

Supplemental Appendix:
Trust in Government and American Public Opinion
Toward Foreign Aid

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Appendix A

The following pages provide information on how each variable (in Tables 1-4) was created and coded. Additional information on the surveys that I used, including the codebooks and data in Stata format are available at the following links (see below). I will also make all data publicly available for replication in the Harvard Dataverse upon acceptance for publication.

ANES Cross-Section (1996-2008) = <https://electionstudies.org/data-center/anes-time-series-cumulative-data-file/>.

ANES Panel (1994-1996) = <https://electionstudies.org/data-center/1992-1997-merged-file/>.

ANES Panel (2002-2004) = <https://electionstudies.org/data-center/2000-2004-merged-file/>.

Codebook for GSS 2006-2014 Panels = <https://gss.norc.org/Documents/codebook/Panel%20Codebook.pdf>

GSS Panel (06-08-10) = https://gss.norc.org/Documents/stata/GSS_2006_Panel_Stata.zip.

GSS Panel (08-10-12) = https://gss.norc.org/Documents/stata/GSS_2008_Panel_Stata.zip.

GSS Panel (10-12-14) = https://gss.norc.org/Documents/stata/GSS_2010_Panel_Stata.zip.

Variable Creation & Coding

The text in italics refer to the name in each variable name. All descriptive statistics are based on unweighted survey data.

ANES, 1996-2008

In some survey years, not all respondents were asked all questions. For example, one of the political trust questions (VCF0604) was not asked in the same way to all respondents in the 2008 ANES. This is the primary factor that reduces my valid sample size, but not to the point of being statistically unreliable. For isolationism, which was asked in two different ways in the 2000 ANES (V000513a & V000513b), I created an appropriate combined variable (0 vs. 1) and merged data from this individual ANES survey into the larger ANES cumulative file. In short, my variable called *Isolationism* is constructed from both individual the 2000 ANES and the Cumulative ANES. For social trust, which was asked in two different ways in the 2008 ANES (both versions were included in the larger ANES cumulative file), I created a variable called *Combo_Trust_People* which harmonizes responses across versions of the 2008 ANES. I coded my data in this way to (1) ensure that my main concept of interest, political trust, was measured as similarly as possible for all ANES respondents and (2) to ensure that I had a roughly equal number of respondents ($N \approx 1,000$) for each of the four ANES survey years I examine here (1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008).

- Foreign Aid Spending Support

Created from *VCF0892*

Coded as follows: 1 = decreased; 2 = same; 3 = increased

Mean = 1.61; Standard Deviation = 0.658; Min = 1; Max = 3

Valid N = 6,980

- Political Trust

Created from *VCF0604*, *VCF0605*, *VCF0606*, and *VCF0608*

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust)

Mean = 0.350; Standard Deviation = 0.193; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 4,928

- Age

Created from *VCF0101*

Coded in years (higher values = older)

Mean = 47.4; Standard Deviation = 17.2; Min = 18; Max = 97

Valid N = 6,999

- Female

Created from *VCF0104*

Coded as follows: 0 = male; 1 = female

Mean = 0.557; Standard Deviation = 0.497; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 7,055

- White
 - Created from *VCF0105b*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = Non-White; 1 = White, non-Hispanic
 - Mean = 0.667; Standard Deviation = 0.471; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,981
- Both Parents Born in USA
 - Created from *VCF0143*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = no; 1 = yes
 - Mean = 0.853; Standard Deviation = 0.354; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 7,025
- College Degree
 - Created from *VCF0110*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = grade school or less/high school/some college; 1 = college or advanced degree
 - Mean = 0.268; Standard Deviation = 0.443; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 7,031
- Home Ownership
 - Created from *VCF0146*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = no; 1 = yes
 - Mean = 0.660; Standard Deviation = 0.474; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 7,025
- Married
 - Created from *VCF0147*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = no; 1 = yes
 - Mean = 0.493; Standard Deviation = 0.500; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 7,025
- High Family Income
 - Created from *VCF0114*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = 0-67th percentile/refused to answer; 1 = 68-100th percentile
 - Mean = 0.252; Standard Deviation = 0.434; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 7,055

