

## Glaube und Gesundheit - Eine Feld mit zwei Richtungen

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- Glaube versetzt Berge
- Berge versetzen Glaube
- Perspektive



Glaube versetzt Berge



Berge versetzen Glaube

## Anti-Religiöser Bias im Gesundheitswesen und in der Psychologie

- Im Gesundheitswesen, wegen den alten “Krieg” zwischen Glaube und Wissen
- In der Psychologie, wegen den Wunsch nach Wissenschaftlichkeit - und wegen Freud

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## Anti-Religiöser Bias im Gesundheitswesen und in der Psychologie

Religiöser Glaube:

...universelle Zwangsneurose...

...infantile Hilfslosigkeit...

...Regression primären Narzissmus...

## Resultate

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Bias wird heute jedoch durch ungedeckte  
Patientenbedürfnisse getrumpft.

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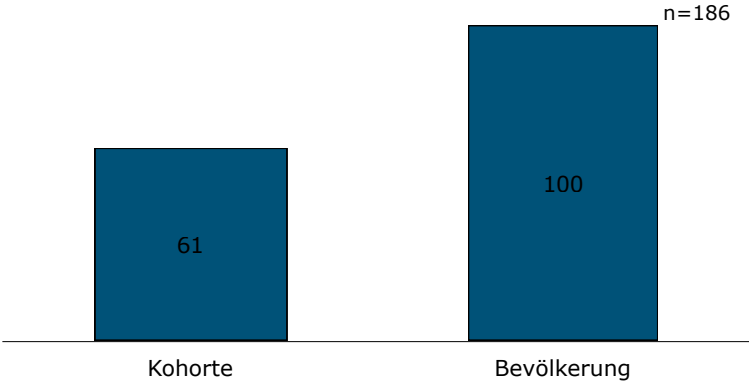
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Table 2 Standardized mortality ratios for Danish Seventh-day Adventists and Baptists, Denmark, 1943–2007

