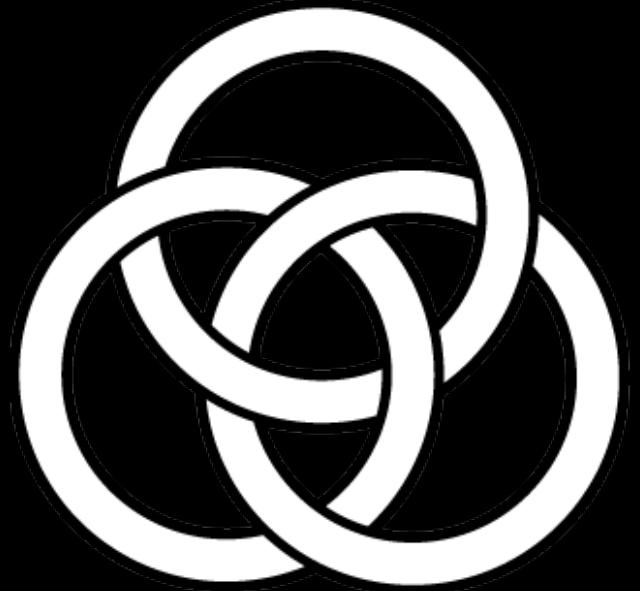


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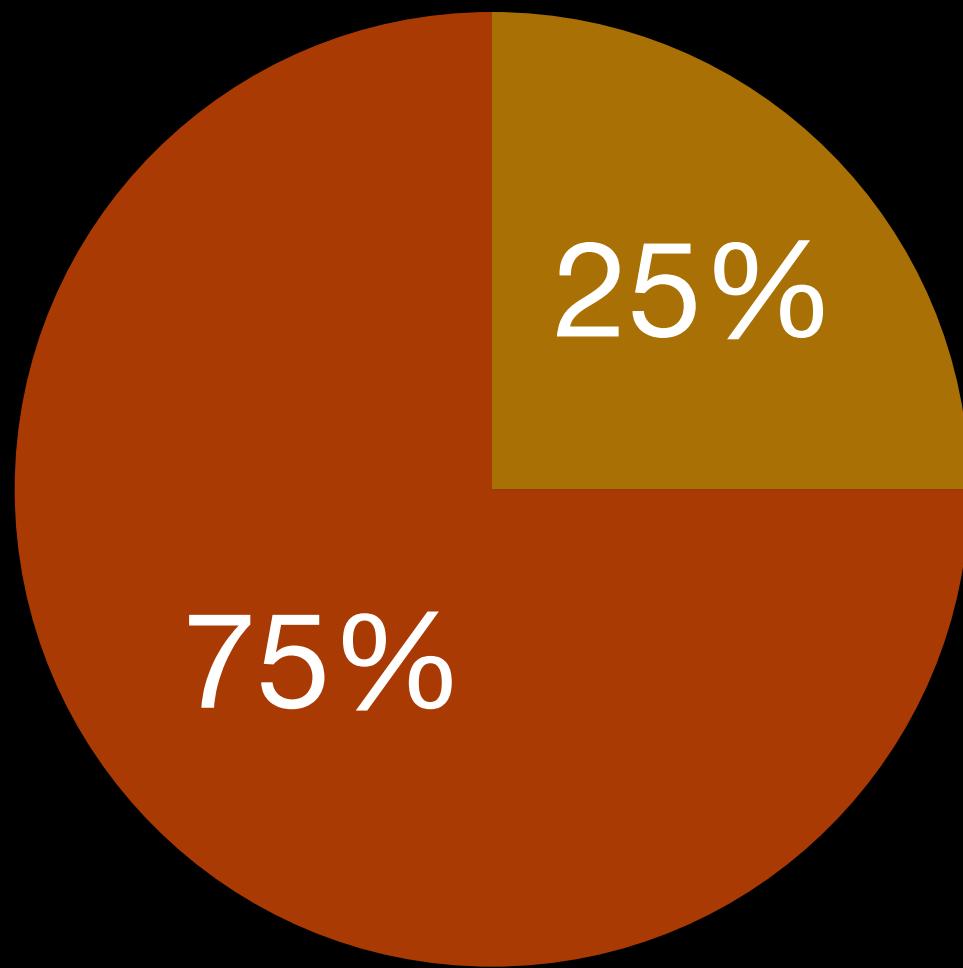
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