Religion and Crime: Forgiveness and Punishment

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We are particularly interested in work that either reinforces or challenges conclusions that religion suppresses crime, such as was found by Sumter et al. in "Religion and Crime Studies: Assessing What Has Been Learned," Religions 9: 6 (2018). This issue will supplement a rich literature that already exists on the connections between crime and religion.

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