

Why Muslims Become Christians

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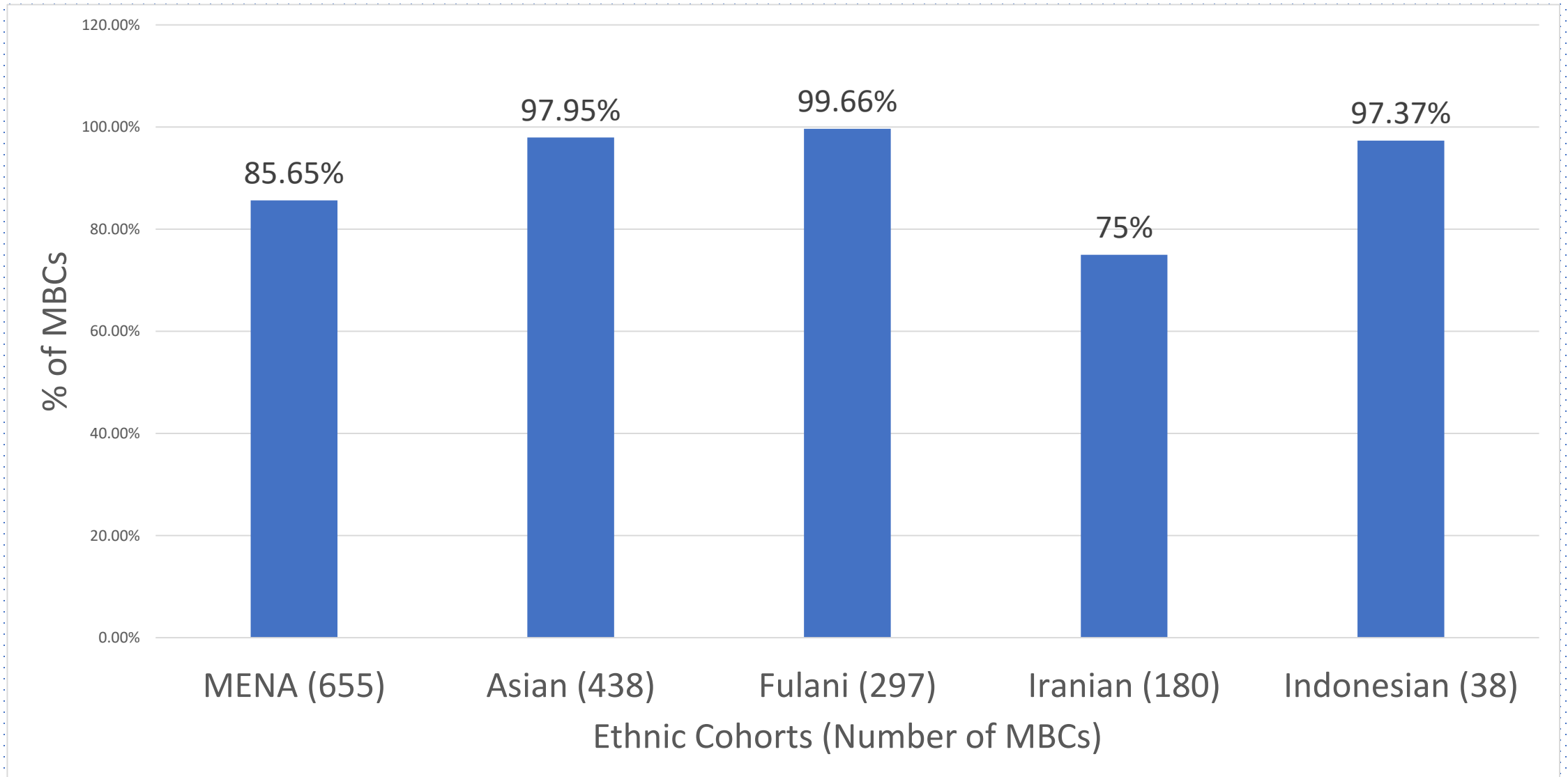
Conversion to Christianity is a Risk to Life

- 30 Million Muslims have come to Christ in 40 years.
- Iranian underground church at least 2 million.
- The penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity :
 1. A death sentence : apostasy.
 2. A death sentence: Shirk.

