

# Rallying around the unwaved flag. National identity and Sweden's controversial Covid strategy

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## Online Appendices

### A. Variable descriptions

Table 4: Variable descriptions for the main variables

Variables	Explanation	Mean	Std Dev
Confidence corona response	How much confidence do you have in the Swedish authorities' handling of the spread of the coronavirus in Sweden? (0-4, 0=Very low, 4=Very high)	1.996	1.219
Lockdown narrative index	The degree to which the respondents agree that closing down society (lockdowns) is: -undemocratic and authoritarian -unnecessary in Sweden -detrimental to the country's economy -dangerous to mental health -devastating to those who are abused in the home (0-4, 0=strongly disagrees, 4=strongly agrees)	2.364	0.667
Uncritical patriotism	The degree to which the respondents disagree with the following: -There are certain things about today's Sweden that I feel ashamed of -People should support their country even if the country is doing wrong (reverse) -I am often less proud of Sweden than I would like to be -The world would be a better place if Swedes acknowledged Sweden's mistakes and shortcomings (0-4, 0=strongly agrees, 4=strongly disagrees)	1.478	0.638
National chauvinism	The degree to which the respondents agree with the following statements: -I would rather live in Sweden than in any other country in the world	2.448	0.795

	-The world would be better if people in other countries were more like Swedes -Sweden is a better country than most other countries. (0-4, 0=strongly disagrees, 4=strongly agrees)		
Institutional national pride	The degree to which the respondents are proud of: -The way democracy works in Sweden -Sweden's economic achievements -The country's scientific and technological achievements (0-3, 0=Not Proud, 3=Very proud)	1.842	0.711
National pride	The degree to which the respondents are proud of being Swedish (0-3, 0=Not Proud, 3=Very proud)	2.042	0.896
National attachment	The degree to which the respondents feel close to Sweden (0-3, 0=not close at all 3=Very close)	2.064	0.797
Ethnic nationhood	How important the respondents think the following is for someone to be truly Swedish: -being born in Sweden -having Swedish ancestors (0-3, 0=Not very important, 3=Very important)	1.119	0.954
Individualism	Prioritizing freedom over safety, self-realization over duties, independence over getting help, and autonomy over community (0-4, 0=prioritizing the latter in all four cases 4=prioritizing the former in all cases)	1.885	1.182
Interpersonal trust	Do you think that most people can be trusted or do you think that you cannot be too careful in dealing with other people? (0-10, 0=you cannot be too careful, 10=most people can be trusted)	6.299	2.644
Voted left	Whether or not the respondent voted for left-leaning parties (Greens, social democrats or the left party) in the previous (2018) election	0.421	0.494

\*Unstandardized means and Std Dev.

*Table 5: Variable descriptions for variables that are only included in the appendix*

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Mean*</b>	<b>Std Dev*</b>
Confidence in government	How much or little trust/confidence do you have in the following actors: -The government (0-4, 0=strongly disagrees, 4=strongly agrees)	1.829	1.249
Confidence in PHA	How much or little trust/confidence do you have in the following actors: -The Public Health Agency (0-4, 0=strongly disagrees, 4=strongly agrees)	2.219	1.177
Civicness	How important the respondent think the following is for someone to be truly Swedish: -Being a Swedish citizen -Able to speak Swedish -Respecting the Swedish way of governance and its laws (0-3, 0=Not very important, 3=Very important)	2.503	0.557
Risk aversion	The degree to which the respondents agree that it is important that public officials in crises play it safe and avoid risks (0-4, 0=strongly disagrees, 4=strongly agrees)	3.032	0.850
Health anxiety	How concerned are you that each of the following options could occur as a result of COVID 19 (coronavirus) pandemic? -That I could get seriously ill or die -That my friends or my family could get seriously ill or die (0-4, 0=not worried at all, 4=very worried)	1.944	1.190
Economic anxiety	How concerned are you that each of the following options could occur as a result of COVID 19 (coronavirus) pandemic? -That my finances will be hit hard	1.677	1.315
Potential risk group	Which, if any, of the following diagnoses have you received -Asthma -Cancer -Diabetes -HIV/AIDS -Heart disease -Stroke (0,1, 0=none, 1=at least of the diagnoses)	0.192	0.394
Health problem/disability	Are your daily activities limited/hindered by a health problem or a disability that has	0.350	0.478

	lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 months? (0,1, 0=no, 1=yes)		
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\*Unstandardized means and Std Dev

