

Activating Change: The Role of Information and Beliefs in Online Activism

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ONLINE APPENDIX

Questionnaire used for the Survey Experiment

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INFORMATION SHEET FOR THE PARTICIPANTS [Consent Form (all)]

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The title of our project is “Understanding Individual Attitudes and Behaviors During COVID-19”.

We would like to invite you to participate in this original research project, conducted by Dr. Farzana Afridi, Dr. Amrita Dhillon, Dr. Danila Serra and Ahana Basistha from Kings College London, Texas A&M University and Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of the project is to learn more about how people view their current situation in the society during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being invited to participate in this project by completing an online survey hosted at Qualtrics, as someone who is a research respondent recruited via the Qualtrics online panels.

What will happen if I take part?

If you choose to be in the study, you will be asked to complete a survey. The survey will be approximately 15 to 20 minutes long. The questions in the survey will be about your household characteristics and on how you view your current situation in the society during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. You can stop the survey at any time without penalty. Your survey answers will be sent to a link at Qualtrics where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study.

Many survey takers do not like answering open-ended questions and tend to quit a survey once they see such questions. If a sizable number of people quit a survey halfway, the data quality of that survey would be compromised. However, our research depends on good quality data. Thus, please make sure you do not mind open-ended questions before taking this survey.

Do I have to take part?

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in anyway. Once you have read the information sheet, please contact us if you have any questions that will help you make a decision about taking part. If you decide to take part, we will ask you to sign a consent form and you will

be given a copy of the consent form to keep.

Incentives

Each participant will be compensated the pre-specified amount they agreed upon before entering the survey.

What are the possible risks of taking part?

There are no foreseeable risks involved in participating in this study.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

You will receive no direct benefits from participating in this research study. However, your responses may help us learn more about how people view their current situation in the society during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Data handling and confidentiality

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). Your survey answers will be sent to a link at Qualtrics where data will be stored in a password protected electronic format. Your personal information will not be shared outside the research team with any third-party.

Data Protection Statement

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). If you would like more information about how your data will be processed in accordance with GDPR please visit the link below: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research>

What if I change my mind about taking part?

You are free to withdraw at any point of the project, by exiting the survey without having to give a reason, up until the survey has been submitted. Withdrawing from the project will not affect you in any way.

How is the project being funded?

This project is being funded by UKAID.

What will happen to the results of the project?

A copy of the project's final report, and offprints of any academic articles arising from the study, will be sent to you on request.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about this project, please contact me using the following contact details:

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What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this project has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the project you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information: The College Research Ethics Committee, rec@kcl.ac.uk
The project has been registered with the Research Ethics Committee under the reference number MRM-20/21-20739.

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.

1. If you want to participate in this study, select "AGREE, START THE SURVEY" below. Clicking on the "Agree" button indicates that—

- You have read the above information.
- You voluntarily agree to participate.
- You are 18 years of age or older

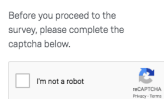
Please click on "DISAGREE, END THE SURVEY" button and press the arrow button (down right corner) if you do not wish to proceed with the survey.

☐ AGREE, START THE SURVEY

☐ DISAGREE, END THE SURVEY <-{cannot continue}

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2. Please complete the reCAPTCHA check to proceed.



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3. How often do you take online surveys?

- ☐ one or more times a day ☐ one or more times a month ☐ a few times a year
☐ a few times a week ☐ never

4. Are you participating in this survey using a computer, a phone or a tablet?

- ☐ computer ☐ phone ☐ tablet

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SECTION A: This section has questions about you and your family

5. How old are you?

- ☐ 18-24 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 55-64
☐ 25-34 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 65 and above

6. What is your gender?

- ☐ male ☐ female *<-{cannot continue}*

7. What is your religion?

- ☐ Hindu ☐ Sikh ☐ Tribal
☐ Muslim ☐ Buddhist ☐ other (please specify)
☐ Christian ☐ Jain ☐ none

8. What caste group do you belong to?

- ☐ Scheduled caste ☐ Other backward classes ☐ others
☐ Scheduled tribe (OBC)

