**Media Exposure**

**Please answer the following questions based on your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

*Response Scale for i-iv:* 0 = Not at all, 1 = Less than once a month, 2 = Monthly, 3 = Weekly, 4 = Daily, 5 = Multiple times a day

1. Individuals get their news from different places like TV, radio, social media sites, online news sites, and podcasts among others. How often do you consume the news from the following: (*use same response scale for each of i-iv as above)*

* + 1. Social media (e.g., Twitter, Facebook)
    2. Online news sites
    3. TV
    4. Radio/podcasts

*Response Scale for #2: scroll menu:* 1-30 minutes, 31-60 minutes, 61-90 minutes, 91-120 minutes, 121-150 minutes, 151-180 minutes, More than 180

2. On occasions when you do consume the news, how much time do you usually spend consuming it?

*Response Scale for #3:* 1 = not at all, 2 = a little, 3 = somewhat, 4 = quite a bit, 5 = a lot, 6 = extremely

3. When you do consume the news, how much does it usually bother you?

**4. Prompt**: Indicate how often each of the statements is descriptive of you.

1. I use social media sites like Facebook or Twitter as a source of news about the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Response scale**: 1=Never, 2=Rarely, 3=Sometimes, 4=Often/Everyday

[If response > 1, the following 2 statements appear using same response scale as above]

1. I see news about the COVID-19 pandemic on social media that causes me distress.

[Items a – d appear only if response > 1, check all that apply]

* 1. These stories anger me.
  2. These stories frighten me.
  3. These stories disgust me.
  4. These stories sadden me.

1. I see news about the COVID-19 pandemic on social media that I do not believe is true.

[Items a – d appear only if response > 1, check all that apply]

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