## B. National identity in Sweden and in the EU.

*Table 6: Different dimensions of national identity*

	Swedish average	EU average
National attachment (0-3)	1.955	1.993
National pride (0-3)	2.259	2.279
National chauvinism (0-4)	2.311	2.235
Uncritical patriotism (0-4)	1.600	1.583
Ethnic nationhood (0-3)	1.094	1.809
Institutional national pride (0-3)	2.033	1.493

\*Means. The variables in this table are based on the same statements/questions as in our empirical analysis.

Data from ISSP 2013

## C. Description of the sampling procedure

Quota sampling was used to get a representative sample of the Swedish population in terms of gender, age, location and political party preference. In other words, the panel was segmented in mutually exclusive sub-groups and members were selected from each segment based on the characteristics of the population and the total sample size. After obtaining enough answers from a certain group (e.g., women 50+ years old) the group was closed and the survey as a whole was completed once all groups/quotas were filled. By using this type of sampling, we handle the well-known problem with low and declining response rates that plagues survey-based research all over the world today. Given the low response rate in certain groups (e.g.,

among young males), random sampling could have resulted in a less representative sample overall. Using quota sampling, Yougov have succeeded in predicting election results with very high precision in many countries, such as England, the USA and Denmark (Yougov 2021).

## References:

Yougov. (2021). *Om onlinepaneler och tillförlitligheten*. Available online at: <https://yougov.se/news/2015/08/21/om-onlinepaneler-och-tillforlitligheten/>

## D. Comparison between our sample and the Swedish population

*Table 7: Comparison between our sample and the Swedish population*

Characteristics	Sample	Sweden 2020
Women	55 %	50 %
18-24 years	7 %	12 %
25-34 years	15 %	16%
35-44 years	16 %	16%
45-54 years	18 %	17%
55-64 years	16 %	15%
65+ years	27 %	25%
Foreign background	15 %	26 %
Higher education	64 %	41 %
Voted left-leaning parties 2018	42 %	41 %
Region: Stockholm (capital)	22 %	22 %
Region: North-Mid Sweden	18 %	18 %
Region: Northern Sweden	11 %	12 %
Region: South-Mid Sweden	31 %	30 %
Region: South Sweden	18 %	18 %

## E. Effects of background characteristics

Table 8: Effects of background characteristics on confidence in the Swedish corona response, the Swedish lockdown narrative index and confidence in government (OLS, unstandardized variables)

	Confidence corona response (0-4)		Lockdown narrative index (0-4)		Confidence in Government (0-4)	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Woman (0,1)	0.228*** (0.055)	0.133* (0.057)	0.058 <sup>+</sup> (0.030)	0.076* (0.033)	0.399*** (0.056)	0.237*** (0.054)
Age category (0-5)	0.017 (0.017)	0.025 (0.018)	-0.055*** (0.009)	-0.058*** (0.010)	0.016 (0.017)	0.023 (0.017)
Higher education (0,1)	0.009 (0.058)	0.040 (0.059)	0.019 (0.031)	0.023 (0.034)	0.046 (0.059)	0.069 (0.056)
Foreign background (0,1)	-0.088 (0.077)	-0.164* (0.080)	-0.115** (0.042)	-0.157*** (0.046)	0.015 (0.078)	-0.060 (0.076)
Voted for left-leaning parties 2018 (0,1)		0.878*** (0.057)		0.105** (0.033)		1.258*** (0.054)
Constant	2.829*** (0.076)	2.518** (0.083)	2.509*** (0.042)	2.481*** (0.047)	1.530*** (0.078)	1.099*** (0.079)
Party controls	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
N	1994	1698	1970	1676	1983	1693
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.008	0.131	0.021	0.034	0.024	0.261

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ .

