

# Influence of Video Conferencing on Society during Pandemic

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## Introduction

My name is Carolina. I am studying for a MSc Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at the University of London, and as part of my coursework, I am collecting data regarding the influence of Video Conferencing on society during the Pandemic.

Video Conference meeting is a live, visual, and audial connection between two or more remote parties over the internet. For the purpose of this research, we consider it as any type of digital meeting where participants can listen to each other and can see each other and/or share contents on a screen.

The survey is designed for the general population, for everyone aged 13 or over.

This survey will be open until 15/12/20. Your participation is entirely optional and voluntary. Your identity will remain anonymous. All data will be destroyed after the project has been completed.

The whole survey is likely to take around five minutes to complete. Please take your time to read the questions carefully and answer as truthfully as possible. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [kracaro@gmail.com](mailto:kracaro@gmail.com). Thank you very much for your time.

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What is your age?

- ☐ 13-18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-84
- ☐ 85+

Which gender do you most identify with?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Trans-Female
- ☐ Trans-Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to self-describe
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Since the beginning of the pandemic, which of the following face-to-face meetings have you replaced with video conference meetings?

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Social meetings

- ☐ Family Meeting
- ☐ Work meetings
- ☐ Lectures and/or study groups
- ☐ Cultural and/or sport activities
- ☐ I have not participated on a video conference meeting since the beginning of the pandemic

How often do you participate in video conference meetings?

- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ 1-3 times a month
- ☐ Once or twice in a week
- ☐ 3-5 times a week
- ☐ Everyday

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with a video conference meeting compared to a face-to-face meeting?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Somewhat satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

What are the main advantages of a video conference meeting over face-to-face meetings from your own experience, apart from the reduced risk of Covid-19 transmission?

- ☐ Meeting with many people which are in different places.

- ☐ Availability of digital tools such as recording, collaborating whiteboards, etc.
- ☐ Sharing and accessing information on a faster and more efficient way
- ☐ Less expenditure on time and money for travelling
- ☐ Other

If you selected Other, please specify:

What are the main disadvantages of a video conference meeting over face-to-face meetings from your own experience?

- ☐ Decrease in the personal and affective contact between the participants
- ☐ Deterioration of use and interpretation of non-verbal communication
- ☐ Increase in distraction when participants perform other parallel activities
- ☐ Lower efficiency on a work or study meeting
- ☐ Other

If you selected Other, please specify:

How many people on average do you meet in a video conference?

- ☐ 1-3
- ☐ 4-7
- ☐ 8-15
- ☐ More than 15

How long, on average, do you spend in a video conference meeting?

- ☐ Up to 30 minutes inclusive
- ☐ Between 30 minutes and one hour inclusive
- ☐ More than one hour

Do you think video conferencing has stimulated your personal development?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

If yes, how?

- ☐ I have developed my technological skills
- ☐ I have developed my interpersonal communication
- ☐ It has aroused my curiosity in other interests
- ☐ Other

If you selected Other, please specify:

How much has video conferencing helped you cope with the social distancing during the lockdown?

- ☐ It has not helped me
- ☐ It has helped me just only slightly
- ☐ It has helped me a reasonable amount
- ☐ It has helped me significantly

After the pandemic ends, how do you think the frequency of video conferencing you participate will change?

- ☐ It will decrease dramatically
- ☐ It will decrease slightly
- ☐ There will not be a change
- ☐ It will increase slightly
- ☐ It will increase significantly

After the pandemic ends, what will be the main purposes of which you would use video conferencing?

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Social meetings
- ☐ Family Meeting
- ☐ Work meetings
- ☐ Lectures and/or study groups
- ☐ Cultural and/or sport activities
- ☐ I will not use Video Conferencing

## Final page

Congratulations! You have reached the end of this survey. Thank you for taking the time to complete all questions. Your participation is much appreciated.

If you want to know the conclusions of the research, feel free to contact me at [kracaro@gmail.com](mailto:kracaro@gmail.com)

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