



Correlation Between Personality Traits and Religious Choice

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Abstract

Objective: This study seeks to reveal a deeper understanding of the connection between personality traits and religious choice.

Methods: The experiment required each participant to take The Typefinder® Personality Test, as well as a survey pertaining to their religious beliefs and practices.

Results: The outcomes offer conclusive results, finding a positive correlation between personality traits, such as introversion and extraversion, and religious choice.

Objectives

- Explore how introverted vs. extraverted personality traits affect religious choice
- Explore how perceiving vs. judging personality traits affect religious choice

Limitations

- Sample size
- Religious diversity

Conclusions

- Individuals with extraverted and judging personalities tend to be Christian
- Individuals with introverted and perceiving personalities tend to be Atheist/Agnostic

Implications

Extraverts are more inclined to partake in social fellowship; judges look to religion for structure

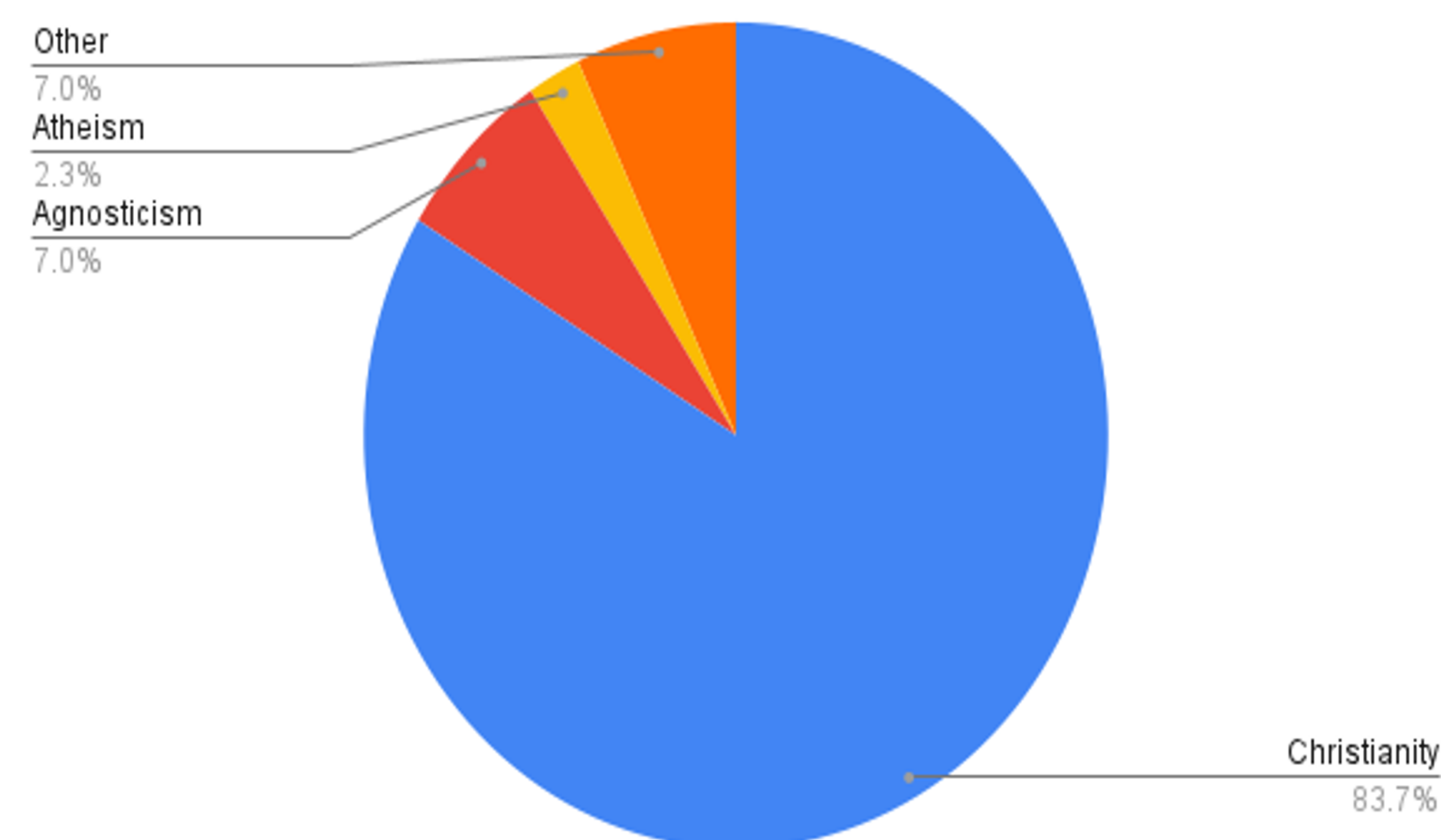
Methods

- The Typefinder® Personality Test
- A self-made religious survey

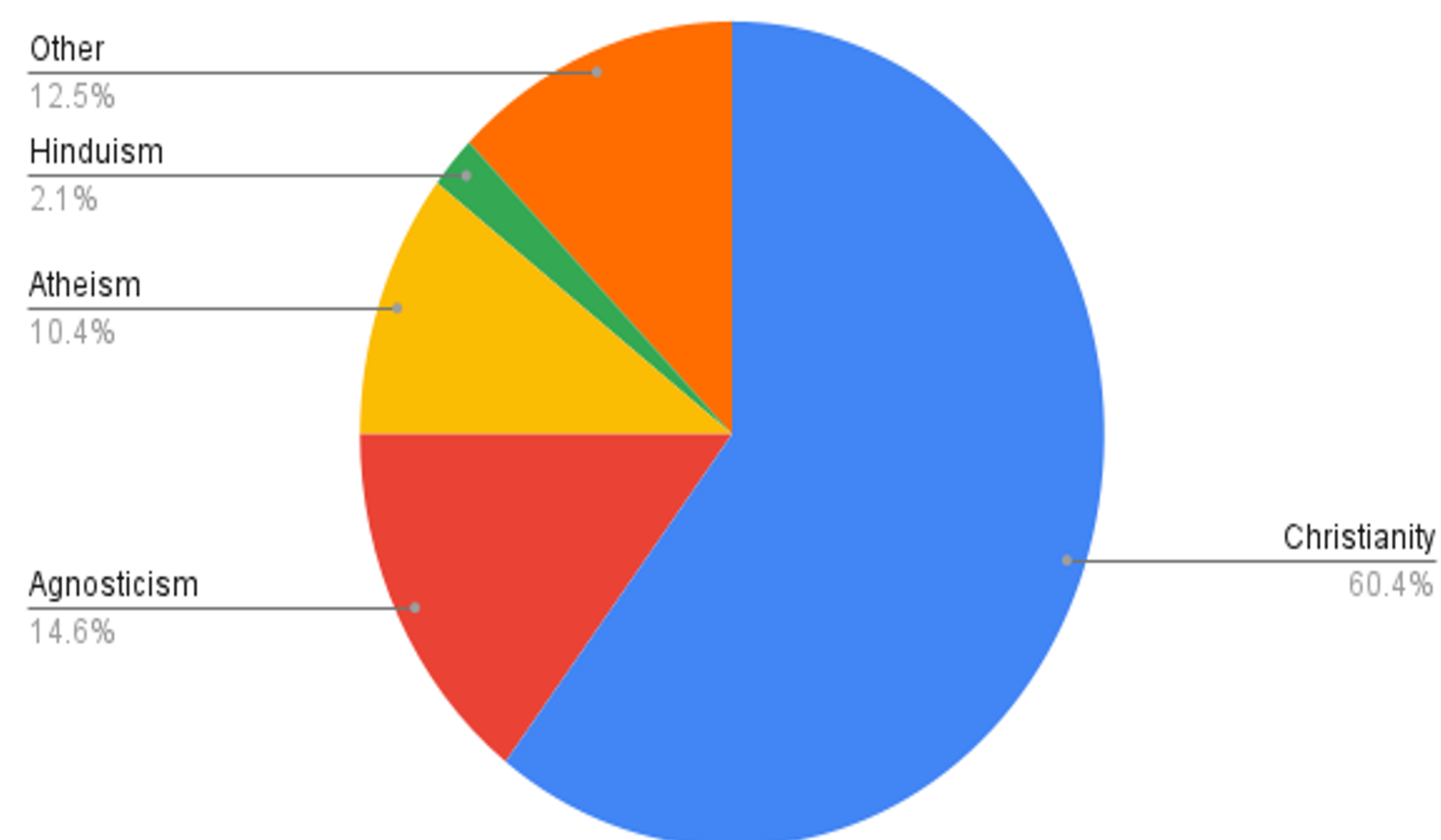
Results

The largest difference in religious choice between specific personality traits was found when comparing extraversion and introversion, especially when taking into account the fact that 71.4% of all participants were Christian. When comparing judging and perceiving traits, the same trend was found, but to a lesser extent.

