

Azim Shariff, Psychological and Social Consequences of Religious (Dis)belief

1. Azim Shariff presents the results of a meta-analysis comparing religious and non-religious people. The data indicate that people with higher levels of religiosity demonstrate more prosocial behavior (generosity, kindness, charity, etc.) on self-report measures but not behavioral measures. Explain Shariff's proposed explanation that the correlation for self-report measures is picking up the tendency for certain people to exaggerate both their level of religiosity and their amount of prosocial behavior.