Online Appendix for: "Perceiving Fact-Checks as Biased but Nevertheless Persuaded? Effects of Fact-Checking News Delivered by Partisan Media"

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A Treatment materials

A.1 Study 1

Following two statements are criticizing (or advocating) the economic policy of liberal government based on factually incorrect information. After reading one of the statements, participants are required to read fact-checking news by liberal media (*Hankyoreh*) or conservative media (*Chosunilbo*) debunking the information was wrong. Actual treatment materials of fact-checking news are from Figure A1 to Figure A4.

Statement including misinformation (by liberal politician)

> The legislator [pseudonym], a member of the Minju Party (the ruling party), expressed his view on the economic policies of President Moon's administration last January 8. He argued that future economic prospects are not as murky as it seems, on the basis that "the economic growth rate of South Korea is very high compared to other OECD countries", and "proportion of low–income workers is the lowest compared to earlier years" as a result of the economic stimulus package.

Statement including misinformation (by conservative politician)

> The legislator [pseudonym], a member of the Hankuk Party (the opposition party), expressed his view on the economic policies of President Moon's administration last January 8. He criticized the current economic policy arguing that "the government is fracturing the economy," on the basis that "only the economic situation of South Korea is plummeting while the economic situation of other countries is stable."

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지난 9일(현지시간)에 발표된 국제통화기금(IMF) 세계경제전망 수정보고서에 따르면, 올해 세계 경제성장률 전망치는 3.7%다. 지난 7월에 비해 0.2%p 하락했다.

IMF는 그 이유로 글로벌 무역 긴장이 심화되고 신흥국 투자자금이 빠져나가는 등의 위험요인을 들었다.

지난 7월과 비교하면, 미국의 경제성장률 전망치는 2.9%로 그대로였고, 일본은 0.1%p 높아졌지만 여전히 1.1%였다. EU 회원국의 경제성장률 전망치는 0.2%p 낮아져 2.0%였다. 신흥국의 경제성장률 전망치도 0.2%p 낮아진 4.7%로 나타났다. 한국도 같은 기간 0.2%p 낮아져 2.8%다.

한국이 특별히 낮아지는 것이 아니라, 세계 경제 전반적으로 성장세가 주춤할 것이라는 전망이다.

국내 경제연구원도 같은 전망을 내놨다. 지난 9월 LG경제연구원은 '2019년 국내외 경제전망' 보고서를 통해 올해 세계 경제성장률 전망치가 상반기 3.9%에서 하반기 3.7%로 낮아졌다고 분석했다. 미국이 금리를 연달아 인상해 유동성 효과가 점차 사라지고, 미·중 무역 갈등으로 교역위축 효과가 본격화한 영향으로 풀이된다.

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그는 지금까지의 경제 상황이 좋다고만은 할 수 없으나 앞으로의 상황까지 부정적으로 볼 필요는 없다고 주장하며, G20 국가나 OECD 국가중 한국은 상당히 고성장이라는 근거를 제시했다.

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하지만 OECD 36 개 회원국 가운데 우리나라의 성장률 순위는 18 위에 그쳤다. OECD 성장률 18 위는 우리나라가 OECD 에 가입한 1996 년 이후 가장 낮은 순위(외환위기 때 제외)다. 문 대통령은 최저임금 인상과 소득주도성장의 효과를 설명하며 "저소득 노동자 비중이 역대 최고로 낮아졌다"고 말했다.

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Figure A4: Liberal-consistent × Liberal media, *Hankyoreh* (Study 1)

A.2 Study 2

The statement of the U.S. President Joe Biden

In his first presidential news conference, president Joe Biden said the following:

"Truth of the matter is nothing has changed. As many people came—28% increase in children to the border in my administration; 31% in the last year in 2019, before the pandemic—in the Trump administration. It happens every single solitary year. There is a significant increase in the number of people coming to the border in the winter months of January, February, March. It happens every year."

The statement of the Arizona Governor Doug Ducey

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey in an interview with ABC News' "This Week," said the following: Ducey, a Republican, said there has been a "460% spike in illegal apprehensions, over 100,000 people in custody," and blamed "the reverse of the Biden administration of the Trump policies, and it needs attention."

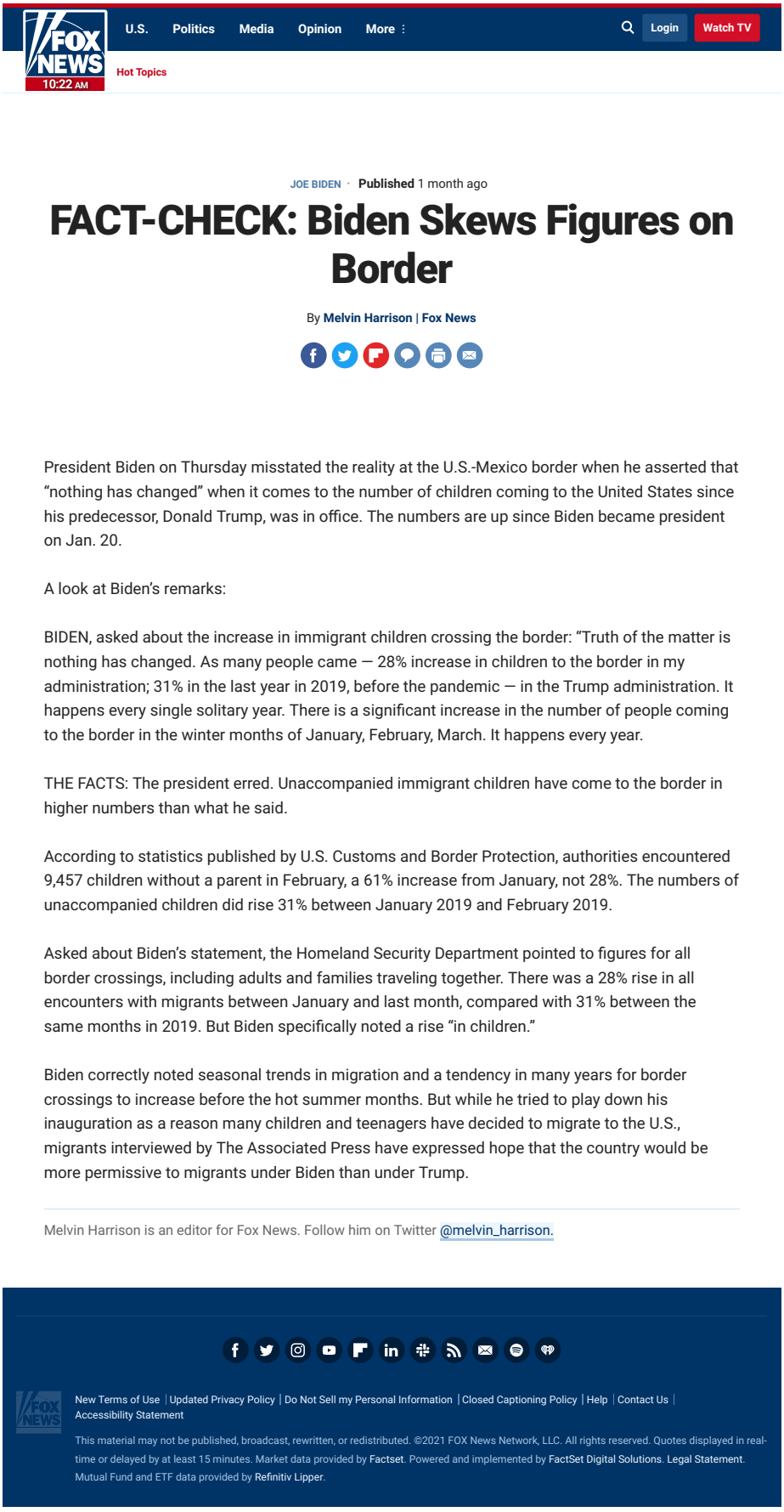
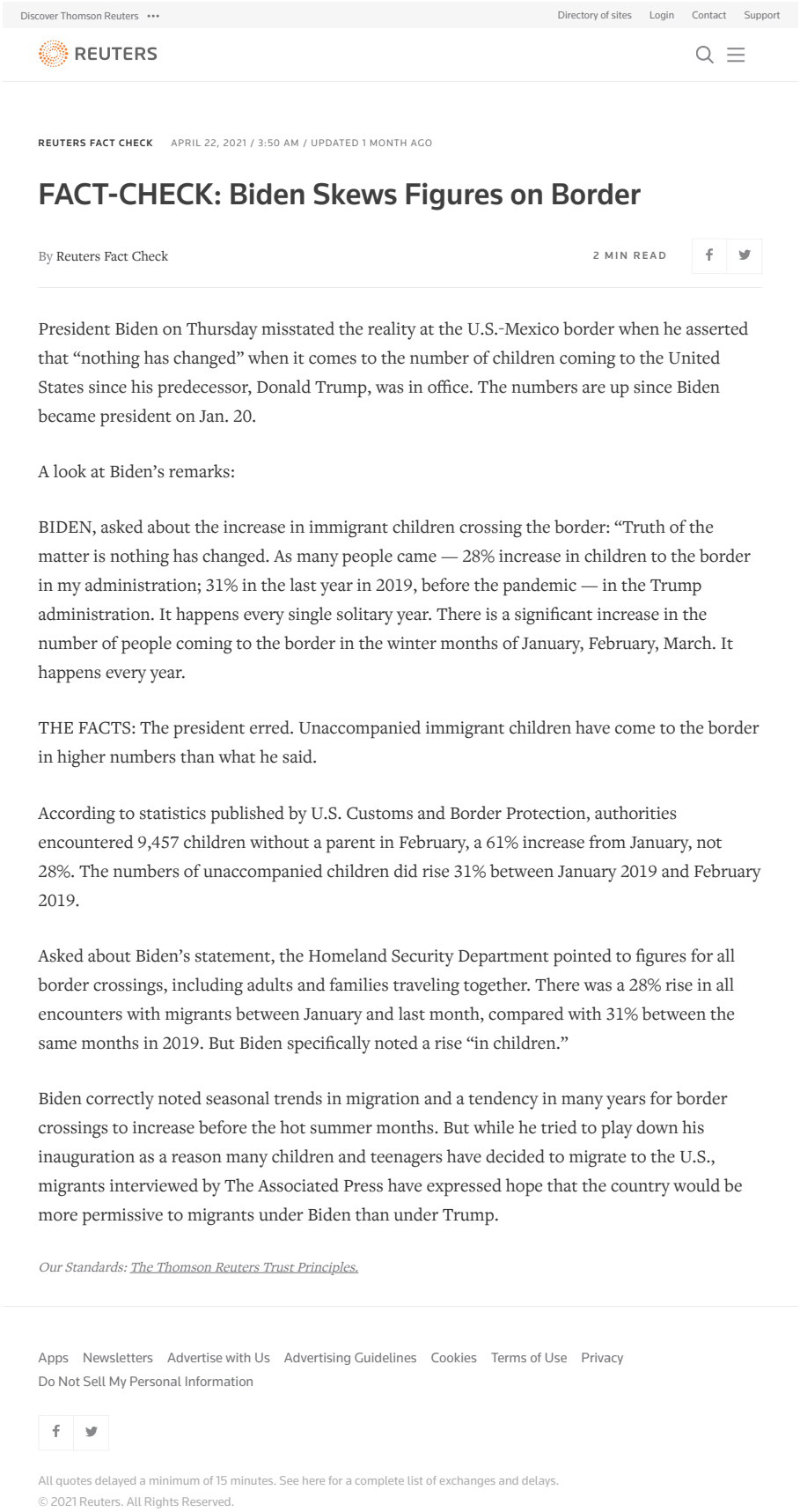


Figure A5: Biden × FOX (Study 2)



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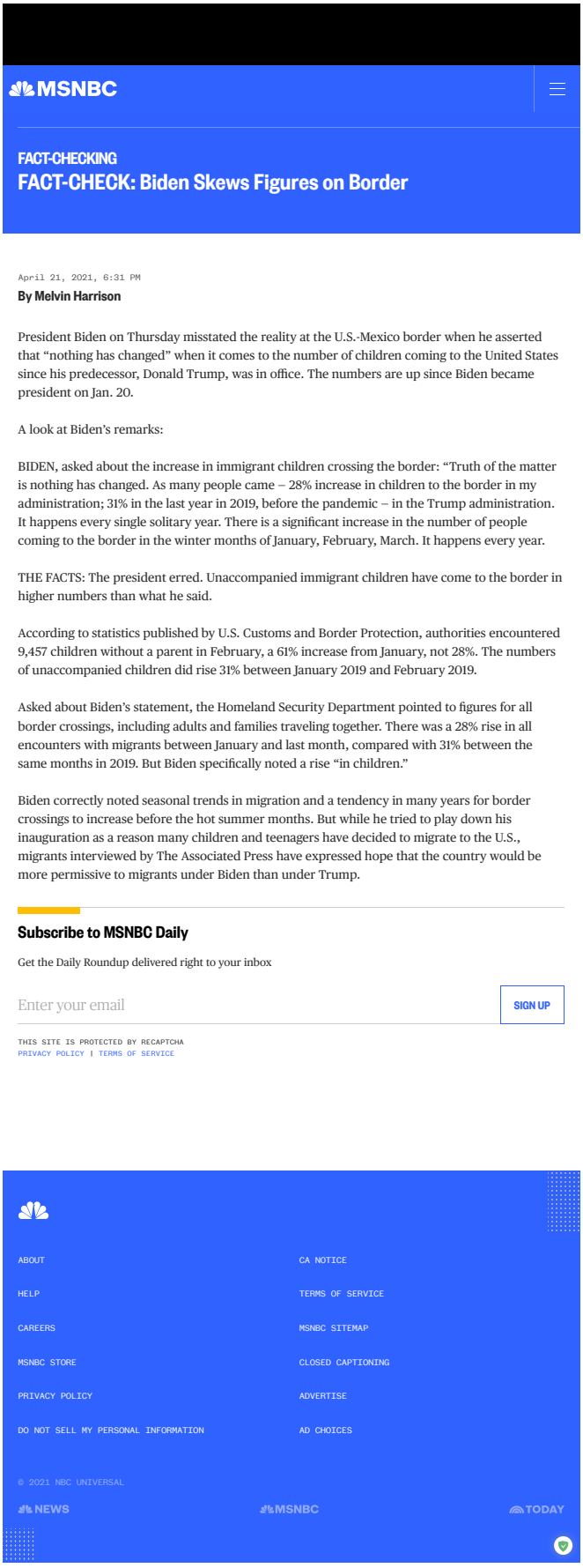

