

# Citation Evidence Report

EB-2 NIW Petition — National Interest Waiver

Matter of Dhanasar · Prong 2 (well-positioned)

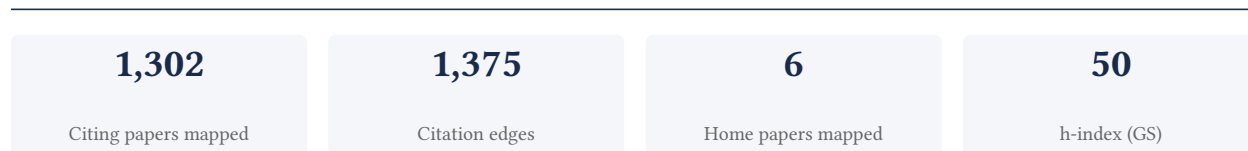
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**Generated 2026-06-07 by CiteMap.** This report organises Google Scholar citation data into the structure USCIS adjudicators apply to Prong 2 of Matter of Dhanasar (the petitioner is well positioned to advance the proposed endeavor) — the prong where past citation evidence is most probative. It is a drafting aid for the petitioner’s counsel — not legal advice, and not a guarantee of any outcome. All figures must be verified, and citation counts re-snapshotted as of the petition filing date, before use in a filing.

## A. Overview & Filtering Statement



### Filtering statement – methodology & limits

Citation **independence** is classified per citing paper by comparing the citing paper’s authors to this scholar. *Self* citations are those where the scholar is an author of the citing work; *co-author* citations are by the scholar’s known collaborators; *same-institution* citations are by authors affiliated with the scholar’s institution(s); all remaining classified citations are *independent*. Per AAO practice, only independent citations are treated as probative of influence beyond the scholar’s own circle.

**Known limitations – counsel must verify.** (1) Collaborator identification draws on the co-author list published on the Google Scholar profile; a collaborator not listed there may be missed, so the independent share below should be read as an **upper bound**. (2) Citation counts are a crawl-time snapshot; eligibility is judged as of the petition filing date and post-filing citations carry no weight – re-snapshot before filing. (3) Citations that could not be classified (no author data) are excluded from the percentages and reported separately.

## B. Citation Independence

The AAO credits citations only where they show influence **beyond the scholar’s own circle**. Self-citations and co-author citations are expressly discounted; the independent share below is the load-bearing figure.

**93.1% independent** of 1,088 classified citing papers

Citation type	Count
Independent	1,013
Self-citation	6
Co-author	69
Same-institution	0

214 citing papers could not be classified (no author data) and are excluded from the percentages above.

## C. Significant Contributions & Their Citation Evidence

Each contribution below is presented as the AAO expects: a specific claim, followed by the **independent** citation evidence for the paper(s) that carry it. Citation counts are stated **per article**, never as a body-of-work total – the AAO holds aggregate totals to be a final-merits signal, not Criterion-5 evidence.

Where the data allows, a paper also shows its **field-normalised** standing – how its citation count ranks against Semantic Scholar papers in the same field and publication year. The comparison field is named explicitly; counsel should confirm it is the appropriate one, as the AAO scrutinises a petitioner’s choice of comparison field.

## Contribution 1

### Claim – Contribution 1

*The researcher developed the Transgression Narrative Test of Forgiveness, establishing a validated measure for dispositional forgiveness that has significantly advanced the empirical study of forgiveness.*

The researcher’s primary contribution is the development and validation of the Transgression Narrative Test of Forgiveness (TNTF), introduced in a 2001 paper in *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*. This work established a concrete method for assessing dispositional forgiveness, providing a foundational tool for the field.

This line of work appears to address the need for reliable measurement in forgiveness research. By introducing the TNTF, the researcher provided a standardized approach to evaluating how individuals respond to transgressions. The subsequent 2005 publication in the *Journal of Personality*, which explores forgiveness alongside vengeful rumination and affective traits, suggests an expansion of this framework to examine its relationships with other psychological constructs.

