

# VOICES

DATA FROM AN EXPANSIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

STRUCTURED DATA REPOSITORY AND METADATA SCHEMA TO HIGHLIGHT GLOBAL, DIVERSE, ECUMENICAL, AND PROGRESSIVE CONVERSATIONS AROUND CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

## PROBLEM

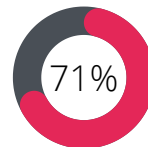
### WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE LOUDEST VOICES IN CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY, WHO DO YOU SEE?

If you're from the United States, probably a white, cis-gender man with conservative theology and politics. The goal of **VOICES** is to create a repository of people whose beliefs and backgrounds expand beyond the hegemony of white Evangelicalism, and to create a data structure that can be used for further research and analysis.

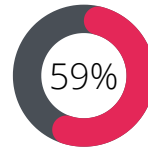
## RESULTS



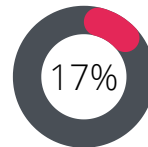
countries and territories represented



cis-gender women, trans people, and non-binary individuals



Black, Indigenous, Asian, and Latinx individuals



self-identified LGBT+ individuals

### SOFTWARE SELECTION

- **AirTable** is a good balance of simple spreadsheet practicality and user-friendly design with the ability to create linked data tables.
- **Data** in AirTable can be exported into CSV files and easily migrated to another system.



### DELIVERABLES

- **500+ rows** of data, curated and processed in 3 linked datasets
- **Data dictionary** of all included metadata
- **Documentation** for curation criteria
- **Plan** outlining potential future use for data and how it could be developed.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Custom relational database** with a more user-friendly, interactive design
- **Future MLIS Capstone** students could develop the breadth, depth, and application of data
- **Data visualizations** showing global reach with mapping tool; web of connections from media citations

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