**Appendix Table A1. Nationalism and Socialism statements**

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| Nationalism statements |
| Men can feel completely safe only when the majority belong to his nation(ality). |
| Among nations, it is possible to create cooperation, but not full trust. |
| I would rather be a citizen of this country than of any other country in the world. |
| It is important that my country performs better than other countries. |
| It is best that villages, towns, and cities should be composed of only one nationality. |
| Socialism statements |
| Important sectors of the economy should be nationalized. |
| The government should reduce the differences in income. |
| The government should guarantee everyone a minimum standard of living. |
| People should receive unemployment benefits until they find a new job. |
| Public services would work better if they were privatized. |

**Appendix Table A2. Descriptives of all variables**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mean | S.D. | Min. | Max. |
| Conspiracy beliefs | 6.53 | 3.41 | 0 | 16 |
| Gender | 1.52 | 0.50 | 1 | 2 |
| Age | 45.39 | 14.11 | 18 | 95 |
| Lower education (ref.) | 0.34 | 0.47 | 0 | 1 |
| Middle education | 0.51 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 |
| Higher education | 0.16 | 0.36 | 0 | 1 |
| Income | 5.24 | 2.88 | 1 | 10 |
| Full-time employed (ref.) | 0.43 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 |
| Part-time employed | 0.08 | 0.27 | 0 | 1 |
| Unemployed | 0.27 | 0.44 | 0 | 1 |
| Self-employed | 0.12 | 0.32 | 0 | 1 |
| Retired | 0.08 | 0.27 | 0 | 1 |
| Stay-at-home spouse | 0.01 | 0.09 | 0 | 1 |
| Pupil, student | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0 | 1 |
| Sick, disabled | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0 | 1 |
| Newspapers | 0.15 | 0.36 | 0 | 1 |
| Television | 0.52 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 |
| Websites | 0.77 | 0.42 | 0 | 1 |
| Radio | 0.30 | 0.46 | 0 | 1 |
| Social media | 0.85 | 0.36 | 0 | 1 |
| Economic situation got worse | 0.60 | 0.49 | 0 | 1 |
| Coronavirus ignorance | 6.30 | 2.28 | 0 | 13.81 |
| Nationalism | 2.83 | 0.75 | 1 | 5 |
| Socialism | 3.62 | 0.55 | 1 | 5 |
| Political interest | 4.91 | 3.25 | 0 | 10 |
| Voted for government party | 0.17 | 0.37 | 0 | 1 |
| n=7105 | | | | |

**Appendix Table A3: Correlation matrix of all variables (*part 1*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Conspiracy beliefs | Gender | Age | Lower education | Middle education | Higher education | Income | Full-time employed |
| Conspiracy beliefs | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender | 0.04 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age | -0.03 | -0.07 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lower education | 0.10 | -0.02 | -0.14 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Middle education | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.08 | -0.46 | 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Higher education | -0.11 | 0.01 | 0.21 | -0.50 | -0.54 | 1.00 |  |  |
| Income | -0.10 | -0.08 | 0.18 | -0.27 | -0.04 | 0.29 | 1.00 |  |
| Full-time employed | -0.03 | -0.08 | 0.13 | -0.11 | -0.03 | 0.13 | 0.28 | 1.00 |
| Part-time employed | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.05 | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.04 | -0.01 | -0.28 |
| Unemployed | 0.05 | 0.05 | -0.30 | 0.12 | 0.03 | -0.14 | -0.26 | -0.54 |
| Self-employed | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.36 | -0.05 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.04 | -0.31 |
| Retired | 0.03 | 0.11 | -0.07 | 0.07 | 0.01 | -0.08 | -0.10 | -0.26 |
| Stay-at-home spouse | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.12 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -0.04 | -0.05 | -0.07 |
| Pupil, student | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.05 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.04 |
| Sick, disabled | 0.00 | -0.05 | -0.03 | 0.06 | 0.01 | -0.07 | -0.03 | -0.09 |
| Newspapers | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.07 | -0.04 | -0.02 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Television | -0.05 | 0.01 | 0.15 | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.00 | -0.02 |
| Websites | -0.03 | -0.04 | 0.15 | -0.07 | -0.02 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| Radio | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.10 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.06 |
| Social media | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.05 | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Economic situation got worse | 0.10 | 0.02 | -0.05 | 0.06 | 0.01 | -0.06 | -0.11 | -0.09 |
| Coronavirus ignorance | 0.11 | -0.01 | 0.04 | 0.05 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.03 |
| Nationalism | 0.20 | 0.00 | -0.09 | 0.18 | -0.02 | -0.15 | -0.15 | -0.06 |
| Socialism | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | -0.02 | -0.07 | -0.03 |
| Political interest | -0.09 | -0.12 | 0.12 | -0.09 | -0.02 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| Voted for government party | 0.03 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.05 | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.02 | 0.00 |
| Note: The coefficients represent zero-order correlations; n=7105. | | | | | | | | |

