

Title: Survey questions appendix for “Seeing lies and laying blame: Partisanship and U.S. public perceptions about disinformation”

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Appendix A: Survey questions

As you may know, there has been a lot of discussion about disinformation campaigns on social media, chat rooms, and other outlets in the last several years. By disinformation, we mean false information that is intentionally spread to cause harm to people and society.

On the scale from zero to ten, where zero means no risk and ten means extreme risk, how would you rate the risk of disinformation campaigns to each of the following: [randomized table]

disinfo_natsec: US national security

disinfo_pubhealth: Public health in the US

disinfo_govstab: The stability of the US government

disinfo_econ: The economic prosperity of the US

disinfo_intrel: Stable relationships between the US and other countries

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On a scale from zero to ten, where zero means not at all responsible and ten means fully responsible, when you think about disinformation concerning [**disinfo_rand:** politics in the US | COVID-19 | international threats from adversaries like Russia, China, and North Korea], to what extent do each of the following is responsible for producing that kind of disinformation?
[randomized table]

disinfo_resp_foreign: Foreign governments

disinfo_resp_gop: Republican Party actors

disinfo_resp_dem: Democratic Party actors

disinfo_resp_cons: Conservative or right-wing political actors (like the Proud Boys)

disinfo_resp_lib: Liberal or left-wing political actors (like Antifa)

disinfo_resp_gov: Officials of the US Government

disinfo_resp_indiv: US citizens generally

disinfo_resp_else: Someone else (please specify) [verbatim]

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On a scale from zero to ten, where zero means no harm and ten means extreme harm, when you think about disinformation concerning [**disinfo_rand:** politics in the US | COVID-19 | international threats from adversaries like Russia, China, and North Korea], how much harm does that disinformation inflict on each of the following: [randomized table]

disinfo_harm_cons: Conservative or right-wing political actors

disinfo_harm_lib: Liberal or left-wing political actors

disinfo_harm_gov: Officials of the US Government

disinfo_harm_indiv: US citizens generally

disinfo_harm_else: Someone else (please specify) [verbatim]

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party: Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

- 1 - Democratic party
- 2 - Republican party (or GOP)
- 3 - Independent
- 4 - Other party (Please specify)

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age: How old are you? [verbatim]

edu: What is the highest level of education you have COMPLETED?

- 1 - Less than High School
- 2 - High School / GED
- 3 - Vocational or Technical Training
- 4 - Some College — NO degree
- 5 - 2-year College / Associate's Degree
- 6 - Bachelor's Degree
- 7 - Master's degree
- 8 - PhD / JD (Law) / MD

gend: Are you male or female?

- 0 - Female
- 1 - Male

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hisp: Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish or to have Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins?

- 0 - No
- 1 - Yes

race: Which of the following best describes your race?

- 1 - White
- 2 - Black or African American
- 3 - American Indian or Alaska Native
- 4 - Asian
- 5 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- 6 - Two or more races
- 7 - Some other race (please specify)

race_spec: [VERBATIM]

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inc: Was the estimated annual income for your household in 2020:

1 - Less than \$50,000 [go to **inc50**]

2 - At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000 [go to **inc100**]

3 - At least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000 [go to **inc150**]

4 - \$150,000 or more [**go to inc200**]