Punishment for conversion

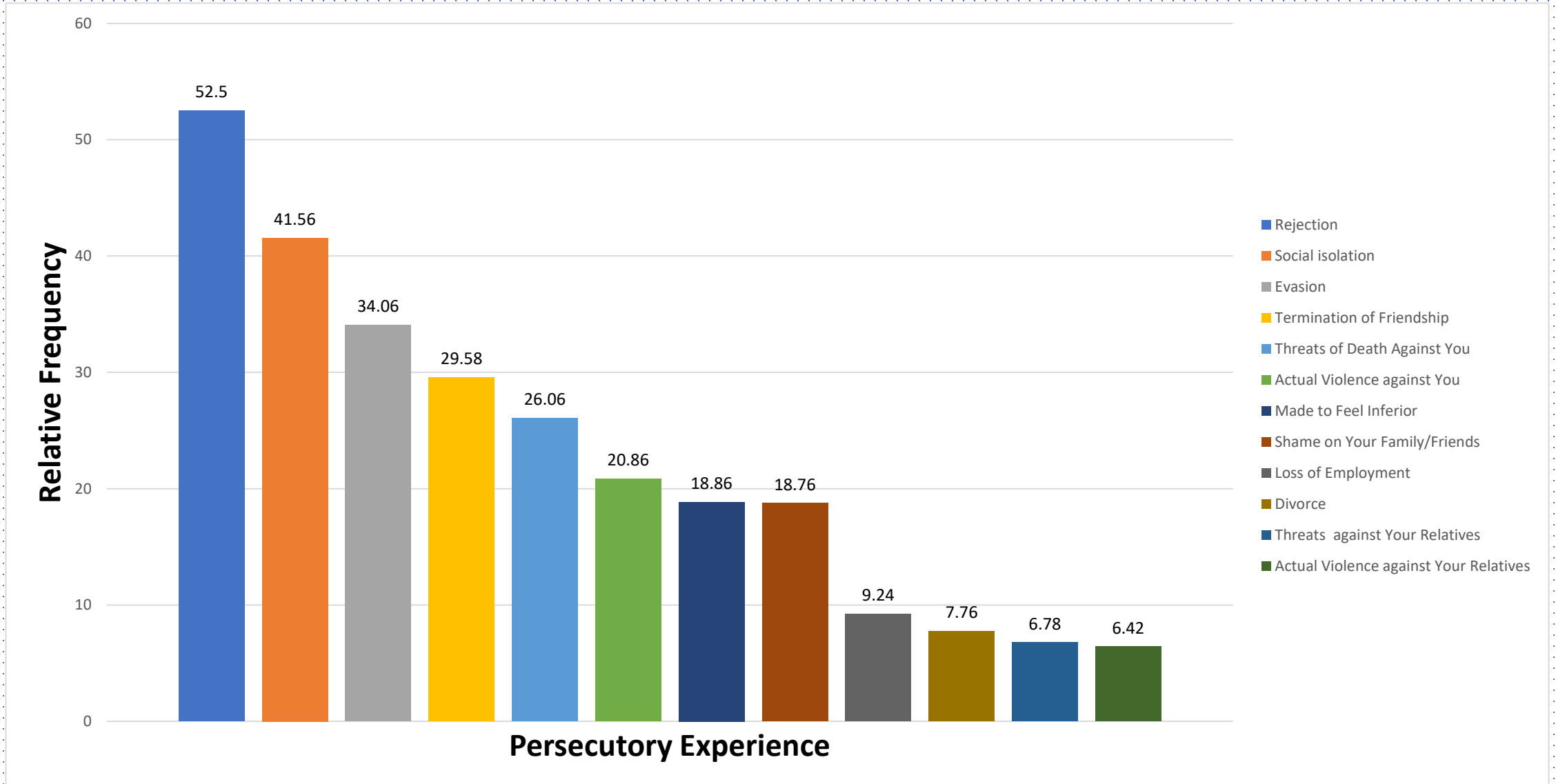
1. A death sentence for abandoning Islam: **apostasy**.
2. A death sentence for becoming an associator, **(Mushrik)** someone who associates other gods with Allah. Muslims accuse Christians, believers in the Holy Trinity, of worshipping three Gods.

