

TOLERANCE & URBANISM

Sociologists have found that urbanism favors tolerance of ideas or interests that one does not share (e.g. Wirth 1938 , Wilson 1985). There would seem to have two causes for this: one is the heterogeneity of the urban milieu, which is simply unlivable without a modicum of tolerance. Another is the much greater educational opportunities of urbanites, who as a rule are more subject to school than to church influences.

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