

Religion

How does religion effect the modern life?



Outline

- Introduction
- History of religion
- Political, social and economical role of religion in modern community
 - Positive
 - negative
- Terrorism
- Conclusion

History of religion

- 5000 years ago first written religion
- 19 major religions
- Tool for war, control and stability in country

Political role of religion

Religion helps to

- keep political and social stability
- motivate people to be honest and less crime
- Strengthen the relationship between countries

Social role

Rise of children academic performance

According to Pat Fagan work "Religious Practice and Educational Attainment"

Religious students:

- spend more time for homework
- have better test results
- less likely to drop out of school (Flynn 2010)

Ways, in which religion helps the study:

- It helps to avoid social deviant behavior
- Religious families tend to be more stable and cohesive
- Church gives for students resources, community and mentorship (Flynn 2010)

Economical advantage

Positive effect on the economic development

- **Research by Robert Barro and Rachel McCleary (2003):**

Beliefs in hell and heaven



Affect the personal characteristics
(honest, thrift, open to strangers,
work ethic)



Enhance the economy

The effect of belief in Hell and Heaven on the economic growth

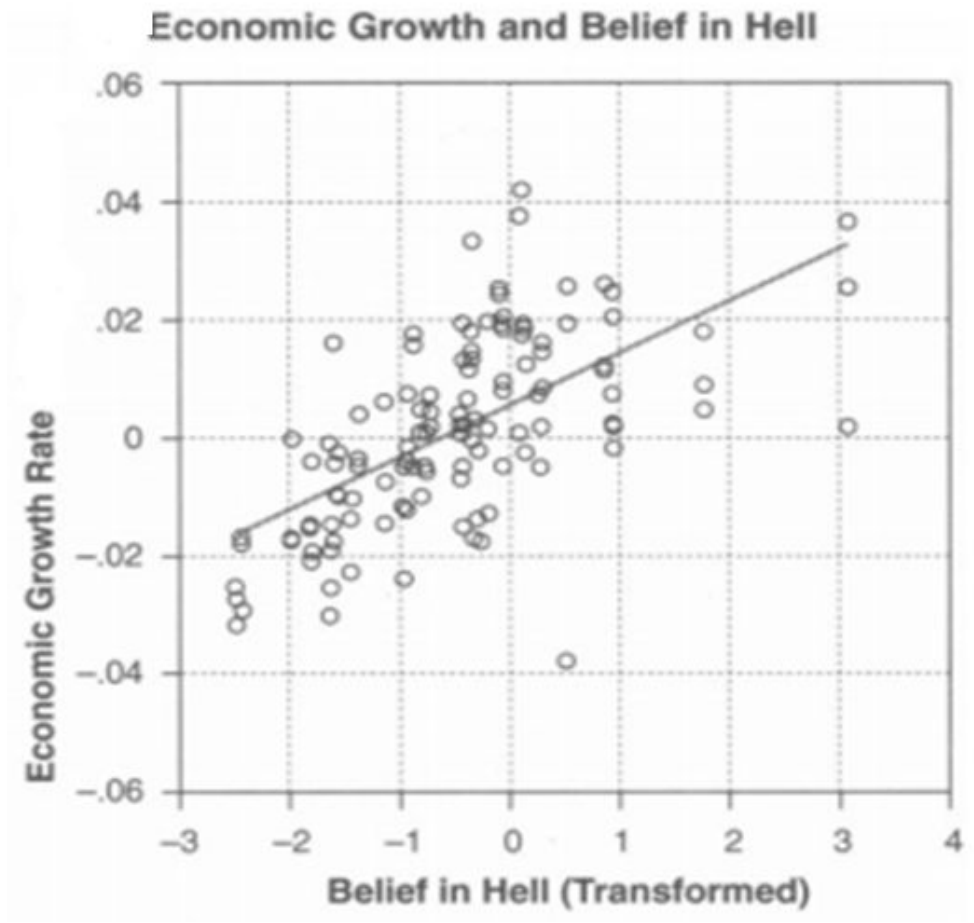


Figure 1. Economic growth and belief in Hell. Source: Barro and McCleary 2003, 778

