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Message from the President

The end of this year also coincides with the end of my role as President of the Board of Directors, a position I have held for more than twenty years. I would like to express my thanks to the Executive Director, Mike Kropveld, the volunteers, the members of the Board of Directors and members of the staff. I thank them for their dedication, commitment, generosity and loyalty to our organization.

I leave my successor in the very capable hands of an organization that, since 1980, has been able to adapt to the changing needs and realities of its clientele and has shown to be extremely creative. This concern for change that prevails within the organization has taken concrete form in particular by the addition of the subtitle, *Centre for Assistance and for the Study of Cultic Phenomena* and by the launch of the new website.

Info-Cult is a dynamic organization that knows how to renew itself and meet challenges without losing sight of the objectives it has always pursued, in strict compliance for the fundamental rights and freedoms of every individual.

Prevention, the advancement of knowledge in the study of cultic phenomena and the support services offered to its clientele are just some of the aspects of the mission pursued by Info-Cult since its inception. Tens of thousands of people have received direct assistance from the organization.

It is according to these objectives that many projects have been carried out over the years. Among the most noteworthy recent achievements of Info-Cult are the creation and implementation of

support groups for former members, and also for families and loved ones, the establishment of a literary prize (the *Dianne Casoni Award*) and the organization of international congresses. These initiatives illustrate the organization's inspiring ability to mobilize and they reflect the dynamism of its community relations.

I write this message with the conviction that the team in place will be able to meet the challenges that will arise and transform them into success. It is also with renewed pleasure that I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

With all the gratitude I feel towards those with whom I have collaborated until now.

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Carolle Tremblay

Message from the Executive Director



Over the course of the past two years, marked deeply by the pandemic, Info-Cult has continued to demonstrate its importance as a front-line resource.

Its employees were faced with the challenge of maintaining the regular services in place while adapting to remote work. They have also dedicated a considerable time to respond to requests from the community which have increased in number and complexity with the pandemic.

In this regard, a significant number of requests we received had some connection to the subject of conspiracy theories and other forms of pandemic-related radicalization. In fact, over the past two years, we have answered more than **250** calls about this issue alone. Most of these requests came from people concerned about a loved one.

As with most situations in which our services are requested, these requests are complex. We take the time to deal with each situation individually. We begin by helping people better understand the situation in which they find themselves, and then we discuss strategies that promote better communication and improve relationships with loved ones.

In addition, our efforts have also served to:

- offer support groups for former members (in French and in English). These groups are led by professionals who generously share their time and expertise;
- set up a new support group (in French) for families and loved ones, since last September;
- respond to requests for information and develop strategies to help social workers, youth protection workers or workers from other public or community organizations;
- provide information to journalists and give media interviews;
- provide research material to students working on projects and reports;
- create the *Dianne Casoni Award* to honour the memory and work of a long-time collaborator and to promote the study of cultic phenomena;
- launch a new website that offers a wealth of information and advice related to cultic phenomena, as well as information about our mission, history, services and network.

Since its inception, Info-Cult has benefited from the close collaboration of its board of directors, made up of professionals in law, education, business and mental health. Thanks to the support of its numerous volunteers and its international network, Info-Cult continues to carry out its mission of support, information and education regarding cultic phenomena.

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Mike Kropveld



Profile of Info-Cult

Profile, Mission and Perspective

Profile

Founded in Montreal (Quebec, Canada) in 1980, *Info-Cult: Centre for Assistance and for the Study of Cultic Phenomena*, is the only organization of its kind in Quebec and in Canada. Its field of expertise is in groups (“cults”, “new religious movements”, etc.), belief systems and ideologies, with a focus on the structure, functioning and dynamics of such groups, and their effects on individuals and communities. Info-Cult houses one of the most important documentation centres specialized in this area.

Info-Cult offers a variety of support and information services in response to the many individual requests and to the needs of the community related to cultic phenomena. The organization provides support and guidance to former group members as well as to families and loved ones.

Mission

Info-Cult aims to promote the dignity and integrity of the individual, respect for individual and collective rights, freedom of thought and expression, and the right to access information.

Info-Cult’s mandate is to:

- promote the study of cultic phenomena;
- sensitize, inform and educate the public about these phenomena;
- assist people with difficulties related to these phenomena.

Perspective

Info-Cult’s perspective focuses on the understanding of the processes of *engagement in* and *exit* from various groups. It also pays particular attention to the terminology being used and values a nuanced analysis that considers the various dynamics of groups, both internal and external.

This approach allows it to better:

- understand the individuality of experiences;
- identify and understand settings that may involve risks of harm;
- equip individuals to face their own challenges;
- support individuals in the understanding of their experiences.

Structure and Community Network

Board of Directors

President

Carolle Tremblay

Lawyer, Jolicoeur Lacasse Avocats

Vice President

Marie-Andrée Pelland

Assistant Professor, Sociology Department
University of Moncton

Secretary

Michael Crelinsten

Executive Director, Jewish Public Library

Treasurer

Marie-Hélène Frappier

Marie-Hélène Frappier, Professor of
Philosophy
Ahuntsic College

Directors

Céline Castillo** | Louis Raphael
Isabelle Renaud | Herschel Segal*
Sarah-Michèle Vincent-Wright

Executive Director

Mike Kropveld

* Executive Director

** Replacement during the year

Staff

Permanent

Founder and Executive Director

Mike Kropveld (full-time since 1980)

He has been recognized for his work in this field by:

- the Government of Canada who awarded him the 125th Commemorative Medal “in recognition of his significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada” (1992);
- the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) who presented him with the Herbert L. Rosedale Award “in recognition of his leadership in the effort to preserve and protect individual freedom” (2007).

Assistant to the Executive Director

Antoine Tardif (part-time since January 2020)

Intervention Support worker

Sam Downs (part-time since March 2021)

Contractual

Danielle Vincent | Secretary

Benjamin Proulx-Mathers | Web Services

Gabriella Scali | Graphic Design

Magaly Sala (*Intercultura*) | Simultaneous interpretation services

Community Involvement

Members

The organization has **31** members, of which **3** were added during the year. All of them share an interest in group dynamics and are sensitive to the issues of cultic phenomena.

They come from a variety of backgrounds and include:


- former members of high-demand groups;
- parents of members or former members of a group;
- academics;
- lawyers;
- mental health professionals.

Volunteers

The reputation and active presence of Info-Cult depend on the involvement of its **72** volunteers. Thanks to this essential support, the organization can pursue its mission and its objectives.

58 volunteers live in Quebec, in 9 administrative regions.





12 volunteers are in different regions of Canada (6 in Ontario, 3 in British Columbia, 2 in New Brunswick and 1 in Nova Scotia) while 2 others are in the United States (California, Arizona).

Info-Cult's volunteers include:

- professionals from various fields (education, mental health, law, sociology, criminology, library science, information science, arts, business, IT, real estate, etc.);
- researchers or students;
- individuals with one relative involved in a high-demand or high-control group;
- former members of groups (who offer peer support to other former members of groups or their loved ones by sharing their experiences);
- individuals interested in cultic phenomena.

Because of its small staff, Info-Cult depends on the diversity of expertise and contributions from its volunteers, including:

- support for former members and families;
- facilitating support groups;
- policy development and decision-making;
- publicity for the organization;
- public awareness (webinars, conferences, interviews, etc.);
- fundraising campaigns or soliciting donations;
- seeking funding;
- technical resources or different IT resources;
- assistance with the organization of events, symposiums or conferences;
- sorting and cataloguing new acquisitions at our documentation centre;
- drafting or revision of various documents;
- translation;
- designing and updating our website;
- updating our social networks;
- sending articles to our mailing lists;
- presence in the media;
- legal advice;
- research;
- loans or donations of miscellaneous equipment;
- loans of workspaces or premises for meetings;
- monetary contributions for renting space or for catering services during meetings;
- food preparation;
- transportation;
- general office work.

Administration and Finances

Administration

The operations of Info-Cult are managed by the executive director. Policies and orientations of the organization are determined by the Board of Directors, who meet regularly either in person, by videoconference or by conference call. An email is sometimes used for consultation and decision-making as needed.

During the last fiscal year, the Board met online 6 times. The annual general meeting also took place online on June 16, 2021.

