S1—Sample questionnaire

1. Have you or any of your family members had an experience with the bear?
   1. yes;  2. no; if you chose “no”, go to question 3

2. What type of interaction? (multiple answers)
   1. aggressed myself;
   2. aggressed a family member;
   3. entered household and attacked domestic livestock;
   4. entered shepherd camp and attacked domestic livestock;
   5. produced damage to crops;
   9. no answer;

3. Here, where you live, were there any incidents with bears?
   1. there are people that I know who had interactions with the bear;
   2. I have no knowledge of such incidents;

4. If you have chosen 1 at the previous question, could you tell if those directly encountering the bear have suffered?
   1. I have heard they did suffer;
   2. I have not heard they did suffer;

5. On TV were presented cases of direct encounters between humans and bears.
   1. I have seen such news;
   2. I have not seen any news on this topic;

6. If you chose “1” at the previous question, could you tell if it was mentioned on TV that those directly encountering the bear have suffered?
   1. I remember it was mentioned that they have suffered;
   2. I don’t remember to be mentioned that they have suffered;
   3. Sometimes it was mentioned that they have suffered, other times that they did not.

7. If the bear aggresses a human being, what would you think it should be done?
   1. it should be tracked down and killed immediately;
   2. it should be caught and relocated far away from human settlements;
   3. it should be caught and made to suffer so it would not come back again;
   4. it should be caught and put in a Zoo;
   5. it should be caught and fit with a GPS collar to allow permanent monitoring of his position and presence;

8. Imagine you have the possibility to meet a bear in the wild, which is not aggressive and does not aggress you. What kind of emotions you would experience?
   1. fear;
   2. terror;
   3. curiosity;
   4. hate;
   5. indifference;
   6. affection;
   9. no answer.
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