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Sampling

LwC combined snowball and panel sampling to survey individuals across societal strata (Stojetz et al. 2022).

The survey was advertised openly via Google, social media platforms, newspapers, and networks. This strategy maximizes the number of respondents, meeting basic sample size requirements for intra- and international comparisons, but can result in unrepresentative samples. To mitigate potential biases, we generated post-stratification weights based on population data on age, gender and education to ensure that the data is representative according to key underlying population characteristics. Participants who declared interest in answering the survey again in the future were proactively invited to retake the survey (approximately) every 3 to 6 months. Observations are time stamped, which enabled temporal matching with data on policy stringency at the date level.