Religious Distribution for Extraverts

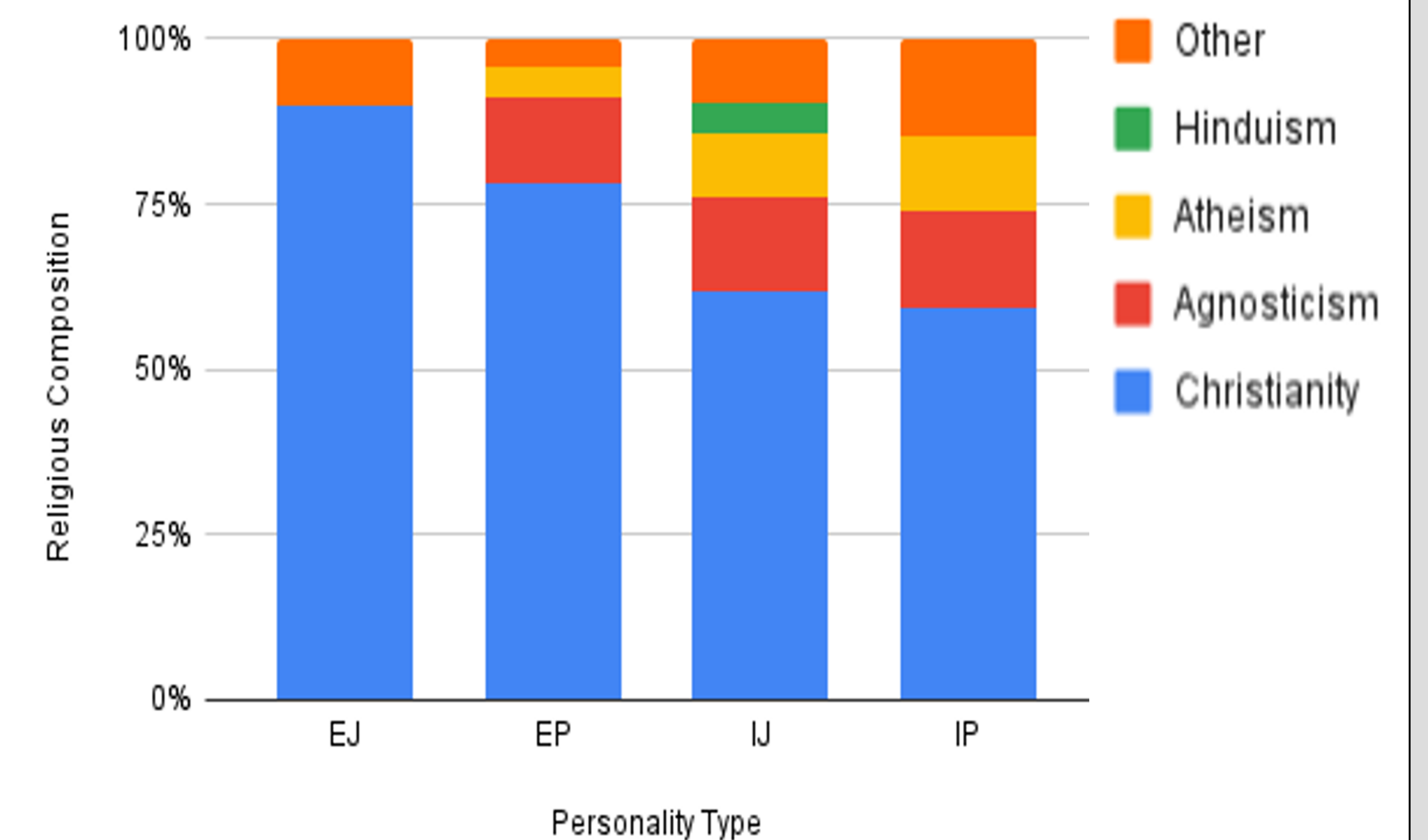


Religious Distribution for Introverts



Below is a graph of the distribution of religious affiliated between each personality type measured. Extraverted judges (EJs) were majority Christian, whereas introverted perceivers (IPs) had the largest number of Atheists, Agnostics, and other religions.

Religion Percentages for Each Personality Type



Additional Information

- Subjects were all in high school (ages 14-18)
- The only personality traits measured in this study were extraversion, introversion, judging, and perceiving
- The majority of participants were Christian; there were zero Muslims and one Hindu.
- Male vs. female differences were miniscule
- Differences in class difficulty were miniscule
- The same trend was found for religiosity (EJs were more religious; IPs were less religious)