9. Do you have any children?

- ☐ no ☐ yes, please write the number of children below—

10. What is your current marital status?

- ☐ married ☐ widow(er)
☐ unmarried/ single ☐ divorced

11. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10th to 12th standard | <input type="checkbox"/> M.A/ M.S.c/ M.Com | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)— |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B.A/ B.S.c/ B.Com | <input type="checkbox"/> vocational training | - |

12. Which state do you currently live in? {drop down list }

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andaman & Nicobar | <input type="checkbox"/> Jammu & Kashmir | <input type="checkbox"/> NCT of Delhi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andhra Pradesh | <input type="checkbox"/> Jharkhand | <input type="checkbox"/> Orissa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arunachal Pradesh | <input type="checkbox"/> Karnataka | <input type="checkbox"/> Puducherry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assam | <input type="checkbox"/> Kerala | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bihar | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladakh | <input type="checkbox"/> Rajasthan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chandigarh | <input type="checkbox"/> Lakshadweep | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikkim |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chhattisgarh | <input type="checkbox"/> Madhya Pradesh | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamil Nadu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dadra & Nagar Haveli | <input type="checkbox"/> Maharashtra | <input type="checkbox"/> Telangana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goa | <input type="checkbox"/> Manipur | <input type="checkbox"/> Tripura |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gujarat | <input type="checkbox"/> Meghalaya | <input type="checkbox"/> Uttar Pradesh |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haryana | <input type="checkbox"/> Mizoram | <input type="checkbox"/> Uttarakhand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Himachal Pradesh | <input type="checkbox"/> Nagaland | <input type="checkbox"/> West Bengal |

13. In your household, do you have elderly (above 60 years) living with you?

- ☐ yes ☐ no

14. What is your occupation?

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> student | <input type="checkbox"/> catering OR nutrition
OR hotel related work | <input type="checkbox"/> work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> engineer | <input type="checkbox"/> creative art | <input type="checkbox"/> driving or motor related
work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> office/business work | <input type="checkbox"/> work related to child-
care, nutrition, pre-
school or creche |
| <input type="checkbox"/> teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> beauty industry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> legal field | <input type="checkbox"/> journalism OR mass
communication related | <input type="checkbox"/> other (please specify)— |
| <input type="checkbox"/> health and paramedical
services | | |

15. Which of these best describe your personal earnings (in rupees) in the last month?

- ☐ Less than Rs 10000 ☐ Rs 30000-60000 ☐ More than Rs 100000
☐ Rs 10000-30000 ☐ Rs 60000-100000

16. And which of these best describe your household income (in rupees) in the last month?

Household income is the total income earned by you and by every working member of the household.

- ☐ Less than Rs 10000 ☐ Rs 30000-60000 ☐ More than Rs 100000
☐ Rs 10000-30000 ☐ Rs 60000-100000 {cannot continue }

17. Which of these items do you own? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ washing machine ☐ car ☐ smart phone
☐ flat screen TV ☐ fridge ☐ gym/pool membership
☐ bike / scooter ☐ computer
☐ air conditioner ☐ power backup

18. Which of the following people currently live and take meals with you? (Click all that apply).

- ☐ wife ☐ father ☐ father-in-law
☐ sons, enter how many— ☐ mother ☐ mother-in-law
☐ daughters, enter how many— ☐ siblings, enter how many— ☐ others, enter how many—

19. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

- ☐ I own a house or apartment without paying rent
☐ I rent a house or apartment ☐ I live with parents or other relatives and I contribute to their rent/ mortgage expenses
☐ I live with parents or other relatives

20. The following 6 statements apply to different attitudes towards life and the future. To what extent do you think these statements apply to you?