The significance of this contribution is evidenced by substantial citation activity. The core 2001 paper has been cited 740 times, while the follow-up 2005 paper has garnered 1,014 citations. Notably, 93.1% of the citing papers originate from independent researchers, indicating that this work has been widely adopted and utilized by the broader scientific community beyond the researcher’s immediate circle.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 516 · 25 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

#### CORE PAPER

### [Dispositional forgiveness: Development and construct validity of the Transgression Narrative Test of Forgiveness \(TNTF\)](#)

2001 · *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin* 27 (10), 1277-1290, 2001 · 740 citations (GS)

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Construction and factorial validation of a short form of the self-compassion scale</a>	KU Leuven, The University of Texas at Austin, University of Leuven	Belgium, United States	—
2	<a href="#">The road to forgiveness: a meta-analytic synthesis of its situational and dispositional correlates.</a>	University of Maryland, College Park	United States	—
3	<a href="#">Dispositional forgiveness of self, others, and situations</a>	The University of Kansas	United States	—
4	<a href="#">Forgiveness and reconciliation: Theory and application</a>	—	—	—
5	<a href="#">Agreeableness and its consequences: A quantitative review of meta-analytic findings</a>	University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, University of Minnesota	United States	—
6	<a href="#">Exploring the relationships between organizational virtuousness and performance</a>	Case Western Reserve University, University of Michigan	United States	—
7	<a href="#">The psychology of religion</a>	University of California, Irvine Medical Center	United States	—
8	<a href="#">Rumination, emotion, and forgiveness: three longitudinal studies.</a> (2007)	University of Miami	United States	—
9	<a href="#">Conspiracy beliefs and violent extremist intentions: The contingent effects of self-efficacy, self-control and law-related morality</a> (2022)	University College London	United Kingdom	—

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10	<a href="#">Measuring individual differences in the tendency to forgive: Construct validity and links with depression</a> (2003)	The University of Oklahoma	United States	—
11	<a href="#">Too proud to let go: narcissistic entitlement as a barrier to forgiveness.</a> (2004)	Case Western Reserve University, Florida State University, University of Georgia	United States	—
12	<a href="#">Forgiveness and justice: A research agenda for social and personality psychology</a> (2003)	—	—	—
13	<a href="#">Transgression-related motivational dispositions: Personality substrates of forgiveness and their links to the Big Five</a> (2002)	University of Miami, University of Wisconsin	United States	—
14	<a href="#">Revenge: A multilevel review and synthesis</a> (2019)	University of Maryland, College Park, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	United States	—
15	<a href="#">The antecedents and consequences of interpersonal forgiveness: A meta-analytic review</a> (2012)	Calvin University, Quinsigamond Community College	United States	—
16	<a href="#">Marital quality, forgiveness, empathy, and rumination: A longitudinal analysis</a> (2005)	Florida State University, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	Italy, United States	—
17	<a href="#">The displaced aggression questionnaire.</a> (2006)	California State University, Long Beach, University of Southern California	United States	—
18	<a href="#">Looking within: Measuring state self-forgiveness and its relationship to psychological well-being.</a> (2008)	Carleton University, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, University of Oklahoma	Canada, United States	—
19	<a href="#">Negative workplace gossip: Its impact on customer service performance and moderating roles of trait mindfulness and forgiveness</a> (2019)	Australian Catholic University, Deakin University, Rowan University	Australia, China, United Arab Emirates	—
20	<a href="#">The tendency to forgive in dating and married couples: The role of attachment and relationship satisfaction</a> (2004)	State University of New York, University at Buffalo, State University of New York	United States	—
21	<a href="#">A review of forgiveness process models and a coping framework to guide future research</a> (2006)	University of Adelaide, Western Sydney University	Australia	—
22	<a href="#">Angry memories and thoughts of revenge: The relationship between forgiveness and anger rumination</a> (2005)	Sheffield Hallam University, University of Leicester	United Kingdom	—
23	<a href="#">The dark side of forgiveness: The tendency to forgive predicts continued psychological and physical aggression in marriage</a> (2011)	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	United States	—
24	<a href="#">Gender differences in forgiveness and its affective correlates</a> (2022)	Jan Kochanowski University	Poland	—
25	<a href="#">Organizational and leadership virtues and the role of forgiveness</a> (2002)	University of Michigan	United States	—
26	<a href="#">The longitudinal relationships among agreeableness, anger rumination, and aggression</a> (2021)	Southwest University	China	—