Last year, the Board of Directors convened its members, staff and several volunteers for a full day of strategic planning. This meeting took place in Montreal on October 23, 2021 where 12 people attended. The organization plans to repeat the experience on a regular basis in order to better identify its challenges and optimize its coordination.

Financing

Info-Cult is funded by the Ministry of Health and Social Services of Quebec (MSSS) as well as by private donations. The annual grant from the *Programme de soutien aux organismes communautaires (PSOC)* constitutes its primary source of funding.

Registered as a charity (Revenue - Canada No. 125754242 RR0001), Info-Cult depends on self-financing as an essential component of its functioning. In the last fiscal year, **216** individual donations (among which 4 come from regular donors) were received, for a total of **\$30,242**:

- Individual donors (205)
- Foundations (2)
- Private companies (1)

In addition, 2021-2022 marks a novelty in terms of self-financing. On the occasion of their birthday, four people independently initiated a Facebook fundraising campaign for Info-Cult. They succeeded in bringing together 72 donors for a total of \$2,016. These citizen initiatives bear witness to the relevance of the mission of Info-Cult and its community support.



Financial Report

Financial results for the year ending on March 31, 2022

The financial results of Info-Cult from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 show revenues of **\$165,317** as well as expenses of **\$135,827**. Therefore, the surplus for the year corresponds to \$29,490.

Results from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Government funding	110,335 \$	Salaries and wage levies	86,432 \$
Donations	30,242 \$	Professional fees	25,497 \$
Profits from the 2021 annual ICSA Conference	23,836 \$	Operating expenses	18,448 \$
Earnings from other services	904 \$	Other expenses	5,450 \$



Support Services

Help, Support and Information

Since 1980, Info-Cult has been an essential community resource to assist those who need help or information regarding groups or cultic phenomena.

The organization receives different kinds of requests:

- help, advice and general support;
- specific assistance;
- conflict resolution;
- referrals to or from professional resources - public or private;
- information about various groups, beliefs or cultic phenomena.

Responding to these requests is the principal service offered by Info-Cult. It is also the one to which its staff devotes the majority of its time.

Accessibility

Info-Cult serves the needs of individuals from all across Quebec, but sometimes also responds to requests from the rest of the country and internationally.

Office hours
Monday to Friday,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In 2021-2022, the organization improved its telephone system so that employees are now able to receive calls outside office hours and take messages remotely. This upgrade has helped to increase the availability of Info-Cult's services.

Approach and perspective

Since education and awareness are integral to its mission, Info-Cult's response to the various requests for help or information always reflects its moderate and nuanced approach about cultic phenomena.

Based on factual information, Info-Cult's perspective is the result of more than 40 years of experience in the field. Its approach continues to evolve and expand

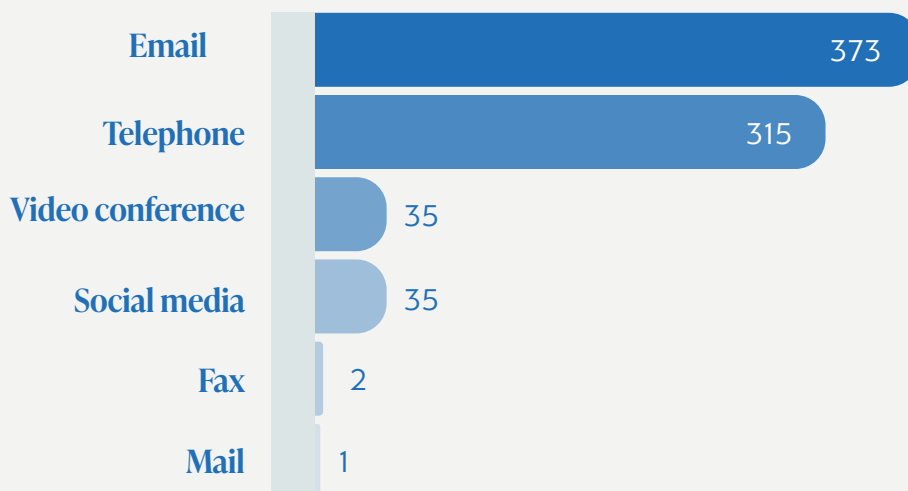
through the relationships and many exchanges with different partners, both locally and internationally.

On a personal or interpersonal level, Info-Cult offers advice that values dialogue and focuses on the improvement of relationships between family, friends, professionals or community groups.

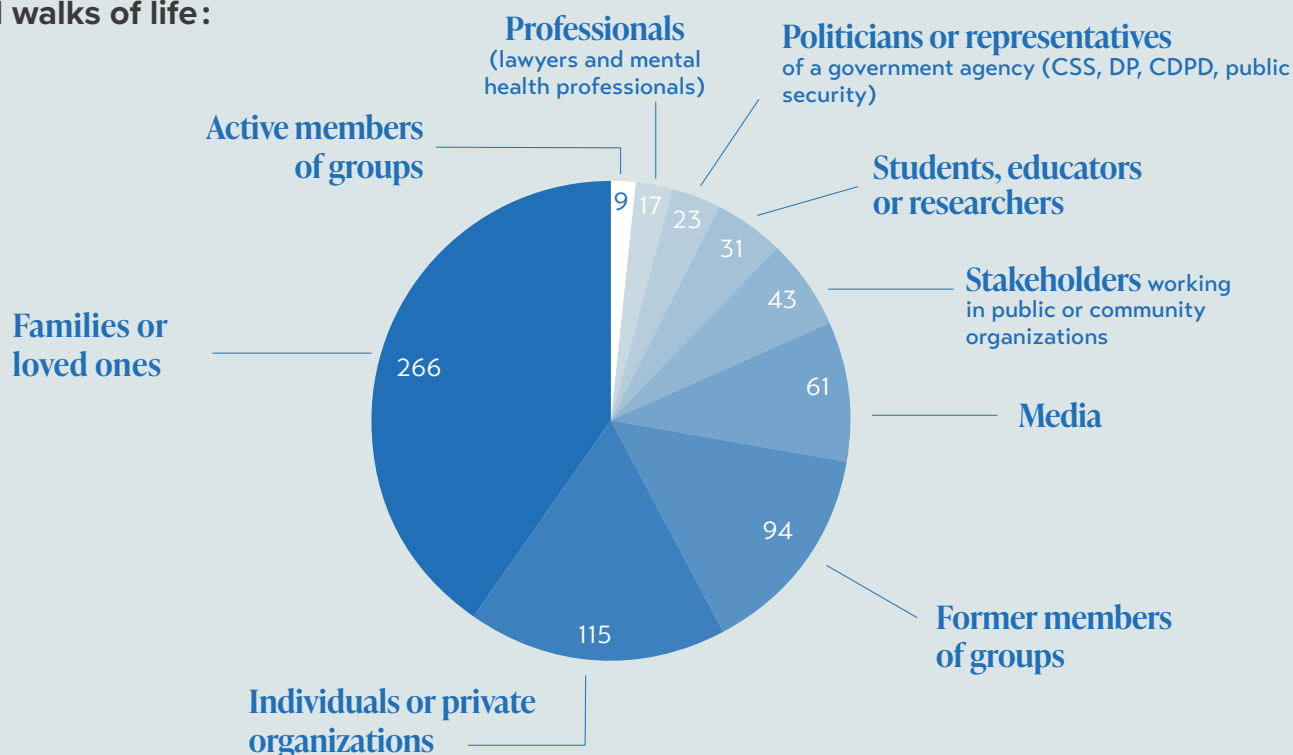
Statistics - ORIGIN OF INQUIRIES

During 2021-2022, the organization responded to **656** requests, including 501 in French (76.4%) and 155 in English (23.6%).

The majority of requests were received by email or telephone.



The request for services comes from all walks of life:



These different client categories have specific needs that call for an individualized approach.

For example, requests concerning Families or loved ones may come from parents, children, spouses, members of extended family, friends, colleagues, etc. These requests may express concerns about a loved one's commitment or belonging to a group. Others may have observed more or less drastic changes in the behaviour of a loved one and attributed these changes to his or her involvement in a group. Many are looking for different kinds of support: mental health, mediation, legal aid, etc.