I like taking responsibility

- ☐ applies to me to a very great extent
☐ applies to me to a great extent
☐ applies to me to some extent

☐ hardly applies to me at all

☐ does not apply to me at all

I find it best to make decisions myself, rather than to rely on fate

☐ applies to me to a very great extent

☐ applies to me to a great extent

☐ applies to me to some extent

☐ hardly applies to me at all

☐ does not apply to me at all

When I encounter problems or opposition, I usually find ways and means to overcome them

☐ applies to me to a very great extent

☐ applies to me to a great extent

☐ applies to me to some extent

☐ hardly applies to me at all

☐ does not apply to me at all

Success often depends more on luck than on effort

☐ applies to me to a very great extent

☐ applies to me to a great extent

☐ applies to me to some extent

☐ hardly applies to me at all

☐ does not apply to me at all

I often have the feeling that I have little influence over what happens to me

☐ applies to me to a very great extent

☐ applies to me to a great extent

☐ applies to me to some extent

☐ hardly applies to me at all

☐ does not apply to me at all

When I make important decisions, I often look at what others have done

- ☐ applies to me to a very great extent
- ☐ applies to me to a great extent
- ☐ applies to me to some extent
- ☐ hardly applies to me at all
- ☐ does not apply to me at all

21. Please tell us, in general, **how willing or unwilling are you to take risks**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates you are completely unwilling to take risks, and 10 indicates you are very willing to take risks.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

22. Please tell us **how willing you are to give to good causes without expecting anything in return**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates you are completely unwilling to give, and 10 indicates you are very willing to give.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

23. Please tell us whether **if you are treated very unjustly, you will take revenge at the first opportunity, even if there is a cost to doing so**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates that you are completely unwilling to take revenge, and 10 indicates that the you are very willing to take revenge.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

24. Please tell us whether the following statement describes **you as a person: you assume that people only have the best intentions**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates that the statement does not describe you at all, and 10 indicates that the statement describes you perfectly.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

25. Please tell us **how willing you are to punish someone who treats you unfairly, even if there may be costs for you**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates you are completely unwilling to do so, and 10 indicates you are very willing to do so.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

26. Please tell us **how willing you are to punish someone who treats others unfairly, even if there may be costs for you**, using a scale of 0 to 10 below. 0 indicates you are completely unwilling to do so, and 10 indicates you are very willing to do so.

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6

- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10

27. We will like to ask you how much you trust people from various groups or organizations.

Could you tell us for each of the groups, whether you trust people from that group completely, somewhat, not very much or not at all?

people you personally know

- ☐ trust completely
- ☐ trust somewhat
- ☐ do not trust very much
- ☐ do not trust at all

people you don't know personally

- ☐ trust completely
- ☐ trust somewhat
- ☐ do not trust very much
- ☐ do not trust at all

government officials

- ☐ trust completely
- ☐ trust somewhat
- ☐ do not trust very much
- ☐ do not trust at all

healthcare professionals

- ☐ trust completely
- ☐ trust somewhat
- ☐ do not trust very much
- ☐ do not trust at all

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SECTION B: This section has questions on your experience with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic

28. Are you or a member of your household considered “high-risk” with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic?

- ☐ no ☐ yes, specify who—
☐ yes, me ☐ don't know/ can't say

29. Since April 2020 till date, did you or anyone from your household or immediate social environment test positive for COVID-19? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ no ☐ yes, me ☐ yes, but not me (specify who)—

30. If yes, what was the per head cost of treatment for COVID-19? Please type the amount below (in Rs).

- ☐ doesn't apply ☐ amount (Rs)—

31. What are your chances of getting infected with COVID-19?

- ☐ very unlikely ☐ somewhat unlikely
☐ somewhat unlikely ☐ very likely

32. In your opinion, during the COVID 19 pandemic, has the quality of health care in your state

- ☐ decreased ☐ increased
☐ remained the same ☐ don't know

33. Since April 2020 till date, how many times did you or a member of your household require to seek care from health worker/ visit a clinic or hospital?

The visits may or may not be related to COVID-19

- ☐ never
☐ 1
☐ 2
☐ 3
☐ 4
☐ 5
☐ 6
☐ 7
☐ 8
☐ 9

☐ 10

☐ more than 10 times

34. Please consider all the contact you or members of your household had with health workers in clinics or hospitals since April 2020 till date.

