S9. Will you please tell me your age?

- _____ years
- Refuse to answer

HIDDEN CODE – AGE RANGE (Auto-punch based on response to S9)

- Below 20 years old
- 20 - 25 years old
- 26 - 30 years old
- 31 - 35 years old
- 36 - 40 years old
- 41 - 45 years old
- 46 - 50 years old
- 51 - 55 years old
- Above 55 years old
- Refuse to answer

MIM_USE01. Which of the following **mobile instant messengers** do you use most?
- WhatsApp
- Telegram
- Facebook Messenger
- Viber
- Line
- WeChat
- I use none of these.

Consent

Key Information

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The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later on in this form.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?

We invite you to take part in a research study because you are a user of at least one mobile instant messenger (e.g., WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram), and you are of the age of majority in your country.

What should I know about a research study?
- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- Your participation is completely voluntary.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?
The purpose of this survey is to understand how people consume and share information on mobile instant messengers like WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram and Facebook Messenger.

How long will the research last and what will I need to do?
We expect that you will be in this research study for 20 minutes. You will be asked to answer a series of questions about how you use and consume information on social platforms, how much you see particular kinds of information on different social platforms and how you interpret information on social platforms.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?
We don't believe there are any risks from participating in this research.

Will being in this study help me in any way?
There are no benefits to you from your taking part in this research. We cannot promise any benefits to others from your taking part in this research. However, possible benefits to others include helping journalists to improve the quality of information shared on mobile instant messengers.

Detailed Information

The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

What is the purpose of this research?
The purpose of this survey is to understand how people consume and share information on mobile instant messengers like WhatsApp, Viber, Telegram and Facebook Messenger.

While major media coverage has been devoted to the spread of information on mainstream social platforms like Facebook and Google, mobile instant messengers like WhatsApp and Viber, among others, continue to grow in popularity worldwide. And as the popularity of Facebook and Twitter as news sources shows signs of stagnating or declining around the world, messaging platforms are increasingly becoming a means through which users learn about the wider world.

When information spreads on Facebook or Twitter, it is "public" enough that it can be identified and tracked. However, barring a few exceptions, all activity on mobile instant messengers that exists outside one's immediate network is completely invisible. As such, it can be much harder to identify, track, and respond to information.

The potential benefits of this research include informing researchers and journalists about how people interact with information on mobile instant messengers, and improving the quality of information shared on these platforms.

How long will I take part in this research?
We expect that you will be in this research study for 20 minutes.

What can I expect if I take part in this research?
You will now complete an online survey that will present you with a series of messages. After viewing each message, you will be asked to answer questions about each that (1) gauge your impressions and (2) test your memory. You will also be asked (3) demographic questions.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?
You can leave the research at any time, and it will not be held against you. You will not have to explain why you are withdrawing from the research. We will not record any of your responses.

If I take part in this research, how will my privacy be protected? What happens to the information you collect?
Efforts will be made to limit the use and disclosure of your Personal Information, including research study and medical records, to people who have a need to review this information. We cannot promise complete secrecy. Organizations that may inspect and copy your information include the Harvard Kennedy School, Ipsos, Reboot, Myanmar Survey Research and other representatives of this organization.

Data from this study will be published alongside the report that results from the data, and should be assumed to be publicly accessible forever. Your responses will not be associated with your identity.

If identifiers are removed from your identifiable private information or identifiable samples that are collected during this research, that information or those samples could be used for future

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research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent.

Can I be removed from the research without my OK?
The person in charge of the research study or the sponsor can remove you from the research study without your approval. Possible reasons for removal include apparent negligence in responding to questions.

What else do I need to know?
This research is being funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Omidyar Network.