- Daily Newspaper Reader
 - Created from *VCF9033*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = none/0-6 days; 1 = every day
 - Mean = 0.287; Standard Deviation = 0.452; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 5,888

- Partisanship
 - Created from *VCF0301*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = stronger Republican partisanship)
 - Mean = 0.433; Standard Deviation = 0.344; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,975

- Ideology
 - Created from *VCF0803*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = stronger conservatism; DK/Haven't thought much = Moderate)
 - Mean = 0.530; Standard Deviation = 0.212; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,107

- Egalitarian Values
 - Created from *VCF9013, VCF9014, VCF9015, VCF9016, VCF9017, VCF9018*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = stronger egalitarianism)
 - Mean = 0.611; Standard Deviation = 0.197; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,177

- Traditionalist Values
 - Created from *VCF0851, VCF0852, VCF0853, VCF0854*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = stronger traditionalism)
 - Mean = 0.585; Standard Deviation = 0.212; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,179

- Isolationism
 - Created from *VCF0823* (in the Cumulative ANES) and from *V000513a & V000513b* (in the 2000 ANES)
 - Coded as follows: 0 = disagree the U.S. is better off if unconcerned with rest of the world; 1 = agree the U.S. is better off if unconcerned with rest of the world
 - Mean = 0.277; Standard Deviation = 0.448; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,880

- Social Trust
 - Created from *VCF0619* and *VCF9244*
 - Coded as follows: 0 = generally cannot trust people; 1 = generally can trust people
 - Mean = 0.411; Standard Deviation = 0.492; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,614
- Feeling Thermometer: Poor People
 - Created from *VCF0223*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = warmer feelings toward poor people)
 - Mean = 0.740; Standard Deviation = 0.191; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,036
- Evaluations: National Economy
 - Created from *VCF0871*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = more positive evaluations)
 - Mean = 0.388; Standard Deviation = 0.313; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,991
- Evaluations: Personal Finances
 - Created from *VCF088a*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = more positive evaluations)
 - Mean = 0.515; Standard Deviation = 0.288; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,903
- Preferred Immigration Levels (only in secondary model as a robustness check)
 - Created from *VCF0879a*
 - Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = pro-immigration sentiment)
 - Mean = 0.313; Standard Deviation = 0.332; Min = 0; Max = 1
 - Valid N = 6,349

ANES Panel, 1994-1996

This is a two-wave panel, in which the same ANES respondents answered questions in both 1994 and 1996. The Valid N consists of people who answered questions about political trust and foreign aid spending in both panel waves.

- Foreign Aid Spending Support - 1994

Created from *V940818*

Coded as follows: 0 = decreased/cut out entirely; 0.5 = kept about the same; 1 = increased

Mean = 0.257; Standard Deviation = 0.313; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,738

- Foreign Aid Spending Support - 1996

Created from *V960499*

Coded as follows: 0 = decreased/cut out entirely; 0.5 = kept about the same; 1 = increased

Mean = 0.230; Standard Deviation = 0.298; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,686

- Political Trust - 1994

Created from *V941033*, *V941034*, *V941035*, and *V941036*

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust)

Mean = 0.284; Standard Deviation = 0.181; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,659

- Political Trust - 1996

Created from *V961251*, *V961252*, *V961253*, and *V961254*

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust)

Mean = 0.334; Standard Deviation = 0.186; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,455

ANES Panel, 2002-2004

This is a two-wave panel, in which the same ANES respondents answered questions in both 2002 and 2004. The Valid N consists of people who answered questions about political trust and foreign aid spending in both panel waves.

