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Anti-Muslim bias in evaluation of religious persecution in China (#46946)

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1) Have any data been collected for this study already?
No, no data have been collected for this study yet.

2) What's the main question being asked or hypothesis being tested in this study?
Hypothesis: Participants will evaluate (overall across countries) less negatively religious persecution in China against Muslims than against Taoists, Buddhists, and Christians.

3) Describe the key dependent variable(s) specifying how they will be measured.
In each randomly assigned condition, participants will answer 5 questions (DVs) either about religious persecution of Muslims, Taoists, Buddhists, or Christians in China:
- attitudes toward religious persecution (2 items, 7-point scale)
- support for national (government) and international (UN) authorities to take action against religious persecution (2 items, 7-point scale)
- behavioural tendency to sign petition against religious persecution (1 item, 7-point scale)

All 7-point scales will have the following verbal anchors: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = somewhat disagree, 4 = neither agree nor disagree, 5 = somewhat agree, 6 = agree, 7 = strongly agree

Using Mokken scale analysis, we will evaluate using data from all countries whether 5 DVs are scalable to form a single index (mean score). If not, we will use respective sub-indexes: (attitudes - mean of 2 items, support - mean of 2 items, behavioural tendency - 1 item).

4) How many and which conditions will participants be assigned to?
Participants will be randomly assigned to one of four conditions where they read a report about religious persecution in China against either A) Muslims, B) Taoists, C) Buddhists, or D) Christians.

5) Specify exactly which analyses you will conduct to examine the main question/hypothesis.
A multilevel model will be used to assess the effect of a target group of persecution (Muslims/Taoists/Buddhists/Christians) on outcome variables (either a single index or three separate DVs specified above), with countries defined as random effects.

6) Describe exactly how outliers will be defined and handled, and your precise rule(s) for excluding observations.
We will work with data as provided by the data collection agency. Participants with missing values in any of the items forming the DV/DVs will be excluded (listwise deletion).

7) How many observations will be collected or what will determine sample size? No need to justify decision, but be precise about exactly how the number will be determined.
We will seek to recruit a minimum of 19500 participants in 13 countries (United Kingdom, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Sweden, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Latvia, Russia, Serbia) - 1500 participants per country. The sample in each country will be representative of its general population according to the following quota: gender, age, education, region, population density of the area in which participants live.

8) Anything else you would like to pre-register? (e.g., secondary analyses, variables collected for exploratory purposes, unusual analyses planned?)
Nothing else to pre-register.