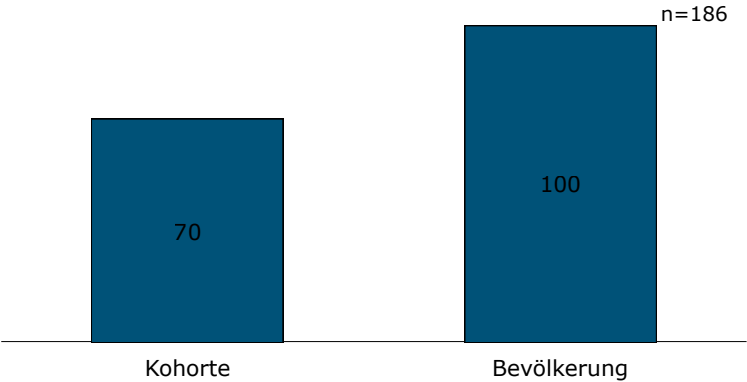
| Sex    | Cause of death                             | Seventh-day Adventists |        |              | Baptists |        |              | Total |        |              |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------------|----------|--------|--------------|-------|--------|--------------|
|        |                                            | Obs                    | Exp    | SMR (95% CI) | Obs      | Exp    | SMR (95% CI) | Obs   | Exp    | SMR (95% CI) |
| Male   | All causes                                 | 1590                   | 2015.5 | 79 (75–83)   | 625      | 894.4  | 70 (65–76)   | 2215  | 2909.9 | 76 (73–79)   |
|        | Lifestyle-related deaths                   |                        |        |              |          |        |              |       |        |              |
|        | Liver cirrhosis                            | 7                      | 20.5   | 34 (14–71)   | 3        | 12.3   | 24 (5–71)    | 10    | 32.8   | 31 (15–56)   |
|        | COLD                                       | 23                     | 79.1   | 29 (18–44)   | 15       | 39.1   | 38 (22–63)   | 38    | 118.2  | 32 (23–44)   |
|        | Diabetes                                   | 18                     | 28.7   | 63 (37–99)   | 12       | 14.4   | 84 (43–146)  | 30    | 43.1   | 70 (47–99)   |
|        | Heart disease                              | 597                    | 808.7  | 74 (68–80)   | 236      | 326.8  | 72 (63–82)   | 833   | 1135.5 | 73 (69–79)   |
|        | Ischaemic heart disease <sup>a</sup>       | 421                    | 557.1  | 76 (69–83)   | 171      | 232.9  | 73 (63–85)   | 592   | 790.1  | 75 (69–81)   |
|        | Cancer                                     | 304                    | 494.8  | 61 (55–69)   | 152      | 234.9  | 65 (55–76)   | 456   | 729.7  | 63 (57–69)   |
|        | Lung cancer                                | 33                     | 119.5  | 28 (19–39)   | 28       | 62.8   | 45 (30–65)   | 61    | 182.3  | 34 (26–43)   |
|        | Breast cancer                              | 0                      | 0.7    | 0 (–)        | 0        | 0.3    | 0 (–)        | 0     | 1.0    | 0 (–)        |
|        | Colon cancer                               | 41                     | 43.3   | 95 (68–129)  | 20       | 19.6   | 102 (62–157) | 61    | 62.9   | 97 (74–125)  |
|        | Rectum cancer                              | 14                     | 31.5   | 44 (24–75)   | 9        | 13.3   | 68 (31–129)  | 23    | 44.8   | 51 (33–77)   |
|        | Behaviour-related deaths                   |                        |        |              |          |        |              |       |        |              |
|        | Alcoholism                                 | 4                      | 7.2    | 56 (15–143)  | 2        | 5.1    | 40 (5–143)   | 6     | 12.2   | 49 (18–107)  |
|        | Traffic accidents                          | 0                      | 25.1   | 0 (–)        | 1        | 13.7   | 7 (0–41)     | 1     | 38.9   | 3 (0–14)     |
|        | Suicide                                    | 4                      | 40.7   | 10 (3–25)    | 1        | 23.5   | 4 (0–24)     | 5     | 64.2   | 8 (3–18)     |
|        | Deaths unrelated to lifestyle or behaviour |                        |        |              |          |        |              |       |        |              |
|        | Multiple sclerosis <sup>a</sup>            | 3                      | 2.4    | 123 (25–358) | 2        | 1.5    | 137 (17–494) | 5     | 3.9    | 128 (42–299) |
|        | Parkinson's disease <sup>b</sup>           | 9                      | 6.7    | 133 (61–253) | 6        | 3.1    | 196 (72–427) | 15    | 9.8    | 153 (86–252) |
| Female | All causes                                 | 3173                   | 3533.6 | 90 (87–93)   | 860      | 1116.7 | 77 (72–82)   | 4033  | 4650.2 | 87 (84–89)   |
|        | Lifestyle-related deaths                   |                        |        |              |          |        |              |       |        |              |
|        | Liver cirrhosis                            | 17                     | 26.4   | 64 (38–103)  | 8        | 10.2   | 78 (34–154)  | 25    | 36.6   | 68 (44–101)  |
|        | COLD                                       | 44                     | 82.1   | 54 (39–72)   | 11       | 36.3   | 30 (15–54)   | 55    | 118.4  | 47 (35–61)   |
|        | Diabetes                                   | 59                     | 59.0   | 100 (76–129) | 9        | 19.8   | 46 (21–87)   | 68    | 78.8   | 86 (67–109)  |
|        | Heart disease                              | 1099                   | 1395.9 | 79 (74–84)   | 301      | 376.5  | 80 (71–90)   | 1400  | 1772.4 | 79 (75–83)   |
|        | Ischaemic heart disease <sup>a</sup>       | 669                    | 857.7  | 78 (72–84)   | 196      | 236.4  | 83 (72–95)   | 865   | 1094.1 | 79 (74–85)   |
|        | Cancer                                     | 622                    | 808.4  | 77 (71–83)   | 197      | 298.2  | 66 (57–76)   | 819   | 1106.6 | 74 (69–79)   |
|        |                                            |                        |        |              |          |        |              |       |        |              |

