

Evangelizing The Uncommitted

*How do we get through to people
who are religiously uncommitted?*

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Spreading the Good News should be an inherent part of our lives as Christians.

(Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 5:13-16, etc...)

If we're not sharing the Gospel:

Do we really appreciate and love the Kingdom?

Do we really believe judgment is coming?

Do we really love the lost?

Ask yourself:

When you have a good experience with a local business, do you tell others?

If you could improve or save someone else's life, would you tell them?

What about bad experiences – do you spread the word?

If you could save a friend's life but decided not to speak up, what would that say about you?

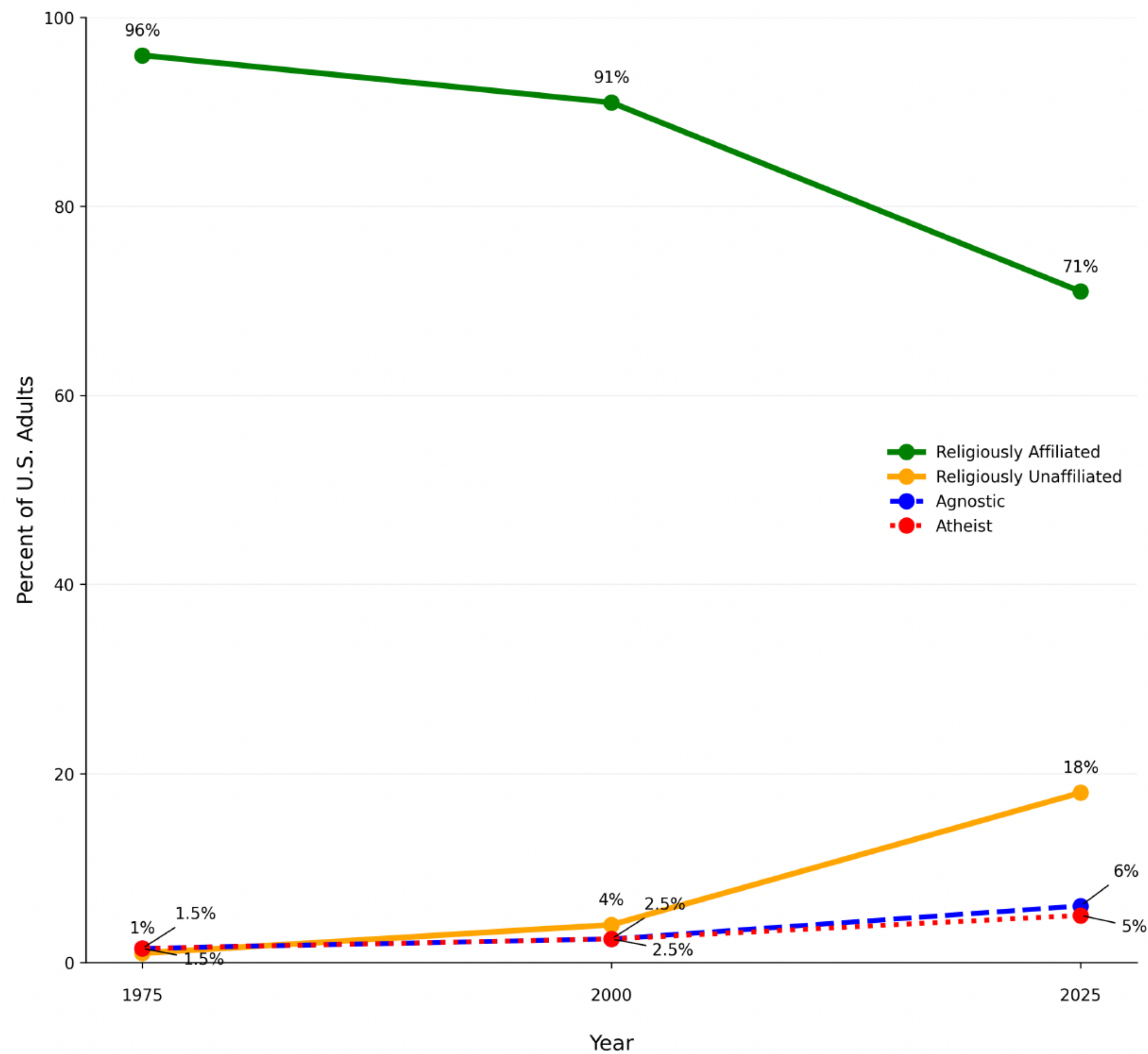
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THE PROBLEM

Over the last 50 years, people haven't become Atheists or even truly Agnostic in dramatic numbers.