Relative Frequencies of MBCs Experiencing Persecution



Numbers and Percentages of MBCs Who Reported Persecutory Experiences					
	MENA (655)	Asian (438)	Fulani (297)	Iranian (180)	Indonesian (38)
Numbers	561	429	296	135	37
%	85.65%	97.95%	99.66%	75%	97.37%

Relative Frequencies of Persecutory Experiences reported by 1594 MBCs

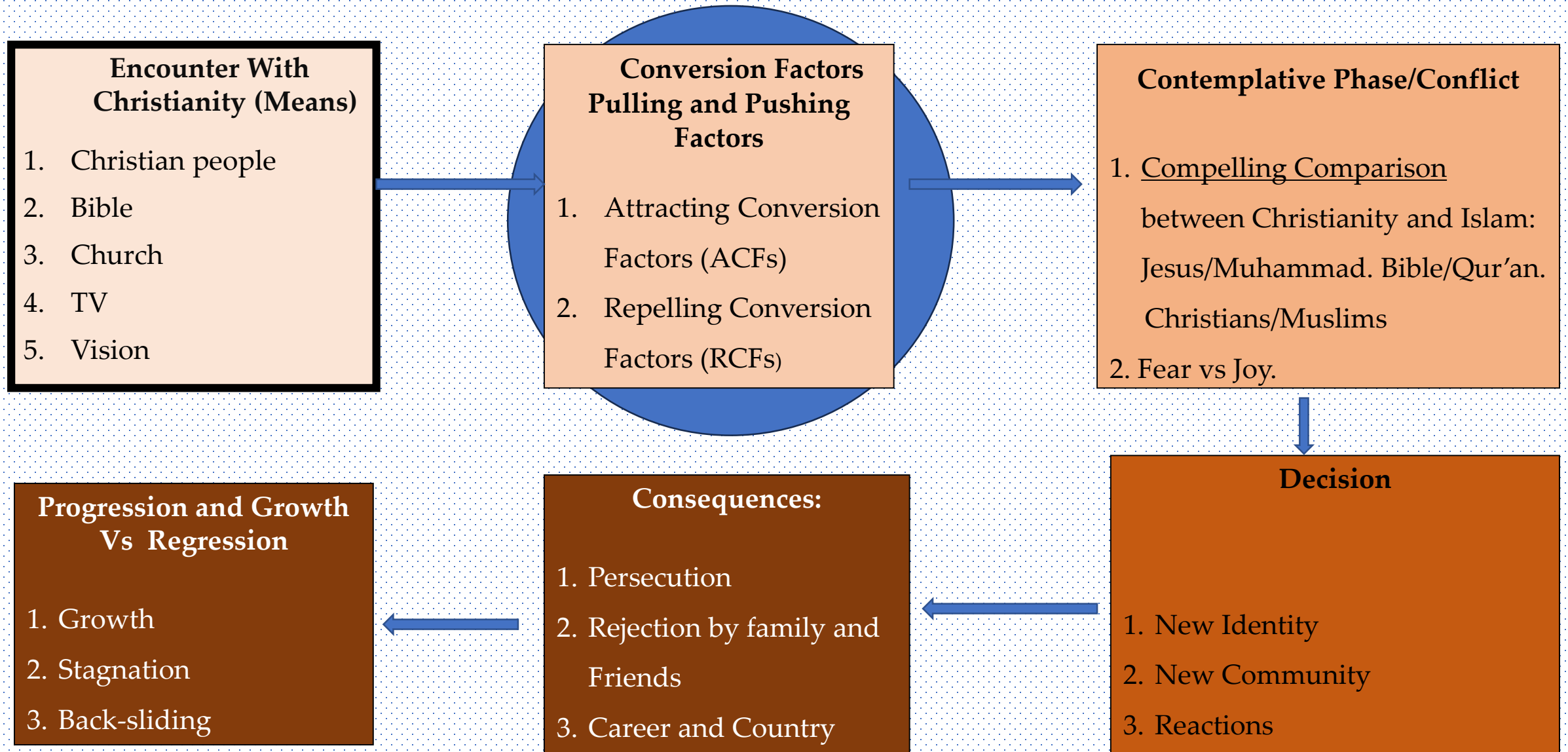


Rephrase the Question

Why on Earth Would Muslims
Want to Become Christian?