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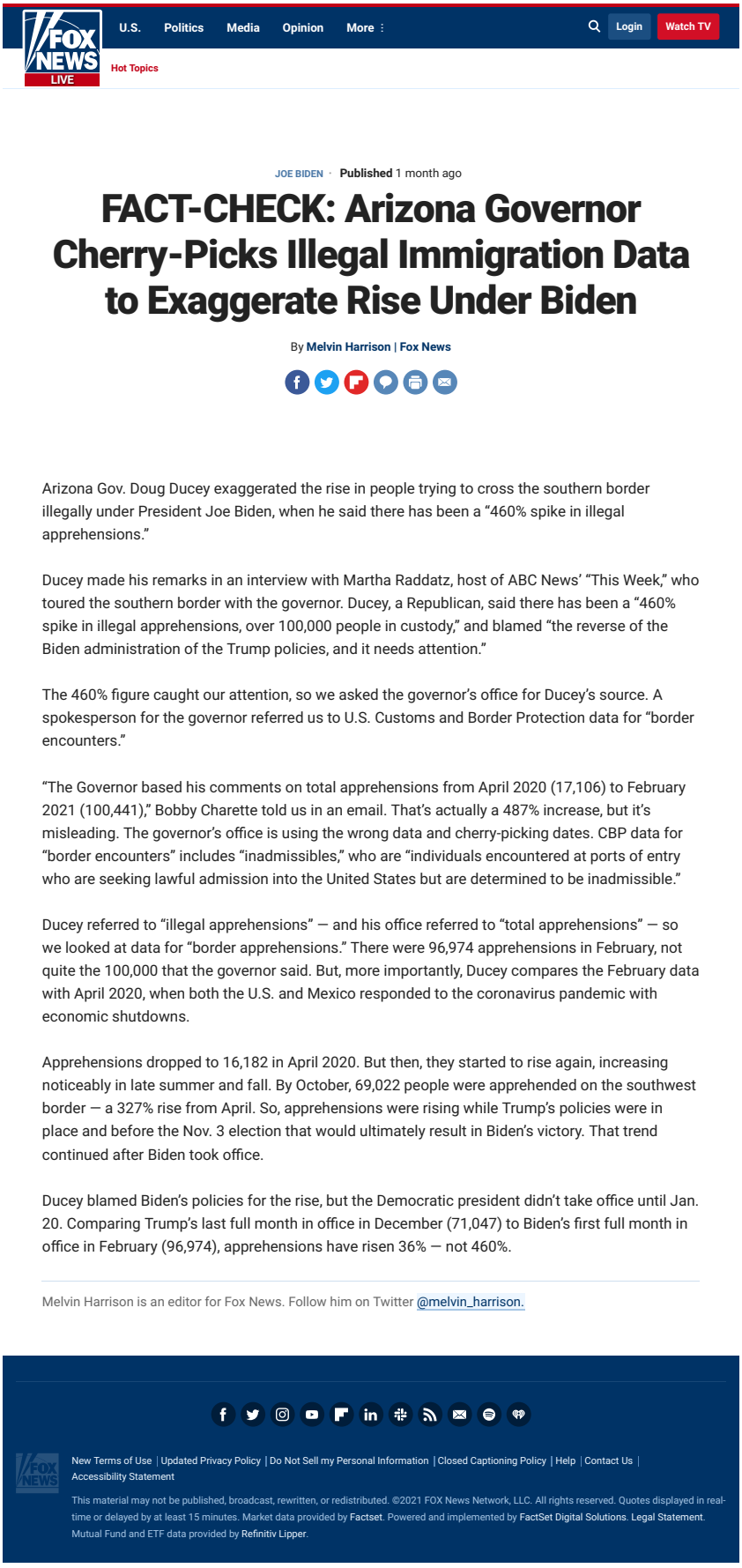
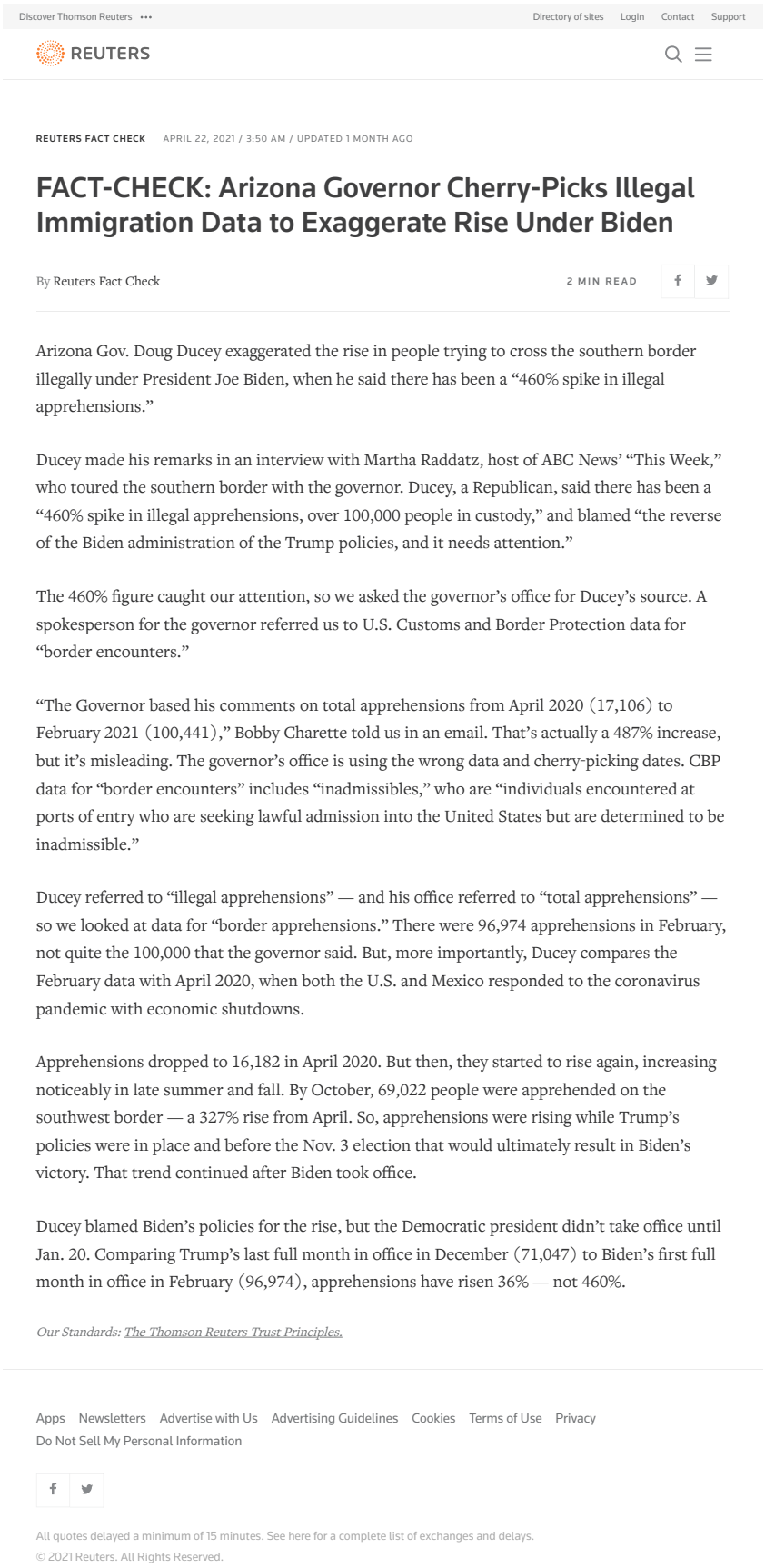


Figure A8: Ducey × FOX (Study 2)



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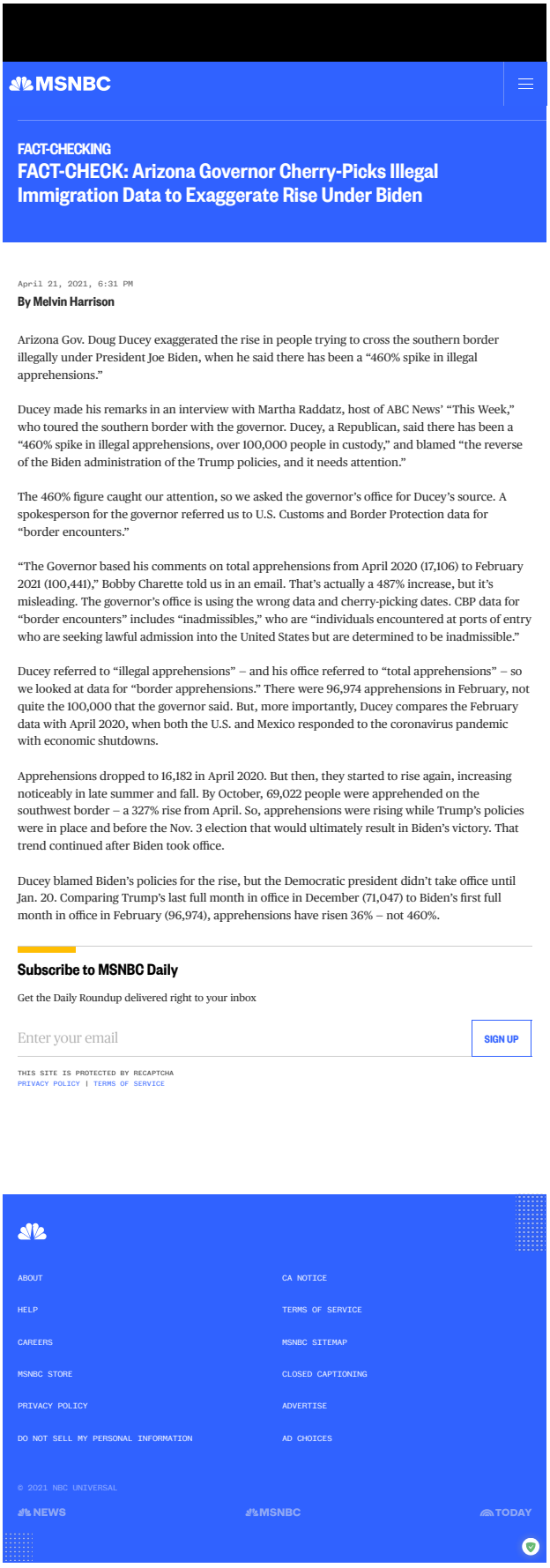

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FACT-CHECKING

FACT-CHECK: Arizona Governor Cherry-Picks Illegal Immigration Data to Exaggerate Rise Under Biden

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By Melvin Harrison

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey exaggerated the rise in people trying to cross the southern border illegally under President Joe Biden, when he said there has been a "460% spike in illegal apprehensions."

Ducey made his remarks in an interview with Martha Raddatz, host of ABC News' "This Week," who toured the southern border with the governor. Ducey, a Republican, said there has been a "460% spike in illegal apprehensions, over 100,000 people in custody," and blamed "the reverse of the Biden administration of the Trump policies, and it needs attention."

The 460% figure caught our attention, so we asked the governor's office for Ducey's source. A spokesperson for the governor referred us to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data for "border encounters."

"The Governor based his comments on total apprehensions from April 2020 (17,106) to February 2021 (100,441)," Bobby Charette told us in an email. That's actually a 487% increase, but it's misleading. The governor's office is using the wrong data and cherry-picking dates. CBP data for "border encounters" includes "inadmissibles," who are "individuals encountered at ports of entry who are seeking lawful admission into the United States but are determined to be inadmissible."

Ducey referred to "illegal apprehensions" – and his office referred to "total apprehensions" – so we looked at data for "border apprehensions." There were 96,974 apprehensions in February, not quite the 100,000 that the governor said. But, more importantly, Ducey compares the February data with April 2020, when both the U.S. and Mexico responded to the coronavirus pandemic with economic shutdowns.

Apprehensions dropped to 16,182 in April 2020. But then, they started to rise again, increasing noticeably in late summer and fall. By October, 69,022 people were apprehended on the southwest border – a 327% rise from April. So, apprehensions were rising while Trump's policies were in place and before the Nov. 3 election that would ultimately result in Biden's victory. That trend continued after Biden took office.

Ducey blamed Biden's policies for the rise, but the Democratic president didn't take office until Jan. 20. Comparing Trump's last full month in office in December (71,047) to Biden's first full month in office in February (96,974), apprehensions have risen 36% – not 460%.

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Figure A10: Ducey × MSNBC (Study 2)

A.3 Study 3

Factual misinformation about U.S. economic policy exposed to Democrats

> In May, making his pitch for a bipartisan infrastructure proposal that he said would create "millions" of new jobs. A look at his claims in La Crosse, Wisconsin:
>
> "After months of careful negotiation, of listening, of compromising together ... a bipartisan group of senators got together and they forged an agreement to move forward on the key priorities of my American Jobs Plan. ... As a result this is a generational investment — a generational investment to modernize our infrastructure, creating millions of good paying jobs. And that's not coming from me, it's coming from Wall Street."

Factual misinformation about U.S. economic policy exposed to Republicans

> In May, House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy and other members of his party blamed President Joe Biden for higher gasoline and lumber costs. A look at the claims:
>
> MCCARTHY: "Gas prices are the highest since 2014 — just as summer starts. The recent hack of the Colonial Pipeline exposed the flaws of Biden's approach to our country's energy policies. On day one he signed an executive order cancelling the Keystone XL Pipeline." — blog post Monday.
>
> REP. LIZ CHENEY: "From cancelling the Keystone Pipeline to banning new oil & gas leasing on federal lands, Biden's energy policies are having devastating consequences. We've already seen a glimpse of this devastation with prices skyrocketing & gas shortages hitting communities across the country." — tweet Friday.