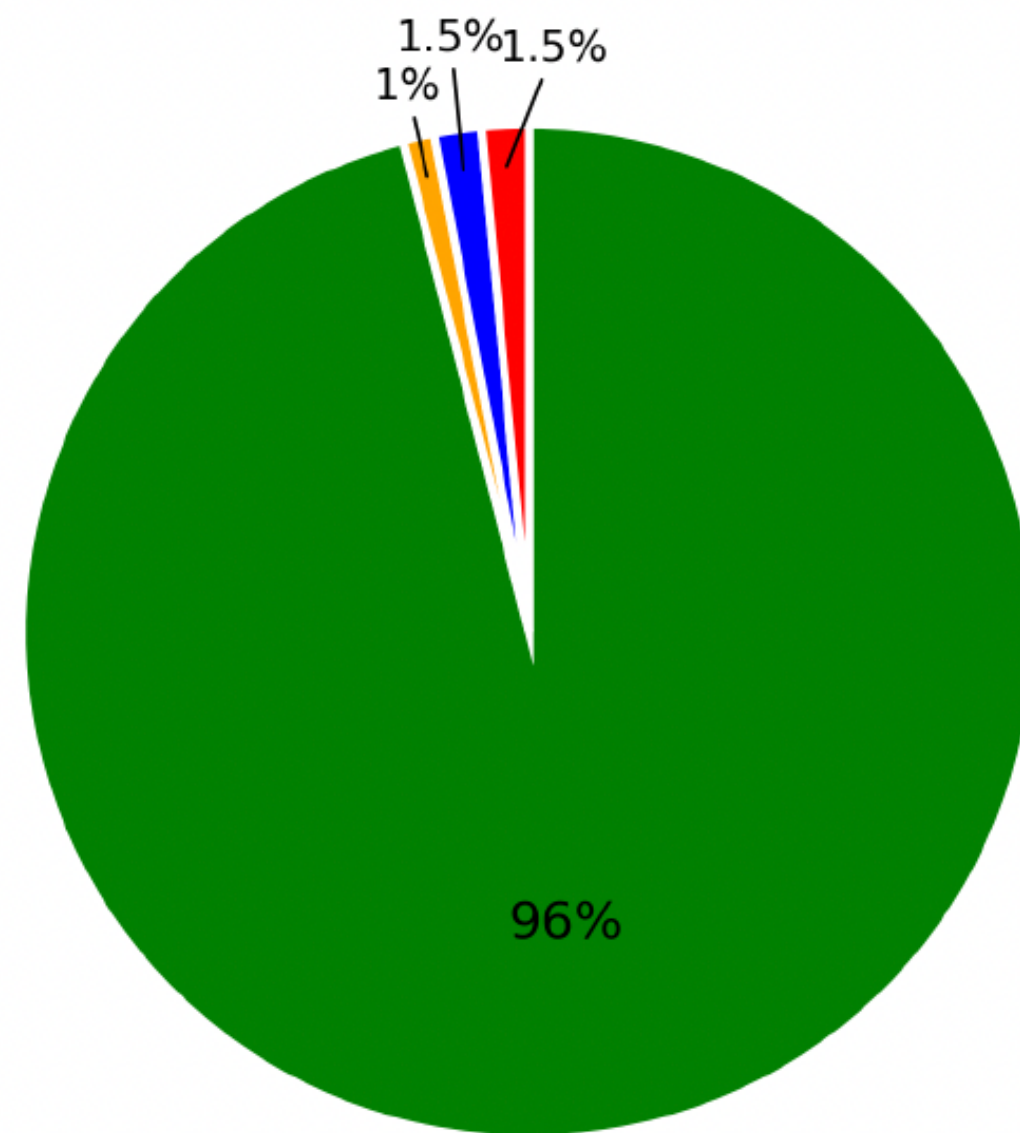
They've become increasingly "Religiously Unaffiliated."