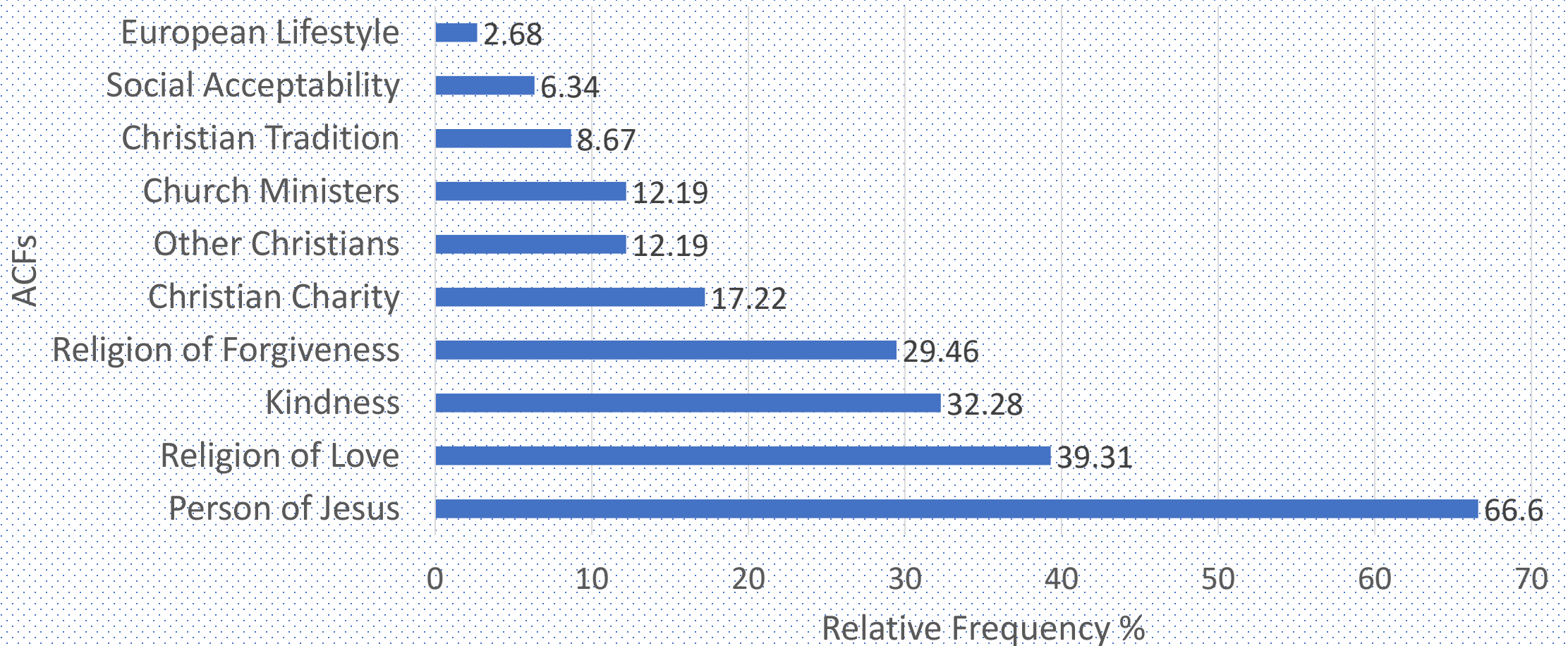


CONTEXT: Conversion Journey



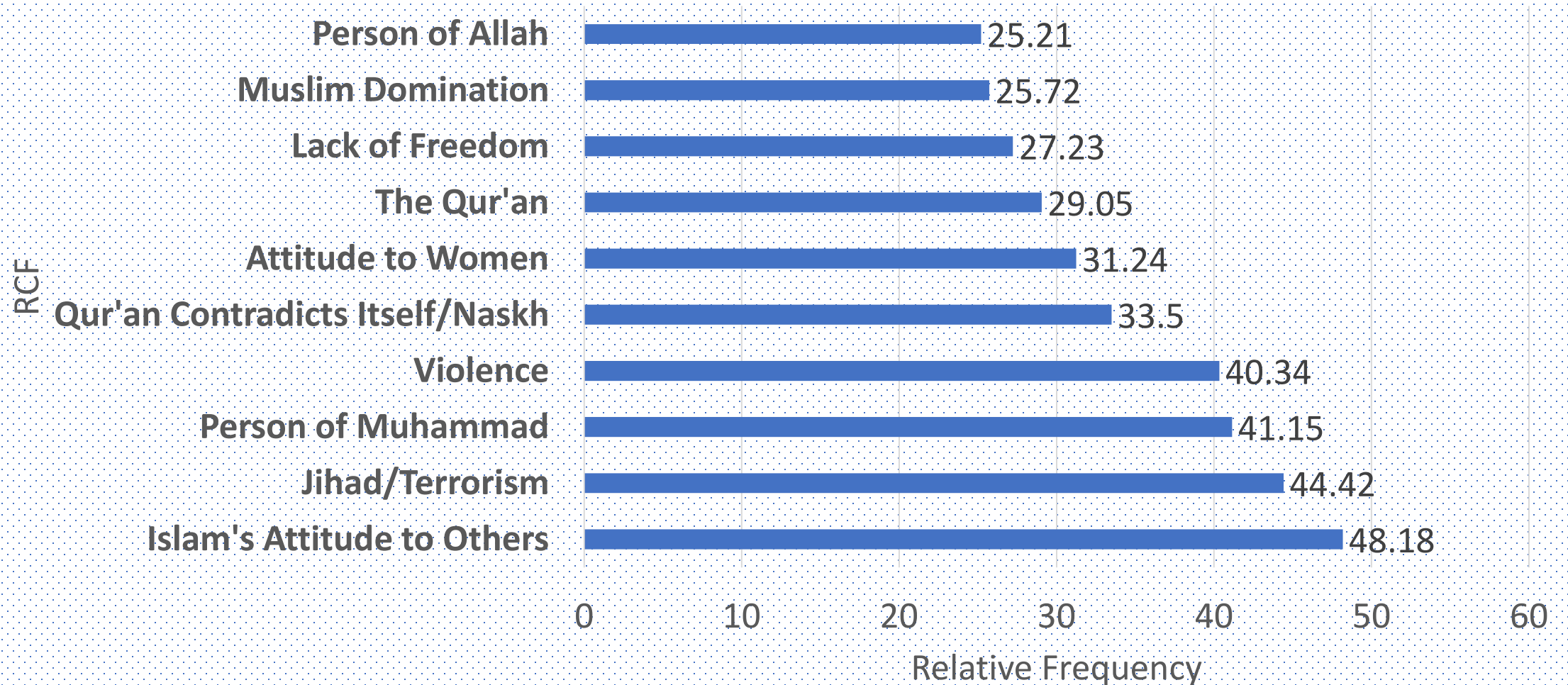
Attracting Conversion Factors

Relative Frequency of ACFs Reported by 1594 MBCs



Repelling Conversion Factors

Ranking of Top Ten RCFs by % of Total Absolute Scores



It should be noted that the most frequently mentioned RCF by MBCs was how Islam treats non-Muslims

*“O believers! Indeed, the Mushrikun (polytheists, Christian believers in the Holy Trinity) are **najasun**, (Filth), so they should not approach the Sacred Mosque after this year” (Qur’an 9:28)*

Asia Bibi, Pakistan:

“Asia Bibi blasphemy case: Husband pleads for asylum”, *BBC News*, 3 November 2018.

Memphis Barker, “Asia Bibi: Pakistan court overturns blasphemy death sentence”, *The Guardian*, 31 Oct 2018.