## F. Correlation matrix on the national identity variables

Table 9: Correlation matrix

	Uncritical patriotism	National chauvinism	National institutional pride	National pride	National attachment	Ethnic nationhood
National chauvinism	0.317***					
Institutional national pride	0.341***	0.460***				
National pride	0.379***	0.460***	0.537***			
National attachment	0.281***	0.372***	0.502***	0.547***		
Ethnic nationhood	-0.041 <sup>+</sup>	0.106***	-0.202***	0.034*	0.004	
Civicness	-0.104***	0.152***	0.057*	0.158***	0.161***	0.383***

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ .

## G. Cronbachs Alpha for the indices and alternative results when removing a deviant item

Table 10: Cronbachs Alpha for the indices

	Cronbachs Alpha
Lockdown narrative index	0.694
National chauvinism	0.677
Institutional national pride	0.744
Uncritical patriotism	0.529 (0.673*)
Ethnic nationhood	0.400

\*Alpha when removing a deviant reversed item: People should support their country even if the country is doing wrong (reverse). Removing the deviant item does not affect the results regarding the uncritical patriotism index to a meaningful degree (see Table 11).

*Table 11: Results with the uncritical patriotism index without the deviant item (OLS, standardized variables)*

	Confidence corona response (0-4)			Lockdown narrative index (0-4)			Confidence in Government (0-4)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(6)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	3.127*** (0.128)	1.733*** (0.147)	1.658*** (0.154)	0.523*** (0.079)	0.095 (0.099)	0.167 (0.107)	3.198*** (0.130)	1.759*** (0.147)	1.510*** (0.146)
Constant	1.894*** (0.077)	0.589*** (0.140)	0.543** (0.142)	2.353*** (0.047)	1.766*** (0.094)	1.731*** (0.099)	0.588*** (0.079)	-0.464** (0.140)	-0.467*** (0.135)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Controls for the other explanatory variables	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Party controls	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
N	1976	1382	1215	1955	1369	1205	1968	1373	1211
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.237	0.445	0.495	0.043	0.126	0.140	0.252	0.463	0.568

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Controls for the other explanatory variables: national chauvinism, institutional national pride, national pride, national attachment, ethnic nationhood, individualism, interpersonal trust. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties.



## H. Effects on confidence in the government and the PHA

Table 12: Effects on confidence in the government and the PHA (OLS, standardized variables)

	Confidence government (0-1, 5 steps)		Confidence PHA (0-1, 5 steps)	
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	0.504*** (0.045)	0.419*** (0.044)	0.423*** (0.043)	0.414*** (0.045)
National chauvinism (0-1, 4 steps)	0.122** (0.039)	0.083* (0.039)	0.116** (0.038)	0.082* (0.040)
Institutional national pride (0-1, 3 steps)	0.412*** (0.038)	0.331*** (0.037)	0.343*** (0.036)	0.286*** (0.038)
National pride (0-1, 3 steps)	0.025 (0.029)	0.043 (0.028)	0.061* (0.028)	0.066* (0.029)
National attachment (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.013 (0.031)	-0.018 (0.030)	0.021 (0.030)	0.043 (0.031)
Ethnic nationhood (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.090*** (0.022)	-0.070** (0.021)	-0.078*** (0.021)	-0.077*** (0.022)
Individualism (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.083*** (0.022)	-0.064** (0.021)	-0.060** (0.021)	-0.033 (0.022)
Interpersonal trust (0-1, 10 steps)	0.240*** (0.027)	0.241*** (0.026)	0.208*** (0.026)	0.228*** (0.027)
Constant	-0.136*** (0.035)	-0.135*** (0.034)	0.024 (0.034)	0.025 (0.035)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	No	Yes	No	Yes
N	1368	1207	1374	1210
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.457	0.563	0.416	0.456

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties.