Requests from Individuals or private organizations or from Media may be related to specific issues or attributed to curiosity about cultic phenomena, certain beliefs or specific groups. As for Former or Active members of groups, they usually seek help to cope better with their experience in a group. Some former members have problems

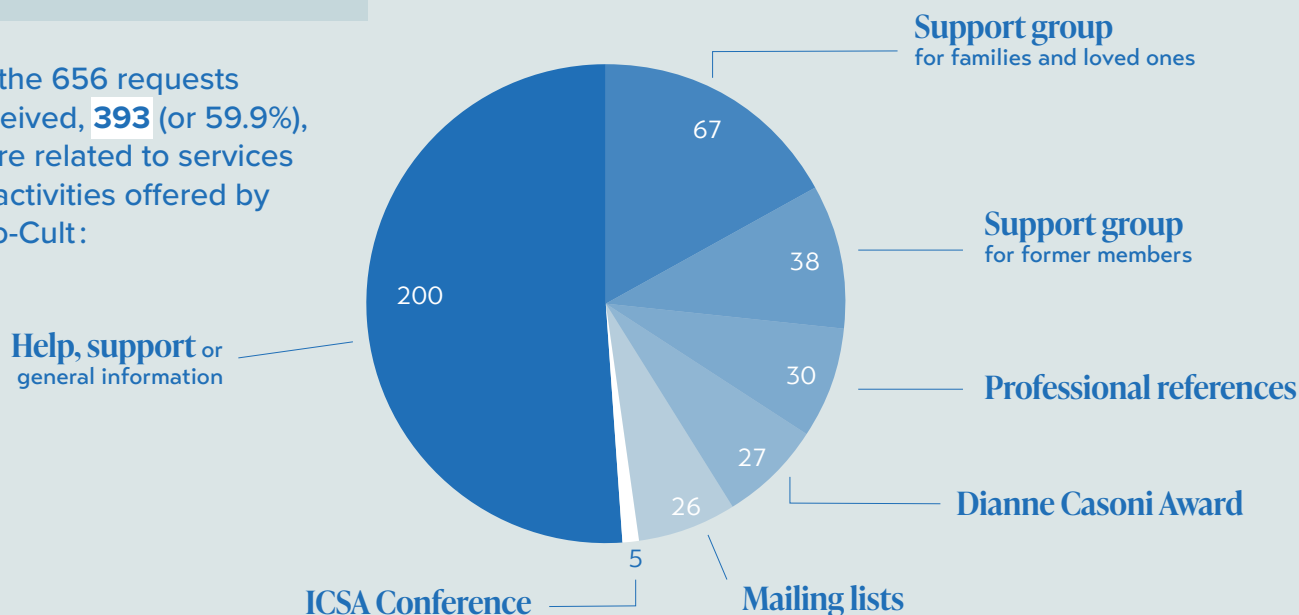
integrating or reintegrating society while others just want to chat and have validation of their feelings when they are going through a difficult period.

In this regard, the support groups provided by Info-Cult offer opportunities for expression that help to break the isolation and gain a certain mutual understanding. Finally, many former members want help, references or information, whether for funding or other resources (mental health, housing, education, legal aid, social services, etc.). It is important to note that this category of former members also includes second-generation adults (SGA). This designation corresponds to people whose history with a group is tied to the membership of their parents (or their guardians) with this same group. By virtue of their particular situation, this group of former members may therefore have different needs, for different reasons.

Statistics - TYPE OF REQUESTS

INFO-CULT SERVICES

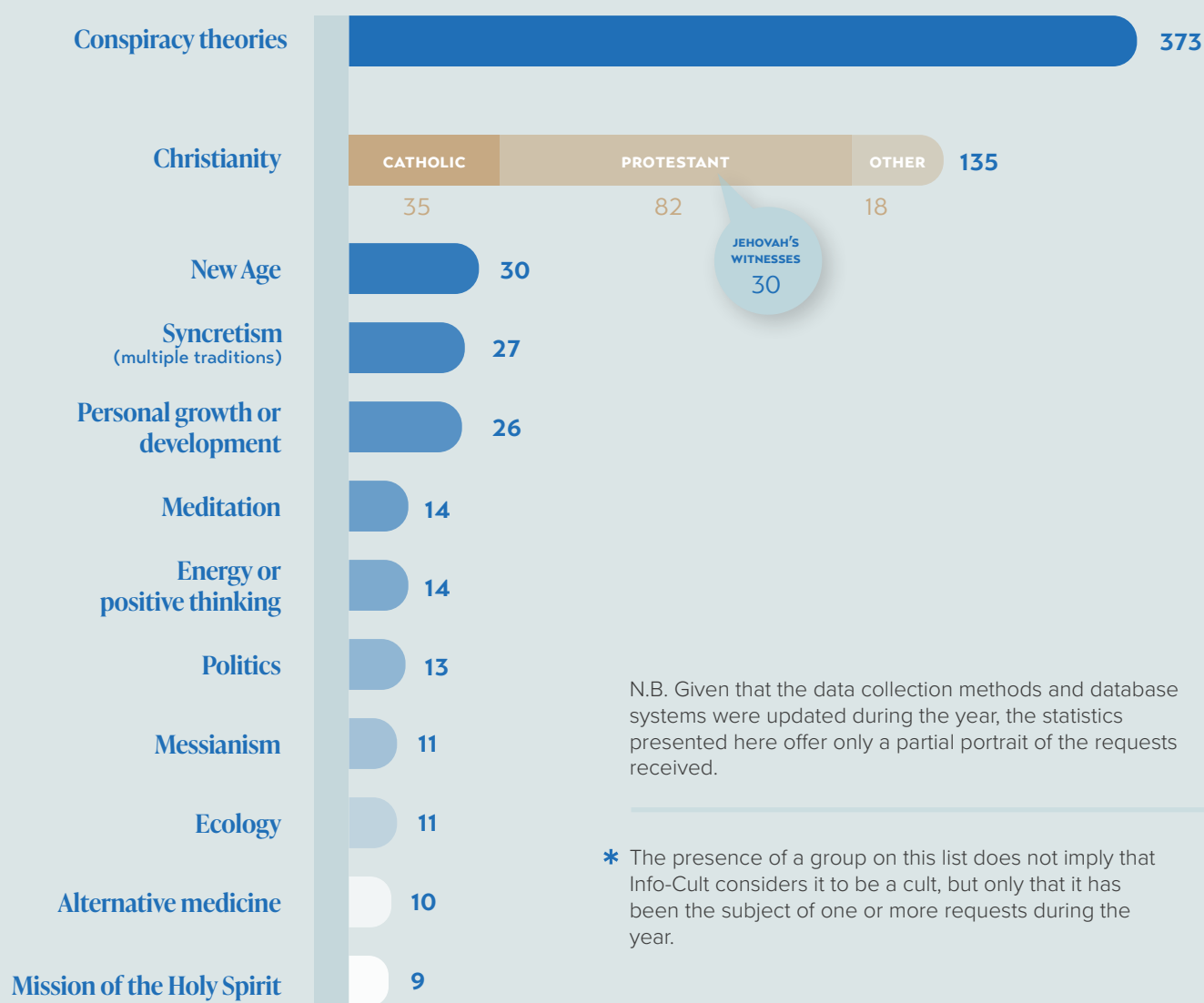
Of the 656 requests received, **393** (or 59.9%), were related to services or activities offered by Info-Cult:



In addition, **209** requests related to a loved one or family relations (31.8%), while **11** specifically concerned a situation with children (1.7%) and **13** others were related to consumer rights (1.9%).

Finally, of these 656 requests, Info-Cult also identified up to **748** subjects or topics that could be associated with groups, traditions or different beliefs or ideologies.

MOST COMMON TOPICS*



N.B. Given that the data collection methods and database systems were updated during the year, the statistics presented here offer only a partial portrait of the requests received.

* The presence of a group on this list does not imply that Info-Cult considers it to be a cult, but only that it has been the subject of one or more requests during the year.

Support Groups

For former members

In response to the needs expressed by former members, Info-Cult started its first support group (in French) in 2018.

Initially, meetings took place in person, in Montreal. Available online since 2020, former members from outside of Montreal can now benefit from this service.

A second support group (in English) for former members began in 2020.

