



IMPLEMENTING
DEWEY 220-299
OPTIONAL
ARRANGEMENT

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BACKGROUND

- PLA 2024

Increase Religious Equity by Reclassifying Dewey 200's

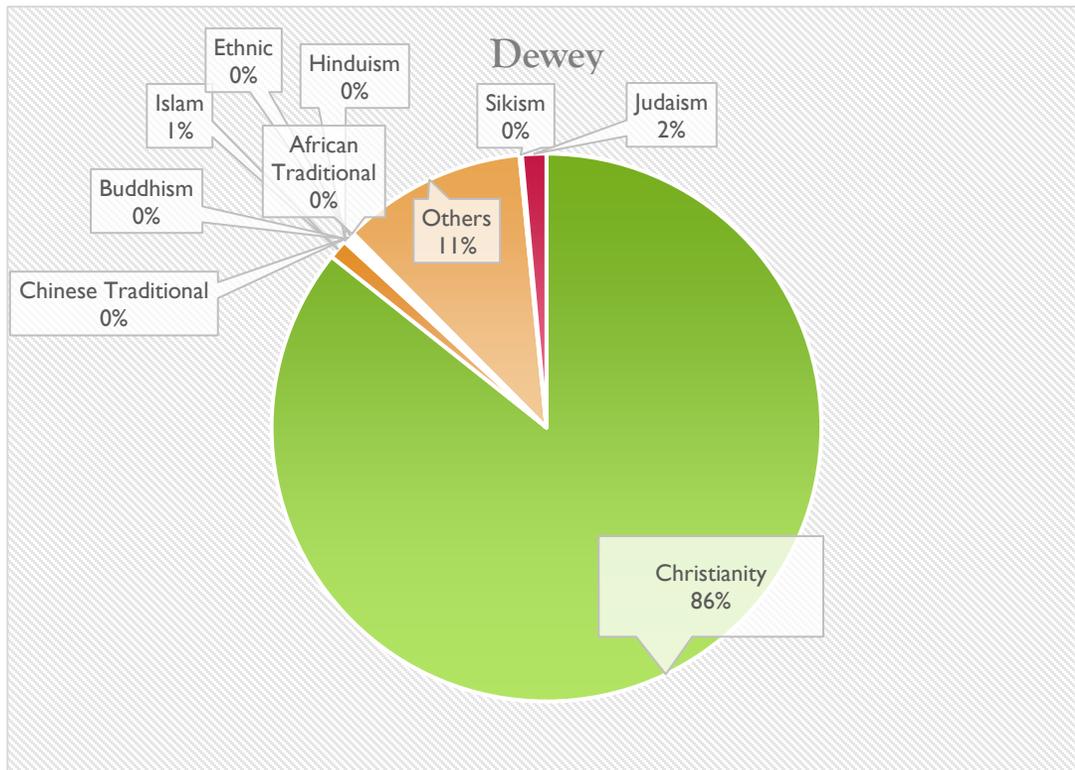
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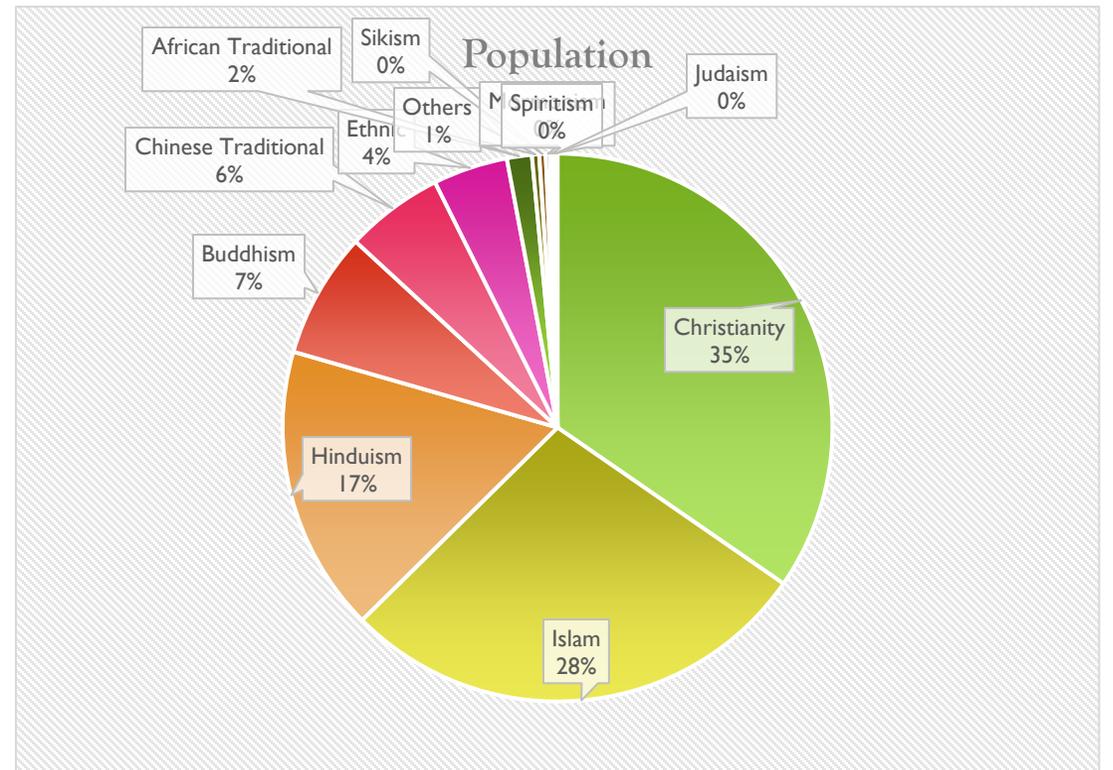
DEWEY 23 VS. REALITY

