

## **Appendix**

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**Table A1: Summary of Survey Samples**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2020</b>
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	51	46
Female	49	54
Education to degree level	42%	40%
TV news consumption* (mean)	.00	.00
Age (mean, 0-1 scale)	.44	.45
Mortality Salience (mean)	.39	.46
Authoritarianism (mean)	.55	.50

\* News consumption was gauged slightly different in the two surveys (see question wording in Appendix). The variable was therefore standardized to have a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1 in each survey.

**Table A2: Perceptions of Threat, Authoritarianism and Media Coverage in 2012 and 2020 – Individual Logit Models with non-White respondents included**

	OUTGROUP THREAT								
	<u>Immigration (increased threat)</u>			<u>Terrorism (no change/decreased threat)</u>			<u>Border control (no change/decreased threat)</u>		
	Consistent			Consistent			Consistent		
	National	with H1	Personal	National	with H1	Personal	National	with H1	Personal
Authoritarianism	1.11 (.18)*		.86 (.27)*	.85 (.16)*		.71 (.27)*	.72 (.18)*		.44 (.37)
Year 2020	-.69 (.43)		1.22 (.54)*	.23 (.36)		1.42 (.50)*	.11 (.42)		2.21 (.71)*
Authoritarianism x 2020	.55 (.26)*	Yes	.55 (.33)	-.23 (.23)	Yes	.32 (.32)	.27 (.25)	Yes	.35 (.42)
n	3321		3322	3321		3322	3321		3322
Pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	.08		.12	.05		.12	.07		.14

  

	INEQUALITY/RESOURCES											
	<u>Health pandemic (increased threat)</u>			<u>Economy (no change /decreased threat)</u>			<u>Environment (increased threat)</u>			<u>Resource scarcity (increased threat)</u>		
	Consistent			Consistent			Consistent			Consistent		
	National	with H2a	Personal	National	with H2a	Personal	National	with H2a	Personal	National	with H2a	Personal
Authoritarianism	.16 (.27)		.17 (.29)	-.43 (.16)*		-.25 (.16)	-.63 (.24)*		-.61 (.31)	-.77 (.22)*		-.23 (.27)
Year 2020	2.74 (.51)*		3.54 (.54)*	.63 (.35)		.73 (.35)*	1.21 (.43)*		1.76 (.55)*	.77 (.49)		.98 (.59)
Authoritarianism x 2020	-.68 (.32)*	Yes	-.66 (.34)	-.49 (.23)*	Yes	-.75 (.23)*	-.84 (.29)*	Yes	-.61 (.35)	.03 (.32)	No	-.19 (.37)
n	3321		3322	3321		3322	3321		3322	3321		3322
Pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	.34		.34	.05		.03	.14		.18	.03		.04

  

	CRIME								
	<u>Burglary (no change/decreased threat)</u>			<u>Hate crime (no change/decreased threat)</u>			<u>Crimes against women (increased threat)</u>		
	Consistent			Consistent			Consistent		
	National	with H2b	Personal	National	with H2b	Personal	National	with H2b	Personal
Authoritarianism	1.24 (.31)*		.61 (.19)*	.56 (.19)*		.51 (.30)	.22 (.33)		.10 (.33)
Year 2020	.33 (.54)		-.50 (.41)	1.56 (.37)*		1.50 (.52)*	2.28 (.56)*		.85 (.59)
Authoritarianism x 2020	-.28 (.38)	Yes	.27 (.27)	-.91 (.24)*	No	.20 (.37)	-1.00 (.38)*	Yes	-.45 (.40)
n	3321		3322	3321		3322	3321		3322
Pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	.05		.02	.05		.12	.12		.05

\* p<.05

Notes: Estimates are from logit models. All models control for mortality salience, media consumption, sex, education and age, along with their interactions with the survey year.

