

General Cybercriminology Survey 2022 International

IRB and Intro

Q1

Hello, we are researching online victimization and offending, and we would like to invite you to participate in our study. The following information is provided to inform you of the research project (IRB #19-1010) that will be conducted by Dr. Kati Parti, Dr. Thomas Dearden and Dr. James Hawdon.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY: The purpose of this study is to investigate the experiences people have on the internet as it relates to both their victimization and offending experiences. We are trying to better understand the attitudes, behaviors, and situations that relate to said experiences.

PROCEDURES: You are being asked to complete an online questionnaire about computer use and online behaviors. If you decide to participate, completing the survey will require about ten minutes. The survey will include questions about demographic information, trust levels, political affiliation and beliefs, personal beliefs, social learning patterns, and self control. You will not be identified in any way, and your answers will remain confidential. There will be no way anyone will find out who you are or how you answered these questions. All results of this research will be reported in aggregate form so no individuals could be identified.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Collected survey data will be made publicly available after closing the study. Again, in the dataset no identifiers will be included, so no individuals could be identified.

RISKS: This survey will ask you questions about your online experiences. The questions include online behaviors that may be illegal though this information cannot be tied to anyone and is not sensitive enough to be incriminating. We believe this research poses no more than minimal risk. This risk includes potentially negative feelings such as anxiety, guilt, or general discomfort that may come when answering questions personal questions such as those about trust, victimization, and offending behaviors online. Typically, online surveys collect general information about the computer you are taking the survey on including IP Address. This feature has specifically been turned off to ensure anonymity in the survey.

Q2

BENEFITS: There is a societal benefit of increasing the understanding online behaviors, what relates to victimization and offending, and how beliefs and behaviors influence these situations.

COMPENSATION: There is no compensation for participation in this project other than that possibly provided by Survey Sample International (SSI).

FREEDOM TO WITHDRAW: By agreeing to participate in the study, you do not waive any rights that you may have regarding access to and disclosure of your records. Your participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you choose to participate, your responses will be held in confidence. You are free to withdraw at any time without penalty. In addition, you also understand that you may skip any question that you do not want to answer. Finally, if the results of this study were to be written for publication, no identifying information will be used.

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH: This study has been reviewed by Virginia Tech's Institutional Review Board (IRB). The IRB has determined that this study meets the ethical obligations required by federal law and University policies. If you have questions or concerns regarding this study please contact the Investigator or Advisor. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board at irb@vt.edu or (540) 231-3732.

PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITY: You are responsible for answering the questions you choose to answer. If you have any questions or concerns about this research, please contact Dr. James Hawdon at 540-231-7476. You can also contact Dr. Hawdon at hawdonj@vt.edu or by mail at Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention, Virginia Tech, 205a Norris Hall, 495 Old Turner St. Blacksburg, VA 24061.

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Q3 PARTICIPANTS CONSENT: I have read and understood the Informed Consent Statement and conditions of this project. By highlighting "Begin Survey" below, I hereby acknowledge the above, I assert I am 18 years of age or older, and I give my voluntary consent for participation in this project.

- ☐ Begin the Survey
- ☐ No thank you. I'd rather not participate

Validation

Force Response

Skip Logic

No thank you. I'd rather not participate If Selected, jump to Terminate Survey

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Introduction Questions

Q4 In a typical week, how many hours do you spend. . .

	Hours
playing online video games	Answer text
reading news or other articles online	Answer text
browsing social media like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.	Answer text
on a computer while working at a job	Answer text
shopping online	Answer text
other online activities	Answer text

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Q5 How many hours per week do you spend on the dark web?

How many hours per week do you spend on the dark web?

Numeric Input

Q6 How familiar would you say you are with computers?

- ☐ I am uncomfortable using a computer
- ☐ I can "surf the 'net'", use common software, but not fix my computer problems
- ☐ I can use a variety of software and fix some of my computer problems
- ☐ I can use a variety of operating systems and fix most computer problems I have
- ☐ I am comfortable manipulating or writing computer programming

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Crypto

Have you purchased any cryptocurrency?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, as an investment opportunity
- ☐ Yes, as a way to purchase a product or service

Separator

Q7 I find it easier to talk about private things online when others don't know who I am.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Demographics

Q8 How much do you trust people in general?

