

# EUROPEAN IDENTITY (DELANTY)

Historical perspective

Europeanness as (Western) Christendom

Constitutive Others/Outside - Role of Islam & Orthodoxy

Significance of Crusades/Crusaders, Constantinople Seized (1453)

1492 (New World) – colonization & the end of Reconquista

Double schism (Roman x Orthodoxy; Catholics x Protestants)

Religious war, Victory of Protestantism,

Peace of Westphalia (1648)





Extent of Christianity about 600 (pontificate of Gregory I, the Great, 590 - 604)

Area Christianized 600 - 800

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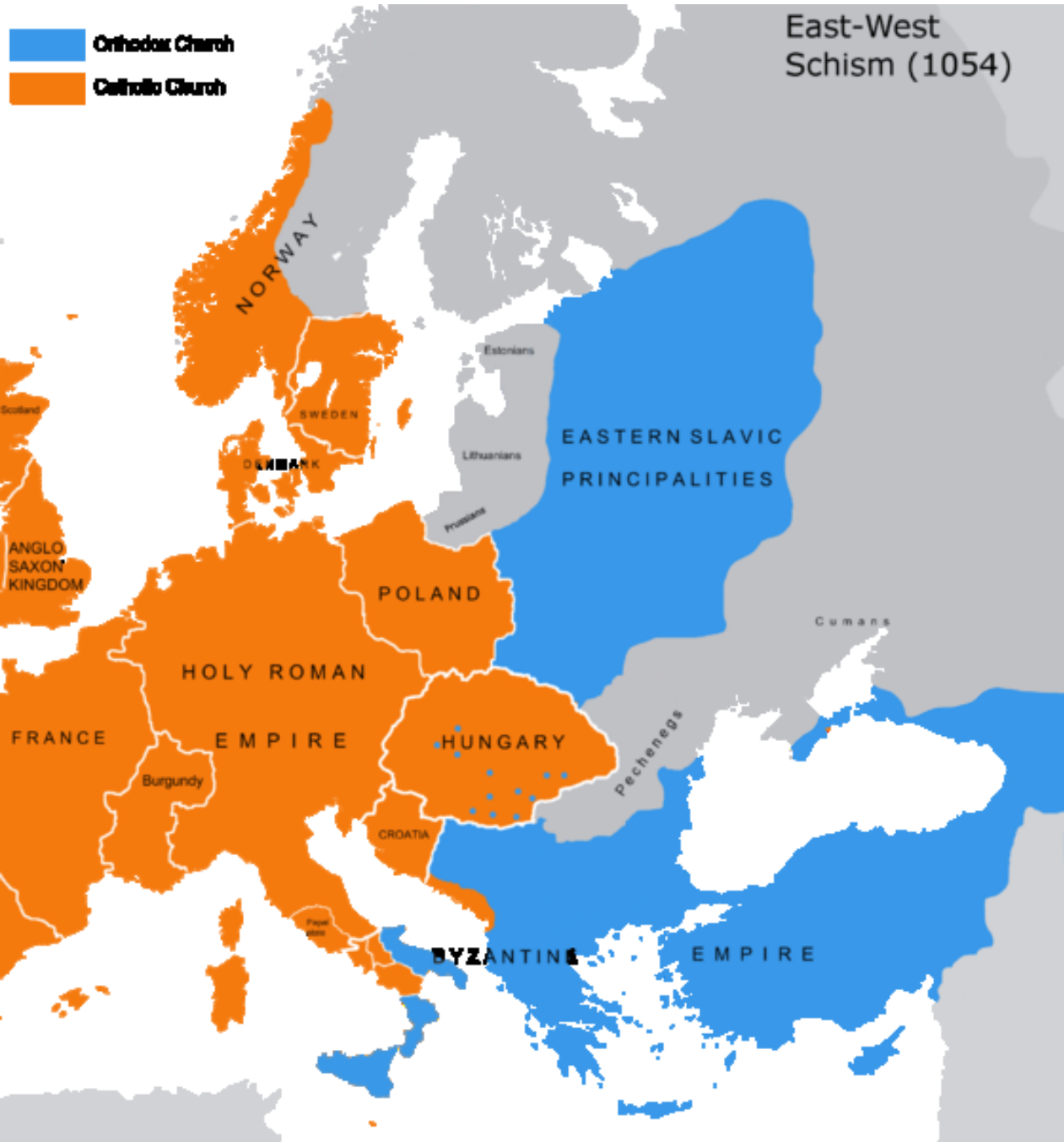
*Damascus* Churches of the apostolic period (33-100)