Compensation
If you are a resident of Myanmar, and agree to take part in this research study, we will provide you the equivalent of 8,000 Myanmar Kyat in grocery/department store gift vouchers, cash or phone airtime credit at the end of the survey

Who can I talk to?
If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at [COUNTRY COORDINATING RESEARCHER EMAIL] or [COUNTRY COORDINATING RESEARCHER PHONE NUMBER]. Alternatively, you can send an email to Irene Pasquetto at irene_pasquetto@hks.harvard.edu.

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Harvard University Area Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). You may talk to them at (617) 496-2847 or cuhs@harvard.edu if:
- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

Survey

The participant must be randomly assigned to one of 4 different conditions, organized by two dimensions. These conditions will determine which variables/stimuli will be presented to the participant.

- *CLOSE_QUAL: STRONG vs. WEAK*
- *AGREE_QUAL: IN vs. OUT*

At one point in the survey, the participant is presented with a piece of misinformation. What misinformation the participant sees must depend on how he/she answers the PARTY_THERMO

question. Which correction depends on PARTY_THERMO. Naturally, the participant should only see a correction that is relevant to the misinformation they viewed. The order of scale questions (e.g., CRT01 - 07) and questions that are repeated for multiple list items should be randomized.

S4. INTERVIEWER : Record City
[open-end]

S7. INTERVIEWER : Record Urbanity
- Urban
- Rural

S8. INTERVIEWER : Record Gender
- Male
- Female

S9. Will you please tell me your age?
- _____ years
- Refuse to answer

HIDDEN CODE – AGE RANGE (Auto-punch based on response to S9)
- Below 20 years old
- 20 - 25 years old
- 26 - 30 years old
- 31 - 35 years old
- 36 - 40 years old
- 41 - 45 years old
- 46 - 50 years old
- 51 - 55 years old
- Above 55 years old
- Refuse to answer

S10. What is your marital status?
- Single/never married
- Married
- Divorced/Separated
- Widowed
- Other **(Please specify)**

S13. May I know the level of education that you have finished?
- Have not attained any degree
- Primary school (grade 1 - 5)
- Middle school (grade 6 - 9)
- High school (grade 10 - 11)

- Diploma
- University/ College
- Post-graduate and above
- Vocational training
- Other (Please specify)

S14. May I know your occupational status?
- Professional/ Technical – Doctor, Lawyer, Dentist, etc.
- Self-employed/ Shop owner
- Senior management/ Executive – in Private companies, Lecturers, Professors, Principal etc.
- Middle/ Junior management – in Private companies, Teachers, etc.
- Sales/ Marketing
- Clerical/ Service worker - Lower grade Govt./NGOs staff, clerical staff
- Government official/ Civil servant/ Army officer /Police officer
- Skilled manual worker – Carpenter, Plumber, Electrician, Shop assistant, Cook, Waiter in mid-high end restaurant
- Unskilled manual worker / Labourer / Maid, Watchman, Street vendor, Waiter in beer centers, small eateries, food courts etc.
- Housewife/Homemaker
- Student
- Retiree
- Other **(Please specify)**

S15. For statistical purpose, may I know how much is your monthly household income? By household income, I mean the income from all household members from all sources such as salary, bonus, and even support from overseas.
- _____MMK

HIDDEN CODE – HOUSEHOLD INCOME RANGE (Auto-punch based on response to S15)
- Below 150,000 Kyats
- 150,001 - 300,000 Kyats
- 300,001 - 600,000 Kyats
- 600,001 - 1,200,000 Kyats
- 1,200,001 - 2,000,000 Kyats
- 2,000,001 Kyats and above

RELIGION. What is your religion?
- Buddhism
- Christianity
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Other _____

- None

PARTY_DESC. We will now ask a few questions about your politics.