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27	<a href="#">Having the power to forgive: When the experience of power increases interpersonal forgiveness</a> (2010)	Radboud University Nijmegen, University of California, Irvine Medical Center	Netherlands, United States	—
28	<a href="#">Paths to interpersonal forgiveness: The roles of personality, disposition to forgive and contextual factors in predicting forgiveness following a specific offence</a> (2008)	La Trobe University	Australia	—
29	<a href="#">Rumination and forgiveness in emerging adults: Mediating role of mindfulness and humility</a> (2026)	Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy Üniversitesi, Usak University	Turkey	—
30	<a href="#">Age differences in forgivingness: The role of future time perspective</a> (2008)	University of Zurich	Switzerland	—

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#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

##### **Forgiveness, vengeful rumination, and affective traits**

2005 · Journal of personality 73 (1), 183-226, 2005 · 1,014 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 610 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 5% of Psychology papers from 2005 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Construction and factorial validation of a short form of the self-compassion scale</a>	KU Leuven, The University of Texas at Austin, University of Leuven	Belgium, United States	—
2	<a href="#">Personality and prosocial behavior: A theoretical framework and meta-analysis.</a>	University of Koblenz and Landau	Germany	—
3	<a href="#">Automatic emotion regulation</a>	Stanford University, University of California, Irvine Medical Center, University of Denver	United States	—
4	<a href="#">Anger and emotion regulation strategies: a meta-analysis</a>	Babeş-Bolyai University, Babeş-Bolyai University	Romania	—
5	<a href="#">Psilocybin-occasioned mystical-type experience in combination with meditation and other spiritual practices produces enduring positive changes in psychological ...</a>	Council on Spiritual Practices, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	United States	Background
6	<a href="#">Changes in dispositional empathy in American college students over time: A meta-analysis</a>	University of Michigan	United States	—
7	<a href="#">Forgiveness and reconciliation: Theory and application</a>	—	—	—

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
8	<a href="#">Conspiracy beliefs and violent extremist intentions: The contingent effects of self-efficacy, self-control and law-related morality</a>	University College London	United Kingdom	—
9	<a href="#">Introduction to psychology, religion, and spirituality</a>	Valparaiso University	United States	—
10	<a href="#">Too proud to let go: narcissistic entitlement as a barrier to forgiveness.</a> (2004)	Case Western Reserve University, Florida State University, University of Georgia	United States	—
11	<a href="#">The antecedents and consequences of interpersonal forgiveness: A meta-analytic review</a> (2012)	Calvin University, Quinsigamond Community College	United States	—
12	<a href="#">Theoretical and empirical connections between forgiveness, mental health, and well-being</a> (2005)	Luther College	United States	—
13	<a href="#">Religiousness and aggression in adolescents: The mediating roles of self-control and compassion</a> (2015)	University of Florida	United States	—
14	<a href="#">The displaced aggression questionnaire.</a> (2006)	California State University, Long Beach, University of Southern California	United States	—
15	<a href="#">Forgiveness and gratitude as mediators between religious commitment and well-being among Latter-day Saint Polynesian Americans</a> (2021)	Baylor University, Bridges Psychotherapy Solutions, LLC, Brigham Young University	United States	—
16	<a href="#">Religious commitment and psychological well-being: Forgiveness as a mediator</a> (2015)	Hashemite University	Jordan	Influential
17	<a href="#">Gender differences in forgiveness and its affective correlates</a> (2022)	Jan Kochanowski University	Poland	—
18	<a href="#">Definitional drift within the science of forgiveness: The dangers of avoiding philosophical analyses.</a> (2025)	—	—	—
19	<a href="#">The resilience handbook: Approaches to stress and trauma</a> (2013)	Graduate School USA, University of Amsterdam	Netherlands, United States	—
20	<a href="#">Trust: An integrative review from a person-situation perspective</a> (2015)	University of Koblenz and Landau	Germany	—
21	<a href="#">Individual differences in cognitive reappraisal: Experiential and physiological responses to an anger provocation</a> (2007)	San Jose State University, Stanford University, University of Denver	United States	—
22	<a href="#">Effects of lifetime stress exposure on mental and physical health in young adulthood: How stress degrades and forgiveness protects health</a> (2016)	Luther College, University of California, Irvine Medical Center	United States	—
23	<a href="#">The betrayal puzzle: Unraveling the connection between inauthenticity, corporate wrongdoing and brand betrayal with avoidance and reparation</a> (2024)	Prague University of Economics and Business, Silesian University of Technology, University of Engineering and Technology Lahore	Czech Republic, Pakistan, Poland	—

