**Appendix**

All indicators are rescaled to range from 0 through 1 maintaining the original intervals. Indices are also rescaled to range from 0 through 1.

**Attitude Extremity Indicators**

*Economy*

1. How would you evaluate the current economic situation in your country? (Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad)
2. How would you evaluate the economic situation in your country five years ago (before the Arab uprisings) compared to the current situation? (Much better, Somewhat better, Almost the same as the current situation, Somewhat worse, Much worse)
3. What do you think will be the economic situation in your country during the next few years (3-5 years) compared to the current situation? Much better, Somewhat better, Almost the same as the current situation, Somewhat worse, Much worse)
4. How would you evaluate your current household economic situation? (Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad)
5. I am going to ask a number of questions related to the current government’s performance in specific areas. How would you evaluate the current government’s performance on …?
   1. Managing the economy? (Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad, Not the government’s responsibility)
   2. Creating employment opportunities? ((Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad, Not the government’s responsibility)
   3. Narrowing the gap between rich and poor? (Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad, Not the government’s responsibility)
   4. Keeping prices down? ((Very good, Good, Bad, Very bad, Not the government’s responsibility)

*Government Performance*

1. I am going to ask a number of questions related to the current government’s performance in specific areas. How would you evaluate the current government’s performance on…?
   1. Managing the economy
   2. Creating employment opportunities
   3. Narrowing the gap between rich and poor
   4. Keeping prices down
   5. Providing security in the country
   6. Addressing educational needs
2. Suppose that there was a scale from 0-10 to measure the extent of your satisfaction with the government, in which 1 means that you were absolutely unsatisfied with its performance and 10 means that you were very satisfied. To what extent are you satisfied with the government’s performance? (Not asked in Lebanon)

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Completely satisfied

Absolutely unsatisfied

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*Institutional Trust*

1. I’m going to name a number of institutions. For each one, please tell me how much trust you have in them.
   1. Government (Council of Ministers): (A great deal of trust, Quite a lot of trust, Not very much trust, No trust at all)
   2. Courts and legal system: (A great deal of trust, Quite a lot of trust, Not very much trust, No trust at all)
   3. The elected council of representatives (the parliament): (A great deal of trust, Quite a lot of trust, Not very much trust, No trust at all)
   4. Political parties: the parliament): (A great deal of trust, Quite a lot of trust, Not very much trust, No trust at all)

*Democracy*

1. In your opinion, to what extent is your country democratic? (Not asked in Lebanon)

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Democratic to the greatest extent

No democracy whatsoever

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Democratic to the greatest extent

No democracy whatsoever

1. Suppose there was a scale from 0-10 measuring the extent to which democracy is suitable for your country, with 0 meaning that democracy is absolutely inappropriate for your country and 10 meaning that democracy is completely appropriate for your country. To what extent do you think democracy is appropriate for your country? (Not asked in Lebanon)
2. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Completely appropriate Absolutely inappropriate

1. Suppose there was a scale from 0-10 measuring the extent to which democracy is suitable for your country, with 0 meaning that democracy is absolutely inappropriate for your country and 10 meaning that democracy is completely appropriate for your country. To what extent do you think democracy is appropriate for your country? (Lebanon only)

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

Completely appropriate Absolutely inappropriate

**Control Variables**

*Political Attentiveness*

1. In general, to what extent are you interested in politics? (Very interested, Interested, Somewhat interested, Not interested at all)

*Traditional Media Consumption* (α = 0.46)

1. In general, do you follow political news through … ?
   1. The television: (Daily, A number of times a week, A number of times a month, Rarely, I don’t follow it ever)
   2. Daily newspaper: (Daily, A number of times a week, A number of times a month, Rarely, I don’t follow it ever)

*Religiosity* (α = 0.74)

1. In general, you would describe yourself as? (Religious, Somewhat religious, Not religious)
2. Do you … ?
   1. Pray daily: (Always, Most of the time, Sometimes, Rarely, Never)
   2. Listen to or read the Quran/the Bible or other religious programs daily: (Always, Most of the time, Sometimes, Rarely, Never)

*Gender*

1. Gender: (Male, Female)

*Age*

* + - 1. Measured in years

*Socio-Economic Status (SES)* (α = 0.45)

1. I will read you some statements related to your household income. Which of these statements comes closest to describing your household income? (Our household income covers our expenses well and we are able to save, Our household income covers our expenses without notable difficulties, Our household income does not cover our expenses and we face some difficulties in meeting our needs, Our household income does not cover our expenses and we face significant difficulties in meeting our needs)
2. Level of Education (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, and Palestine only): (Illiterate / No formal education, Elementary, Preparatory / Basic, Secondary, Mid-level diploma / professional or technical, BA, MA and above)
3. Level of Education (Jordan, Lebanon and Tunisia only): (Illiterate / No formal education, Elementary, Preparatory / Basic, Secondary, BA, MA and above)