How many times did you have to give them a gift, or have to do a favor or have to pay extra money to obtain a medical service?

give them a gift

☐ never

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6

☐ 7

☐ 8

☐ 9

☐ 10

☐ more than 10 times

do a favor

☐ never

☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6

☐ 7

☐ 8

- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ more than 10 times

pay extra money

- ☐ never
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ more than 10 times

35. If you had to pay extra money one or more times, how much did you pay (in Rs) on average? Please type the amount in the text box below.

- ☐ does not apply
- ☐ enter the amount (in Rs) below—

36. Do you know what is the rate you would have to **pay per day for an ICU bed** at your local hospital?

- ☐ don't know
- ☐ yes, enter the amount per day (Rs)—

37. Did you or a member of your household have to spend 1 or more night at the hospital since April 2020? The visits may or may not be related to COVID-19, and may be for you or a member of your household.

- ☐ yes
- ☐ no

38. {display if answer=yes to Q.37} How much did you or a member of your household have to pay for every night of hospital stay?

☐ 0 day, enter amount ☐ don't know/ can't say
(Rs)—
☐ positive amount per

39. {display if answer=yes to Q.37} Do you think you or a member of your household were **illegally overcharged** by the healthcare professionals for the hospital stay?

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ don't know/ can't say

40. People are very busy these days and many do not have time to follow what goes on in the government. Some do pay attention to politics but do not read questions carefully. To show that you've read this much, please ignore the question below and just select the option C from the four choices below. That's right, just select the option C from the four choices below. How interested are you in information about what's going on in government and politics?

☐ option A

☐ option B

☐ option C

☐ option D

41. According to your experience, the current level of corruption in the health sector is

☐ not a problem at all ☐ a moderate problem

☐ a small problem ☐ a major problem

42. In your opinion, has the level of corruption in the health sector during the COVID-19 pandemic (since April 2020 till date)

☐ increased a lot ☐ stayed the same ☐ decreased a lot☐ increased somewhat ☐ decreased somewhat ☐ don't know

43. Please tell us for each of the following actions whether you think it can never be justified, always be justified, or something in between, using the scale of 1 to 10 below (where 1 denotes that the action is never justifiable, 10 denotes it is always justifiable).

avoiding a fare on public transport

☐ 1 (never justifiable)

□ 2

□ 3

□ 4

□ 5

- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 (always justifiable)

doctors overcharging for a hospital bed during COVID-19 pandemic

- ☐ 1 (never justifiable)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 (always justifiable)

someone accepting a bribe in the course of their duties

- ☐ 1 (never justifiable)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10 (always justifiable)

44. How many people in your community do you think expect you to complain if you are overcharged or asked to pay a bribe by a doctor?

☐ nobody

☐ many people

☐ everybody

☐ a few people

☐ most people

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45. Some people who are asked to pay bribes do not complain about it. Why do you think this is the case? Please type your response in the text box below. _____

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SECTION C: This section has questions about issues that are important to you

46. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

you play an active role in one or more voluntary organizations

☐ strongly disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ neither agree nor disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ strongly agree

you don't like to discuss politics with other people

☐ strongly disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ neither agree nor disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ strongly agree

being involved in your neighborhood is important to you

☐ strongly disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ neither agree nor disagree

☐ somewhat agree

☐ strongly agree

you don't get involved in political protests

☐ strongly disagree

- ☐ somewhat agree
- ☐ neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ somewhat agree
- ☐ strongly agree

you generally vote in elections

- ☐ strongly disagree
- ☐ somewhat agree
- ☐ neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ somewhat agree
- ☐ strongly agree

47. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (since April 2020 till date), have you ever been involved in any of the following actions to help solve a problem that mattered to you?

protest

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

walkouts or strike

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

boycott

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times

- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

petition

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

lodging complaints

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

marching

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

donation to an organization

- ☐ never
- ☐ yes, 1-3 times
- ☐ yes, 4-6 times
- ☐ yes, 7-10 times
- ☐ more than 10 times

48. During the last year, how much did you donate to charity?

☐ didn't donate

☐ Rs (1000 - 5000)

☐ don't know/ can't say

☐ less than Rs 1000

☐ more than Rs 5000

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SECTION D: In this section you will answer some questions that will allow you to earn bonus money. You will have a chance to earn between 0 and Rs 198 as a bonus.

