

Table S1. Exploratory Factor Analysis (1 Factor Model)

Indicator	Factor 1
To what extent do you think the Federal Government are...	
showing leadership for the public good	0.746*
making the world a better place	0.781*
supporting the long-term welfare of society	0.789*
focused on creating positive social outcomes	0.839*
focused on creating positive economic outcomes	0.745*
focused on creating positive environmental outcomes	0.792*
transparent	0.826*
demonstrating high ethical standards	0.877*
be accountable for their actions	0.818*
be responsive to society's needs	0.848*
responsive to the people it serves	0.867*
balancing the needs of different groups	0.835*
balancing long-term and short-term goals	0.835*
using resources efficiently	0.836*
treating people fairly	0.872*

Note. * $p < .05$.

Table S2. Exploratory Factor Analysis (2 Factor Model).

Indicator	Factor 1	Factor 2
To what extent do you think the Federal Government are...		
making the world a better place	0.950*	-0.017
showing leadership for the public good	0.874*	0.008
supporting the long-term welfare of society	0.826*	0.092*
balancing the needs of different groups	-0.036	0.871*
balancing long-term and short-term goals	-0.024	0.860*
focused on creating positive social outcomes	-0.018	0.859*
treating people fairly	0.033	0.848*
using resources efficiently	-0.001	0.841*
demonstrating high ethical standards	0.049	0.838*
be responsive to society's needs	0.017	0.838*
focused on creating positive environmental outcomes	-0.026	0.819*
focused on creating positive economic outcomes	-0.079	0.818*
responsive to the people it serves	0.07	0.810*
transparent	0.04	0.797*
be accountable for their actions	0.079	0.753*

Note. * $p < .05$. The correlation between the factors was .795.

Table S3. Exploratory Factor Analysis (3 Factor Model).

Indicator	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3
To what extent do you think the Federal Government are...			
making the world a better place	0.949*	-0.021	-0.003
supporting the long-term welfare of society	0.899*	0.012	0.152*
showing leadership for the public good	0.882*	-0.002	-0.016
demonstrating high ethical standards	0.01	0.887*	-0.142*
transparent	-0.028	0.883*	-0.239*
responsive to the people it serves	0.031	0.856*	-0.129*
using resources efficiently	-0.013	0.855*	-0.052
treating people fairly	0.03	0.850*	-0.011
be accountable for their actions	0.012	0.835*	-0.219*
balancing long-term and short-term goals	-0.002	0.833*	0.078
be responsive to society's needs	0.023	0.829*	0.027
balancing the needs of different groups	-0.002	0.828*	0.159*
focused on creating positive social outcomes	0.01	0.820*	0.173*
focused on creating positive economic outcomes	-0.058	0.790*	0.1
focused on creating positive environmental outcomes	-0.002	0.787*	0.127*

Note. * $p < .05$. The correlations between the factors were .801 (Factors 1 and 2), -.021 (Factors 1 and 3) and .126 (Factors 2 and 3).

Table S4 Exploratory Factor Analysis (4 Factor Model).

Indicator	Factor 1	Factor 2	Factor 3	Factor 4
To what extent do you think the Federal Government are...				
making the world a better place	0.933*	0.001	-0.036	0.018
supporting the long-term welfare of society	0.894*	0.025	0.034	-0.104
showing leadership for the public good	0.872*	0.005	-0.002	0.066
transparent	-0.017	0.868*	-0.080	0.181*
responsive to the people it serves	0.043	0.862*	-0.107*	0.040
demonstrating high ethical standards	0.019	0.860*	0.017	0.150*
using resources efficiently	0.003	0.843*	-0.025	0.004
treating people fairly	0.047	0.832*	0.017	-0.010
balancing long-term and short-term goals	0.017	0.819*	0.034	-0.099*
be responsive to society's needs	0.039	0.812*	0.033	-0.032
be accountable for their actions	0.012	0.810*	0.006	0.240*
focused on creating positive economic outcomes	-0.037	0.805*	-0.063	-0.220*
balancing the needs of different groups	0.017	0.793*	0.149	-0.094
focused on creating positive social outcomes	0.024	0.780*	0.194*	-0.090
focused on creating positive environmental outcomes	-0.005	0.719*	0.353*	0.055

Note. * $p < .05$. The correlations between the factors were .796 (Factors 1 and 2), .172 (Factors 1 and 3), .083 (Factors 1 and 4), .209 (Factors 2 and 3), -.006 (Factors 2 and 4), and -.164 (Factors 3 and 4).

Table S5. Means, Standard Deviations, Correlations Among Variables.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
General Items ($\alpha = .93$)																	
1. ...showing leadership for the public good	--																
2. ...making the world a better place	.81***	--															
3. ...supporting the long-term welfare of society	.80***	.84***	--														
Specific Items ($\alpha = .97$)																	
4. ...focused on creating positive social outcomes	.63***	.67***	.68***	--													
5. ...focused on creating positive economic outcomes	.51***	.53***	.54***	.65***	--												
6. ...focused on creating positive environmental outcomes	.60***	.63***	.63***	.71***	.56***	--											
7. ...transparent	.64***	.66***	.65***	.70***	.58***	.68***	--										
8. ...demonstrating high ethical standards	.69***	.70***	.69***	.73***	.61***	.71***	.77***	--									
9. ...be accountable for their actions	.67***	.68***	.68***	.71***	.60***	.69***	.77***	.78***	--								
10. ...be responsive to society's needs	.67***	.68***	.69***	.74***	.65***	.69***	.72***	.75***	.75***	--							
11. ...responsive to the people it serves	.69***	.69***	.69***	.73***	.62***	.67***	.75***	.76***	.76***	.78***	--						
12. ...balancing the needs of different groups	.62***	.64***	.67***	.73***	.60***	.68***	.69***	.72***	.68***	.74***	.73***	--					
13. ...balancing long-term and short-term goals	.63***	.66***	.67***	.72***	.63***	.70***	.71***	.74***	.71***	.74***	.73***	.71***	--				
14. ...using resources efficiently	.63***	.66***	.65***	.72***	.63***	.68***	.72***	.75***	.73***	.72***	.73***	.69***	.72***	--			
15. ...treating people fairly	.66***	.67***	.68***	.73***	.65***	.68***	.74***	.76***	.74***	.76***	.77***	.72***	.73***	.73***	--		
Time Periods (dummy variables)																	
16. Bushfires (Q4 2019, Q1 2020)	-.07**	-.07***	-.08***	-.02	-.01	.01	-.04	-.02	-.02	-.04	-.03	-.03	-.01	-.01	-.02	--	
17. COVID Response (Q2-Q3 2020)	.24***	.20***	.19***	.15***	.14***	.09***	.16***	.16***	.15***	.19***	.18***	.15***	.15***	.13***	.16***	-.29***	--
Mean	2.72	2.62	2.69	2.62	2.97	2.48	2.38	2.43	2.44	2.60	2.55	2.59	2.64	2.50	2.58	.22	.23
SD	1.20	1.18	1.19	1.13	1.17	1.17	1.23	1.22	1.26	1.16	1.18	1.13	1.16	1.16	1.18	.41	.42

Note. * $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$; N = 2,049 (below diagonal).