

Societal Discrimination Index - Summary Categories

The Societal Discrimination Index, Summary Categories, groups countries into categories based on the level of actions taken against members of minority religions in a state by non-government actors. This measure was constructed from the 27 items from the Religion and State 3 (RAS3) Societal Discrimination Index. The Religion and State project is a university-based project located at Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel and is directed by Jonathan Fox.

Each of the 27 items of discrimination is coded on the following scale:

- 3 = This action occurs on a substantial level to members of most or all minority religions.
- 2 = This action occurs on a substantial level to members one or a few minorities, but not most or on a minor level to all or most minorities.
- 1 = This action occurs on a minor level to one or a few minorities, but not most.
- 0 = There are no reported incidents of this type of action against any minorities.

[The methods used for conducting the collection](#) and [the complete codebook](#) can be reviewed online. Or, the codebook and data file can be downloaded free of charge [here](#).

Countries are then grouped into four categories of religious funding, where 0=None; 1=Low; 2=Medium; 3=High.

The following variables are coded on this scale:

- **wsocdis01x**: Instances of societal economic discrimination against minority religions in the workplace.
- **wsocdis02x**: Organized boycotts of businesses owned by the minority group or denial of minority access to businesses, stores, restaurants or places of entertainment.
- **wsocdis03x**: Other forms of economic discrimination. Specify
- **wsocdis04x**: Anti-religious minority propaganda, statements, articles or shows in mainstream private media.
- **wsocdis05x**: Overt anti-religious minority rhetoric from members of the majority religion's clergy.
- **wsocdis06x**: Presence of anti-religious rhetoric in political campaigns or political party propaganda.
- **wsocdis07x**: Vandalism against religious property including places of worship, community centers, schools and cemeteries.
- **wsocdis08x**: Vandalism against other property (e.g., businesses or homes) owned by a religious minority, which is clearly due to their religious affiliation.
- **wsocdis09x**: Anti-religious graffiti.
- **wsocdis10x**: Efforts to deny access to / close religious sites including places of worship.
- **wsocdis11x**: Efforts to prevent places of worship or other religious sites from being built, opened or rented.
- **wsocdis12x**: Dissemination of publications against religious minorities.
- **wsocdis13x**: Harassment of clergy, which does not reach the level of violence. This includes "verbal attacks."

- **wsocdis14x:** Harassment of proselytizers, which does not reach the level of violence. This includes “verbal attacks.”
- **wsocdis15x:** Harassment of converts away from the majority religion, which does not reach the level of violence. This includes “verbal attacks.”
- **wsocdis16x:** Harassment of other members of religious minorities, which does not reach the level of violence. This includes “verbal attacks.”
- **wsocdis17x:** Expulsion or harassment so severe that it leads to a significant number of minority members leaving a town or region.
- **wsocdis18x:** Organized demonstrations and public protests against religious minorities.
- **wsocdis19x:** Threats of violence.
- **wsocdis20x:** Physical violence targeted specifically at clergy.
- **wsocdis21x:** Physical violence targeted specifically against proselytizers or people who converted away from the majority religion.
- **wsocdis22x:** Physical violence against other individual members of religious minority, which is clearly due to their religious affiliation.
- **wsocdis23x:** Large scale violence against members of religious minority which is clearly due to their religious affiliation. This includes rioting and targeting of entire communities, rioting and clashes.
- **wsocdis24x:** Lethal violence against any member of minority religions due to their religious affiliation.
- **wsocdis25x:** Arson, bombing or concerted attacks against religious property.
- **wsocdis26x:** Arson, bombing or concerted attacks against property (e.g., businesses or homes) owned by a religious minority which is clearly due to their religious affiliation.
- **wsocdis27x:** Other relevant acts against minority religions. Specify: