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**1 Peter ~ 65 AD**

Revelation ~ 90s AD (see 2:9-10, 13, 13:7-10)

There is no evidence in 1 Peter that the Christians in Asia Minor experienced martyrdom, nor organized, state-sponsored, empire-wide persecution. Peter wrote to Christians scattered through modern-day Turkey, who experienced sporadic mistreatment and abuse, ridicule and shame, simply and only because they identified with Christ.

Juan Sanchez, *1 Peter for You*, p. 14





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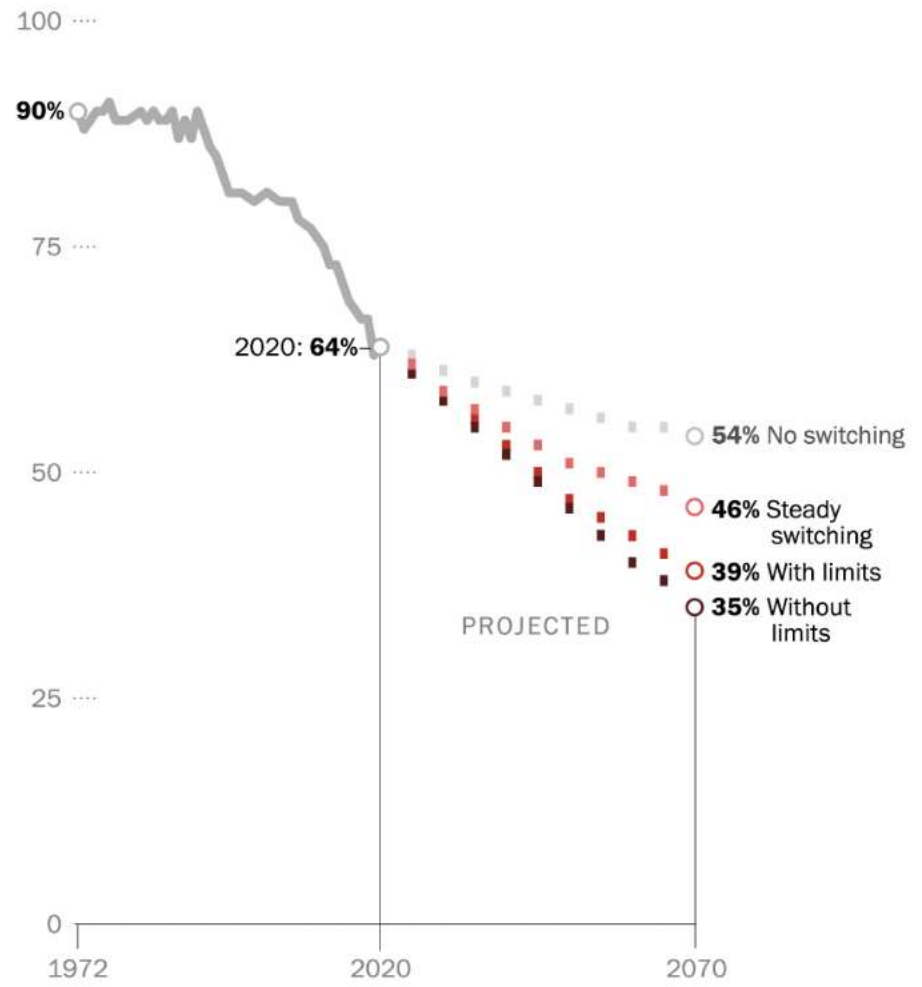
Scenario assumptions and projection results

Which scenario is most plausible?



# U.S. Christians projected to fall below 50% of population if recent trends continue

% of Americans who are Christian



### Scenarios

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Note: Historical data describes trends among U.S. adults based on surveys of adults. The 2020 estimate and subsequent projections show Americans of all ages. In 2020, we estimate that the religious composition of people of all ages roughly matches the adult composition.  
 Sources: General Social Survey (1972-2006); Pew Research Center surveys (2007-2021); Pew Research Center projections (2020-2070).

