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Dear participant,

Thank you for your interest. This non-commercial survey is conducted by scientists from the Universities of Erfurt, Bonn and Vienna. It has several parts and contains health-related questions. In total, the survey will take about 5 minutes.

Please do not begin the study until you have enough time to complete it in one sitting. We ask that you close all types of communication programs (e.g., chat or email) while editing to avoid distractions.

Additional information:

- Your data will be collected for scientific purposes only. The data will be stored permanently in anonymized form and published for future use by other scientists. It is not possible to draw conclusions about you or other persons.
- Your data will be treated in accordance with the requirements of the European Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO).
- Your participation in the study is voluntary and can be terminated at any time without giving reasons.

- By participating in the research, you do not expose yourself to any significant risk.

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I agree to participate in this study and understand that all my responses will be used for scientific purposes only. I consent to the processing of my personal data in accordance with the information provided here. I understand that the data will be published in anonymized form to promote transparency in science.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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How old are you?

What is your gender?

- ☐ male
- ☐ female
- ☐ other

Have you been living in the USA since March 2020?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

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Have you been infected with COVID-19?

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19?

☐ yes

☐ no

If another vaccine dose against COVID-19 was recommended and available to you, would you get vaccinated?

1 very unlikely 2 3 4 5 6 7 very likely

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If vaccination against COVID-19 was recommended and available to you, would you get vaccinated?

1 very unlikely 2 3 4 5 6 7 very likely

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

How much do you agree with the following statements?

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
I am proud not to be vaccinated against COVID-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When people are criticized for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, it feels like a personal insult to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have little in common with people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
I have no problem telling others that I have not been vaccinated against COVID-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I learned that another person had not been vaccinated against COVID-19, I would directly feel more connected to that person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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How much trust do you have that the following institutions are able to deal appropriately and effectively with COVID-19?

	1 very low trust	2	3	4	5	6	7 very high trust
Government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scientists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5 strongly agree
Getting sick with the coronavirus/COVID-19 can be serious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I will probably get sick with the coronavirus/COVID-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How effective do you think the official response has been up until now in the country you are living in, in dealing with the pandemic?

1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very much effective
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Please recall the time period from **mid-March to mid-April 2020**.

The World Health Organization (WHO) had just declared the spread of COVID-19 a pandemic. During this time period, the COVID-19 virus quickly spread around the world and governments worldwide initiated protective measures.

At that time, i.e. from mid-March to mid-April 2020, around 700 people in the USA were asked for their opinions as part of a survey. Respondents came from all parts of the population and their responses represent the views and attitudes of people in the USA at the time.

What do you think, what percentage of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that getting sick with COVID-19 can be serious?

Put differently, how many respondents back then agreed to the statement “Getting sick with COVID-19 can be serious”, that is, they chose one of the following two answers:

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5 strongly agree
Getting sick with the coronavirus/COVID-19 can be serious.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>



What do you think, what percentage of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that they would probably get sick with COVID-19?

Put differently, how many respondents back then agreed to the statement “I will probably get sick with the coronavirus/COVID-19”, that is, they chose one of the following two answers:

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5 strongly agree
I will probably get sick with the coronavirus/COVID-19.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>



What do you think, what percentage of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that the official response in your country was effective in dealing with the pandemic up to this point in time?

Put differently, how many respondents back then answered the question of “How effective do you think the official response has been up until now in the country you are living in, in dealing with the pandemic?” with one of the following three answers:

	1 not at all effective	2	3	4	5	6	7 very much effective
How effective do you think the official response has been up until now in the country you are living in, in dealing with the pandemic?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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We are now interested in how you see different things in life.

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
Evidence shows that most corona measures have not worked.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Politicians should be punished for how they handled the corona pandemic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think society should be burned to the ground.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	1 strongly disagree	2	3	4	5	6	7 strongly agree
Scientists who gave advice to the government should be punished for how they handled the corona pandemic.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I fantasize about a natural disaster wiping out most of humanity such that a small group of people can start all over.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If there was a similar but new pandemic coming up, I would comply with measures and regulations.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sometimes I just feel like destroying beautiful things.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The corona measures were a pretext to restrict civil liberties.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If there was an election next week, would you vote?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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A moment ago, we asked you to guess what people thought and felt in March/April 2020.

How confident are you about your estimations of people's thoughts and feelings in March/April 2020?

1 not confident at all	2	3	4	5	6	7 very much confident
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

On the next page, **we will inform you about the actual responses** that the participants gave in the survey back in March/April 2020.

That means you will learn what percentage of respondents said in March/April 2020

- that getting sick with COVID-19 can be serious,
- that they would probably get sick with COVID-19,
- and that the official response was effective in dealing with the pandemic.

If you wish not to receive this information and directly continue with the survey, enter the 5-digit number shown below in the field to the right of the number. In this case, you will directly proceed with the survey without being informed about the actual responses of the original participants.



Here are the actual responses of the survey participants:

- 96% of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that getting sick with COVID-19 can be serious.
- 21% of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that they would probably get sick with COVID-19.
- 29% of respondents **said in March/April 2020** that the official response in the country you are living in was effective in dealing with the pandemic up to this point in time.

You solved the captcha and will therefore proceed with the survey without receiving the survey information.

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How much do you trust the scientists who conducted the survey in March/April 2020?

1 very low trust 2 3 4 5 6 7 very high trust
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Please consider that the adult population in your country is divided into two groups of people:

First, individuals who do possess any risky financial investments that are traded on stock exchanges (e.g., stocks or funds [[click for details](#)]).

Second, individuals who do **not** possess any risky financial investments.

We would like to know what you personally think about the individuals in those two groups. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with each statement below. The statements concern the following three characteristics:

Greedy: a strong wish to continuously get more of things like wealth, possessions or social values

Being a gambler: a person that shows the tendency to risk money or other stakes in the hope of being successful.

Selfish: being willing to accept negative consequences for other people or the environment to gain a personal advantage as a result.

Individuals who do possess any risky financial investments such as stocks are, on average, ...

	0 totally disagree	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 totally agree
... kind of greedy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
... kind of gamblers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
... kind of selfish.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Individuals who **do not** possess any risky financial investments such as stocks are, on average, ...

	0 totally disagree	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 totally agree
... kind of greedy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
... kind of gamblers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Do you possess any risky financial investments that are traded on stock exchanges?

Risky financial investments include stocks, options, growth funds, share funds, bonds, debentures and warrants. They do not include banking accounts, saving accounts, bank savings schemes, insurance policies, or real estate.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Many thanks for your answers. Please click the button below to complete your participation.

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