Supplemental material

Supplemental material 1 - Description of the 60 conspiracy theories

Labels	Questions
rad_poison	Governments and the nuclear industry are intentionally poisoning the public with radioactive food.
aids_cia	AIDS was created by the CIA and deliberately spread by the WHO via polio inoculations in Africa to try to reduce the world population.
aids_cover	Scientists and politicians are trying to cover up that AIDS is not caused by HIV infection.
vaccine_autism	Scientists and politicians are trying to cover up that mercury in vaccines is causing autism.
bee_dieoff	The mass die-offs of honeybees are attributable to corporations' desire to control the food supply.
cancer_cure	The cure for cancer actually exists, but is being suppressed by the government and corporations.
covid_5g	The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic has been triggered by 5G antennas.
elf_mindcontrol	The United States Department of Defense (DOD) is experimenting with ELF (Extremely Low Frequency) devices to control people's minds.
covid_china	The Chinese government deliberately released the COVID-19.
earthquake_bomb	Scientists have developed a secret earthquake bomb capable of causing incredible devastation.
moon_hoax	The lunar landing was a hoax and was staged in a movie set.
climate_hoax	Global warming is a hoax created by the UN and politically funded environmentalists.
earth_meltdown	The Earth is in meltdown and the scientists are hiding this fact.
hollow_earth	The Earth is hollow, with a hole to the underworld located in the Arctic regions, protected by the World's superpowers.
flat_earth	NASA and other agencies are denying the fact that the earth is actually flat, with an army guarding the ice wall around the outside.
cold_fusion_cover	The scientific community, politicians and oil industry are trying to cover up cold fusion.
ufo_cover	The United States is hiding UFO wreckage at various secret bases.

stargate_iraq	The US government is operating a Stargate program and the Iraq War may have been caused because Saddam Hussein had one.
alien_cover	Ample evidence of alien life and civilization exists in our solar system, but is covered up by NASA.
evolution_false	Scientists are trying to impose the false theories of evolution and the big bang on the public.
cern_hell	In the CERN laboratory scientists are using the LHC (the biggest particles accelerator in the World) to open a portal to Hell.
chemtrails	The vaporous contrails left by commercial jets flying through cold air pockets are actually chemtrails which disperse harmful chemical-biological agents.
911_gov	9/11 was staged by the United States government.
911_energy_weapon	9/11 was contrived by a directed-energy weapon that 'dustified' at least the top 80% of each tower.
wtc7_det	World Trade Center Building 7 was purposely detonated.
swineflu_terror	The 2009 swine flu outbreak was a terrorist attack.
hebdo_staged	The assassination of eight journalists at Charlie Hebdo in January 2015 was staged by the French government as a pretext for a crack-down on the Muslim population.
paris_bomb_staged	The November 2015 Paris bombings were staged by the French government as a pretext for a crack-down on the Muslim population.
911_forewarned	The US government knew about the 9/11 attacks in advance. And let them happen.
epstein_murder	Jeffrey Epstein, the controversial American millionaire, did not commit suicide but was murdered
cia_conspiracy_label	In the 1960s, the CIA launched a campaign to discredit all conspiracy theorists by labeling them as irrational, aiming to conceal genuine government conspiracies and undermine dissenting views towards the government.
malcolm_x_gov	Malcolm X was killed by government agents.
liberty_lucifer	The Statue of Liberty was built by French Freemasons to secretly represent Lucifer.
hitler_alive	Hitler did not commit suicide in 1945, and escapedto South America, where he lived until 1990, before dying at the age of 101.
nwo_group	The whole world is run by a group trying to create some form of New World Order.

un_worldgov	The United Nations secret aim is to eliminate and invade sovereign nations with 'peacekeeper' troops to create a World Government.
alqaeda_falseflag	Al-Qaeda does not exist, and is a fictitious false enemy group created by the US Government in order to generate a fear campaign against a common enemy in order to justify numerous military actions by the US Army.
rothschild_control	The world is secretly ruled by the extremely powerful bankers Rothschild family.
oil_tech_suppress	Oil companies are deliberately suppressing more efficient and less polluting car technology.
central_banks	The Central banks deliberately cause inflation and recessions.
monsanto_gmo	Monsanto Company is secretly maneuvering to control the world's food supply using GMOs.
ebola_bigpharma	The 2014 Ebola epidemic was deliberately contrived by Big Pharma in order to make profits from vaccines.
jesus_fake	The Roman Empire invented the figure of Jesus.
muhammad_fake	The Prophet Muhammad did not actually exist, but was invented after his alleged death in the 9th century.
satanic_org	A huge, international secret organization aims to commit the Satanic ritual abuse and murder of small children.
masons_control	The Masons secretly run the World.
jews_control	The Jews secretly run the World.
monks_fake_history	Medieval monks faked most of classical literature and church history to promote an atheistic agenda.
elvis_alive	Elvis Presley is not dead and is living under the name 'John Burrows'.
marley_cia	The reggae musician Bob Marley was assassinated by the CIA.
diana_queen	The Queen of England ordered Princess Diana murdered by the British secret service because she was pregnant with Dodi Fayed's child and was about to convert to Islam.
sports_staged	Most, if not all professional sports are staged, and all the players are really B-grade actors.
goy_cabal	A Yiddish secret society called Goy Cabal is using Wikipedia as part of a plan to dominate the information in the world.