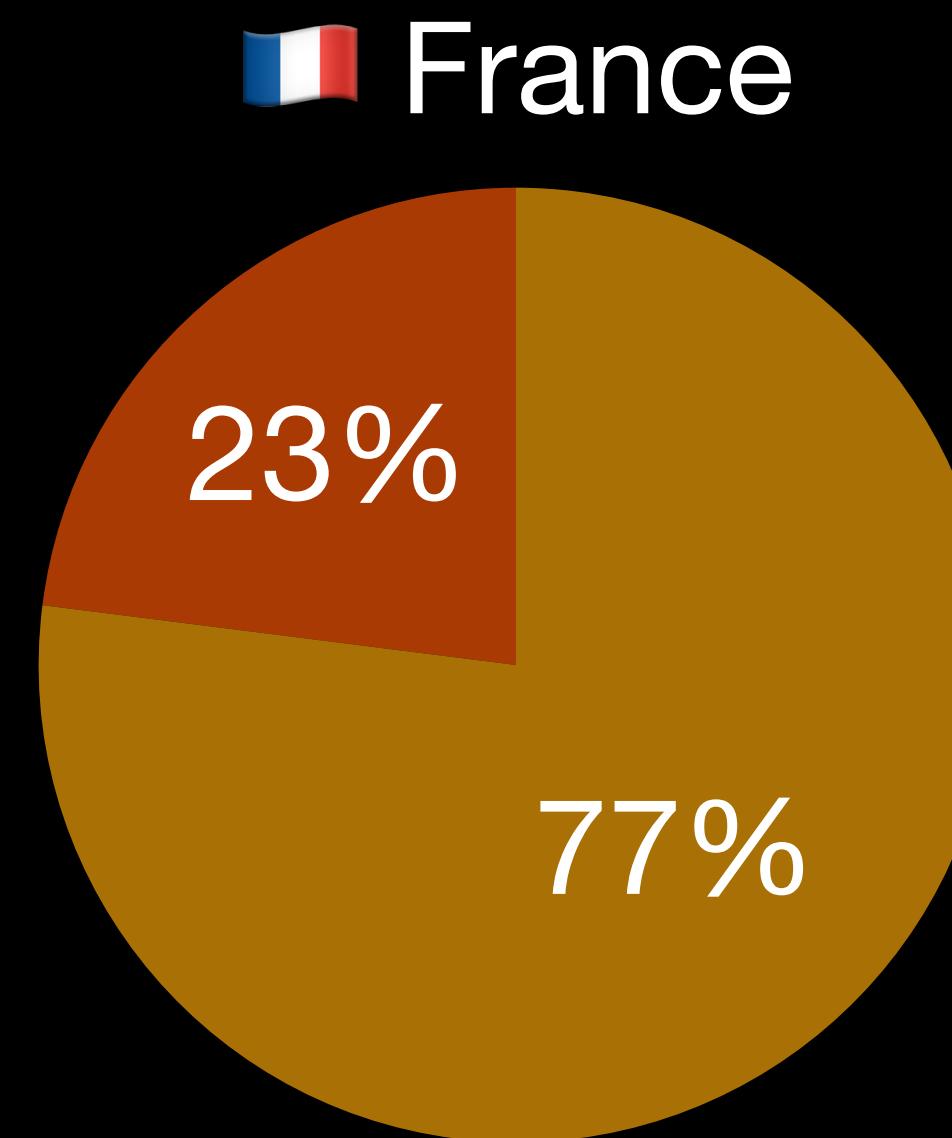
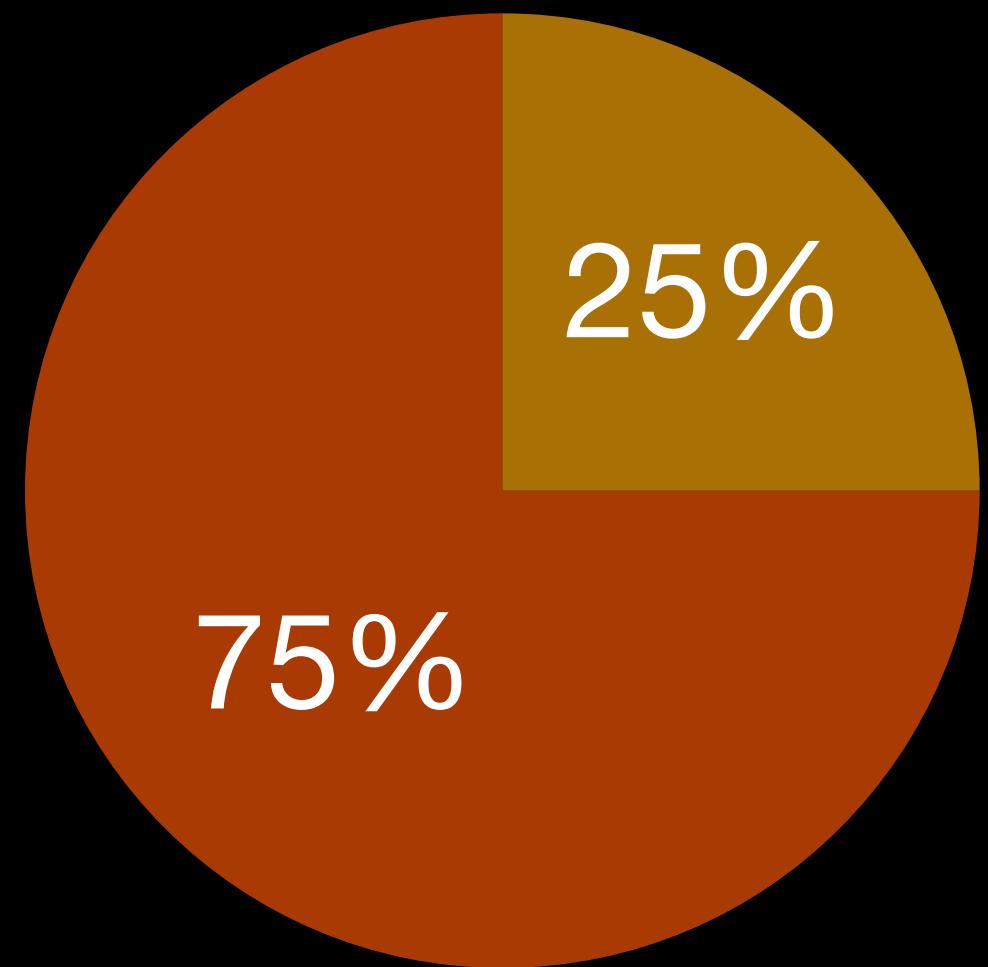
WWII: The Netherlands

