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["Actually I am different." Subjective constructions of ethnic identity in a migration context and new ways in psychological acculturation research]

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Abstract [English]

'at the end of the middle ages, western christianity was confronted with the protestant reformation, today, and again in germany, modern western christianity may be preparing to confront another major crisis - the rejection of traditional christian belief, the first part of the article focuses on church membership and church attendance in the western parts of germany. it describes how far 'unchurching' has progressed among the various cohorts. observation start in 1953 and end in 1992. the second section contains an east-west comparison of recent religious participation and attitudes in the new and old federal states. the authors show that the socialist influences experienced in the former gdr led to an extraordinarily high degree of explicitly unchurched people in eastern germany, this result is unparalleled in the other formerly socialist countries for which we have survey data. finally, alternative forms of belief are investigated. these are beliefs in good luck charms, faith hearlers, fortune tellers, and horoscopes. such alternative forms of belief apparently still persist in germany today, irresspective of the east-west differentiation. they can even be found in the youngest cohorts. further investigations focus on some of the potential relations between christian and alternative beliefs.' (author's abstract)

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Abstract [Deutsch]

'gegen ende des mittelalters wurde die christenheit in westeuropa mit der protestantischen reformation konfrontiert. heute müssen sich die christen - wiederum in deutschland - mit einem weiteren kristenträchtigen phänomen zunehmend vertraut machen: der prinzipiellen ablehnung des traditionellen christlichen glaubens. in diesem beitrag werden zunächst die in westdeutschland längerfristig feststellbare vereinigung von konfessioneller mitgliedschaft und der rückgang des kirchenbesuchs für verschiedene kohorten beschrieben. der zeitraum für diese untersuchung ist 1953 bis 1992. der zweite abschnitt konzentriert sich auf einen ost-west-vergleich für die ersten jahre nach der deutschen vereinigung. die autoren zeigen, daß der sozialismus in der ddr zu einem