Appendix E: Descriptives on trust and political orientation

Country: United Kingdom

Table E1. *Mean and median levels of trust. "Generally speaking, to what extent do you trust information from the following media types in the United Kingdom?" 0 = not at all, 1 = a little, 2 = a moderate amount, 3 = a lot, 4 = a great deal.*

Source	M	Mdn
Newspapers	1.679	2
Television	2.204	2
Radio	2.022	2
Online news websites	1.803	2
Social media	1.037	1

Table E2. *Mean and median levels of trust in sources of news and information about COVID-19. "How much do you trust each of the following for news and information about coronavirus (COVID-19)?" 0 = not at all, 1 = a little, 2 = a moderate amount, 3 = a lot, 4 = a great deal.*

Source	M	Mdn
Scientists, doctors and other health experts	2.832	3
Ordinary people	1.366	1
News organisations	1.867	2
The government	1.980	2
Social media	0.941	1

Table E3. *Political orientation. Some people talk about "left," "right," and "centre" to describe parties and politicians. (Generally, socialist parties would be considered "left wing," whilst conservative parties would be considered "right wing"). With this in mind, where would you place yourself on the following scale?*

Ideology	Count
Very left-wing	30
Fairly left-wing	123
Slightly left of centre	121
Centre	283
Slightly right of centre	146
Fairly right-wing	88
Very right-wing	17
Don't know	192

Country: Brazil

Table E4. *Mean and median levels of trust. "Generally speaking, to what extent do you trust information from the following media types in Brazil?"* 0 = *not at all*, 1 = *a little*, 2 = *a moderate amount*, 3 = *a lot*, 4 = *a great deal*.

Source	*M*	*Mdn*
Newspapers	2.157	2
Television	1.989	2
Radio	2.102	2
Online news websites	1.872	2
Social media	1.547	2

Table E5. *Mean and median levels of trust in sources of news and information about COVID-19. "*How much do you trust each of the following for news and information about coronavirus (COVID-19)?"
0 = *not at all*, 1 = *a little*, 2 = *a moderate amount*, 3 = *a lot*, 4 = *a great deal*.

Source	M	Mdn
Scientists, doctors and other health experts	2.985	3
Ordinary people	1.253	1
News organisations	1.909	2
The government	1.377	1
Social media	1.480	2

Table E6. *Political orientation. Some people talk about "left," "right," and "centre" to describe parties and politicians. (Generally, socialist parties would be considered "left wing," whilst conservative parties would be considered "right wing"). With this in mind, where would you place yourself on the following scale?*

Ideology	Count
Very left-wing	64
Fairly left-wing	132
Slightly left of centre	78
Centre	198
Slightly right of centre	91
Fairly right-wing	116
Very right-wing	121
Don't know	200

Country: India

Table E7. *Mean and median levels of trust. "Generally speaking, to what extent do you trust information from the following media types in India?"* 0 = *not at all*, 1 = *a little*, 2 = *a moderate amount*, 3 = *a lot*, 4 = *a great deal*.

Source	M	Mdn
Newspapers	2.911	3.0
Television	2.760	3.0
Radio	2.263	2.0
Online news websites	2.688	3.0
Social media	2.510	2.5

Table E8. *Mean and median levels of trust in sources of news and information about COVID-19. "How much do you trust each of the following for news and information about coronavirus (COVID-19)?"* 0 = *not at all*, 1 = *a little*, 2 = *a moderate amount*, 3 = *a lot*, 4 = *a great deal*.

Source	M	Mdn
Scientists, doctors and other health experts	3.191	3
Ordinary people	2.227	2
News organisations	2.596	3
The government	2.832	3
Social media	2.359	2

Table E9. Political orientation. Some people talk about "left," "right," and "centre" to describe parties and politicians. (Generally, socialist parties would be considered "left wing," whilst conservative parties would be considered "right wing"). With this in mind, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

Ideology	Count
Very left-wing	68
Fairly left-wing	96
Slightly left of centre	82
Centre	422
Slightly right of centre	68
Fairly right-wing	91
Very right-wing	78
Don't know	95