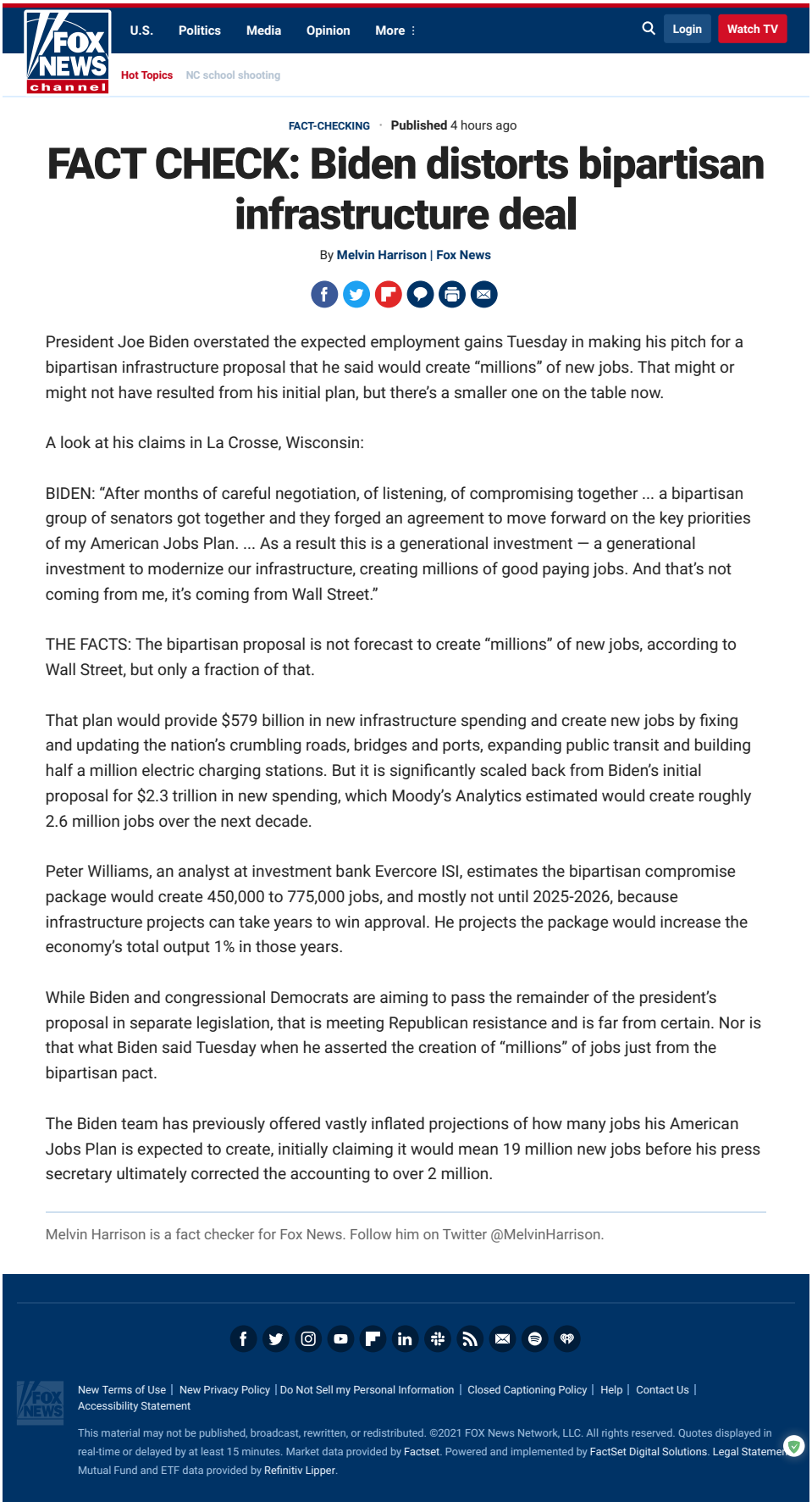
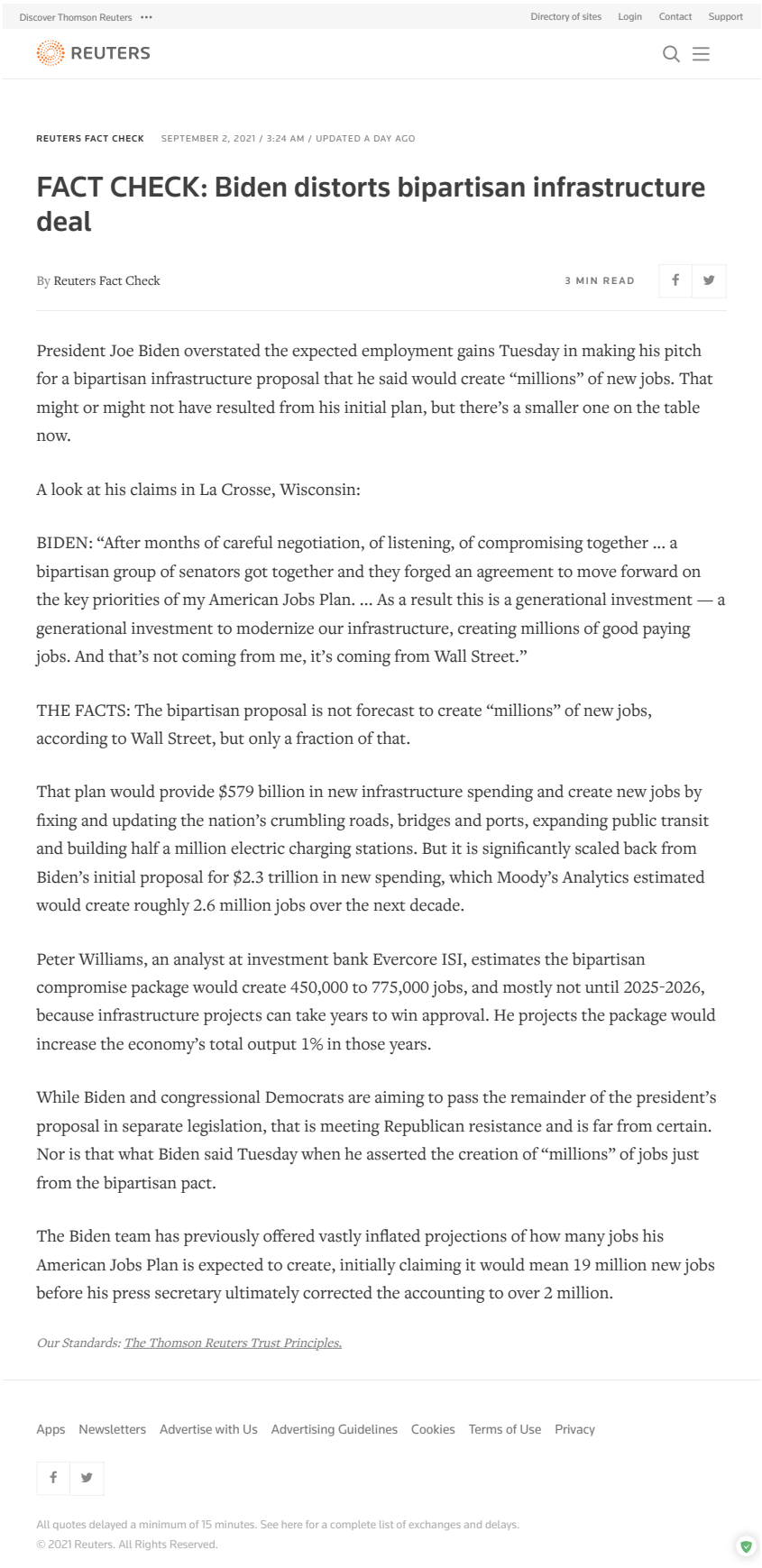


Figure A11: Democrat × FOX (Study 3)



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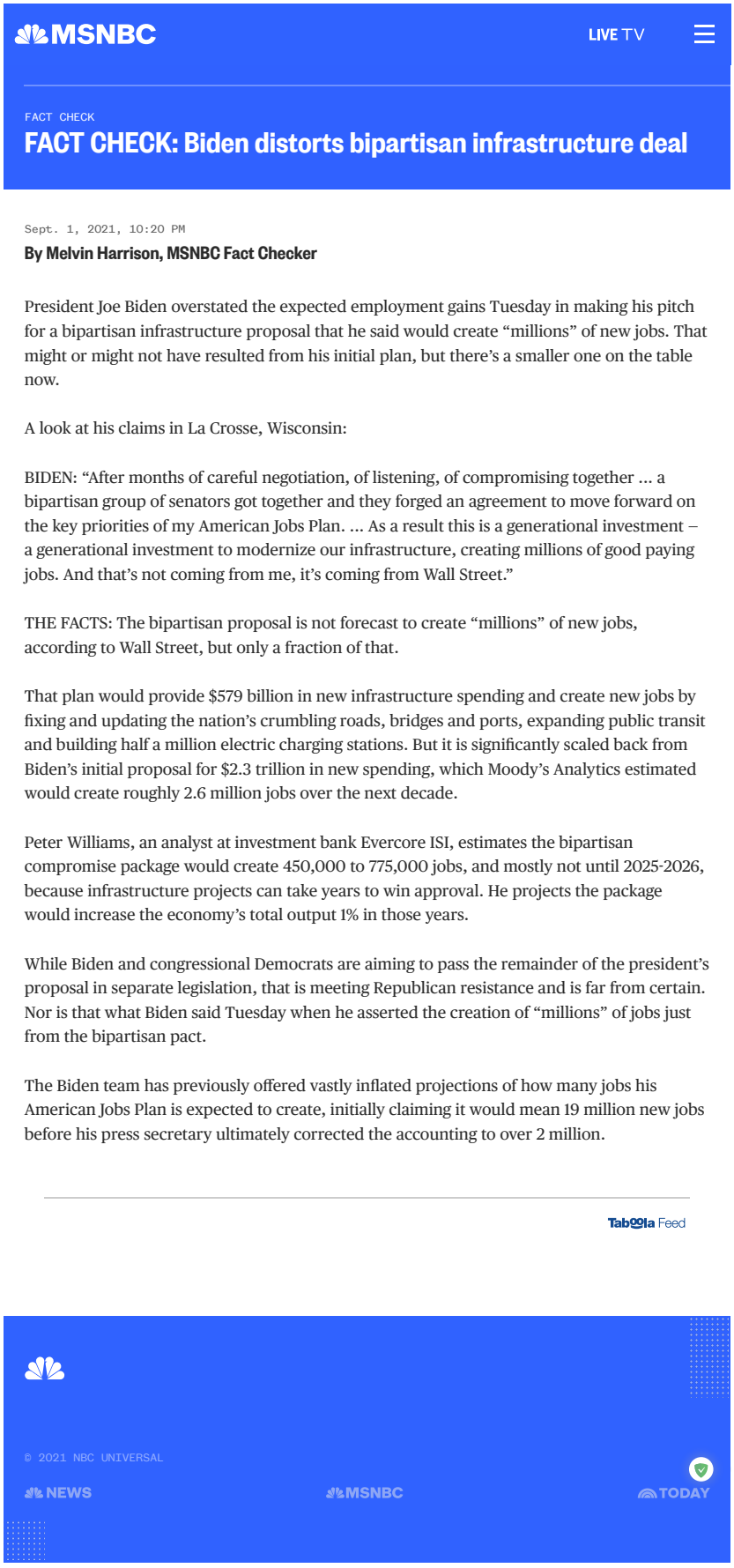

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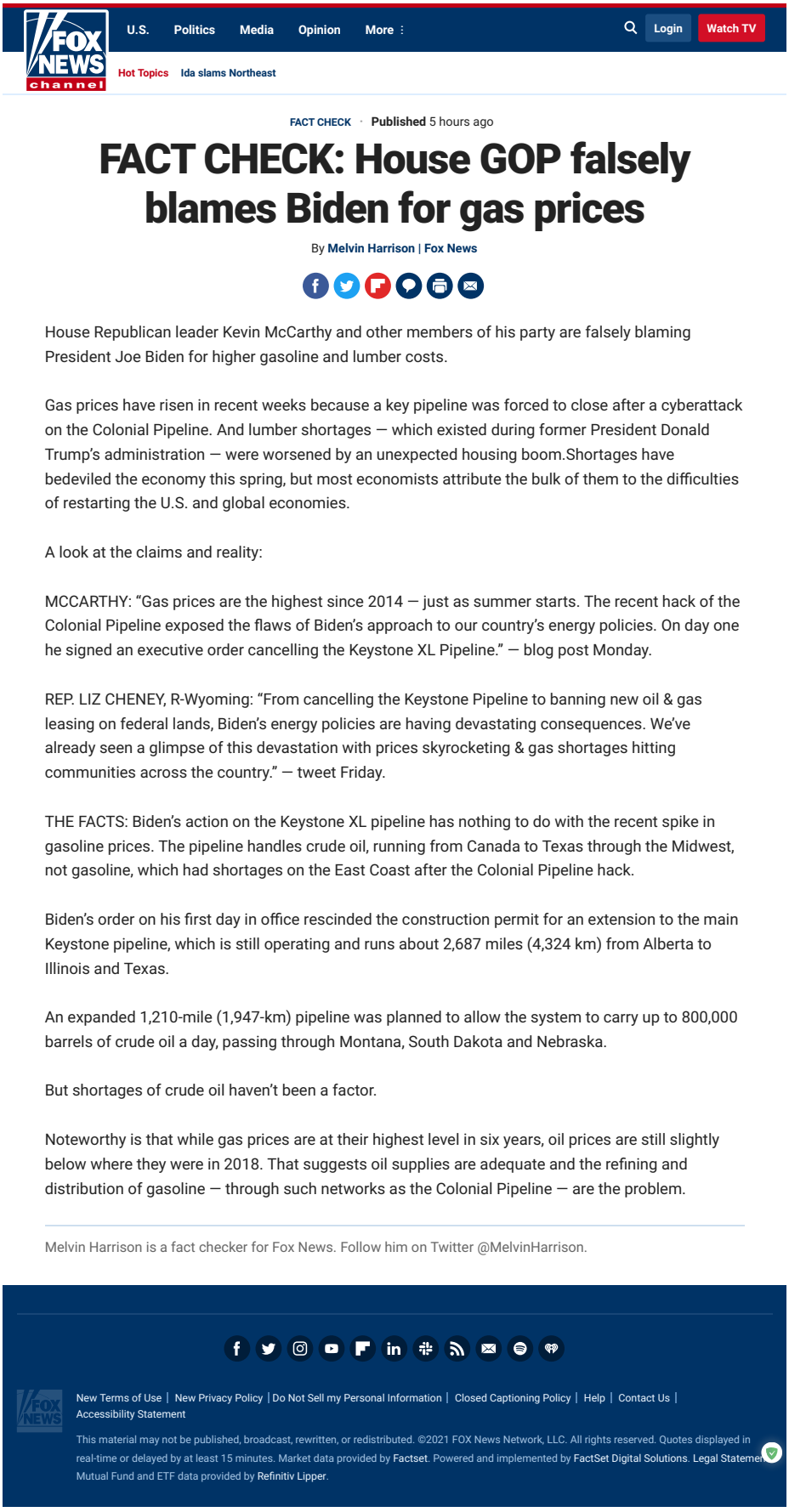