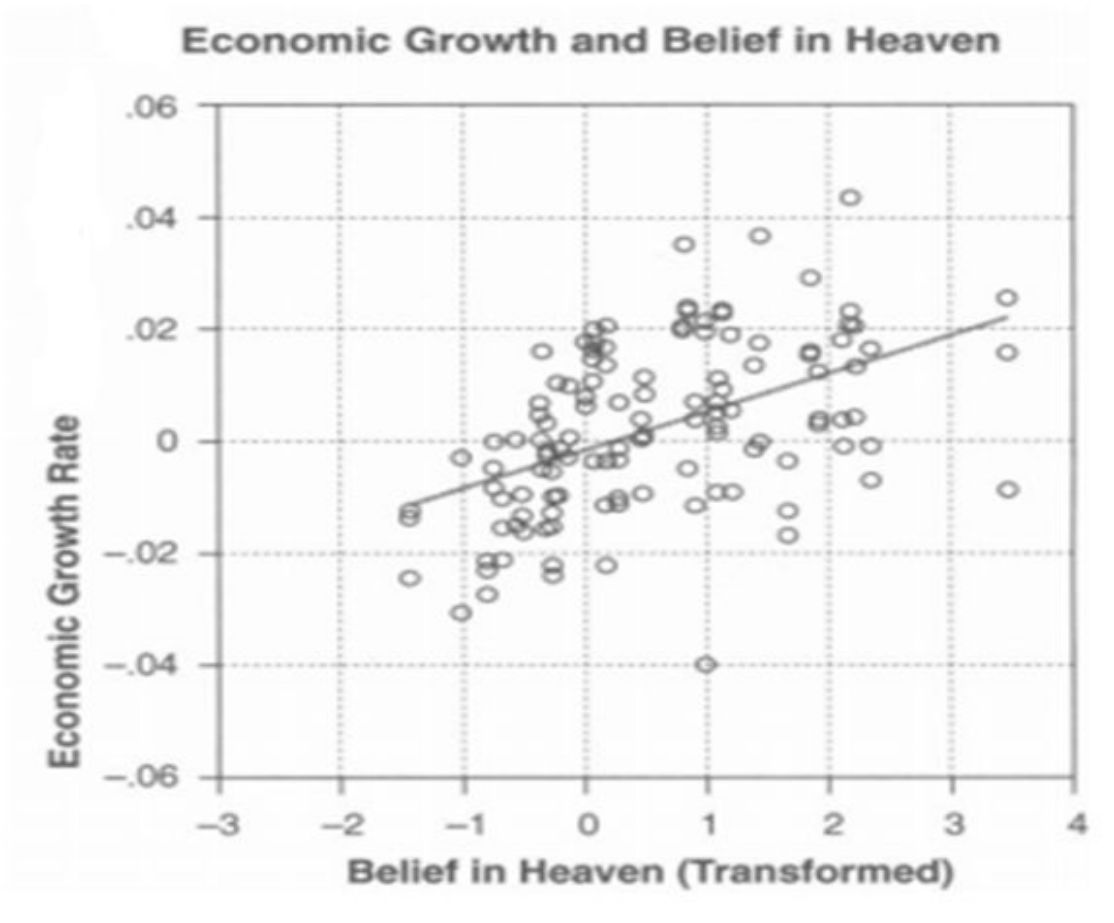