- ☐ A great deal
- ☐ A lot
- ☐ A moderate amount
- ☐ A little
- ☐ Not at all

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Q9 What sex were you assigned at birth? (For example, on your birth certificate)

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Intersex
- ☐ No answer

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Q51 What is your current gender?

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Transgender
- ☐ A gender not listed here
- ☐ No answer

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Q10 In what year were you born?

In what year were you born?

Numeric Input

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Q11 Which is the highest level of education you have achieved?

- ☐ Less than a high school diploma
- ☐ High school degree
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ A college degree
- ☐ A master's degree, professional degree or higher

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Q12 What is your race? Select all that apply.

- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

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Q13 Are you Hispanic?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Q14 What is the total combined income of all members in your household during the past 12 months?

- ☐ Less than \$25,000
- ☐ \$25,000 - \$50,000
- ☐ \$50,001 - \$75,000
- ☐ \$75,001 - \$100,000
- ☐ \$100,001 - \$150,000
- ☐ \$150,001 - \$250,000
- ☐ \$250,001 or more
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

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Q60 Compared to others in the United States, how well off is your family?

- ☐ a lot better off
- ☐ a little better off
- ☐ a little worse off
- ☐ a lot worse off

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Q15 Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be:

- ☐ Very conservative
- ☐ Somewhat conservative
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Somewhat liberal
- ☐ Very liberal
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

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Q16 Are you currently:

- ☐ Living alone
- ☐ Married or living with a partner, no children in the home
- ☐ Single parent
- ☐ Married or living with a partner, children in the home
- ☐ Living with parents
- ☐ Other family type arrangement (e.g., living with roommates)
- ☐ Other arrangements (e.g. living in a care facility; living in a communal setting)

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Q17 What is your main occupation? Select all that apply.

- ☐ I'm in school
- ☐ I'm in a paid, full-time job
- ☐ I'm in a paid, part-time job and not looking for full-time work
- ☐ I'm in a paid, part-time job but looking for full-time work
- ☐ I'm unemployed/ looking for a job
- ☐ I'm unemployed/ not looking for a job
- ☐ Retired

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Q18 Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of President Biden?

- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Disapprove

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Measures of Offending

Q19 In the past 12 months have you. . .

	Left Anchor	Right Anchor
	Yes	No
posted hurtful information about someone on the internet	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
threatened or insulted others through email or instant messaging	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
excluded someone from an online community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
hacked into an unauthorized area of the	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

internet

distributed malicious
software

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illegally downloaded
copyrighted files or
programs

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illegally uploaded
copyrighted files or
programs

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used someone else's
personal information on
the internet without their
permission

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purchased illegal drugs
online or bought
prescriptions without a
prescription on online
pharmacies or websites

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posted nude photos of
someone else without
his/her permission

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Measures of Victimization & Self-Protection

OnlineVictim

In the past 12 months have you ...

Left Anchor

Right Anchor

Yes

No

lost money due to an
email, website or other
computer scam?

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had your identity used
by someone else to start
a bank account, credit

☐☐

card or loan?

had unknown

transactions in your

bank/investment

account, credit card, or

other online payment

system?

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received notification from

a company or

organization that your

private information, such

as name, social security,

credit card or password,

has been stolen or

posted publicly?

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experienced hurtful

comments, pictures or

videos about you about

posted online?

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experienced unwanted

sexual comments or

advances online?

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had a computer virus or

malware that affected

how your computer

operated?

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OfflineVictim

Now thinking about crimes that occur offline or in person, in the past 12 months have you . . .

	Left Anchor	Right Anchor
	Yes	No
Lost money due to a scam offline or over a telephone?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had your license or identification card physically stolen?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Had credit card or cash stolen from you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
experienced hurtful comments about you in person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
experienced unwanted sexual comments or advances offline or in person?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
had your personal property vandalized?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q49 Did you report any of these incidents to the police?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Skip Logic

No If Selected, jump to 27. [Q57] Do you use or do any of the following? Cover your web camera on your computer or laptop

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Q50 Which incidents did you report?

- ☐ Lost money due to a scam offline or over a telephone?
- ☐ Had your license or identification card physically stolen?
- ☐ Had credit card or cash stolen from you?
- ☐ experienced hurtful comments about you in person?
- ☐ experienced unwanted sexual comments or advances offline or in person?
- ☐ had your personal property vandalized?

