ARDA Tutorial:

How to Find International Data on Religion

This tutorial will teach you how to accomplish the following:

1) **Getting a National Profile**
   A national profile will give you information on a nation’s population and history, as well as a breakdown, in percentages, of the citizens who belong to various religious denominations. It also includes some basic measures of religious freedom and religious tolerance.

2) **Finding Summary Statistics of Religious Adherents in a Nation**
   Summary statistics of religious adherence will give you a detailed description of the religious composition of a nation.

3) **Finding Summary Statistics of Religious Freedom and Tolerance in a Nation**
   Summary statistics of religious freedom and tolerance will give you a useful idea of how much a nation’s government and population regulate or favor religious groups.

4) **Getting Measures of Socioeconomic Status and Conditions**
   This feature gives basic information about the forms of government and economic status of various nations.

5) **Measuring Public Opinion Towards Religion**
   This section gives useful summaries of how the populations of various nations feel about religion and religious diversity.

6) **Viewing a National Constitution**
   This section gives basic information on a nation’s constitution, provides a link to the full text of that constitution and allows you to read the excerpts of the constitution that refer to religion.

7) **Comparing Nations and Regions**
   This feature allows you to create unique, detailed reports that compare the populations and religious attitudes of up to eight nations (or regions) at once.

8) **Getting a Regional Profile**
   A regional profile will allow you to examine basic summary statistics covering entire regions of the world at one time. In addition to giving you basic statistics on population, life expectancy, and average income, this section also includes data on the percentage of people who belong to various religious traditions, as well as a summary of religious freedom and tolerance.

9) **Mapping International Data**
   This feature allows you to view data for many countries at once by generating regional and world maps.
Getting a National Profile
1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Scroll down the page and examine the different nations in our database.
6) When you’re ready, select a nation and click on its link.

a. At the top of the screen will be some basic facts about the nation.
b. Beside this will be a pie chart of the largest religious groups in that nation.
c. Next on the page is a set of dial scales displaying various religious indexes.
d. At the bottom of the page is a brief history and map of that nation.
Finding Summary Statistics of Religious Adherents in a Nation

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Select a nation from the list.
6) Find and click on the grey tab marked, “Adherents.”

a. At the top of the screen will be a table displaying the percentage of the populations in the selected nation, that nation’s region, and the world that belong to various religious groups.

b. For some nations, you will next see an estimate of the percentages of Muslims in the nation who are Sunni, Shi’a, and members of other Muslim traditions.

c. Below this will be a summary of that nation’s religious demography.
Finding Summary Statistics of Religious Freedom and Tolerance in a Nation

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Select a nation from the list.
6) Find and click on the grey tab marked, “Religious Freedom.”

a. At the top of the screen are dial scales of religious freedom indexes for the selected nation, that nation’s region, and the world.

b. Below that are answers to a selection of religious freedom questions for that nation.

c. Further down are more measures of the government’s relationship to religion, as well as other measures of civil liberties and rights in that nation.
Getting Measures of Socioeconomic Status and Conditions

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Select a nation from the list.
6) Find and click on the grey tab marked, “Socio-economic.”

a. At the top of the page is a history of the selected nation’s political typology.
b. Next are a variety of the nation’s political characteristics.
c. Below that are a number of education measures for that nation.
d. Further down are a number of economic, military, and demographic and health measures for that nation.
Measuring Public Opinion Toward Religion

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Select a nation from the list.
6) Find and click on the grey tab marked, “Public Opinion.”

a. At the top of the screen is a summary of social regulation of religion for the selected nation.
b. Below that is the public opinion section, starting with a summary of religious affiliation.
c. Next is a summary of religious behaviors.
d. Further down are summaries of religious beliefs, religious experiences, attitudes about religion, and attitudes about religion and politics.
Viewing a National Constitution

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “National Profiles.”
5) Select a nation from the list.
6) Click on the grey tab marked, “Constitution.”

a. At the top of the page are some basic descriptive facts about the selected nation’s constitution.

b. Next on the page are some key dates, such as when the constitution was written and when the information on the page was current. A link to the source of the constitution excerpts shown below is given.

c. At the bottom of the page are all clauses of the nation’s constitution that reference religion.
Comparing Nations and Regions

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: [www.theARDA.com](http://www.theARDA.com).
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “Compare Nations.”
5) Drop down the Country 1 box and select the first nation to be compared.
6) The Country 2 box will appear. From it, select a second nation to be compared.
7) Continue selecting up to eight nations to be compared, then click the “Run Comparison” button.

a. At the top of the screen are statistics for the nations being compared.

b. Next is a table of the religious indexes for the compared nations.

c. At the bottom of the page are histories of the compared nations.
Getting a Regional Profile

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “Regional Profiles.”
5) Select a region from the list.

- Each Regional Profile features many of the same measures that the National Profiles have. The main screen shows the Summary page. After you explore the Summary page, click on the grey “Adherents,” “Religious Freedom,” or “Socio-economic” tabs to explore these same measures described earlier in this tutorial.
- At the top of the page will be some basic facts about the region.
- Beside this will be a pie chart of the largest religious groups in that region.
- Next on the page is a set of dial scales displaying various religious indexes.
- At the bottom of the page is a map of that region.
Mapping International Data

1) Go to the ARDA homepage: www.theARDA.com.
2) Move your mouse over the red “International” tab near the top of the screen.
3) A menu will appear under “International.”
4) Click on “Maps.”

a. On the right side of the screen are two drop-down menus that let you select (1) the world region you want to see on the map, and (2) the measure you want the map to show. When you make your selections, click the grey “Go!” button below the drop-down menus. The map you see above is displayed automatically.

b. At the top of the screen is a description of the measure you want to see mapped.

c. Below that is the map you selected. Darker colors mean higher scores or values on the measure you chose to explore. If you hover over a nation, the nation’s value on that measure appears in a black-and-white box. For example, the mouse in this map hovers over Turkey, letting you see Turkey’s value on this measure.

d. Further down are nations’ scores or values on the measure you selected.