Table A1. Descriptive overview of the sample (N = 10,599)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Austria | Belgium | Germany | Hungary | Italy | Spain | Sweden | Total |
| In % |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Gender** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Male | 50.6 | 48.1 | 49.0 | 46.5 | 48.8 | 50.5 | 50.3 | 48.8 |
| Female | 49.4 | 51.9 | 51.0 | 53.5 | 51.2 | 49.5 | 49.7 | 51.2 |
| **Age** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 30 years | 12.2 | 9.0 | 9.7 | 8.9 | 6.6 | 8.7 | 10.1 | 12.5 |
| Between 30 and 45 years | 42.1 | 39.0 | 41.2 | 45.8 | 40.6 | 44.6 | 41.9 | 42.2 |
| Between 45 and 60 years | 35.7 | 40.4 | 38.4 | 34.4 | 42.2 | 37.2 | 38.7 | 34.3 |
| Over 60 years | 10.0 | 11.6 | 10.7 | 10.9 | 10.6 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 11.0 |
| **Religious denomination** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Christian | 63.6 | 47.4 | 55.1 | 55.2 | 73.4 | 52.9 | 33.9 | 56.7 |
| Muslim | 2.5 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 3.8 | 6.6 |
| Jewish | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| Agnostic/Atheïst | 25.7 | 46.5 | 36.8 | 24.9 | 20.1 | 39.2 | 51.5 | 28.9 |
| Other | 7.7 | 4.5 | 5.6 | 19.2 | 5.6 | 7.1 | 10.7 | 5.0 |
| **Full-time job** | 56.8 | 63.5 | 58.6 | 65.6 | 55.5 | 62.2 | 63.7 | 59.0 |
| Mean scores (standard error in brackets) | Austria | Belgium | Germany | Hungary | Italy | Spain | Sweden | Total |
| **Educational attainment** | 3.37 (0.85) | 3.81 (1.01) | 3.24 (1.05) | 3.52 (0.76) | 3.53 (1.00) | 3.56 (1.12) | 3.53 (0.84) | 3.46 (1.06) |
| **Political ideology** | 4.79 (2.11) | 5.32 (2.21) | 4.77 (1.97) | 5.39 (2.35) | 5.21 (2.53) | 4.47 (2.24) | 5.37 (2.59) | 5.05 (2.38) |
| **News media trust** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public television (PT) | 2.74 (1.23) | 3.37 (1.11) | 3.28 (1.21) | 2.22 (1.31) | 2.74 (1.10) | 2.57 (1.16) | 3.18 (1.30) | 2.87 (1.27) |
| Commercial television (CT) | 2.74 (1.04) | 2.91 (1.04) | 2.76 (1.08) | 2.75 (1.21) | 2.66 (1.10) | 2.57 (1.14) | 2.88 (1.11) | 2.75 (1.11) |
| Quality newspapers (QN) | 3.10 (1.21) | 3.33 (1.11) | 3.24 (1.14) | 2.41 (1.21) | 2.81 (1.10) | 2.61 (1.13) | 1.21 (1.15) | 2.93 (1.19) |
| Popular newspapers (PN) | 2.47 (1.15) | 2.85 (1.02) | 2.18 (1.17) | 1.96 (1.07) | 2.67 (1.09) | 2.33 (1.10) | 2.70 (1.12) | 2.45 (1.14) |
| Digital news (DN) | 2.87 (1.16) | 3.11 (1.04) | 3.02 (1.09) | 2.53 (1.13) | 2.76 (1.07) | 2.44 (1.09) | 2.87 (1.09) | 2.80 (1.12) |
| **News media consumption** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public television (PT) | 3.96 (2.20) | 4.46 (2.13) | 4.47 (2.09) | 3.01 (2.06) | 4.51 (2.03) | 4.49 (2.15) | 4.11 (2.01) | 4.19 (2.16) |
| Commercial television (CT) | 3.89 (1.94) | 3.83 (2.17) | 3.88 (2.05) | 3.93 (2.15) | 4.38 (2.03) | 4.94 (2.03) | 4.13 (1.97) | 4.20 (2.12) |
| Quality newspapers (QN) | 2.16 (1.37) | 2.09 (1.42) | 1.82 (2.05) | 1.64 (1.11) | 2.37 (1.46) | 2.05 (1.39) | 2.15 (1.39) | 2.11 (1.40) |
| Popular newspapers (PN) | 2.43 (1.32) | 2.22 (1.25) | 1.70 (1.17) | 1.79 (1.18) | 2.04 (1.60) | 2.38 (1.42) | 3.37 (1.93) | 2.29 (1.51) |
| Digital news (DN) | 2.18 (1.38) | 2.53 (1.53) | 2.21 (1.38) | 2.75 (1.52) | 2.70 (1.52) | 1.86 (1.17) | 3.21 (1.51) | 2.56 (1.48) |
| *N* | *1,520* | *1,505* | *1,521* | *1,514* | *1,510* | *1,512* | *1,517* | *10,599* |
| *Cooperation rate (in %)* | *23* | *22* | *22* | *31* | *19* | *16* | *12* | *20* |