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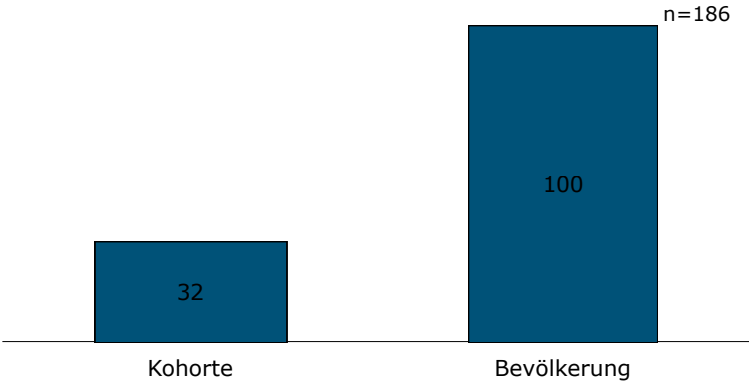
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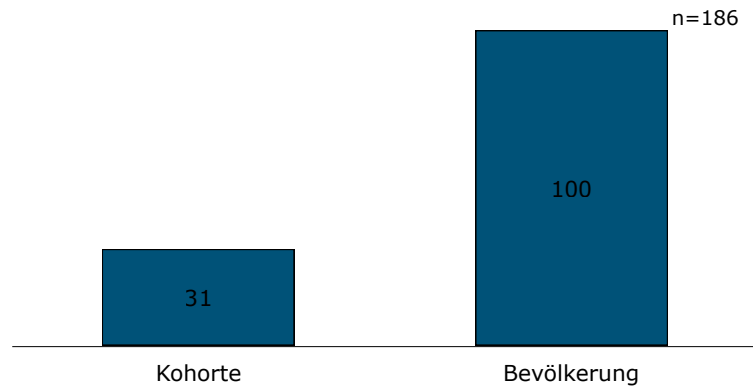
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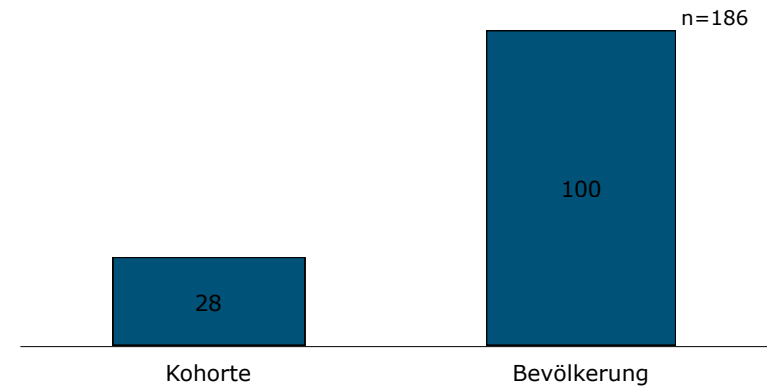
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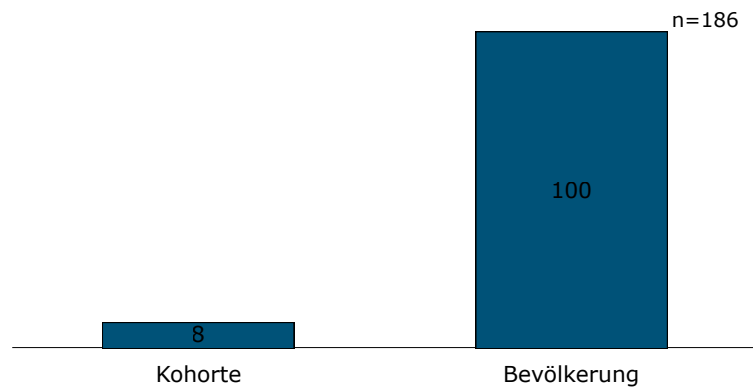
### Chronisch obstruktive Lungenerkrankung



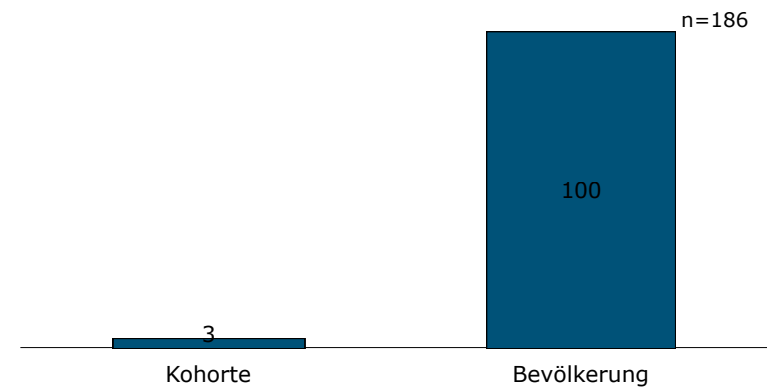
### Lungenkrebs



### Suizid



### Autounfälle





# Mögliche Ursachen

1. Lebensstil
2. Sexualität
3. Soziale Gemeinschaft
4. Psychologische Faktoren (Glaube, Hoffnung, Liebe, Sinn)
5. Gebet, Meditation, Kirchengang, Mindfulness
6. Shabbat
7. Faktor X

