**Appendix**

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**Variable Coding**

**Preparedness** The preparedness measures were extensive and two-pronged. The first set asked about activities undertaken, including (response options no; thought about it, but haven’t done it; and yes): Put together emergency supplies like water, food, or medicine kept in your home; Changed any part of your home to protect it against wind, flooding, or other natural disasters; Practiced what to do if there is an emergency when you are at home; Volunteered to help your local community prepare for or respond to an emergency; Taken first aid training such as CPR to keep someone breathing or resuscitate someone; Made a plan for how you and the people you live with would communicate in an emergency; Decided on a place for the people you live with to meet if they cannot go home in an emergency; Bought insurance to protect you or your property against a disaster. The second set asked about supplies kept on hand: A radio that is battery operated or hand-cranked; A first-aid kit; At least three days’ worth of canned or dried food for each person who lives in your home; A flashlight; Extra batteries for a radio or flashlight; At least three days’ worth of medicine for anyone in your household who would need it; At least six months worth of canned or dried food for each person who lives in your household; The ability to grow your own fruit and vegetables, and have a source of fresh meat that could provide for everyone in your household if grocery stores were closed. These were coded 0=no/haven’t thought about it, 1=yes.

**Gun ownership –** “Do you happen to have a gun in the home?” 1=Yes, 0=No or don’t know.

**Gun buying –** “Do you plan to buy a gun in the next 12 months?” 1=Yes, 0=No or don’t know.

**Apocalypticism** – Has three separate scales/measures that are averaged. The specific items are listed in the text. We compute 0-1 scales for belief in evil (from 3 items), belief in prophecy (from 3 items), and belief that we are in the end times (1 item) so that each dimension is weighted the same in the final measure.

**Christian nationalism** – Is an index of 6 statements using 5 point likert scales with the third reverse coded so that disagreement is high: The federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation; The federal government should advocate Christian values; The federal government should enforce strict separation of church and state; The success of the United States is part of God's plan; The federal government should allow prayer in public schools; and The federal government should allow the display of religious symbols in public spaces. The measure was condensed to run from 0-1.

**Worship attendance** – “Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you typically attend religious services?” 5=More than once a week or Once a week; 4=A few times a month; 3=A few times a year; 2=Seldom; 1=Never.

**Belief in Christian persecution** – Is an index of four statements using a 5 point likert scale with agreement the high value: Christians will lose their religious freedom if Democrats control the federal government; A Democratic President is likely to ban the Bible; A Democratic President will force you to pay for abortions; and A Democratic President will take your guns.

**Heard arguments about Christian persecution** – Is an index from 0 to 4 if they answer yes to “Have you **heard or read** anyone making the following arguments in the past few months?” (emphasis in the original) for the same four statements listed under the “belief in Christian persecution” entry.

**Education** – “What is the highest level of education that you have completed?” 1= Less than High School, 2=High School or GED, 3=Some college or trade school, 4=4-year college graduate, 5=Graduate education (toward a master's or doctoral degree)

**White –** “What is your race/ethnicity?” (choose as many as apply) White=1; Hispanic, Black, Asian, Other =0.

**Age** – “In what year were you born?” Age = 2020 - year born.

**Women** – women=1, men=0.

**Partisanship** – “Generally, which of these party labels bests describes you?” 1=Strong Democrat, 2=Democrat, 3=4=Strong Democrat/Republican, 4=Independent, 5=independent, but lean Republican, 6=Republican, 7=Strong Republican. In Figure 7, we used a collapsed 3-point partisanship measure that includes leaners as partisans.

**Religious tradition** – Coded using the denominational RELTRAD scheme from Steensland et al. (2000) with the adjustments from Burge and Djupe (2021).

**Income** – “In what category does your total yearly household income fall?” Ranges from 1=$25000 or less to 8=$200,000 or more.

**Civic skills** – Is an index that runs from 0 to 4 counting each time they say yes to “Thinking back across the past year, did you do any of the following activities as part of a job, church involvement, or other group involvement? Check as many as apply.” with options: Write a letter/email to members/decision makers, Give a speech in public, Organize a meeting, and Lead a meeting.

