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Description

Hello! Thank you for participating in this study.

In this study, we are going to find out what is the explicit reasoning behind human judgements on what to fact check.

There will be no sensitive or personal information needed.

In order to get payment in Prolific, you have to click the submit button in the end of the questionnaire.

The survey consists of 5 tasks, each with 16 questions, and it will take roughly 10 minutes to complete.

You will be presented with a series of "*pictured claims*" — short statements accompanied by an image. Please read each claim carefully and decide whether it seems **checkworthy or not** (i.e., worth fact-checking).

What is checkworthy? Our core criterion is: if this claim is false, is it likely to have a significant negative impact on an individual or society? Please do not make decisions solely based on whether the image and text match.

Please consider the following questions when making your judgment:

- If someone believes this false claim, will anyone suffer health damage, be scammed, or face safety risks?
- Will it cause unnecessary social panic, discrimination, or antagonism?
- Will it seriously mislead public decision-making (such as voting, health choices) or undermine trust in key institutions (government, hospitals, media)?

Examples



Example of a checkworthy claim



Claim: “Drinking a cup of bleach can cure COVID-19.”

Reason: This statement poses a public health risk and clearly needs fact-checking.

✗ Example of a not-checkworthy claim



Claim: “Cats sleep for most of the day.”

Reason: This is a harmless, generally known statement with little consequence even if not fully accurate.

After reviewing each claim and image, please answer the following questions based on your own intuition and judgment.

Task1



Claim: A photograph shows a young nancy pelosi as "miss lube rack" of 1959.

Q1 How understandable is this claim?

- ☐ Clearly understandable
- ☐ Vague or ambiguous

Q2 Is the claim factual or opinion-based?

- ☐ Factual or verifiable
- ☐ Opinion or judgement

Q3 Is the claim novel or familiar?

- ☐ Novel
- ☐ Familiar

Q4 Which domain best fits this claim?

- ☐ Health & Medicine
- ☐ Politics & Policy
- ☐ Science & Environment
- ☐ Economics & Finance
- ☐ Social Events
- ☐ Entertainment & Gossip
- ☐ Others

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- ☐ Checkworthy
- ☐ Not checkworthy


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Q8 Does the image support the claim?

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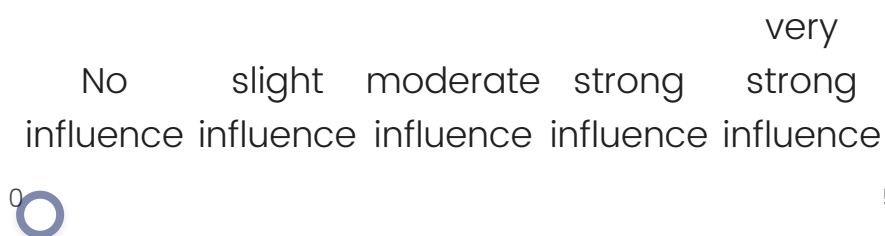
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Task2



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Q2 Is the claim factual or opinion-based?

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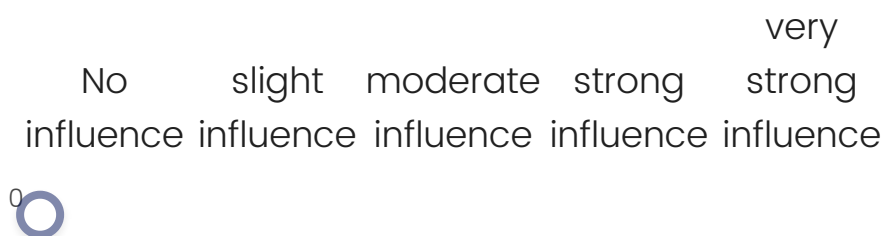
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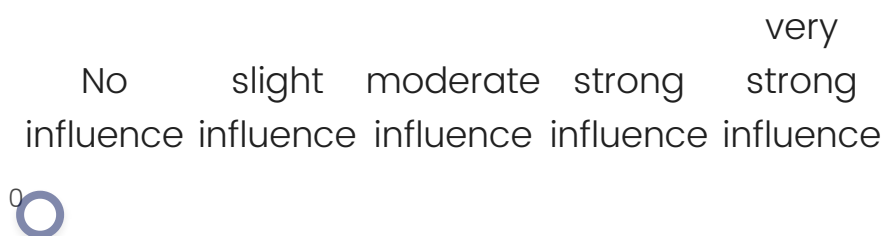
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This is what a “Super Moon” at the Temple of Poseidon looks like

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"super moon" behind the temple of poseidon at cape sounion, greece.