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Berge versetzen Glaube

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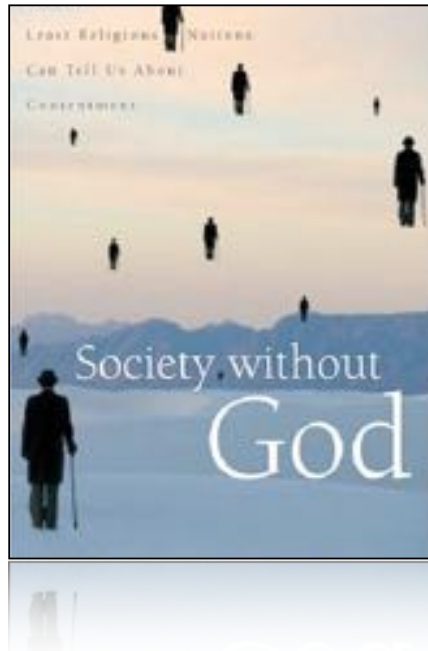
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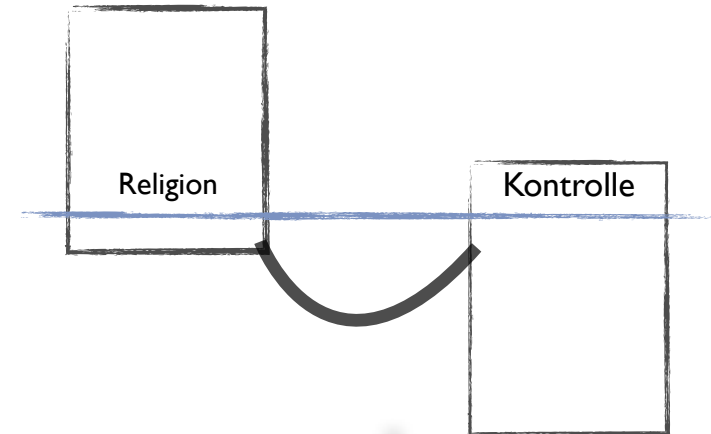


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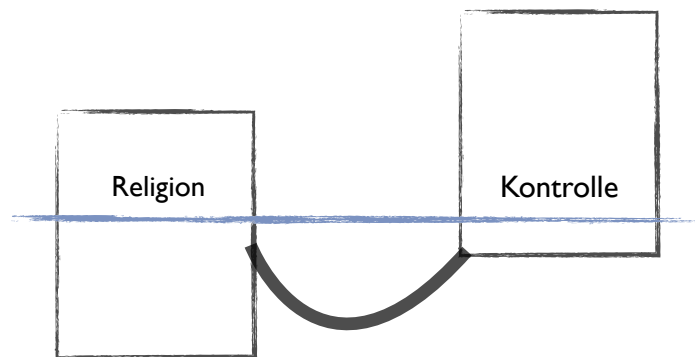


## Kontrolle und Religion



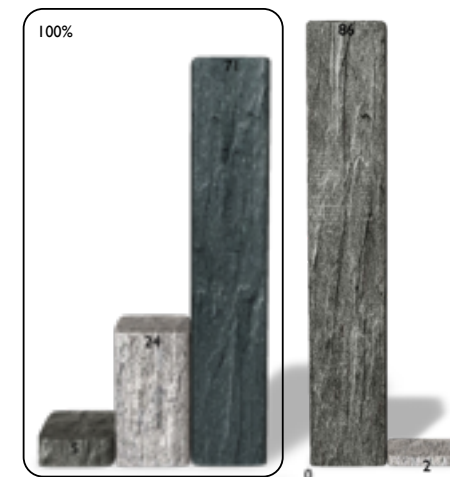
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## Kontrolle und Religion



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## Anonymer Glaube in Dänemark



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Caspar David Friedrich, 1811



## Religion und Krankheitsrisiko in einer säkularen Population

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ORIGINAL PAPER

## Faith Moves Mountains—Mountains Move Faith: Two Opposite Epidemiological Forces in Research on Religion and Health

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**Abstract** Research suggests opposite epidemiological forces in religion and health: (1). Faith seems to move mountains in the sense that religion is associated with positive health outcomes. (2). Mountains of bad health seem to move faith. We reflected on these forces in a population of 3000 young Danish twins in which all religiosity measures were associated with severe disease. We believe the reason for this novel finding is that the sample presents as a particularly secular population-based study and that the second epidemiological force has gained the upper hand in this sample. We suggest that all cross-sectional research on religion and health should be interpreted in light of such opposite epidemiological forces potentially diluting each other.