Offered free of charge, these meetings are intended for those who **have experienced or are experiencing controlling relationships**. This can include various challenges in connection with groups, systems or environments with a high level of commitment, demand or control.

This support group aims to provide a confidential space that can:

- allow the victimization experience to be expressed freely;
- promote the sharing of similar experiences with peers;
- promote mutual recognition and understanding;
- help cope with feelings of isolation;
- improve the transition of these people following their individual experiences in various groups.

With a maximum of **10** participants and lasting an hour and a half (**1h30**), these **monthly** meetings are facilitated by experienced professionals (a psychologist and a psychoeducator) who act as hosts and moderators.

In the past year, an average of **8** people attended each meeting.



For families and loved ones

In response to the needs expressed by families and loved ones, Info-Cult started a third support group (in French) in 2021.

Offered online, this free service is intended for **families and loved ones of people living or having experienced controlling relationships**. This can include any situation in connection with groups, systems or environments with a high level of commitment, demand or control.

In the past year, an average of 8 people attended each meeting.

This support group aims to provide a confidential space that can:

- provide participants with resources so that they can better support their loved ones who belong or belonged to various groups;
- promote the sharing of similar experiences with peers;
- promote mutual recognition and understanding;
- alleviate feelings of guilt;
- break the feeling of helplessness.

With a maximum of **10** participants and lasting an hour and a half (1h30), these **monthly** meetings are facilitated by a volunteer psychologist and 2 staff members of Info-Cult.

Research

The expertise of Info-Cult is regularly called upon for accurate information about groups, beliefs or cultic phenomena.

People requesting this service come from anywhere in the world. They include:

- Researchers;
- Academics;
- Students (for school work);
- Lawyers (for assistance on legal issues);
- Media (radio, television, newspapers or other);
- Filmmakers or documentarians.

This service can also be used by people who are looking for specific information about a group or on a subject and who cannot come to our offices.

Legal or Judicial Affairs

Concerted adjustments

With the religious and cultural pluralism that is present in Quebec society today, it sometimes happens that religious beliefs or practices come into conflict with established standards. At times, such situations can be dealt with in court (even up to the Supreme Court of Canada) and become widely publicized, as was the case during the “reasonable accommodation” controversy in Quebec at the turn of the 2000s.

For several years, Info-Cult has been a key community actor, which, as a result of its response to the concerns of citizens linked to various groups or communities, was able to avoid potential legal pitfalls. Requests for help can come from individuals, landlords, schools, businesses, organizations, government agencies, etc.

Benefiting from a large network of contacts and access to accurate, reliable, up-to-date and contextualized information regarding thousands of groups, the expertise and nuanced approach of Info-Cult contributed to the attainment of peaceful solutions and concerted adjustments. Some of the situations may include:

- religious holidays;
- working conditions;
- blood transfusions, vaccination and other medical matters;
- clothing, religious or other symbols;
- behaviours, practices;
- schooling (private and public);
- diet.

Expert witness

From a legal standpoint, Info-Cult is sometimes asked to testify as an expert witness in criminal and civil law cases in Canada as well as in the United States. The organization is also sometimes called upon to act as a consultant and to assist lawyers in the preparation of different cases (divorce, child custody, fraud, real estate disputes, etc.) in Canada, the United States and even in Europe.

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Information and **Awareness**

Documentation Centre



In order to promote this collection and improve access to its catalogue, the modernization of the Info-Cult's documentation centre continued in 2021-2022.

With several hundred thousand archival documents, Info-Cult's specialized library is unique in Canada.

It is a valuable educational and research resource for thousands of students, teachers and researchers. The rarity of the documents that make up its collection and their general good condition make it a valuable addition to the catalogues of many universities, municipal and community libraries.

Its important collection includes a wide variety of documents related to cultic phenomena or to different kinds of groups (religious, political, personal growth, etc.) and deal with or bear witness to their ideology, their vision of the world, their functioning, their internal dynamics, etc.

The documents come from different sources, based on various approaches and perspectives.

The collection includes :

- more than 3000 books ;
- thousands of articles from newspapers, journals, and magazines from local, national and international sources ;
- hundreds of research reports, theses and dissertations ;
- government reports, legal documents and international rulings ;
- more than 1200 hours of programs or reports in audio and video formats ;
- documents from a variety of primary sources (from different groups, biographies, etc.).

Communications

Articles lists

Since the early 2000s, Info-Cult has been providing a free information service by email. Anyone who subscribes to this service can receive, on a regular basis, a selection of articles (in French or in English) from different sources on a variety of subjects related to different groups or cultic phenomena. Other mailings may include information about upcoming events, reports, TV programs or movies. Subscribers receive an average of **25** articles per week, for a ratio of about 15 articles in

English and 10 in French. Presently, there are **623** subscribers to this service with 373 people on the English mailing list and 250 on the French list.

Subscribers include individuals, families, active or former members of community or religious groups, media, politicians and professionals from various backgrounds: social workers, psychologists, community workers, lawyers, police, etc.

Newsletter

Since 2005, Info-Cult has published a newsletter a few times a year which informs its subscribers about the organization's events and activities. In addition to encouraging donations, it also allows Info-Cult to express its point of view on certain current issues.

In 2021–2022, **five** editions were published and distributed to an average of **2,907** unique email addresses, including 1,724 in French and 1,183 in English.

The average opening rate of these emails is 30%.

A PDF version of these newsletters is also published on Info-Cult's website as well as on social media.

This year, Info-Cult also sent two special newsletters to its members, with an average opening rate of 50%.



Website

Online since 1999 and updated on a regular basis, Info-Cult's website receives tens of thousands of visits per year.

The website offers information about Info-Cult's history and services, advice and general information about cultic phenomena, groups and new religious movements. There are also related news and announcements: broadcasts, conferences, symposiums and other upcoming events. Users can also consult the organization's documentary catalogue and access most of its content, including all of Info-Cult's publications and a large collection of legal documents and government reports from around the world.



The creation of this site is the result of the dedicated commitment of two volunteers, Robert Seely and Louis Raphaël who, over the years, have shared their expertise and offered a lot of their time, whether in terms of technical maintenance or for the many updates.

A new version of the website will be launched in 2022.

On behalf of those who benefit from invaluable resources, Info-Cult wishes to express its gratitude to all the people who have contributed to the creation and improvement of this site over the years.

Other online activity

Info-Cult ensures its presence on various online platforms that make it easier to reach a broader audience by disseminating information or publishing diverse perspectives on current topics of interest.



The Facebook page of Info-Cult has been online since 2013, thanks to the initiative and hard work of Isabelle Renaud, a volunteer and a current member of the Board of Directors. This page had **866** likes and **935** followers at the end of 2021-2022, which corresponds to an increase of about 8% compared to the previous year.



Online since 2017, LinkedIn had **177** followers by the end of the year.



Online since 2020, the Twitter page had **153** followers by the end of the year.



The YouTube page includes a variety of videos such as interviews, discussions or documentaries co-produced by the organization (Au-delà des mirages and Beyond the Mirage).

Media Presence

Over the years, staff, board members and volunteers of Info-Cult have been contacted by thousands of media, either for information or to conduct national and international interviews for television or radio programs. They are also consulted for documentaries or for magazine or newspaper articles.

