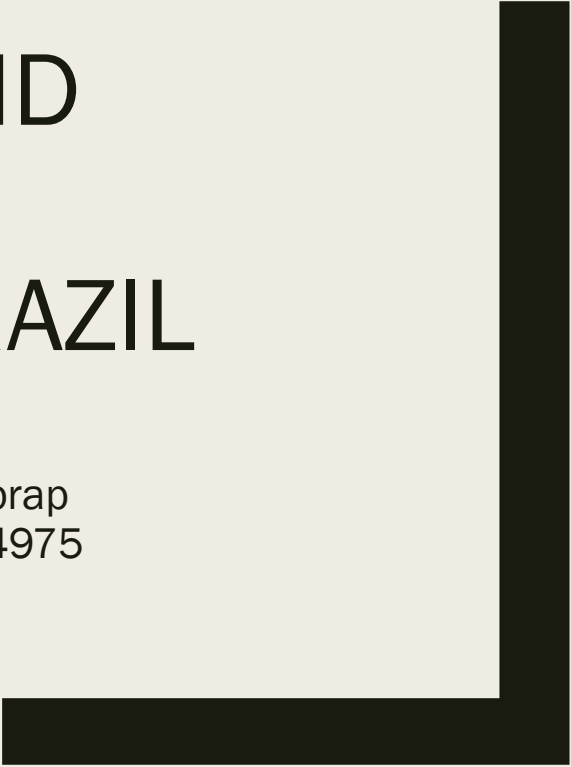




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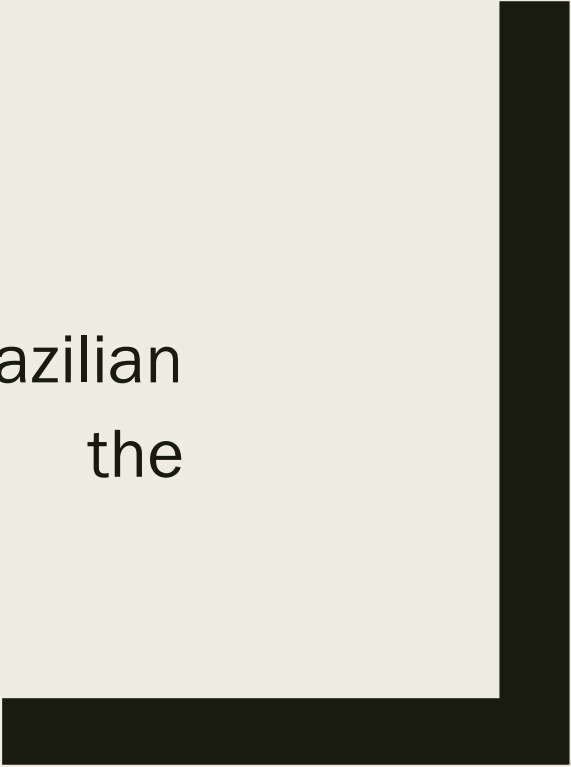
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## RESEARCH TOPIC

Contemporary relations of Brazilian religious organizations with the political field and the State.



## RESEARCH QUESTION

=In what way these changes have affected the Brazilian secularism configuration.