Religious Affiliation Trends in the United States 1975-2025

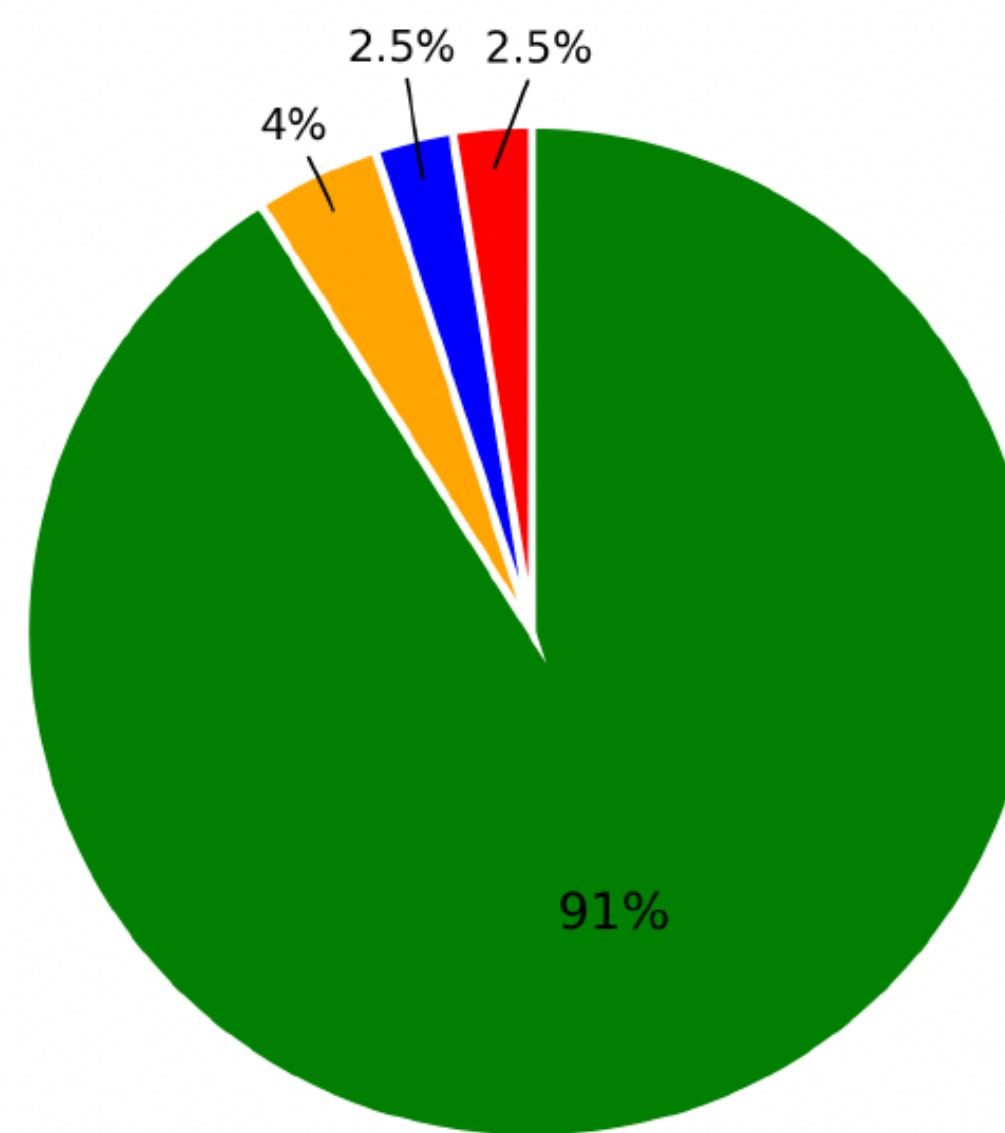


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