Radio or Podcasts

As It Happens, C.B.C. Radio	C.J.A.D., Montréal	Internet Radio Network	Radio-Canada International
Let's Go, C.B.C Radio	C.J.F.M., Montréal	N.T.R., Montréal	Radio France International
B.B.C. Radio, England	C.K.A.C. Montréal	Newsweek Radio	Radio RTBF (Belgique)
C.F.R.A., Ottawa	C.K.N.W., Vancouver	Q.R.77, Calgary	BBC
C.F.R.B., Toronto	C.H.O.I. Québec	Qub Radio	
C.H.R.C., Québec	Fastband.com	Radio Autrichienne	

Television

Canal Historia	Enquête, Radio-Canada	Légendes urbaines, Canal D	RDI
Canal D	Fox on Psychology, Fox News, FOX	Match de la vie, TVA	RDI – Les Grands Reportages
Claire Lamarche, TVA	Global News	MAtv	Second regard, Radio-Canada
Club Illico	Independent Satellite News	Montréal ce soir, Radio-Canada	Sunday Edition, CTV
C.T.V. News, Canada AM, CTV	Infoman, Radio-Canada	National News, 5th Estate, CBC	TVA Nouvelles
Dateline, NBC	J.E., TVA	Newsworld	
Droit de parole, Radio-Québec	Le Grand Journal, TQS	National News, CTV	
Enjeux, Radio-Canada	Les Décrypteurs, Radio-Canada		

Print media

Acadie Nouvelle	Journal de Montréal	Le Soleil	Québec Science
Agence France Presse	Journal de Québec	London Daily Telegraph	Reuters
Amazon News Media	L'Actualité	Maclean's Magazine	The Walrus
Baltimore Sun	La Presse	McGill Daily	Time
Boston Globe	Le Devoir	McGill Newsroom	Toronto Star
Canadian Press	Le Droit	Métro Montréal	Toronto Sun
Canoe.com	Le Figaro	Miami Herald	Undark
Deseret News	Le Monde	New York Daily News	USA Today
Elle (Malaysia)	Le Nouvelliste	New York Times	Vice Magazine
Gazette	Le Nouvel Observateur	Newsweek	Wall Street Journal
Globe & Mail	Le Point AFP	Ottawa Citizen	Western Star
ici.radio-canada	Le Québec sceptique	Phnom Penh Post	

Last year, Info-Cult responded to **61** requests for information or an interview from different media stakeholders.

Below is the list of interviews and programs, by subjects, in which Info-Cult took part in the past year.

Conspiracies

May 4, 2021 – Journal de Montréal / QUB Radio

Miser sur l'émotion plutôt que la raison avec des proches complotistes

June 17, 2021 – Montreal Gazette

Face to face with COVID deniers in the ICU

June 21, 2021 – CBC News Ottawa

Interview with Mike Kropveld

August 11, 2021 – Journal de Montréal

Un tout nouveau service pour aider les familles de victimes des théories du complot

August 15, 2021 – Le Tour d'y Voir #15

Interview with Mike Kropveld (Info-Cult)

September 23, 2021 – QUB radio (Sophie Durocher)

Interview with Mike Kropveld

October 6, 2021 – Journal de Montréal

Une ex-complotiste revit depuis qu'elle en est sortie

October 6, 2021 - France 24

'I feel like I've lost him': The families torn apart by conspiracy theories

October 12, 2021 - Noovo, Le Fil 17

L'idée que le complotisme soit une secte fait-elle son chemin?

October 28, 2021 - Radio 106.9 (Mauricie)

Mike Kropveld d'Info-secte nous parle d'une situation bien particulière

December 8, 2021 - Journal de Montréal

Une ex-complotiste vient en aide à la police de Longueuil

December 29, 2021 - Le Droit

Complotistes, conspirationnistes, anti-vaccins, évitez les étiquettes

January 11, 2022 - Radio 94.9 CIEU FM (Gaspésie)

Interview with Mike Kropveld

February 10, 2022 - TVA Abitibi

Désinformation sur Internet... comment s'y retrouver?

Parole de vie church (Paul Mukendi)

October 19, 2021 - Radio-Canada

Manipulation, oppression financière: la face cachée de l'Église de Paul Mukendi

Le chemin neuf

August 12, 2021 - Journal des Voisins

La résidence Ignace-Bourget occupée par une secte religieuse?

Jehovah's Witnesses

August 19, 2021 - Acadie Nouvelle

Les Témoins de Jéhovah recensent davantage de membres

Order of the Solar Temple

February 8, 2022 - Vrai

L'ordre du temple solaire - Saison 1

General information

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Dianne Casoni Award



Dianne Casoni was an important collaborator of Info-Cult for more than 25 years, in addition to sitting on its board of directors for more than a decade. She was a prominent figure in research in the field of religion and cultic phenomena. As an experienced psychologist and psychoanalyst, she taught for over twenty years in the School of Criminology at the Université de Montréal.

To honour the memory of Dianne and to highlight her important contributions to research, Info-Cult established the Dianne Casoni Award in 2020. Created with the approval of her daughters, this award aims to promote and reward written work which addresses one or more aspects of cultic phenomena or which deals with the various areas of intervention in cultic environments.

The first Dianne Casoni Award will be presented in June 2022, during the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) Annual Conference which is organized in collaboration with Info-Cult. The recipient of the award will receive a \$500 (CAD) prize as well as a commemorative plaque.

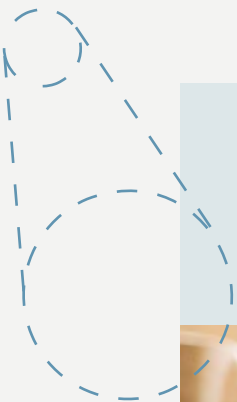
Educational and Training Programs

Info-Cult offers various types of training or educational programs to meet the needs of different communities within the public, parapublic, private or non-profit sectors:

- clients or service users;
- students;
- employees;
- professional orders, unions, judicial community, etc

These training aims to inform and to make participants aware of cultic phenomena and to provide resources so they are better able to:

- provide assistance to members or former group members;
- assess social or religious groups who seek collaboration;
- assist an employee or client who has been affected directly or indirectly by these phenomena;
- recognize situations of victimization or potential abuse.



During 2021-2022, the executive director was invited by the CIUSSS of Montreal east to give a training session to professionals and students in psychiatry at the *Institut universitaire en santé mentale de Montréal* (on December 10).

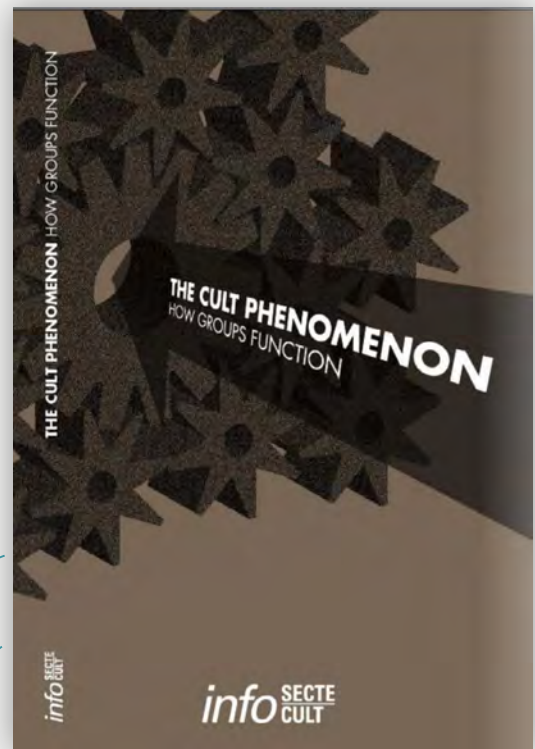


Publications d'Info-Secte

Book

Info-Cult's book, *The Cult Phenomenon: How Groups Function* is the English version of *Le phénomène des sectes: l'étude du fonctionnement des groupes*. Both versions can be downloaded for free from Info-Cult's website.


Also available in hard copy, these books are a relevant resource in understanding group dynamics and the cultic phenomena.



Other publications

Info-Cult's staff, colleagues and board members have published a number of works over the years and below is a selection from the last ten years.

Note that the complete list of publications is available at no cost on Info-Cult's website.



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Networking and Partnerships

Collaborations

Meetings

Since 2009, Info-Cult staff have participated in annual meetings with representatives of three European organizations:

Information Network on Religious Movements (INFORM),
London (UK)

Centre d'information et d'avis sur les organisations sectaires nuisibles (CIAOSN),
Brussels (Belgium)

Centre Intercantonal d'Information sur les Croyances (CIC),
Geneva (Switzerland)

The aim of these annual meetings, which can sometimes take place over two days, is to share information and reflect on topical themes or professional practices. These meetings can also provide dialogue opportunities with active members of groups that are controversial or might be perceived as "cults".

In 2021-2022, the annual meeting took place online on September 22. There was a discussion about the

requests received by the organizations during the year as well as on the different challenges encountered on a day-to-day basis.

Other exchanges between the executive director of Info-Cult and senior management staff of the other organizations take place on a monthly basis throughout the year.