## **I. Support for different dimensions of national identity in Sweden in ISSP 2013 and our sample from 2021**

*Table 13: Support for different dimensions of national identity in Sweden in ISSP 2013 and our sample from 2021*

	Sweden (ISSP 2013)	Sweden (our data 2021)
National attachment (0-3)	1.955	2.064
National pride (0-3)	2.259	2.042
National chauvinism (0-4)	2.311	2.448
Uncritical patriotism (0-4)	1.600	1.478
Ethnic nationhood (0-3)	1.094	1.119
Institutional national pride (0-3)	2.033	1.843

\*Means. The variables in this table are based on the same statements/questions as in our empirical analysis.

## J. Results with unstandardized variables

Table 14: Effects of different dimensions of national identity on overall confidence in the Swedish corona response with unstandardized variables (OLS)

	Confidence corona response (0-4)							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Uncritical patriotism (0-4)	0.929*** (0.038)							
National chauvinism (0-4)		0.571*** (0.032)						
Institutional national pride (0-3)			0.975*** (0.035)					
National pride (0-3)				0.599*** (0.029)				
National attachment (0-3)					0.518*** (0.034)			
Ethnic nationhood (0-3)						-0.215*** (0.030)		
Individualism (0-4)							-0.158*** (0.025)	
Interpersonal trust (0-10)								0.189*** (0.010)
Constant	1.603*** (0.084)	1.359*** (0.109)	1.172*** (0.096)	1.711*** (0.092)	1.872*** (0.098)	3.134*** (0.088)	3.147*** (0.095)	1.787*** (0.087)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1970	1975	1714	1850	1904	1907	1995	1990
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.236	0.145	0.314	0.192	0.117	0.033	0.031	0.171

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background

Table 15: Effects of different dimensions of national identity on the Swedish lockdown narrative index with unstandardized variables (OLS)

	Lockdown narrative index (0-4)							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Uncritical patriotism (0-4)	0.165*** (0.023)							
National chauvinism (0-4)		0.190*** (0.018)						
Institutional national pride (0-3)			0.220*** (0.022)					
National pride (0-3)				0.208*** (0.017)				
National attachment (0-3)					0.125*** (0.019)			
Ethnic nationhood (0-3)						-0.021 (0.016)		
Individualism index (0-4)							-0.014 (0.013)	
Interpersonal trust (0-10)								0.046*** (0.006)
Constant	2.290*** (0.052)	2.028*** (0.062)	2.146*** (0.060)	2.121*** (0.053)	2.299*** (0.056)	2.554*** (0.048)	2.545*** (0.052)	2.256*** (0.052)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1950	1954	1696	1826	1884	1888	1776	1990
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.045	0.073	0.077	0.095	0.042	0.022	0.023	0.054

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background

*Table 16: Effects on confidence in the Swedish corona response and the Swedish lockdown narrative index when including all the explanatory variables with unstandardized variables (OLS)*

	Confidence corona response (0-4)		Lockdown narrative index (0-4)	
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Uncritical patriotism (0-4)	0.527*** (0.044)	0.490*** (0.046)	0.045 (0.030)	0.062 <sup>+</sup> (0.032)
National chauvinism (0-4)	0.105** (0.039)	0.058 (0.041)	0.067* (0.026)	0.083** (0.028)
Institutional national pride (0-3)	0.564*** (0.050)	0.497*** (0.052)	0.092** (0.034)	0.092* (0.036)
National pride (0-3)	0.117** (0.039)	0.129** (0.040)	0.135*** (0.026)	0.122*** (0.028)
National attachment (0-3)	-0.054 (0.041)	-0.032 (0.042)	-0.030 (0.028)	-0.027 (0.029)
Ethnic nationhood (0-3)	-0.043 (0.029)	-0.021 (0.030)	0.020 (0.019)	-0.013 (0.021)
Individualism index (0-4)	-0.034 (0.022)	-0.014 (0.022)	0.020 (0.015)	0.024 (0.016)
Interpersonal trust (0-10)	0.093*** (0.011)	0.098*** (0.011)	0.025*** (0.007)	0.023** (0.008)
Constant	0.412** (0.143)	0.365* (0.146)	1.728*** (0.096)	1.694*** (0.101)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	No	Yes	No	Yes
N	1377	1211	1365	1202
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.447	0.493	0.127	0.141

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties.

