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The sample size of 46 is extremely too small for the result to be generalized for a country like Germany

In line 206, it is not clear who 'For them' ... is referring to.

Table 2 is not clear to me. For instance for the Middle age group, n=17, will the respondent was 22, same for the elderly where n=16 and respondent 31

Also in Table 3 the response 55 is more than the sample size 46 while in Table 4 the respondent 32 is less than the sample size of 46.

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