International Cultic Studies Association

Since 2009, the executive director of Info-Cult, Mike Kropveld, has been on the Board of directors of the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) and chairs the committee of its annual conference, which has been organized jointly with Info-Cult since 2001.

Founded in 1979 and based in the United States, ICSA is one of the leading organizations in the field of cultic studies. Its international network includes former members of groups, families, researchers and professionals who all have in common a concern for cultic phenomena, group dynamics and controlling settings or relationships.

The mission of ICSA is similar to that of Info-Cult:


- Help former group members;
- Provide support for families and loved ones;
- Educate the public about these phenomena;
- Encourage and support the study of these phenomena;
- Provide resources to professionals.

ICSA Annual International Conferences

Since 2001, Info-Cult has been co-organizing the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA) Annual Conference.


These multidisciplinary conferences bring together participants and international speakers including:

- Researchers;
- Mental health professionals;
- Active or former group members;
- Families;
- Students and educators;
- Law enforcement agents;
- Lawyers;
- Representatives of religious organizations.



These conferences can include panels or sessions that present or discuss research results, information or various perspectives on cultic phenomena, “cults”, new religious movements, high-demand or high-control groups. The agenda also include workshops for professionals, researchers and families.

Year after year, the involvement of Info-Cult in the organization of these conferences facilitates the participation of many students, researchers and professionals from Quebec and the rest of Canada. In addition to promoting the exchange of knowledge and offering valuable networking opportunities, these conferences also provide speakers the opportunity to make presentations in front of an international audience.



These conferences take place in North America or in Europe :

2021 - Montreal (online), Canada

2019 - Manchester, UK

2018 - Philadelphia, USA

2017 - Bordeaux, France

2016 - Dallas, USA

2015 - Stockholm, Sweden

2014 - Washington, USA

2013 - Trieste, Italy

2012 - Montreal, Canada

2011 - Barcelone, Spain

2010 - Rome, Italy

2010 - New York, USA

2009 - Geneva, Switzerland

2008 - Philadelphia, USA

2007 - Brussels, Belgium

2006 - Denver, USA

2005 - Madrid, Spain

ICSA Conference 2021

Initially scheduled to take place in Montreal in 2020, the last conference was rescheduled to an online format one year later due to the pandemic.

The adoption of the online format allowed us to reach a record audience of **431** participants from **25** countries. Almost 100 participants were from Canada, including several Quebec researchers and dozens of participants from the Francophonie.

Thanks to a grant from Canadian Heritage, several sessions were also interpreted in French or English. Finally, the majority of presentations were made available for subsequent viewings for 30 days after the conference.

Info-Cult is happy to have been able to rely on the support of the following sponsors :

- Université de Moncton
- Université de Montréal
- Centre d'expertise et de formation sur les intégrismes religieux, les idéologies politiques et la radicalisation (CEFIR)
- Tourisme Montréal

Participation in Events, Conferences and Webinars

Each year, Info-Cult's staff participate in numerous activities which, while pursuing reflection on cultic phenomena and best intervention practices, consolidate the anchoring of the organization as an essential community resource.

This year again, many events could not take place in person due to the pandemic. Nevertheless, the flexibility offered by the virtual modality enabled Info-Cult staff to participate in many events, conferences and webinars.

CONFERENCE

Congrès biennal de la Société québécoise pour l'étude de la religion (SQÉR)

- Online, April 22-23, 2021

WEBINAR

Borders of Hate: Defining and Preventing Extremism in the Digital Era (CPRLV)

- Online, May 5, 2021

WEBINAR

'Cult' Rhetoric in the 21st Century (Inform)

- Online, June 24, 2021

WEBINAR

Au-delà de la haine: reconnexions et espaces de dialogue en ligne (CPRLV)

- Online, September 22, 2021

FORUM

Forum sur la lutte contre la désinformation (Fond de recherche du Québec)

- Palais des congrès de Montréal, December 9, 2021

WEBINAR

Engager le dialogue avec une personne qui adhère aux théories du complot (CPRLV)

- Online, March 3, 2022

ONLINE BOOK LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION

Reactions to the Law by Minority Religions (Inform)

- Online, April 29, 2021

CONFERENCE

Conference on Religious Trauma (CORT)

- Online, May 11-16, 2021

CONFERENCE

Congrès annuel international de l'ICSA (ICSA et Info-Secte)

- Online, July 1-3, 2021

TRAINING

Intervenir auprès de groupes sectaires ou de communautés fermées: s'outiller pour protéger les enfants (Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes)

- Online, October 29 and November 5, 2021

SEMINAR

Le religieux chez les jeunes sans religion (Chaire de leadership en enseignement jeunes et religions - Université Laval)

- Online, February 25, 2022

Community Relations

Help, health, safety and social services

On the local level, Info-Cult receives requests and references from many professionals and stakeholders from the health and social services sector (psychologists, social workers, therapists, etc.) as well as from public and private organizations including :

- 811
- Youth Protection Departments
- L'Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes
- Canadian Centre for Child Protection
- Crime Victims Assistance Centre (CAVAC)
- Information and Referral Centre of Greater Montreal
- Health and Social Services throughout Québec
- Public Security Departments
- Director of Youth Protection (DYP)
- Hospitals
- Kids Help Phone
- Community organizations (consumer groups, youth centres, women's shelters, sexual assault centres, etc.)
- Consumer Protection Offices
- Option Consommateurs
- Regroupement des Services d'Intervention de Crise du Québec
- Missing Children's Network
- Shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence
- Secours-Amitié Estrie
- Suicide Action Montréal (SAM)
- Tel-Jeunes

Information and Research

Info-Cult maintains relations with researchers and educators in several faculties at local universities:

Département d'études
anciennes et de
sciences des religions -
Université d'Ottawa

Département de
sciences des religions -
Université du Québec à
Montréal

Department of
Religions and Cultures -
Concordia University

Faculté de théologie et
de sciences religieuses -
Université Laval

Institut d'études
religieuses - Université
de Montréal

School of religious
studies - McGill
University

Over the years, Info-Cult has also developed important ties in various public and private settings with individuals, groups, organizations, religious communities, ecumenical centres, multidisciplinary professionals in Quebec, in Canada as well as internationally who are specialized or interested in similar issues.

In addition to contributing to the organization's influence and promoting support services that are adapted to the reality of individuals and communities, this extended network allows a diversity of sources of information and a better dissemination of knowledge and perspectives related to cultic phenomena.

Canada

- Association humaniste du Québec
- Centre d'écoute et d'interprétation des nouvelles recherches du croire (CEINR)
- Centre d'étude du religieux contemporain - Université de Sherbrooke
- Centre d'expertise et de formation sur les intégrismes religieux, les idéologies politiques et la radicalisation (CEFIR)
- Centre de recherche Sociétés Droits et Religions de l'Université de Sherbrooke (SODRUS)
- Centre de ressources et d'observation de l'innovation religieuse (CROIR)
- Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF)
- Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR)
- Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV)
- Narratives of Identity: Spirituality in the Modern World
- Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance (OCRT)
- Recherche et Action sur les Polarisations Sociales (RAPS)
- Religion and child abuse news
- Religion and Diversity Project
- Sceptiques du Québec

International Network

Australia

- Cult Counselling Australia
- Cult Information & Family Support Inc.