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24	<a href="#">Purpose in life as an asset for well-being and a protective factor against depression in adolescents</a> (2023)	Lund University, Sapienza University of Rome, Università per Stranieri Dante Alighieri	Italy, Sweden	—
25	<a href="#">The structure of emotional experience and its relation to trait emotional awareness: A theoretical review</a> . (2018)	—	—	—
26	<a href="#">The effects of harm directions and service recovery strategies on customer forgiveness and negative word-of-mouth intentions</a> (2015)	Deakin University, Georgia Southern University	Australia, United States	—
27	<a href="#">A general theory of emotions and social life</a> (2006)	—	—	—
28	<a href="#">“Too much of a burden”: Lived experiences of depressive rumination in early adulthood</a> . (2024)	University of Surrey	United Kingdom	—
29	<a href="#">Rumination: Bridging a gap between forgivingness, vengefulness, and psychological health</a> (2007)	Carleton University	Canada	—
30	<a href="#">A program of positive intervention in the elderly: Memories, gratitude and forgiveness</a> (2014)	Universidad de Jaén	Spain	—

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## Contribution 2

### Claim – Contribution 2

*The researcher established a foundational framework for understanding the multidimensional burden of dementia caregiving, integrating psychological, social, and health consequences into a unified clinical perspective.*

**CLAIM:** The researcher’s seminal 1987 publication in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society serves as the cornerstone of this contribution, explicitly addressing the complex interplay of psychological, social, and health outcomes for individuals caring for relatives with senile dementia.

**ORIGINALITY:** By synthesizing these distinct domains into a single analytical framework, this work appears to have addressed a critical gap in geriatric literature, moving beyond isolated symptom reporting to capture the holistic burden placed on caregivers during a period when such comprehensive assessments were less common.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** The enduring relevance of this contribution is evidenced by its substantial citation record, with over 650 citations. Notably, the vast majority of citing works originate from independent researchers, indicating that this framework has been widely adopted and utilized by the broader scientific community to inform subsequent studies on caregiver health and dementia care.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 99 · 4 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

