**Appendix Tables**

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| **Table A1. EFA of Gun Empowerment Items (N=412)** | | | |
|  | Factor 1 |  | Factor 2 |
| Q43. Owning a gun makes me feel… |  |  |  |
| Safe | **0.885** |  | -0.009 |
| Responsible | **0.682** |  | 0.153 |
| Confidence | **0.621** |  | 0.349 |
| Patriotic | 0.198 |  | **0.624** |
| In control of my fate | 0.392 |  | **0.563** |
| More valuable to my family | 0.174 |  | **0.726** |
| more valuable to my community | 0 |  | **0.916** |
| Respected | -0.110 |  | **0.905** |
| Eigenvalue | 5.345 |  | 0.927 |
| Factor Correlations | 0.599 | | |
| Note: Software is Mplus 8.8 (Mac); Estimator is ULSMV; Rotation is Oblique; All items are treated as ordinal indicators and the link is Probit; Pairwise deletion is used to handle missing data; the size of the sample of analysis is 412 because number of cases with missing on all indicators are three; The loading cutline is 0.500. | | | |

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| **Table A2. CFA of Gun Culture Items (N=412)** | | | |
|  | Gun Security |  | Gun Sanctity |
| *Cronbach's α (if additive scale)* | 0.824 |  | 0.908 |
| Q43. Owning a gun makes me feel… |  |  |  |
| Safe | 1.000 |  |  |
| Responsible | 1.004\*\*\* |  |  |
| Confidence | 1.215\*\*\* |  |  |
| Patriotic |  |  | 1.000 |
| In control of my fate |  |  | 1.145\*\*\* |
| More valuable to my family |  |  | 1.101\*\*\* |
| more valuable to my community |  |  | 1.126\*\*\* |
| Respected |  |  | 0.983\*\*\* |
| Covariance between two latent factors | 0.487\*\*\* (S.E. = 0.034) | | |
| *Chi-Square Statistics* |  |  |  |
| Value | 134.325\* | | |
| DF | 19 | | |
| P-Value | 0.000 | | |
| *RMSEA* |  |  |  |
| Estimate | 0.121 | | |
| 90 Percent C.I. | [0.103, 0.141] | | |
| Probability RMSEA <= .05 | 0.000 | | |
| CFI/TLI |  |  |  |
| CFI | 0.963 | | |
| TLI | 0.946 | | |
| SRMR | 0.036 | | |
| *Chi-Square Test for Difference Testing Two-Factor Model vs One-Factor Model* |  |  |  |
| Value | 67.048\* | | |
| DF | 1 | | |
| P-Value | 0.000 | | |
| Note: Software is Mplus 8.8 (Mac); Estimator is ULSMV; pairwise deletion is used to handle missing data; the size of the sample of analysis is 412 because number of cases with missing on all indicators are three; all items are treated as ordinal indicators and the link is Probit; the Difference testing tests if the two-factor model is statistically better than the one factor model in terms of Chi-Square statistics. | | | |