- Foreign Aid Spending Support - 2002

Created from *M025116X*

Coded as follows: 0 = decreased/cut out entirely; 0.5 = kept about the same; 1 = increased

Mean = 0.322; Standard Deviation = 0.324; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,059

- Foreign Aid Spending Support - 2004

Created from *M045076*

Coded as follows: 0 = decreased/cut out entirely; 0.5 = kept about the same; 1 = increased

Mean = 0.310; Standard Deviation = 0.324; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 829

- Political Trust - 2002

Created from *M025174*, *M025175*, *M025176*, and *M025177*

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust)

Mean = 0.438; Standard Deviation = 0.201; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 1,007

- Political Trust - 2004

Created from *M045149*, *M045150*, *M045151*, and *M045152*

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust)

Mean = 0.393; Standard Deviation = 0.198; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 788

Combined GSS Panel Dataset, 2006-2014

As mentioned in the main paper, this dataset was created by combining responses to survey questions from the 2006-2008-2010, 2008-2010-2012, and 2010-2012-2014 GSS panels. I restricted the final sample to the 2,328 GSS respondents who answered questions about political trust (*confed* + *conlegis*), which ask respectively about confidence in the executive branch and confidence in Congress, and foreign aid spending (*nataid* & *nataidy*), which respectively ask about spending on foreign aid and spending on assistance to other countries, in all three waves of their respective panel studies. The valid N is 6,984 because each of the 2,328 individuals gave three valid survey responses.

- Foreign Aid Spending Support

Created from *nataid_1*, *nataid_2*, *nataid_3*, *nataidy_1*, *nataidy_2* and *nataidy_3* (2006-2008-2010 GSS)

Created from

Created from *nataid_1*, *nataid_2*, *nataid_3*, *nataidy_1*, *nataidy_2* and *nataidy_3* (2008-2010-2012 GSS)

Created from

Created from *nataid_1*, *nataid_2*, *nataid_3*, *nataidy_1*, *nataidy_2* and *nataidy_3* (2010-2012-2014 GSS)

Coded as follows: (0 = too little/about the right amount; 1 = too much)

Mean = 0.676; Standard Deviation = 0.468; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 6,984 (2,328 individuals × 3 panel waves)

- Political Trust

Created from *confed_1*, *confed_2*, *confed_3*, *conlegis_1*, *conlegis_2*, and *conlegis_3* (2006-2008-2010 GSS)

Created from *confed_1*, *confed_2*, *confed_3*, *conlegis_1*, *conlegis_2*, and *conlegis_3* (2008-2010-2012 GSS)

Created from *confed_1*, *confed_2*, *confed_3*, *conlegis_1*, *conlegis_2*, and *conlegis_3* (2010-2012-2014 GSS)

Coded to range between 0 and 1 (higher values = higher political trust/confidence in government)

Mean = 0.339; Standard Deviation = 0.279; Min = 0; Max = 1

Valid N = 6,984 (2,328 individuals × 3 panel waves)

Appendix B

The following pages present results from additional regression models associated with main paper. These are (Table B1) analyses that restrict the sample to non-Hispanic Whites and control for a measure of ethnocentrism, (Table B2) analyses that control for a measure of authoritarianism, and (Table B3) analyses that control for feelings toward Muslims.

As mentioned in the main text these models do not include data from all four ANES years (1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008). This is because some of the questions were not included in all survey years. For instance, the models (Table B1) that control for ethnocentrism (among Whites) omit ANES data from 1996, the models (Table B2) that control for authoritarianism (among all respondents) omit ANES data from 1996, and the models (Table B3) that control for feelings toward Muslims (among all respondents) omit ANES data from 1996 and 2000.

These regression models are presented on the next pages.

