

The overall pattern is resilient to variations in the sample. Taking out the Nordic social democratic countries, with their exceptional performance on both dimensions and highly developed welfare provision, reduces the correlation to -0.34, while removing the United States with its minimal welfare provision increases it to -0.72. Taking both these extremes out of the sample gives a correlation of -0.54. Thus while the strength of the relationship varies when the sample is changed, its direction remains unambiguous.