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| **Table A3. Descriptive Statistics** | | | | | | |
|  | N | mean/percent | s.d. | median | min | max |
| Gun Ownership1 | 1,248 | 33.25% |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gun Security Scale2 | 398 | 10.623 | 2.606 | 10 | 3 | 15 |
| Gun Sanctity Scale2 | 401 | 14.005 | 4.631 | 15 | 5 | 25 |
| Caring God3 | 861 | 21.988 | 4.661 | 22 | 7 | 28 |
| Prayer Efficacy Scale4 | 908 | 5.835 | 1.732 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| Prayer Support Scale4 | 921 | 5.903 | 2.236 | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| Declare Christian Nation | 1,234 | 2.239 | 1.412 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Promote Christian Values | 1,231 | 2.753 | 1.477 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| God Favors US | 1,226 | 2.829 | 1.533 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Election was Stolen from Trump | 1,229 | 2.133 | 1.445 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Media exaggerated COVID | 1,230 | 2.622 | 1.433 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| COVID vaccine cannot be trusted | 1,225 | 2.031 | 1.117 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Democrats run a Pedophile Ring | 1,218 | 2.180 | 1.233 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Violence against Govt. is justified | 1,226 | 2.015 | 1.136 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Non-Hispanic White | 1,248 | 63.94% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Non-Hispanic Black | 1,248 | 10.66% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Hispanic | 1,248 | 15.38% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Other Race | 1,248 | 10.02% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Male | 1,239 | 45.36% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Household Incomea | 1,192 | 0.654 | 0.245 | 0.71 | 0.14 | 1 |
| Conservative | 1,218 | 34.29% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Liberal | 1,218 | 33.49% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Moderate | 1,218 | 29.81% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| 4-yr college degree | 1,223 | 50.12% |  |  | 0 | 1 |
| Age | 1,221 | 54.885 | 17.193 | 57 | 18 | 98 |
| Evangelical Protestant | 1,226 | 24.39% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Black Protestant | 1,226 | 7.83% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mainline Protestant | 1,226 | 13.54% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Catholic | 1,226 | 24.88% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other Religion | 1,226 | 10.85% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Religious None | 1,226 | 18.52% |  | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Church Attendancec | 1,213 | 0.368 | 0.362 | 0.3 | 0 | 1 |
| Urban Residency | 1,226 | 2.647 | 1.009 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Note: 1. Full Sample; 2. Gun Owner subsample; 3. God Believer subsample; 4. Prayer Practicing sample; a. Household income was recoded by dividing it with 7. Original was a seven point scale with 1=$10,000 or less to 7=$150,001 or more; b. Ideology ID was coded from a categorical variable from 1-7. Original was 1 = Extreme Conservative to 7 = Extreme Liberal (We recoded 1-3 as Conservative, 4 as moderate, and 5-7 and Liberal); c. church attendance was recoded by dividing it with 7. Original was 0 = Never to 7 = Several times a week; d. Urban residency was reversely coded. Original categories are 1 = a large city, 2 = a suburb near a large city, 3 = a small city or town, and 4 = a rural area. | | | | | | |

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| **Table A4. Punitive God, Gun Ownership and Gun Culture** | | | | | |
|  | God believing sample, N=945 | |  | God believing Gun Owners, N=298 | |
|  | Coef. | S.E. |  | Coef. | S.E. |
| Gun Ownership | 0.226 | 0.165 |  |  |  |
| Gun Security (latent) |  |  |  | 0.120 | 0.246 |
| Gun Sanctity (latent) |  |  |  | 0.224 | 0.274 |
| Blacka | 0.575 | 0.407 |  | 0.914 | 0.678 |
| Hispanic | -0.404 | 0.242 |  | -0.889\* | 0.450 |
| Other Race | -0.122 | 0.256 |  | -0.334 | 0.469 |
| Mainline Protestantb | -0.481\* | 0.232 |  | -0.299 | 0.357 |
| Black Protestant | 0.273 | 0.524 |  | -0.281 | 0.589 |
| Catholic | -0.162 | 0.219 |  | 0.045 | 0.337 |
| Other Religions | -0.357 | 0.270 |  | -0.331 | 0.487 |
| Religious None | -0.034 | 0.272 |  | -0.259 | 0.449 |
| Church Attendance | 0.383 | 0.272 |  | 0.484 | 0.403 |
| Male | 0.137 | 0.158 |  | -0.306 | 0.243 |
| College Degree | -0.299\* | 0.146 |  | -0.534\* | 0.242 |
| Household Income | -0.277 | 0.377 |  | -0.584 | 0.541 |
| Conservative | -0.348 | 0.203 |  | -0.324 | 0.281 |
| Liberal | -0.361 | 0.188 |  | -0.082 | 0.354 |
| Rural Residency | -0.016 | 0.080 |  | 0.042 | 0.131 |
| Notes: a. reference group is non-Hispanic white; b. reference group is evangelical Protestant; c. reference group is moderate; p < .05, \*\* p < .01, \*\*\* p < .001; All regressions in this table are conducted using Mplus 8.8 (Mac); Estimator is MLR with sample weight; EM Algorithm is conducted for estimating converging; Full Information Maximum Likelihood is applied to handle missing data. | | | | | |

