

SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE MATERIAL

All measured items – QUESTIONNAIRE IN ENGLISH AND SERBIAN

Conspiracy Mentality Questionnaire (min 1 max 11)

Many important things happen in the world, which the public is never informed about.

Politicians usually do not tell us the true motives for their decisions.

Government agencies closely monitor all citizens.

Events which superficially seem to lack a connection are often the result of secret activities.

There are secret organizations that greatly influence political decisions.

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

O mnogim važnim svetskim dešavanjima javnost nikada nije bila informisana.

Političari nam obično ne govore koji su pravi motivi iza njihovih odluka.

Vladine agencije budno prate sve građane.

Događaji koji na izgled deluju nepovezano, često su rezultat tajnih aktivnosti.

Postoje tajne organizacije koje snažno utiču na političke odluke.

International Conspiracy Theories (min 1 max 7) Study 1

Big corporations are working towards systematically eradicating minority populations throughout the world.

NGOs like Georg Soros's Open Society Fund and similar organizations do nothing but spy and undermine the political systems of the countries they operate in.

Masons are a secret organization that governs the world behind the scene.

HAARP system can control the weather.

Airplane traces in the sky contain chemicals that pollute the environment and poison people.

The 2001 attack on WTC in NY was organized by the US secret services.

The gay lobby is behind most of important political decisions in the world.

The moon landing by the US astronauts was staged.

People are deceived about vaccine safety.

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Velike korporacije rade na sistematskom uništavanju manjinskih populacija širom sveta.

Nevladine organizacije (Fond za otvoreno društvo Džordža Soroša i slične) ne rade ništa drugo do špijuniranja i podrivanja političkih sistema zemalja u kojima postoje.

Masoni su tajna organizacija koja upravlja svetom iz senke

HAARP sistem može da kontroliše vremenske prilike

Tragovi na nebu koji ostaju iza aviona (chemtrails) sadrže hemikalije koje zagađuju životnu sredinu i truju ljude

Napad na Svetski trgovinski centar u Njujorku je izveden od strane američkih tajnih službi

Gej lobi stoji iza većine važnih političkih odluka u svetu.

Sletanje astronauta SAD na mesec (1969 godine) je iscenirano

Od javnosti se krije da su vakcine štetne za zdravlje

Regional Conspiracy Theories (min 1 max 5) Study 2

The European Union is a conspiracy of big business whose goal is the destruction of nation states.

The Hague Tribunal was created with the main idea to only punish the Serbs.

World Bank, MMF and other international institutions economically and financially colonize Serbia for several decades.

The crimes against the civilian population in actions Flash and Storm were part of the systematic policy of ethnic cleansing devised beforehand by the Croatian authorities.

Serbian intellectuals and politicians in collaboration with the Yugoslav National Army (JNA) started the wars in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina to realize the idea of a Greater Serbia.

Presidents Milosevic and Tudjman agreed in Karadjordjevo how to divide Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Evropska unija je zavera krupnog kapitala kojoj je cilj uništavanje nacionalnih država.

Haški sud je osnovan sa idejom da se isključivo kazne Srbi.

Svetska banka, MMF i druge međunarodne institucije više desetina godina ekonomski i finansijski kolonizuju Srbiju

Zločini nad civilnim stanovništvom u akcijama Bljesak i Oluja delo su smišljene politike etničkog čišćenja tadašnje hrvatske vlasti.

Srpski intelektualci i političari u saradnji s tadašnjom JNA započeli su ratove u Hrvatskoj i BiH kako bi ostvarili ideju Velike Srbije.

Predsednici Tuđman i Milošević dogovorili su podelu BiH u Karađorđevu.

Distrust in Institutions

How much confidence do you have in the following institutions?

Government, President of Serbia, Parliament, Judiciary, Police, Army force, Prosecution, Health system, Educational system

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Vlada RS, Predsednik RS, Skupština Srbije, Sudstvo, Policija, Vojska Srbije, Tužilaštvo, Zdravstvo, Obrazovanje

RWA - Right wing authoritarian

The most important virtue that a child should learn is obedience and respect for authority.

All real patriots are obliged to take certain actions against those who judge the leadership of our country.

Today, the biggest harm does those who do not respect the leadership and order in society.

Youth sometimes has rebel ideas, but as they grow older they should overcome them and simmer down.

The situation without moral in our society is partially a consequence of teachers and parents forgetting that the physical punishment indeed is the best way of upbringing.

It would be better for all in our society if government censored newspapers and films in a way that "garbage" is kept away from the youth.

The youth needs strict rules and determination to fight for their family and country.

Most of our social problems would resolve if we got rid of degenerate individuals without moral.

People can be divided into two groups: strong and weak.

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Najvažnije vrline koje deca treba da nauče jesu poslušnost i poštovanje autoriteta.

