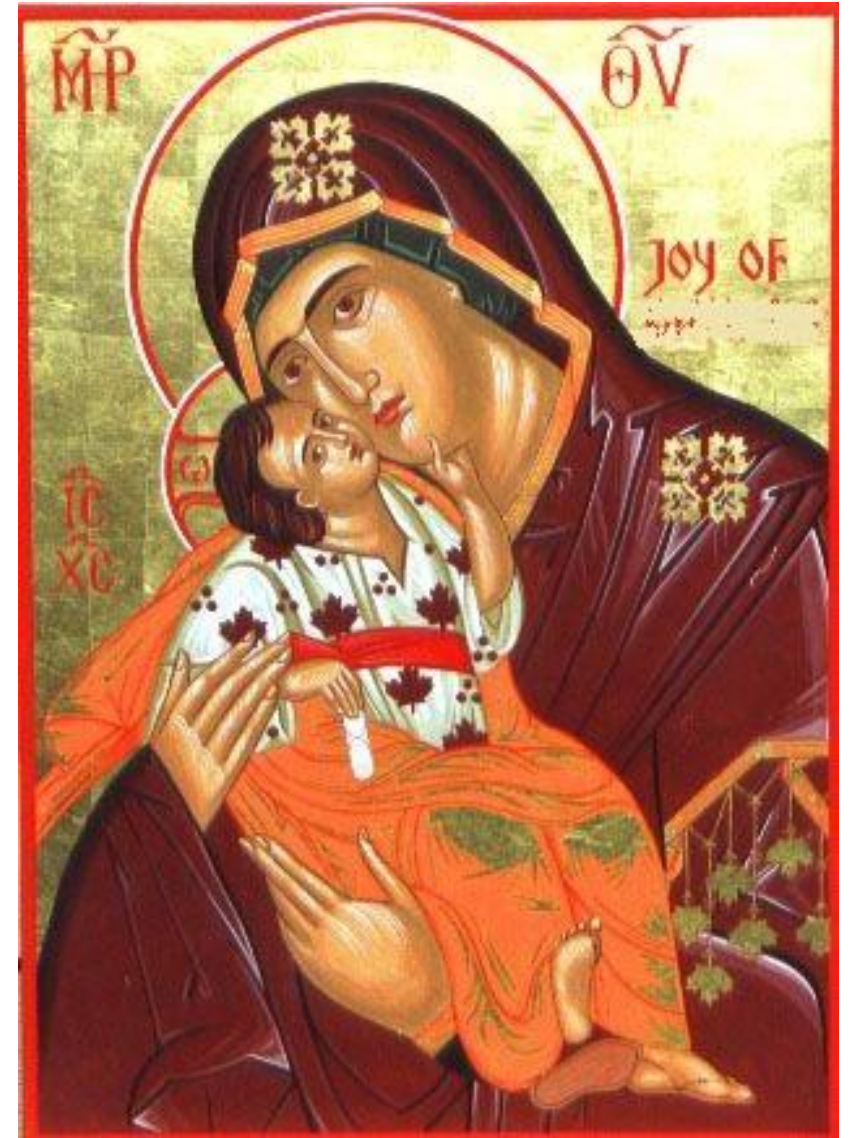


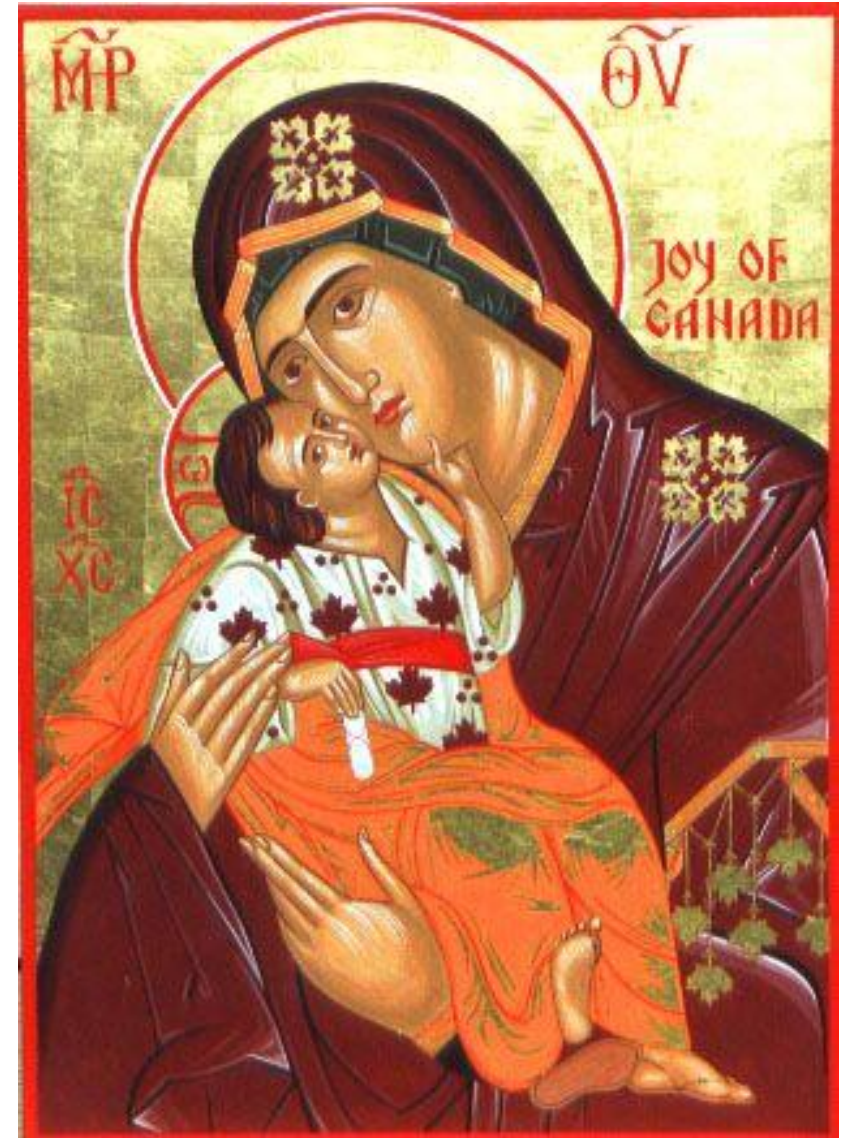
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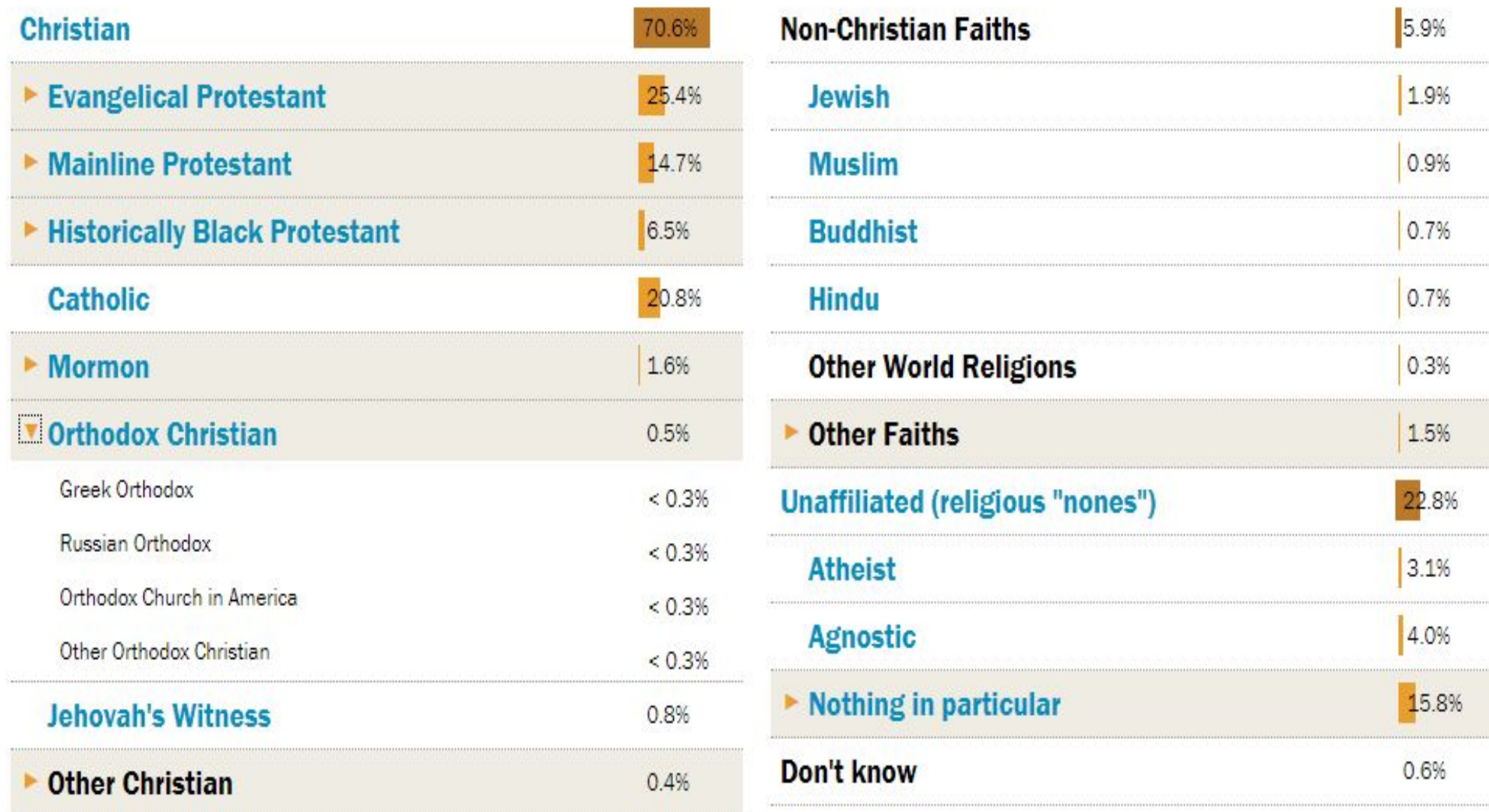
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Icon of Mother of God “Joy of Canada”. All Saints of North America monastery in Dewdney, BC, Canada. Source: monastery archive.

