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Same Same or not

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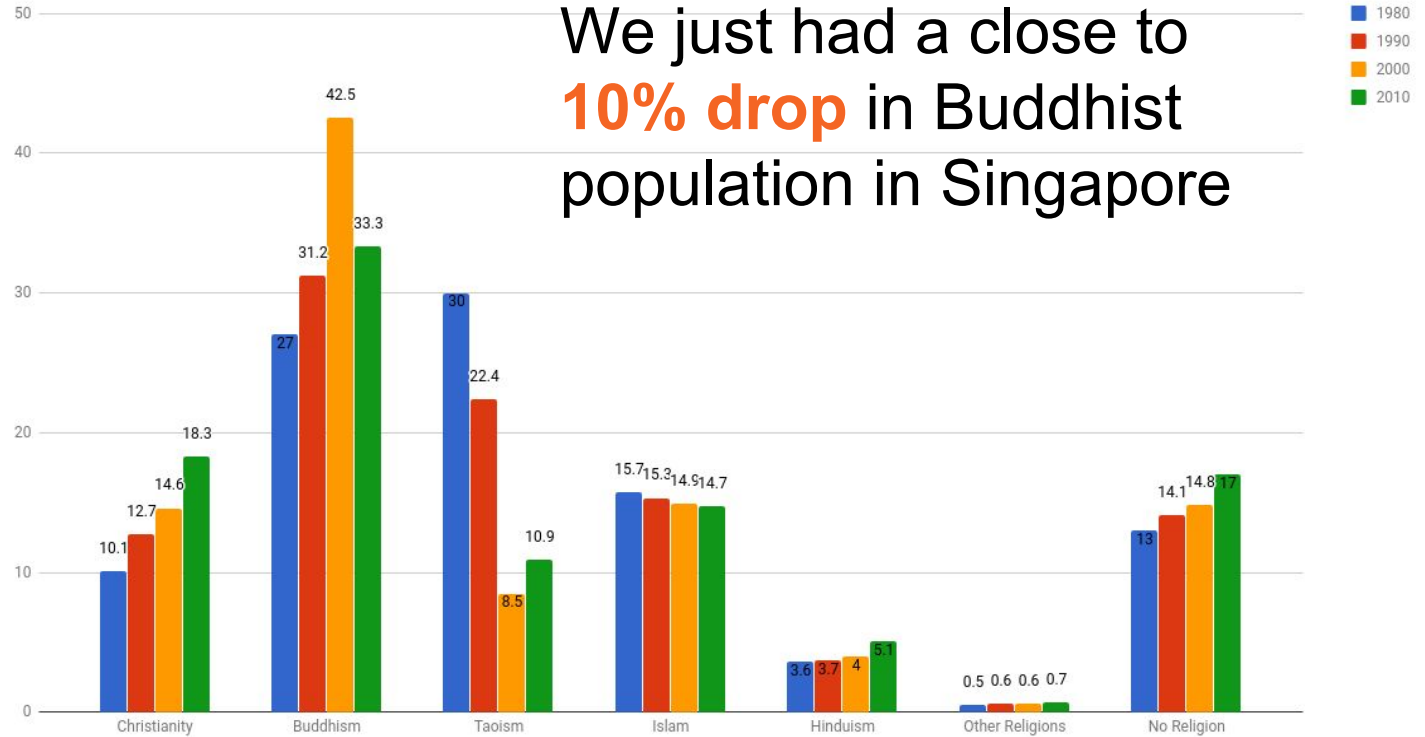
Elephant in the Room

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Census data,
courtesy of
singdata.gov.sg