at the Middle of the Eleventh Century



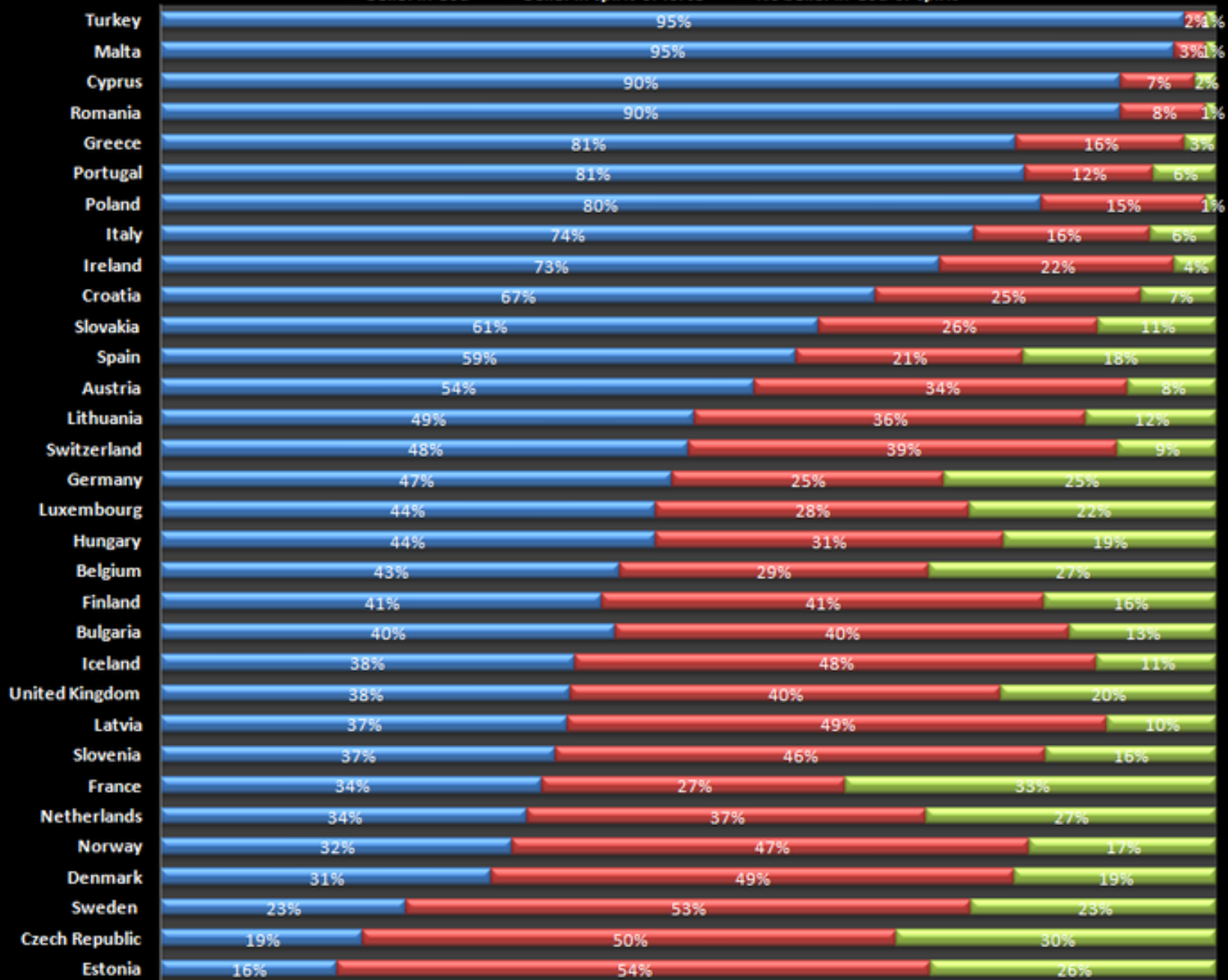
# RELIGIONS IN





# Eurobarometer Poll 2005

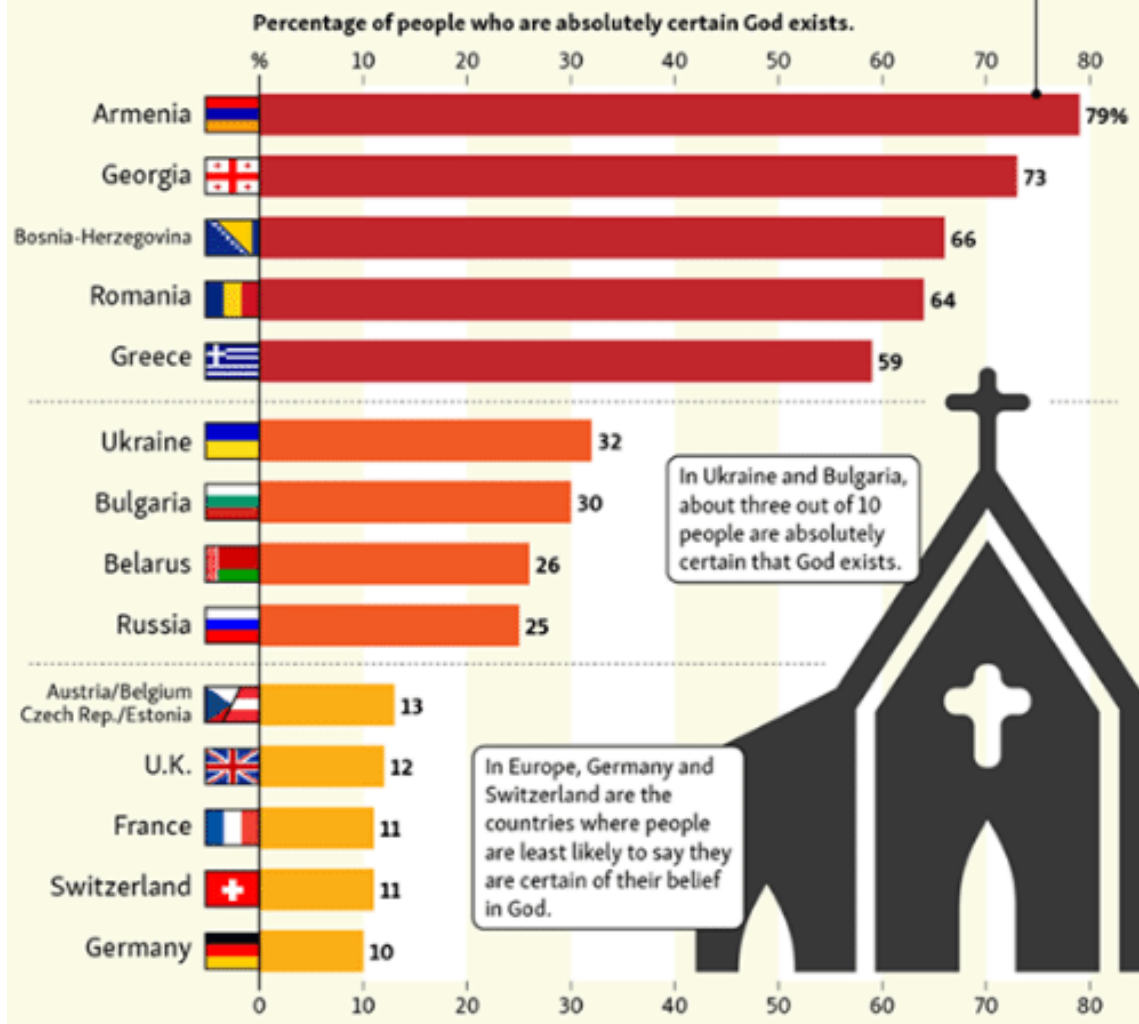
■ Belief in God ■ Belief in spirit or force ■ No belief in God or spirit



# Who (Really) Believes In God

In Europe, Armenia and Georgia are the countries where most people are certain about their belief in God.

Almost eight out of 10 Armenians are absolutely certain that God exists.



In Ukraine and Bulgaria, about three out of 10 people are absolutely certain that God exists.

In Europe, Germany and Switzerland are the countries where people are least likely to say they are certain of their belief in God.