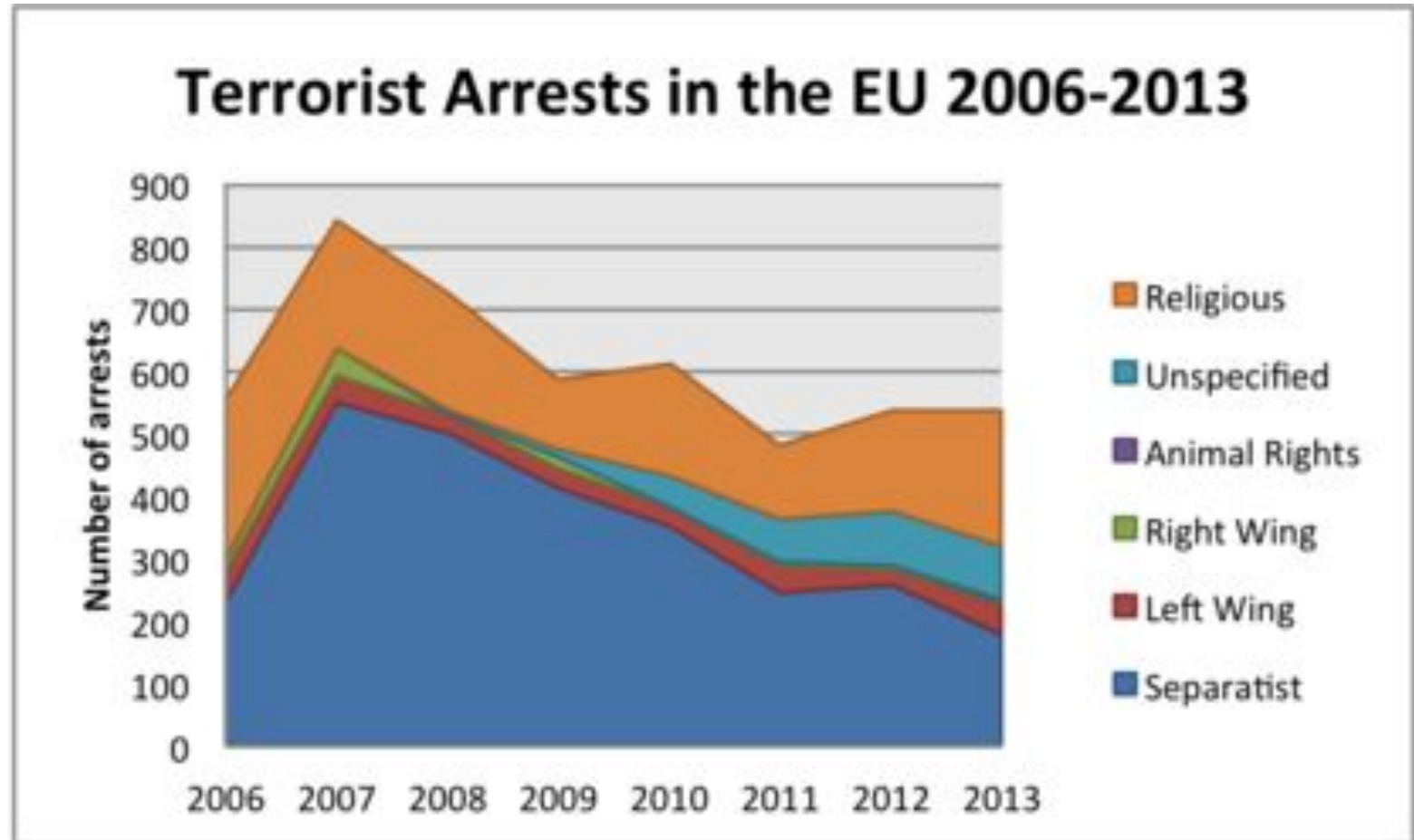