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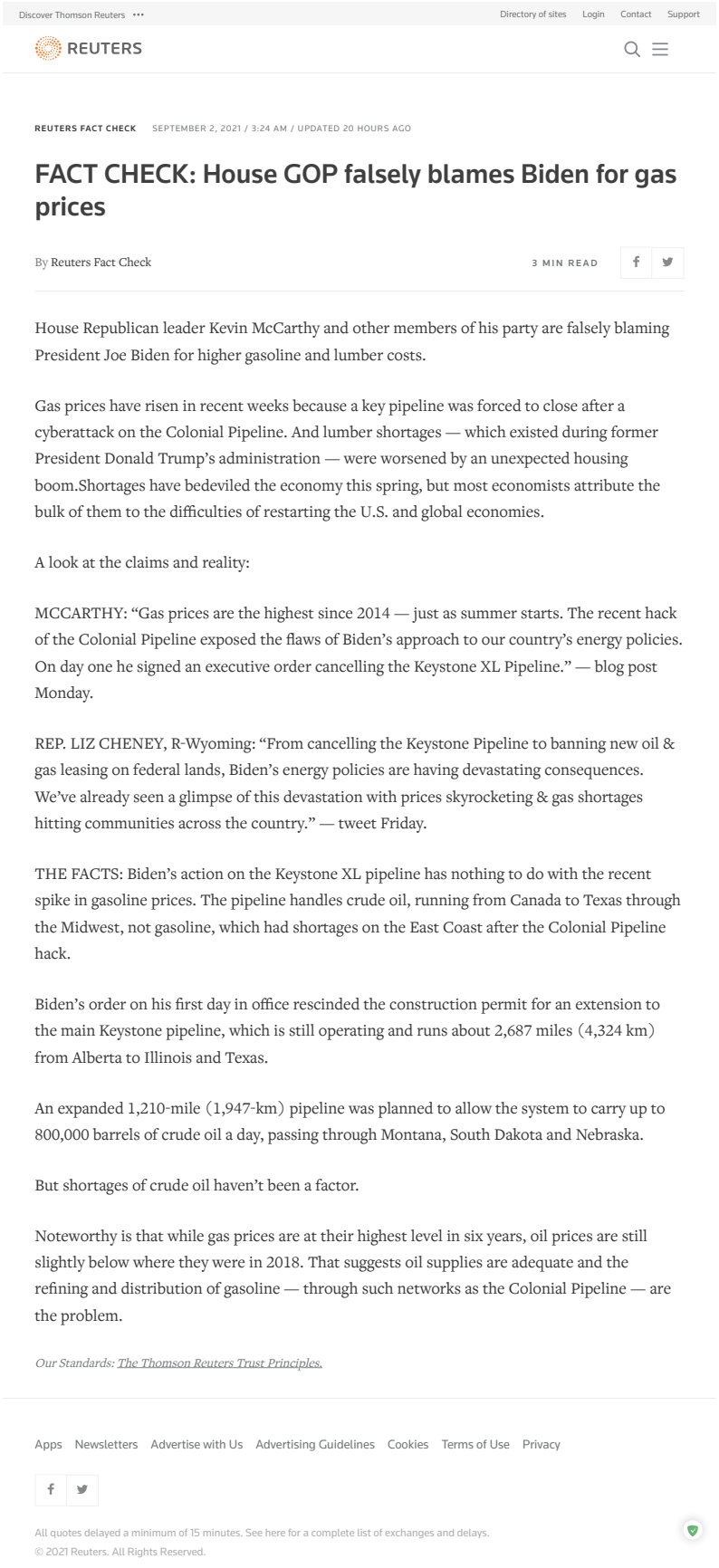

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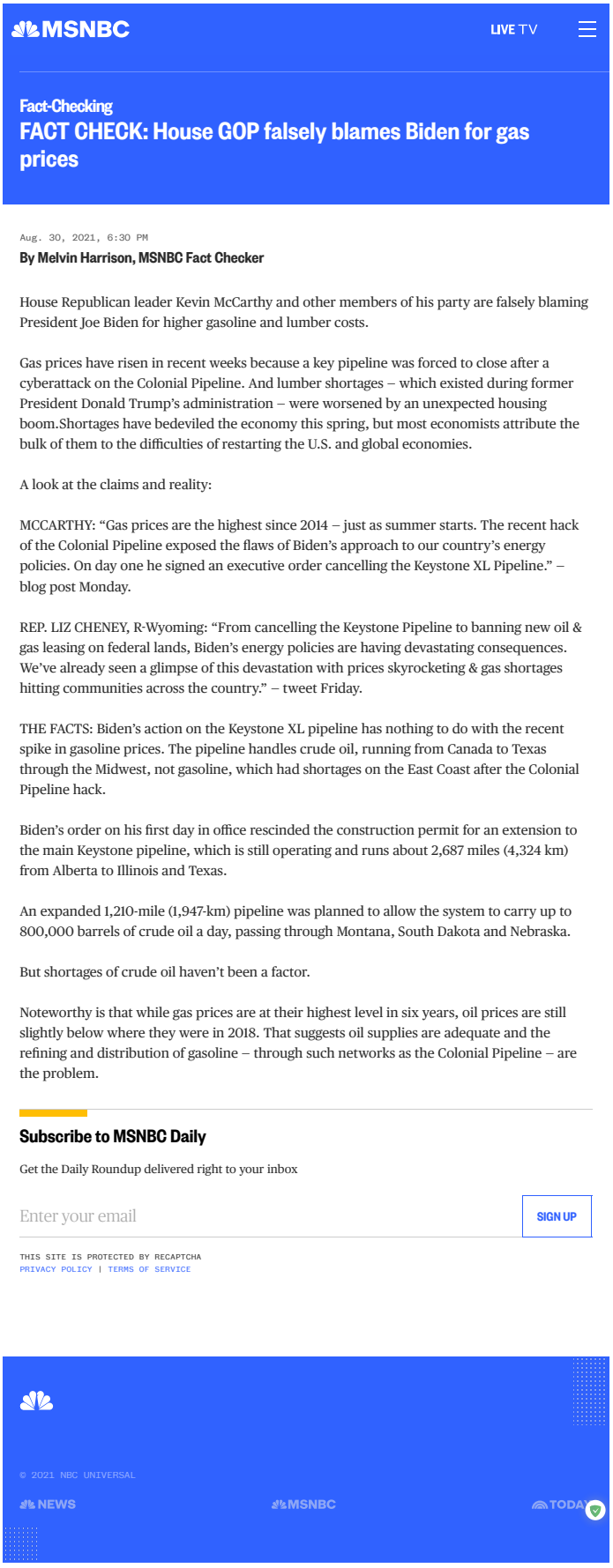

Figure A16: Republican × MSNBC (Study 3)

B Covariates and Sample Demographics Breakdown

B.1 Study 1

Age (21% 18˘29 years, 20% 30˘39 years, 21% 40˘49 years, 19% 50˘59 years, 19% older), *gender* (51% Male), *education* (1% less than high school, 21% high school, 66% up to 4-year college degree, 13 postgraduate), *political ideology* (27% liberal, 41% moderate, 32% conservative), and *party affiliation* (35% Minju Party, 31% Hankuk Party, 34% Independent) were measured as demographic variables.

B.2 Study 2

Party affiliation was identically measured as to Study 1, both in a discrete manner (Democrats: $n = 351$ [39%], Republicans: $n = 307$ [34%], Independent or other: $n = 246$ [27%]) and on a 7-point scale ($M = 3.85$, $SD = 2.26$). Expectably, party affiliation and political ideology (both on a 7-point scale) are strongly correlated ($r = .81$, $p < .001$).

We also measured *issue involvement* with two questions in 5-point scale (1: 'Extremely important/interested' – 5: 'Not at all important/interested') asking the perceived importance and interest to U.S. immigration issue ($M = 3.07$, $SD = 1.19$, $\alpha = .91$), *general political knowledge* (Delli Carpini & Keeter, 1996) with five questions ($M = 4.55$, $SD = 0.84$), *knowledge on the U.S. immigration issue* also with five questions ($M = 2.57$, $SD = 0.91$), and finally, *media trust* (Strömbäck et al., 2020) with five questions on a 7-point scale (1: 'Strongly agree' – 7: 'Strongly disagree') asking one's beliefs regarding trustworthiness of news media in the U.S. ($M = 3.18$, $SD = 1.64$, $\alpha = .96$).

Age (2% 18˘24 years, 28% 25–34 years, 28% 35–44 years, 18% 45–54 years, 16% 55–64 years, 7% over 65 years), *gender* (51% male), *education* (9% high school, 16% some college, 13% 2 year degree, 44% 4 year degree, 15% professional degree, 1% doctoral degree), *political ideology* (in 7-point scale, $M = 4.03$, $SD = 1.89$) were measured as demographic variables.

B.3 Study 3

Other covariate variables including *party affiliation* (Democrat: $n = 369$ [54%] and Republican: $n = 309$ [46%]), *political ideology* ($M = 4.1, SD = 2.1$), *issue involvement* ($M = 3.34, SD = 0.97$), *media trust* ($M = 3.23, SD = 1.6$), and *general political knowledge* ($M = 4.63, SD = 0.74$) were all measured identically as to Study 1 and 2. *Age* (1% 18–24 years, 23% 25–34 years, 31% 35–44 years, 19% 45–54 years, 16% 55–64 years, 9% over 65 years), *gender* (51% male), *education* (1% less than high school, 9% high school, 16% some college, 13% 2 year degree, 46% 4 year degree, 14% professional degree, 1% doctoral degree), and *political ideology* (in 7-point scale, $M = 4.1, SD = 2.1$) were measured as demographic variables.

C Mean comparisons and regression tables

C.1 Study 1

Table A1: Mean comparison of degree of agreement in each sub-group (Study 1, South Korean sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking conservative-consistent × Conservative media								
Liberal	31	4.65	1.43	4.10	1.40	-3.07	.005	0.39
Moderate	55	3.31	1.35	3.11	1.50	-1.09	.282	0.14
Conservative	51	2.14	1.34	2.16	1.47	0.17	.868	0.01
Debunking conservative-consistent × Liberal media								
Liberal	38	4.42	1.48	3.92	1.63	-2.84	.007	0.32
Moderate	49	3.37	1.58	2.94	1.45	-3.37	< .001	0.28
Conservative	43	2.51	1.61	2.70	1.70	1.35	.186	0.11
Debunking liberal-consistent × Conservative media								
Liberal	33	2.42	1.58	2.45	1.35	0.21	.839	0.02
Moderate	58	4.17	1.96	3.67	1.68	-3.58	< .001	0.27
Conservative	41	5.80	1.60	4.98	1.70	-4.86	< .001	0.50
Debunking liberal-consistent × Liberal media								
Liberal	40	2.33	1.53	2.17	1.53	-0.69	.492	0.10
Moderate	56	3.98	1.92	3.59	1.90	-3.39	< .001	0.21
Conservative	36	5.58	1.66	4.78	1.53	-5.08	< .001	0.50

Table A2: Mean comparison of hostile media effect (Study 1, South Korean sample)

	n	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking conservative-consistent × Conservative media						
Liberal	31	0.72	0.25	4.95	< .001	0.89
Conservative	51	0.43	0.20	-2.60	.012	0.36
Debunking conservative-consistent × Liberal media						
Liberal	38	0.58	0.21	2.42	.021	0.39
Conservative	43	0.53	0.28	0.66	.513	0.10
Debunking liberal-consistent × Conservative media						
Liberal	33	0.66	0.24	3.82	< .001	0.66
Conservative	41	0.48	0.22	-0.63	.532	0.10
Debunking liberal-consistent × Liberal media						
Liberal	40	0.46	0.23	-1.16	.254	0.18
Conservative	36	0.64	0.25	3.30	.002	0.55

Note: Hostile media perception values were compared to 0.5 (perception of neutrality)

Table A3: Regression results of degree of agreement, Post minus Pre (Study 1, South Korean sample)

	Liberals		Moderates		Conservatives	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Debunking: LC	-0.579^{*}	-0.545^{*}	0.300	0.293	0.849^{***}	0.852^{***}
	(0.235)	(0.258)	(0.233)	(0.249)	(0.209)	(0.218)
Fact-check by LM	−0.180	−0.134	0.107	0.111	0.024	0.080
	(0.266)	(0.276)	(0.183)	(0.196)	(0.236)	(0.240)
Age		−0.038		−0.041		0.089
		(0.076)		(0.058)		(0.050)
Education		0.264		0.041		0.006
		(0.255)		(0.152)		(0.107)
Male		−0.126		0.074		−0.116
		(0.190)		(0.157)		(0.146)
Involvement		0.182^{*}		−0.007		−0.035
		(0.091)		(0.056)		(0.043)
Media Trust		0.031		0.077		−0.022
		(0.099)		(0.062)		(0.070)
LC × LM	0.229	0.163	−0.336	−0.323	0.143	0.138
	(0.368)	(0.409)	(0.291)	(0.310)	(0.299)	(0.302)
Constant	0.030	−1.898	-0.500^{***}	−0.739	-0.829^{***}	−0.873
	(0.150)	(1.288)	(0.141)	(0.765)	(0.173)	(0.589)
N	142	142	218	218	171	171
R^2	0.045	0.099	0.011	0.021	0.195	0.218
Adjusted R^2	0.024	0.045	−0.003	−0.017	0.180	0.179

Notes: LC = Liberal-Consistent misinformation; LM = Fact-checking by Liberal Media. Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses. (−) value of dependent variable denotes persuasive effect (i.e., reduced agreement towards initial misperception) whereas (+) value of dependent variable denotes backfire effect (i.e., increased agreement towards initial misperception).
$^{*}p < .05$; $^{**}p < .01$; $^{***}p < .001$.