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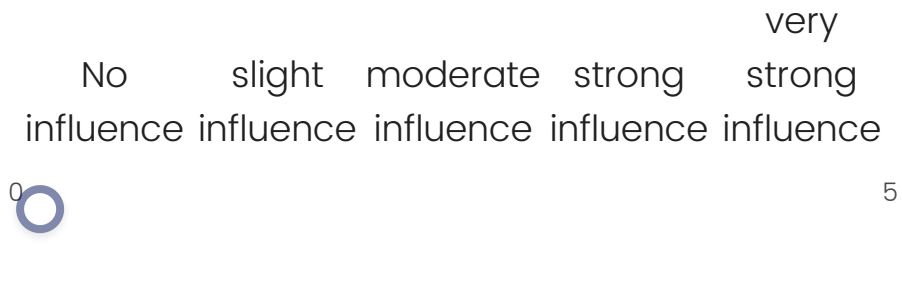
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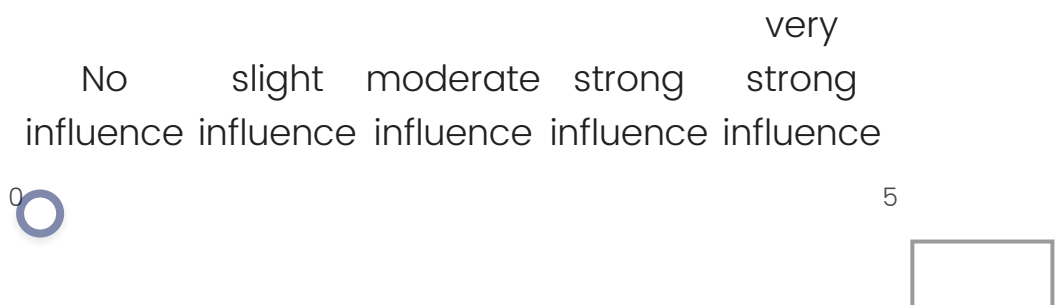
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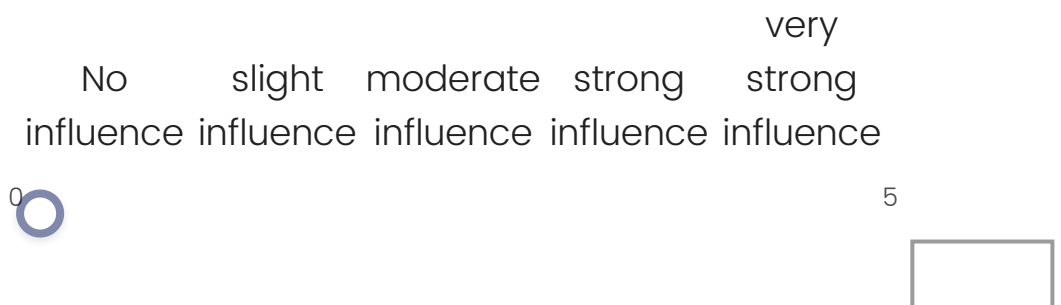
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Claim: Turbaned man and two police officers stand in front of a white canopy and a pile of garbage bags.

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Q2 Is the claim factual or opinion-based?

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- ☐ Novel
- ☐ Familiar

Q4 Which domain best fits this claim?

- ☐ Health & Medicine
- ☐ Politics & Policy
- ☐ Science & Environment
- ☐ Economics & Finance
- ☐ Social Events
- ☐ Entertainment & Gossip

☐ Others

Q5 Is the claim checkworthy?

- ☐ Checkworthy
- ☐ Not checkworthy

Q6 Why is the claim checkworthy

☒ Potential Harms: If this is false, what are the most direct negative consequences? (e.g., health risks, economic losses, incitement of social hatred, misleading public policy, etc.)

Suspicious Evidence: Which specific elements in the statement (e.g., logical contradictions, questionable data, forged images, unreliable sources) make you feel it needs to be verified?

Avoid using vague expressions such as "seems like fake news" or "feels unreliable."

Q7 If the claim is false, what consequences might occur?

Q6 Why is the claim not checkworthy?

Q8 Does the image support the claim?

- ☐ Fully support
- ☐ Partially support
- ☐ Misleading

Q9 In the list of these fruits, please select the third option below.

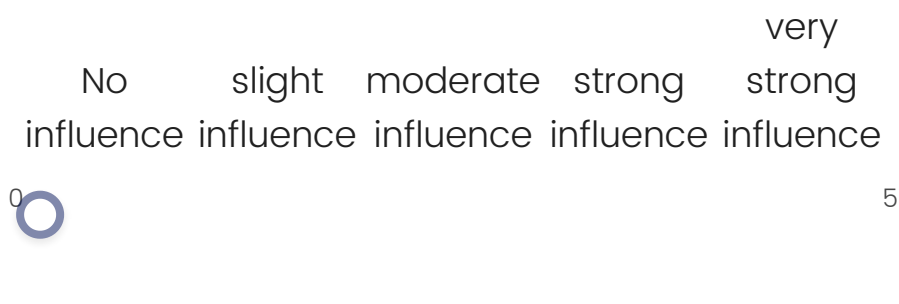
- ☐ Apple
- ☐ Banana
- ☐ Orange
- ☐ Grape

Q10 Would your judgement change without the image?
and why?

Q11 Does the text use emotional or manipulative
language?

- ☐ Fear
- ☐ Anger
- ☐ Excitement/Surprise
- ☐ Sadness/Sympathy
- ☐ Humor/Sarcasm
- ☐ Religion/Faith
- ☐ No, the language is neutral and objective

Q12 Did these emotions influence your judgement?



Q13 Do you suspect this picture was generated by AI or maliciously tampered with?

- ☐ I suspect
- ☐ Hard to tell
- ☐ No suspicion

Q14 If you suspected AI generation or manipulation, what clues led you to this judgment?

- ☐ Distorted or unnatural hands, feet, or other body parts
- ☐ Stiff facial expressions or unnatural facial features
- ☐ Text incorrectly blended with objects (e.g., floating text)
- ☐ Illogical lighting, texture, or perspective
- ☐ The image feels “too perfect” or unrealistic
- ☐ I have seen evidence elsewhere that this image is fake
- ☐ Other

Q15 Did seeing similar claims before affect your judgment?

- ☐ More likely to believe
- ☐ More likely to doubt
- ☐ No effect

Q16 How might personal feeling influence interpretation of this statement?

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Do you have any feedback about this questionnaire? if you have, please let us know about your feeling.

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