## K. Results with binary dependent variables and logistic regression

Table 17: Effects of different dimensions of national identity on overall confidence in the Swedish corona response (Logit, standardized variables 0,1)

	Confidence corona response dummy (0,1)							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	8.147*** (0.474)							
National chauvinism (0-1, 4 steps)		4.107*** (0.312)						
Institutional national pride (0-1, 3 steps)			6.259*** (0.372)					
National pride (0-1, 3 steps)				3.390*** (0.224)				
National attachment (0-1, 3 steps)					2.727*** (0.227)			
Ethnic nationhood (0-1, 3 steps)						-1.177*** (0.174)		
Individualism (0-1, 4 steps)							-1.184*** (0.192)	
Interpersonal trust (0-1, 10 steps)								3.617*** (0.239)
Constant	-2.672*** (0.227)	-2.859*** (0.263)	-3.804*** (0.301)	-2.321*** (0.230)	-1.850*** (0.216)	0.399* (0.171)	0.411* (0.188)	-1.817*** (0.199)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1501	1504	1337	1430	1475	1471	1366	1516
Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	0.217	0.114	0.261	0.161	0.094	0.032	0.032	0.171

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . Confidence corona response dummy=1 if confidence is high or very high, 0 if confidence is low or very low. All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background

*Table 18: Effects of different dimensions of national identity on the Swedish lockdown narrative index dummy (Logit, standardized variables 0,1)*

	Lockdown narrative index dummy (0,1)							
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	3.209*** (0.382)							
National chauvinism (0-1, 4 steps)		2.041*** (0.287)						
Institutional national pride (0-1, 3 steps)			2.122*** (0.261)					
National pride (0-1, 3 steps)				1.970*** (0.200)				
National attachment (0-1, 3 steps)					1.044*** (0.219)			
Ethnic nationhood (0-1, 3 steps)						-0.528** (0.184)		
Individualism (0-1, 4 steps)							-0.261 (0.209)	
Interpersonal trust (0-1, 10 steps)								1.541*** (0.216)
Constant	0.683** (0.203)	0.345 (0.243)	0.424+ (0.236)	0.483* (0.212)	1.047*** (0.214)	1.855*** (0.196)	1.771*** (0.215)	0.983*** (0.193)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1675	1678	1466	1578	1631	1634	1530	1689
Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	0.064	0.052	0.064	0.078	0.036	0.027	0.024	0.051

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . Lockdown narrative index dummy=1 if the respondents on average strongly agrees or agrees with the statements ( $>2$ ), 0= if the respondents on average strongly disagrees or disagrees with the statements ( $<2$ ). All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background

Table 19: Effects on confidence in the Swedish corona response dummy and the Swedish lockdown narrative index dummy when including all the explanatory variables (Logit, standardized variables 0,1)

	Confidence corona response (0,1)		Lockdown narrative index (0,1)	
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	6.233*** (0.661)	6.340*** (0.754)	1.878*** (0.512)	2.199*** (0.576)
National chauvinism (0-1, 4 steps)	0.535 (0.527)	0.203 (0.601)	0.367 (0.429)	0.714 (0.472)
Institutional national pride (0-1, 3 steps)	4.131*** (0.532)	3.379*** (0.595)	0.947* (0.413)	0.959* (0.458)
National pride (0-1, 3 steps)	1.334** (0.395)	1.791*** (0.459)	1.374*** (0.319)	1.068*** (0.345)
National attachment (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.690 (0.423)	-0.607 (0.480)	-0.760* (0.344)	-0.663+ (0.372)
Ethnic nationhood (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.523+ (0.293)	-0.313 (0.334)	-0.206 (0.246)	-0.326 (0.271)
Individualism (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.455 (0.292)	-0.107 (0.330)	0.243 (0.254)	0.267 (0.274)
Interpersonal trust (0-1, 10 steps)	2.743*** (0.366)	3.281*** (0.422)	0.699* (0.295)	0.648* (0.322)
Constant	-6.118*** (0.561)	-6.918*** (0.658)	-0.456 (0.392)	-0.438 (0.423)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	No	Yes	No	Yes
N	1097	969	1189	1050
Pseudo R <sup>2</sup>	0.416	0.470	0.111	0.120

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . Confidence corona response dummy=1 if confidence is high or very high, 0 if confidence is low or very low. Lockdown narrative index dummy=1 if the respondents on average strongly agrees or agrees with the statements ( $>2$ ), 0= if the respondents on average strongly disagrees or disagrees with the statements ( $<2$ ). All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties.