Table B1

Ethnocentrism is created from *VCF0206*, *VCF0207*, *VCF0217*, and *VCF0227*. I construct it (for Whites) by averaging feeling thermometer ratings (cold → warm; each range 0-97) of Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians, and then subtracting that value from Whites' feeling thermometer rating of Whites (cold → warm; ranges 0-97). This variable is re-coded to range between 0 and 1 and has (for Whites from 2000-2008; data for Asian feeling thermometer ratings is missing for 1996) a mean of 0.538 and a standard deviation of 0.087. The valid $N = 2,772$. Higher values = higher levels of ethnocentrism, which I expect to negatively correlate with support for foreign aid (Kam and Kinder 2007).

Table B1: Political Trust and Foreign Aid Spending Among Whites When Controlling for a Measure of Ethnocentrism, 2000-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
Political Trust	0.577	(0.173)***
Ethnocentrism	-0.677	(0.375)*
Age	0.002	(0.002)
Female	0.084	(0.064)
White		
Parents_Native_Born	-0.076	(0.109)
College	0.055	(0.070)
Home_Ownership	-0.225	(0.079)***
Married	0.079	(0.067)
High_Income	-0.023	(0.075)
Daily_Newspaper	-0.025	(0.074)
Partisanship01	-0.110	(0.114)
Ideology01	-0.553	(0.190)***
Index_Egalitarianism01	0.462	(0.186)**
Index_Traditionalism01	-0.622	(0.177)***
Isolationism	-0.584	(0.083)***
Combo_Trust_People	0.006	(0.065)
FT_Poor01	0.532	(0.177)***
National_Econ_Retro01	0.232	(0.139)*
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.215	(0.123)*
Constant cut1	-0.220	(0.344)
Constant cut2	1.295	(0.343)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	1,509	
Pseudo R ²	0.083	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.1$, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

Table B2

Authoritarianism is created from *VCF9246*, *VCF9247*, *VCF9248*, and *VCF9249*. I construct it by summing responses (all dichotomous responses forming a scale that ranges 0 to 4 before re-coding) to these four child-rearing questions (e.g., Hetherington and Suhay 2011). This variable is re-coded to range between 0 and 1 and has (from 2000-2008; data is missing for 1996) a mean of 0.546 and a standard deviation of 0.334. The valid N = 4,677. Higher values = higher levels of authoritarianism, which I expect to negatively correlate with support for foreign aid.

Table B2: Political Trust and Foreign Aid Spending When Controlling for Authoritarianism, 2000-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
Political Trust	0.706	(0.133)***
Authoritarianism	0.081	(0.081)
Age	-0.002	(0.002)
Female	0.054	(0.050)
White	-0.235	(0.060)***
Parents_Native_Born	-0.083	(0.074)
College	0.022	(0.059)
Home_Ownership	-0.113	(0.059)*
Married	-0.010	(0.051)
High_Income	-0.059	(0.061)
Daily_Newspaper	-0.011	(0.059)
Partisanship01	-0.187	(0.088)**
Ideology01	-0.269	(0.145)*
Index_Egalitarianism01	0.342	(0.145)**
Index_Traditionalism01	-0.683	(0.137)***
Isolationism	-0.473	(0.061)***
Combo_Trust_People	0.017	(0.053)
FT_Poor01	0.450	(0.133)***
National_Econ_Retro01	0.265	(0.109)**
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.087	(0.090)
Constant cut1	-0.178	(0.223)
Constant cut2	1.247	(0.223)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	2,394	
Pseudo R ²	0.066	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

Table B3

Feelings toward Muslims, an especially salient social group in post-9/11 U.S. public opinion (e.g., Sides and Gross 2013), is created from *VCF9267*. This variable is re-coded to range between 0 and 1 and has (from 2004-2008; data is missing for 1996 and 2000) a mean of 0.526 and a standard deviation of 0.227. The valid N = 2,971. Higher values = warmer feelings toward Muslims, which I expect to positively correlate with support for foreign aid.

