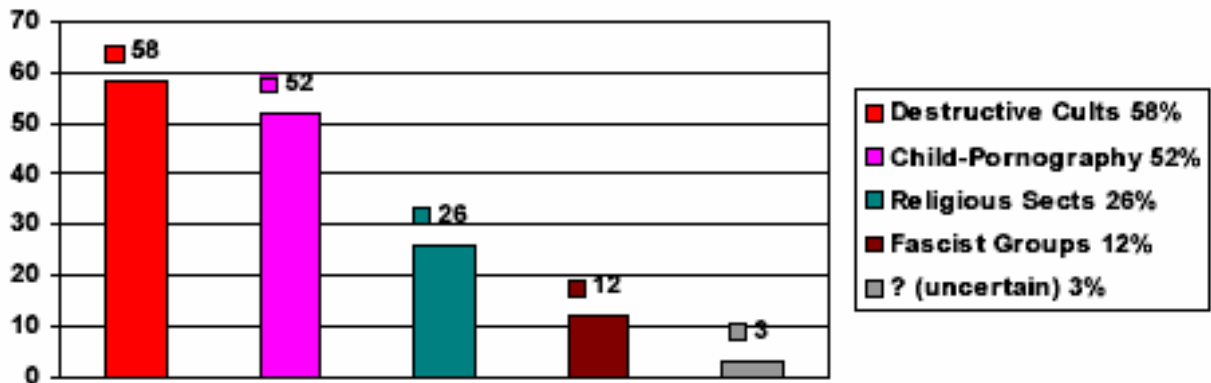


### Ritual Abuse in Germany: Background of 354 cases in treatment



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Report of a 1997 study on “Ritual Abuse” in Germany done by Ulla Fröhling, a journalist and author, and Michaela Huber, a therapist and author.

The study sent out 355 questionnaires throughout Germany; 126 were returned involving 354 cases in treatment in Germany. Every “maybe” and “perhaps” were excluded which led to 354 cases in treatment—299 in current treatment in 61 locations in Germany.

#### Background of 354 cases in treatment

- 58% destructive cults: most with reference to satanic themes and some were identified as Gnostic-occult
- 52% involved child pornography: video taped and filmed
- 26% were religious christian groups with the use of exorcism rituals
- 13% were Fascists groups most with a Nazi-ideology
- 3% used sadistic group violence without a notable ideology

These percentage figures tabulate to 151% meaning victimization ordeals involved more than one of the categories identified above.