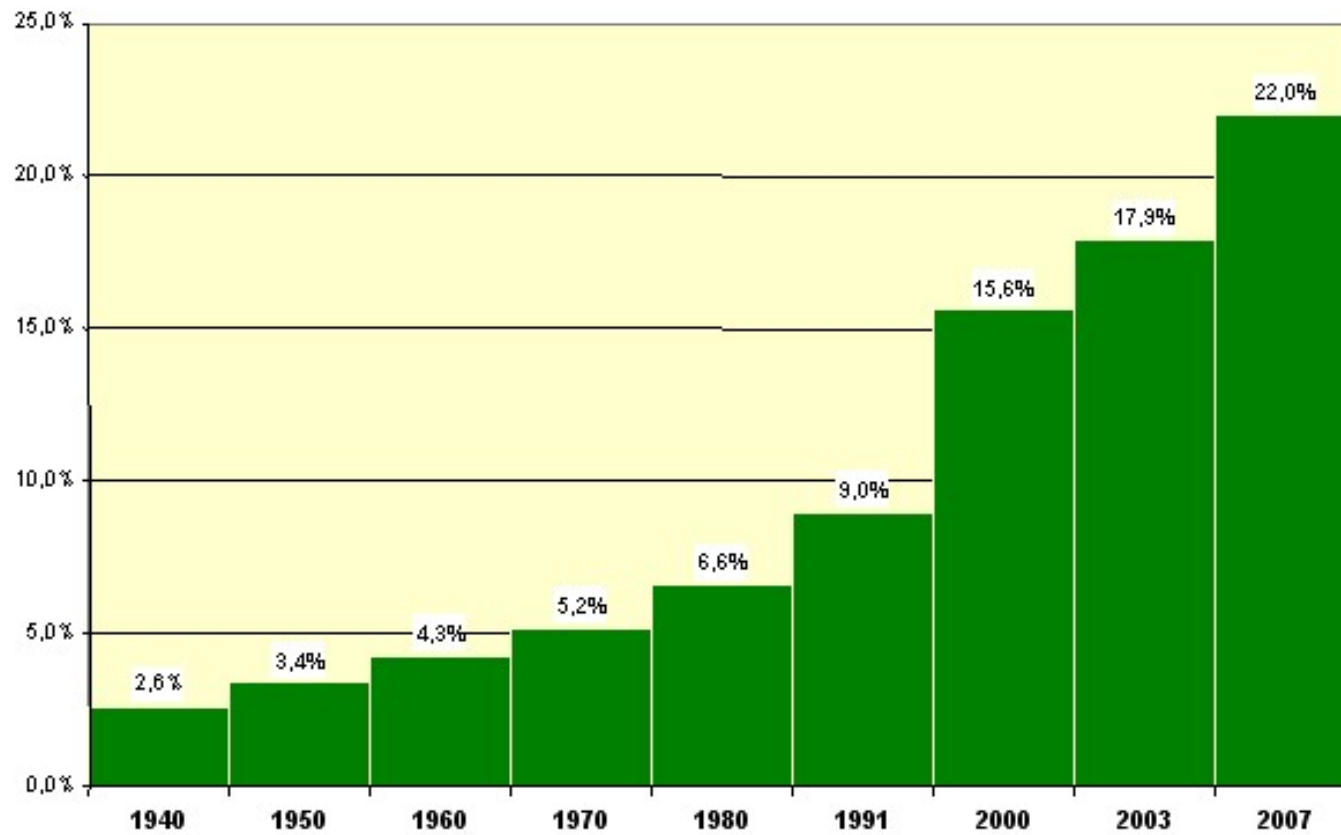
# TRANSITIONS IN THE RELIGIOUS FIELD

The Evangelical Expansion



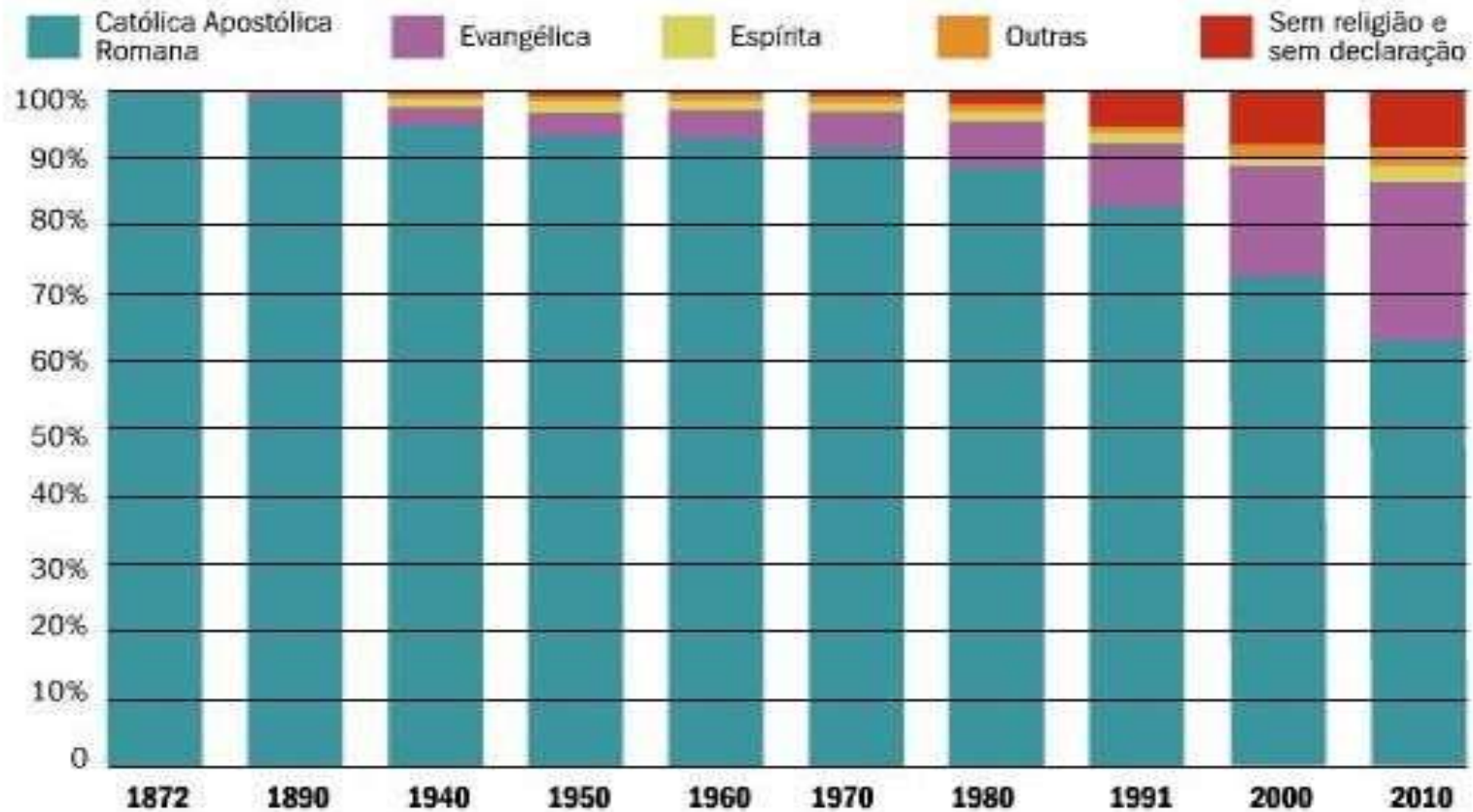
# Evangelical Expansion in Brazil

Gráfico 8 – Crescimento de evangélicos (incluindo pentecostais)



Fonte: Números do IBGE 1940-2000; FGV - 2003 e DataFolha - 2007

# Transitions in the Religious Field



Fonte: Directoria Geral de estatística, Recenseamento do Brasil 1872/1890, e IBGE, Censo Demográfico 1940/1991.