Dewey Representation



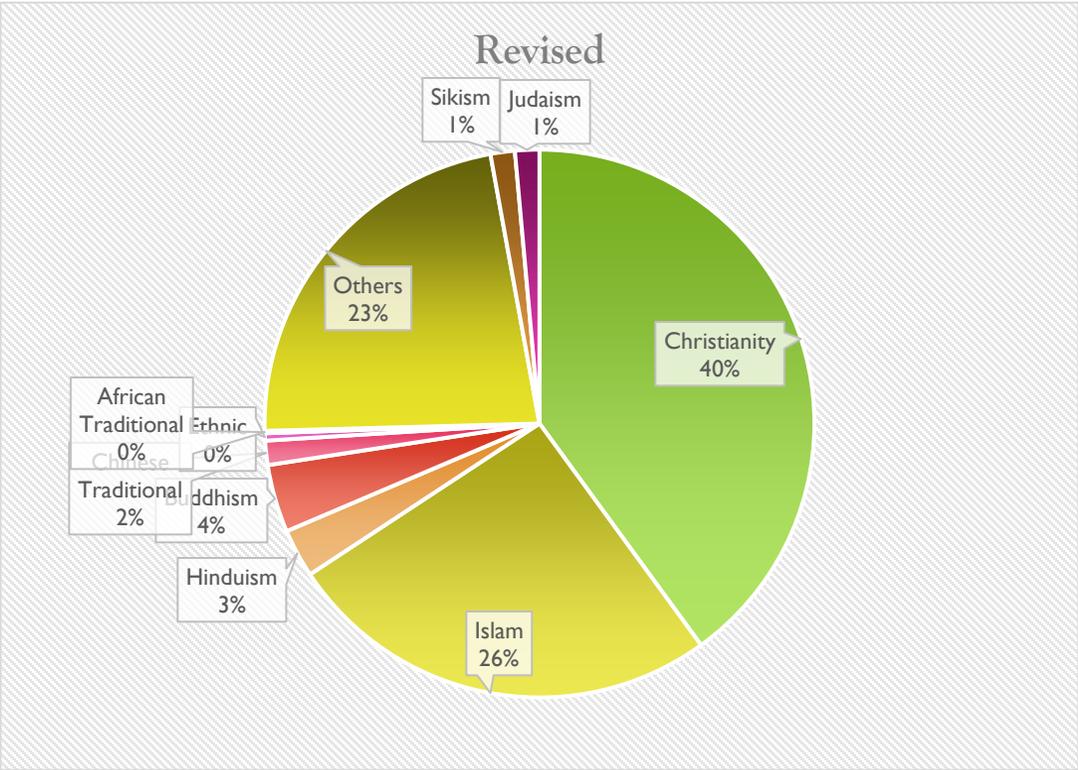
Actuality

Numbers of religious practitioners from the List of Religious Populations on Wikipedia

