

Corruption

Is corruption less widespread in religious countries than in less religious ones?

The answer is an unequivocal no—in fact religious countries tend to be more corrupt than secular ones. ... Religion may make people more punitive, but it does not make them less corrupt.

This pattern also applies to other crimes, such as murder.

As surprising as it may seem, the murder rate is more than ten times as high in the most religious countries as it is in the least religious countries.

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