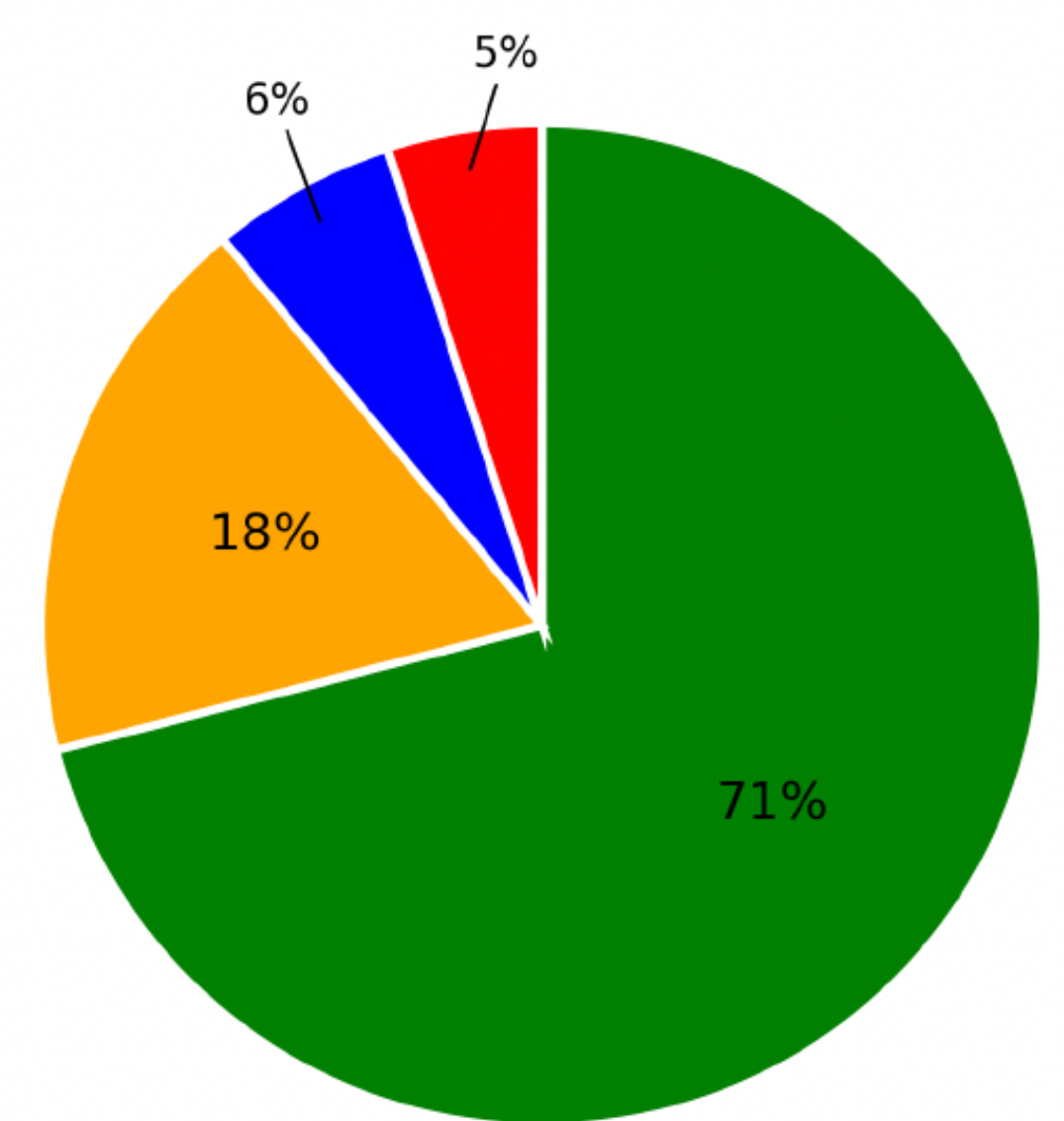
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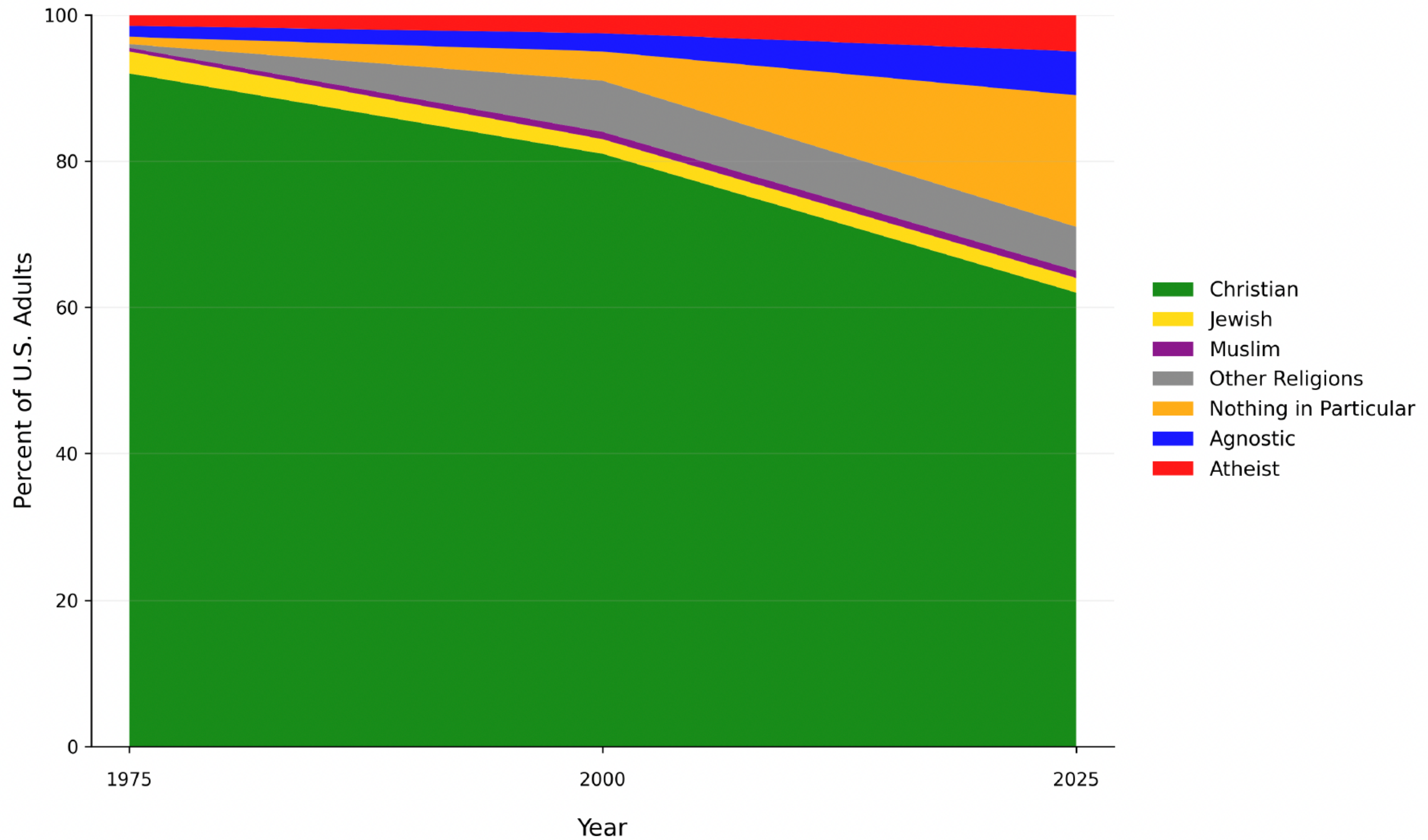


