

From: Krippel, Martin, Dr. martin.krippel@ovgu.de
Subject: AW: cross-national study
Date: November 29, 2024 at 11:59
To: Joachim Waterschoot Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be

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Dear Joachim,

I do not find the form anymore to subscribe for the support of the study. But take this mail as proof. I would like to be part of it, in case I could collect data over social media and persons, which have many followers, as well as over other online ways (experiment listings, posting in own accounts etc.). So, if that's o.k. for you, I will be happy to be part of the study!

Best, Martin.

Von: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be>
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 21. November 2024 18:36
An: Krippel, Martin, Dr. <martin.krippel@ovgu.de>
Betreff: Re: cross-national study

Hi Martin

As we haven't finalized the study design yet - this is part of the next steps in the process - it's difficult to provide a definitive answer. However, based on our experience, a survey lasting 15 - 20 minutes strikes the ideal balance between gathering sufficient information and maintaining participants' focus.

My best!
Joachim

On Nov 21, 2024, at 18:13, Krippel, Martin, Dr. <martin.krippel@ovgu.de> wrote:

Hi Joachim,

I did not expect money for a social media campaign, but only wanted to know, whether it is eligible. So this sounds good.
Do you have a plan of the experimental time, participants will have to take?

Best, Martin.

Von: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be>
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 21. November 2024 08:03:34
An: Krippel, Martin, Dr.
Betreff: Re: cross-national study

Hi Martin,
At this point, there is no extended protocol yet, but I follow up later with a more refined plan for reaching out to participants and outlining the key considerations. For now, I agree that using social media could be a viable option. Unfortunately, I must note that we won't have sufficient funding to compensate participants of this large-scale study or cover the costs of social media campaigns.
Looking forward to discussing this further!
Best regards,
Joachim

On Nov 20, 2024, at 19:16, Krippel, Martin, Dr. <martin.krippel@ovgu.de> wrote:

Dear Joachim,

thanks for your reply! To be sure that I could get the 300 participants. Can I use the social media like Facebook and Instagram to contact people and distribute the link? I ask because I think I could hopefully get enough via that way, especially by a contact on instagram with a journalist, which helped me several times in that way. The reason I ask is twofold: 1. You mention a standardized protocol to recruit participants. So is it possible to go the way through instagram and Facebook?

2. Probably we do not have any incentive for participants.

That makes it necessary in my eyes to go the way over social media and personal contacts. If that's not allowed, I could not get the 300 participants probably.

Best, Martin.

Von: Joachim Waterschoot <Joachim.Waterschoot@UGent.be>

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 20. November 2024 14:15

An: Krippel, Martin, Dr.

Betreff: Re: cross-national study

Hi Martin,

Thank you for your thoughtful response!

You're absolutely right. Achieving truly representative samples can feel like chasing an unattainable goal, especially since representativity is inherently relative. That said, I think we aim to be proactive in our sampling approach, ensuring a balance in key demographics like age and gender to facilitate meaningful comparisons between countries.

The heart of the research focuses on how democratic conditions influence mental health through the lens of basic psychological needs. Naturally, democratic perception, basic needs, and well-being/ill-being indicators will be central, alongside a set of sociodemographic variables. As we're still in the preparatory phase, we haven't yet finalized whether there's room to include additional items, particularly given the feasibility of engaging internationally. However, this opportunity already feels promising, and we can revisit these details as we progress.

I hope I was able to respond to some of your questions. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts as we move ahead!

Best regards,
Joachim

On Nov 20, 2024, at 13:43, Krippel, Martin, Dr. <martin.krippel@ovgu.de> wrote:

Dear Joachim,

I answer now with my official e-mail-address. Thanks for being interested in my collaboration! Apart from the money thing, which seems to be good for me (no money expected by me), I have some additional questions:

1. If you want to have a representative sample, I know this is very difficult. I worked in a project with such a sample and we there asked a special institute to create a list of phone numbers for that. This costs money. That was the reason I asked for the money. So what we could get is a diverse, but not representative sample. Diverse means that I could promote data collection via different webpages, facebook and Instagram. But there will be a bias, especially a self-selection bias, like in nearly every study, but especially in online-studies (I assume it is an online-study).
2. I wonder, whether one could add some constructs to be measured (emotions, other motives upon the SDT needs, like power)? Or is everything fixed? What are the measurement instruments/questions till now?

Best, Martin.

Hi Martin,

Thank you for your email and for showing interest in collaborating on the

project!

At this stage, no final decisions have been made regarding the sociodemographic composition of the samples. Ideally, the samples would be representative, but we are also open to convenience samples since the primary focus is on structural associations. The minimum required sample size will be 300 participants. Please note that we do not expect or require collaborators to incur any expenses for data collection.

It would be fantastic to have you on board, and your contributions would be greatly appreciated!

My very best,

Joachim

On Nov 19, 2024, at 17:40, Martin Krippel <martinkrippel@googlemail.com> wrote:

Dear Joachim,

I am very interested in collaborating in that study, but I wonder whether responsibility for the representativity of the sample also involves to invest own money (which I do not have)?

Best, Martin.

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