Jihad/Terrorism

- *“Whosoever’s feet were covered with the dust in the path of Jihaad, the fire of Hell will not touch him.”* Saheeh Bukhari, Vol.1, p394
- Muslim scholars teach that *“only the sword wipes away sin”*. (Ibn Al-Mubarak, *Kitab al-Jihad*, (Beirut: Dar al-Nur, 1971))
- Abdallah Ibn Masud, one of the main transmitters of Muhammad’s Qur’an and the hadith, once said: *“I asked Allah’s Messenger which deed was the best. He replied: “Prayer at its appointed hour.” I said: “Then what?” He replied: “Kindness to the parents.” I said: “Then what?” He replied: “Jihad in the cause of Allah.” And I would have not ceased asking more questions but out of regard.”* (Sahih Muslim 1:151)
- Dying during Jihad guarantees a Jihadi a place in paradise, besides the Ten Promised Ones.
 - Allah's Apostle said, "Allah guarantees him who strives in His Cause and whose motivation for going out is nothing but Jihad in His Cause and belief in His Word, that He will admit him into Paradise (if martyred) or bring him back to his dwelling place, whence he has come out, with what he gains of reward and booty." (Sahih Bukhari, 4:53:352.)
 - "The Prophet said, 'The person who participates in (Holy battles) in Allah's cause . . . and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and His Apostles, will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr)'." Sahih al-Bukhari, 1:2:35.

