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The Reaction of Greek Society – The Vaccination

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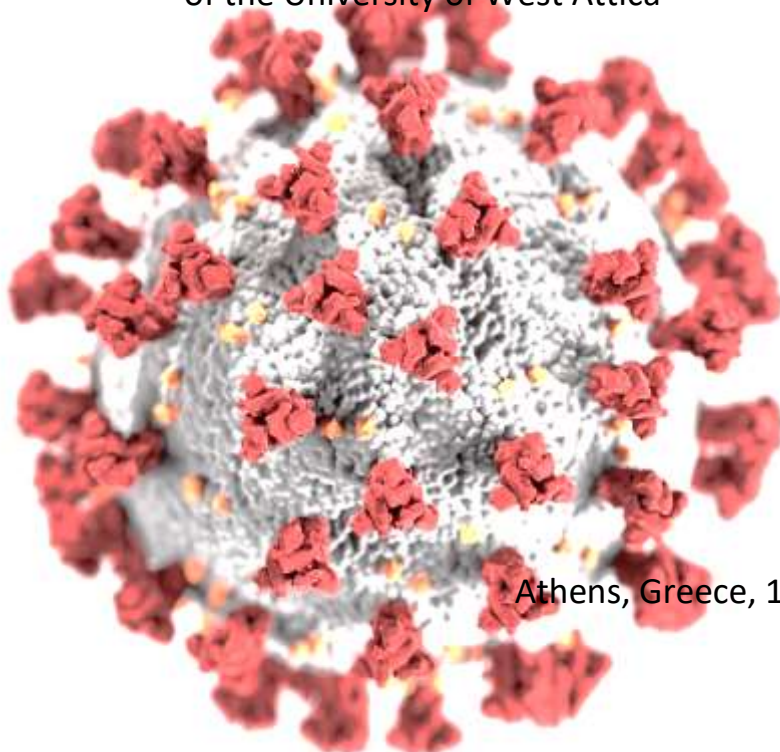


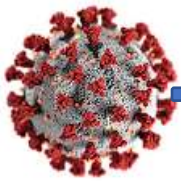
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Conclusions – Epilogue

The main conclusions of this survey are the following:

- Greeks are being informed about the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and the pandemic COVID-19: 62% from the internet, 20% from social media and 18% from TV/radio/newspapers/magazines. 70% of them think they are well to very well informed.
- Only one in four trusts the news and the information they receive and two in four doubt their validity.
- Half of the people trust the experts and the state agents in what they announce and suggest. Almost all the rest trust them but with doubts and only a few (6%) do not trust them.
- Five out of ten do not believe in conspiracy theories and rumors, four out of ten dispute them and only one in ten believes them.
- In every one hundred Greeks, forty consider social events, weddings, funerals, entertainment, gatherings as the main cause of the dispersion, thirty the public transport, twenty-five the tourism and five the shops and the market.
- Two out of four do not believe that the deaths reported to be caused by the coronavirus and the pandemic are true. One in four believes the other way.
- Seven percent of the citizens is infected/sicked with the coronavirus, a percentage that is 6 times higher than what the National Public Health Organization (EODY) announces.
- In every 74 people there is a carrier of the virus that consciously or not (asymptomatic) lives and works among other people.
- One in three Greeks has taken the test for SARS-CoV-2 at least once.
- Three out of four consider masks, personal hygiene and keeping distances as the main precautions and prevention measures.
- Two point five percent of citizens do not keep any precautionary measures. Many citizens do not pay attention and touch with bare fingers and hands the ATMs, POS, elevators, door handles, bus and train handles and baskets in supermarkets and shops.
- Four percent DO NOT feel completely safe even when taking all protective actions. The majority of the Citizens are angry and want the state to impose strict rules and increase the controls of compliance with the rules and safety measures.
- One in five people considers the protection and prevention measures taken by the state as inappropriate.
- About half of the citizens are very careful not to transmit the virus to relatives and friends in the case that they are asymptomatic, and one in five is not careful at all.
- One point six percent will not inform anyone if they catch the virus.
- Three percent of citizens would do nothing if they showed symptoms of the virus and waited for the progression, thirty six percent would remain in voluntary quarantine and sixty percent would take the test or go to a hospital for further treatment.
- Ninety percent believe that individual responsibility plays a big role in the spread of the pandemic while one percent believe that citizens have no responsibility.
- One in five citizens say they will not be vaccinated, one in four that they will be vaccinated without a second thought and two in four that for various reasons they will consult a specialist first.



- Four out of five Greeks do not trust the vaccine, mainly because it is new and of new technology.
- One in four believes that there will be side effects and even serious, while two in four believe that the side effects will be mild.
- One in four believes that those who are not vaccinated will find themselves on the social and work margin.
- Seven percent believe that anyone who is not vaccinated will get sick.
- Fifty five percent of those who will not be vaccinated will avoid groups of people and gatherings and thirty two percent will avoid public transport.
- Thirty eight percent of the vaccinated will continue to follow the precautionary and protection measures.
- Three out of four citizens believe that Greece is facing the pandemic crisis completely or partially better than other countries.

We remain at the disposal of any interested scientist or body to send him any more specialized information he wants from the research/survey database, as long as he sends us his question to the email: mglamb@uniwa.gr.

All studies/surveys will be posted on the page of the Department of Biomedical Engineering of the School of Engineering of the University of West Attica bme.uniwa.gr and on the Supervisor's page users.uniwa.gr/mglamb (Research-Studies).

The next issue analyzes the data on teleworking, distance learning and the psychological effects that have been created and are being created by the protection and precautionary measures taken.

Other Researches-Studies [Published and uploaded in: users.uniwa.gr/mglamb (Researches-Studies) and these of 2019 in: bme@uniwa.gr]

2015 What students will vote on the national election of the January 25th and why.

2015 Students' satisfaction from their feeding at the Restaurants of the TEI of Athens.

2016 Do students prefer to write exams with open books or not?

2019 Young people's addiction to alcohol.

2019 Young people's addiction to tobacco products.

2019 Young people's addiction to electronic devices.

2019 Young people's addiction to gambling.

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2020 Violence, intimidation and bullying in Greek Society.

2020 Early school leaving in Greece.

2020 Drug use and addiction in Greece.

2021 Teleworking, distance learning and the psychological effects from Covid-19 in Greece.