United States

- Centers for Apologetics Research
- International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA)
- New England Institute of Religious Research (NEIRR)
- Freedom of Mind Resource Center
- Wellspring Retreat and Resource Center

Europe

- Asesoramiento e Informacion sobre Sectas (AIS), Spain
- Bundesstelle für Sektenfragen, Austria
- Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), Italy
- Centre d'information et d'aide sur les organisations sectaires nuisibles (CIAOSN), Belgium
- Centre intercantonal d'information sur les croyances (CIC), Switzerland
- Dialogue Ireland Trust, Ireland
- Family Action Information and Resource (FAIR), UK
- Fédération européenne de centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme (FECRIS), France
- Hjälpkällan, Sweden
- Human Rights Without Frontiers International (HRWF Int'l), Belgium
- Information Network Focus on Religious Movements (INFORM), UK
- Mission interministérielle de vigilance et de combat contre les dérives sectaires (MIVILUDES), France
- Open Minds Foundation, UK
- Sekteinfo NRW, Germany
- Uskontojen Uhrien Tuki Ry (U.U.T.), Finland

Japan

- National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales

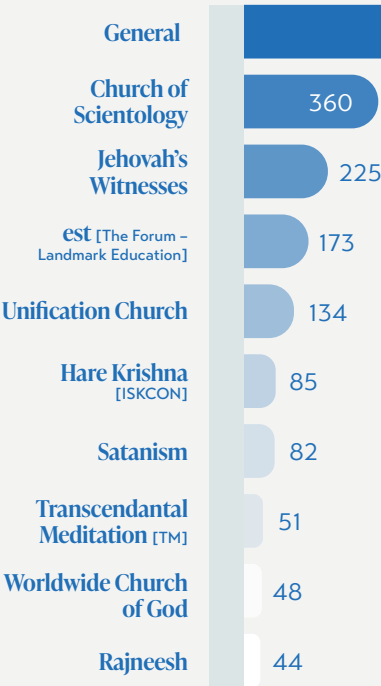


History and Testimonials

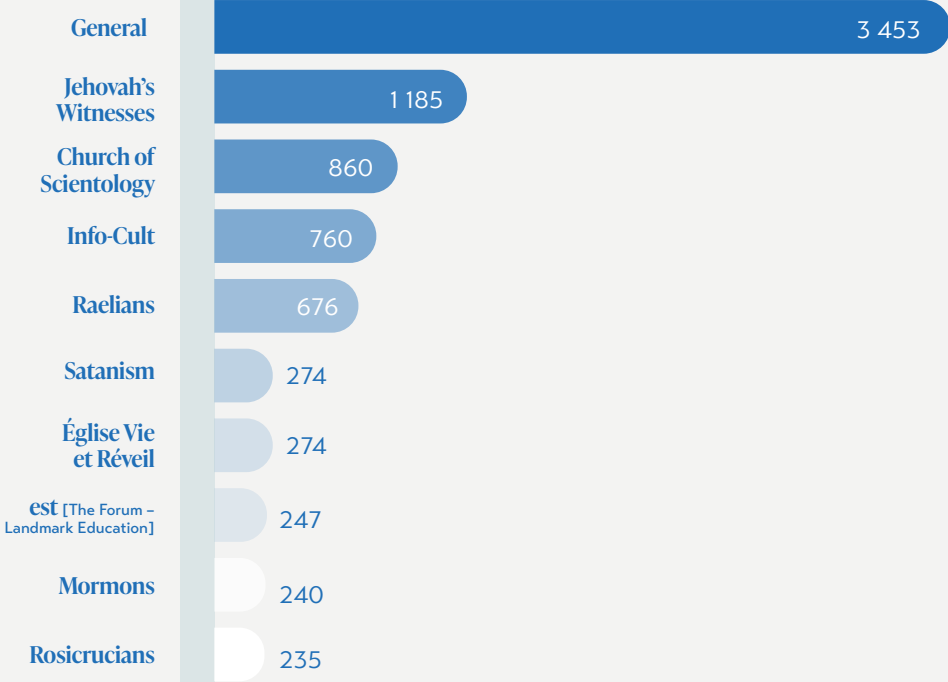
Info-Cult Statistics: 1980 - 2020

The lists below provide a snapshot of the 10 groups or subjects which, for different reasons, have been the subject of the greatest number of requests during each decade of Info-Cult’s activity.

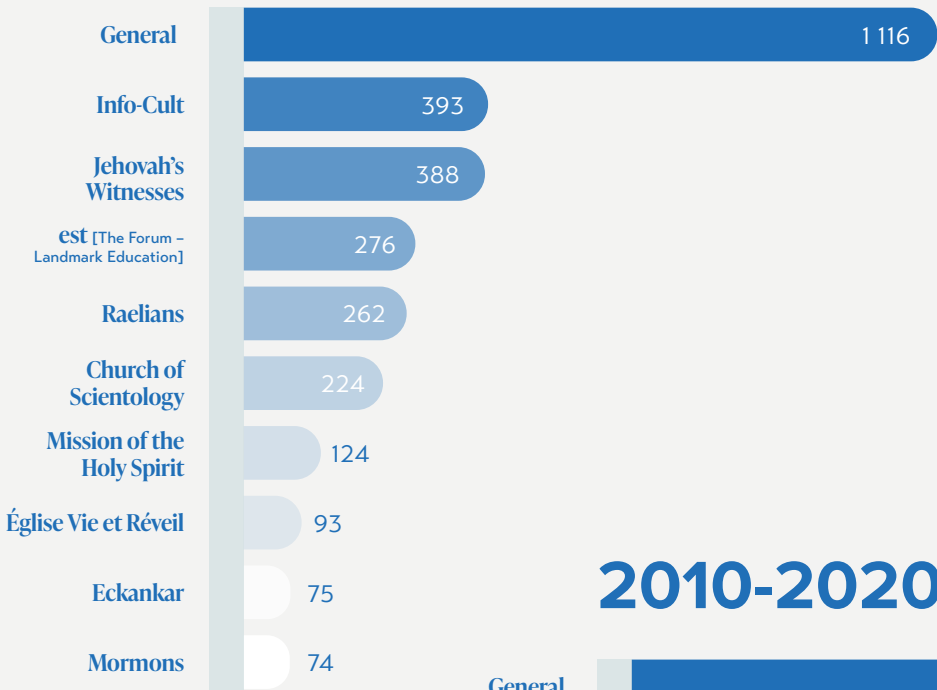
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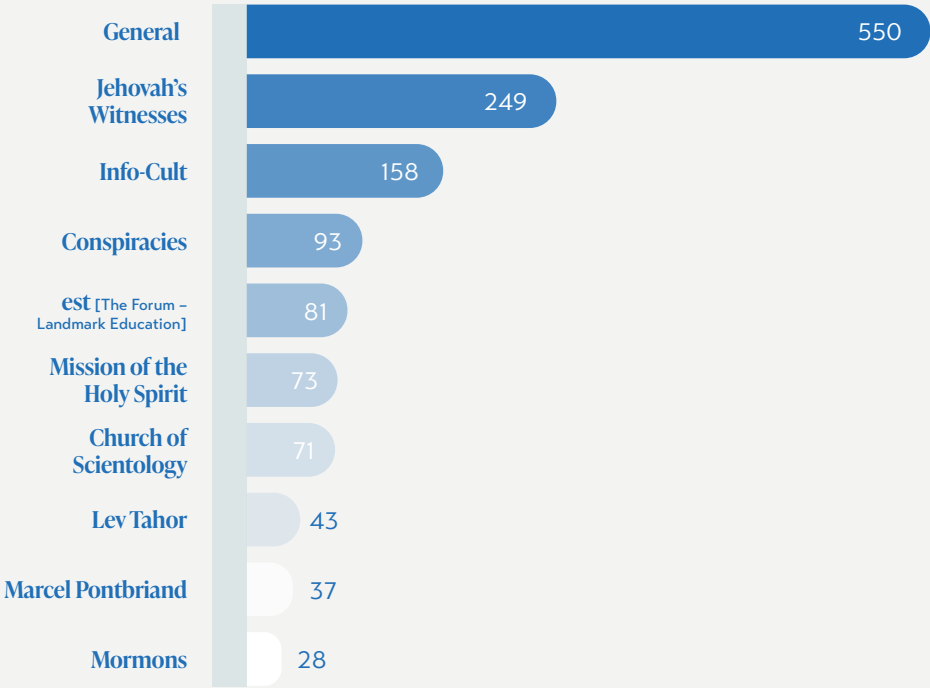
1990- 2000



2000-2010



2010-2020*



N.B. The inclusion of a group on these lists does not mean that Info-Cult considers it to be a cult, but only that it has been the subject of one or more requests.

* As data collection methods and databases were updated during the year, the statistics presented only provide a partial portrait of the requests received in 2020.

History and Highlights

Info-Cult is recognized for its expertise and the quality of its services, particularly in the support offered to families and people affected by cultic phenomena. The organization pursues its mission to inform the public and continues to promote research and reflection on group dynamics in order to more effectively intervene when needed.

Much like the groups it observes, Info-Cult has experienced many changes since its founding in 1980, whether in terms of its:

- name;
- structure and operation;
- funding;
- clientele and services provided;
- network.