PARTY. Which national political party do you identify with, if any?
- Arakan National Party (ANP)
- Kachin State Democracy Party (KSDP)
- Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KDUP)
- Lisu National Development Party (LNDP)
- Mon National Party (MNP)
- National League for Democracy (NLD)
- National Unity Party (NUP)
- Pa-O National Organisation (PNO)
- Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD)
- Ta'ang National Party (TNP)
- Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)
- Wa Democratic Party (WDP)
- Zomi Congress for Democracy (ZCD)
- Other _____
- None

IDEO. Some people talk about 'left', 'right' and 'center' to describe parties and politicians. (Generally, socialist parties would be considered 'left wing' whilst conservative parties would be considered 'right wing'). With this in mind, where would you place yourself on the following scale?
- Very left-wing
- Somewhat left-wing
- Centre
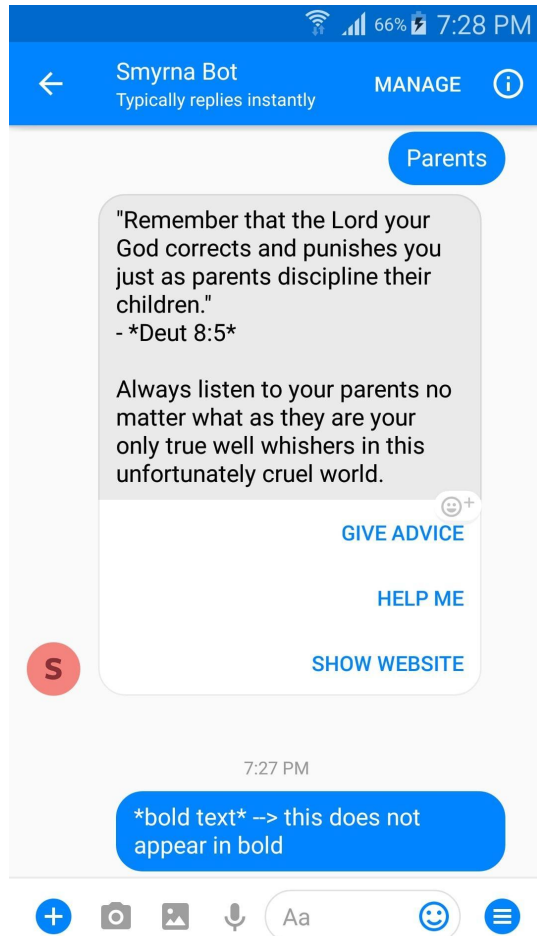- Somewhat right-wing
- Very right-wing

PARTY_THERMO. Please rate each of the groups using the thermometers below. The thermometers run from 0 to 100 degrees. Ratings above 50 mean you feel supportive and warm toward the group. Ratings below 50 mean you feel unfavorable and cool toward the group.

[SLIDER SCALE FROM 0 TO 100% FOR EACH, SCALES CANNOT BE EQUAL, MUST DIFFER]
- National League for Democracy (NLD)
- Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP)

FB_MESS_DESC. We will now ask a few questions about your use of social networks and mobile instant messengers. For this survey, you should consider Facebook Messenger (the private messaging feature attached to Facebook) as **separate and distinct** from the rest of Facebook (the News Feed or Timeline, Groups, Pages).

The image on the left is a screenshot of **Facebook Messenger**, whereas the image on the right is a screenshot of **Facebook**.

MIM_USE01. Which of the following **mobile instant messengers** do you use most?
- WhatsApp
- Telegram
- Facebook Messenger
- Viber
- Line
- WeChat
- I use none of these.

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SNS_USE01. Which of the following **social networking services** do you use the most?

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- I use none of these.

MIM_USE02. In the past week, how often did you use **{MOST-USED MIM}**?

- Never
- Once
- A few times
- Once a day
- A couple of times a day
- Once every few hours
- Once an hour
- Multiple times an hour

SNS_USE02. In the past week, how often did you use **{MOST-USED SNS}**?

- Never
- Once
- A few times
- Once a day
- A couple of times a day
- Once every few hours
- Once an hour
- Multiple times an hour

TIE_INTRO. We will now ask you to provide the first name of a contact with whom you might share political content on {MOST-USED MIM}. **We will not disclose this name to anyone. We will not try to identify or contact this individual.**

We ask for the first name – and only the first name – of your contact to keep he or she anonymous.

