**Online appendix**

Figure 1: Optimal number of clusters



*Notes:* The optimal number of clusters in NbClust was calculated by using the hierarchical clustering algorithm “Ward.D2”. Distance was defined to be Euclidean; minimum number of clusters was set to two, and maximum number of clusters was set to ten.

Table 1: Average silhouette widths for the three clusters

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| **Cluster**  | **Number of countries in the cluster**  | **Average silhouette width** |
| 1 | 23 | 0.10 |
| 2 | 38 | 0.46 |
| 3 | 12 | 0.21 |

Figure 2: Silhouette plots for the three clusters



*Notes:* The values for silhouette width can vary between -1 and 1. Values close to 1 indicate that the country is similar to the other countries in the cluster and thus well placed in the cluster in questions. Values close to -1 indicate that the country is not particularly similar to the other countries in the cluster and may be wrongly classified.

Table 2: Countries with negative silhouette widths

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Current cluster** | **Neighbor** | **Silhouette width** |
| Bangladesh | 1 | 2 | -0.02139623 |
| Belarus | 1 | 2 | -0.11763678 |
| Cuba | 3 | 2 | -0.18110590 |
| Djibouti | 1 | 2 | -0.04741284 |
| Eritrea | 1 | 2 | -0.21933562 |
| Ethiopia | 1 | 2 | -0.24229450 |
| Mauritania | 1 | 2 | -0.08423509 |
| Nigeria | 1 | 2 | -0.09271922 |
| Russia | 1 | 2 | -0.10584780 |

*Notes:* Negative silhouette widths indicate that the countries may be placed into wrong cluster. The neighboring cluster informs us about the cluster, which these countries are closer to.

Table 3: Summary statistics for the variables included in the OLS-regressions

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|    | **Mean** | **SD** | **Min** | **Max** | **N** |
| Share of largest religious group | 79.78 | 17.77 | 33.94 | 99.95 | 69 |
| Ambition of religious groups  | 4.12 | 2.91 | 0 | 9 | 69 |
| GDP capita (log)  | 3.47 | 0.56 | 2.53 | 4.82 | 69 |
| Religious ideology  | 0.19 | 0.27 | 0 | 1 | 69 |
| Socialist or communist ideology | 0.21 | 0.30 | 0 | 1 | 69 |

Table 4: Variance Inflation Factors

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| --- | --- |
|   | VIF |
| Share of largest religious group | 1.253980 |
| Ambition of religious groups  | 1.143791 |
| GDP capita (log)  | 1.092278 |
| Religious ideology  | 1.254732 |
| Socialist or communist ideology | 1.232713 |