

Effects, Impacts, and Influences of Hurricane Irma

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INTRO/CONSENT FORM

You are being asked to take part in a research study conducted by researchers at the University of Miami. You must be 18 years or older to participate. You will be asked to complete a survey about your background, Hurricane Irma, and some more general questions on your opinions about politics and current events. The survey will take 15 minutes or less to complete. No risks or direct benefits are anticipated for your completion of the study. Participation is completely voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time by closing your browser window. Your responses are completely anonymous. You will be compensated in accordance with the terms set by [sample provider to be determined by Qualtrics at time study is fielded]. We do not collect your name or contact information. We only receive anonymous sets of responses. We will not know who participated. If you have questions about this research you may contact the Principal Investigator, Casey Klofstad, by email at c.klofstad@miami.edu or by phone at 305-284-8861. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University of Miami Human Subjects Research Office at 305-243-3195 or hsro@med.miami.edu.

Florida Conspiracy Theories Block

Q45: Here are some [treatment/control] that some Floridians agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the below statements.

[control: "ideas"]

[Treatment: conspiracy theories]

Q Catastrophic weather events like hurricanes are controlled by the government.

Q After his death, Walt Disney's body was frozen and is kept in Disney World.

Q The 2000 recount in favor of George W. Bush was rigged

Q Mass shootings, like the ones at Parkland and Orlando, are hoaxes designed to take away our guns.

Q The government played a large role in perpetuating the cocaine market.

Q Fidel Castro played a role in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Denialism Block

Q46 Below are some statements that some people agree with, and others disagree with. Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the below statements.

[Randomize order of questions in this section.]

Q Much of the information we receive is wrong.

Q Many widely held beliefs about the world are wrong.

Q I often disagree with conventional views about the world.

Q Experts are much too confident in their views.

Q Major events are not always what they seem.

Q Violence is sometimes an acceptable way for Americans to express their disagreement with the government.

Science Conspiracy Theories

Q47: Here are some [treatment/control] that some people agree with, and others disagree with. In thinking about each one, please tell us how much you agree or disagree with each of the below statements.

[control: "ideas"]

[Treatment: conspiracy theories]

[Randomize order of questions in this section.]

Q Evidence of alien contact is being hidden from the public.

Q Climate change is real and caused by manmade carbon emissions

Q President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by a single gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald

Q The terror attacks of 9/11/2001 were perpetrated solely by Al-Qaeda terrorists

Q Genetically-Modified foods are safe for humans to consume and safe for the environment

Q The Russians colluded to rig the 2016 presidential election.

Q Donald Trump colluded with Russia to rig the 2016 presidential election.

Q Ghosts can contact the living and take action in the physical world.

POLITICIAN APPROVAL FEELING THERMOMETERS

Q48: Next, we'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and media outlets. Please rate that person or organization 0 – 100 using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the name. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the name. You would rate the person/organization at the 50-degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward them. If you come to a name you don't recognize, you don't need to rate it. Just move on to the next one.

Q Donald Trump

Q Marco Rubio

Q Fidel Castro

Q CNN

Q Fox News Channel

Q MSNBC

Q Miguel Diaz-Canel

Q Rick Scott

Q Bill Nelson