## L. Interactions between health anxiety/concerns and the nationalism items on confidence in the corona response, lockdown narrative index and confidence in government

Table 20: Effects of the interaction between health anxiety/concerns and the nationalism items on confidence in the Swedish corona response (OLS, standardized variables 0,1)

	Confidence corona response (0-4)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Health anxiety	1.722***			
X Uncritical patriotism	(0.521)			
Health anxiety		1.136**		
X National chauvinism		(0.412)		
Health anxiety			0.121	
X Instit national pride			(0.373)	
Health anxiety				0.193
X national pride				(0.295)
Uncritical patriotism	0.984** (0.311)	1.790*** (0.192)	1.795*** (0.192)	1.789** (0.193)
National chauvinism	0.311 (0.169)	-0.234 (0.255)	0.293+ (0.170)	0.298+ (0.170)
Instit national pride	1.451*** (0.164)	1.438*** (0.164)	1.378*** (0.249)	1.445*** (0.165)
National pride	0.385** (0.123)	0.408** (0.123)	0.402** (0.124)	0.299 (0.196)
Health anxiety	-0.950*** (0.202)	-1.064*** (0.273)	-0.432+ (0.249)	-0.491* (0.225)
Constant	0.000 (0.179)	0.181 (0.126)	-0.263 (0.191)	-0.237 (0.182)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1121	1121	1121	1121
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.502	0.500	0.497	0.497

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties. Additional controls: national attachment, ethnic nationhood, individualism, interpersonal trust

Table 21: Effects of the interaction between health anxiety/concerns and the nationalism items on the lockdown narrative index (OLS, standardized variables 0,1)

	Lockdown narrative index			
	(0-4)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Health anxiety	1.440***			
X Uncritical patriotism	(0.360)			
Health anxiety		0.807**		
X National chauvinism		(0.286)		
Health anxiety			0.533*	
X Instit national pride			(0.259)	
Health anxiety				0.352 <sup>+</sup>
X national pride				(0.205)
Uncritical patriotism	-0.529*	0.143	0.146	0.134
	(0.215)	(0.133)	(0.133)	(0.134)
National chauvinism	0.361	-0.028	0.353**	0.357**
	(0.117)	(0.177)	(0.118)	(0.118)
Instit national pride	0.255*	0.245*	-0.022	0.256*
	(0.113)	(0.113)	(0.172)	(0.114)
National pride	0.421***	0.440***	0.448***	0.254 <sup>+</sup>
	(0.085)	(0.085)	(0.086)	(0.135)
Health anxiety	-0.529*	-0.882***	-0.710***	-0.624***
	(0.215)	(0.190)	(0.173)	(0.157)
Constant	2.145***	2.132***	2.052***	2.007***
	(0.124)	(0.136)	(0.132)	(0.126)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1113	1113	1113	1113
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.183	0.177	0.174	0.173

Notes. <sup>+</sup>  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties. Additional controls: national attachment, ethnic nationhood, individualism, interpersonal trust

Table 22: Effects of the interaction between health anxiety/concerns and the nationalism items on confidence in the government (OLS, standardized variables 0,1)

	Confidence government (0-4)			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Health anxiety	2.005***			
X Uncritical patriotism	(0.508)			
Health anxiety		1.463***		
X National chauvinism		(0.402)		
Health anxiety			0.164	
X Instit national pride			(0.365)	
Health anxiety				0.463
X national pride				(0.288)
Uncritical patriotism	0.688* (0.304)	1.625 (0.187)	1.631*** (0.188)	1.617*** (0.188)
National chauvinism	0.272 (0.165)	-0.427+ (0.249)	0.252 (0.167)	0.265 (0.167)
Instit national pride	1.209*** (0.159)	1.195*** (0.160)	1.114*** (0.243)	1.210*** (0.161)
National pride	0.208+ (0.120)	0.236* (0.120)	0.228+ (0.121)	-0.013 (0.191)
Health anxiety	-0.825*** (0.198)	-1.045*** (0.267)	-0.236 (0.243)	-0.456* (0.220)
Constant	0.570** (0.174)	0.655** (0.192)	0.272 (0.187)	0.373* (0.178)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
N	1121	1121	1121	1121
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.461	0.459	0.453	0.454

