Online Appendix

Table A1. The relationship between state support for religion and confidence in government, by category, 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4[1]

	(A1)	(A2)	(A3)	(A4)
Relationships	0.059***			
	(0.012)			
Enforcement		0.018		
		(0.019)		
Funding			-0.032***	
			(0.005)	
Entanglement				-0.082***
				(0.010)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.031***	0.030***	0.033***
	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.007)	(0.007)
Importance of Religion	0.070***	0.070***	0.070***	0.070***
	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)	(0.003)
Education	-0.008***	-0.008***	-0.008***	-0.008***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.035***	0.035***	0.035***	0.034***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.009***	0.008***	0.009***	0.009***
	(0.001)	(0.002)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.016***	0.016***	0.016***	0.016***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.101***	-0.097***	-0.123***	-0.104***
	(0.031)	(0.031)	(0.032)	(0.031)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.176***	-0.181***	-0.159***	-0.150***
	(0.009)	(0.009)	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.011***	-0.011***	-0.010***	-0.011***
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.012***	0.012***	0.010***

[1] Bates D, Mächler M, Bolker B, Walker S (2015). "Fitting Linear Mixed-Effects Models Using lme4." *Journal of Statistical Software*, **67**(1), 1–48. doi:10.18637/jss.v067.i01.

	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	3.448***	3.507***	3.811***	3.415***
	(0.540)	(0.538)	(0.557)	(0.531)
Observations	139,417	139,417	139,417	139,417
Groups	51	51	51	51
Variance	0.117	0.129	0.118	0.113
Standard Deviation	0.342	0.708	0.709	0.708
Note:		*p<0.01**p<0.05***p<0.01		

Table A2. The relationship between state support for religion and confidence in parliament, by category, 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4

	(A5)	(A6)	(A7)	(A8)
Relationships	0.042***			
	(0.011)			
Enforcement		-0.040**		
		(0.018)		
Funding			-0.067***	
			(0.004)	
Entanglement				-0.044***
				(0.009)
Minority Member	0.045***	0.045***	0.043***	0.046***
	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.062***	0.062***	0.062***	0.062***
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Education	0.003***	0.003***	0.003***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.026***	0.026***	0.026***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.004***	0.002*	0.004***	0.004***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.009***	0.010***	0.009***	0.009***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.411***	-0.428***	-0.630***	-0.427***
	(0.040)	(0.041)	(0.046)	(0.041)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.175***	-0.180***	-0.146***	-0.164***
	(0.009)	(0.009)	(0.009)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.005**	-0.004**	-0.002	-0.005**
	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.013***	0.013***	0.016***	0.012***
	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	8.643***	9.076***	12.190***	8.919***
	(0.698)	(0.717)	(0.806)	(0.708)
Observations	144,673	144,673	144,673	144,673

Groups	51	51	51	51
Variance	0.366	0.682	0.326	0.348
Standard Deviation	0.640	0.638	0.640	0.639

Note: $^{*}p<0.01$ $^{**}p<0.05$ $^{***}p<0.01$

Table A3. The relationship between the interaction of state support for religion and importance of religion on confidence in government and parliament, 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4

	Confidence in Government (A9)	Confidence in Parliament (A10)
State Support for Religion	-0.018***	-0.037***
	(0.004)	(0.004)
Importance of Religion	0.071***	0.061***
	(0.006)	(0.006)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.044***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Education	-0.008***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.035***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.009***	0.003**
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.116***	-0.588***
	(0.032)	(0.046)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.159***	-0.145***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.008***	0.001
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.014***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
State Support for Religion*Importance of Religion	-0.0001	0.0001
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	3.747***	11.607***
	(0.550)	(0.798)
Observations	139,417	144,673
Groups	51	51
Variance	0.624	0.123
Standard Deviation	0.790	0.351

Note: $^{*}p<0.01^{**}p<0.05^{***}p<0.01$

Table A4. The relationship between state support for religion and confidence in government & parliament, Country Level Fixed Effects, 1990-2014

	Confidence in Government (A11)	Confidence in Parliament (A12)
State Support for Religion	-0.021***	-0.040***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.046***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.070***	0.061***
	(0.003)	(0.002)
Education	-0.008***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.034***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.008***	0.001
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.252***	-0.817***
	(0.061)	(0.055)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.172***	-0.157***
	(0.011)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.007***	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.014***	0.016***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	6.316***	16.245***
	(1.119)	(1.013)
Observations	139,417	144,673
Fixed Effects	Country	Country
Note:	*p<0.01**p<0.05***p<0.01	

A5. The relationship between state support for religion and confidence in government & parliament, Country and Wave Level Fixed Effects, 1990-2014

	Confidence in Government (A13)	Confidence in Parliament (A14)
State Support for Religion	-0.021***	-0.038***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.047***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.070***	0.061***
	(0.003)	(0.002)
Education	-0.008***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.034***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.008***	0.003*
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.012***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.245***	-0.752***
	(0.065)	(0.060)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.170***	-0.095***
	(0.017)	(0.016)
Polity Score	-0.007***	0.006**
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.014***	0.019***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	6.171***	14.366***
	(1.226)	(1.120)
Observations	139,417	144,673
Fixed effects	Country & Wave	Country & Wave
Note:		*p<0.01**p<0.05***p<0.01

A6. Main Models with Additional Demographic Controls, 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4