**Keywords** Spirituality and health · Religious coping · Religious seeking · Religious struggle · Meaning-making



# Die neuen Befunde!

Korrelation zwischen folgenden Variablen:

- Regelmäßiger Medizinverbrauch und Bedeutung Gottes  $P=0.011$
- Selbstevaluierte Gesundheit und Glaube  $P=0.022$
- Selbstevaluierte Gesundheit und Praxis  $P=0.043$
- Selbstevaluierte Gesundheit und Bedeutung Gottes  $P<0.001$
- Schwere Krankheit und negat. rel. Coping  $P=0.005$
- Regelmäßiger Medizinverbrauch und negat. rel. Coping  $P=0.043$

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**Table 1** Percentages of people in Denmark, Great Britain and the USA answering Yes to questions on religiousness in the dimensions; Cognition, Practice and Importance, doing and being

| Answering yes, percentages<br>(Excluding "don't know")                                        | Dimension of<br>religiosity | DK<br>Twins <sup>a</sup> | DK <sup>b</sup> | Great<br>Britain  | USA <sup>c</sup>   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Do you believe in God?                                                                        | Cognition                   | 41 %                     | 64 %            | 68 % <sup>b</sup> | 89 %               |
| Do you believe in life after death?                                                           | Cognition                   | 42 %                     | 36 %            | 55 % <sup>b</sup> | 72 % <sup>*</sup>  |
| Do you pray once a week or more?                                                              | Practice                    | 11 %                     | 17 %            | 29 % <sup>b</sup> | 66 %               |
| Do you attend Church once a month or more?                                                    | Practice                    | 6 %                      | 10 %            | 23 % <sup>c</sup> | 44 %               |
| Do you find comfort in religion?                                                              | Importance                  | 26 %                     | 35 %            | 42 % <sup>b</sup> | 69 % <sup>**</sup> |
| Is God important in your life? Answering on a Likert<br>scale from 0 to 10, dichotomized at 5 | Importance                  | 19 %                     | 27 %            | 50 % <sup>c</sup> | 79 %               |

<sup>a</sup> From the present study

<sup>b</sup> From The European Values Study 2008

<sup>c</sup> From The World Values Survey 2010–2014

<sup>\*</sup> "Do you believe in hell?"

<sup>\*\*</sup> "Do you find religion important?"

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**Table 3** Associations between measures of health and religious items in relative risks, crude and adjusted for gender, educational level and age, clustered

## Opposite Forces in an Epidemiology of

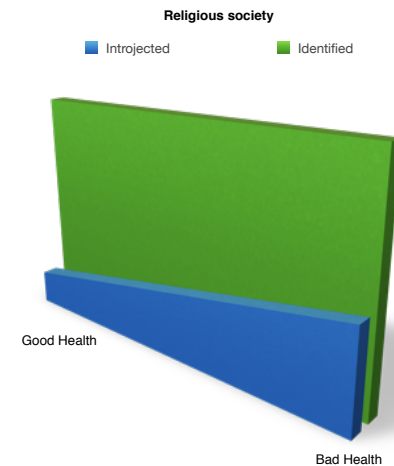
Religious society

Crisis religiosity, Restful religiosity

Poor Health

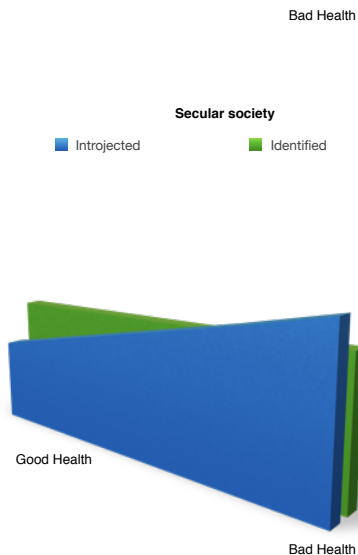
Good Health

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**Secular society**

Legend: Introjected (blue), Identified (green)



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## Konklusion + Diskussion

1. Umfangreiche Forschung zeigt, dass Religion mit positiver Gesundheit verbunden ist
2. Gleichzeitig zeigt die Forschung, dass Krankheit Religion intensiviert, besonders in säkularen Gesellschaften
3. Bilden diese beiden Tendenzen die wir jetzt in zwei sehr unterschiedliche Kohorten gesehen haben zwei gegensätzliche epidemiologische Vektoren in allen Querschnittstudien im Bereich von Glaube und Gesundheit aus?
4. Sind es zwei Formen oder zwei Aspekte von Glaube?!

## Diskussion Theorie: Zwei Glaubensformen?

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