Svi pravi patrioti su obavezni da preduzmu određene mere protiv onih koje vođstvo naše zemlje osude.

U današnje vreme kod nas najveću štetu čine oni koji ne poštuju naše vođstvo i red u društvu.

Mladi ponekad imaju buntovničke ideje, ali kako odrastaju treba da ih prevaziđu i da se smire.

Stanje nemorala u našem društvu je delom posledica i toga što su i učitelji i roditelji zaboravili da je fizičko kažnjavanje ipak najbolji način vaspitavanja.

Bilo bi bolje za sve kada bi vlasti cenzurisale štampu i filmove tako da se smeće drži podalje od mladih.

Mladima je potrebno strogo usmeravanje i odlučnost da bi se borili za svoju porodicu i otadžbinu.

Većina naših društvenih problema bi se rešila kad bismo se nekako otarasili nemoralnih i degenerisanih pojedinaca.

Ljude je moguće podeliti u dve grupe: na jake i slabe.

Political cynicism

Politicians are only trying to achieve personal interests

Members of parliament pay too much attention on a few powerful groups and too little to general interest

It is easier to get a place in parliament with connections and corruption, than with personal abilities

Political parties are only interested in my vote and not in my opinion

Politicians always promise more than they can achieve

The state is always looking for ways to gain the most benefit from citizens

Politics is a dishonest and "dirty" job

The biggest concern of the politicians is how to remain in power the longest

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Političari gledaju samo kako da ostvare svoje privatne interese

Narodni poslanici suviše vode računa o interesima nekoliko moćnih grupa a nedovoljno vode računa o opštem interesu

Mesto u parlamentu lakše se može osvojiti putem veza i poznanstava nego na osnovu sopstvenih sposobnosti

Političke stranke samo interesuje moj glas a ne i moje mišljenje

Političari uvek više obećavaju nego što mogu da ostvare

Država gleda samo na to kako da izvuče što veću korist od naroda

Politika je nečastan i 'prljav' posao

Najveća briga političara je kako da što duže ostanu na vlasti.

Social dominance orientation

An ideal society requires some groups to be on top and others to be on the bottom.

Some groups of people are simply inferior to other groups.

Not any group should dominate in society.

Groups at the bottom are just as deserving as groups at the top.

Group equality should not be our primary goal.

It is unjust to try to make groups equal.

We should do what we can to equalize conditions for different groups.

We should work to give all groups an equal chance to succeed.

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Idealno društvo zahteva da neke grupe budu na vrhu a neke na dnu

Neke grupe su jednostavno inferiornije od drugih

Nijedna grupa ne bi trebalo da ima dominantnu ulogu u društvu

Grupe koje su na dnu su jednostavno to zaslužile, kao i grupe na vrhu

Jednakost između grupa ne bi trebalo da bude naš glavni globalni cilj

Nije pravedno da pokušavamo da izjednačimo različite grupe

Treba da uradimo sve što je potrebno da ujednačimo uslove za različite grupe.

Treba da se potrudimo da svim grupama stvorimo jednake šanse za uspeh.

Perception of security

How do you estimate the current situation considering safety? Assess each of the listed area, to what extent do you feel safe on a scale of 1 (you do not feel safe at all) to 5 (you feel completely safe) and 9 (do not know/ without an answer)

The world

The region

Personal surroundings

Serbian translation (from the questionnaire)

Kako procenjujete sadašnju situaciju u pogledu bezbednosti? Procenite za svaku dole navedenu oblast, u kojoj meri se osećate bezbedno na skali od 1 do 5 (gde 1 označava da se uopšte ne osećate bezbedno, a 5 da se u potpunosti osećate bezbedno, 9 ne znam / bez odgovora).

Svet

Region

Lično okruženje

STATISTICAL ANALYSES

Neither conspiracy mentality nor specific belief in CT correlates highly with gender and education. Correlation with socio-demographic, gender and education is .09 or less (<.10). It is only significant due to the large sample size.

Table 1: Differences in conspiracy mentality and belief in specific CT due to gender and age (Study 1)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|---|-----|-------|--------|
| Gender (1) | / | .01 | -.07 | -.09** |
| Education (2) | | / | -.08* | .04 |
| Specific CT (3) | | | / | .47** |
| CMQ (4) | | | | / |

* $p < .01$. ** $p < .001$.

Table 2: Differences in conspiracy mentality and belief in specific CT due to gender and age (Study 2)

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-----------------|---|------|-------|-------|
| Gender (1) | / | -.04 | -.06* | -.02 |
| Education (2) | | / | .02 | -.01 |
| CMQ (3) | | | / | .33** |
| Specific CT (4) | | | | / |

* $p < .01$. ** $p < .001$.