49. On each of the following pages, you will be presented with a statement. We have asked previous study participants whether they agree or disagree with each of these statements. The respondents were all men based in India.

First, you will be asked whether you personally agree with each statement. You will then be asked to guess what percentage of previous participants agreed with each statement. You will have to state whether you agree or disagree with 3 statements, and guess the percentages of previous participants who agreed with the same statements. **For each statement, if your guess is correct, you earn Rs 50.**

In order to make sure you understand what will happen in this section of the survey, we ask you to first answer the 3 questions below.

If TWO of your guesses are correct, how much will you receive as a bonus from this part of the study?

☐ 0

☐ 50

☐ 250

☐ 100

If NONE of your guesses are correct, how much will you receive as a bonus from this part of the study?

☐ 0

☐ 50

☐ 250

☐ 100

If THREE of your guesses are correct, how much will you receive as a bonus from this part of the study?

☐ 0

☐ 50

☐ 250

☐ 100

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We can now proceed with the 3 statements. Recall that a large number of Indian men have participated in the study already. You will have to state whether you agree or disagree with each of the 3 statements, and guess the percentages of previous participants who agreed with each statement. You will earn Rs 50 of bonus money for each correct guess.

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50. In order to contain the spreading of COVID-19, people should wear face masks when they are in public spaces.

Do you **agree** or **disagree** with the statement above?

☐ agree

☐ disagree

51. What percentage of previous participants in this study do you think agreed with the statement above?

If your guess is correct, you will receive Rs 50.

☐ 0-10%

☐ 10-20%

☐ 20-30%

☐ 30-40%

☐ 40-50%

☐ 50-60%

☐ 60-70%

☐ 70-80%

☐ 80-90%

☐ 90-100%

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52. I believe that citizens should demand that the usage of relief funds set up during the pandemic should be audited by independent third-party organizations.

Do you **agree** or **disagree** with the statement above?

☐ agree

☐ disagree

53. What percentage of previous participants in this study do you think agreed with the statement above?

If your guess is correct, you will receive Rs 50.

- ☐ 0-10%
- ☐ 10-20%
- ☐ 20-30%
- ☐ 30-40%
- ☐ 40-50%
- ☐ 50-60%
- ☐ 60-70%
- ☐ 70-80%
- ☐ 80-90%
- ☐ 90-100%

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54. **I am willing to raise my voice and participate in a protest against corruption in the provision of health service.**

Do you **agree** or **disagree** with the statement above?

- ☐ agree
- ☐ disagree

55. What percentage of previous participants in this study do you think agreed with the statement above?

If your guess is correct, you will receive Rs 50.

- ☐ 0-10%
- ☐ 10-20%
- ☐ 20-30%
- ☐ 30-40%
- ☐ 40-50%
- ☐ 50-60%
- ☐ 60-70%

- ☐ 70-80%
- ☐ 80-90%
- ☐ 90-100%

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55. Please rate how confident you are about the opinions of the other participants. (1 means not confident at all, 5 means very confident.)

- ☐ 1 (not confident at all)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 (very confident)