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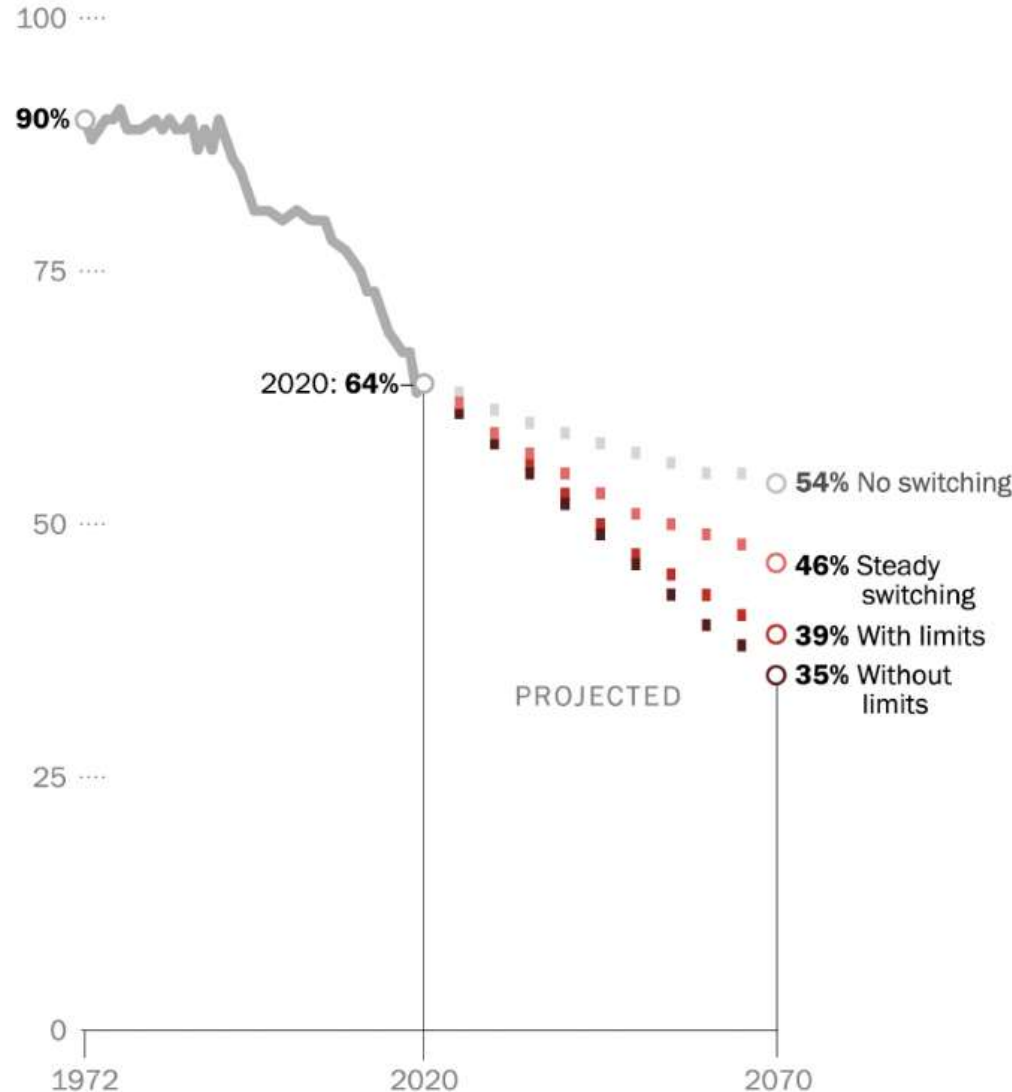
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# How Might This Affect Us?

Feels disorienting – 1 Pet. 2:12, Is. 5:20

Pressures to conform – 1 Pet. 4:14-16, 1:14-16

Justify returning evil for evil – 1 Pet. 3:9, 4:15

Disheartens: “why continue?” – 1 Pet. 5:9-10

But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you ... This is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

1 Peter 5:9-12 NASB95