104,000 Jews Were Murdered by Nazis During the War. It Was 75% of the Jewish Population.



France Was Different

Only 23% of its Jewish Population
Fell to Nazi Atrocities.



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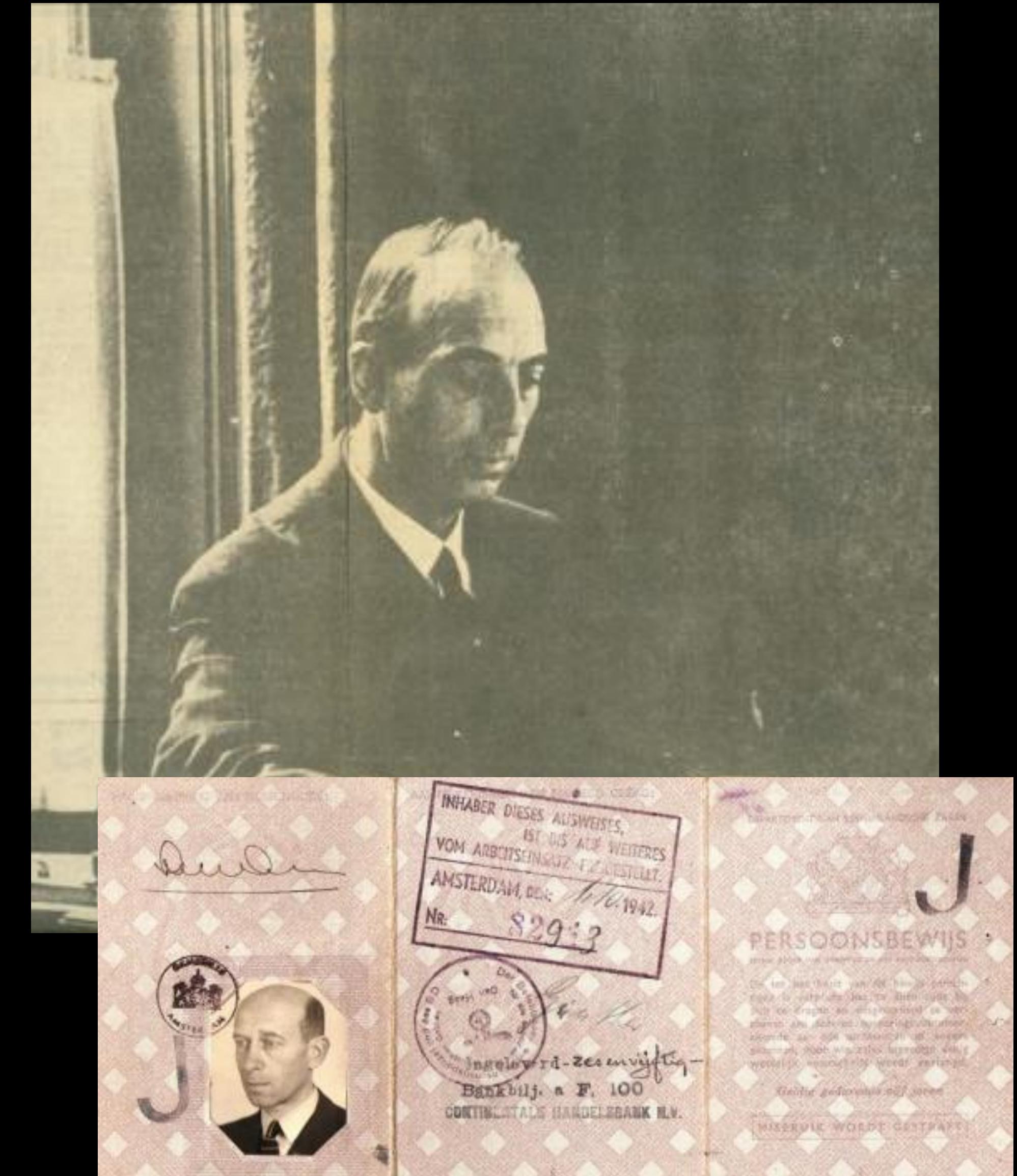
The Difference? Identity



Jacobus Lentz

🇳🇱 Identity Architect, Netherlands

- 1932: Lentz Becomes Head of National Inspectorate of Population Registers
- 1936: Netherlands Requires Identity Cards, Copies Held in Archives
- 1940: Nazis Occupy Netherlands, Lentz Asked to Create Unforgeable National ID Cards
- 1941: Jewish Census Occurs



The Archives Attack

🇳🇱 March 27-28, 1943

- Night of March 27, 1943
- Attempt to Destroy the Amsterdam Identity Archive
- 800,000 Records Burned
- But 85% of Records Were Recovered





**It Wasn't Enough
Lentz's Ideas of Identity Had Done Their Damage**



So how much a difference can a
single person make?