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TIE_GET. Please write the first name of a person that…

> {CLOSE_QUAL}, and
> {AGREE_QUAL}

(Note: This person must meet both criteria as best as possible. As such, this person must be someone you know – not a politician.)

- [TEXT FIELD]

TIE_CONFIRMATION. Are you certain that {TIE} is someone you personally know and who {CLOSE_QUAL} and {AGREE_QUAL}? If Not, please write the first name of a person that meets both criteria. This is very important. Otherwise, leave the field blank.

- [TEXT FIELD]

MISINFO_BELIEF01. How confident are you that the claim below is inaccurate or accurate?

"၂၀၂၀ ရွေးကောက်ပွဲ ကို အချိန်မီ မကျင်းပနိုင်လျှင် ပြည်သူ့ရှေ့ဆောင်ပါတီ (PPP) အာဏာသိမ်းနိုင်ချင်း အခြေအနေ ရှိသည်ဟု ဒေါ်အောင်ဆန်းစုကြည် သတိပေး။ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီး ကော့မှူးမြို့နယ် ဒေသခံများနှင့်အောက်တိုဘာ ၁၉ ရက်က ပြုလုပ်သည့် အွန်လိုင်းစကားဝိုင်းတွင် အမျိုးသားဒီမိုကရေစီအဖွဲ့ချုပ်ပါတီ (NLD) ဥက္ကဌက ထိုသို့ပြောကြားခဲ့ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။"
Translation: If the 2020 election cannot happen on time, the PPP has a chance to take over the country, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi warns. The Chairman of the NLD made this statement during an online town hall with constituents from Kawmhu Township.

{MISINFO_CLAIM}
- Definitely inaccurate/
- Probably inaccurate
- Not sure if accurate or inaccurate
- Probably accurate
- Definitely accurate

Record timestamp at which question is seen
MISINFO_PRES. Please take a look at the post below, which recently circulated on Facebook. You will be asked questions about it later.

These files are sent along with the survey (available in google drive).
If the participant rated NLD lower than USDP on PARTY_THERMO:
nld_misinfo.pdf
IIf the participant rated USDP lower than NLD on PARTY_THERMO:
usdp_misinfo.pdf
{MISINFO_MES}

MISINFO_MANIP. According to the Facebook post you just saw, who warned about the take over of the country by a certain political party, if 2020 elections did not happen on time?
- Daw Thet Thet Khine
- U Zaw Myint Maung
- U Aung Ko
- Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
- Phyo Min Thein

CORR_DESC. We will now ask you to imagine that **{TIE}** has forwarded a message to you on **{MOST-USED MIM}**. Please imagine that the message on the next page was forwarded to you by **{TIE}**.

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CORR_PRES. Imagine that **{TIE}** forwarded the message below to you.

{CORR}

CORR_IN_DESC. Please answer the following questions about the message **{TIE}** shared with you.

CORR_IN01. How much **attention** did you pay to the message?
- None at all
- A little
- A moderate amount
- A good amount
- A great deal

CORR_IN02. How much did you **think** about the message?
- Not at all
- A little
- A moderate amount
- A good amount
- A great deal

CORR_IN03. How **interesting** was the message?
- Not at all interesting
- Slightly interesting
- Moderately interesting
- Interesting
- Very interesting

CORR_CRED01. How **accurate** was the message?
- Not at all accurate
- Slightly accurate
- Moderately accurate

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- Accurate
- Very accurate

CORR_CRED02. How **authentic** was the message?
- Not at all authentic
- Slightly authentic
- Moderately authentic
- Authentic
- Very authentic

CORR_CRED03. How **believable** was the message?
- Not at all believable
- Slightly believable
- Moderately believable
- Believable
- Very believable