Show/Hide Question

Default > Hide Question

Criteria: Criteria 1

IF 25. [Q49] Did you report any of these incidents to the police? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q57 Do you use or do any of the following?

	Currently in place	Not in place	Put in place because of prior victimization	Did not put in place because of a prior online victimization
Cover your web camera on your computer or laptop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use identity theft protection monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freeze your credit when you do not plan to use it	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use virus software and/or firewalls on your computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Elder Scam Block

Q45 In the past 12 months, did you get a phone call or an email from a company that asked you to go to your computer and send them private information about yourself and/or your family members, and/or send them money?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Skip Logic

Yes **If Selected, jump to 29.** [Q46] What was the product or service the company/person advertised?
(select all that apply)

No **If Selected, jump to 30.** [Q47] Some scammers call people pretending they are from an IT company or personnel, ask to allow remote access to the computer, and once they are given access, they lock the owner out. Then they ask for credit card details to repair the owner's computer. In the past 12 months, did you witness the above scenario?

Unsure **If Selected, jump to 30.** [Q47] Some scammers call people pretending they are from an IT company or personnel, ask to allow remote access to the computer, and once they are given access, they lock the owner out. Then they ask for credit card details to repair the owner's computer. In the past 12 months, did you witness the above scenario?

Q46 What was the product or service the company/person advertised? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Banking and investment
- ☐ Medicare / health insurance
- ☐ Prescription drugs
- ☐ Funeral / cemetery services
- ☐ Healing service
- ☐ Alternative healing services
- ☐ Anti-aging products
- ☐ Found a large sum of money and want to split it with them
- ☐ Charity
- ☐ Political campaigns
- ☐ Retirement and savings
- ☐ Mortgage
- ☐ Sweepstakes / lottery
- ☐ Other (please specify)



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Q47 Some scammers call people pretending they are from an IT company or personnel, ask to allow remote access to the computer, and once they are given access, they lock the owner out. Then they ask for credit card details to repair the owner's computer. In the past 12 months, did you witness the above scenario?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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Q48 Some scammers call people pretending they are their grandchildren, asking for money to solve some unexpected financial problem (overdue rent, payment for car repairs, bail, etc.). At the same time, the caller begs the grandparent “please don’t tell my parents.” In the past 12 months, have you got a call from such a scammer?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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Q49 In the past 12 months, have you received email from a legitimate company or institution (e.g. IRS, bank, etc.) asking you to ‘update’ or ‘verify’ your personal information via email or on a website provided by the email?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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Q50 In the past 12 months, have you received a call or email according to which you would have been required to send money to someone so that at the end of the cycle (when everyone pays a certain amount of dollar) you get back a greater amount of money?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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Q51 In the past 12 months, have you been asked by someone you met on an online dating platform to send them money or other donations (e.g. plane tickets, travel expenses, etc.) or finances (e.g. pay for surgery or other medical expenses, pay custom fees to retrieve something, pay off gambling debts, pay for visa or other official travel documents, reload cards or gift cards)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

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Q53 If you witnessed one or more of the above scenarios, who did you contact for help? (Check all the apply)

- ☐ The same people who called / contacted me
- ☐ IT personnel or team
- ☐ Civic organizations
- ☐ Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information
- ☐ Lawyer
- ☐ Family Member
- ☐ Senior Living Facility Administrator
- ☐ Other
- ☐ No one



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Q55 If you witnessed one or more of the above scenarios, did you provide money or other monetary donations in order to fulfill the request of the persons who contacted you?

- ☐ Yes, once
- ☐ Yes, twice
- ☐ Yes, 3 or more times
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

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Theory IAT

Q24 How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Left Anchor			Right Anchor	
	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
Being successful is more important than being happy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I intend to do whatever it takes to have some of the really expensive things in life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to make as many sacrifices as are necessary in order to advance my work/career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to devote whatever time and energy it takes to move up in my job/career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Being happy is more important than being	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

successful

I will sacrifice a lot of
other things to have a lot
of money

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I don't need help from
others to succeed

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I am getting/have gotten
education because it is
expected by my friends
or parents

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Success is measured by
the amount of money a
person makes

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I am getting a college
education because it's
expected by my parents

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Anyone that works hard
enough can be
successful

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You only have yourself to
blame for your failures in
life

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Having lots of money is
one of my major goals in
life

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Education is only helpful
to get a good job

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Education is useful
because it helps you
make more money

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Q58 How important to you is the opinion of...?