Table A4: Regression results of hostile media perception (Study 1, South Korean sample), excluding moderate sample

	Liberals		Conservatives		Combined Partisan	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Debunking: LC	0.062	0.051	−0.051	−0.038	−0.051	−0.057
	(0.062)	(0.063)	(0.045)	(0.045)	(0.045)	(0.045)
Fact-check by LM	−0.200***	−0.196***	0.161**	0.182**	0.161**	0.149**
	(0.056)	(0.055)	(0.055)	(0.058)	(0.055)	(0.056)
Involvement		0.051**		−0.020		0.005
		(0.019)		(0.013)		(0.011)
Media Trust		−0.045*		−0.005		−0.024*
		(0.018)		(0.016)		(0.012)
Male		−0.022		−0.028		−0.019
		(0.039)		(0.038)		(0.028)
Age		0.004		−0.027*		−0.012
		(0.016)		(0.012)		(0.010)
Education		−0.016		0.045		0.030
		(0.037)		(0.026)		(0.023)
Liberal (vs. Conservative)					0.180**	0.155**
					(0.055)	(0.054)
LC × LM	0.062	0.078	−0.060	−0.079	−0.060	−0.051
	(0.080)	(0.083)	(0.075)	(0.078)	(0.075)	(0.078)
LC × Liberal					0.112	0.110
					(0.076)	(0.077)
LM × Liberal					−0.361***	−0.359***
					(0.079)	(0.078)
LC × LM × Liberal					0.123	0.133
					(0.110)	(0.111)
Constant	0.658***	0.554**	0.478***	0.496***	0.478***	0.459***
	(0.042)	(0.199)	(0.035)	(0.142)	(0.035)	(0.120)
N	142	142	171	171	313	313
R^2	0.158	0.274	0.096	0.159	0.149	0.179
Adjusted R^2	0.139	0.231	0.080	0.117	0.130	0.146

Notes: LC = Liberal-Consistent misinformation; LM = fact-checking by Liberal Media. Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses. (+) value of dependent variable denotes higher bias perception against their partisan in-group.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

C.2 Study 2

Table A5: Mean comparison of degree of agreement in each sub-group (Study 2, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX								
Democrat	61	5.21	1.14	4.28	1.60	-4.62	< .001	0.67
Independent	40	3.95	1.68	3.52	1.66	-1.93	.061	0.25
Republican	53	2.79	1.78	2.28	1.68	-2.58	.013	0.29
Debunking Biden × Reuter								
Democrat	58	5.17	1.09	3.72	1.59	-6.93	< .001	1.06
Independent	41	3.95	1.76	3.15	1.56	-2.95	.005	0.48
Republican	49	3.39	1.81	2.43	1.63	-4.25	< .001	0.56
Debunking Biden × MSNBC								
Democrat	58	5.05	1.28	3.53	1.66	-6.68	< .001	1.03
Independent	42	3.93	1.58	2.43	1.29	-6.09	< .001	1.04
Republican	52	2.52	1.50	1.85	1.14	-3.44	< .001	0.50
Debunking Ducey × FOX								
Democrat	58	2.67	1.50	2.05	1.56	-4.05	< .001	0.41
Independent	42	4.19	1.89	3.60	2.14	-2.49	.017	0.29
Republican	51	5.43	1.49	4.14	1.79	-5.63	< .001	0.79
Debunking Ducey × Reuter								
Democrat	59	2.97	1.73	2.17	1.68	-3.86	< .001	0.47
Independent	41	3.71	1.75	2.95	1.92	-5.00	< .001	0.41
Republican	51	5.41	1.55	4.47	1.97	-4.03	< .001	0.53
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC								
Democrat	57	2.25	1.24	1.63	1.19	-3.44	< .001	0.50
Independent	40	3.67	1.99	2.88	2.03	-4.74	< .001	0.40
Republican	51	5.59	1.51	4.92	1.85	-3.45	< .001	0.39

Table A6: Mean comparison of factual belief in each sub-group (Study 2, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX								
Democrat	61	5.28	1.19	4.26	1.49	-5.54	< .001	0.75
Independent	40	4.32	1.64	3.55	1.60	-3.80	< .001	0.48
Republican	53	3.08	1.88	2.19	1.58	-4.58	< .001	0.51
Debunking Biden × Reuter								
Democrat	58	5.28	1.14	3.57	1.58	-8.48	< .001	1.24
Independent	41	3.95	1.84	3.05	1.38	-3.43	< .001	0.55
Republican	49	3.29	1.76	2.24	1.60	-6.12	< .001	0.62
Debunking Biden × MSNBC								
Democrat	58	5.34	1.12	3.60	1.67	-7.65	< .001	1.22
Independent	42	3.86	1.62	2.52	1.31	-5.61	< .001	0.91
Republican	52	2.58	1.64	2.08	1.38	-2.03	.048	0.33
Debunking Ducey × FOX								
Democrat	58	3.02	1.48	2.07	1.53	-4.96	< .001	0.63
Independent	42	4.31	1.80	3.43	2.11	-3.18	.003	0.45
Republican	51	5.00	1.44	3.90	1.66	-5.70	< .001	0.71
Debunking Ducey × Reuter								
Democrat	59	3.03	1.65	2.08	1.73	-4.58	< .001	0.56
Independent	41	4.07	1.56	3.02	1.90	-4.88	< .001	0.60
Republican	51	5.06	1.53	4.45	1.87	-2.87	.006	0.36
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC								
Democrat	57	2.44	1.35	1.74	1.06	-4.38	< .001	0.58
Independent	40	3.75	1.84	2.88	1.96	-4.24	< .001	0.46
Republican	51	5.16	1.50	4.47	1.79	-3.20	.002	0.42

Table A7: Mean comparison of hostile media perception (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	n	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX						
Democrat	61	0.76	0.20	10.13	< .001	1.30
Republican	53	0.43	0.16	-3.07	.003	0.42
Debunking Biden × Reuter						
Democrat	58	0.52	0.16	0.89	.378	0.12
Republican	49	0.50	0.15	0.19	.852	0.03
Debunking Biden × MSNBC						
Democrat	58	0.51	0.15	0.30	.765	0.04
Republican	52	0.55	0.17	1.99	.052	0.28
Debunking Ducey × FOX						
Democrat	58	0.52	0.15	1.22	.228	0.16
Republican	51	0.60	0.21	3.30	.002	0.46
Debunking Ducey × Reuter						
Democrat	59	0.51	0.17	0.62	.54	0.08
Republican	51	0.70	0.25	5.72	< .001	0.80
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC						
Democrat	57	0.49	0.14	-0.34	.739	0.04
Republican	51	0.67	0.27	4.54	< .001	0.64

Note: Hostile media perception values were compared to 0.5 (perception of neutrality).

Table A8: Regression results of degree of agreement, Post minus Pre (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Independents		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	0.652*	0.679*	0.049	0.041	0.018	−0.066
	(0.296)	(0.306)	(0.316)	(0.345)	(0.328)	(0.335)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.514	0.526	0.380	0.424	0.450	0.344
	(0.293)	(0.295)	(0.355)	(0.400)	(0.303)	(0.328)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	−0.069	−0.063	−0.695	−0.805	0.286	0.268
	(0.311)	(0.313)	(0.372)	(0.414)	(0.302)	(0.300)
General knowledge		−0.099		−0.140		−0.187
		(0.119)		(0.140)		(0.150)
Immigration knowledge		0.012		0.110		−0.064
		(0.090)		(0.105)		(0.122)
Media trust		−0.019		−0.246**		−0.019
		(0.067)		(0.082)		(0.088)
Involvement		0.178*		0.008		0.215**
		(0.082)		(0.102)		(0.081)
Gender		−0.125		0.092		−0.278
		(0.170)		(0.184)		(0.183)
Age		0.043		0.061		−0.040
		(0.073)		(0.071)		(0.068)
Education		0.038		−0.013		−0.040
		(0.071)		(0.084)		(0.076)
Income		0.009		−0.038		−0.004
		(0.027)		(0.034)		(0.029)
Race		−0.027		0.008		0.039
		(0.034)		(0.013)		(0.043)
Ducey × FOX	−0.338	−0.371	−0.219	−0.353	−0.803	−0.613
	(0.391)	(0.399)	(0.456)	(0.510)	(0.448)	(0.475)
Ducey × MSNBC	0.252	0.192	0.651	0.712	−0.012	−0.017
	(0.415)	(0.425)	(0.437)	(0.477)	(0.430)	(0.427)
Constant	−1.448***	−1.628*	−0.805**	0.072	−0.959***	0.158
	(0.211)	(0.807)	(0.277)	(1.125)	(0.228)	(1.103)
N	351	351	246	246	307	307
R^2	0.056	0.080	0.055	0.135	0.029	0.072
Adjusted R^2	0.042	0.042	0.035	0.083	0.012	0.028

Notes: Ducey = Debunking misinformation in Doug Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses.
$^*p < .05$; $^{**}p < .01$; $^{***}p < .001$.

Table A9: Regression results of factual belief, Post minus Pre (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Independents		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	0.758**	0.763*	−0.146	−0.224	0.433	0.451
	(0.291)	(0.304)	(0.344)	(0.346)	(0.274)	(0.280)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.691*	0.697*	0.127	0.127	0.154	0.086
	(0.275)	(0.279)	(0.337)	(0.352)	(0.260)	(0.274)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	−0.034	0.001	−0.431	−0.642	0.541	0.517
	(0.306)	(0.309)	(0.359)	(0.379)	(0.302)	(0.302)
General knowledge		0.026		−0.176		−0.033
		(0.122)		(0.140)		(0.158)
Immigration knowledge		0.023		0.144		0.001
		(0.097)		(0.109)		(0.117)
Media trust		−0.022		−0.355***		−0.071
		(0.067)		(0.077)		(0.086)
Involvement		0.123		0.031		0.186*
		(0.080)		(0.096)		(0.090)
Gender		−0.080		0.215		−0.191
		(0.170)		(0.187)		(0.172)
Age		0.035		0.100		−0.069
		(0.071)		(0.076)		(0.071)
Education		0.085		−0.024		0.026
		(0.078)		(0.083)		(0.069)
Income		0.028		−0.049		−0.033
		(0.028)		(0.033)		(0.029)
Race		−0.018		−0.004		−0.051
		(0.025)		(0.008)		(0.041)
Ducey × FOX	−0.690	−0.657	0.040	−0.037	−0.644	−0.642
	(0.395)	(0.400)	(0.490)	(0.496)	(0.389)	(0.405)
Ducey × MSNBC	0.282	0.243	0.605	0.754	−0.619	−0.735
	(0.405)	(0.417)	(0.469)	(0.483)	(0.429)	(0.443)
Constant	−1.707***	−2.702**	−0.902***	0.132	−1.041***	−0.527
	(0.203)	(0.822)	(0.266)	(1.052)	(0.172)	(1.135)
N	351	351	246	246	307	307
R^2	0.066	0.087	0.015	0.164	0.022	0.061
Adjusted R^2	0.053	0.049	−0.006	0.113	0.006	0.016

Notes: Ducey = Debunking misinformation in Doug Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses.
$^*p < .05$; $^{**}p < .01$; $^{***}p < .001$.

Table A10: Regression results of Relative hostile media effect, excluding Independents (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans		Partisans combined	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	−0.005	−0.003	0.196***	0.194***	−0.005	−0.013
	(0.030)	(0.031)	(0.042)	(0.036)	(0.030)	(0.032)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.238***	0.240***	−0.070*	−0.080*	0.238***	0.235***
	(0.033)	(0.033)	(0.031)	(0.032)	(0.033)	(0.034)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	−0.012	−0.014	0.044	0.026	−0.012	−0.020
	(0.029)	(0.030)	(0.033)	(0.032)	(0.029)	(0.031)
General knowledge		−0.010		0.030		0.005
		(0.011)		(0.017)		(0.010)
Immigration knowledge		0.010		0.010		0.010
		(0.010)		(0.012)		(0.007)
Media trust		−0.005		−0.048***		−0.031***
		(0.008)		(0.008)		(0.006)
Involvement		0.003		0.017		0.017*
		(0.011)		(0.010)		(0.007)
Gender		−0.003		−0.008		−0.005
		(0.018)		(0.021)		(0.014)
Age		−0.004		0.011		0.007
		(0.008)		(0.009)		(0.006)
Education		0.013		−0.010		0.004
		(0.007)		(0.009)		(0.006)
Income		−0.002		−0.0004		−0.001
		(0.003)		(0.004)		(0.003)
Race		0.0003		0.012		0.004
		(0.004)		(0.008)		(0.005)
Republican (vs. Democrat)					−0.014	−0.079*
					(0.030)	(0.033)
Ducey × FOX	−0.228***	−0.232***	−0.034	−0.048	−0.228***	−0.218***
	(0.044)	(0.044)	(0.055)	(0.051)	(0.044)	(0.046)
Ducey × MSNBC	−0.008	−0.012	−0.072	−0.073	−0.008	−0.005
	(0.041)	(0.042)	(0.061)	(0.054)	(0.041)	(0.044)
Ducey × Republican					0.200***	0.209***
					(0.051)	(0.048)
FOX × Republican					−0.308***	−0.310***
					(0.045)	(0.045)
MSNBC × Republican					0.056	0.055
					(0.044)	(0.044)
Ducey × FOX × Republican					0.194**	0.173*
					(0.071)	(0.068)
Ducey × MSNBC × Republican					−0.065	−0.074
					(0.074)	(0.071)
Constant	0.518***	0.525***	0.504***	0.403**	0.518***	0.520***
	(0.021)	(0.074)	(0.022)	(0.123)	(0.021)	(0.069)
N	351	351	307	307	658	658
R^2	0.254	0.267	0.170	0.368	0.209	0.276
Adjusted R^2	0.243	0.237	0.156	0.337	0.195	0.253