# Transitions in the Political Field



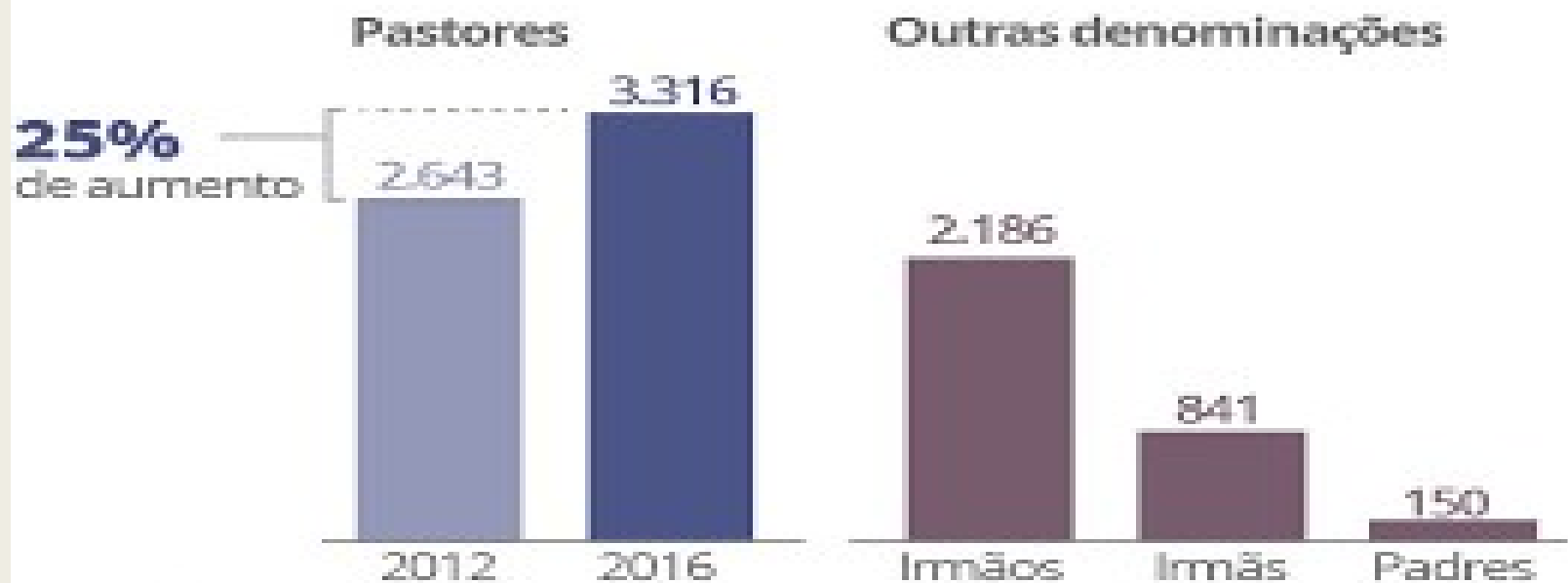
# Progression of Evangelical representatives in Congress 2006-2014



# Religious candidates

## Pastores na eleição

Candidatos usam alcunhas religiosas



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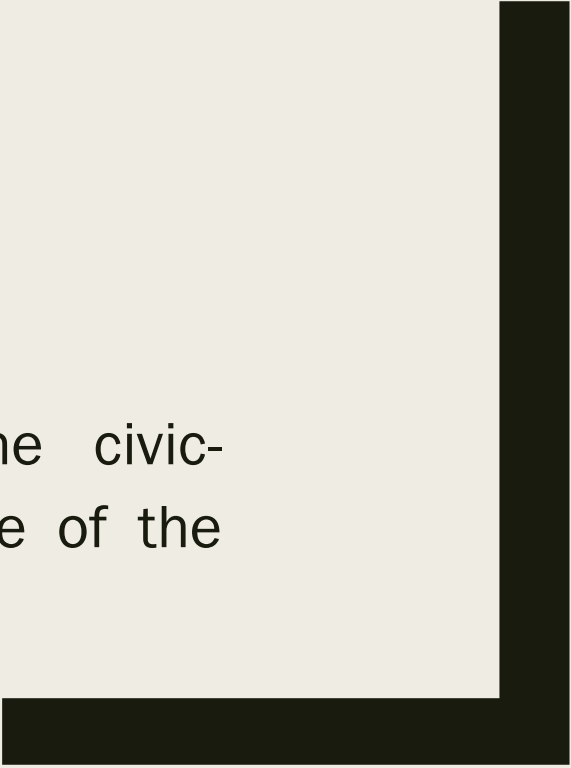
# Background Discussion

Secularization presumes the privatization of religion and the differentiation of the public and private sphere.



# HYPOTHESIS

The religious competition for the civic-political space changed the nature of the religious discourse.



# Public Religions

- Address “Public Opinion”.
- Religious claims turn into public controversies.

# Secondary Research Questions

- How the public religions act in public?
- In which circumstances does religious action or discourse emerge as a public problem?
- Do the diverse religious organizations have moral authority to regulate collective life?

# Research Design

- 1. Juridical-political controversies (1990-2018)

# Research Design

- 2.=Parliamentary discourses and law propositions.  
=Marches, political mobilizations and religious monuments.



# Jesus March in São Paulo



## Religious Freedom March in SP



# The World Youth Day RJ



# Solomon Temple SP



# Research Design

- 3.The religious sexuality regulation.

# Findings.

=The new family political centrality puts it at the center of the dispute for its regulation.

# Edir Macedo in Solomon Temple



# The Memorial Center in Solomon Temple





# Model of Old Jerusalem



# Findings.

=Crowds and monuments increase the moral authority to regulate collective daily life.

=Spirituality as Public Culture.