kubrick_illuminati	Director Stanley Kubrick was secretly a member of the Illuminati and devoted his entire career to hiding clues of their existence in his films, eventually getting assassinated after he crossed the line with his last film
titanic_olympic	The Titanic did not sink and the ship that did sink was its sister ship the Olympic in an insurance scam.
prison_racism	In an effort to control prison population, the US prison system creates and promotes racism.
slavery_choice	Slavery was a choice for Africans, and they chose to live in America for a better life.
conspiracy_fake	In order to divert the public's attention away from what is happening, some people generate credible conspiracy theories and then argue that any conspiracy theory is just a fictional delusion.
lefthand_secret	A secret society of left-handed individuals controls the United States and the world. Five out of the last eight presidents were either left-handed or ambidextrous.
sharia_law_west	Muslims are trying to impose Sharia law on the West.

Table SM1.1. Question wording of the 60 conspiracy theories and variable name

Variable	Stats / Values	Variable	Stats / Values
rad_poison	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.2)	epstein_murder	Mean (sd) : 3.2 (1.3)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 1 (0.4)
aids_cia	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3)	cia_conspiracy_label	Mean (sd) : 3.3 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 1 (0.4)
aids_cover	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3)	malcolm_x_gov	Mean (sd) : 3.4 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
vaccine_autism	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.3)	liberty_lucifer	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
bee_dieoff	Mean (sd) : 3.7 (1.3)	hitler_alive	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.3)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
cancer_cure	Mean (sd) : 3.5 (1.4)	nwo_group	Mean (sd) : 3.5 (1.4)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 3 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 3 (0.4)
covid_5g	Mean (sd) : 4.1 (1.2)	un_worldgov	Mean (sd) : 3.7 (1.3)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5

	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
elf_mindcontrol	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)	alqaeda_falseflag	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
covid_china	Mean (sd) : 3.1 (1.4) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	rothschild_control	Mean (sd) : 3.7 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
earthquake_bomb	Mean (sd) : 3.5 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	oil_tech_suppress	Mean (sd) : 3 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
moon_hoax	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)	central_banks	Mean (sd) : 3.2 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
climate_hoax	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)	monsanto_gmo	Mean (sd) : 3.5 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
earth_meltdown	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	ebola_bigpharma	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
hollow_earth	Mean (sd) : 4.2 (1.1) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5	jesus_fake	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5

flat_earth	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.4) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	muhammad_fake	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
cold_fusion_cover	Mean (sd) : 3.4 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	satanic_org	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
ufo_cover	Mean (sd) : 3.2 (1.4) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 3 (0.4)	masons_control	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
stargate_iraq	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)	jews_control	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
alien_cover	Mean (sd) : 3.2 (1.4) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	monks_fake_history	Mean (sd) : 3.7 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
evolution_false	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.3) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)	elvis_alive	Mean (sd) : 4.3 (1.1) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5 IQR (CV) : 1 (0.3)
cern_hell	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5	marley_cia	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.2) min ≤ med ≤ max: 1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5

	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
chemtrails	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.2)	diana_queen	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.3)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
911_gov	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.4)	sports_staged	Mean (sd) : 4.1 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
911_energy_weapon	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.3)	goy_cabal	Mean (sd) : 3.8 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
wtc7_det	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.4)	kubrick_illuminati	Mean (sd) : 3.7 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
swineflu_terror	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.2)	titanic_olympic	Mean (sd) : 4.1 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
hebdo_staged	Mean (sd) : 3.9 (1.2)	prison_racism	Mean (sd) : 3.6 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
paris_bomb_staged	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.2)	slavery_choice	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 5 ≤ 5