### ■ CORE PAPER

## Psychological, social, and health consequences of caring for a relative with senile dementia

1987 · Journal of the American Geriatrics Society 35 (5), 405-411, 1987 · 658 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 338 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 5% of Psychology papers from 1987 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Differences between caregivers and noncaregivers in psychological health and physical health: a meta-analysis.</a>	Friedrich Schiller University Jena, University of Rochester Medical Center	Germany, United States	—
2	<a href="#">Positive psychological states and coping with severe stress</a>	San Francisco AIDS Foundation	United States	—
3	<a href="#">Predicting caregiver burden and depression in Alzheimer's disease.</a>	University of North Texas	United States	—
4	<a href="#">A systematic review of the relationship between behavioral and psychological symptoms (BPSD) and caregiver well-being</a>	Department of Health and Social Care, University College London, University of Hull	United Kingdom	Result
5	<a href="#">Associations of caregiver stressors and uplifts with subjective well-being and depressive mood: a meta-analytic comparison</a>	University of Jena, University of Rochester Medical Center	Germany, United States	—
6	<a href="#">The US economic and social costs of Alzheimer's disease revisited.</a>	University of Southern California	United States	—
7	<a href="#">Grief reactions and depression in caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease: results from a pilot study in an urban setting.</a>	University of Iowa	United States	—
8	<a href="#">Caregiver/Caregiving and Stress</a>	University of Victoria	Canada	—
9	<a href="#">The prevalence of grandmothers as primary caregivers in a poor pediatric population</a>	New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, William Paterson University	United States	—
10	<a href="#">Identificación de las necesidades de los cuidadores familiares de personas mayores dependientes percibidas por los profesionales de los servicios</a>	—	—	—
11	<a href="#">Implications of caring for an aging parent.</a>	McGill University	Canada	—
12	<a href="#">Relationship matters in dementia caregiving</a>	Metropolitan State University, University of Minnesota	United States	—
13	<a href="#">Care of the patient with Alzheimer's disease living at home.</a>	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics	United States	—
14	<a href="#">Opportunities in Mental Health Support for Informal Dementia Caregivers Suffering from Verbal Agitation</a>	Northwestern University, Western University	Canada, United States	—
15	<a href="#">Education and debate North of England evidence based guidelines development project: guideline for the primary care management of dementia</a>	—	—	—
16	<a href="#">Impact of music therapy treatment on brain structure in early stages of Alzheimer's disease</a>	—	—	—
17	<a href="#">Outcome Expectations and Physical Activity Participation in Two Samples of Older Women</a>	Stanford University, University of South Carolina	United States	—

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18	<a href="#">Evaluation eines psychoedukativen Kurses für Angehörige von Schlaganfallpatienten</a>	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Germany	—
19	<a href="#">Adult Day Programs for Elderly Who Are Mentally Impaired and the Measurement of Caregiver Satisfaction</a>	University of Central Florida	United States	—
20	<a href="#">Interpersonal Family Stress in Alzheimer's Disease</a>	University of Washington Medical Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison	United States	—
21	<a href="#">Criterion-Related and Construct Validation of the Disability Assessment for Dementia Scale</a>	—	—	—
22	<a href="#">Effects of caregiver status, coping styles, and social support on the physical health of Korean American caregivers.</a>	Yong In University	South Korea	—
23	<a href="#">The Health, Psychological and Social Consequences of Caring for a Person with Dementia</a>	Ballarat Health Services, Swinburne University of Technology	Australia	—
24	<a href="#">The relationship between care burden and social support in Turkish Alzheimer patients family caregivers: Cross-sectional study</a>	Mersin Üniversitesi	Turkey	—
25	<a href="#">Social and depressive stress suffered by spouses of patients with mild dementia.</a>	Norwegian Medical Association	Norway	—
26	<a href="#">Use of mental health and primary care services by caregivers of patients with bipolar disorder: a preliminary study.</a>	Cornell University, King's College London, Yale University	United Kingdom, United States	—
27	<a href="#">The US economic and social costs of Alzheimer's disease revisited.</a>	University of Southern California	United States	—
28	<a href="#">Cellular immune responses to acute stress in female caregivers of dementia patients and matched controls.</a>	New College, The Ohio State University	United Kingdom, United States	—
29	<a href="#">Quality of Life of Caregivers</a>	King's College London	United Kingdom	—
30	<a href="#">Yoga's Effect on Quality of Life and Psychological Distress in Key Caregivers of Cancer Survivors</a>	—	—	—

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#### Citing-text excerpts — how the field used this work

**RESULT** A systematic review of the relationship between behavioral and psychological symptoms (BPSD) and caregiver well-being

“The studies scoring the lowest on the checklist were Haley et al. (1987), Hishikawa et al. (2012), and Savorani et al. (1998). All studies lost points on questions covering external validity, validity and reliability of outcome measures and the reporting of statistics.”