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor		
	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	N/A
your mother	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
your father	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
your siblings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
your friends	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q59 How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor		
	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither disagree nor agree	Somewhat agree	Strongly Agree
A college education is important so I can be a better person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A college education is important so I can be a better spouse/parent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A college education is important so I can learn about different cultures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A college education is important so I can be a better citizen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Theory DA/Social Learning

DA Please indicate how many of your friends or family do each of the following.

(Cybercrime includes illegally downloading files, buying illegal drugs online, bullying others online, scamming others or stealing identities, selling illegal products or software, breaking into computer systems illegally, and other computer related crimes.)

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor	
	None of them	Some of them	More than half of them	All of them
How many of your family members commit cybercrime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How many of your offline friends commit cybercrimes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How many of your online friends commit cybercrimes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
From how many of your friends have you learned about cybercrime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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DR How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Remember, cybercrime includes illegally downloading files, buying illegal drugs online, bullying others online, scamming others or stealing identities, selling illegal products or software, breaking into computer systems illegally, and other computer related crimes.)

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor	
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Committing cybercrime is "worth it"	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On balance, cybercrime benefits me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Generally, I am unlikely to get caught if I commit cybercrime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cybercrimes are not often punished	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My friends think it is cool that I commit cybercrime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Def How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Remember, cybercrime includes illegally downloading files, buying illegal drugs online, bullying others online, scamming others or stealing identities, selling illegal products or software, breaking into computer systems illegally, and other computer related crimes.)

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor	
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
It's okay to steal someone's personal information online and act like I was that person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do not think there is anything morally wrong about excluding someone from an online community or spreading false rumors about them online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unauthorized access to a computer system can improve my knowledge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There is nothing wrong with sharing illegal software/music/etc. with friends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If I really need software, I think it is okay to pirate it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Imi How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

(Remember, cybercrime includes illegally downloading files, buying illegal drugs online, bullying others online, scamming others or stealing identities, selling illegal products or software, breaking into computer systems illegally, and other computer related crimes.)

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor	
	Not true	A bit true	Mostly true	True
I have learned techniques of cybercrime from friends online	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have learned techniques of cybercrime from friends offline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I exchange ideas about how to commit cybercrime with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have read about how to commit cybercrime from forums or websites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have learned techniques of cybercrime from family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Theory - Self Control

Q22 How much do you agree with the following statements?

	Left Anchor		Right Anchor
	Not true	A bit true	Very true
I get very angry often and lose my temper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do dangerous things for fun	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I do exciting things, even if they are dangerous	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I'm a risk taker	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often act before I think about what I'm doing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Theory - GST

Q23 In the past 12 months, you have. . .

	Left Anchor	Right Anchor
	Yes	No
been treated unfairly?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
received a bad grade, performance review or evaluation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
got into a disagreement with a family member?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
had a death or hospitalization of a close friend or family member?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
got into a disagreement with a friend?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
had to deal with money problems?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
broke up with a significant other?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
parents divorced?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
been a victim of a crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q44 Rate your level agreement or disagreement with the following.

	Left Anchor			Right Anchor	
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
I feel like I easily hold grudges against others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I get irritated a lot more than people know about me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Even small things irritate me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I find myself feeling like a powder keg ready to explode	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel as though I am carrying a chip on my shoulder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Fake COVID Block

Q52 Have you seen any false or fake writings or speech online that related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Skip Logic

Yes **If Selected, jump to** 48. [Q53] Thinking about the most recent false or fake information about COVID-19 that you saw, which of the following topics comes closest to describing what it was about?

No **If Selected, jump to** 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others?

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Q53 Thinking about the most recent false of fake information about COVID-19 that you saw, which of the following topics comes closest to describing what it was about?