Table B3: Political Trust and Foreign Aid Spending When Controlling for Feelings Toward Muslims, 2004-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
Political Trust	0.627	(0.156)***
FT: Muslims	0.553	(0.154)***
Age	-0.001	(0.002)
Female	0.066	(0.058)
White	-0.292	(0.070)***
Parents_Native_Born	-0.070	(0.088)
College	-0.020	(0.068)
Home_Ownership	-0.113	(0.069)
Married	-0.039	(0.060)
High_Income	-0.051	(0.070)
Daily_Newspaper	0.003	(0.072)
Partisanship01	-0.137	(0.108)
Ideology01	-0.274	(0.172)
Index_Egalitarianism01	0.242	(0.176)
Index_Traditionalism01	-0.709	(0.158)***
Isolationism	-0.442	(0.072)***
Combo_Trust_People	-0.024	(0.062)
FT_Poor01	0.321	(0.166)*
National_Econ_Retro01	0.410	(0.141)***
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.054	(0.101)
Constant cut1	0.002	(0.253)
Constant cut2	1.397	(0.254)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	1,754	
Pseudo R ²	0.074	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

Table B4

Here I employ an alternative measure of political trust in the ANES, a feeling thermometer rating (cold → warm; ranges 0-97) of the Federal Government. This is created from *VCF0231*. This variable is re-coded to range between 0 and 1 and has (from 1996-2008) a mean of 0.554 and a standard deviation of 0.217. The valid N = 6,116. Higher values = warmer feelings toward the Federal Government, which I expect to positively correlate with support for foreign aid.

Table B4: Feelings Toward the Federal Government and Foreign Aid Spending, 1996-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
FT: Federal Government	0.861	(0.109)***
Age	-0.002	(0.001)
Female	0.044	(0.040)
White	-0.223	(0.050)***
Parents_Native_Born	-0.049	(0.059)
College	0.049	(0.046)
Home_Ownership	-0.082	(0.047)*
Married	-0.041	(0.042)
High_Income	-0.087	(0.048)*
Daily_Newspaper	0.043	(0.047)
Partisanship01	-0.002	(0.070)
Ideology01	-0.311	(0.116)***
Index_Egalitarianism01	0.287	(0.116)**
Index_Traditionalism01	-0.600	(0.111)***
Isolationism	-0.482	(0.049)***
Combo_Trust_People	0.050	(0.041)
FT_Poor01	0.147	(0.115)
National_Econ_Retro01	0.192	(0.089)**
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.027	(0.075)
Constant cut1	0.174	(0.174)
Constant cut2	1.615	(0.176)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	3,849	
Pseudo R ²	0.074	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

Table B5

Here, I conduct an analysis that interacts political trust (ranges 0-1; low \rightarrow high) with the core political value of egalitarianism (ranges 0-1; low \rightarrow high). This uses the same controls as the main model (column 1 in Table 2 of the paper). Given that this is an interaction between two continuous variables, I also present the marginal effects plot (Figure B1) for the modal outcome of “1” (decrease spending).

Table B5: Political Trust, Egalitarianism, and Foreign Aid Spending, 1996-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
Political Trust	1.286	(0.334)***
Egalitarianism	0.497	(0.219)**
Political Trust \times Egalitarianism	-0.666	(0.533)
Age	-0.000	(0.001)
Female	0.054	(0.040)
White	-0.264	(0.050)***
Parents_Native_Born	-0.067	(0.059)
College	0.046	(0.046)
Home_Ownership	-0.091	(0.048)*
Married	-0.058	(0.042)
High_Income	-0.084	(0.049)*
Daily_Newspaper	0.032	(0.047)
Partisanship01	-0.048	(0.071)
Ideology01	-0.286	(0.119)**
Index_Traditionalism01	-0.520	(0.112)***
Isolationism	-0.475	(0.049)***
Combo_Trust_People	-0.005	(0.043)
FT_Poor01	0.385	(0.110)***
National_Econ_Retro01	0.183	(0.090)**
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.035	(0.075)
Constant cut1	0.313	(0.208)
Constant cut2	1.751	(0.209)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	3,756	
Pseudo R ²	0.074	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