**Table A3: Relationships between Authoritarian Predispositions, Context, and Identifying Issues as Threats**

	<i>National</i>	<i>Personal</i>
Authoritarianism	1.07 (.32)*	.65 (.19)*
Year 2020	.74 (.27)*	-.40 (.18)*
Outgroup threat	2.14 (.23)*	-1.09 (.19)*
Authoritarianism x Outgroup threat	-.20 (.33)	.12 (.27)
Authoritarianism x Year 2020	-.10 (.39)	.29 (.27)
Outgroup threat x Year 2020	-.97 (.27)*	1.14 (.23)*
Authoritarianism x Outgroup threat x Year 2020	.49 (.40)	.36 (.34)
Inequality/resource scarcity threat	1.99 (.22)*	-.01 (.15)
Authoritarianism x Inequality/resource scarcity threat	-1.58 (.32)*	-1.04 (.22)*
Inequality/resource scarcity threat x Year 2020	.58 (.27)*	1.73 (.19)*
Authoritarianism x Inequality/resource scarcity threat x Year 2020	-.23 (.39)	-.67 (.30)*
Crime against subgroups threat	1.05 (.23)*	-1.55 (.20)*
Authoritarianism x Crime against subgroups threat	-.59 (.32)	-.37 (.29)
Crime against subgroups x Year 2020	.81 (.27)*	1.37 (.24)*
Authoritarianism x Crime against subgroups threat x Year 2020	-.93 (.39)*	-.29 (.36)
Mortality salience	.33 (.10)*	.60 (.12)*
Age	.52 (.08)*	.66 (.09)*
Woman	.17 (.04)*	-.00 (.04)
Educated to degree level	-.01 (.04)	.02 (.04)
Media use	.16 (.07)*	.39 (.08)*
Constant	-3.53 (.24)*	-2.09 (.15)*
n	27,960	25,344
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	.08	.10

\* p<.05

**Table A4: Relationships between Authoritarian Predispositions, Context, and Identifying Issues as Threats with non-White Respondents Included**

	<i>National</i>	<i>Personal</i>
Authoritarianism	1.47 (.29)*	.63 (.18)*
Year 2020	.95 (.26)*	-.33 (.17)*
Outgroup threat	2.20 (.22)*	-1.10 (.18)*
Authoritarianism x Outgroup threat	-.70 (.30)*	.08 (.26)
Authoritarianism x Year 2020	-.57 (.36)	.27 (.25)
Outgroup threat x Year 2020	-1.10 (.26)*	1.11 (.22)*
Authoritarianism x Outgroup threat x Year 2020	.91 (.36)*	.39 (.32)
Inequality/resource scarcity threat	2.11 (.22)*	-.03 (.14)
Authoritarianism x Inequality/resource scarcity threat	-1.94 (.30)*	-.98 (.20)*
Inequality/resource scarcity threat x Year 2020	.40 (.26)	1.70 (.18)*
Authoritarianism x Inequality/resource scarcity threat x Year 2020	.16 (.36)	-.67 (.28)*
Crime against subgroups threat	1.21 (.22)*	-1.41 (.17)*
Authoritarianism x Crime against subgroups threat	-.85 (.30)*	.00 (.25)
Crime against subgroups x Year 2020	.66 (.26)*	1.35 (.22)*
Authoritarianism x Crime against subgroups threat x Year 2020	-.61 (.36)	-.63 (.32)
Mortality salience	.36 (.09)*	.63 (.11)*
Age	.53 (.08)*	.66 (.09)*
Woman	.17 (.04)*	.02 (.04)
White	.16 (.05)*	-.15 (.06)*
Educated to degree level	-.03 (.04)	.03 (.04)
Media use	.13 (.06)*	.38 (.07)*
Constant	-3.81 (.23)*	-1.99 (.15)*
n	33,210	29,898
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	.07	.09

\* p<.05

## Gauging Media Attention

The figures in Table 4 are based on searches of Nexis as follows:

Based on a Nexis search of:

Immigration: TERMS(IMMIGRATION)

Terrorism: TERMS(TERRORISM)

Border control: TERMS("BORDER CONTROL")

Health pandemic: "health pandemic\*" OR "pandemic\*" OR "swine flu" OR "avian flu" OR "coronavirus" OR "Covid 19"

Economy: TERMS(ECONOMY)

Environment: TERMS("NATURAL RESOURCES") or TERMS ("ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES") or TERMS("LAND DEGRADATION")

Resource scarcity: TERMS("RESOURCE SCARCITY")

Racial or religious hate crime: TERMS("RACIAL HATE CRIME"), TERMS("RELIGIOUS HATE CRIME")

Burglary: TERMS("BURGLARY")

Crime against women: TERMS("GENDER BASED VIOLENCE") OR TERMS("SEX OFFENSES")

In:

The Sunday Times (London) or The Sunday Telegraph (London) or The Observer (London) or Daily Star or The Sun (England) or The Express or The Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday (London) or The Mirror (The Daily Mirror and The Sunday Mirror) or The Daily Telegraph (London) or The Times (London) or The Guardian (London) or The Independent (United Kingdom)

Over the periods:

7 June 2011 to 6 June 2012

14 July 2019 to 13 July 2020

Filtered by:

Negative news

and

Negative Personal News