	Confidence in Government (A15)	Confidence in Parliament (A16)
State Support for Religion	-0.019***	-0.036***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.044***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.071***	0.064***
	(0.003)	(0.002)
Education	-0.007***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.035***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Female	-0.008*	-0.028***
	(0.005)	(0.004)
Age	0.0002***	-0.0001***
	(0.00004)	(0.00001)
Gini	0.009***	0.004**
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.116***	-0.631***
	(0.032)	(0.047)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.160***	-0.150***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.008***	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.014***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	3.740***	12.349***
	(0.551)	(0.818)
Observations	139,325	144,583
Groups	51	51

Variation	0.730	0.124
Standard Deviation	0.839	0.352
Note:	$^{*}p<0.01$ $^{**}p<0.05$ $^{***}p<0.01$	

A7. Main Models, Controlling for Societal Discrimination Against Minorities, 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4

	Confidence in Government (A17)	Confidence in Parliament (A18)
State Support for Religion	-0.019***	-0.038***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.030***	0.043***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.070***	0.061***
	(0.003)	(0.002)
Education	-0.008***	0.004***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.034***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.009***	0.006***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.098***	-0.512***
	(0.031)	(0.045)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.151***	-0.119***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.010***	-0.003
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.013***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Societal Discrimination	-0.006***	-0.018***
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Constant	3.434***	10.238***
	(0.542)	(0.787)
Observations	139,417	144,673
Groups	51	51
Variance	0.542	0.113
Standard Deviation	0.736	0.709

Note: $^{*}p<0.01$ $^{**}p<0.05$ $^{***}p<0.01$

Table A8. Main Models with Alternative Measure of Religiosity (Frequency of Service Attendance), 1990-2014, random effects model using lme4

	Confidence in Government (A19)	Confidence in Parliament (A20)
State Support for Religion	-0.014***	-0.033***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.023***	0.036***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.033***	0.032***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Education	-0.010***	0.002*
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.034***	0.025***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.007***	0.004**
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.109***	-0.560***
	(0.032)	(0.045)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.174***	-0.146***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.006***	0.002
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.014***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Constant	3.812***	11.155***
	(0.552)	(0.784)
Observations	142,454	147,597
Groups	51	51
Variation	0.570	0.125
Standard Deviation	0.640	0.715
Note:	*p<0.01**p<0.05***p<0.01	

A9. Main models with regional dummies, 1990-2014[2], random effects model using lme4

	Confidence in Government (A21)	Confidence in Parliament (A22)
State Support for Religion	-0.019***	-0.036***
	(0.004)	(0.003)
Minority Member	0.031***	0.044***
	(0.007)	(0.006)
Importance of Religion	0.070***	0.062***
	(0.003)	(0.002)
Education	-0.008***	0.003***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Wellbeing	0.034***	0.026***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Gini	0.008***	0.004**
	(0.002)	(0.001)
Minority Discrimination	0.017***	0.011***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Population (logged)	-0.132***	-0.561***
	(0.032)	(0.044)
GDP per capita (logged)	-0.159***	-0.143***
	(0.010)	(0.010)
Polity Score	-0.008***	0.001
	(0.002)	(0.002)
Durability	0.012***	0.013***
	(0.001)	(0.001)
Former USSR	0.029	-0.383
	(0.127)	(0.249)
Latin America	0.610*	1.413**
	(0.348)	(0.702)
Sub-Saharan Africa	0.349**	0.467
	(0.152)	(0.301)
Western Democracies	0.093	-0.165
	(0.137)	(0.268)

[2] The excluded category is Asia.

Constant	3.913***	11.188***
	(0.551)	(0.781)
Observations	139,417	144,673
Groups	51	51
Variation	0.451	0.108
Standard Deviation	0.672	0.329
Note:	*p<0.01**p<0.05***p<0.01	

Table A10. Countries included in each WVS wave

Wave 1: 1989-1993
Argentina
Brazil
Chile
Czechia
Mexico
Russia
Slovakia
Spain
Wave 2: 1994-1998
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Belarus
Brazil
Bulgaria
Chile
Colombia
Croatia
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Estonia
Finland
Georgia
Germany
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Mexico
Moldova
New Zealand
North Macedonia
Norway
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Romania
Russia
Slovakia

Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela

Wave 3: 1999-2004

Argentina
Canada
Chile
Mexico
Moldova
North Macedonia
Peru
Philippines
Spain
Tanzania
Uganda
United States
Venezuela
Zimbabwe

Wave 4: 2005-2009

Andorra
Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Finland
France
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Guatemala
Hungary
Italy

Mexico
Moldova
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Peru
Poland
Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Serbia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Trinidad & Tobago
Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States
Uruguay
Zambia

Wave 5: 2010-2014

Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Belarus
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Estonia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Mexico
Netherlands
New Zealand
Peru
Philippines
Poland

Romania
Russia
Rwanda
Slovenia
South Sudan
Spain
Sweden
Trinidad & Tobago
Ukraine
United States
Uruguay
Zimbabwe

Table A11: Data availability by indicator

Variable	Data source	Label in data	Years available
State support for religion	RAS	Addition of all lx variables	1990-2014
Importance of religion	WVS	A006	1990-2014 (Waves 2-6)
Education	WVS	X025	1990-2014 (Waves 2-6)
Wellbeing	WVS	A170	1990-2014 (Waves 2-6)
Gini	World Bank	n/a	1990-2014[3]
Minority discrimination	RAS	Addition of all mx variables	1990-2014
Population	World Bank	n/a	1990-2014
GDP per capita	World Bank	n/a	1990-2014
Polity Score	Polity5 Project	POLITY	1990-2014
Stability	Polity5 Project	POLITY (change in score calculated by authors)	1990-2014

[3] Missing values were imputed with dplyr::fill (direction= "downup").