

Supplemental Material

Online Appendix A. Statements used in Study 2.

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Online Appendix A. Short report on the pilot test.

1a. Populist nostalgic statement

Was hat unser Land so verändert? Was hat unsere öffentlichen Plätze, unsere Straßenfeste, unsere Freibäder, Parks und Bahnhöfe zu Kriminalitätskloaken gemacht? Orte, an denen man plötzlich Gefahr läuft, Opfer von Kriminalität zu werden. In unserer Kindheit konnten wir noch ohne Sorge draußen spielen, heute müssen wir unsere Kinder bis vor den Kindergarten fahren.

1b. Populist nostalgic statement translated to English

What was it that changed our country? What made our public places, our street festivals, our open-air baths, parks, and train stations cesspools of criminality? These are places that one is in danger to be a victim of criminal acts. In our childhood, we could play outside carefreely. Today, we have to escort our children to kindergarten.

2a. Populist non-nostalgic statement

Unsere öffentlichen Plätze, unsere Straßenfeste, unsere Freibäder, Parks und Bahnhöfe sind Kriminalitätskloaken. Orte, an denen man Gefahr läuft, Opfer von Kriminalität zu werden.

2b. Populist non-nostalgic statement translated to English

Our public places, our street festivals, our open-air baths, parks, and train stations are cesspools of criminality. These are places that people are in danger to become victims of criminal acts.

3a. Statement without sensational populist rhetoric

Öffentliche Plätze, Straßenfeste, Freibäder, Parks und Bahnhöfe sind Orte, an denen es häufiger zu kriminellen Übergriffen kommt. An diesen Orten laufen Menschen eher Gefahr, Opfer von Kriminalität zu werden.

3b. Statement without sensational populist rhetoric translated to English

Public places, street festivals, open-air baths, parks, and train stations are places where criminal acts take place more frequently. These are places that people are in danger to become victims of criminal acts.

Table S1

Original items (German) used in Study 2 and respective translations (English).

Scale (Subscale)	Label in Data	Item (German, as in the questionnaire)	Item (English Translation)
Populist attitude (Anti-Elitism)	PP01_01	Die Abgeordneten im Parlament verlieren ziemlich schnell den Kontakt mit dem Volk.	The members of parliament lose contact with the people quite quickly.
Populist attitude (Anti-Elitism)	PP01_02	Die Unterschiede zwischen dem Volk und der sogenannten Elite sind viel größer als die Unterschiede innerhalb des Volkes.	The differences between the people and the so-called elite are much greater than the differences within the people.
Populist attitude (Anti-Elitism)	PP01_04	Leute wie ich haben keinen Einfluss darauf, was die Regierung macht.	People like me have no influence on what the government does.
Populist attitude (Anti-Elitism)	PP01_05	Politiker reden zu viel und handeln zu wenig.	Elected politicians talk too much and take too little action.
Populist attitude (populism)	PP02_01	Das Volk sollte bei den wichtigsten politischen Sachfragen mittels Volksabstimmungen das letzte Wort haben.	The people should have the last word on the most important political issues through referendums.
Populist attitude (populism)	PP02_03	Das Volk sollte bei allen wichtigen Entscheidungen gefragt werden.	The people should be consulted on all important decisions.
Populist attitude (populism)	PP02_04	Das Volk und nicht die Politiker sollten die wichtigsten politischen Entscheidungen treffen.	The people and not the politicians should make the most important political decisions.
Populist attitude (populism)	PP02_05	Die Politiker im Parlament müssen dem Willen des Volkes folgen.	The politicians in parliament must follow the will of the people.
Populist attitude (anti-diversity)	PP03_01	Einfache Leute verbindet ein guter und ehrlicher Charakter.	Simple people are united by a good and honest character.
Populist attitude (anti-diversity)	PP03_02	Die einfachen Leute ziehen alle an einem Strang.	The simple people all pull together.
Populist attitude (anti-diversity)	PP03_03	Auch wenn die Deutschen sehr verschieden sind, denken alle ähnlich, wenn es darauf ankommt.	Even though the Germans are very different, they all think similarly when it matters.
Populist attitude (anti-diversity)	PP03_05	Die einfachen Leute teilen gemeinsame Werte und Interessen.	The common people share common values and interests.
Manipulation check	N203_01	Ich empfinde den Text als reißerisch.	The statement was sensational.
Manipulation check	N203_02	Der Text behandelt das Thema sachlich.	The statement was objective.
Agreement to the statement	Agreement	Inwiefern stimmen Sie dem Inhalt der Aussage zu?	To what extent do you agree with the content of the statement?

Table S2
Zero-Order Correlations of Main Constructs in Study 2.

Study 2 Correlations				
Total Sample (<i>N</i> = 173)				
Variable	1	2	3	4
1. Agreement with Statement	-			
2. Populist Attitude	.42**	-		
3. Objectivity of Statement	.60**	.34**	-	
4. Age	.26**	.17*	.09	-
Nostalgic Populist Condition (<i>N</i> = 60)				
1. Agreement with Statement	-			
2. Populist Attitude	.63**	-		
3. Objectivity of Statement	.72**	.41**	-	
4. Age	.26*	.16	.09	-
Control Condition (<i>N</i> = 53)				
1. Agreement with Statement	-			
2. Populist Attitude	.25	-		
3. Objectivity of Statement	.45**	.34*	-	
4. Age	.28*	.09	.23	-
Non-nostalgic Populist Condition (<i>N</i> = 60)				
1. Agreement with Statement	-			
2. Populist Attitude	.25	-		
3. Objectivity of Statement	.38**	.22	-	
4. Age	.27*	.11	.01	-

Note. * $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$.