CORR_CRED04. How **professional** was the message?
- Not at all professional
- Slightly professional
- Moderately professional
- Professional
- Very professional

CORR_MIMSHARE. How likely would you be to forward {TIE}'s message on {MOST-USED MIM}?
- Not at all likely
- Slightly likely
- Moderately likely
- Likely
- Very likely

CORR_SNSSHARE. How likely would you be to forward {TIE}'s message on {MOST-USED SNS}?
- Not at all likely
- Slightly likely
- Moderately likely
- Likely
- Very likely

CORR_CHANGEBELIEF: If you had actually received the message from {TIE}, how likely would you have been to change your belief about the claim below:
{MISINFO_CLAIM}

- Not at all likely
- Slightly likely
- Moderately likely
- Likely
- Very likely

CORR_MANIP. According to the message that {TIE} sent you, which of the following challenges was discussed in the online event?

- Economic Development and Poverty
- Foreign Relations
- COVID-19
- Rohingya Conflict
- Constitutional Reform

CLAIM_PREV, CLAIM_PLAT and CLAIM_BELIEF should be asked of multiple claims:

- A random selection of 4 out of the 7 debunked claims in CLAIMS LIST (see Appendix).
- 3 mainstream claims, which should be selected in the following way:
  - Identify the mainstream example sets corresponding to the 4 debunked claims that were randomly selected.
  - Randomly select 3 of those mainstream example sets.
  - Randomly select 1 example from each of the 3 selected example sets.
  - Delete any duplicates. Resample from 3 selected example sets until no duplicates remain.
- There are 3 Placebo claims groups. Randomly select 1 placebo claim from each of the placebo claims groups. So in total there will be 3 placebo claims, one from each group.

In the original survey, we were showing 5 deubunked claims, but here we are only showing 4. This is because we have fewer claims that are still relevant.
In the original survey, we had 5 placebo claims, 2 of which were randomly selected. We have a modification here with placebos. First of all we show 3 instead of 2. 1- One placebo is randomly selected from the old list of 5 placebos and presented to the subject. 2- The second placebo should be selected randomly from the new group of 2 placebos. 3- Similarly, the third placebo should be selected randomly from the 3rd new group of 2 placebos.
So we have three groups of placebos. 1- The old 5 placebos, one of which is randomly selected. 2- Two new placebos groups, each with 2 claims, one of which is randomly selected per group.

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CLAIM_DESC. We will now ask you questions about 10 claims that recently circulated on social networks and mobile instant messengers.

Among other things, you will be asked whether you believe each claim. If the claim is a statement from a public figure, consider whether you believe the person made the statement – not whether you believe the statement itself.

CLAIM_PREV. Before this study, had you seen or heard the claim below?

{CLAIM} **SEE CLAIMS LIST**
- Yes
- Maybe
- No

VERY IMPORTANT: Randomize the order in which CLAIM_PREV and CLAIM_BELEIF are asked from the subject. Do this for every claim we show.

CLAIM_BELIEF. When you first saw or heard the claim below – just now, perhaps – how confident were you that it was inaccurate or accurate?

{CLAIM} **SEE CLAIMS LIST**
- Definitely inaccurate
- Probably inaccurate
- Not sure if accurate or inaccurate
- Probably accurate
- Definitely accurate

Only ask if participant responds 'Yes' to CLAIM_PREV

CLAIM_PLAT. Where do you recall seeing or hearing the claim below?

{CLAIM} **SEE CLAIMS LIST**
  - **SEE MIM LIST**
  - **SEE SNS LIST**
  - Television
  - Radio
  - Newspaper
  - Magazine
  - Word-of-mouth
  - Other _____

○ Don't know

ATT_SCREEN. The color test is simple. Below you are asked for your favorite color. Don't insert your favorite color, instead you must enter the word "orange" in the text box below.

What is your favorite color?
- [TEXT FIELD]

NEWS_DESC. We will now ask you a few questions about how you consume news.

