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**A Sociologist Uncovers What Is Really
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Minneapolis, MN—You've probably heard the many negative media reports about the evangelical church, such as:

- Christian young people are leaving the Christian faith in record numbers
- The divorce rate among Christians is as high as those of nonbelievers
- Christians today are watered down in their beliefs and actions

But are these truly accurate?

In *Christians are Hate-Filled Hypocrites...and Other Lies You've Been Told*, sociologist Bradley R.E. Wright shatters these popular myths, along with many others. Using the best available data, he reveals to readers why and how many of the commonly shared statistics are incomplete and inaccurate.

He discusses the different dynamics of how statistics are often misquoted as they get passed on and how even Christian leaders will pick statistics for their usefulness rather than for accuracy. And he highlights the problems caused for the church by the continuing emphasis on negatively slanted statistics.

"My goal is not to show the Church in a particular light but rather to let the data speak for themselves," he says. His book describes how Christians are doing in six areas: church growth, what Christians believe, their participation in church activities, family and sexual issues, how Christians treat others, and how others perceive Christians.

As Wright has examined the data, he finds a richer, more nuanced story about what's happening with religion in America. Though Wright focuses on Evangelical Christians (because that is his vantage point as one himself), he also analyzes Mainline Protestants and Catholics. As a result, many of the ideas in this book apply to American Christianity more generally.

And the result is some surprisingly good news for Christians.

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