Notes: Debunking misinformation in Dough Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses. (-) value of dependent variable denotes lesser bias perception against one's in-group, whereas (+) value of dependent variable denotes greater bias perception against one's in-group (i.e., perceiving greater favorability towards out-groups)
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

C.3 Study 3

Table A11: Mean comparison of degree of agreement in each sub-group (Study 3, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC								
Democrat	59	5.69	0.95	4.92	1.47	-5.16	< .001	0.63
Republican	52	6.00	1.37	5.10	1.72	-4.95	< .001	0.58
FOX × Low NfC								
Democrat	64	5.48	1.07	4.70	1.40	-4.89	< .001	0.63
Republican	52	5.79	1.39	4.77	2.06	-5.12	< .001	0.58
MSNBC × High NfC								
Democrat	60	5.47	1.20	4.32	1.59	-7.23	< .001	0.82
Republican	51	5.92	1.20	5.20	1.69	-3.99	< .001	0.50
MSNBC × Low NfC								
Democrat	64	5.30	1.31	4.02	1.55	-7.52	< .001	0.89
Republican	51	5.82	1.41	5.18	1.77	-2.96	.005	0.40
Reuter × High NfC								
Democrat	60	5.37	1.04	3.83	1.68	-10.27	< .001	1.10
Republican	51	5.82	1.51	5.35	1.86	-2.37	.022	0.28
Reuter × Low NfC								
Democrat	62	5.50	1.36	3.94	1.72	-9.12	< .001	1.01
Republican	52	5.77	1.42	4.69	1.83	-5.79	< .001	0.66

Table A12: Mean comparison of factual belief in each sub-group (Study 3, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC								
Democrat	59	5.63	1.13	4.75	1.61	-4.83	< .001	0.63
Republican	52	5.77	1.25	5.10	1.72	-3.31	.002	0.45
FOX × Low NfC								
Democrat	64	5.52	1.04	4.69	1.44	-5.39	< .001	0.66
Republican	52	5.81	1.21	4.77	2.10	-4.59	< .001	0.61
MSNBC × High NfC								
Democrat	60	5.55	1.17	4.30	1.48	-7.70	< .001	0.94
Republican	51	5.71	1.15	5.04	1.80	-3.31	.002	0.44
MSNBC × Low NfC								
Democrat	64	5.34	1.34	4.08	1.50	-6.98	< .001	0.89
Republican	51	5.67	1.31	4.94	1.79	-3.66	< .001	0.46
Reuter × High NfC								
Democrat	60	5.37	1.18	3.77	1.65	-10.89	< .001	1.12
Republican	51	5.82	1.21	5.25	1.78	-2.84	.007	0.37
Reuter × Low NfC								
Democrat	62	5.71	1.05	3.87	1.72	-9.54	< .001	1.29
Republican	52	5.50	1.48	4.62	1.87	-3.98	< .001	0.53

Table A13: Mean comparison of hostile media effect (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	n	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC						
Democrat	59	0.75	0.25	7.81	< .001	1.02
Republican	52	0.68	0.21	6.11	< .001	0.85
FOX × Low NfC						
Democrat	64	0.75	0.22	9.30	< .001	1.16
Republican	52	0.68	0.21	6.22	< .001	0.86
MSNBC × High NfC						
Democrat	60	0.58	0.15	4.08	< .001	0.53
Republican	51	0.80	0.25	8.70	< .001	1.22
MSNBC × Low NfC						
Democrat	64	0.54	0.14	2.15	.035	0.27
Republican	51	0.80	0.23	9.41	< .001	1.32
Reuter × High NfC						
Democrat	60	0.54	0.15	2.27	.027	0.29
Republican	51	0.74	0.25	7.02	< .001	0.98
Reuter × Low NfC						
Democrat	62	0.52	0.14	1.13	.263	0.14
Republican	52	0.74	0.21	8.18	< .001	1.13

Note: Hostile media perception values were compared to 0.5 (perception of neutrality).

Table A14: Regression results of degree of agreement, Post minus Pre (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	−0.002	−0.038	−0.115	0.032
	(0.222)	(0.231)	(0.273)	(0.263)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.370	−0.338	0.178	0.291
	(0.221)	(0.226)	(0.260)	(0.259)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.754***	−0.739***	0.433	0.591*
	(0.214)	(0.221)	(0.273)	(0.271)
General knowledge		−0.085		−0.111
		(0.102)		(0.145)
Media trust		0.014		−0.150*
		(0.055)		(0.072)
Involvement		0.095		0.164
		(0.082)		(0.085)
Gender		−0.112		−0.326
		(0.128)		(0.178)
Age		0.066		−0.011
		(0.052)		(0.061)
Education		0.027		0.178*
		(0.057)		(0.069)
Income		−0.035		−0.011
		(0.024)		(0.027)
Race		0.010		−0.085
		(0.027)		(0.072)
Low NfC × MSNBC	−0.130	−0.096	0.194	−0.086
	(0.323)	(0.334)	(0.396)	(0.398)
Low NfC × Reuter	−0.030	0.003	−0.491	−0.662
	(0.319)	(0.326)	(0.387)	(0.388)
Constant	−0.780***	−0.792	−0.904***	−0.773
	(0.152)	(0.660)	(0.184)	(0.948)
N	369	366	309	308
R^2	0.060	0.083	0.023	0.101
Adjusted R^2	0.047	0.049	0.007	0.061

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

Table A15: Regression results of factual belief, Post minus Pre (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	0.053	0.016	−0.365	−0.217
	(0.241)	(0.252)	(0.307)	(0.287)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.369	−0.344	0.006	0.072
	(0.246)	(0.252)	(0.289)	(0.267)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.719**	−0.711**	0.104	0.201
	(0.236)	(0.242)	(0.288)	(0.289)
General knowledge		−0.107		−0.173
		(0.112)		(0.172)
Media trust		−0.036		−0.291**
		(0.060)		(0.093)
Involvement		0.128		0.128
		(0.081)		(0.094)
Gender		−0.267		−0.246
		(0.137)		(0.187)
Age		0.051		−0.002
		(0.053)		(0.059)
Education		0.008		0.106
		(0.060)		(0.070)
Income		−0.006		−0.009
		(0.026)		(0.028)
Race		0.028		−0.041
		(0.032)		(0.072)
Low NfC × MSNBC	−0.069	−0.039	0.307	0.014
	(0.344)	(0.356)	(0.419)	(0.410)
Low NfC × Reuter	−0.292	−0.289	0.049	−0.093
	(0.343)	(0.349)	(0.431)	(0.444)
Constant	−0.881***	−0.504	−0.673**	0.301
	(0.184)	(0.660)	(0.205)	(1.116)
N	369	366	309	308
R^2	0.069	0.096	0.011	0.091
Adjusted R^2	0.056	0.063	−0.005	0.051

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

Table A16: Regression results of hostile media effect (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	−0.003	0.007	0.000	0.030
	(0.043)	(0.043)	(0.042)	(0.036)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.173***	−0.164***	0.123**	0.136***
	(0.038)	(0.038)	(0.046)	(0.037)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.209***	−0.215***	0.061	0.081*
	(0.038)	(0.037)	(0.046)	(0.038)
General knowledge		0.035*		0.040*
		(0.017)		(0.019)
Media trust		−0.008		−0.098***
		(0.008)		(0.009)
Involvement		0.006		0.021
		(0.010)		(0.013)
Gender		−0.005		−0.006
		(0.018)		(0.025)
Age		0.022**		0.021*
		(0.008)		(0.009)
Education		−0.009		0.010
		(0.008)		(0.010)
Income		−0.001		0.002
		(0.003)		(0.004)
Race		−0.001		−0.0001
		(0.004)		(0.010)
Low NfC × MSNBC	−0.039	−0.055	−0.008	−0.080
	(0.050)	(0.051)	(0.064)	(0.053)
Low NfC × Reuter	−0.021	−0.015	0.0001	−0.026
	(0.050)	(0.049)	(0.062)	(0.051)
Constant	0.753***	0.559***	0.682***	0.478***
	(0.033)	(0.098)	(0.030)	(0.132)
N	369	366	309	308
R^2	0.236	0.288	0.045	0.401
Adjusted R^2	0.225	0.261	0.029	0.374

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

D Replication of Study 2 & Study 3 with Strict Attention Check Threshold

D.1 Study 2

Table A17: Mean comparison of degree of agreement in each sub-group (Study 2, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX								
Democrat	50	5.22	1.15	4.32	1.54	-3.81	< .001	0.66
Independent	37	3.89	1.73	3.49	1.66	-1.81	.079	0.24
Republican	43	2.72	1.76	2.14	1.63	-2.63	.012	0.34
Debunking Biden × Reuter								
Democrat	40	5.32	0.86	3.70	1.52	-6.79	< .001	1.31
Independent	27	4.07	1.88	2.96	1.48	-3.20	.004	0.66
Republican	33	3.06	1.77	2.18	1.45	-3.90	< .001	0.54
Debunking Biden × MSNBC								
Democrat	44	5.09	1.24	3.50	1.62	-6.01	< .001	1.10
Independent	35	3.97	1.65	2.37	1.35	-5.56	< .001	1.06
Republican	42	2.38	1.50	1.79	1.20	-2.57	.014	0.44
Debunking Ducey × FOX								
Democrat	45	2.56	1.44	2.02	1.51	-3.14	.003	0.36
Independent	37	4.27	1.91	3.59	2.22	-2.60	.014	0.33
Republican	42	5.33	1.52	4.10	1.82	-4.70	< .001	0.74
Debunking Ducey × Reuter								
Democrat	30	2.70	1.64	1.70	1.12	-3.48	.002	0.71
Independent	20	3.90	2.10	3.55	2.14	-1.68	.11	0.17
Republican	29	5.24	1.70	4.52	1.90	-2.37	.025	0.40
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC								
Democrat	39	2.31	1.24	1.59	1.19	-3.46	< .001	0.59
Independent	31	3.87	1.94	2.97	2.11	-4.97	< .001	0.45
Republican	39	5.56	1.50	4.97	1.97	-3.30	.002	0.34

Table A18: Mean comparison of factual belief in each sub-group (Study 2, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX								
Democrat	50	5.30	1.16	4.28	1.47	-4.84	< .001	0.77
Independent	37	4.24	1.66	3.51	1.64	-3.46	< .001	0.44
Republican	43	2.84	1.85	2.05	1.41	-3.98	< .001	0.48
Debunking Biden × Reuter								
Democrat	40	5.40	0.87	3.58	1.39	-9.65	< .001	1.57
Independent	27	4.11	1.91	2.93	1.33	-3.38	.002	0.72
Republican	33	3.03	1.67	2.06	1.48	-4.70	< .001	0.62
Debunking Biden × MSNBC								
Democrat	44	5.34	1.12	3.55	1.62	-6.72	< .001	1.29
Independent	35	3.89	1.68	2.46	1.38	-5.36	< .001	0.93
Republican	42	2.50	1.69	1.98	1.30	-1.85	.072	0.35
Debunking Ducey × FOX								
Democrat	45	3.00	1.49	2.09	1.50	-4.23	< .001	0.61
Independent	37	4.30	1.76	3.43	2.19	-2.79	.008	0.43
Republican	42	4.90	1.54	3.98	1.72	-4.34	< .001	0.57
Debunking Ducey × Reuter								
Democrat	30	2.70	1.49	1.67	1.21	-3.72	< .001	0.76
Independent	20	4.30	1.89	3.55	2.14	-2.26	.036	0.37
Republican	29	5.03	1.50	4.52	1.79	-2.30	.029	0.31
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC								
Democrat	39	2.69	1.38	1.74	0.99	-5.17	< .001	0.79
Independent	31	3.81	1.83	2.97	2.14	-3.61	< .001	0.42
Republican	39	5.15	1.61	4.49	1.90	-2.93	.006	0.38

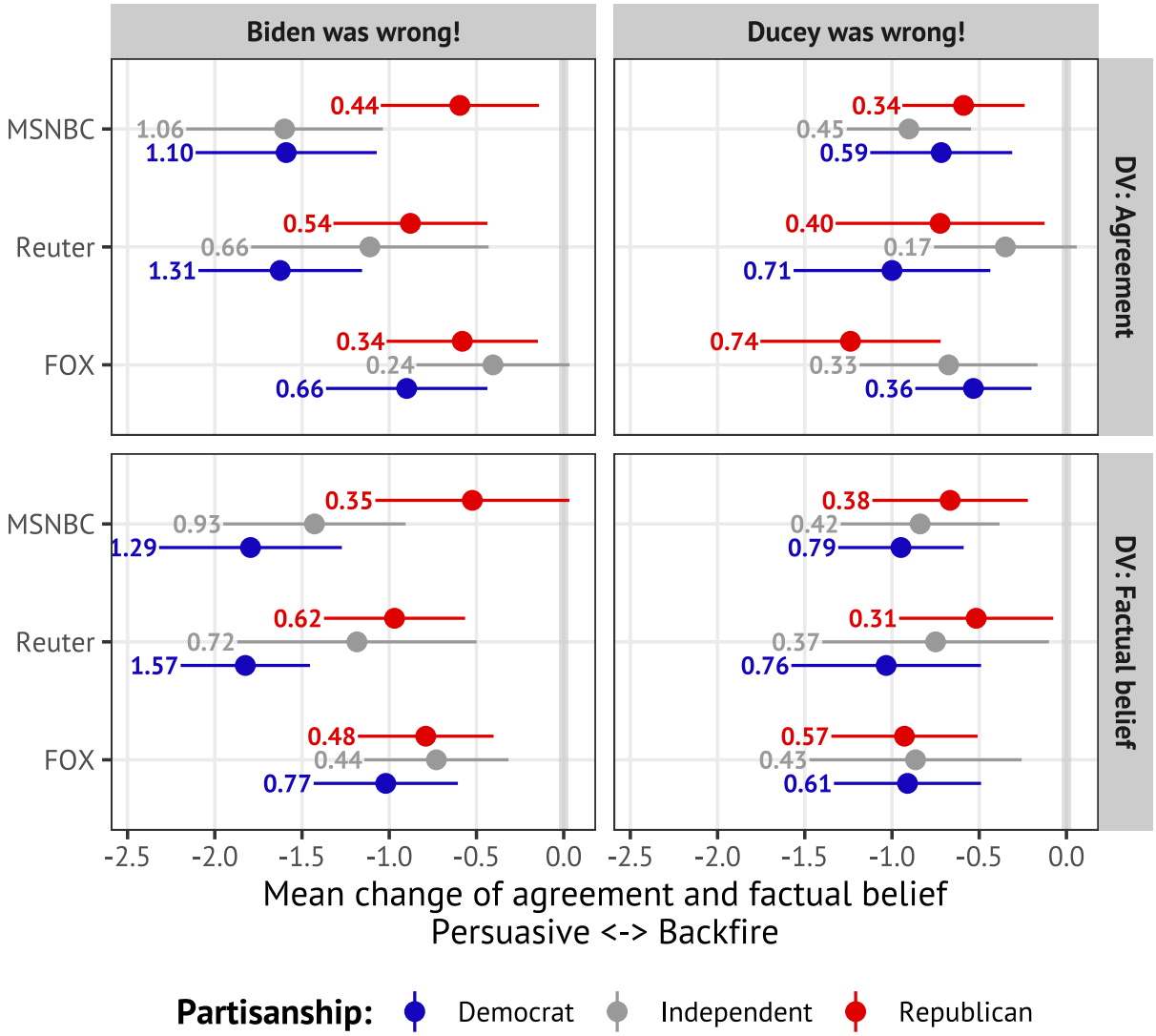

Figure A17: Persuasive Effect of Fact-checking News, Study 2 (U.S. Sample, strict attention check subset). Each point indicates the mean value of net agreement and factual belief (i.e., difference between before and after exposure to the treatment). Bars represent 95% confidence intervals and each number is the effect size Cohen's d.

