

Codebook for data used in:

Jonathan Fox & Ephraim Tabory “Contemporary Evidence Regarding the Impact of State Regulation of Religion on Religious Participation and Belief” [Sociology of Religion](#)

The variables described below are the ones which were used in the study. All other variables in the file are from the general Religion and State (RAS) dataset. A full description of them is available in the RAS codebook.

Variables from Robert Barro.

These variables were taken from studies by Robert Barro. The source data is available at Robert Barro's website at <http://www.economics.harvard.edu/faculty/barro>. The version of the Barro data used here was obtained directly from Robert Barro in 2004.

Bherf: Herfindahl index. This variable is a religious diversity measure using the Herfindahl methodology to create a measure based on the population data from the World Christian Encyclopedia.

The following variables are all aggregate country scores based on the WVS and ISSP surveys.

Bchmo: Proportion of population which attends religious services at least once a month.

Bchwkw: Proportion of population which attends religious services at least once a week.

Bgod: Proportion of population which believes in God.

Bheaven: Proportion of population which believes in heaven.

Bhell: Proportion of population which believes in Hell.

Blife: Proportion of population which believes in an afterlife.

Brelig: Proportion of population which considers itself religious.

RAS Variables Used in the Study

Official Support (sa) measures the extent to which the government supports one or more religions on the following scale:

0. No support for religion
1. Supportive: The state supports all religions more or less equally.
2. Cooperation: The state falls short of endorsing a particular religion but certain religions benefit from state support more than others.
3. Civil religion: While the state does not officially endorse a religion, one religion serves unofficially as the state's civil religion.

4. The state has more than one official religion.
5. The state has one official religion.

Religious Restrictions (sil): see general RAS codebook.

Religious Discrimination (M): see general RAS codebook.

Religious Regulation (N): see general RAS codebook

Religious Legislation (K): see general RAS codebook.

General GIR (allx): see general RAS codebook.

Majority Catholic (emajchc): 0 = no; 1 = yes.

Majority other Christian (emajchco1): 0 = no; 1 = yes.

Majority Muslims (emajisla): 0 = no; 1 = yes.

Majority neither Muslim nor Christian (emajo): 0 = no; 1 = yes.

Data from other sources

Zpd: Polity score from the Polity dataset. -10 is most autocratics, 10 is the most democratic.

Zpcl: Log of per capita GDP. Taken from UN Statistics Division website.

Ztime: year – 1990.

Regcom: Former communist regime. Coded by Jonathan Fox.

See the article for more details.