In France, a Christian citizen is two-and-a-half times more likely to get called for a job interview than an equally qualified Muslim candidate, according to new research by David Laitin. His work identifies religion – rather than race or country of origin – as the source of discrimination in France. The French government currently does not collect information on religion or ethnic backgrounds, a situation that allows the discrimination to continue. Laitin is conducting this research in collaboration with Claire Adida, a professor at UCSD and Marie-Anne Valfort – Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

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