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| **Table A5. Religious Traditionalism, Gun Ownership, and Gun Cultures** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | Full Sample, N=1,099 | | | | |  | Gun Owner Sample, N=372 | | | | |
|  | Public Display of Religious Symbols | |  | Public School Prayer | |  | Public Display of Religious Symbols | |  | Public School Prayer | |
|  | Coef. | S.E. |  | Coef. | S.E. |  | Coef. | S.E. |  | Coef. | S.E. |
| Gun Ownership | 0.078 | 0.093 |  | 0.132 | 0.098 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gun Security |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.123 | 0.150 |  | 0.120 | 0.155 |
| Gun Sanctity |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.109 | 0.158 |  | 0.205 | 0.170 |
| Blacka | -0.167 | 0.178 |  | 0.664\*\* | 0.194 |  | -0.46 | 0.356 |  | 0.245 | 0.489 |
| Hispanic | -0.309\* | 0.123 |  | -0.020 | 0.134 |  | -0.375 | 0.247 |  | 0.286 | 0.239 |
| Other Race | -0.014 | 0.143 |  | -0.171 | 0.149 |  | -0.215 | 0.284 |  | -0.162 | 0.260 |
| Mainline Protestantb | -0.184 | 0.158 |  | -0.318\* | 0.160 |  | -0.470 | 0.244 |  | -0.445 | 0.247 |
| Black Protestant | -0.353 | 0.219 |  | -0.647\*\* | 0.222 |  | 0.180 | 0.400 |  | -0.399 | 0.479 |
| Catholic | -0.148 | 0.123 |  | -0.559\*\*\* | 0.132 |  | -0.213 | 0.200 |  | -0.520\*\* | 0.196 |
| Other Religions | -0.333\* | 0.155 |  | -0.946\*\*\* | 0.154 |  | 0.113 | 0.273 |  | -0.65\* | 0.257 |
| Religious None | -0.670\*\*\* | 0.142 |  | -0.797\*\*\* | 0.154 |  | -0.677\*\* | 0.239 |  | -0.558\* | 0.238 |
| Church Attendance | 0.314\* | 0.132 |  | 0.635\*\*\* | 0.139 |  | 0.317 | 0.235 |  | 0.797\*\* | 0.237 |
| Male | 0.021 | 0.084 |  | -0.039 | 0.088 |  | 0.083 | 0.146 |  | 0.216 | 0.144 |
| College Degree | -0.148 | 0.090 |  | -0.231\* | 0.096 |  | -0.265 | 0.152 |  | -0.414\*\* | 0.153 |
| Household Income | -0.067 | 0.186 |  | -0.190 | 0.198 |  | -0.083 | 0.340 |  | 0.481 | 0.344 |
| Conservative | 0.635\*\*\* | 0.113 |  | 0.475\*\*\* | 0.119 |  | 0.695\*\*\* | 0.180 |  | 0.482\*\* | 0.177 |
| Liberal | -0.200 | 0.109 |  | -0.542\*\*\* | 0.113 |  | -0.39 | 0.202 |  | -0.712\*\*\* | 0.198 |
| Rural Residency | -0.040 | 0.044 |  | -0.009 | 0.046 |  | 0.024 | 0.081 |  | -0.057 | 0.076 |
| Notes: a. reference group is non-Hispanic white; b. reference group is evangelical Protestant; p < .05, \*\* p < .01, \*\*\* p < .001; All regressions in this table are conducted using Mplus 8.8 (Mac); Estimator is ULSMV with sample weight; Pairwise deletion is applied to handle missing data. | | | | | | | | | | | |