

**Social Psychological Survey of COVID-19: Coronavirus Perceived Threat, Government Response, Impacts, and Experiences Questionnaires**

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\* = Reverse-scored item.

### **Perceived Coronavirus Threat Questionnaire**

Thinking about the coronavirus (COVID-19) makes me feel threatened.

I am afraid of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I am not worried about the coronavirus (COVID-19).\*

I am worried that I or people I love will get sick from the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I am stressed around other people because I worry I’ll catch the coronavirus (COVID-19).

I have tried hard to avoid other people because I don’t want to get sick.

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## **Federal Governmental Response to Coronavirus Questionnaire**

### Restriction Scale

I support Federal government measures to restrict the movement of American citizens to curb the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We need strong Federal government officials right now to take action to stop the spread of disease.

### Punishment Scale

I want my Federal government to severely punish those who violate orders to stay home.

It is vital right now that the Federal government strongly punishes people who do not engage in social distancing measures.

### Reactance Scale

I am upset at the thought that my Federal government would force people to stay home against their will.

It makes me angry that the Federal government would tell me where I can go and what I can do, even when there is a crisis such as Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### Research Scale

I think we should spend most of our Federal resources right now towards finding a vaccine (or other medical cure) for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I want to see more Federal research on Coronavirus (COVID-19) because I think that’s the best way to stop it.

### Stimulus Scale

I think it is a good idea for the Federal government to give individual citizens money back during these difficult times to increase spending and keep business going.

I think a Federal government stimulus package during the virus spread is a good idea.

### Informational Contamination Scale

I distrust the information I receive about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) from my Federal government.

I think the Federal government has an agenda that’s causing them not to give the whole story to the populace.

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## **State Governmental Response to Coronavirus Questionnaire**

### Restriction Scale

I support State government measures to restrict the movement of American citizens to curb the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We need strong State government officials right now to take action to stop the spread of disease.

### Punishment Scale

I want my State government to severely punish those who violate orders to stay home.

It is vital right now that the State government strongly punishes people who do not engage in social distancing measures.

### Reactance Scale

I am upset at the thought that my State government would force people to stay home against their will.

It makes me angry that the State government would tell me where I can go and what I can do, even when there is a crisis such as Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### Research Scale

I think we should spend most of our State resources right now towards finding a vaccine (or other medical cure) for Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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### Stimulus Scale

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## **City Governmental Response to Coronavirus Questionnaire**

### Restriction Scale

I support City government measures to restrict the movement of American citizens to curb the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We need strong City government officials right now to take action to stop the spread of disease.

### Punishment Scale

I want my City government to severely punish those who violate orders to stay home.

It is vital right now that the City government strongly punishes people who do not engage in social distancing measures.

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I am upset at the thought that my City government would force people to stay home against their will.

It makes me angry that the City government would tell me where I can go and what I can do, even when there is a crisis such as Coronavirus (COVID-19).

### Research Scale

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### **Coronavirus Impacts Questionnaire**

#### Financial Scale

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted me negatively from a financial point of view.  
I have lost job-related income due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).  
The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has NOT impacted my financial status at all.\*

#### Resource Scale

I have had a hard time getting needed resources (food, toilet paper) due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).  
It has been difficult for me to get the things I need due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).  
The Coronavirus (COVID-19) has NOT affected my ability to get needed resources.\*

#### Psychological Scale

I have become depressed because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).  
The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has impacted my psychological health negatively.  
The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has NOT made me feel any worse than I did before.\*

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## **Coronavirus Experiences Questionnaire**

### Personal Diagnoses/Symptoms Scale

I have been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19).

I have had coronavirus-like symptoms at some point in the last two months.

I have been sick with something other than the coronavirus in the last two months.

### Proximity to Others Scale

I know someone who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I have been in close proximity with someone who has been diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19).

I know someone who has had coronavirus-like symptoms in the last two months.

I have been in close proximity with someone who has had coronavirus-like symptoms in the last two months.

### News Scale

I watch a lot of news about the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

I purposefully try NOT to watch news on Coronavirus (COVID-19).\*

I spend a huge percentage of my time trying to find updates online or on TV about Coronavirus (COVID-19).

## Recommended Short Versions of the Scales

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### Governmental Response to Coronavirus Questionnaire (Short)

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