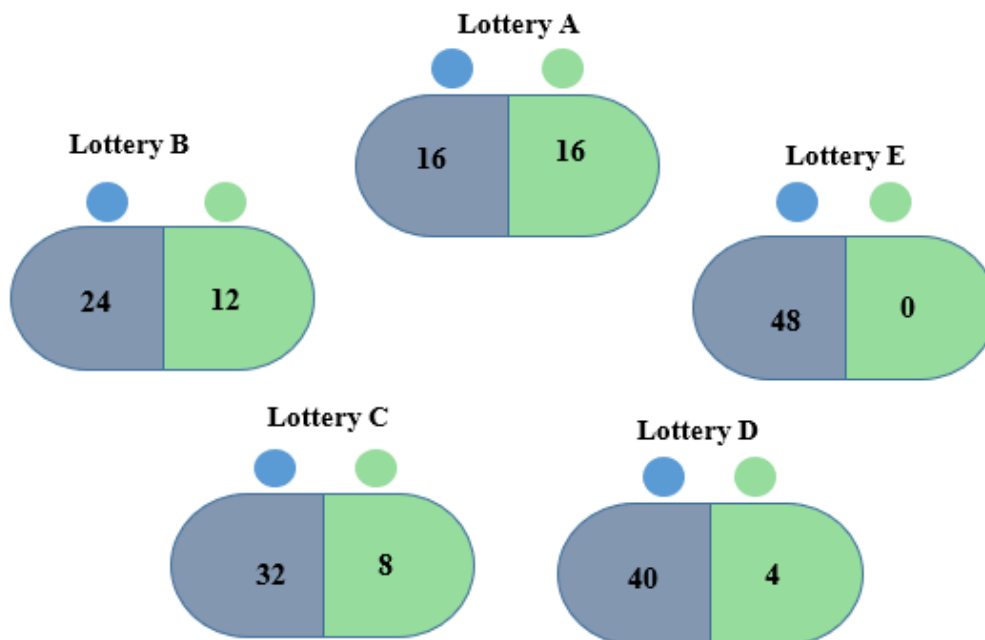
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56. We are going to ask you to choose between 5 lotteries.

Each lottery has **two possible outcomes**, one that would earn you a **small amount of money** and one that would earn you a **larger amount of money**. That is **real money** that you could earn in this section.

In each of the 5 lotteries, there is a 50% chance that you earn the small amount of money, and a 50% chance that you earn the large amount of money.

Think of an urn with two balls, a blue ball and a green ball. If the blue ball comes out, you earn the small amount of money. If the green ball comes out, you earn the large amount of money. The figure below shows the 5 lotteries and the small and large amount of money associated with each lottery.



There are 5 possible lotteries. You will have to **choose which lottery you would like to play**. Each lottery has a different **small** and **large** amounts of money that you could win if the **blue ball** or the **green ball** is selected.

*Here is an example. If you choose to play **Lottery C** and the **blue ball comes out**, you win **Rs 32**. If instead the **green ball comes out**, you win **Rs 8**.*

*Here is another example: If you choose to play **Lottery D** and the **blue ball comes out**, you win **Rs 40**. If instead the **green ball comes out**, you win **Rs 4**.*

*Remember that there is a **50% chance** that the **blue ball** will come up and a **50% chance** that the **green ball** will come out.*

Suppose that you choose Lottery B and the computer randomly draw the **green ball**, how much would you earn?

- ☐ 12
- ☐ 24
- ☐ 16
- ☐ 0

Suppose that you choose Lottery E and the computer randomly draw the **blue ball**, how much would you earn?

- ☐ 12
- ☐ 48
- ☐ 16

{display this question if previous two answers are correct}**Please choose which lottery you would like to play.** Remember that the amounts you see in the lotteries, are **real money**.

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How much do you think you earned as bonus today? Please indicate a Rs. amount in the slider below.

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{Randomly Assign Subjects into 4 Anti-corruption Groups (*Information, Belief Correction, Combined and Control*)}

————CONTROL BLOCK————

{Randomly Assign Control Group Subjects into 4 Action Groups (*Petition, Donation, Video and Choice*)}

————PETITION SUB-BLOCK————

P1. Before you exit the survey, we would like you to think of the problem of corruption and overcharging in Indian hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “**All India Drug Action Network**” (**A.I.D.A.N**) is a non-profit organization that has been pressuring local and central governments to better regulate health care in India, fostering transparency in hospitals and assisting patients who have been illegally overcharged.

Would you like to support the A.I.D.A.N.’s activities? If so, you could sign a **petition** to the Health Ministry asking for more regulation and transparency in health care charges. If you prefer to **exit the survey**, please click the "EXIT THE SURVEY" button below.

☐ PETITION

☐ EXIT THE SURVEY {End survey here, if this button is clicked}

{Display petition text if “PETITION” IS SELECTED ABOVE}

P2. [PETITION TEXT]—>

Now is the time to put pressure on our leaders to safeguard our health! The healthcare sector has enjoyed unbridled growth because of government subsidies and the lack of implementation of regulatory laws.