Table A2. SEM of media trust, media consumption as mediator, and perceived threat by country

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Austria | Belgium | Germany | Hungary | Italy | Spain | Sweden |
| **Direct effect trust** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PT > Threat | -.127\*\*\* | -.070 | -.089\* | .148\*\*\* | -.187\*\*\* | -.103\*\* | -.312\*\*\* |
| CT > Threat | .034 | -.080\* | -.003 | -.200\*\*\* | .146\*\*\* | -.020 | .019 |
| QN > Threat | -.128\*\*\* | -.117\*\* | -.147\*\*\* | .036 | -.005 | -.040 | -.054 |
| PN > Threat | .004 | .029 | .050 | .003 | -.048 | .025 | -.081\* |
| DN > Threat | -.012 | -.021 | -.042 | -.103\*\* | -.051 | -.038 | .012 |
| PT > Consumption | .461\*\*\* | .404\*\*\* | .505\*\*\* | .507\*\*\* | .417\*\*\* | .421\*\*\* | .358\*\*\* |
| CT > Consumption | .357\*\*\* | .285\*\*\* | .403\*\*\* | .473\*\*\* | .420\*\*\* | .415\*\*\* | .327\*\*\* |
| QN > Consumption | .290\*\*\* | .221\*\*\* | .161\*\*\* | .246\*\*\* | .267\*\*\* | .116\*\*\* | .113\*\*\* |
| PN > Consumption | .393\*\*\* | .333\*\*\* | .263\*\*\* | .321\*\*\* | .185\*\*\* | .151\*\*\* | .200\*\*\* |
| DN > Consumption | .269\*\*\* | .287\*\*\* | .237\*\*\* | .403\*\*\* | .280\*\*\* | .259\*\*\* | .244\*\*\* |
| **News media consumption** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public TV | .029 | -.036 | -.028 | .062\* | .058\* | -.022 | .084\*\* |
| Commercial TV | .037 | .132\*\*\* | .081\*\* | .126\*\*\* | .064\* | .051 | .028 |
| Quality newspapers | -.068\* | -.261\*\*\* | -.107\*\* | -.119\*\*\* | -.034 | .114\*\*\* | -.046 |
| Popular newspapers | .094\*\* | -.059 | -.050 | .007 | -.037 | -.105\*\* | .122\*\*\* |
| Digital news | -.074\* | .021 | -.044 | -.035 | -.115\*\*\* | -.095\*\* | -.093\*\* |
| **Indirect effect trust** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public TV | .013 | -.017 | -.014 | .032\* | .024\* | -.009 | .030\*\* |
| Commercial TV | .013 | .042\*\*\* | .033\*\* | .060\*\*\* | .027\* | .021 | .009 |
| Quality newspapers | -.020\* | -.042\*\*\* | -.017\*\* | -.029\*\*\* | -.009 | .013\*\* | -.005 |
| Popular newspapers | .037\*\* | -.013 | -.013 | .002 | -.007 | -.016\*\* | .024\*\*\* |
| Digital news | -.020\* | .004 | -.011 | -.014 | -.032\*\*\* | -.025\*\* | -.023\* |

Note: \*\*\* *p* < .001; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \* *p* < 0.05. Models control for age, gender, educational attainment, political orientation, migration background.

Table A3. SEM of media consumption, media trust as mediator, and perceived threat by country

