**Appendix**

**Table 1. Descriptive Statistics**



**Table 2. Variables and measurement**

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| **Variables** | **Survey question (translated version)** | **Coding** | | | **Re-coding, transformation** |
| **Dependent variables** | | | | | |
| *Hezbollah as a Legitimate Organization*  *Hezbollah’s Activities not threat* | I will ask you about your opinion on several issues. To what extent you would agree with this view? Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree.  *Hezbollah is a legitimate political organization in Lebanon.*  Now I’ll read the names of some countries or groups and I want you to tell me for each how threatening you think the activities of Hezbollah in the region are for Lebanon? | Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree(5)  Very Threatening (1) to Not at all threatening( 5) | | |  |
| **Independent variables** | | | | | |
| *SES* | Regardless of your abovementioned practices, to what extent do you consider yourself as a religious person? | 1. Upper income group (1)  2. Upper middle income group  3. Middle income group  4. Low middle income group  5. Low income group |  | |  |
| *Education* | Which options below fits best your education status? | 1) Never went to school  2) Primary school dropout  3) Primary  4) Intermediate school dropout  5) Intermediate School  6) Secondary school dropout  7) Secondary school  8) Professional Training  9-) University dropout  10) University  11) Graduate degree | | |  |
| *Political Alliance* | If an election takes place tomorrow, how would you vote? | 1. March 8 Alliance  2. March 14 Alliance  3. Neither Alliance  4. Would not vote | | |  |
| *Israel* | What is the most important problem Lebanon faces currently? What is the second most important challenge for the country currently? | Economic difficulties  Political Instability  Regional Conflicts in Syria and Iraq  Refugees  Israel  Sectarian divisions | | | 1: Israel is the first and second most important challenge  0:otherwise |
| *Religiosity* | Regardless of your abovementioned practices, to what extent do you consider yourself as a religious person? | 1. 1 Very religious 2. Religious 3. Not very religious 4. Not a believer/atheist | | |  |
| *Unfavourability of the US* | Now I would like to ask your opinion about some countries below: Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of | Very unfavorable (1) to very favorable (5) | | |  |
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| *Sectarian Identity* | How would you describe your religious denomination? | 1. Sunni 2. Shia 3. Maronite 4. Eastern Orthodox 5. Catholics 6. Druze 7. Other\_\_\_\_\_ 8. No response | | |  |
| *Age* | Can you tell me your Year of Birth? | From 18 to 81 | | |  |
| *Gender* | Your sex | 1. Female 2. Male | | |  |
| *Support for the Assad Regime* | I will read you a list groups engaging in civil war in Syria. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, favorable, neither favorable nor unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of  *The Assad Regime* | Very unfavorable  Somewhat unfavorable  Neither favorable nor  unfavorable  Somewhat favorable  Very favorable | |  |  |
| *Militants as Threat* | I will ask you about several opinions. To what extent you would agree with this view. Please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree?  The main security threat facing Lebanon is the militant groups | Strongly disagree (1) to Strongly Agree(5) | | |  |
| *Border* | Q41: The district (qadaa) where the interviews took place. | Beirut, Bent Jbeil, El Nabatieh  West Bekaa, Zahle, Baalbek  Rachaya, Aley, Baabda  Ech Chouf, El Meten, Jbeil  Kesseroune, Akkar  Bcharre, El Batroun  El Koura, Minieh-Dennie  Tripoli, Zgharta, Jezzine  Sour, Saida | | | 1 if it has a border with Syria.  West Baka, Zahle, Ballbek, Rachaya, and Akkar are coded as 1, otherwise 0. |