Figure 2. Economic growth and belief in Heaven. Source: Barro and McCleary 2003, 778

The religion is one of the causes of terrorism in the modern world

- Religion is a stimuli for violence
- Treatment from an alienation



Data source: https://www.europol.europa.eu/latest_publications/37

13 years of terror in western Europe

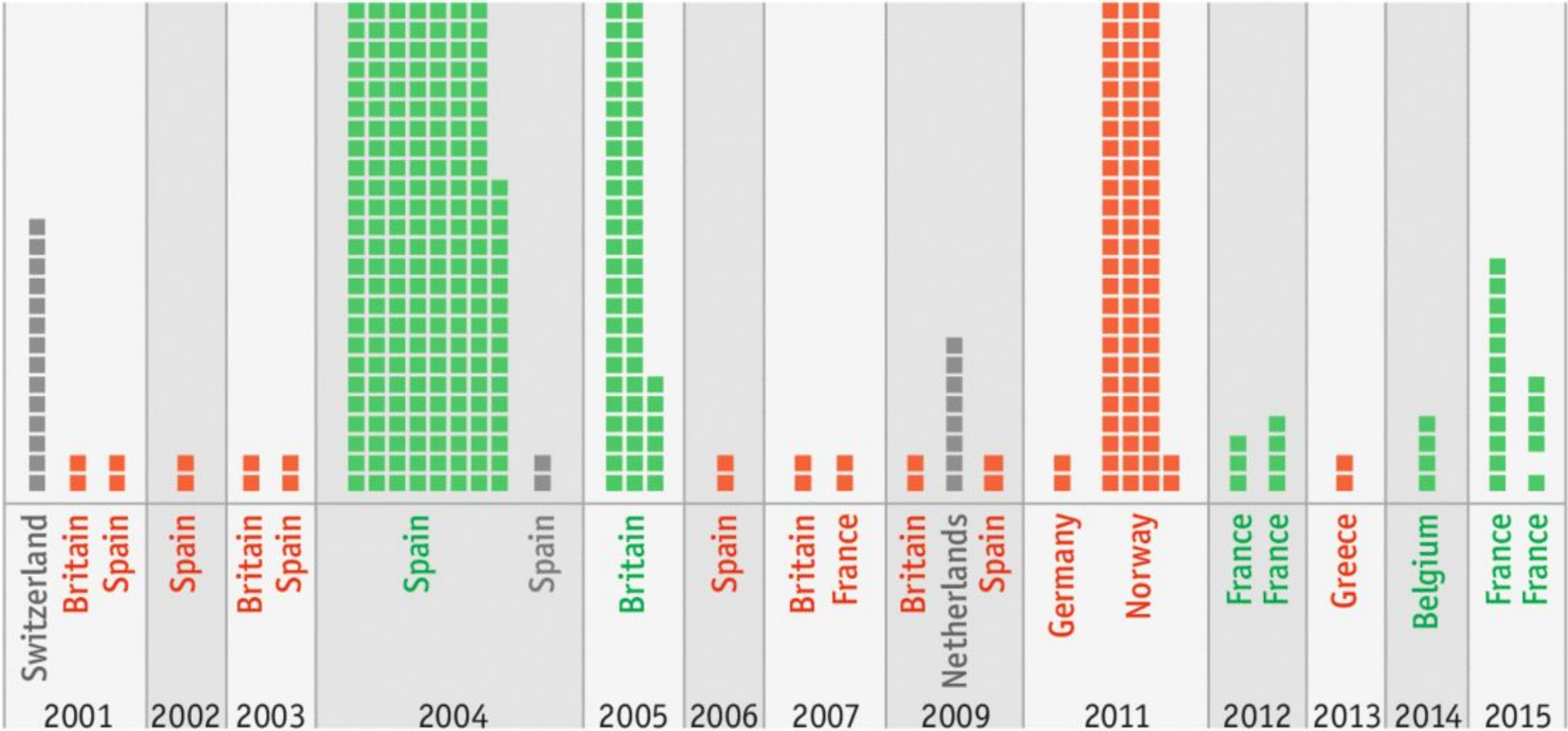
Political violence in western Europe

September 10th 2001-January 15th 2015

Attacks causing two or more deaths ■ =1 death
 Perpetrators: ■ Islamist ■ other ■ unknown affiliation

Attacks causing one death, cumulative total

Austria	1	Ireland	2
Belgium	1	Italy	3
Britain	14	Netherlands	3
France	4	Spain	9
Greece	5	Sweden	1



Sources: Global Terrorism Database, University of Maryland; press reports; *The Economist*

Summary

Wars

Terrorism

Social conflicts

Stereotypes

Negative impact on modern world

Propaganda of
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Social support

Less crime

Positive impact on modern world

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