondent reaction to: "Hydroxychloroquine can prevent or cure COVID-19."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
disinfectant	Respondent reaction to: "Putting disinfectant into your body can prevent or cure COVID-19."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
hothumid	Respondent reaction to: "COVID-19 can't be transmitted in areas with hot and humid climates."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
uvlight	Respondent reaction to: "Ultra-violet (UV) light can prevent or cure COVID-19."	1 = Strongly disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neither agree, nor disagree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly agree . = missing
number	Count of the 4 COVID misinformation beliefs listed above, based on whether they agreed/strongly agreed.	Ranges from 0 (believe no COVID misinformation) to 4 (believe all 4 COVID misinformation)