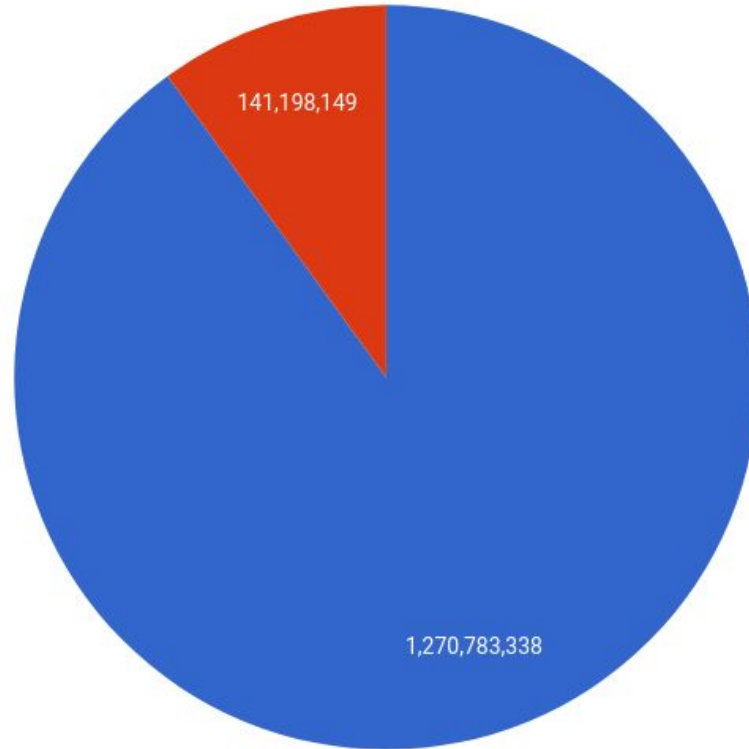
Percentage 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010



We just had a close to
10% drop in Buddhist
population in Singapore

10% of China's population (1,411,981,487)

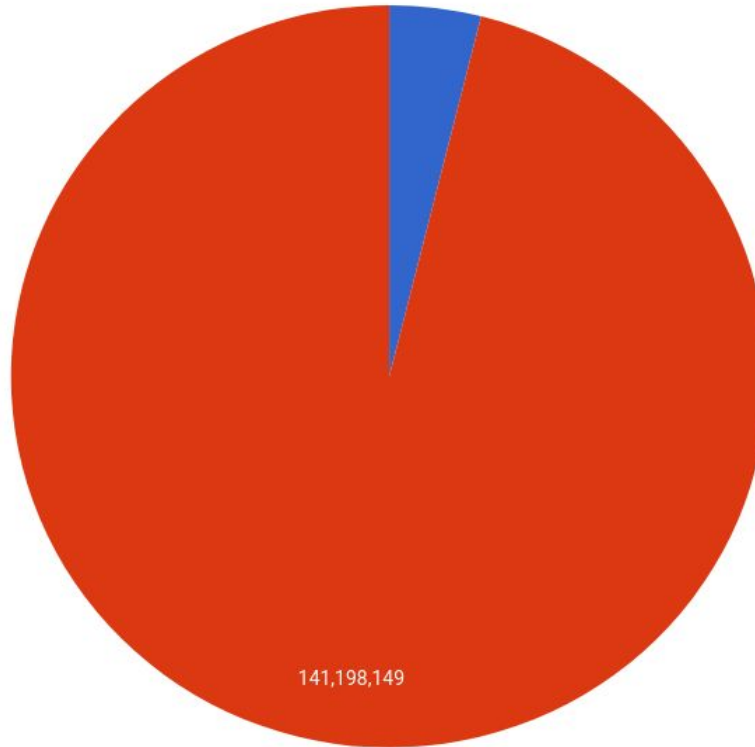
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Pop data, courtesy of <http://worldometers.info/world-population/china-population/>

10% of China's pop to Singapore pop (5,746,364)