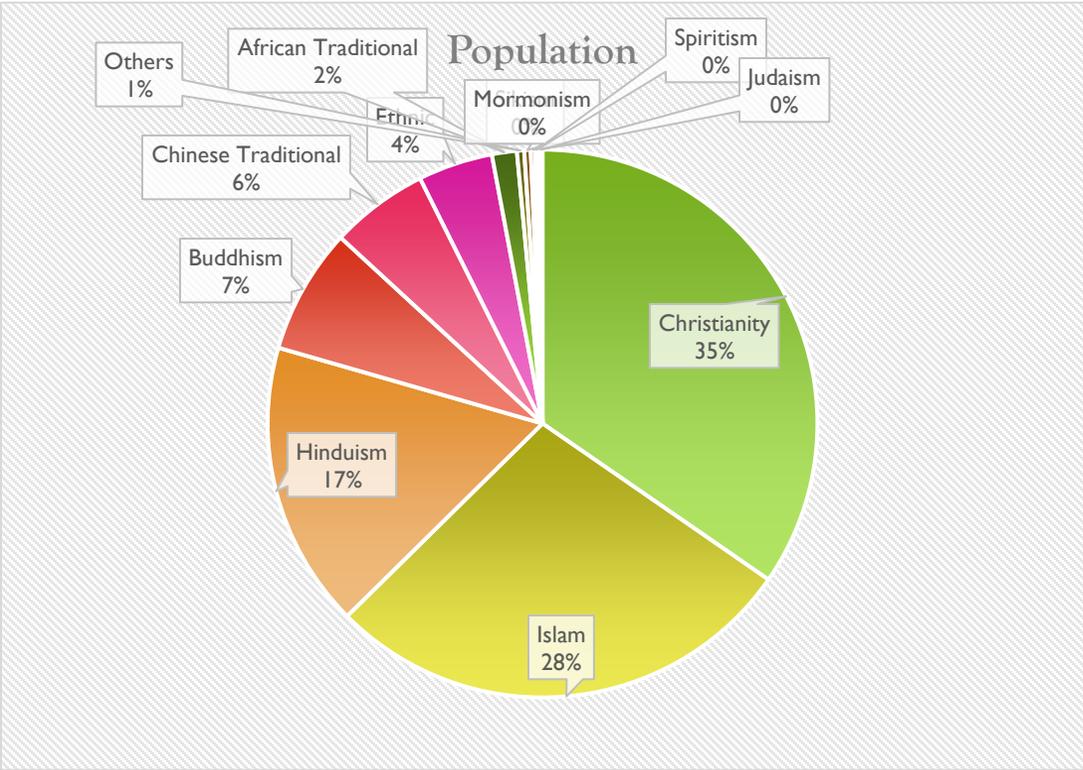


OPTIONAL SCHEME VS. REALITY

Dewey Optional 220-299



Actuality



OPTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OVERVIEW

- 220 – Religions of East & Southeast Asian Origin
 - 221-222 – China, Tibet, Japan, Korea, Burma
 - 223-229 – India
- 230-238 – Religions of Antiquity
- 239 – Africa, Americas, Oceania
- 240 – Bible (formerly 220)
- 251 – Judaism
- 252-279 – Christianity
- 281-298 – Islam
- 299 – Bahai, Modern Spiritual Movements

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- Got buy-in from managers, selectors and tech services.
- Selectors weeded collections before doing the project
- Developed tools to make process easier for tech services
 - Automated call number updating
 - List of call number changes
 - Mail merge to create updated labels

APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTIONS BEFORE & AFTER CONVERSION

Before

- 220 – 78 items
- 230 – 60 items
- 240 – 160 items
- 250 – 2 items
- 260 – 37 items
- 270 – 48 items
- 280 – 35 items
- 290 – 186 items

After

- 220 – 63 items
- 230 – 34 items
- 240 – 78 items
- 250 – 101 items
- 260 – 161 items
- 270 – 120 items
- 280 – 22 items
- 290 – 22 items

TOOLS FOR YOU

- Website for generating DDC 220-299 optional numbers from existing numbers:
<https://s.wnpld.org/d200>
 - Also on that page:
 - Handout describing how to use the conversion form
 - Action plan and DDC crosswalk Excel file from Lawrence Public Library
 - OCLC's PDF on the 220-299 optional schedule

