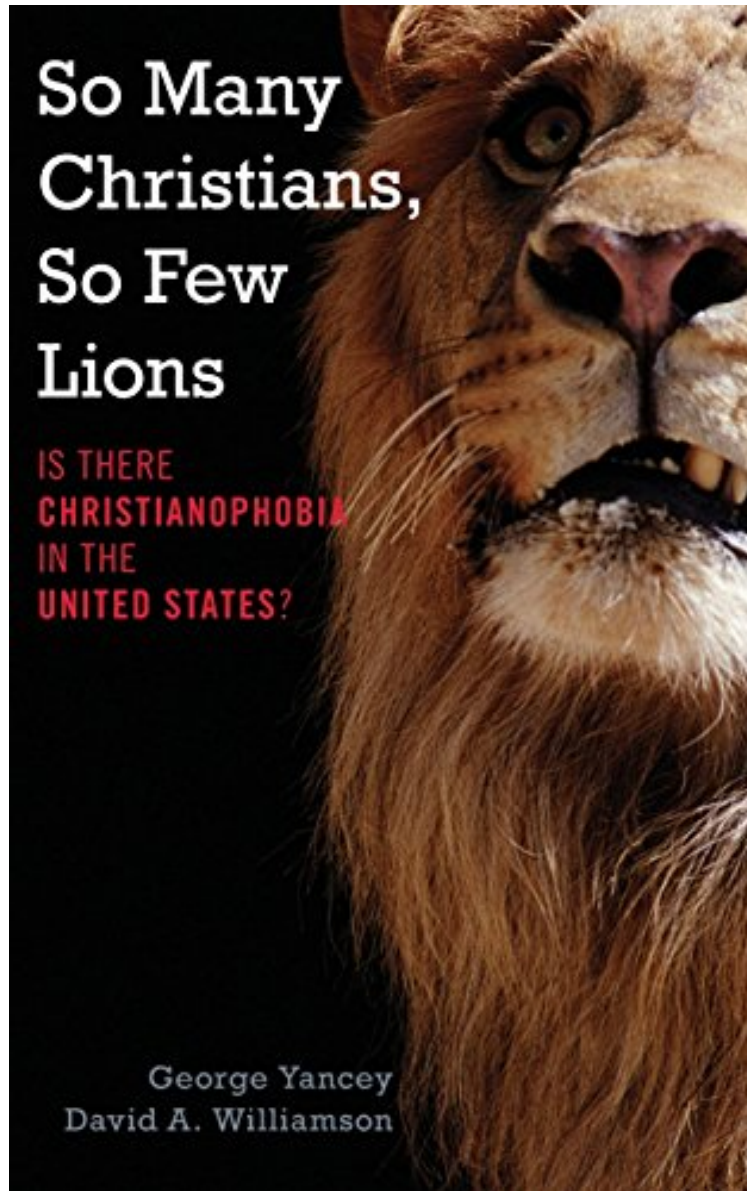


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So Many Christians, So Few Lions is a provocative look at anti-Christian sentiments in America. Drawing on both quantitative and qualitative research, authors George Yancey and David A. Williamson show that even though (or perhaps because) Christianity is the dominant religion in the United States, bias against Christians also exists particularly against conservative Christians and that this bias is worth understanding. The book does not attempt to show the prevalence of anti-Christian sentiments called Christianophobia but rather to document it, to dig into where and how it exists, to explore who harbors these attitudes, and to examine how this bias plays itself out in everyday life. Excerpts from the authors interviews highlight the fear and hatred that some people harbor towards Christians, especially the Christian right, and the ways these people exhibit elements of bigotry, prejudice, and dehumanization. The authors argue that understanding anti-Christian bias is important for understanding some social dynamics in America, and they offer practical suggestions to help reduce religious intolerance of all kinds.

Yancey and Williamson explore anti-Christian attitudes in US society. Though they nod to historical precedent in the intellectual history of the 18th and 19th centuries, the authors focus primarily on current trends. They find that those who hold anti-Christian sentiments tend to have higher social status and to be better educated, more politically progressive, and less religious than other Americans. Moreover, the negative sentiment is directed not so much at Christianity in general as toward Christianity in its conservative/fundamentalist expressions. The authors conclude that progressives hostility derives from fear that conservatives seek to achieve political control to impose anti-gay, anti-abortion, anti-pluralist views on society and thereby restrict individual liberties and choices. Progressives currently exercise a great deal of influence in American life. They cherish rationality, individual liberty, and toleration of others and resent intolerant Christians who seek to undermine their values and impose one exclusive view on all citizens. This aspect of the culture wars has long been recognized. The authors acknowledge limitations of their sources and admit a level of speculation. The value of this study is that it begins to document and analyze the presence of current anti-fundamentalist sentiments in the US. Summing Up: Recommended. With reservations. All readers.

(CHOICE)[T]he analytical manner in which the authors reported this hostility gave me the emotional freedom to pause and think more objectively about the animosity Ive experienced. It let me put that animosity at arms length for a while. It gave me a chance to consider how I should respond. . . . This book helped me slow down, reflect, remember, and possibly be more prepared for the next time Im tested. I want to be treated as human. Therefore Im committed to treating even antagonists and dehumanizers as human. (Breakpoint Commentary)Provocative, engaging, and never a dull moment. No matter your views, this well-researched book will challenge and increase your understanding with its in-depth look at Americas deep culture war. The best book on the topic to date. (Michael O. Emerson, professor of sociology and co-director of the Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University; author of Divided by Faith)A fine piece of research on a very neglected topic. Anti-Christian hostility is widespread among the academic and chattering classes. (Rodney Stark, co-director of the Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University; author of Religious Hostility)Likely to become a standard reference work for anyone examining hostility to Christians in America. (Marvin Olasky, editor in chief, World News Group)This book is yet another significant contribution by George Yancey. George Yancey and David A. Williamson grapple with a topic that few in academia are willing to engage anti-Christian phobia. It is a look at how even those who should know better those with the educational background and social status to combat bias and bigotry can be susceptible to becoming a purveyor of intolerance, bigotry, and hatred. (Marie A. Eisenstein, Indiana University Northwest)What explains the recent rise in animosity toward conservative Christians? Who among us is more likely to openly express such intolerance? Yancey and Williams answer these, as well as many other important questions, in their new book, So Many Christians, So Few Lions. They use established research methods and innovative techniques in explaining the emergence of Christianophobia a phenomenon present in national survey data and explained in-depth by everyday Americans. This interesting and engaging text reveals new insights on how the changing dynamics of religious affiliation in the contemporary US can foster antagonisms toward evangelical Christians. (Jason Shelton, University of Texas at Arlington)So Many Christians, So Few Lions is a provocative look at anti-Christian sentiments in America. This book does not attempt to discuss the prevalence of Christianophobia in the U.S., but rather to document it and to dig into where and how it exists, who harbors these sentiments, and how they play themselves out. Hatred of other religious faiths, including Islam and Judaism, have been widely documented, but this is the first book that draws on current

social science research to discuss how and where anti-Christian sentiments exist in American life. About the Author George Yancey is professor of sociology at the University of North Texas. He is the author of numerous books, including *Compromising Scholarship: Religious and Political Bias in American Higher Education* and *Dehumanizing Christians: Cultural Competition in a Multicultural World*. His teaching and research focus on race and religion. David A. Williamson is associate professor of sociology at the University of North Texas and author with George Yancey of *What Motivates Cultural Progressives? And There is No God: Atheists in America*. He has taught extensively and conducted research for more than 20 years in the U.S., Israel, and Africa.