

# WHEN IN DANGER, TURN RIGHT: DOES COVID-19 THREAT PROMOTE SOCIAL CONSERVATISM AND RIGHT-WING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES?

## SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE MATERIAL

**Table S1:** Descriptive Statistics and Correlations between Variables used in the Study in Poland and the USA.

		Poland (n=604)										
Variables		M	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Manipulation	.48	.50	1	.23	.19	.02	-.03	.03	.05	.03	
2	Anxiety	2.72	1.11		1	.96	.95	.03	.10	.04	.01	.03
3	Anxiety2	2.51	1.14	.08	--	1	.94	-.02	.07	.02	-.01	.01
4	PANAS-neg	0.00	1.00	.04	--	.89	1	.00	.07	.00	-.03	-.01
5	PANAS-pos	0.00	1.00	.03	--	.02	.00	1	.14	.16	.18	.15
6	PNS	4.12	0.67	-.02	--	.16	.11	.05	1	.21	.05	.23
7	Conservatism (all)	69.77	15.20	.03	--	-.19	-.17	.22	.10	1	.67	.97
8	Conservatism (econ)	65.06	16.13	.03	--	-.17	-.15	.18	.03	.82	1	.52
9	Conservatism (social)	71.61	16.75	.03	--	-.17	-.15	.20	.12	.94	.59	1
USA (n=633)	M			.51	--	2.63	0.00	0.00	4.10	62.49	57.20	66.26
	SD			.50	--	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.70	17.52	17.19	21.09

Note. Correlations for Poland are above the diagonal, correlations for the USA are below the diagonal. Anxiety = anxiety variable composed of three adjectives (Poland), Anxiety2 = anxiety variable composed of the same two adjectives in both countries. PANAS-neg and PANAS-pos = PANAS negative affect and positive affect scales, obtained in exploratory factor analyses with varimax rotation and saved as factor scores (M = 0, SD = 1)

**Table S2:** A summary of mediation models predicting the readiness to vote for each of the candidates in the USA.

Predictors	Mediators			DV: Voting for					
	Anxiety (M1)	PNS (M2)	SC (M3)	BS	EW	JB	MB	TG	DT
Coronavirus (Manipulation)	0.09* (0.04)	-0.02 (0.03)	1.03 (0.82)	-0.14 (0.09)	-0.20 (0.14)	0.05 (0.09)	-0.29 (0.15)	-0.21 (0.21)	0.12 (0.09)
Anxiety (M1)	--	0.10*** (0.03)	-3.75*** (0.76)	-0.02 (0.09)	-0.09 (0.13)	-0.09 (0.08)	0.18 (0.14)	0.02 (0.20)	-0.14 (0.09)
PNS (M2)	--	--	4.56*** (1.18)	0.35** (0.14)	0.17 (0.19)	0.33** (0.13)	-0.20 (0.22)	-0.20 (0.29)	-0.35** (0.14)
SC (M3)	--	--	--	-0.04*** (0.005)	-0.04*** (0.007)	-0.02** (0.004)	0.008 (0.008)	-0.02* (0.01)	0.06*** (0.001)

DV = voting for: BS = Bernie Sanders, EW = Elizabeth Warren, JB = Joe Biden, MB = Michael Bloomberg, TG = Tulsi Gabbard, DT = Donald Trump, PNS = Personal Need for Structure, SC = Social Conservatism. M1 = 1<sup>st</sup> mediator, M2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> mediator, M3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> mediator.

**Table S3:** A summary of mediation models predicting the perceived fit for the presidency of each of the candidates in the USA.