Table A19: Mean comparison of hostile media perception (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	n	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
Debunking Biden × FOX						
Democrat	50	0.79	0.19	10.99	< .001	1.55
Republican	43	0.44	0.16	-2.54	.015	0.39
Debunking Biden × Reuter						
Democrat	40	0.54	0.11	2.47	.018	0.39
Republican	33	0.52	0.16	0.81	.424	0.14
Debunking Biden × MSNBC						
Democrat	44	0.49	0.13	-0.63	.529	0.10
Republican	42	0.56	0.17	2.34	.024	0.36
Debunking Ducey × FOX						
Democrat	45	0.53	0.13	1.28	.208	0.19
Republican	42	0.59	0.21	2.72	.009	0.42
Debunking Ducey × Reuter						
Democrat	30	0.52	0.10	0.91	.37	0.17
Republican	29	0.67	0.27	3.54	< .001	0.66
Debunking Ducey × MSNBC						
Democrat	39	0.48	0.13	-1.04	.306	0.17
Republican	39	0.73	0.26	5.64	< .001	0.90

Note: Hostile media perception values were compared to 0.5 (perception of neutrality).

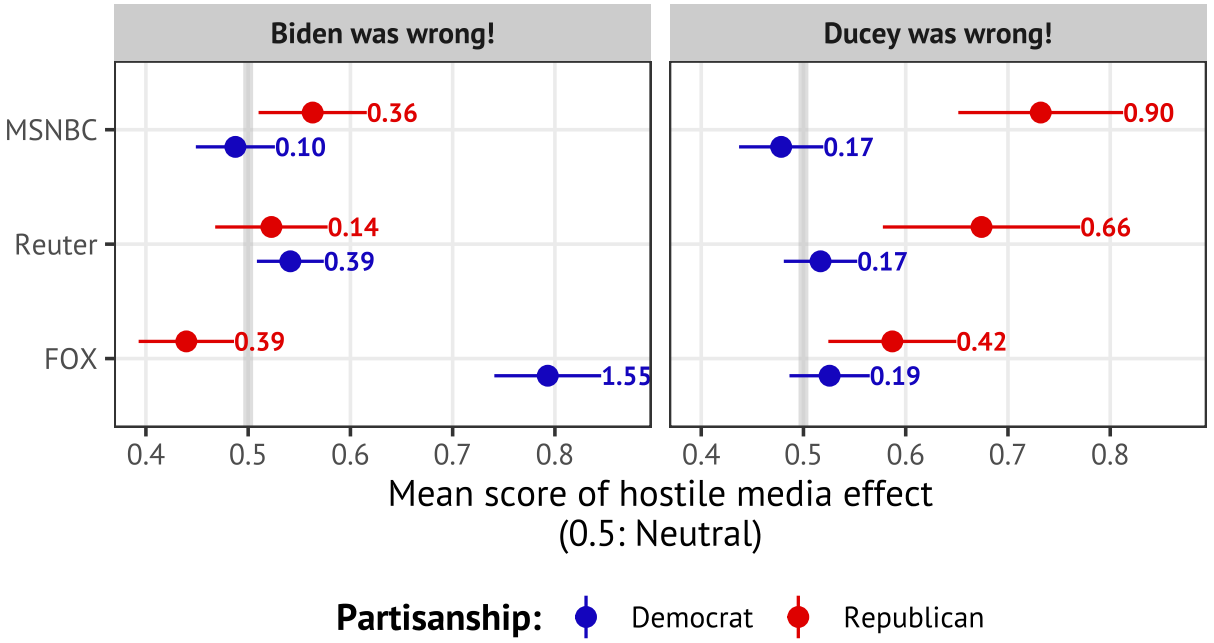

Figure A18: Hostile media effect of Fact-checking News, Study 2 (U.S. Sample, strict attention check subset). Each point indicates the mean value of hostile media effect. Bars represent 95% confidence intervals and each number is the effect size Cohen's d.

Table A20: Regression results of degree of agreement, Post minus Pre (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Independents		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	0.625	0.592	0.761	0.581	0.155	0.214
	(0.380)	(0.411)	(0.414)	(0.499)	(0.386)	(0.399)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.725*	0.708*	0.706	0.724	0.297	0.241
	(0.340)	(0.346)	(0.421)	(0.541)	(0.320)	(0.332)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	0.034	−0.024	−0.489	−0.635	0.284	0.280
	(0.361)	(0.366)	(0.459)	(0.546)	(0.327)	(0.323)
General knowledge		−0.084		−0.073		−0.273
		(0.170)		(0.226)		(0.219)
Immigration knowledge		0.037		0.080		−0.109
		(0.106)		(0.122)		(0.143)
Media trust		−0.061		−0.293**		−0.068
		(0.089)		(0.099)		(0.106)
Involvement		0.203*		−0.087		0.254*
		(0.099)		(0.120)		(0.099)
Gender		−0.040		0.141		−0.056
		(0.207)		(0.241)		(0.195)
Age		0.007		0.114		−0.020
		(0.078)		(0.087)		(0.073)
Education		−0.005		0.002		−0.076
		(0.079)		(0.113)		(0.078)
Income		0.030		−0.003		0.029
		(0.033)		(0.049)		(0.031)
Race		−0.010		−0.002		0.011
		(0.028)		(0.006)		(0.041)
Ducey × FOX	−0.258	−0.233	−1.031	−0.975	−0.811	−0.736
	(0.480)	(0.514)	(0.541)	(0.647)	(0.520)	(0.543)
Ducey × MSNBC	0.248	0.248	−0.064	0.103	−0.149	−0.241
	(0.510)	(0.539)	(0.539)	(0.652)	(0.486)	(0.479)
Constant	−1.625***	−1.735	−1.111**	−0.585	−0.879***	0.206
	(0.242)	(1.049)	(0.354)	(1.800)	(0.229)	(1.312)
N	248	248	187	187	228	228
R^2	0.073	0.100	0.083	0.159	0.028	0.083
Adjusted R^2	0.054	0.046	0.058	0.091	0.006	0.022

Notes: Ducey = Debunking misinformation in Doug Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses.
$^*p < .05$; $^{**}p < .01$; $^{***}p < .001$.

Table A21: Regression results of factual belief, Post minus Pre (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Independents		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	0.792*	0.781*	0.435	0.149	0.452	0.576
	(0.341)	(0.360)	(0.493)	(0.507)	(0.311)	(0.330)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.805**	0.807**	0.455	0.417	0.179	0.115
	(0.286)	(0.292)	(0.416)	(0.480)	(0.290)	(0.304)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	0.030	0.112	−0.243	−0.513	0.446	0.448
	(0.331)	(0.338)	(0.448)	(0.488)	(0.355)	(0.353)
General knowledge		0.165		−0.241		−0.199
		(0.163)		(0.213)		(0.234)
Immigration knowledge		0.042		0.152		−0.130
		(0.102)		(0.137)		(0.139)
Media trust		−0.064		−0.379***		−0.123
		(0.082)		(0.095)		(0.103)
Involvement		0.156		−0.070		0.238*
		(0.094)		(0.117)		(0.103)
Gender		0.090		0.342		−0.169
		(0.205)		(0.233)		(0.193)
Age		−0.055		0.176		−0.082
		(0.078)		(0.090)		(0.074)
Education		0.052		−0.008		0.034
		(0.084)		(0.106)		(0.078)
Income		0.054		−0.047		−0.009
		(0.033)		(0.047)		(0.031)
Race		−0.023		−0.010		−0.065
		(0.028)		(0.007)		(0.045)
Ducey × FOX	−0.683	−0.571	−0.570	−0.480	−0.590	−0.615
	(0.457)	(0.472)	(0.623)	(0.647)	(0.429)	(0.448)
Ducey × MSNBC	0.055	−0.043	0.155	0.461	−0.595	−0.804
	(0.473)	(0.495)	(0.610)	(0.654)	(0.482)	(0.493)
Constant	−1.825***	−3.328**	−1.185**	−0.022	−0.970***	0.369
	(0.191)	(1.007)	(0.357)	(1.628)	(0.210)	(1.448)
N	248	248	187	187	228	228
R^2	0.071	0.112	0.027	0.189	0.015	0.083
Adjusted R^2	0.052	0.059	0.0005	0.123	−0.007	0.023

Notes: Ducey = Debunking misinformation in Doug Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses.
$^*p < .05$; $^{**}p < .01$; $^{***}p < .001$.

Table A22: Regression results of Relative hostile media effect, excluding Independents (Study 2, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans		Partisans combined	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ducey (vs. Biden)	−0.025	−0.024	0.151**	0.155**	−0.025	−0.044
	(0.025)	(0.026)	(0.058)	(0.049)	(0.025)	(0.028)
FOX (vs. Reuter)	0.252***	0.255***	−0.083*	−0.108**	0.252***	0.244***
	(0.032)	(0.032)	(0.037)	(0.041)	(0.032)	(0.033)
MSNBC (vs. Reuter)	−0.054*	−0.057*	0.040	0.017	−0.054*	−0.063*
	(0.026)	(0.026)	(0.039)	(0.040)	(0.026)	(0.027)
General knowledge		−0.020		0.046		−0.002
		(0.013)		(0.026)		(0.013)
Immigration knowledge		−0.002		0.009		0.0002
		(0.011)		(0.014)		(0.008)
Media trust		0.001		−0.047***		−0.029***
		(0.008)		(0.010)		(0.007)
Involvement		0.009		0.012		0.020*
		(0.011)		(0.012)		(0.008)
Gender		0.004		−0.001		0.001
		(0.019)		(0.025)		(0.016)
Age		0.001		0.012		0.010
		(0.008)		(0.011)		(0.007)
Education		0.014		−0.013		0.005
		(0.008)		(0.012)		(0.007)
Income		−0.001		−0.003		−0.001
		(0.003)		(0.005)		(0.003)
Race		0.0002		0.008		0.004
		(0.005)		(0.008)		(0.005)
Republican (vs. Democrat)					−0.019	−0.100**
					(0.033)	(0.036)
Ducey × FOX	−0.243***	−0.252***	−0.004	−0.011	−0.243***	−0.220***
	(0.042)	(0.043)	(0.070)	(0.065)	(0.042)	(0.045)
Ducey × MSNBC	0.015	0.013	0.018	0.015	0.015	0.028
	(0.039)	(0.039)	(0.076)	(0.065)	(0.039)	(0.042)
Ducey × Republican					0.176**	0.209***
					(0.063)	(0.058)
FOX × Republican					−0.335***	−0.330***
					(0.049)	(0.050)
MSNBC × Republican					0.094*	0.102*
					(0.047)	(0.047)
Ducey × FOX × Republican					0.239**	0.196*
					(0.082)	(0.079)
Ducey × MSNBC × Republican					0.002	−0.031
					(0.085)	(0.081)
Constant	0.541***	0.545***	0.523***	0.373*	0.541***	0.562***
	(0.017)	(0.075)	(0.028)	(0.168)	(0.017)	(0.076)
N	248	248	228	228	476	476
R^2	0.417	0.439	0.186	0.367	0.281	0.341
Adjusted R^2	0.405	0.405	0.167	0.325	0.264	0.312

Notes: Debunking misinformation in Dough Ducey's statement. Each cell includes regression coefficient and standard errors are in parentheses. (-) value of dependent variable denotes lesser bias perception against one's in-group, whereas (+) value of dependent variable denotes greater bias perception against one's in-group (i.e., perceiving greater favorability towards out-groups)
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

D.2 Study 3

Table A23: Mean comparison of degree of agreement in each sub-group (Study 3, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC								
Democrat	58	5.67	0.94	4.88	1.45	-5.18	< .001	0.65
Republican	49	6.00	1.40	5.14	1.73	-4.71	< .001	0.54
FOX × Low NfC								
Democrat	60	5.50	1.08	4.70	1.38	-4.92	< .001	0.64
Republican	49	5.76	1.42	4.65	2.07	-5.39	< .001	0.62
MSNBC × High NfC								
Democrat	52	5.40	1.19	4.23	1.55	-6.69	< .001	0.85
Republican	50	5.92	1.21	5.20	1.70	-3.89	< .001	0.49
MSNBC × Low NfC								
Democrat	57	5.30	1.34	3.98	1.55	-7.08	< .001	0.91
Republican	50	5.80	1.41	5.14	1.77	-2.97	.005	0.41
Reuter × High NfC								
Democrat	52	5.29	1.05	3.65	1.62	-10.36	< .001	1.20
Republican	38	5.95	1.39	5.24	1.94	-3.24	.003	0.42
Reuter × Low NfC								
Democrat	50	5.50	1.37	3.66	1.56	-10.26	< .001	1.25
Republican	47	5.74	1.48	4.72	1.85	-5.21	< .001	0.61