- ☐ About the virus itself
- ☐ About masks
- ☐ About social distancing
- ☐ About opening the economy
- ☐ About opening public schools
- ☐ About the government's handling of the pandemic

Show/Hide Question

Default > Hide Question

Criteria: Criteria covid

IF 47. [Q52] Have you seen any false or fake writings or speech online that related to the COVID-19 pandemic? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q54 Thinking about the most recent false of fake information about COVID-19 that you saw, would you say it made the pandemic look LESS SERIOUS than it really is or MORE SERIOUS than it really is?

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Right Anchor

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Criteria: Criteria covid

IF 47. [Q52] Have you seen any false or fake writings or speech online that related to the COVID-19 pandemic? is Yes

If criteria is met, hide question

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Q55 Thinking about MOST of the fake news you see about COVID-19, would you say it makes the pandemic look LESS SERIOUS than it really is or MORE SERIOUS than it really is?

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Criteria: Criteria covid

IF 47. [Q52] Have you seen any false or fake writings or speech online that related to the COVID-19 pandemic? is Yes

If criteria is met, hide question

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Fake News

Q35 In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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No If Selected, jump to 58. [Q49] How frequently do you see material online that is deliberately fake or misleading?

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Q37 Thinking of the most recent time when you saw false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others, how would you best describe those views? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ They advocated for a political candidate
- ☐ The advocated against a political candidate
- ☐ They blamed another person or group for their problems
- ☐ They blamed another person or group for the nation's problems
- ☐ They advocated hatred or violence of a group or person
- ☐ They suggested another group was incorrect or wrong

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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

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Q39 Did the fake information that you saw or heard online pertain to one or more of the following? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ COVID-19 Pandemic
- ☐ Russian-Ukraine War
- ☐ Ethnicity or race
- ☐ Nationality or immigrant status
- ☐ Sexual orientation
- ☐ Religious conviction/belief
- ☐ Political Views
- ☐ Disability
- ☐ Sex or Gender
- ☐ Gender Identity
- ☐ Appearance
- ☐ Other



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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q41 Please indicate which of the following services you saw or heard the fake or misleading views. Choose all that apply.

- ☐ Facebook
- ☐ YouTube
- ☐ Instagram
- ☐ Twitter
- ☐ Google+

- ☐ MySpace
- ☐ Wikipedia
- ☐ Tumblr
- ☐ Pinterest
- ☐ Snapchat
- ☐ Newspaper message boards
- ☐ General message boards
- ☐ 4chan or 8chan
- ☐ Image boards other than 4chan or 8chan
- ☐ Instant messengers (e.g. Windows Live messenger)
- ☐ Online role-playing games or MMO (e.g. World of Warcraft, Runescape, etc.)
- ☐ First-person shooter games or FPS (e.g. Call of Duty, Battlefield, etc.)
- ☐ Dating services (eHarmony, Match, Kik, Tinder, etc.)
- ☐ Blogs or Forums
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Skype
- ☐ Anonymous network (e.g. Tor, Freenet, I2P, YikYak)
- ☐ Reddit
- ☐ TikTok
- ☐ WeChat
- ☐ Weibo

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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q43 Still thinking of the most recent time you saw fake material online, did you purposefully search for this material or did you find it by accident?

- ☐ I searched for it
- ☐ I got there by accident
- ☐ I got the link to the site from a friend or acquaintance of mine

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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q45 To what extent did you agree with the opinions expressed in the material you saw or heard?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q47 In your opinion, how disturbing was this material? Please assess on a scale from 1–5, where 1= extremely disturbing and 5= not at all disturbing.

- ☐ 1= Extremely disturbing
- ☐ 2= very disturbing
- ☐ 3= disturbing
- ☐ 4= only slightly disturbing
- ☐ 5= Not at all disturbing

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Criteria: Criteria fake

IF 51. [Q35] In the past month, have you seen false or fake writings or speech online that you believe was deliberately trying to mislead others? is Yes

If criteria is met, show question

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Q49 How frequently do you see material online that is deliberately fake or misleading?

- ☐ I never see this type of material
- ☐ I see this type of material very infrequently
- ☐ I see this type of material occasionally
- ☐ I see this type of material frequently

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Q55 Have you ever produced online material that is deliberately fake or misleading?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Q47 In the past 3 months, have you seen hateful or degrading writings or speech online that attacked certain groups of people or individuals?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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