Overcharging and unethical practices are frequent concerns in health care, all of this is propagated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has wreaked havoc on our healthcare system. With no public health law in place, India is fighting COVID-19 Pandemic using a 123-year-old Epidemic Diseases Act, an even older Indian Penal Code of 1860, and a recent Disaster Management Act of 2005. The violation of patients’ rights has shot up to an astronomical level in absence of any regulation. **Sign our petition to the Health Minister of India to show support for the following demands:**

- 1. Adoption of regulatory laws like the Clinical Establishment Act, 2010**
- 2. Clear display of treatment protocol and prescription audit**
- 3. District level grievance redressal system for patients**

The right to affordable and accessible care will only be achieved if people start demanding that government health services be strengthened, expanded and improved; and the government introduces and implements strict regulations for hospitals.

This petition is addressed to:

1. Union health minister: Dr. Harsh Vardhan (hfm[at]gov[dot]in)

2. health ministers of the states:

Click here to download a pdf copy of the petition. If you would like to sign this petition, please write your full name below:

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————DONATION SUB-BLOCK————

D1. Before you exit the survey, we would like you to think of the problem of corruption and overcharging in Indian hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “**All India Drug Action Network**” (**A.I.D.A.N**) is a non-profit organization that has been pressuring local and central governments to better regulate health care in India, fostering transparency in hospitals and assisting patients who have been illegally overcharged.

Would you like to support the A.I.D.A.N.’s activities? If so, you could make **a donation** to A.I.D.A.N. If you prefer to **exit the survey**, please click the "EXIT THE SURVEY" button below.

☐ DONATION

☐ EXIT THE SURVEY {End survey here, if this button is clicked}

{Display donation text if “DONATION” IS SELECTED ABOVE}

D2. You can support A.I.D.A.N. by donating part or all of your bonus earnings from Section D of the survey. You can donate any amount between 0 and 100% of your bonus earnings. How much would you like to donate to A.I.D.A.N out of your bonus earnings from Section D?

- ☐ 0% of bonus
- ☐ 10% of bonus
- ☐ 20% of bonus
- ☐ 30% of bonus
- ☐ 40% of bonus
- ☐ 50% of bonus
- ☐ 60% of bonus
- ☐ 70% of bonus

- ☐ 80% of bonus
- ☐ 90% of bonus
- ☐ 100% of bonus

———VIDEO SUB-BLOCK———

V1. Before you exit the survey, we would like you to think of the problem of corruption and overcharging in Indian hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “**All India Drug Action Network**” (**A.I.D.A.N**) is a non-profit organization that has been pressuring local and central governments to better regulate health care in India, fostering transparency in hospitals and assisting patients who have been illegally overcharged.

Would you like to support the A.I.D.A.N.’s activities? If so, you could watch a **6-minute video** that explains A.I.D.A.N. activities and how you could help. If you prefer to **exit the survey**, please click the "EXIT THE SURVEY" button below.

- ☐ VIDEO
- ☐ EXIT THE SURVEY {End survey here, if this button is clicked}

{Display donation text if “VIDEO” IS SELECTED ABOVE}

V2. We are now going to show you the video.

Please make sure that you can listen to the video by putting headphones on or raising the volume of your device. If you are on mobile, you want to consider switching to landscape mode for better viewing experience. Once you have done that, please click the arrow on bottom right to proceed.

Once you have finished watching the video in the next page, please click the arrow on bottom right to end the survey.

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———CHOICE SUB-BLOCK———

C1. Before you exit the survey, we would like you to think of the problem of corruption and overcharging in Indian hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “**All India Drug Action Network**” (**A.I.D.A.N**) is a non-profit organization that has been pressuring local and central governments to better regulate health care in India, fostering transparency in hospitals and assisting patients who have been illegally overcharged.

Would you like to support the A.I.D.A.N.’s activities? If so, you could sign a **petition** to the Health Ministry asking for more regulation and transparency in health care charges. Please click PETITION below, and you will be redirected to the page containing necessary instructions.