Notes. +  $p < .10$ , \*  $p < .05$ , \*\*  $p < .01$ , \*\*\*  $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties. Additional controls: national attachment, ethnic nationhood, individualism, interpersonal trust

## M. Results with additional controls

Table 23: Effects on confidence in the Swedish corona response and the Swedish lockdown narrative index when including all the explanatory variables and with additional controls for health/economic anxiety, risk aversion and health status (OLS, standardized variables 0-1)

	Confidence corona response (0-4)			Lockdown narrative index (0-4)		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Uncritical patriotism (0-1, 4 steps)	1.856*** (0.189)	1.637*** (0.197)	1.570*** (0.257)	0.112 (0.128)	0.080 (0.137)	0.083 (0.178)
National chauvinism (0-1, 4 steps)	0.504** (0.168)	0.338+ (0.174)	-0.063 (0.223)	0.327** (0.113)	0.363** (0.120)	0.464** (0.154)
Institutional national pride (0-1, 3 steps)	1.663*** (0.161)	1.422*** (0.167)	1.769*** (0.225)	0.265* (0.109)	0.269* (0.116)	0.260+ (0.155)
National pride (0-1, 3 steps)	0.391** (0.123)	0.416** (0.127)	0.406* (0.163)	0.424*** (0.083)	0.398*** (0.088)	0.319** (0.112)
National attachment (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.199 (0.130)	-0.113 (0.133)	-0.001 (0.172)	-0.075 (0.088)	-0.070 (0.092)	-0.038 (0.119)
Ethnic nationhood (0-1, 3 steps)	-0.128 (0.091)	-0.074 (0.094)	-0.012 (0.124)	0.056 (0.061)	0.056 (0.065)	0.014 (0.085)
Individualism (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.218* (0.093)	-0.148 (0.095)	-0.195 (0.123)	0.020 (0.063)	0.035 (0.066)	0.100 (0.085)
Interpersonal trust (0-1, 10 steps)	0.896*** (0.114)	0.922*** (0.117)	0.731*** (0.151)	0.195* (0.077)	0.166* (0.081)	0.115 (0.104)
Risk aversion (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.498*** (0.131)	-0.448*** (0.133)	-0.490** (0.175)	-0.210* (0.088)	-0.232* (0.092)	-0.212+ (0.121)
Health anxiety (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.165 (0.104)	-0.243* (0.106)	-0.237+ (0.140)	-0.330*** (0.070)	-0.382*** (0.074)	-0.371*** (0.097)
Economic anxiety (0-1, 4 steps)	-0.102 (0.094)	-0.159+ (0.096)	-0.175 (0.129)	0.008 (0.064)	0.019 (0.066)	0.143 (0.089)
Voted left (0,1)		0.495*** (0.059)	0.489*** (0.079)		0.015 (0.041)	0.023 (0.054)
Potential risk group (0,1)			-0.015 (0.098)			-0.125+ (0.068)
Health problem/disability (0,1)			-0.063 (0.080)			0.011 (0.055)
Constant	0.108 (0.188)	0.097 (0.191)	0.265 (0.246)	2.094*** (0.127)	2.089*** (0.132)	1.968*** (0.170)
Background controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Party controls	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Health status controls	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
N	1239	1092	662	1229	1084	657
adj. R <sup>2</sup>	0.452	0.500	0.487	0.148	0.171	0.149

Notes. + $p < .10$ , \* $p < .05$ , \*\* $p < .01$ , \*\*\* $p < .001$ . All models include background controls for age, gender, education and foreign background. Party controls: voted for left leaning parties.