### Contribution 3

**Claim — Contribution 3**

*The researcher developed and validated the Religious Commitment Inventory-10, a brief, reliable scale for assessing religious commitment in counseling and research contexts.*

The researcher’s primary contribution is the creation of the Religious Commitment Inventory-10, introduced in a 2003 paper in the Journal of Counseling Psychology. This work established a concise instrument designed to measure religious commitment efficiently for both clinical and academic purposes.

This line of work appears to address the need for a streamlined assessment tool, offering a refined alternative to longer or less validated measures. The title indicates a focus on development and validation, suggesting a methodological advance in making religious commitment measurable in brief formats.

The impact of this contribution is substantial, with over 2,100 citations. Notably, 93.1% of citing papers originate from independent researchers, indicating that the scale has been widely adopted and utilized by the broader scientific community beyond the researcher’s immediate circle.

INDEPENDENT CITATIONS FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION: 241 · 40 flagged influential by Semantic Scholar

CORE PAPER

**[The Religious Commitment Inventory--10: Development, refinement, and validation of a brief scale for research and counseling.](#)**

2003 · Journal of counseling psychology 50 (1), 84, 2003 · 2,106 citations (GS)

Field-normalised: 1,183 Semantic Scholar citations place it in the top 1% of Psychology papers from 2003 indexed by Semantic Scholar, by citation count.

No.	Citing paper	Citing institution(s)	Country	S2
1	<a href="#">Religion, self-regulation, and self-control: Associations, explanations, and implications.</a>	University of Miami	United States	Background
2	<a href="#">Doing the right thing: Measuring wellbeing for public policy</a>	University of Pennsylvania, Wake Forest University	United States	Background
3	<a href="#">Religion, spirituality and health research: Warning of contaminated scales</a>	Duke University Medical Center, La Trobe University	Australia, United States	—
4	<a href="#">An extensive effect of religiosity on the purchasing decisions of halal products</a>	Medan Area University, Universitas Pembangunan Panca Budi Medan	Indonesia	—
5	<a href="#">Intention to choose Halal products: the role of religiosity</a>	University of South Australia	Australia	—
6	<a href="#">Religion, spirituality, and the workplace: a review and critique</a>	Colorado State University, Wheaton College - Illinois	United States	—
7	<a href="#">Factors affecting Halal purchase intention—evidence from Pakistan's Halal food sector</a>	State University of Semarang	Indonesia	—
8	<a href="#">Meaning in life: One link in the chain from religiousness to well-being.</a>	University of Minnesota	United States	Background
9	<a href="#">The effects of religion on consumer behavior: A conceptual framework and research agenda</a>	Arizona State University, Northeastern University, University of Virginia	United States	Influential
10	<a href="#">Determinants of halal purchasing intentions: evidences from UK (2018)</a>	Ain Shams University	Egypt	—
11	<a href="#">Measurement tools and issues in the psychology of religion and spirituality (2017)</a>	—	—	—