Predictors	Mediators			DV: Positive fit for presidency:					
	Anxiety (M1)	PNS (M2)	SC (M3)	BS	EW	JB	MB	TG	DT
Coronavirus (Manipulation)	0.09* (0.04)	-0.02 (0.03)	1.03 (0.82)	-0.06 (0.05)	-0.01 (0.05)	0.01 (0.05)	-0.04 (0.05)	0.004 (0.04)	-0.001 (0.06)
Anxiety (M1)	--	0.10*** (0.03)	-3.75*** (0.76)	0.14* (0.05)	0.10* (0.04)	0.12* (0.05)	0.16** (0.05)	0.03 (0.04)	-0.003 (0.05)
PNS (M2)	--	--	4.56*** (1.18)	0.06 (0.08)	0.03 (0.07)	0.16* (0.08)	-0.13 (0.07)	-0.01 (0.06)	-0.27** (0.08)
SC (M3)	--	--	--	-0.03*** (0.003)	-0.02*** (0.002)	-0.01** (0.003)	0.003 (0.002)	-0.03 (0.002)	0.04*** (0.003)

DV = voting for: BS = Bernie Sanders, EW = Elizabeth Warren, JB = Joe Biden, MB = Michael Bloomberg, TG = Tulsi Gabbard, DT = Donald Trump, PNS = Personal Need for Structure, SC = Social Conservatism. M1 = 1<sup>st</sup> mediator, M2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> mediator, M3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> mediator.

**Table S4:** A summary of mediation models predicting the readiness to vote for each of the candidates in Poland.

Predictors	Mediators			DV: Voting for					
	Anxiety (M1)	PNS (M2)	SC (M3)	RB	MKB	WKK	SH	AD	KB
Coronavirus (Manipulati)	0.26*** (0.04)	-0.04 (0.03)	0.66 (0.69)	0.13 (0.12)	-0.14 (0.11)	-0.18 (0.11)	0.03 (0.11)	0.04 (0.09)	0.13 (0.15)
Anxiety (M1)	--	0.07** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.62)	0.07 (0.11)	-0.01 (0.10)	-0.001 (0.11)	0.11 (0.10)	-0.03 (0.08)	0.13 (0.14)
PNS (M2)	--	--	5.80*** (1.00)	-0.12 (0.17)	-0.03 (0.15)	0.10 (0.17)	0.19 (0.17)	-0.10 (0.13)	0.15 (0.23)
SC (M3)	--	--	--	-0.05*** (0.007)	-0.03*** (0.006)	-0.02** (0.007)	-0.001 (0.007)	0.04*** (0.006)	-0.006 (0.009)

DV = voting for: RB = R. Biedroń, MKB = M. Kidawa-Błońska, WKK = W. Kosiniak-Kamysz, SH = S. Hołownia, AD = A. Duda, KB = K. Bosak, PNS = Personal Need for Structure, SC = Social Conservatism. M1 = 1<sup>st</sup> mediator, M2 = 2<sup>nd</sup> mediator, M3 = 3<sup>rd</sup> mediator.

**Table S5:** A summary of mediation models predicting the perceived fit for the presidency of each of the candidates in Poland.

Predictors	Mediators			DV: Positive fit for presidency:					
	Anxiety (M1)	PNS (M2)	SC (M3)	RB	MKB	WKK	SH	AD	KB
Coronavirus (Manipulati)	0.26*** (0.04)	-0.04 (0.03)	0.66 (0.69)	0.03 (0.05)	-0.05 (0.05)	-0.06 (0.04)	-0.002 (0.04)	0.09 (0.06)	0.14** (0.04)
Anxiety (M1)	--	0.07** (0.03)	-0.03 (0.62)	0.07 (0.04)	0.06 (0.05)	0.09* (0.04)	0.12** (0.04)	0.03 (0.05)	0.06 (0.04)
PNS (M2)	--	--	5.80*** (1.00)	-0.02 (0.07)	0.01 (0.08)	0.02 (0.06)	0.04 (0.06)	-0.06 (0.08)	-0.04 (0.06)
SC (M3)	--	--	--	-0.03*** (0.003)	-0.02*** (0.003)	-0.01** (0.003)	0.001 (0.003)	0.04*** (0.003)	0.01** (0.002)

DV = fit for presidency: AD = A. Duda, RB = R. Biedroń, MKB = M. Kidawa-Błońska, WKK = W. Kosiniak-Kamysz, SH = S. Hołownia, KB = K. Bosak, PNS = Personal Need for Structure, SC = Social Conservatism.