**ONLINE SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

TABLE S1. Principal Component Analysis of the battery of attitudes toward science (5 items). Varimax rotation, factor loadings < 0.5 not showed. N = 2,101.

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|  | Belief in the future of science and technology | Reservations concerning  science and technology | Uniqueness |
| ITEM | Factor loadings | |
| Science and technology are making our lives healthier, easier and more comfortable | 0.92 |  | 0.15 |
| Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generations’ | 0.92 |  | 0.15 |
| One of the bad effects of science is that  it breaks down people's ideas of right and wrong |  | 0.80 | 0.35 |
| We depend too much on science  and not enough on faith |  | 0.82 | 0.30 |
| It is not important for me to know about science in my daily life |  | 0.64 | 0.57 |
| Variance explained (%) | 34.4 | 30.4 |  |

TABLE S2. Principal Component Analysis of the battery of attitudes toward science (4 items). Varimax rotation, factor loadings < 0.5 not showed. N = 2,101.

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|  | Belief in the future of science and technology | Reservations concerning  science and technology | Uniqueness |
| ITEM | Factor loadings | |
| Science and technology are making our lives healthier, easier and more comfortable | 0.92 |  | 0.15 |
| Because of science and technology, there will be more opportunities for the next generations’ | 0.92 |  | 0.15 |
| We depend too much on science  and not enough on faith |  | 0.88 | 0.23 |
| One of the bad effects of science is that  it breaks down people's ideas of right and wrong |  | 0.85 | 0.25 |
| Variance explained | 42.9% | 38.1% |  |