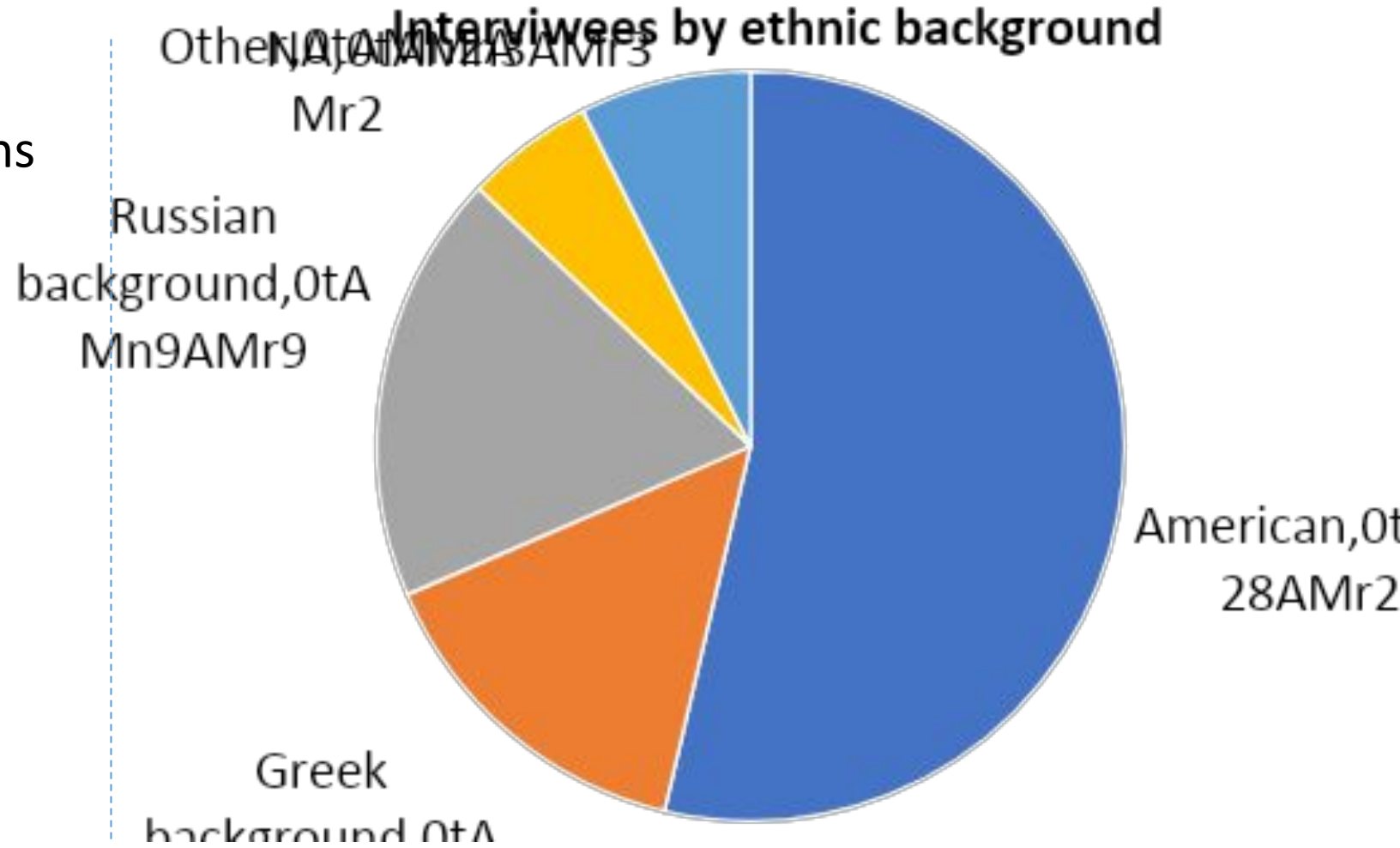
Religions

Explore religious groups in the U.S. by tradition, family and denomination



Methods&Data

- Fieldwork: 2018-2019, 6 months
- Fieldwork locations:
Orthodox churches and monasteries in the USA\Canada
- Interviews: 54



Findings

- Ethnic (ethnic-religious) identity is a choice
- Strong horizontal connections between different ethnic communities

=> Example: pan-Orthodox vespers

“Is it appropriate to speak about ‘Orthodoxy’ as a category of analysis?” (Haemmerli & Mayer, 2016).

- Tendency towards English-speaking Orthodoxy

Margit Warburg: communities which did not develop from ethnic to religious ones eventually stop existing



St Herman of Alaska Orthodox monastery, CA



All-Merciful
Saviour
Russian Orthodox
monastery
on Vashon Island,
Washington, USA.

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