	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)
911_forewarned	Mean (sd) : 3.5 (1.3)	conspiracy_fake	Mean (sd) : 3 (1.3)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.4)
sharia_law_west	Mean (sd) : 3 (1.3)	lefthand_secret	Mean (sd) : 4 (1.2)
	min ≤ med ≤ max:		min ≤ med ≤ max:
	1 ≤ 3 ≤ 5		1 ≤ 4 ≤ 5
	IQR (CV) : 2 (0.5)		IQR (CV) : 2 (0.3)

Table SM1.2. Descriptive statistics of the 60 conspiracy theories (in grey, the items of the final scale)
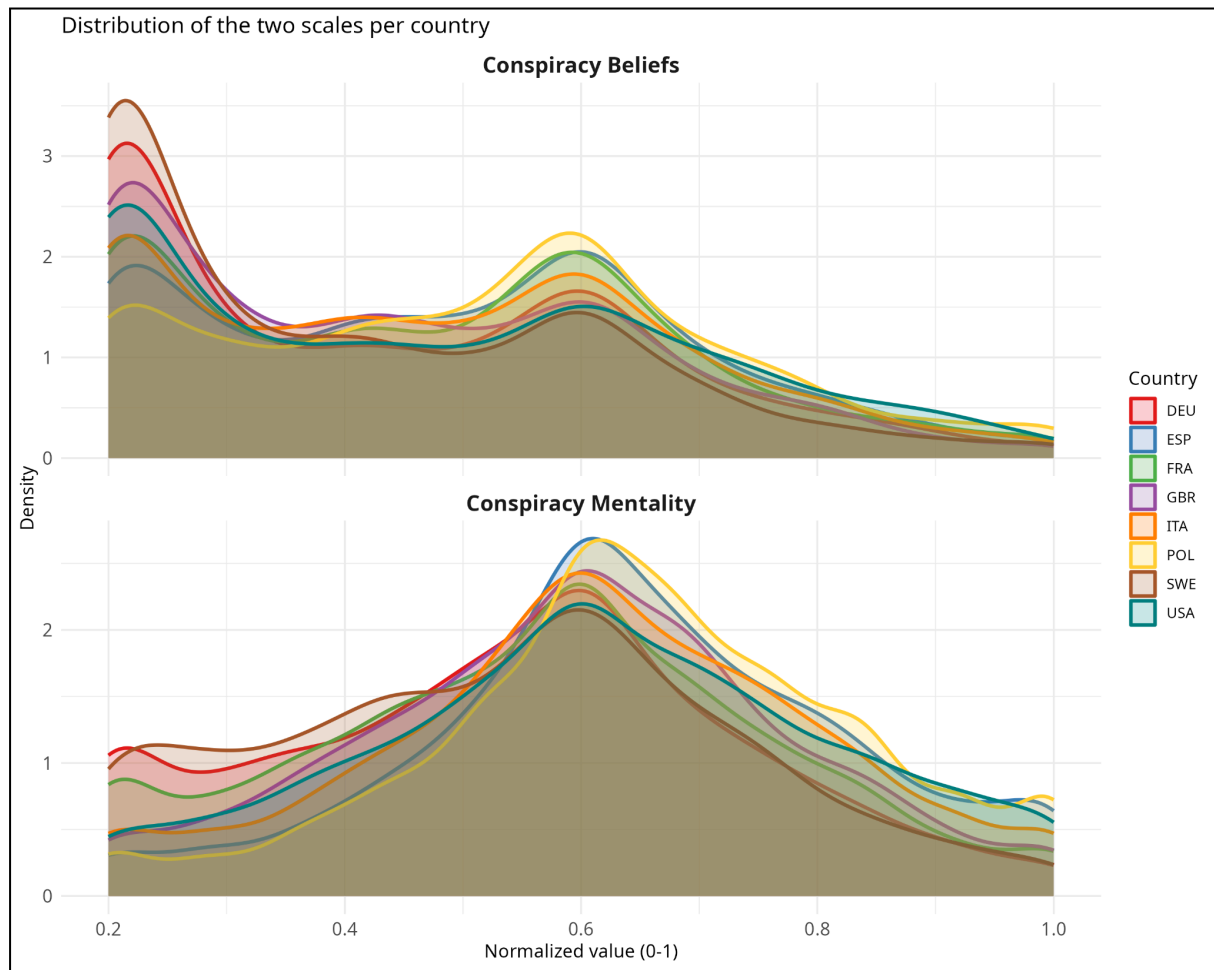
Supplemental material 2 - Principal component analysis