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■ Religiously Affiliated ■ Religiously Unaffiliated ■ Agnostic ■ Atheist

Religious Identification in the United States 1975-2025



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DEFINITIONS

Atheist: Does not believe in the existence of *a* god or *the* God; intentionally identifies as an Atheist.

Agnostic: Does not know whether *a* god or *the* God exists and may not be confident that the question can even be answered; intentionally identifies as an Agnostic.

Religiously Unaffiliated: Does believe in the existence of *a* god or *the* God and/or some sort of spiritual existence but does not identify with a particular religion, set of beliefs, or practices; intentionally identifies as Religiously Unaffiliated.

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Conversions in which people already believe in Jehovah

John & the Apostles (John 1)

The Samaritan Woman (John 4)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

The 3,000 at Pentecost (Acts 2)

The Samaritans (Acts 8:5-8)

The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

Saul/Paul (Acts 9)

Cornelius (Acts 10)

Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)

Conversions in which people are Agnostic and/or Religiously Unaffiliated and/or Otherwise Religiously Affiliated

The Greeks at the Areopagus (Acts 17:16-34)

The Philippian Jailer (Acts 16:32), etc...???

Conversions in which people are Atheists

??? (Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1)

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But...isn't the Bible full of examples of religiously uncommitted people being taught to commit to Jehovah?

Moses to the Israelites (Deuteronomy 29 & 30)

Joshua to the Israelites (Joshua 24)

Elijah to the Israelites (1 Kings 18:20-40)

Peter to the Jewish crowd at Pentecost (Acts 2)

Stephen to the Jews (Acts 6:8-15; Acts 7)

These are just a few...

People “on the inside” are often just living on the flipside of the same coin as the religiously uncommitted “on the outside.”

They just have a habit of coming to church, etc...

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For next week, please read:

Deuteronomy 29 & 30

Joshua 24

1 Kings 18:20-40

Acts 2; 6:8-15; 7; 17:16-34

Do you notice any patterns?

**Will you COMMIT some time to read these passages
this week and think & pray about these things?**

If not...why not?