Table A24: Mean comparison of factual belief in each sub-group (Study 3, U.S. sample)

		Pre		Post				
	n	*M*	*SD*	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC								
Democrat	58	5.60	1.12	4.71	1.60	-4.84	< .001	0.65
Republican	49	5.76	1.27	5.16	1.70	-3.03	.004	0.39
FOX × Low NfC								
Democrat	60	5.48	1.07	4.67	1.46	-5.09	< .001	0.64
Republican	49	5.78	1.23	4.67	2.12	-4.68	< .001	0.64
MSNBC × High NfC								
Democrat	52	5.60	1.12	4.25	1.47	-7.76	< .001	1.03
Republican	50	5.72	1.16	5.04	1.82	-3.32	.002	0.45
MSNBC × Low NfC								
Democrat	57	5.33	1.35	4.09	1.49	-6.26	< .001	0.87
Republican	50	5.64	1.31	4.90	1.79	-3.67	< .001	0.47
Reuter × High NfC								
Democrat	52	5.25	1.20	3.58	1.60	-10.49	< .001	1.18
Republican	38	5.76	1.28	5.24	1.82	-2.21	.033	0.33
Reuter × Low NfC								
Democrat	50	5.68	1.13	3.68	1.63	-10.10	< .001	1.42
Republican	47	5.49	1.53	4.60	1.90	-3.72	< .001	0.52

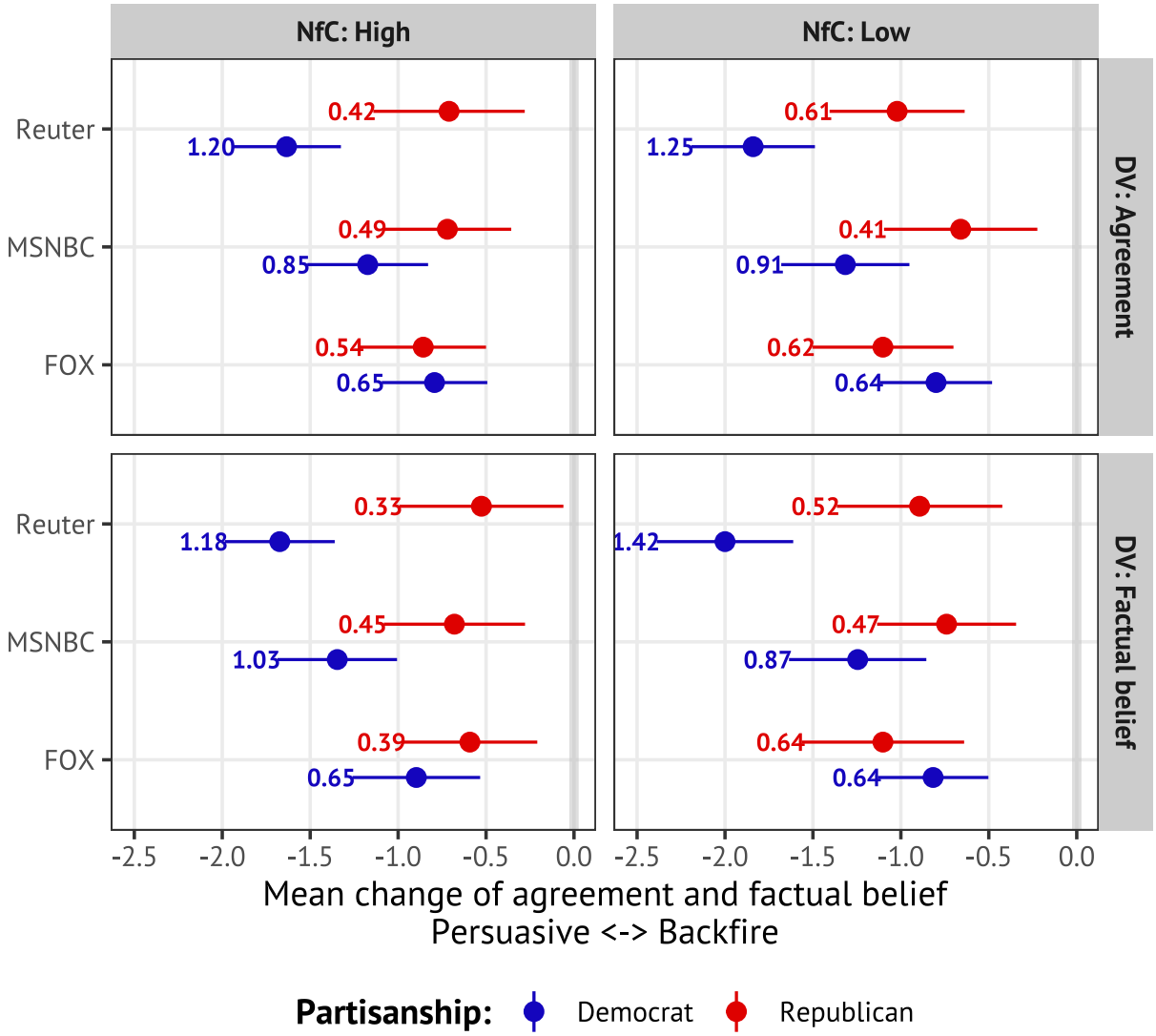

Figure A19: Persuasive Effect of Fact-checking News, Study 3 (U.S. Sample, strict attention check subset). Each point indicates the mean value of net agreement and factual belief (i.e., difference between before and after exposure to the treatment). Bars represent 95% confidence intervals and each number is the effect size Cohen's d.

Table A25: Mean comparison of hostile media effect (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	n	*M*	*SD*	*t*	*p*	Cohen's *d*
FOX × High NfC						
Democrat	58	0.77	0.23	8.81	< .001	1.16
Republican	49	0.69	0.21	6.43	< .001	0.92
FOX × Low NfC						
Democrat	60	0.75	0.22	8.91	< .001	1.15
Republican	49	0.68	0.21	6.18	< .001	0.88
MSNBC × High NfC						
Democrat	52	0.57	0.15	3.54	< .001	0.49
Republican	50	0.80	0.25	8.47	< .001	1.20
MSNBC × Low NfC						
Democrat	57	0.52	0.13	1.23	.224	0.16
Republican	50	0.81	0.22	9.91	< .001	1.40
Reuter × High NfC						
Democrat	52	0.52	0.13	1.37	.178	0.19
Republican	38	0.80	0.20	9.18	< .001	1.49
Reuter × Low NfC						
Democrat	50	0.53	0.12	1.72	.092	0.24
Republican	47	0.77	0.20	8.99	< .001	1.31

Note: Hostile media perception values were compared to 0.5 (perception of neutrality).

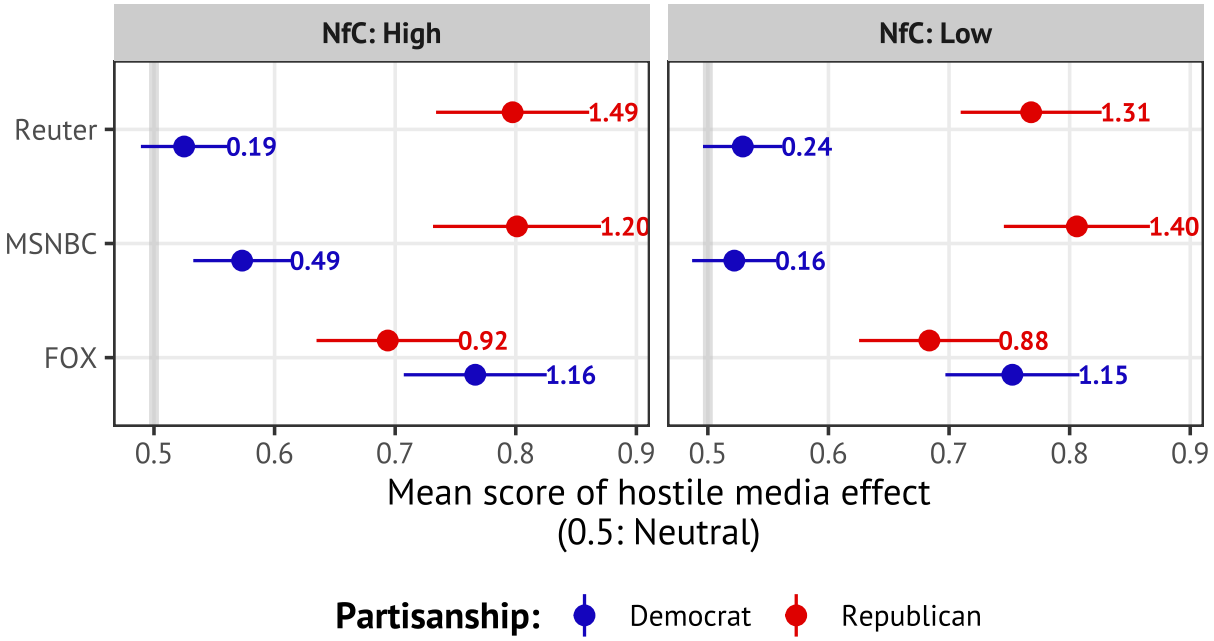

Figure A20: Hostile media effect of Fact-checking News, Study 3 (U.S. Sample, strict attention check subset). Each point indicates the mean value of hostile media effect. Bars represent 95% confidence intervals and each number is the effect size Cohen's d.

Table A26: Regression results of degree of agreement, Post minus Pre (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	−0.007	0.017	−0.245	−0.108
	(0.225)	(0.236)	(0.277)	(0.265)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.380	−0.335	0.137	0.259
	(0.235)	(0.239)	(0.262)	(0.260)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.842***	−0.787***	0.147	0.356
	(0.222)	(0.236)	(0.289)	(0.293)
General knowledge		0.043		−0.012
		(0.158)		(0.163)
Media trust		−0.010		−0.173*
		(0.058)		(0.078)
Involvement		0.029		0.141
		(0.088)		(0.092)
Gender		−0.129		−0.255
		(0.133)		(0.187)
Age		0.057		−0.041
		(0.053)		(0.065)
Education		0.017		0.177*
		(0.060)		(0.072)
Income		−0.036		−0.022
		(0.026)		(0.028)
Race		−0.006		−0.073
		(0.032)		(0.070)
Low NfC × MSNBC	−0.136	−0.182	0.305	0.032
	(0.342)	(0.355)	(0.403)	(0.405)
Low NfC × Reuter	−0.198	−0.219	−0.066	−0.296
	(0.330)	(0.343)	(0.407)	(0.417)
Constant	−0.793***	−0.967	−0.857***	−0.964
	(0.154)	(0.815)	(0.184)	(0.992)
N	329	327	283	282
R^2	0.089	0.101	0.015	0.091
Adjusted R^2	0.075	0.064	−0.003	0.047

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

Table A27: Regression results of factual belief, Post minus Pre (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	0.080	0.134	−0.510	−0.363
	(0.247)	(0.260)	(0.309)	(0.284)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.450	−0.401	−0.088	0.010
	(0.256)	(0.259)	(0.286)	(0.261)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.777**	−0.735**	0.066	0.218
	(0.247)	(0.257)	(0.312)	(0.319)
General knowledge		0.116		−0.097
		(0.161)		(0.200)
Media trust		−0.070		−0.302**
		(0.061)		(0.101)
Involvement		0.078		0.120
		(0.087)		(0.098)
Gender		−0.250		−0.169
		(0.144)		(0.193)
Age		0.069		−0.045
		(0.056)		(0.061)
Education		−0.014		0.112
		(0.062)		(0.074)
Income		−0.004		−0.012
		(0.028)		(0.030)
Race		−0.003		−0.040
		(0.037)		(0.070)
Low NfC × MSNBC	0.021	−0.064	0.450	0.144
	(0.363)	(0.379)	(0.424)	(0.415)
Low NfC × Reuter	−0.407	−0.469	0.143	−0.056
	(0.356)	(0.367)	(0.461)	(0.487)
Constant	−0.897***	−1.266	−0.592**	0.142
	(0.187)	(0.774)	(0.197)	(1.212)
N	329	327	283	282
R^2	0.088	0.112	0.016	0.100
Adjusted R^2	0.074	0.075	−0.001	0.056

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

Table A28: Regression results of hostile media effect (Study 3, U.S. sample)

	Democrates		Republicans	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Low NfC (vs. High NfC)	−0.014	−0.001	−0.010	0.020
	(0.042)	(0.041)	(0.043)	(0.038)
MSNBC (vs. FOX)	−0.193***	−0.186***	0.107*	0.129***
	(0.037)	(0.037)	(0.047)	(0.039)
Rueter (vs. FOX)	−0.241***	−0.239***	0.103*	0.127***
	(0.036)	(0.036)	(0.045)	(0.037)
General knowledge		0.056**		0.027
		(0.017)		(0.021)
Media trust		−0.010		−0.091***
		(0.008)		(0.008)
Involvement		0.001		0.033*
		(0.010)		(0.013)
Gender		−0.001		−0.015
		(0.018)		(0.025)
Age		0.018*		0.017
		(0.008)		(0.009)
Education		−0.011		0.010
		(0.008)		(0.010)
Income		−0.001		0.003
		(0.003)		(0.004)
Race		−0.003		−0.002
		(0.004)		(0.010)
Low NfC × MSNBC	−0.037	−0.056	0.015	−0.058
	(0.050)	(0.050)	(0.064)	(0.054)
Low NfC × Reuter	0.018	0.015	−0.019	−0.053
	(0.049)	(0.049)	(0.062)	(0.053)
Constant	0.766***	0.515***	0.694***	0.515***
	(0.030)	(0.099)	(0.030)	(0.140)
N	329	327	283	282
R^2	0.286	0.333	0.054	0.387
Adjusted R^2	0.275	0.305	0.037	0.357

Notes: Robust standard errors (HC3) are in parentheses.
*$p < .05$; **$p < .01$; ***$p < .001$.

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