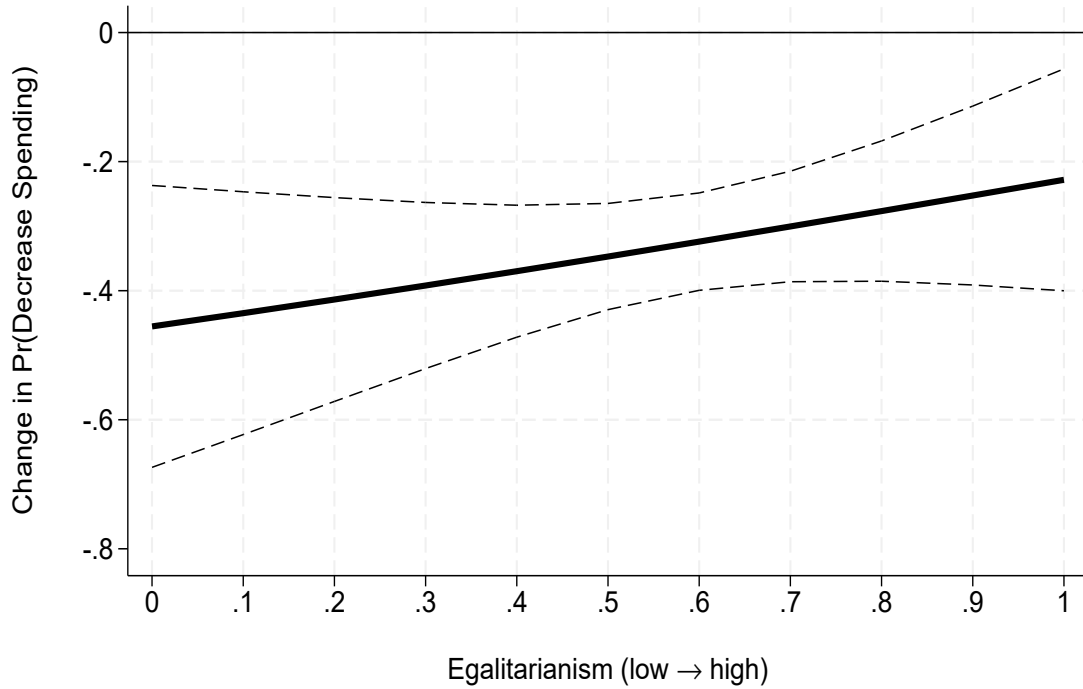


Figure B1: Political Trust, Egalitarianism, and Support for Decreasing Foreign Aid Spending, 1996-2008

Note: Shows the marginal effect of a minimum to maximum shift in political trust (0 → 1; low → high) on the probability of favoring decreased spending on foreign aid, at varying levels of egalitarianism (also ranges 0-1; low → high). Based on the regression model in Appendix Table B5. Thick black line shows the marginal effect; thin dashed lines are 95% confidence intervals.

Table B6

Here, I conduct an analysis that interacts political trust (ranges 0-1; low \rightarrow high) with the core political value of traditionalism (ranges 0-1; low \rightarrow high). This uses the same controls as the main model (column 1 in Table 2 of the paper). Given that this is an interaction between two continuous variables, I also present the marginal effects plot (Figure B2) for the modal outcome of “1” (decrease spending).

