Introduction

Welcome and thank you for participating. Please take a moment to read the below information and then click the arrow at the bottom of the page to begin.

Our research

We are conducting a study to understand beliefs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you do not wish to answer questions related to COVID-19, you should not take this survey. The project is led by Joel Levin and Jeremy Kahn at the University of Pittsburgh and is funded by the National Institute of Health.

Your role

We expect this survey to approximately 3 minutes and we will compensate you $0.70 for your time. Your participation is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time, although partial responses may not be compensated.

Risks & benefits

There are no foreseeable risks or benefits associated with your participation in this study.

Data & privacy

All data will be housed on a secure server located at the University of Pittsburgh. Your responses will be stored with potentially-identifiable information including your age, gender, zip code, and IP address. We will not attempt to identify you based on this information and any data made available to other researchers will exclude zip codes and email addresses.

Contact

You may contact Joel (joel.levin@pitt.edu) or Jeremy at (jeremykahn@pitt.edu). We seriously care about your questions and input and will respond to all emails promptly. This study is overseen by the University of Pittsburgh Institutional Review Board (askirb@pitt.edu).

Thank you for helping us learn about the world!

Do you want to continue?

○ Yes, I agree to the above terms and am comfortable answering questions related to COVID-19

○ No, I'd like to exit

Prolific ID

What is your Prolific ID?
(Please note that this response should auto-fill with the correct ID)

${e://Field/PROLIFIC_PID}

Effectiveness

In your opinion, are **monoclonal antibodies** an effective treatment for COVID-19?

Definitely <u>not</u> effective	Probably <u>not</u> effective	Not sure / never heard of it	Probably effective	Definitely effective
○	○	○	○	○

In your opinion, is **hydroxychloroquine** an effective treatment for COVID-19?

Definitely <u>not</u> effective	Probably <u>not</u> effective	Not sure / never heard of it	Probably effective	Definitely effective
○	○	○	○	○

In your opinion, is **ivermectin** an effective treatment for COVID-19?

Definitely <u>not</u> effective	Probably <u>not</u> effective	Not sure / never heard of it	Probably effective	Definitely effective
○	○	○	○	○

Peer predictions

For the next two questions, we'll pay you for being accurate!

The 6 most accurate participants will each receive a bonus of $10. This bonus will be paid within 30 days.

You said that ${e://Field/effective_plaq_peerlanguage}.

What percentage of other participants in this survey do you think agreed with you?

(The other participants are US residents on prolific academic.)
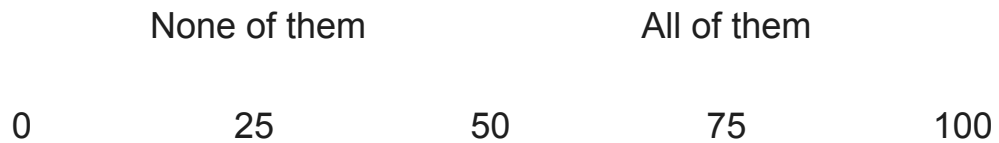
	None of them		All of them	
0	25	50	75	100

You said that ${e://Field/effective_iver_peerlanguage}.

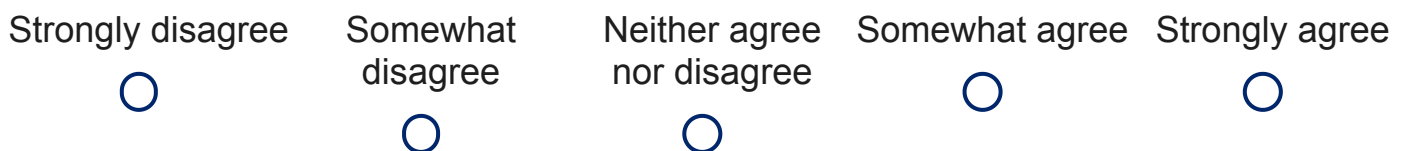**What percentage of other participants in this survey do you think agreed with you?**

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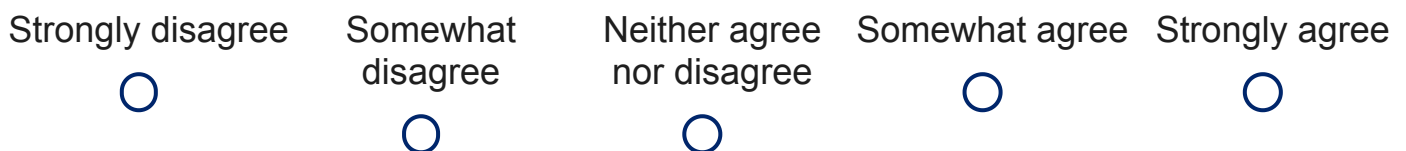|	None of them		All of them	
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Vaccination

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements.

COVID-19 **vaccines are generally safe and effective** for preventing severe illness.

Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
○	○	○	○	○

Public authorities should seriously consider **mandating vaccination** against COVID-19 for adults who do not have a medical or religious exemption.

Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
○	○	○	○	○

Politics, media, IPC

How would you describe your political ideology?

○ Very liberal
○ Somewhat liberal
○ Slightly liberal
○ Middle of the road
○ Slightly conservative
○ Somewhat conservative
○ Very conservative

In a typical week, how often do you get news from...

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Print publications, including newspaper websites	○	○	○	○
Social media	○	○	○	○
Television	○	○	○	○
Radio	○	○	○	○

In a typical week, how often do you use each of the following social media platforms for any purpose?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often
Reddit	○	○	○	○
Youtube	○	○	○	○
Twitter	○	○	○	○
Facebook	○	○	○	○

Which cable news network do you most prefer?

CNN	MSNBC	Fox News	Other cable news network	No preference
○	○	○		○
			○	

Please read and evaluate the following research summary.

A recent clinical trial randomized 1355 people who tested positive for COVID-19 to receive either ${e://Field/ipc_drug} or a [placebo](#).

After 28 days, 12.8% of the people who received ${e://Field/ipc_drug} had been hospitalized, compared to 14.1% of patients who received a placebo.

The difference between these two percentages was <u>not statistically significant</u>, which means that the difference was likely due to random chance. On this basis, the researchers concluded that <u>their data did not support ${e://Field/ipc_drug} as an effective treatment for COVID-19.</u>

Please rate your agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There is reason to suspect that the researchers were motivated to find a particular result.	○	○	○	○	○
This trial used strong scientific methods.	○	○	○	○	○
Please select 'agree'.	○	○	○	○	○

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
This trial provides compelling evidence that ${e://Field/ipc_drug} is **not** effective for COVID-19.	○	○	○	○	○

Demographics

This is the last page!

What is your age?

[   ]

How do you describe yourself?

○ Male

○ Female

○ Non-binary / third gender

○ [   ] Prefer to self-describe

○ Prefer not to say

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

○ Less than high school

○ High school or equivalent

○ Some college

○ 2 year degree

○ 4 year degree

○ Graduate or professional degree

○ Doctorate

What is your 5 digit zip code?

(Link: why we're asking for this)

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Which of the following best describes what you think about the scientific method?

○ The scientific method generally produces accurate conclusions

○ The scientific method can be used to produce any conclusion the researcher wants

(Optional) Do you have any feedback or questions? If you would like a response, you may include an email address.

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