**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 group4. Low middle income group5. Low income group |  |  |
| *Education* | Which options below fits best your education status? | 1) Never went to school2) Primary school dropout3) Primary4) Intermediate school dropout 5) Intermediate School6) Secondary school dropout 7) Secondary school8) Professional Training9-) University dropout10) University11) Graduate degree |  |
| *Political Alliance* | If an election takes place tomorrow, how would you vote? | 1. March 8 Alliance2. March 14 Alliance3. 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 difficultiesPolitical InstabilityRegional Conflicts in Syria and IraqRefugeesIsraelSectarian divisions | 1: Israel is the first and second most important challenge0: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
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| *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
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| *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 unfavorableNeither favorable nor  unfavorableSomewhat favorableVery 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 NabatiehWest Bekaa, Zahle, BaalbekRachaya, Aley, BaabdaEch Chouf, El Meten, JbeilKesseroune, AkkarBcharre, El BatrounEl Koura, Minieh-DennieTripoli, Zgharta, JezzineSour, Saida | 1 if it has a border with Syria.West Baka, Zahle, Ballbek, Rachaya, and Akkar are coded as 1, otherwise 0. |