POLI_INTEREST. Generally speaking, how interested are you in politics and public affairs?
- Not at all interested
- Slightly interested
- Moderately interested
- Interested
- Very interested

POLI_ATT. Generally speaking, how often do you pay attention to information about politics and public affairs?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- Very frequently

ACC_NEWS. In the past week, how often did you read, watch, or listen to news?
- Never
- Once
- A few times
- Once a day
- A couple of times a day
- Once every few hours
- Once an hour
- Multiple times an hour

MIM_SEE_NEWS. In the past week, how often did you see or hear news on {MOST-USED MIM}?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Frequently

- Very frequently

MIM_DISCUSS_NEWS. In the past week, how often did you discuss or share news on {MOST-USED MIM}?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- Very frequently

SNS_SEE_NEWS. In the past week, how often did you see or hear news on {MOST-USED SNS}?
- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Frequently
- Very frequently

SNS_DISCUSS_NEWS. In the past week, how often did you discuss or share news on {MOST-USED SNS}?
- _1 Never (1)
- _2 Rarely (2)
- _3 Sometimes (3)
- _4 Frequently (4)
- _5 Very frequently (5)

MISINFO_BELIEF02. How confident are you that the claim below is inaccurate or accurate?

NOTE: WE ARE USING NEW CLAIMS HERE AS THE OLD ONES WERE OBSOLETE. PLEASE SHOW THE ORIGINAL BURMESE CLAIM IF THE SURVEYS ARE ADMINISTERED IN BURMESE.

If the participant rated NLD lower than USDP on PARTY_THERMO:
"၂၀၂၀ ရွေးကောက်ပွဲ ကို အချိန်မီ မကျင်းပနိုင်လျှင် အမျိုးသားဒီမိုကရေစီအဖွဲ့ချုပ်ပါတီ (NLD)အာဏာသိမ်းနိုင်ချင်း အခြေအနေ ရှိသည်ဟု ဒေါ်သက်သက်ခိုင် သတ်ပေး။ Frontier Magazine

အောက်တိုဘာ ၁၄ ရက်က ပြုလုပ်သည့် အွန်လိုင်းစကားဝိုင်းတွင် ပြည်သူ့ရှေ့ဆောင်ပါတီ (PPP) ဥက္ကဋ္ဌက ထိုသို့ပြောကြားခဲ့ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။"

Translation: "If the 2020 election cannot happen on time, the NLD has a chance to take over the country, Daw Thet Thet Khine warns. The Chairman of the PPP made this statement during an online talk organized by Frontier Myanmar."

If the participant rated USDP lower than NLD on PARTY_THERMO:

"၂၀၂၀ ရွေးကောက်ပွဲ ကို အချိန်မီ မကျင်းပနိုင်လျှင် ပြည်သူ့ရှေ့ဆောင်ပါတီ (PPP) အာဏာသိမ်းနိုင်ချင်း အခြေအနေ ရှိသည်ဟု ဒေါ်အောင်ဆန်းစုကြည် သတိပေး။ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းဒေသကြီး ကော့မှူးမြို့နယ် ဒေသခံများနှင့်အောက်တိုဘာ ၁၉ ရက်က ပြုလုပ်သည့် အွန်လိုင်းစကားဝိုင်းတွင် အမျိုးသားဒီမိုကရေစီအဖွဲ့ချုပ်ပါတီ (NLD) ဥက္ကဋ္ဌက ထိုသို့ပြောကြားခဲ့ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။"

Translation: If the 2020 election cannot happen on time, the PPP has a chance to take over the country, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi warns. The Chairman of the NLD made this statement during an online town hall with constituents from Kawmhu Township.

{MISINFO_CLAIM}
- _1 Definitely inaccurate (1)
- _2 Probably inaccurate (2)
- _3 Not sure if accurate or inaccurate (3)
- _4 Probably accurate (4)
- _5 Definitely accurate (5)

TIE_STR_DESC. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the statements below.