Measure	45 items	8 items (pilot)	8 items (final ds)
SS Loadings (1st Component)	21.65	5.21	5.57
Proportion of Variance (1st Component)	0.48	0.65	0.7
Cumulative Proportion (1st Component)	0.48	0.65	0.7
Total Components	45	8	8
Mean Complexity	4.1	2.07	1.9

Table SM2.1. PCA on 1) 45 items 2) 8 items (pilot study), 3) 8 items (final study), showing a single latent variable

Country	Values - Pilot	Values - Final ds
USA	0.912	0.937
UK	0.940	0.936
ITA	0.901	0.931
FRA	0.91	0.943
GER	0.951	0.927
SPA	0.878	0.932
SWE	0.946	0.942
POL	0.899	0.941
All	0.923	0.937

Table SM2.2. Cronbach's Alpha (pilot study and Final dataset)

Supplemental material 3 - Comparative conspiracy beliefs and mentality scales

Figure SM3.1. Kernel density distributions of the comparative conspiracy belief and mentality scales

Supplemental material 4 - Fit statistics for the models

Measure	Value - 60 CT	Values - 8 item (pilot)	Values - 8 items (final ds)
npar	135	24	16
fmin	0.675	0.003	0.013
chisq	2,160.38	8.722	506.591
df	945	20	20
pvalue	0	0.986	0
baseline.chisq	17,181.21	2,140.09	115,148.80
baseline.df	990	28	28
baseline.pvalue	0	0	0
cfi	0.925	1	0.996
tli	0.921	1.007	0.994
nnfi	0.921	1.007	0.994
rfi	0.868	0.994	0.994
nfi	0.874	0.996	0.996
pnfi	0.835	0.711	0.711
ifi	0.925	1.005	0.996
rni	0.925	1.005	0.996
logl	-42,624.52	-7,800.04	-208,711.70
unrestricted.logl	-41,544.33	-7,795.68	-208,458.40
aic	85,519.04	15,648.08	417,455.40
bic	86,245.12	15,777.03	417,581.90
ntotal	1,601	1,592	20,051
bic2	85,816.25	15,700.78	417,531.00
rmsea	0.028	0	0.035
rmsea.ci.lower	0.027	0	0.032
rmsea.ci.upper	0.03	0	0.037
rmsea.ci.level	0.9	0.9	0.9
rmsea.pvalue	1	1	1
rmsea.close.h0	0.05	0.05	0.05
rmsea.notclose.pvalue	0	0	0
rmsea.notclose.h0	0.08	0.08	0.08
rmr	0.082	0.021	0.015

rmr_nomean	0.084	0.023	0.015
srmr	0.049	0.013	0.009
srmr_bentler	0.049	0.013	0.009
srmr_bentler_nomean	0.05	0.014	0.009
crmr	0.05	0.014	0.011
crmr_nomean	0.051	0.016	0.011
srmr_mplus	0.049	0.013	0.009
srmr_mplus_nomean	0.05	0.014	0.009
cn_05	755.136	5,734.11	1,244.23
cn_01	778.435	6,857.68	1,487.88
gfi	0.921	0.997	0.994
agfi	0.91	0.993	0.988
pgfi	0.806	0.453	0.552
mfi	0.684	1.004	0.988
ecvi	1.518	0.036	0.027

Table SM4.1. Fit statistics for all the SEM models

Supplemental material 5 - Additional check - invariance for the mentality scale

	DF	AIC	BIC	RMSEA	CFI	Chi^2
CGB-5 scale						
Chi^2 and model fit indices						
Configural fit	40	297668	298617	.032	.007	142.69
Metric fit	68	297729	298457	.034	.994	260.28
Scalar fit	96	298591	200097	.067	.965	1177.44

	DF d.	Chi^2 diff.	P-value	RMSEA d.	CFI d.
Chi2 and model fit differences					
Metric - configural	28	117.59	0.000	0.002	-0.003
Scalar - metric	28	917.15	0.000	0.033	-0.028

Table SM5.1. Configural, metric, and scalar fit for the multigroup model - GCB-5 scale