**Political interest** – “Some people don’t pay much attention to politics. How about you? How much attention do you pay to news about national politics on TV, radio, printed newspapers, or the Internet?” 5=A great deal, 4=A lot, 3=A moderate amount, 2=A little, 1=None at all.

**Race** – “What is your race/ethnicity? Choose as many as apply.” Options included White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Other. The dummies were coded such that white co-identifiers were coded as the racial/ethnic minority identity selected.

**Figure A1** – Comparing Apocalypticism Relationships with Prepping Components

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Source: March 2021 Survey.

Note: The model followed the specification provided in Table A2.

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| **Table A1 –** Demographic Distributions by High and Low Preparedness | | |
| Variable | Low Preparedness  (bottom third) | High Preparedness  (top third) |
| College + | 27% | 49% |
| Men | 43% | 58% |
| Age | 45 years old | 44 |
| South | 38% | 34% |
| West | 23% | 28% |
| Northeast | 19% | 20% |
| Midwest | 20% | 18% |
| Income | 2.9 (35-50k) | 4.4 (~75k) |
| Denominational evangelical | 8% | 10% |
| Non-denominational | 6% | 6% |
| Mainline | 5% | 7% |
| Catholic | 18% | 26% |
| Nones | 33% | 18% |
| Source: March 2021 Survey. | | |

**Figure A2** – Apocalypticism and Christian Nationalism Effects on a Long-term Preparedness Measure

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**Figure A3 –** The Distribution of Apocalypticism Across Religious Traditions

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Source: March 2021 Survey. Lines shown are medians.

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| **Table A2 –** OLS Estimates of the Effect of Apocalypticism on Preparedness Behavior With and Without Christian Nationalism in the Model (see Figure 3); *p* values in parentheses | | | |
|  | Just CN | Just Apoc | CN + Apoc |
| Unclassified | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.17 |
|  | (0.56) | (0.50) | (0.46) |
| Non-denominational | -0.18 | -0.21 | -0.19 |
|  | (0.55) | (0.49) | (0.52) |
| No religion | 0.12 | 0.28 | 0.32 |
|  | (0.62) | (0.25) | (0.20) |
| Other faith | -0.15 | -0.11 | -0.11 |
|  | (0.63) | (0.71) | (0.72) |
| Jewish | 0.10 | 0.19 | 0.23 |
|  | (0.83) | (0.68) | (0.61) |
| Catholic | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.09 |
|  | (0.87) | (0.73) | (0.69) |
| Black Protestant | 1.49 | 1.44 | 1.45 |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Mainline | 0.28 | 0.40 | 0.39 |
|  | (0.35) | (0.19) | (0.19) |
| Attendance | 0.35 | 0.32 | 0.30 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Political Interest | 0.56 | 0.55 | 0.55 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Black | -0.55 | -0.64 | -0.65 |
|  | (0.06) | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Hispanic | 0.18 | 0.12 | 0.12 |
|  | (0.52) | (0.66) | (0.67) |
| Asian | 1.42 | 1.37 | 1.36 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Other race | 0.69 | 0.66 | 0.65 |
|  | (0.01) | (0.01) | (0.01) |
| Age | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
|  | (0.03) | (0.14) | (0.12) |
| Family income | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.34 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Education | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.19 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Women | -0.12 | -0.13 | -0.13 |
|  | (0.32) | (0.26) | (0.28) |
| Partisanship | -0.09 | -0.06 | -0.07 |
|  | (0.01) | (0.05) | (0.02) |
| Christian nationalism | 1.67 |  | 0.53 |
|  | (0.00) |  | (0.15) |
| Apocalypticism |  | 2.29 | 1.97 |
|  |  | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| Intercept | 3.80 | 3.26 | 3.22 |
|  | (0.00) | (0.00) | (0.00) |
| N | 3,476 | 3,476 | 3,476 |
| R2 | 0.20 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| Source: March 2021 Survey. | | | |

**Figure A4 –** The Effect of Apocalypticism on Preparedness Conditional on Christian Nationalism and Race (i.e., Figure 8 conditional on race)

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Source: March 2021 Survey.