Religious rebirth in Europe’s cities

Global demographics and the rise of ethno-religion

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Gallup Religiosity Index 2009
Total Fertility Rates by Country, 2008

Source: CIA World Fact Book 2008
Exodus from the Religious Tropics

Source: CIA World Fact Book 2008
Cultural Defense Theory
European Islam: No Evidence of Secularization

Attendance at Religious Services, by Faith and Age, 2004 ESS

Weekly Attendance

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Eastern
Muslims

European Islam: No Evidence of Secularization
Low Muslim Secularization......

Religious Retention by Faith and Birthplace, UK, 2001-3
(Excludes nonidentifiers. 'Practice' is self-description)

Sources: (Office for National Statistics and Home Office 2005; Home Office 2003)
Note that 'BP' designates Bangladeshi and Pakistani, and 'Afro' refers to African and Caribbean.
Religion in London
% No Religion, England & Wales, 2011

- Average
- White British
- White (all)
- Asian
- Black
- Other
Religious Endogamy Rates, 2001 UK Census

- No religion
- Jewish
- Christian
- Hindu
- Muslim
- Sikh

**No Religion**
Total population: 14,097,229

**Muslim**
Total population: 2,706,066

Mouseover the graphs to see values for age bands
Click and drag to select multiple age bands

Source: 2011 Census, 2001 Census
Graphic by ONS Data Visualisation Centre
No Religion %, 2001-2011, by Ethnic Group, England & Wales

No Religion 2001

No Religion 2011
% Muslim and % No Religion, by London Local Authority, 2011

- White British (England): -1.1%
- Christians (England): -10.7%
- White British (London): -14.4%
- Christians (London): -5.2%
Secularization, 2001-11, London
Conclusion

• Global demographic revolution
• Religious migration to secular West
• Cultural defense retains religion among immigrants, especially non-Christians
• Immigration gateway cities are centres of de-secularization
• Cities prefigure entire nations
• Laboratories for the future of religion in the West