



Questionnaire for the Special Edition of the German Science Barometer regarding Corona

(the category „don't know, missing answer” is not read out loud; if not noted otherwise, only one answer is possible; text in italics is not read out loud)

Statement from the interviewer: The following question is about science and research. This includes not only natural sciences and technical research but also social sciences and humanities.

1. How much do you trust science and research?

trust completely	1
trust somewhat	2
undecided	3
distrust somewhat	4
distrust completely	5
<i>don't know, missing answer</i>	9

Statement from the interviewer: The following questions are about the current Corona pandemic – from here on referred to as Corona.

2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements? (*randomised order of items*)

	com- pletely agree	some- what agree	un- decided	some- what disagree	com- pletely disagree	<i>don't know, missing answer</i>
I feel well informed about Corona.	1	2	3	4	5	9
I occupy myself a lot with the developments	1	2	3	4	5	9



surrounding Corona.						
I think the current measures against Corona are appropriate.	1	2	3	4	5	9

3. How much do you trust statements on Corona made by the following actors?
(*randomised order of items*)

Statements on Corona ...

	trust completely	trust somewhat	un-decided	distrust somewhat	distrust completely	<i>don't know, missing answer</i>
by scientists	1	2	3	4	5	9
by doctors and medical staff	1	2	3	4	5	9
by politicians	1	2	3	4	5	9
by public authority officials	1	2	3	4	5	9
by journalists	1	2	3	4	5	9
by family members, acquaintances and friends	1	2	3	4	5	9

4. How often do you inform yourself about new developments regarding Corona **in science and research**... (*emphasis on „in science and research“; randomised order of items*)

	very often	often	sometimes	rarely	never	<i>don't know, missing answer</i>
... on television? (<i>Interviewer note: including media</i>)	1	2	3	4	5	9



<i>library)</i>						
... on the radio? <i>(Interviewer note: including audio library)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	9
... in newspapers and magazines? <i>(Interviewer note: including online issues)</i>	1	2	3	4	5	9
... on official websites of public authorities and research institutions on the internet?	1	2	3	4	5	9
... online on social media?	1	2	3	4	5	9

5. Regardless of where you get information about Corona: Have you come across any statements, assessments or recommendations made by scientists? If so, what fields of research or scientific disciplines do these scientists come from? *(open question)*

6. Against the background of the current developments surrounding Corona, to what extent do you agree with the following statements? *(randomised order of items)*

	agree com- pletely	some- what agree	un- decided	some- what disagree	com- pletely disagree	<i>don't know, missing answer</i>
Political decisions on handling Corona should be based on scientific evidence.	1	2	3	4	5	9



It is not up to scientists to get involved in politics.	1	2	3	4	5	9
We should rely more on common sense when dealing with Corona and we do not need any scientific studies for this.	1	2	3	4	5	9
Science and research on Corona are so complicated that I do not understand much of it.	1	2	3	4	5	9
When scientists disagree regarding Corona, it is difficult for me to judge which information is correct.	1	2	3	4	5	9
Controversies between scientists regarding Corona are helpful because they help to ensure that the right results research prevail.	1	2	3	4	5	9
The knowledge of scientists is important to slow the spreading of the coronavirus in Germany.	1	2	3	4	5	9
Science and research do not properly understand the coronavirus yet.	1	2	3	4	5	9
Most scientists	1	2	3	4	5	9



currently speaking up differentiate clearly between what they know for sure and what are open questions on Corona.						
In the foreseeable future, science and research will provide vaccines or medication that will allow us to successfully deal with Corona.	1	2	3	4	5	9