Supplemental material 6 - Full item wordings employed in the validity analysis

Construct	Items	Scale
Conspiracy Mentality	[How much do you agree with the following statements?] States allow or commit acts of terrorism on their own soil, concealing their involvement.	1-5
	[...] Evidence of contact with aliens is hidden from the public.	
	[...] Many advanced technologies that would damage today's big industry are hidden.	
	[...] Some significant events in history have been the result of the activities of a small group that secretly manipulates world events.	
	[...] There are experiments involving new drugs or technologies being conducted on citizens without their knowledge or consent.	
Populist Attitudes	[How much do you agree with the following statements?] Politicians in Parliament must follow the will of the people.	1-5
	[...] The people, and not politicians, should make our most important policy decisions.	
	[...] I would rather be represented by a citizen than by a specialized politician	
	[...] Elected officials talk too much and take too little action.	
	[...] What people call 'compromise' in politics is really just selling out on one's principles	
	[...] Journalists are too much in touch with the strong powers to inform ordinary people correctly	
Perceived Victimhood	[How much do you agree with the following statements?] The system works against people like me	1-5
	[...] The world is 'doing it' to me and there's nothing I can do about it	
	[...] The world is out to get me	
	[...] The system is rigged to benefit a select few	
	[...] I rarely get what I deserve in life	
	[...] Great things never come to me	
	[...] I never seem to get an extra break	
	[...] I usually have to settle for less	
Support for Political Violence	[In extreme circumstances, how acceptable is it for someone in your community to do one of the following to express their political discontent?] Hurting a public official	1-7
	[...] Protest violently	

	[...] Destroying other people's property	
	[...] Publicly propagating the boycott of an election	
	[...] Inciting violence	
	[...] Arming oneself and isolating oneself from society	
Institutional Trust	[Please tell me how much you personally trust each of the institutions:] The national Parliament	0-10
	[...] The regional and local institutions	
	[...] The police	
	[...] The Healthcare system	
	[...] The judicial system	
	[...] The European Union	
	[...] Scientists	
	[...] The Church	
	[...] The UN	
Horizontal Trust	Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?	0-10
Political Interest	In general, how interested are you in politics?	1-4
CRT	If 5 machines take 5 minutes to produce 5 gadgets, how long will it take 100 machines to produce 100 gadgets?	numeric; each item converted as dummy
	The water lilies in a pond double in number every day. If it takes 48 days to cover the pond completely, how many days will it take to cover half of it?	
	A bat and a ball cost a total of 1.10 $. The bat costs 1.00 $ more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?	
Left-right	In politics people sometimes talk of 'left' and 'right'. Where would you place yourself?	0-10

Table SM6.1. Comparative variables

Construct	Items	Scale
Internal Locus of Control	[The following statements may apply more or less to you. To what extent do you think each statement applies to you personally?] I'm my own boss.	1-5
	[...] If I work hard, I will succeed.	
External Locus of Control	[...] Whether at work or in my private life: What I do is mainly determined by others.	1-5
	[...] Fate often gets in the way of my plans	
Paranormal Beliefs	[How much do you agree with the following statements?] Black cats can bring bad luck.	1-5
	[...] Your mind or soul can leave your body and travel (astral projection).	
	[...] Astrology is a way to accurately predict the future.	
	[...] If you break a mirror, you will have bad luck.	
	[...] During altered states, such as sleep or trances, the spirit can leave the body.	
	[...] The horoscope accurately tells a person's future.	
	[...] The number '13' is unlucky.	
	[...] Reincarnation does occur.	
	[...] Some psychics can accurately predict the future.	
	[...] It is possible to communicate with the dead.	
	[...] Some people have an unexplained ability to predict the future.	
Feeling Thermometers	[We'd like to know your feelings toward some political leaders and public figures. Please rate each item on a scale from 0 to 100:] Elon Musk	0-100
	[...] Capitol Hill rioters	
	[...] Alex Jones	
	[...] Luigi Mangione	
	[...] Antifa	
	[...] Proud Boys	
	[...] Muslims	
	[...] Jews	
Beliefs in Divine Immanence	[...] How much do you agree with the following statements? Miraculous healings do exist	1-5
	[...] God intervenes directly in our lives	

	[...] Prayer can heal physical illness	
Depression	[Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by:] Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless?	1-4
	[...] Having little interest or pleasure in doing things?	
Anti-elitism	[How much do you agree with the following statements?] Elected politicians sellout to various interests groups	1-5
	[...] High level public officials seek power for its own sake	
	[...] Those at the top use their power to become better off at the expense of ordinary people	
	[...] Politicians do not want to improve the lives of ordinary people	
	[...] A few powerful individuals deliberately prevent our country from making progress	
Religious Beliefs	[Do you believe in:] Life after death	1-4
	[...] Heaven	
	[...] Hell	
	[...] Religious miracles	
	[...] The supernatural powers of deceased ancestors	
Institutional Trust	[Please tell me how much you personally trust each of the institutions:] The Congress	0-10
	[...] The Federal Government	
	[...] The Supreme Court	
	[...] The State government	
	[...] The news media	
	[...] The President of the USA	
	[...] Scientists	
	[...] The police	
	[...] The UN	

Table SM6.2. US-specific variables