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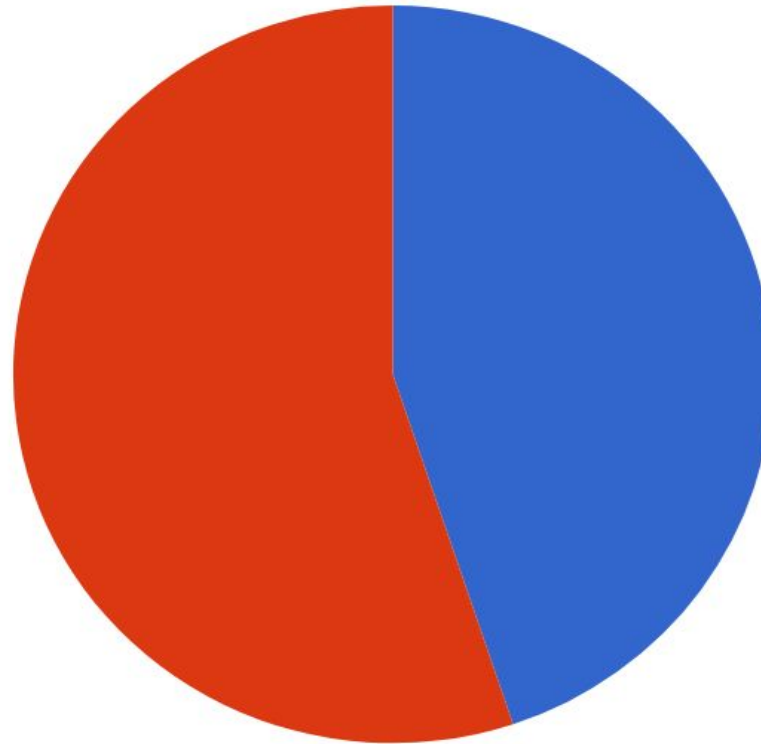


● Singapore
● 10%

Pop data, courtesy of <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population/singapore-population/>

0.5% of China's pop (7,059,907) to Singapore pop (5,746,364)

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● Singapore
● 0.5%

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Does it matter if
the **Left** or **Right** side of a ship is sinking?

OR

Is it more important that we help people learn
our lineage or learn **Buddha Dharma** and
benefit from it?

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Differences

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DIFFERENCES

NONE?

Who are we *kidding*?

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DIFFERENCES

Lineage

Practices

End Goal

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LINEAGE

Language, Teachings, Form

Item

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Language

Pali, English, Mandarin,
Sinhalese, Myanmese, Thai,
etc

Sanskrit, English, Mandarin,
Tibetan, Korean, Japanese,
Chinese Dialects etc

Teachings

Pali Tipitaka, lineage
commentaries

Chinese Tripitaka, lineage
commentaries

Form

Robes, temples, monasteries,
Buddha-statue

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PRACTICES

That differ?

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Precepts - 5,8,10, 8, 227, 311

Samatha

Vipassana

Budho-meditation

Bodhi-tree puja

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Precepts - 5,8,10, 8, 250, 348

Śamatha

Vipaśyanā

Recitation of Buddha's name

Qing Ming, Ulambana

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END GOAL

Across Lineages

Level

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Supramundane

Arahant, PaccekaBuddha,
Sammāsambuddha

Arahant, PratyekaBuddha,
Samyaksambuddha

Mundane

Happy rebirth as human or
God

Happy rebirth as human or
God

Avoid

Three lower realms

Three lower realms

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Common FOCUS

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COMMON FOCUS

Triple Gem as our Refuge

Sentient Beings as our Focus

Ending Suffering as our Goal

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TRIPLE GEM

Our Common Refuge

Problem

Idolisation of teacher

Sectarian teaching

Isolation

Solution

Buddha as our Teacher

Dharma as our Teachings

Sangha as our Guide

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SENTIENT BEINGS

Our Focus

In all Buddhist traditions,

the focus is on helping **sentient beings**.

The different lineages are more like mediums and vehicles,

Simile of the Raft

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ENDING SUFFERING

Our Goal

Lineages offer **different approaches**

that is suited for individuals

with **different affinity** and **inclinations!**

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Focus on the **Dhamma**,
Not **How** it is delivered.

Or for that matter, Dharma

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We don't have to be the **same**, to be **friends**,
We don't have to be **enemies** just because
we are **different**

Nibbana or Nirvana

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