Working title:   
Measurement of beliefs in conspiracy myths in a random sample and in a non-random sample

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***1. Description of Questions***

Wording

* A1: To what extent do you agree with the statement: "There are many very important things happening in the world that the public is never informed about"?
* A2: To what extent do you agree with the statement: "Politicians do not usually tell us the true motives behind their decisions"?
* A3: To what extent do you agree with the statement: "Government agencies closely monitor all citizens"?
* A4: To what extent do you agree with the statement: "Events that seem unrelated at first glance are often the result of secret activities"?
* A5: To what extent do you agree with the statement: "There are secret organizations that have great influence on political decisions"?

Scales

1. SOEP 0 - 10 (definitely not - definitely)
2. Civey 1 - 5 (strongly disagree, somewhat disagree, somewhat disagree, partly disagree, somewhat agree, strongly agree)

***2. Description of Sample***

(i) Civey Sample: distinct sample sizes for each question, partly overlapping

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|  | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | A5 |
| A1 | 6098 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A2 | 0 | 6102 | 3369 | 3050 | 3115 |
| A3 | 0 | 3369 | 6101 | 3115 | 3076 |
| A4 | 0 | 3050 | 3115 | 6097 | 3126 |
| A5 | 0 | 3115 | 3076 | 3126 | 6111 |

(ii) SOEP Survey, Wave 38 in year 2021, all adult household members without refugee samples: N=36.228; N=2205 persons did not reply any of the questions A1-A5: remain N=34.023 with item-nonresponse nA1= 269, nA2=541, nA3=631, nA4=1561, nA5=1043

***3. Survey Mode and Frame***

1. Civey: CAWI; from 2021-04-12 to 2022-01-01
2. SOEP: mode-mix, from 2021-04-08 to 2022-03-08

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| CAPI | CAWI | CATI | PAPI | CAPIbyPhone | CASI |
| 6362 | 3079 | 866 | 4973 | 18513 | 230 |

***4. Covariates***

*Demographics*

* Age (18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-64,65+)
* Gender (female, male)
* Marital Status (Married / widowed, Single, Divorced)
* Kids in Household (yes, no)

*Education and Employment*

* Educational Degree (Abitur, Mittlere Reife, Hauptschule / kein Abschluss)
* Employment Status (Employed, not employed)
* Occupational Degree (Tertiary education, Vocational training, No degree, Still in training)
* Occupational Position (Employee, Blue-collar worker, Civil servant, Senior executive, Not employed, Self-employed)

*Attitude*

* Religion (protestant, catholic, no confession, other)
* Party Choice (AfD, CDU/CSU, FDP, Grüne, Linke, SDP, non-voters, others)

*Context*

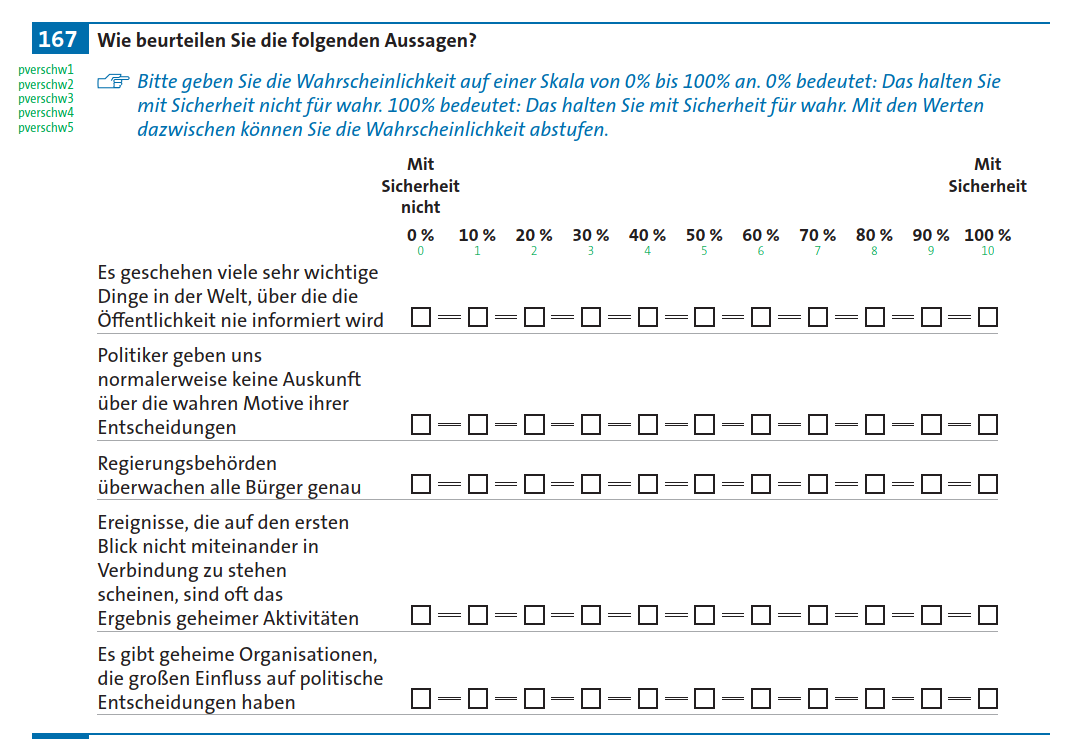
* Region (Eastern / Western Germany)
* Population Density (five groups, quintiles)

***5. Descriptive Results***

TODO

Appendix

A1



A1: Inwieweit stimmen Sie der Aussage zu: „Es geschehen viele sehr wichtige Dinge in der Welt, über die die Öffentlichkeit nie informiert wird“?

Skala: SOEP 0 (mit Sicherheit nicht) - 10 (mit Sicherheit); Civey 1 (stimme gar nicht zu, stimme eher nicht zu, stimme eher nicht zu, teils-teils, stimme eher zu, stimme voll und ganz zu)

A2: Inwieweit stimmen Sie der Aussage zu: „Politiker geben uns normalerweise keine Auskunft über die wahren Motive ihrer Entscheidungen“?

A3: Inwieweit stimmen Sie der Aussage zu: „Regierungsbehörden überwachen alle Bürger genau“?

A4: Inwieweit stimmen Sie der Aussage zu: „Ereignisse, die auf den ersten Blick nicht miteinander in Verbindung zu stehen scheinen, sind oft das Ergebnis geheimer Aktivitäten“?

A5: Inwieweit stimmen Sie der Aussage zu: „Es gibt geheime Organisationen, die großen Einfluss auf politische Entscheidungen haben“?