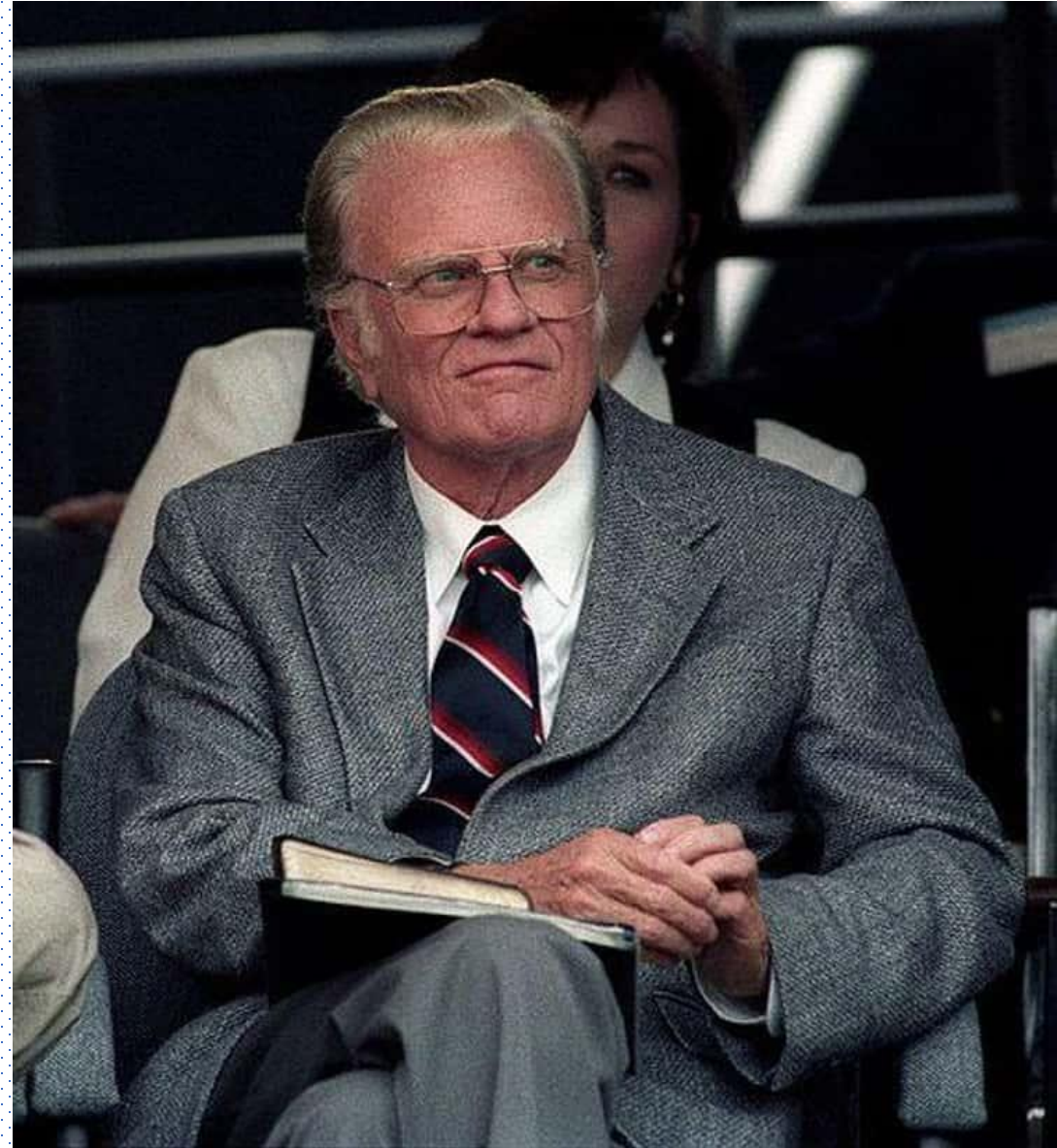
Person of Muhammad

The third most repelling aspect of Islam reported by MBCs

- Intolerant of criticism
- Womaniser
- Curses and mocks critics
- Takes revenge
- Kills those he fears
- Inconsistent
- Uses “revelation” to validate his evil deeds

So What?

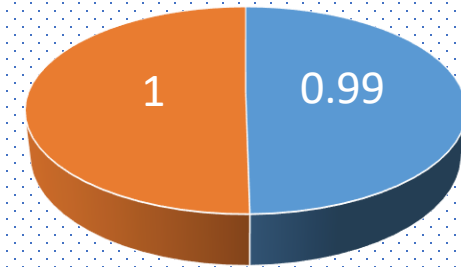
- Knowledge for the sake of knowledge!
- Knowledge can equip
- More effective evangelism
- The Voice of Experts (MBCs)
- Let's apply findings
- How do we become more effective witnesses to Muslims?



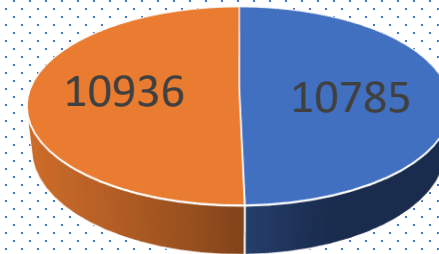
Apologetics (ACF) Vs Polemics (RCF)

Cohort	Total score ACFs	Total Score ACF Adjusted	Total Score RCFs	ACF:RCF Ratio
MENA	2150	5590	6835	
Asian	873	2269	1201	
Fulani	583	1515	581	
Iranian	481	1250	2191	
Indonesian	62	161	128	
Total score	4149	10785	10936	0.99:1
Mean	829.8	2157	2187	0.99:1

The Ratio Between ACFs and RCFs
Using mean Score



■ AACF ■ RCFs



■ Total Score ACF Adjusted
■ Total Score RCFs

Evangelistic Styles

- > apologetic/ Polemic
- Paul used many styles

Paul's Evangelistic Styles Book of Acts	
Kerygmatic: and the preaching to Gentiles	26:22-23
Testimonial, Paul, instead of defending himself, simply shares his powerful conversion story.	Acts 26
Roots Evangelism Paul preaching to the Jews in Antioch	13:23
Contextual: Paul's at Mars Hill, related his sermon to their context "the unknown God",	17:22-31
Confrontational/polemic; you worship in ignorance	17: 23 +30
Scripture-referencing, fulfilment of Scripture	13:27-31, 17:11-12, 18:5
Worship based evangelism, Paul and Silas praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them	16:25
Prophetic/warner Style	13:40-41
Provocative: Ephesus Artemis	Acts 19
Argumental Style	19:8-10, 18:17, 18:19, 26
Debating Style	Acts 9
Power of the Word of God	18:28
Sugcheotic Style (Confounding)	9:22
Apologetic: Paul before Felix and Agrippa	24:10, 25:8
The Caritas Style: Paul the carer after the shipwreck.	27:20-38

Which Style is Best

- Listen to the Holy Spirit
- Listen to the Muslim Seeker
- Engage with them
- Answer their questions (apologetic)
- If they are extolling the virtues of the Qur'an or Muhammad, use the Polemic.
- **Ask questions** rather than make criticisms.
 - Is it true that....? (Hell is full of women)
 - What do you make of....? (Muhammad killing the whole tribe of Qurayza)
 - Can you please explain to me what Naskh is?
 - How do you feel about the torment of the grave?
- Share the Christian alternative.
- The Compelling Comparative Questioning Style.