

Toronto Canada Meetup Group (Discussion on Implementation)

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Out of curiosity, do you know what the general, demographic spread is of religious involvement in your area? I am so pleased with the response to your invitation, and surprised. I am mired in (*as I think is the case with a few of us*) a Southern Christian swamp (*literally*) near the genitals of the Bible Belt, and the ideological bubble in which I find myself is thick with criticism toward the Other.

Toronto is very demographically mixed, and I believe most of the religious enthusiasm comes from recent immigration, while long time locals are fleeing far away from religion, with average ages in the formerly dominant churches (e.g. the Anglicans) approaching senior citizen levels. The popular zeal that once went into religion, I find is now often devoted to progressive political causes.

But I wouldn't let any Bible Belt hold me back from holding a gathering, unless I actually felt our safety threatened (in which case I would probably want to move out). Even in the heaviest religious areas, I believe there is always a crop of misfits rebelling against it and looking for a place to go. Even if it's only 10%, even 5%. Because as I keep saying, it only takes one other attendee to make it worthwhile. Really, if I had a circle of 5-10 great friends, I would be set for life. So big numbers aren't needed.