OR make a **donation** to A.I.D.A.N. Please click DONATION below, and you will be redirected to the page containing necessary instructions.

OR watch a **6-minute video** that explains A.I.D.A.N. activities and how you could help. Please click VIDEO, and you will be redirected to the page containing necessary instructions.

If you prefer **to exit the survey**, please click the "EXIT THE SURVEY" button below.

- ☐ PETITION {Repeat P2, if this button is clicked}
- ☐ DONATION {Repeat D2, if this button is clicked}
- ☐ VIDEO {Repeat V2, if this button is clicked}
- ☐ EXIT THE SURVEY {End survey here, if this button is clicked}

..... *THE END*

—INFORMATION BLOCK—

**{Randomly Assign Information Group Subjects into 4 Action Groups
(*Petition, Donation, Video and Choice*)}**

We are now going to show you a short informational video (3 minutes long approximately) on the state of healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic information on illegal behavior and overcharging by hospitals.

Please make sure that you can listen to the video by putting headphones on or raising the volume of your device. If you are on mobile, you want to consider switching to landscape mode for better viewing experience. Once you have done that, please click the arrow on bottom right to proceed.

Please do not forward the video. You will not be able to proceed with the survey until you watch this 3-minute video. If you forward the video, you will still have to wait until the 3 minutes have passed before being able to continue with the survey.

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If you exit the video before it reaches the end (before 3 minutes have passed), you will have to wait to be able to proceed with the survey. When 3 minutes have passed, a next button in the bottom right corner will appear and you will be able to move forward.

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**{Randomly Assign Information Group Subjects into 4 Action Groups
(*Petition, Donation, Video and Choice*)}**

—PETITION SUB-BLOCK—

Repeat P1 and P2.

—DONATION SUB-BLOCK—

Repeat D1 and D2.

—VIDEO SUB-BLOCK—

Repeat V1 and V2.

—CHOICE SUB-BLOCK—

Repeat C1.

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——BELIEF CORRECTION BLOCK——

We previously asked to guess the percentage of previous survey respondents who agreed with 3 statements. The table shows you the actual percentages of respondents who agreed with each statement.

In order to contain the spreading of COVID-19, people should wear face masks when they are in public spaces.	90 – 100% agree
I believe that citizens should demand that the usage of relief funds set up during the pandemic should be audited by independent third-party organizations	80 – 90% agree
I am willing to raise my voice and participate in a protest against corruption in the provision of health service.	80 – 90% agree

Please take the next ten seconds to go over this table. The next button will appear after ten seconds have passed.

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{Randomly Assign Belief Correction Group Subjects into 4 Action Groups
(*Petition, Donation, Video and Choice*)}

——PETITION SUB-BLOCK——

Repeat P1 and P2.

——DONATION SUB-BLOCK——

Repeat D1 and D2.

——VIDEO SUB-BLOCK——

Repeat V1 and V2.

——CHOICE SUB-BLOCK——

Repeat C1.

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————COMBINED BLOCK————

We are now going to show you a short informational video (3 minutes long approximately) on the state of healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic information on illegal behavior and overcharging by hospitals.

Please make sure that you can listen to the video by putting headphones on or raising the volume of your device. If you are on mobile, you want to consider switching to landscape mode for better viewing experience. Once you have done that, please click the arrow on bottom right to proceed.

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{Randomly Assign Combined Group Subjects into 4 Action Groups (*Petition, Donation, Video and Choice*)}

————PETITION SUB-BLOCK————

Repeat P1 and P2.

In order to contain the spreading of COVID-19, people should wear face masks when they are in public spaces.	90 – 100% agree
I believe that citizens should demand that the usage of relief funds set up during the pandemic should be audited by independent third-party organizations	80 – 90% agree
I am willing to raise my voice and participate in a protest against corruption in the provision of health service.	80 – 90% agree

————DONATION SUB-BLOCK————

Repeat D1 and D2.

————VIDEO SUB-BLOCK————

Repeat V1 and V2.

————CHOICE SUB-BLOCK————

Repeat C1.

..... *THE END*