A more in-depth examination of the history of the organization and its beginnings makes it possible to better understand its development and the transformations of its perspective on cultic phenomena.

Beginnings

Along with a decline in traditional religious institutions as well as a certain undermining of normative values, the last century has witnessed a change in religious institutions, paving the way for a rise in new forms of religiosity or various spiritual quests. These changes were also accompanied by a marked growth in the number of groups with different callings (religious, spiritual, political, therapeutic, etc.). During the 1960s, the proliferation of these groups sparked public curiosity and a need for information. One wonders what is attractive about these groups, especially among young adults, whose lifestyle tends to change radically following contact with a group. Towards the end of the 1970s, concerns about "cults" increased following various tragedies, notably that of Jonestown (in Guyana) where 918 people died in 1978.

Founding of the **Cult Information Center**, an association of volunteers aimed at raising awareness of cultic phenomena.

1978

Under the auspices of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation of Montreal (a student association), the Cult Project was born. Subsidized by the Jewish Community Services of Montreal as well as by private donations, this non-profit education and resource centre on cults offers a public and non-denominational service to the entire population.

1980

Its objectives are to:

- Develop a bilingual information and documentation centre on cultic groups and phenomena that is open to the public;
- Support families, relatives and former members of groups;
- Offer information and awareness sessions on cultic phenomena in Montreal and the surrounding area.

During its first ten years of existence, three people have been employed by the Cult Project (two with the help of government grants) and are responsible for a number of research projects. Various prevention and awareness programs about cults and "mental manipulation" techniques are presented in high schools, CEGEPs, universities, community centres and professional associations in Montreal and its surroundings.

The Cult Project publishes a report on cultism in France which is subsidized in part by the Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse.

1987

To commemorate the victims of the Johnstown tragedy, the Cult Project undertakes an awareness campaign in Montreal, from November 14 to 18.

1988

1979

Under the initiative of the Montreal section of the Hillel association (a Jewish student organization that is active on several university and college campuses), conferences are organized in order to sensitize students and the population to cultic phenomena. Interest generated by these conferences, combined with the expressed needs of the community, led a small group of people (notably Mike Kropveld, Leonard Lazarus and Patrick Quincy) to consider setting up a permanent resource centre on cults. Recognizing the relevance of such a project, leaders of the Hillel organization applied for a grant from the Jewish community of Montreal in order to develop this resource centre more concretely.

1982

The Cult Project publishes a research report entitled *Les sectes dans le milieu francophone à Montréal*.

In collaboration with the Cult Project, a ten-part course entitled *Coping with Cults* is offered to high schools. Produced by the Jewish Education Council of Montreal and developed by Sylvia Stipelman, the program won the William Haber Prize.

1986

The Cult Project publishes two research reports:

1- *Non-profit and charitable solicitation in Canada: A Review of Techniques and Ethical Considerations* (funded by a grant from by Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada);

2- *Les difficultés reliées à la consommation rencontrées par les consommateurs dans certains nouveaux mouvements religieux et para-religieux de la Province de Québec* (funded by a grant from the Quebec Consumer Protection Office).

Now located in new offices (on Park Avenue, Montreal), The Cult Project becomes Info-Cult, an independent, bilingual and non-denominational organization which is governed by a board of directors composed of legal, education, mental health, counselling and business professionals.

1990

The mission of Info-Cult is also updated to reflect its growth over the last 10 years:

“ In order to promote the dignity and integrity of the person, with respect for individual and collective rights, freedom of thought and expression, and the right to information, Info-Cult’s objects are the following:

- Promote the study of cultic phenomena;
- Raise awareness, inform and educate the population about these phenomena;
- Assist people experiencing difficulties related to these phenomena.

”

The release of the documentary, *Au-delà des mirages* which will be followed in 1994 by the release of the English version, *Beyond the Mirage*. Directed by Jorge Martinez and produced by Info-Cult, this documentary aims to make young people more aware of cultic phenomena. It is used in Canada and the United States for educational purposes.

1993

Info-Cult submits a report as part of a Parliamentary Commission of the Quebec government on alternative therapies.

Info-Cult enters cyberspace and launches the first version of its bilingual website, which becomes a source of references on cultic phenomena and how groups function.

1999

Info-Cult celebrates its 25th anniversary of service to the community and produces, for the occasion, a commemorative booklet including tributes.

2005

1991

A media campaign is organized to sensitize the Quebec population on cultic phenomenon. In collaboration with Info-Cult, an information brochure entitled *Are you vulnerable?* is published and distributed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

1992

“In recognition of significant contribution to compatriots, community and to Canada”, Mike Kropveld, founder of Info-Cult, receives the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal from the Government of Canada.

Following a number of testimonies, Info-Cult makes public the case of the *Médecins du Ciel*, channeler healers. Certain steps taken by Info-Cult contribute to the filing of a complaint to the College of Physicians of Quebec for the illegal practice of medicine leading to healers being fined.

1995

The staff of Info-Cult reflects on the concept of “cultic thinking”. This terminology is now used by Info-Cult to take into account individual behaviour and group dynamics, but is not used as criteria for distinguishing groups that may represent a potential risk to its members.

2003

Publication of the book, *Le phénomène des sectes: l'étude du fonctionnement des groupes* (by Mike Kropveld and Marie-Andrée Pelland). This book was made possible thanks to a grant from the *Ministère des Relations avec les citoyens et de l'Immigration du Québec*.

"In recognition of his leadership in the effort to preserve and protect individual liberties", Info-Cult's Executive Director, Mike Kropveld, is the recipient of the Herbert L. Rosedale Award from the *International Cultic Studies Association* (ICSA).

2007

Info-Cult is called upon to respond to questions and concerns relating to the "end of the world" or the end of the Mayan calendar (December 21, 2012).

During the summer, Info-Cult hosts ICSA's international conference in Montreal.

2012

A complementary name is added: *Centre d'étude des phénomènes sectaires et services d'aide*.

Info-Cult celebrates its 40th anniversary and organizes an international congress in collaboration with ICSA (*International Cultic Studies Association*) to be held in Montreal. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference was presented online the following year.

A second support group in English for former members is started.

2020

2006

With the help of Canadian Heritage, Info-Cult publishes *The Cult Phenomenon: How Groups Function* (by Mike Kropveld and Marie-Andrée Pelland) an update of the French version of the book published in 2003 by the same authors.

2009

In collaboration with two Montreal organizations (the Association Plaidoyer-Victimes and the CINR - now CEINR), Info-Cult organizes a two-day conference at the Université de Montréal entitled: *Du croire à l'extrême et des pratiques sectaires: prendre en compte et intervenir*.

2018

In response to the needs expressed by former members, Info-Cult starts a support group in French which is facilitated by professionals offering their services on a voluntary basis.

2021

A support group is started for families and loved ones.

Testimonials

“ Thank you very much for your time the other day. I really appreciate the time you took to speak with me... Kind regards.

- Family member ”

“ I appreciate all that Info-Cult does and I'm thankful for your assistance more than a decade ago. It was a catalyst for a loved one to exit a sect. I say thank you every day.”

- Family member ”

“ Thank you so much for getting back to me. I would love to be able to speak with you directly as this is very important to me and has taken up much of my life (...). I see there are places I can make a donation to your organization and would love to do so simply because you took the time to get back to me. My email and questions were not exactly what we call to be normal questions so I thank you for not disregarding them.”

-Family member ”

“ I have read this and other articles you've sent, some of which I've emailed to clients, who, like myself, are former cult members. Thank you for your good work! All the best.

-Former member ”

“

I want to tell you that our son is now a practicing psychologist (...). You advised us (...) to stay cool because that it did not sound like he was involved with a cult, and you were right. Best wishes.”

”

- Family member

“

Thanks so much for helping me and my student RAs (Research assistants) yesterday. Info-Secte is an amazing asset.

- Professor

“

Thank you for your continued tireless devotion towards this important work.

”

- Family member

“

Thanks for the info, will use all these resources. Nice to chat with someone that has a better understanding of what someone like me has been through. Thanks again.

”

- Former member

“

I just wanted to let you know that we appreciate this news service that you provide. We look at it and utilize / download many of the articles. Thanks so much.

”

- Employee of a non-profit organization

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