René Carmille

🇫🇷 Identity Architect, France

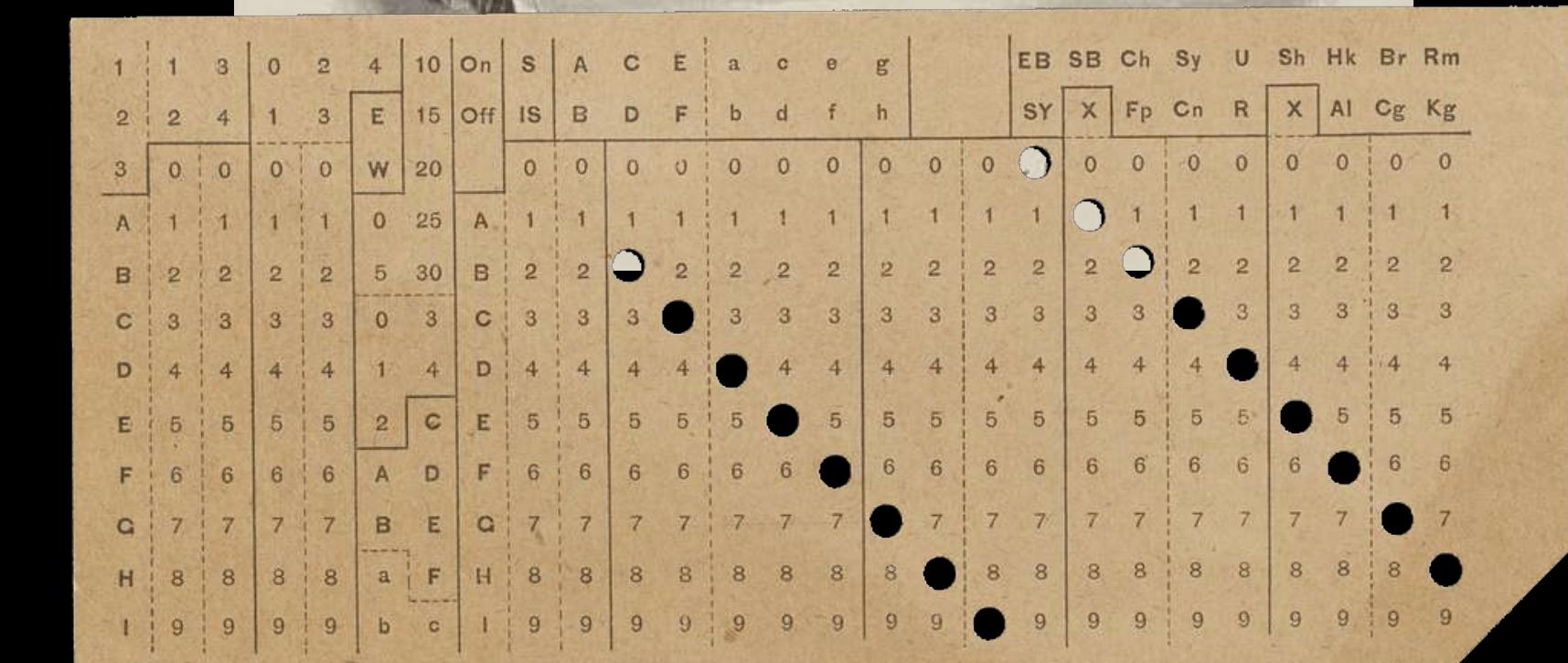
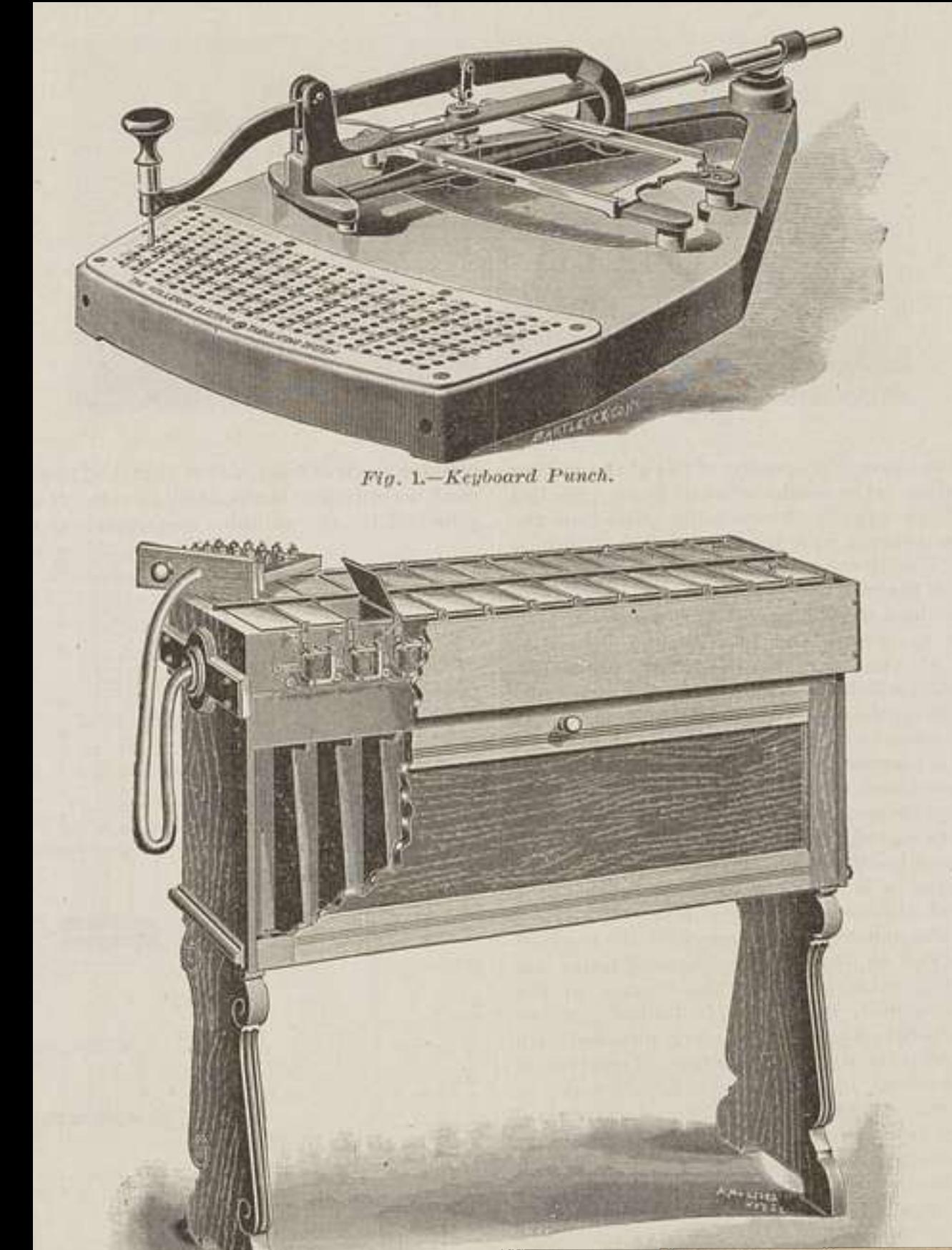
- 1935: Carmille Develops Registry for Army Conscription & Mobilization
- 1940: Carmille Founds “Demographic Service in Vichy”, Plans New Census Including Info on Religion
- 1942: French Troops Mobilized with Carmille’s Data!



