**ONLINE SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

Table S1. Socio-demographics distribution of the sample (n = 4,601)

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| Variables | % |
|  |  |
| *Gender* |  |
| Male | 50.7 |
| Female | 49.3 |
|  |  |
| *Level of education* |  |
| Low | 11.0 |
| Medium | 51.9 |
| High | 37.1 |
|  |  |
| *Age* |  |
| 18-34 | 22.0 |
| 35-54 | 38.0 |
| 55 and more | 40.0 |
|  |  |
| *Geographical area* |  |
| North-West | 28.3 |
| North-East | 19.3 |
| Centre | 19.8 |
| South | 21.8 |
| Islands | 10.8 |
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Table S2. Distribution of the moderating variables by experimental condition

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|  | Experimental condition: item formulation | |
| Variables | Pope Francis | Others |
|  | % | % |
| **Religious typology** |  |  |
| Practicing Catholics | 32.5 | 32.8 |
| Nominal Catholics | 38.2 | 37.6 |
| Non-religious | 29.3 | 29.7 |
| N | 2,026 | 1,966 |
|  | Mean (s.d) | Mean (s.d.) |
| **Trust in Pope Francis (0-10)** | 6.71 (3.00) | 6.75 (2.98) |
| N | 2,239 | 2,150 |
| **Left-Right ideology (0-10)** | 4.50 (3.00) | 4.62 (2.87) |
| N | 1,887 | 1,802 |

Note: Differences between the two groups are never statistically significant.

Table S3. Regression model with support for the anti-poverty measure (1-4 scale) as dependent variable and religious typology with religious service attendance referred to pre-pandemic period (Model 3bis) and left-right ideology measured in three categories (Model 4bis) as main moderating variable

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| Independent variables | Categories/Scale | Model 3bis | Model 4bis |
|  |  |  |  |
| Experimental condition | Pope Francis | 0.17\*\*\* | 0.18\*\*\* |
| (Some people) |  | (0.06) | (0.04) |
| Religious typology | Nominal Catholics | 0.07 |  |
|  |  | (0.05) |  |
|  | Non-religious | 0.14\*\*\* |  |
|  |  | (0.05) |  |
| Experimental condition# | Pope Francis# | -0.10 |  |
| Religious typology | Nominal Catholics | (0.07) |  |
|  | Pope Francis# | -0.10 |  |
|  | Non-religious | (0.07) |  |
| Left-right ideology | Center (4-6) |  | -0.19\*\*\* |
| (Left:0-3) |  |  | (0.05) |
|  | Right (7-10) |  | -0.33\*\*\* |
|  |  |  | (0.05) |
| Experimental condition# | Pope Francis# |  | -0.10 |
| Left-right ideology | Center (4-6) |  | (0.07) |
|  | Pope Francis# |  | -0.16\*\* |
|  | Right (7-10) |  | (0.06) |
| Gender (Male) | Female | 0.18\*\*\* | 0.16\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.03) | (0.03) |
| Age class (18-34) | 35-54 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
|  |  | (0.04) | (0.04) |
|  | 55 and more | 0.01 | -0.01 |
|  |  | (0.04) | (0.04) |
| Educational level (Low) | Medium | 0.03 | -0.03 |
|  |  | (0.04) | (0.05) |
|  | High | -0.09\*\* | -0.16\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Geographical area | North-east | 0.00 | -0.01 |
| (North-west) |  | (0.04) | (0.04) |
|  | Centre | 0.09\*\* | 0.08\*\* |
|  |  | (0.04) | (0.04) |
|  | South | 0.23\*\*\* | 0.19\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.04) | (0.04) |
|  | Islands | 0.15\*\*\* | 0.13\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.05) | (0.05) |
| Constant |  | 2.75\*\*\* | 3.05\*\*\* |
|  |  | (0.07) | (0.07) |
|  |  |  |  |
| Observations |  | 3,470 | 3,191 |
| R-squared |  | 0.04 | 0.08 |

Standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

Figure S1. Raw means of support for universal basic wage by experimental condition and trust in Pope Francis (Panel A, n = 3,789) and religious typology (Panel B, n = 3,431) Table A1. Randomization checks: percentage distribution of socio-demographics and left-right orientation by item formulation (n = 4,601) and chi-square tests of independence



Figure S2. Raw means of support for universal basic wage by experimental condition and left-right ideology (n = 3,193)



Figure S3. Predicted means of support for the anti-poverty measure (1-4 scale) by left-right ideology (in three categories) estimated by Model 4bis in Table S3 in the Online Supplementary Material. N=3,191.

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