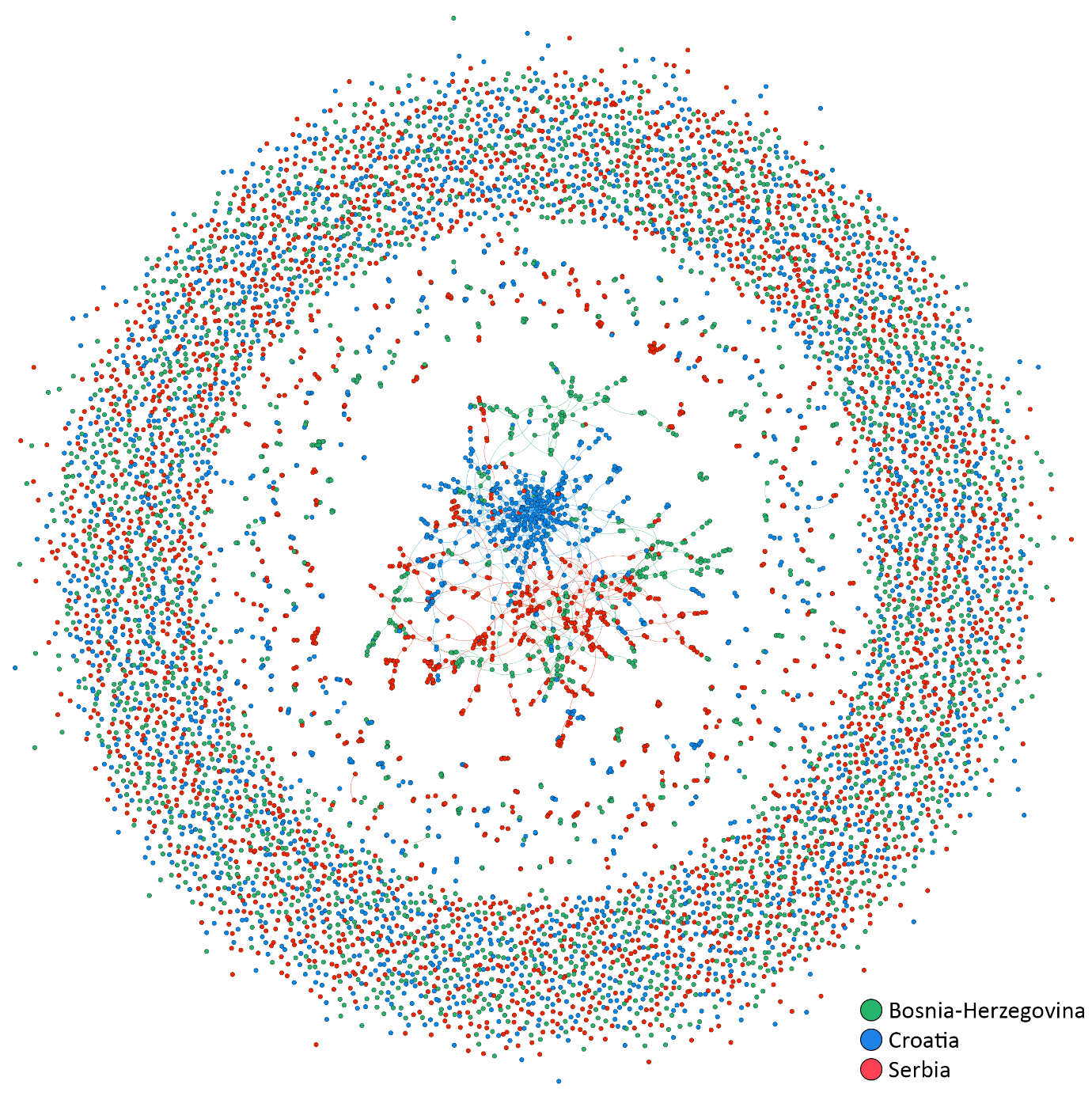
**Appendix Table A3: Correlation matrix of all variables (*part 2*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Unemployed | Self-employed | Retired | Stay-at-home spouse | Pupil, student | Sick, disabled | Newspapers | Television | Websites | Radio |
| Conspiracy beliefs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lower education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Middle education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Higher education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployed | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-employed | -0.21 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retired | -0.17 | -0.10 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stay-at-home spouse | -0.05 | -0.03 | -0.02 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pupil, student | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sick, disabled | -0.06 | -0.04 | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Newspapers | -0.06 | 0.03 | 0.00 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Television | -0.03 | 0.08 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 0.20 | 1.00 |  |  |
| Websites | -0.08 | 0.06 | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.00 | -0.04 | 0.14 | 0.25 | 1.00 |  |
| Radio | -0.08 | 0.04 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 1.00 |
| Social media | -0.03 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.09 | 0.18 | 0.41 | 0.15 |
| Economic situation got worse | 0.10 | -0.05 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.03 |
| Coronavirus ignorance | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.08 | -0.06 | -0.04 |
| Nationalism | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.08 | -0.02 | 0.01 |
| Socialism | 0.04 | 0.00 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Political interest | -0.06 | 0.05 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.21 | 0.06 |
| Voted for government party | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Note: The coefficients represent zero-order correlations; n=7105. | | | | | | | | | | |

**Appendix Table A3: Correlation matrix of all variables (*part 3*)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Social media | Economic situation got worse | Coronavirus ignorance | Nationalism | Socialism | Political interest | Voted for government party |
| Conspiracy beliefs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lower education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Middle education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Higher education |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-time employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unemployed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-employed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retired |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stay-at-home spouse |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pupil, student |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sick, disabled |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newspapers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Television |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Websites |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Radio |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Social media | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Economic situation got worse | 0.03 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coronavirus ignorance | -0.02 | 0.01 | 1.00 |  |  |  |  |
| Nationalism | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 1.00 |  |  |  |
| Socialism | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 1.00 |  |  |
| Political interest | 0.18 | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 1.00 |  |
| Voted for government party | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.16 | -0.04 | 0.07 | 1.00 |
| Note: The coefficients represent zero-order correlations; n=7105. | | | | | | | |

**Appendix Figure A1. Social network connections among survey respondents**

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