The Tabulating Machines

🇫🇷 Another Existential Threat

- Carmille Pioneered the Use of Tabulating Machines
- Information Was Recorded on Punch Cards
- This Could Have Been An Even **Greater Threat** than the Registries of the Netherlands, Especially after Carmille Began to Poll Religion

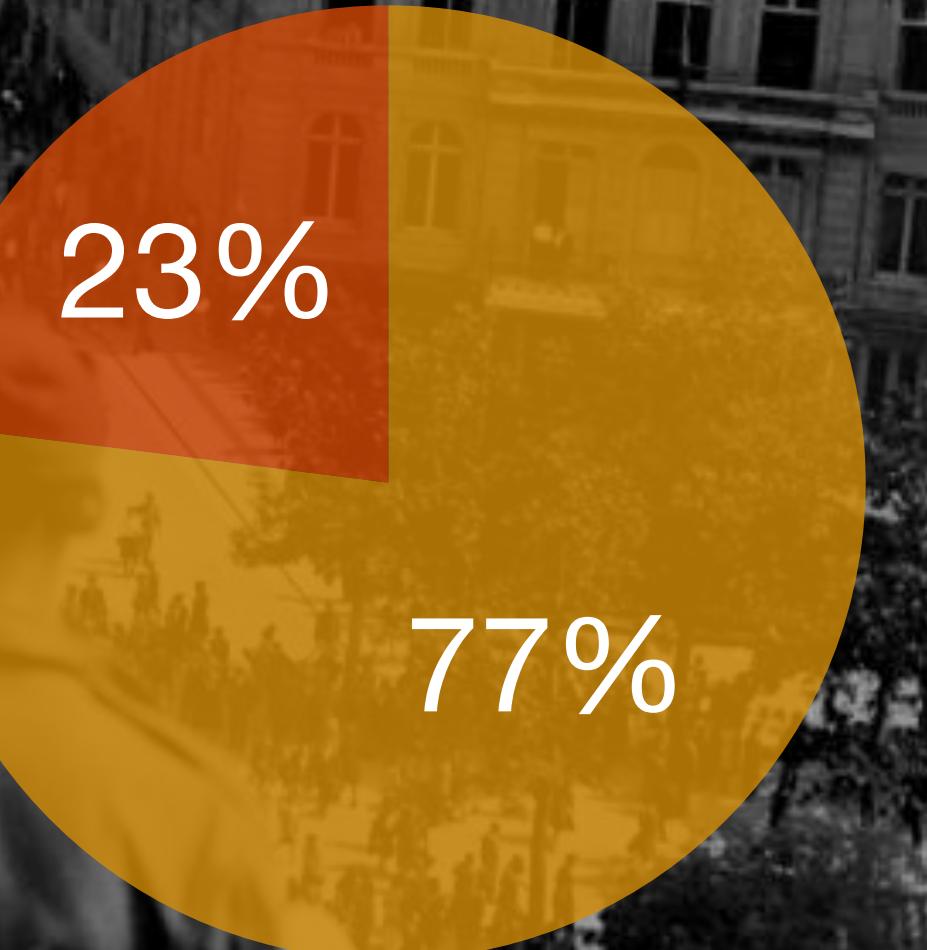


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Except Carmille **Hid** 100,000
Cards of French Jews
And He Programmed the Machines **Not** to Punch Religion!

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Two Men

Two Philosophies

Two Paths

🇳🇱 Jacobus Lentz

- Saw identity as a useful tool
- Didn't worry about misuse
- Collected everything he could

🇫🇷 René Carmille

- Saw identity as a dangerous tool
- Considered usage
- Minimized recording



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Two Men Two Consequences

🇳🇱 Jacobus Lentz

- Lentz Arrested by Netherlands in 1945
- Jailed for Three Years

🇫🇷 René Carmille

- Carmilled Arrested by Nazis in 1944
- Interrogated by Nazi Torturer
- Died in Dachau in 1945



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How Can We Keep Digital Identity Safe?

*How Can We Be **Carmille**, Not Lentz?*

LESS vs Trustless

- LESS Identity
 - Legally-Enabled Self-Sovereign Identity
 - Minimum Disclosure
 - But Real-World Verified
- Trustless Identity
 - Anonymous
 - Peer-to-Peer
 - Defends Human Rights



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Mindful Design of Digital Identity

- Data Minimization
- Holder Elision
- Data Encryption
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Data Changes Hands

You Don't Know Who Will Have Access to Your Digital Identity Tomorrow.