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12	<a href="#">Exploring factors influencing domestic violence: a comprehensive study on intrafamily dynamics</a> (2023)	Escuela Politécnica Nacional, Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Ecuador	—
13	<a href="#">The intention of small and medium enterprises' owners to participate in waqf: the case of Malaysia and Indonesia</a> (2023)	Airlangga University, Universiti Teknologi MARA	Indonesia, Malaysia	—
14	<a href="#">Psychometric validation and translation of religious and spiritual measures</a> (2021)	Duke University Health System, King Abdulaziz University	Saudi Arabia, United States	—
15	<a href="#">Muslims' willingness to pay for certified halal food: an extension of the theory of planned behaviour</a> (2020)	German University of Technology in Oman, Sohar University, Universiti Sains Malaysia	Malaysia, Oman	—
16	<a href="#">What factors affecting investment decision? The moderating role of fintech self-efficacy</a> (2024)	Ministry of Finance Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	Malaysia	—
17	<a href="#">Consumer values, motivation and purchase intention for luxury goods</a> (2014)	Al Akhawayn University, University of East London	Morocco, United Kingdom	—
18	<a href="#">Effects of religiosity on consumer attitudes toward Islamic banking in Egypt</a> (2015)	Cairo University, German University in Cairo	Egypt	—
19	<a href="#">Religiosity and purchase intention: an Islamic apparel brand personality perspective</a> (2024)	Ain Shams University, Egyptian e-Learning University	Egypt	—
20	<a href="#">The influence of Islamic religiosity on the perceived socio-cultural impact of sustainable tourism development in Pakistan: A structural equation modeling ...</a> (2019)	Prince Sultan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai University	China, Saudi Arabia	—
21	<a href="#">Calling in work: Secular or sacred?</a> (2010)	Colorado State University, University of Louisville	United States	<b>Influential</b>
22	<a href="#">An examination of patience and well-being</a> (2012)	Fuller Theological Seminary	United States	—
23	<a href="#">The influence of religion on sustainable consumption: a systematic review and future research agenda</a> (2020)	Universidad de Alcalá, Universidad Pontificia Comillas	Spain	<b>Influential</b>
24	<a href="#">Intellectual humility and religious tolerance</a> (2017)	Arizona State University, Georgia State University, Hope College	United States	—
25	<a href="#">Religiosity and spirituality as resiliency resources: Moderation, mediation, or moderated mediation?</a> (2014)	Indiana University School of Medicine	United States	—
26	<a href="#">Career development strivings: Assessing goals and motivation in career decision-making and planning</a> (2008)	Colorado State University	United States	—
27	<a href="#">Muslims and non-Muslims intention to hold Shariah-compliant credit cards: a SmartPLS approach</a> (2021)	Universiti Teknologi MARA	Malaysia	—

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28	<a href="#">Older adults' preferences for religion/spirituality in treatment for anxiety and depression</a> (2011)	Baylor College of Medicine, Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers, Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center	United States	—
29	<a href="#">Halal brand personality and brand loyalty among millennial modest fashion consumers in Malaysia</a> (2020)	Universiti Teknologi MARA, University of Malaya	Malaysia	—
30	<a href="#">Religiosity and resilience in entrepreneurship: uncovering the underlying mechanism through the lens of spiritual capital</a> (2025)	—	—	—

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## D. Citing-Institution Prestige & Geography

### Top citing institutions

Institution	Country	World ranking	Citing papers
Virginia Commonwealth University	United States	SCImago #938 · THE 401–500 · QS 901-950	48
Iowa State University	United States	SCImago #897 · THE 401–500 · QS 449	23
University of California, Irvine Medical Center	United States	—	20
University of North Texas	United States	SCImago #2445 · QS 901-950	19
Georgia State University	United States	SCImago #1626 · THE 501–600 · QS 781-790	14
Luther College	United States	—	14
Hope College	United States	SCImago #8757	14
University of Minnesota	United States	SCImago #165 · THE 88 · QS 210	11
University of Miami	United States	SCImago #545 · THE 201–250 · QS =314	11
Brigham Young University	United States	SCImago #2113 · QS 1001-1200	11
Biola University	United States	—	10
University of Zurich	Switzerland	SCImago #313 · QS 100	10
Baylor University	United States	SCImago #3105 · THE 801–1000 · QS 1001-1200	9
Florida State University	United States	SCImago #1224 · THE 301–350 · QS 549	9
University of Michigan	United States	SCImago #43 · THE 23 · QS 45	9

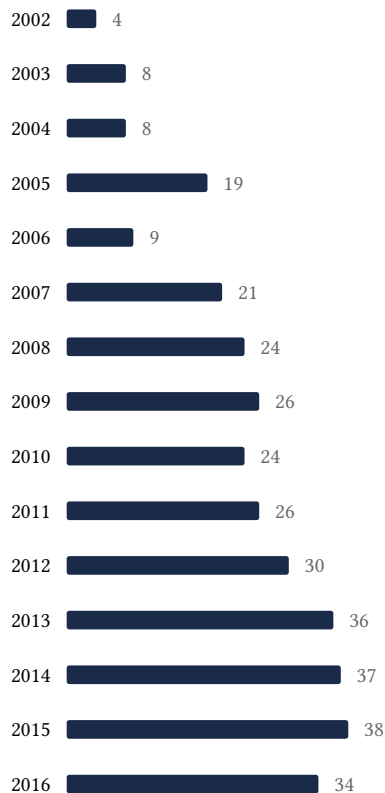
## Geographic distribution of citing authors

