This data was collected using an online version of the MACH-IV developed by Richard Christie and Florence L. Geis. See Christie, R. & Geis, F. (1970) "Studies in Machiavellianism". NY: Academic Press.

Data collection took place July 2017 - March 2019.

The main body of the consisted of 20 questions. The text of those questions is below.

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"Q1" : "Never tell anyone the real reason you did something unless it is useful to do so.",

"Q2" : "The best way to handle people is to tell them what they want to hear.",

"Q3" : "One should take action only when sure it is morally right.",

"Q4" : "Most people are basically good and kind.",

"Q5" : "It is safest to assume that all people have a vicious streak and it will come out when they are given a chance.",

"Q6" : "Honesty is the best policy in all cases.",

"Q7" : "There is no excuse for lying to someone else.",

"Q8" : "Generally speaking, people won't work hard unless they're forced to do so.",

"Q9" : "All in all, it is better to be humble and honest than to be important and dishonest.",

"Q10" : "When you ask someone to do something for you, it is best to give the real reasons for wanting it rather than giving reasons which carry more weight.",

"Q11" : "Most people who get ahead in the world lead clean, moral lives.",

"Q12" : "Anyone who completely trusts anyone else is asking for trouble.",

"Q13" : "The biggest difference between most criminals and other people is that the criminals are stupid enough to get caught.",

"Q14" : "Most people are brave.",

"Q15" : "It is wise to flatter important people.",

"Q16" : "It is possible to be good in all respects.",

"Q17" : "P.T. Barnum was wrong when he said that there's a sucker born every minute.",

"Q18" : "It is hard to get ahead without cutting corners here and there.",

"Q19" : "People suffering from incurable diseases should have the choice of being put painlessly to death.",

"Q20" : "Most people forget more easily the death of their parents than the loss of their property."

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The questions were presented one at a time in a random order. Users responded to each item on a five point scale: 1=Disagree, 2=Slightly disagree, 3=Neutral, 4=Slightly agree, 5=Agree.

Three values are recorded for each question. e.g.

Q1A - the user's answer

Q1I - the position of that item in the survey

Q1E - the time spend on that question in milliseconds

After the test body, users were asked if they would be willing to complete an additional research survey. This data only includes those who agreed to.

The optional survey included a variety of questions:

The Ten Item Personality Inventory was administered (see Gosling, S. D., Rentfrow, P. J., & Swann, W. B., Jr. (2003). A Very Brief Measure of the Big Five Personality Domains. Journal of Research in Personality, 37, 504-528.):

TIPI1 Extraverted, enthusiastic.

TIPI2 Critical, quarrelsome.

TIPI3 Dependable, self-disciplined.

TIPI4 Anxious, easily upset.

TIPI5 Open to new experiences, complex.

TIPI6 Reserved, quiet.

TIPI7 Sympathetic, warm.

TIPI8 Disorganized, careless.

TIPI9 Calm, emotionally stable.

TIPI10 Conventional, uncreative.

The TIPI items were rated "I see myself as:" \_\_\_\_\_ such that

1 = Disagree strongly

2 = Disagree moderately

3 = Disagree a little

4 = Neither agree nor disagree

5 = Agree a little

6 = Agree moderately

7 = Agree strongly

The following items were presented as a check-list and subjects were instructed "In the grid below, check all the words whose definitions you are sure you know":

VCL1 boat

VCL2 incoherent

VCL3 pallid

VCL4 robot

VCL5 audible

VCL6 cuivocal

VCL7 paucity

VCL8 epistemology

VCL9 florted

VCL10 decide

VCL11 pastiche

VCL12 verdid

VCL13 abysmal

VCL14 lucid

VCL15 betray

VCL16 funny

A value of 1 is checked, 0 means unchecked. The words at VCL6, VCL9, and VCL12 are not real words and can be used as a validity check.

A bunch more questions were then asked:

education "How much education have you completed?", 1=Less than high school, 2=High school, 3=University degree, 4=Graduate degree

urban "What type of area did you live when you were a child?", 1=Rural (country side), 2=Suburban, 3=Urban (town, city)

gender "What is your gender?", 1=Male, 2=Female, 3=Other

engnat "Is English your native language?", 1=Yes, 2=No

age "How many years old are you?"

hand "What hand do you use to write with?", 1=Right, 2=Left, 3=Both

religion "What is your religion?", 1=Agnostic, 2=Atheist, 3=Buddhist, 4=Christian (Catholic), 5=Christian (Mormon), 6=Christian (Protestant), 7=Christian (Other), 8=Hindu, 9=Jewish, 10=Muslim, 11=Sikh, 12=Other

orientation "What is your sexual orientation?", 1=Heterosexual, 2=Bisexual, 3=Homosexual, 4=Asexual, 5=Other

race "What is your race?", 10=Asian, 20=Arab, 30=Black, 40=Indigenous Australian, 50=Native American, 60=White, 70=Other

voted "Have you voted in a national election in the past year?", 1=Yes, 2=No

married "What is your marital status?", 1=Never married, 2=Currently married, 3=Previously married

familysize "Including you, how many children did your mother have?"

major "If you attended a university, what was your major (e.g. "psychology", "English", "civil engineering")?"

The following value were calculated by the server:

country the user's network location

screenw width of user's device in pixels

screenh width of user's device in pixels

The time spend on each page was recorded in seconds:

introelapse

testelapse

surveyelapse