

MALAYSIAN MORAL ALIGNMENT REGARDING COVID-19 PANDEMIC (NMRR - 20-2955-57601(RII))

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Introduction

The COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by the highly contagious novel coronavirus which has overwhelmed the world. The high mortality and morbidity rates, combined with high degree of contagion, have compelled governments to implement measures to protect the public. State lockdowns, school closures, the closing of non-essential enterprises, social distance, and the use of face masks are all effective strategies to minimise new infections. However, they have a huge impact on economy, education, and everyday life.

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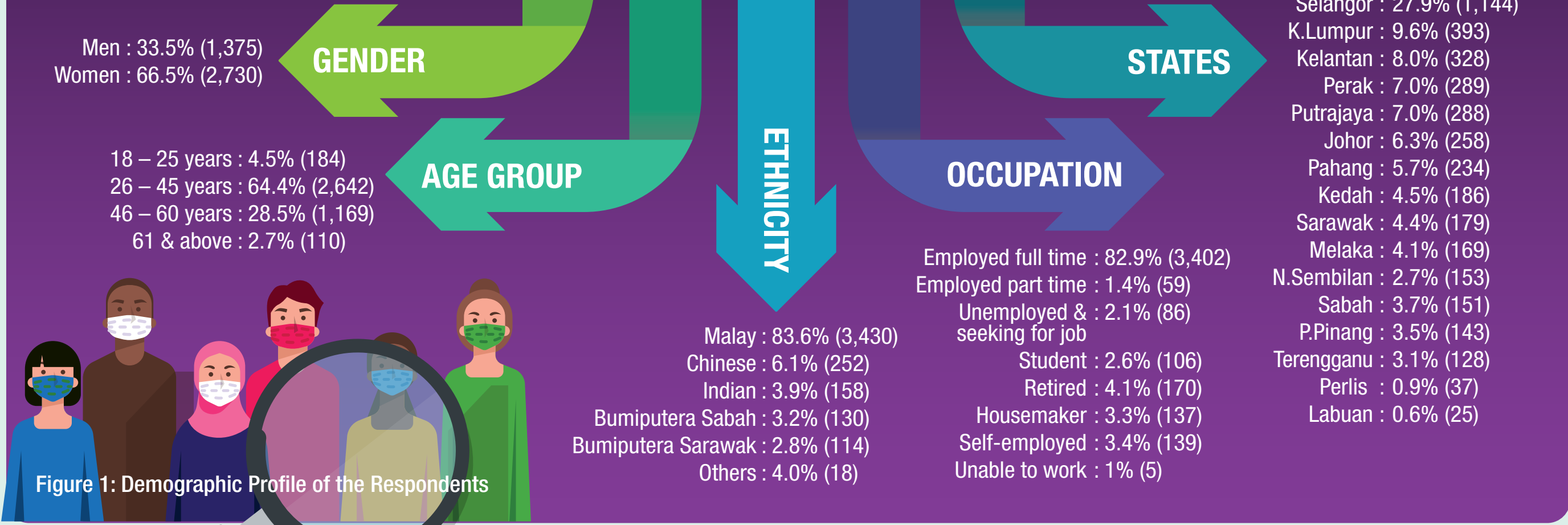
This study was aimed to assess the moral alignment of Malaysian public with regards to government's measures.

Method

Study Design	A cross-sectional online survey
Sampling Technique	Purposive sampling using snowball technique via online method which used survey link to social medias and official Ministry of Health emails in recruiting the respondents
Target Population	Malaysians, internet users aged 18 years and above
Data Collection Period	1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021
Total Respondents	4,105 respondents
Analysis	Descriptive analysis

Result

Demographic Profile



Main Findings

Table 1: Malaysian Moral Alignment Regarding Covid-19 Pandemic

Item	Percentage
Agreed that government has been consistent with the SOPs implementation to contain COVID-19.	67.8%
Agreed government has responded with adequate approaches to contain COVID-19.	68.4%
Agreed towards the statement that 'government has gone too far with their actions to cope with COVID-19'.	35.8%
Disagreed towards the statement that 'government have gone too far with their actions to cope with COVID-19'.	39.6%

Discussion and Conclusion

Although nearly ¾ (68%) Malaysian public has agreed on government's action to restrain COVID-19, however a substantial minority (about 32%) have a slight doubt towards this matter. In addition, 36% agreed that government has taken exaggerate approach to cope with COVID-19. This might be due to perception of double standard in law enforcement, inconsistent and frequent changing of instruction as well as the opening of some industries that contribute to the rising number of COVID-19 cases daily.

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