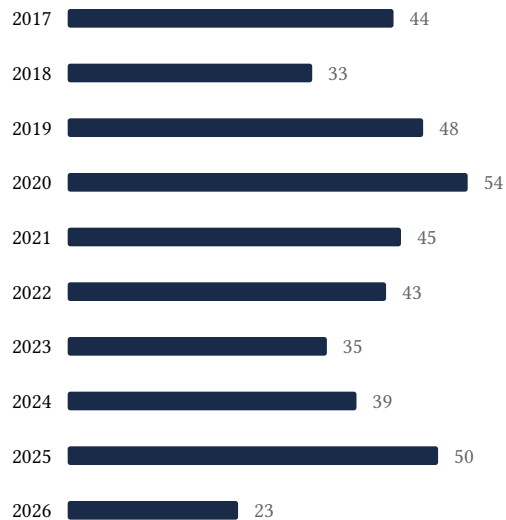
Country	Citing papers
United States	420
United Kingdom	43
China	41
Canada	41
Australia	37
Malaysia	34
Turkey	33
Indonesia	26
Germany	24
India	20
Spain	18
Poland	17

Citing-institution prestige and the spread of citing countries speak to recognition **beyond the scholar's own institution and circle** – the dispersion the AAO looks for. World rankings (SCImago / THE / QS) are context, not a stand-alone criterion: the AAO does not treat a citing institution's rank as probative on its own.

## E. Citation Growth Over Time

Distinct citing papers by publication year. Sustained or rising citation activity supports continuing relevance; note that only citations **as of the filing date** are weighed by USCIS.





## F. AAO Precedent Considerations

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### Pre-filing self-check (AAO denial patterns)

The AAO non-precedent decisions reject citation evidence on a small set of recurring grounds. Confirm the petition addresses each before filing:

- Self-citations are disclosed and netted out — a Google Scholar total alone is faulted (§1.1).
- Evidence is per individual article, not a body-of-work aggregate total (§1.2).
- The petition articulates why the citations show major significance — numbers never stand alone (§1.5).
- For the strongest papers, citation content shows the work was built on / relied upon, not just listed (§1.6, §2.2).
- Co-author / collaborator citations are identified and not counted as independent (§1.7).
- Recognition is shown beyond the scholar's own institution and circle (§1.8).
- Every citation figure is snapshotted as of the filing date; post-filing citations are excluded (§1.9).
- Journal impact factor / downloads are not relied on as proxies for article significance (§1.10, §1.12).
- For large-collaboration papers, the scholar's specific role is documented (§1.13).
- Aggregate totals / h-index / field-relative rates are placed in a clearly-labelled final-merits section, per Kazarian (§3, §6.1.7).

#### Disclaimer

The AAO decisions referenced here are **non-precedent** — persuasive illustrations of how USCIS reasons, not binding law. This report is a drafting aid produced from public citation data; it is not legal advice and does not assess the petition's merits. All analysis must be reviewed by qualified immigration counsel.

## G. Citation Evidence Index

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Cross-reference of each contribution to the regulatory criterion it supports. Counsel should map these to the petition's exhibit numbers.

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Core paper</b>	<b>Indep. cites</b>	<b>Supports</b>
Contribution 1	Dispositional forgivingness: Development and construct validity of the Transgression Narrative Test of Forgivingness (TNTF)	516	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 2	Psychological, social, and health consequences of caring for a relative with senile dementia	99	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)
Contribution 3	The Religious Commitment Inventory--10: Development, refinement, and validation of a brief scale for research and counseling.	241	Dhanasar – Prong 2 (well-positioned)