Supplemental Table 1: Leaders and their Religion

Country	Leader	Years in Power	Religion
Egypt	Farouk	1950-192	Sunni
Egypt	Fuad	1953	Sunni
Egypt	Naguib	1954	Sunni
Egypt	Nasser	1954-1970	Sunni
Egypt	Sadat	1971-1981	Sunni
Egypt	Mubarak	1982-1992	Sunni
Iran	Mohammad Reza	1950-1979	Sunni
Iran	Ayatollah Khomeini	1980-1989	Shiite
Iran	Rafsanjani	1990-1992	Shiite
Iraq	Faisal II	1950-1958	Sunni
Iraq	Karrim Kassem	1959-1963	Sunni
Iraq	Salem Aref	1964-1966	Sunni
Iraq	Rahmen Aref	1967-1968	Sunni
Iraq	Hassan Al-Bakr	1969-1979	Sunni
Iraq	Saddam Hussein	1980-1992	Sunni
Israel	Ben Gurion	1950-1953	Jewish
Israel	Sharett	1954-1955	Jewish
Israel	Ben Gurion	1956-1963	Jewish
Israel	Eshkol/Allon	1964-1969	Jewish
Israel	Meir	1970-1974	Jewish
Israel	Rabin/Peres	1975-1977	Jewish
Israel	Begin	1978-1983	Jewish
Israel	Shamir	1984	Jewish
Israel	Peres	1985-1986	Jewish
Israel	Shamir	1987-1992	Jewish
Jordan	Abdullah Al-Hussein	1950-1951	Sunni
Jordan	Ibn Abdullah-Hashim	1952	Sunni
Jordan	Ibn Talal El-Hashim	1953-1992	Sunni
Kuwait	Abdullah As-Sabah	1961-1965	Sunni
Kuwait	Sabah As-Sabah	1966-1977	Sunni
Kuwait	Jabir As-Sabah	1978-1992	Sunni
Lebanon	EL Khoury	1950-1952	Sunni
Lebanon	Chamoun	1953-1958	Sunni
Lebanon	Chehab	1959-1964	Sunni
Lebanon	Helou	1965-1970	Maronite Christian
Lebanon	Franjieh	1971-1976	Maronite Christian

Lebanon	Sarkis	1977-1982	Maronite Christian
Lebanon	Gemayel, Amin	1983-1988	Maronite Christian
Lebanon	Aoun/Moawad	1989	Maronite Christian
Lebanon	Harawi	1990-1992	Maronite Christian
Libya	Idris	1951-1969	Sunni
Libya	Qaddafi	1970-1992	Sunni
Bahrain	Isa Ibn Al-Khalifah	1961-1992	Sunni
Oman	Taimur	1950-1970	Shiite
Oman	Qabus Bin Said	1971-1992	Shiite
Qatar	Ahmed Ath-Thani	19601-971	Sunni
Qatar	Khalifah Ath-Thani	1972-1992	Sunni
UAE	An-Nahayan	1971-1992	Sunni
Saudi Arabia	Aziz	1950-1953	Sunni
Saudi Arabia	Saud	1954-1964	Sunni
Saudi Arabia	Faisal	1965-1975	Sunni
Saudi Arabia	Khalid	1976-1982	Sunni
Saudi Arabia	Fahd	1983-1992	Sunni
Syria	Atassi, H.	1950-1951	Sunni
Syria	Shishakli	1952-1954	Sunni
Syria	Atassi, H.	1955	Sunni
Syria	Kuwatli	1956-1958	Sunni
Syria	Al-kuzbari	1961	Sunni
Syria	El-Kudsi	1962	Sunni
Syria	Al-Hafiz	1963-1966	Sunni
Syria	El-Atassi, N.	1967-1970	Sunni
Syria	Al-Assad	1971-1992	Sunni
Morocco	Hassan II	1961-1992	Sunni
Algeria	Bella	1962-1965	Sunni
Algeria	Boumedienne	1966-1978	Sunni
Algeria	Benjedid	1979-1992	Sunni
Tunisia	Ben Ali Bourguiba	1957-1987	Sunni
Tunisia	Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali	1988-1992	Sunni
Sudan	Al-Azhari	1954-1956	Sunni
Sudan	Khalil	1957-1958	Sunni
Sudan	Abboud	1959-1964	Sunni
Sudan	Maghoub	1965-1969	Sunni

Sudan	Nimeiri	1970-1985	Sunni
Sudan	Mahdi	1986-1989	Sunni
Sudan	Al-Bashir	1990-1992	Sunni
YAR	Ibn Yahya Hamid	1950-1962	Sunni
YAR	AL-Sallal	1963-1967	Sunni
YAR	Al-Iryani	1968-1974	Sunni
YAR	Al-Hamadi	1975-1977	Sunni
YAR	Al-Ghashmi	1978	Sunni
YAR	Saleh	1979-1990	Sunni
YDPR	Al-Shaabi	1967-1969	Sunni
YDPR	Ali Rubayyi	1970-1978	Sunni
YDPR	Ismail	1979-1980	Sunni
YDPR	Ali Nassir Hassani	1981-1985	Sunni
YDPR	Attas	1986-1990	Sunni
Yemen	Saleh	1991-1992	Sunni
Turkey	Menderes	1950-1960	Sunni
Turkey	Gursel	1961	Sunni
Turkey	Inonu	1961-1964	Sunni
Turkey	Urguplu	1965	Sunni
Turkey	Demirel	1966-1970	Sunni
Turkey	Erim	1971-1972	Sunni
Turkey	Melen/Tau	1973	Sunni
Turkey	Ecevit	1974	Sunni
Turkey	Demirel	1975-1977	Sunni
Turkey	Ecevit	1978-1979	Sunni
Turkey	Demirel	1980	Sunni
Turkey	Ulusu	1981-1983	Sunni
Turkey	Ozal	1984-1989	Sunni
Turkey	Akbulut	1990-1991	Sunni
Turkey	Demirel	1992	Sunni

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