The following statements refer to your relationship with **{TIE}**. Please think about your relationship with **{TIE}** when responding to the following statements.

TIE_STR01. My relationship with **{TIE}** is close.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR02. When we are apart, I miss **{TIE}** a great deal.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR03. **{TIE}** and I disclose important personal things to each other.

- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR04. **{TIE}** and I have a strong connection.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR05. **{TIE}** and I want to spend time together.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR06. I'm sure of my relationship with **{TIE}**.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR07. **{TIE}** is a priority in my life.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR08. **{TIE}** and I do a lot of things together.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR09. When I have free time I choose to spend it alone with **{TIE}**.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)

- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR10. I think about **{TIE}** a lot.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR11. My relationship with **{TIE}** is important in my life.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_STR12. I consider **{TIE}** when making important decisions.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_AGREE. How much does **{TIE}** disagree or agree with your political beliefs?
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_CRED_DESC. Please indicate how much you disagree or agree with the statements below.

TIE_CRED01. **{TIE}** is well-informed about politics and current events.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)

- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_CRED02. **{TIE}** is trustworthy.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_CRED03. **{TIE}** has my best interests at heart.
- _1 Strongly disagree (1)
- _2 Somewhat disagree (2)
- _3 Neither agree nor disagree (3)
- _4 Somewhat agree (4)
- _5 Strongly agree (5)

TIE_POLI_FREQ. How frequently do you discuss politics and current events with **{TIE}**?
- _1 Never (1)
- _2 Rarely (2)
- _3 Sometimes (3)
- _4 Frequently (4)
- _5 Very frequently (5)

TIE_GEN. What is **{TIE}'s** gender?
- _1 Male
- _2 Female

Participant should be able to select multiple answers
TIE_ROLE. Who is **{TIE}**? Select all that apply.
- ❏ _1 Friend
- ❏ _2 Family
- ❏ _3 Romantic partner
- ❏ _4 Work colleague
- ❏ _5 Schoolmate
- ❏ _6 Neighbor
- ❏ _7 Member of a peer group (e.g., church, charity organization)
- ❏ _8 Acquaintance
- ❏ _9 Stranger
- ❏ _10 Other _____

MISINFO_TYPE_PREV. In the past week, how often did you personally come across each of the following?
SEE MISINFO TYPE LIST
- _1 Never (1)
- _2 Rarely (2)
- _3 Sometimes (3)
- _4 Frequently (4)
- _5 Very frequently (5)

VER_STRAT. When using {MOST-USED MIM}, how often do you use each of the following strategies to decide whether a message is accurate?
SEE VERIFICATION STRATEGIES LIST
- _1 Never (1)
- _2 Rarely (2)
- _3 Sometimes (3)
- _4 Frequently (4)
- _5 Very frequently (5)

NEWS_TRUST. How **trustworthy** is information coming from each of the following sources?
SEE SOURCE TYPES LIST
- _1 Not at all trustworthy (1)
- _2 Slightly trustworthy (2)
- _3 Moderately trustworthy (3)
- _4 Trustworthy (4)
- _5 Very trustworthy (5)

IND_SCREEN. When asked to provide the first name of an individual, did you provide the name of someone you actually know?

(Note: Please be honest! You will get credit for your response regardless.)
- _1 Yes
- _2 No

SEARCH_SCREEN. Did you search the internet (via Google or otherwise) at any point during the survey?

(Note: Please be honest! You will get credit for your response regardless.)

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- _1 Yes
- _2 No

Debrief

Thank you for participating in our study. The purpose of this study was to measure how widely recognized certain false claims are, and to gauge the effectiveness of new methods of presenting corrections of false claims.

Some of the messages presented to you in this study were false. They are listed below.

We appreciate your help in improving the way corrections are written. If you have any concerns, please email Irene Pasquetto at irene_pasquetto@hks.harvard.edu.

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