Data Grows & Expands

If It Can be Used, It Will Be Used, No Matter It's Original Intent.



It Is Sunset in Amsterdam
Take a Moment of Silence to Remember Those Who Were Lost

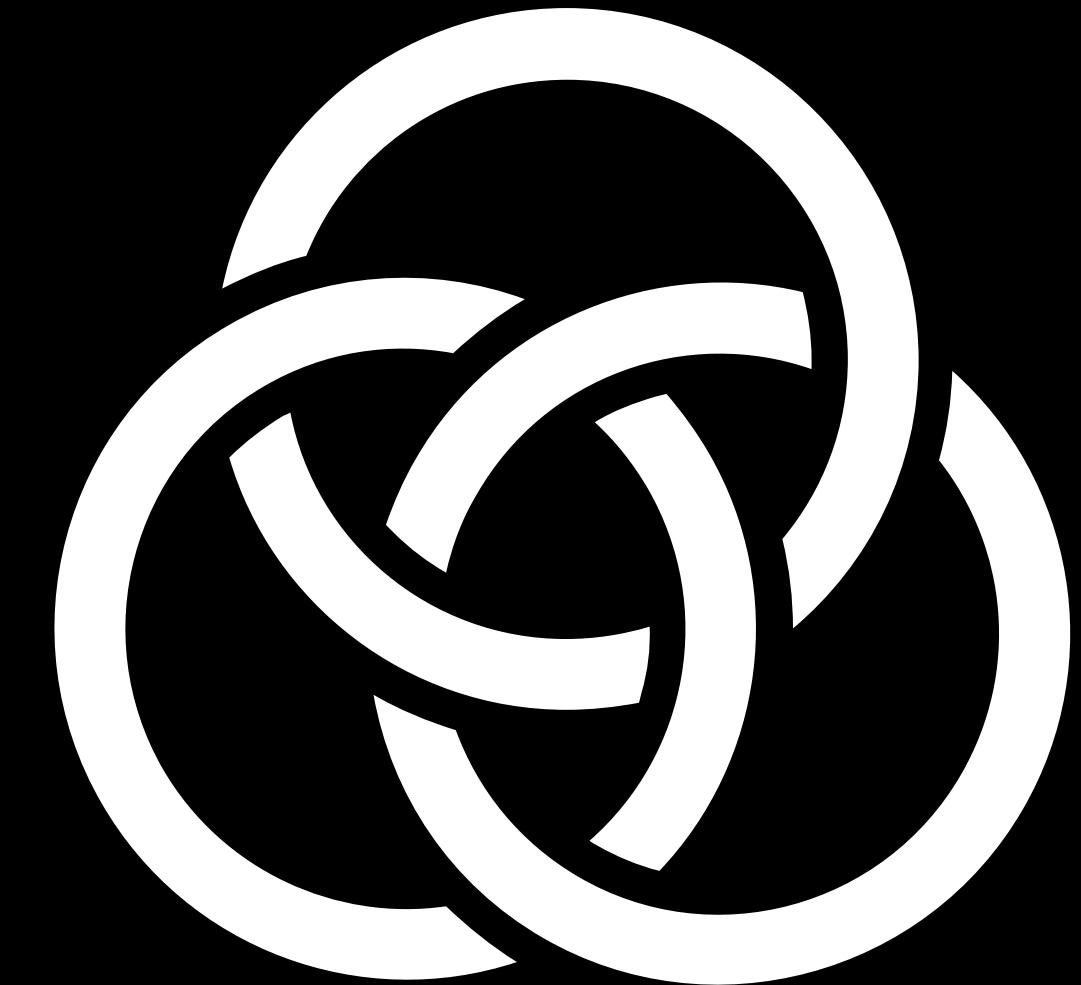
The Future of Identity Lies in Our Hands

Help to Ensure that It's a Safe One

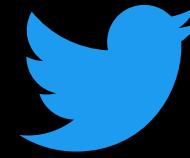


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