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Austria | Belgium | Germany | Hungary | Italy | Spain | Sweden |
| **Direct effect consumption** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PT > Threat | .029 | -.040 | -.028 | .064\* | .058\* | -.022 | .086\*\* |
| CT > Threat | .037 | .148\*\*\* | .082\*\* | .129\*\*\* | .065\* | .051 | .029 |
| QN > Threat | -.069\* | -.191\*\*\* | -.110\*\* | -.124\*\*\* | -.035 | .115\*\* | -.047 |
| PN > Threat | .096\*\* | -.038 | -.054 | .007 | -.038 | -.107\*\* | .129\*\* |
| DN > Threat | -.075\* | .013 | -.046 | -.04 | -.120\*\* | -.097\*\* | .097\* |
| PT > Trust | .219\*\*\* | .174\*\*\* | .274\*\*\* | .365\*\*\* | .286\*\*\* | .336\*\*\* | .237\*\*\* |
| CT > Trust | .339\*\*\* | .242\*\*\* | .317\*\*\* | .421\*\*\* | .327\*\*\* | .286\*\*\* | .238\*\*\* |
| QN > Trust | .204\*\*\* | .174\*\*\* | .148\*\*\* | .217\*\*\* | .129\*\*\* | .137\*\*\* | .098\*\*\* |
| PN > Trust | .362\*\*\* | .226\*\*\* | .425\*\*\* | .385\*\*\* | .129\*\*\* | .128\*\*\* | .263\*\*\* |
| DN > Trust | .167\*\*\* | .167\*\*\* | .182\*\*\* | .325\*\*\* | .149\*\*\* | .223\*\*\* | .146\*\*\* |
| **News media trust** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public TV | -.123\*\*\* | -.068 | -.086\* | .141\*\*\* | -.184\*\* | -.100\*\*\* | -.308\*\*\* |
| Commercial TV | .034 | -.080\* | -.003 | -.197\*\*\* | .145\*\*\* | -.019 | .019 |
| Quality newspapers | -.128\*\*\* | -.117\*\* | -.150\*\*\* | .036 | -.005 | -.039 | -.055 |
| Popular newspapers | .004 | .028 | .050 | .003 | -.048 | .024 | .080\* |
| Digital news | -.012 | -.021 | -.042 | -.100\*\* | -.050 | -.037 | -.012 |
| **Indirect effect consumption** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public TV | -.027\*\*\* | -.012 | .021 | .052\*\*\* | -.053\*\*\* | -.034\*\* | -.073\*\*\* |
| Commercial TV | .012 | -.019\* | -.001 | -.083\*\*\* | .047\*\*\* | -.006 | .004 |
| Quality newspapers | -.026\*\* | -.020\*\* | -.022\*\*\* | .001 | -.001 | -.005 | -.005 |
| Popular newspapers | .002 | .006 | .021 | .001 | -.006 | .003 | .021\* |
| Digital news | -.002 | -.003 | -.008 | -.033\*\* | -.007 | -.008 | .002 |

Note: \*\*\* *p* < .001; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \* *p* < 0.05. Models control for age, gender, educational attainment, political orientation, migration background.

Table A4. Moderation effects of media trust on media consumption on perceived threat by country

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Austria | Belgium | Germany | Hungary | Italy | Spain | Sweden |
| **Public service TV** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption | .100 | .046 | -.019 | .15\*\* | .032 | .035 | .131\* |
| Trust | -.300\*\*\* | -.29\*\*\* | -.260\*\*\* | .18\*\* | -.243\*\*\* | -.191\*\* | -.442\*\*\* |
| Interaction | -.063\* | -.029 | -.010 | -.091\* | .024 | -.046\* | -.003 |
| **Commercial TV** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption | .033 | .158\* | .161\* | .112\*\* | .193\*\* | .107 | .012 |
| Trust | -.121\* | -.296\*\*\* | -.137\* | -.283\*\*\* | -.000 | -.000 | -.394\*\*\* |
| Interaction | .161 | .157 | -.054 | .070 | -.045 | -.091 | .190\* |
| **Quality newspapers** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption | -.200\*\* | -.441\*\*\* | -.044 | -.074 | -.112 | .162\* | -.168\* |
| Trust | -.335\*\* | -.380\*\*\* | -.255\*\*\* | .111\* | -.131\*\* | -.011 | -.339\*\*\* |
| Interaction | .135 | .292\*\* | -.119 | -.040 | -.030 | -.163 | .131 |
| **Popular newspapers** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption | .227\*\* | -.029 | .187\* | .176\*\* | .178\* | .121 | .166\* |
| Trust | .013 | -.121\* | .191\*\*\* | .165\*\* | -.039 | .114\* | -.215\*\*\* |
| Interaction | -.164\* | -.010 | -.420\*\*\* | -.323\*\*\* | -.267\*\* | -.315\*\*\* | -.121 |
| **Digital news** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Consumption | -.101 | -.216\*\* | .000 | -.148\* | -.096 | .046 | -.057 |
| Trust | -.267\*\*\* | -.317\*\*\* | -.171\*\*\* | -.226\*\*\* | -.138\* | -.040 | -.253\*\*\* |
| Interaction | .041 | .153\*\* | -.154\* | .183\* | -.057 | -.144 | .029 |

Note: \*\*\* *p* < .001; \*\* *p* < 0.01; \* *p* < 0.05. Models control for age, gender, educational attainment, political orientation, migration background.