HANDOUT 3.3.3 ISLAM IN GERMANY

Religion	of Nation %
Christianity: Evangelical Protestants	29.30 %
Christianity: Roman Catholics	29.20 %
Islam	4.88 %
Judaism	0.24 %
Other Religions (Christianity)	5.75 %
No Religion	31.00 %

Source: (2011). Religionen & Weltanschauungs-gemeinschaften in Deutschland: Mitgliederzahlen. REMID. Retrieved September 31, 2012, from http://www. remid.de/remid_info_zahlen.htm

➤ Islam in Germany

The Federal Government distinguishes between Islam, one of the three major monotheistic religions of the world, and Islamism (or Islamic fundamentalism), an extremist political ideology.

The Federal Government considers the integration of Muslims in Germany and the promotion of peaceful co-existence with them as one of its most important policy tasks. Between 3.8 and 4.3 million Muslims of immigrant origin live in Germany, according to a study of Muslim life in Germany conducted in 2015.

The Federal Ministry of the Interior also promotes inter-religious dialogue, which reinforces what values and ideas all religions share and thus also strengthens public trust in social cohesion.

In order to do justice to the significant socio-political task of Muslim integration, in September 2006 the Federal Ministry of the Interior initiated the German Islam Conference with the aim of improving religious and social integration of the Muslim population in Germany. The German Islam Conference is a long-term institution of dialogue between representatives of federal, state and local governments and of Muslims in Germany.

Source: "Islam in Deutschland". *Bundesministerium des Innern, für Bau und Heimat*, 2015, https://www.bmi.bund.de/DE/themen/heimat-integration/staat-und-religion/islam-in-deutschland/islam-in-deutschland-node.html.