Table B6: Political Trust, Traditionalism, and Foreign Aid Spending, 1996-2008

	DV = Foreign Aid \$	
	coef	(se)
Political Trust	0.501	(0.311)
Traditionalism	-0.755	(0.209)***
Political Trust \times Traditionalism	0.680	(0.506)
Age	-0.000	(0.001)
Female	0.054	(0.040)
White	-0.270	(0.050)***
Parents_Native_Born	-0.066	(0.059)
College	0.045	(0.046)
Home_Ownership	-0.093	(0.048)*
Married	-0.057	(0.042)
High_Income	-0.084	(0.049)*
Daily_Newspaper	0.032	(0.047)
Partisanship01	-0.050	(0.070)
Ideology01	-0.282	(0.119)**
Index_Egalitarianism01	0.263	(0.117)**
Isolationism	-0.476	(0.049)***
Combo_Trust_People	-0.005	(0.043)
FT_Poor01	0.385	(0.110)***
National_Econ_Retro01	0.184	(0.090)**
Personal_Econ_Retro01	0.033	(0.075)
Constant cut1	0.036	(0.203)
Constant cut2	1.473	(0.204)***
Region Fixed Effects	Yes	
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	
Observations	3,756	
Pseudo R ²	0.074	

Note: Dependent variable is support for foreign aid spending (1 = decrease; 2 = keep about the same; 3 = increase). Ordered probit coefficients with robust standard errors in parentheses. *** p<0.01, ** p<0.05, * p<0.1, two-tailed test. Source is the Cumulative ANES.

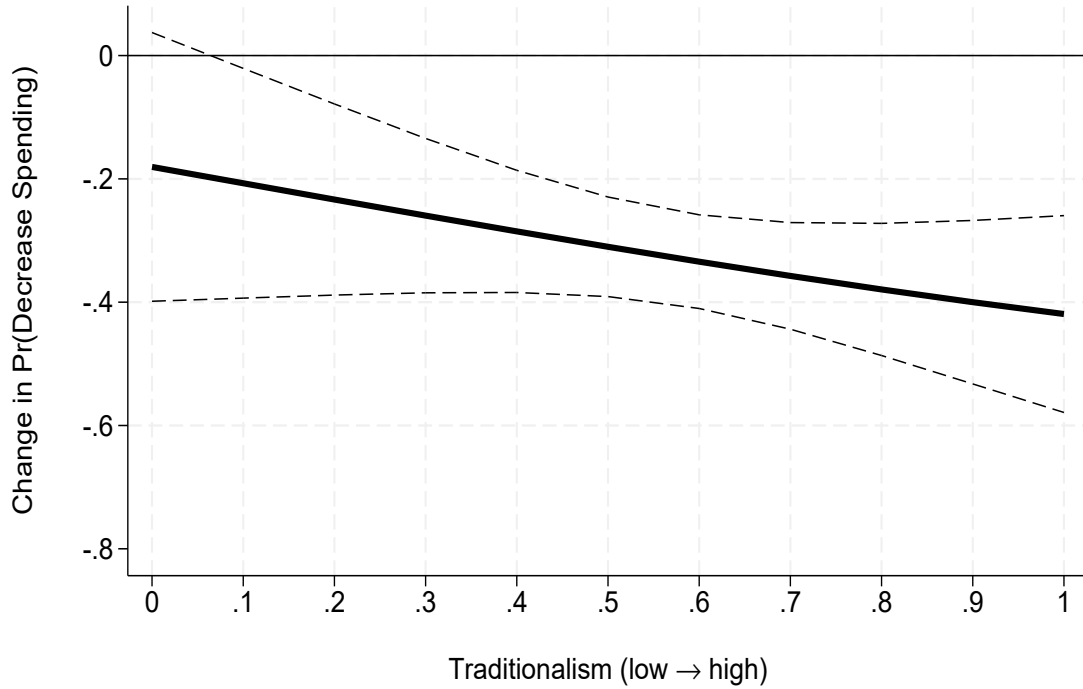


Figure B1: Political Trust, Traditionalism, and Support for Decreasing Foreign Aid Spending, 1996-2008

Note: Shows the marginal effect of a minimum to maximum shift in political trust (0 → 1; low → high) on the probability of favoring decreased spending on foreign aid, at varying levels of traditionalism (also ranges 0-1; low → high). Based on the regression model in Appendix Table B6. Thick black line shows the marginal effect; thin dashed lines are 95% confidence intervals.