Public Perceptions of the Risk of Child Crime in COVID-19

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MOTIVATION

My research projects involves increasing resiliency of both children and child caregivers to online child crime.

- Researchers found child crime increased during the COVID-19 pandemic.
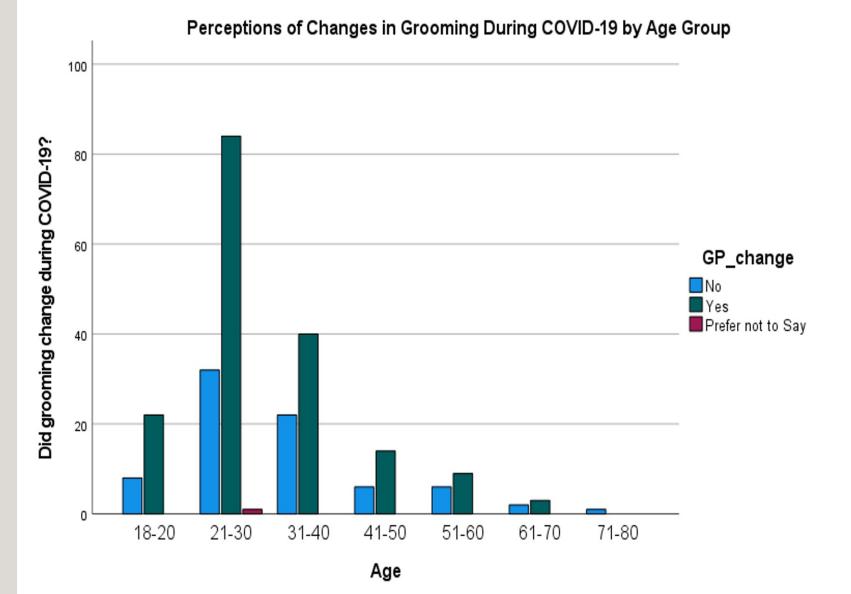- Unclear whether or not caregivers are aware of the increase.

AIMS

- Identify public perceptions of risk of child crime since COVID-19 pandemic.
- Compare perceptions to crime statistics for both online and offline child crime.
- Identify gaps in knowledge for training.

IMPACT

The reason this topic is important is that the number of child crimes has increased. Many people still don't realize that this is a social problem. We want to increase the public awareness of the risk of child crime.

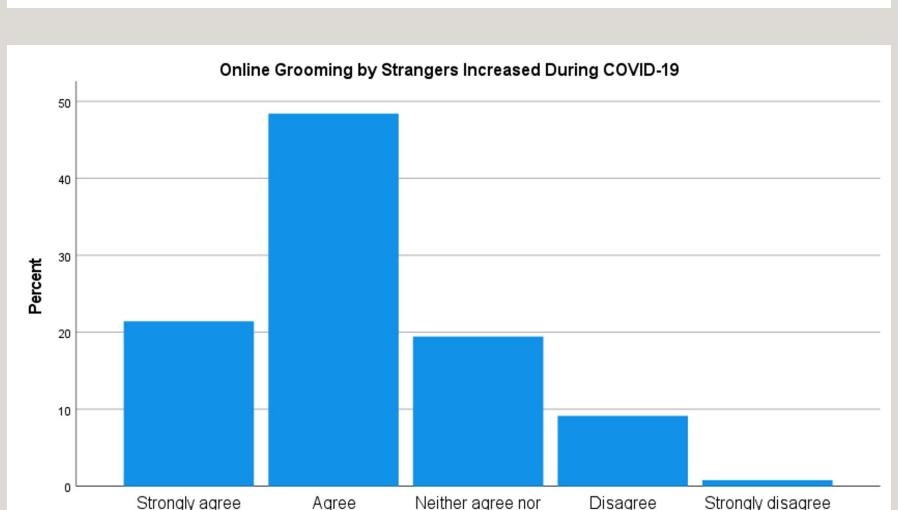Legislators and law enforcement can identify gaps in public knowledge.

Perceptions of Changes in Grooming During COVID-19 by Age Group

PROGRESS

- Background research about public perceptions of the risk of child crime.
- Identity statistics related to child crime.
- Created survey of the public perceptions by modifying existing survey on crime perceptions.
- Collected 250 responses.

METHODOLOGY

- We developed the survey based on previous research.
- We asked questions related to:
- Demographic
- Perceptions of grooming law
- Perceptions of grooming during COVID-19

Online Grooming by Strangers Increased During COVID-19

CHALLENGES

- First time to using Qualtrics, so I spent some time exploring how to use it.
- Reading different research articles and find out useful information.

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