

"Pagan Christmas" research project

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Abstract:

The following short essay summarizes the findings of our 2017 short-term research project. The project's objective was to shed some light on the the Christmas practices of those people, who identify themselves as pagans in our times.

A few weeks ago, we started a short term research, in which we wanted to take a look at the Christmas traditions of those persons, who identify themselves as pagans. The project was a great succes, with many participants. After the relatively representative survey, our data showed us some suprising, and also some thought provoking results. Instead of long winded descriptions, we would like to share ours most important conclusions:

Out of the persons, who identify themselves as pagans, 94% celebrates Christmas and only 6% does not.

40% does it because of some outer expectation, but most of them does it for the nice traditions and for their families sake.

The more educated one is, the less inclined they are to celebrate Christmas.

The greatest difference seems to be between the 41 and 51 years old age groups, but it can be stated, that generally age (not taking into account those who still live with their parents) does not affect the pagans' Christmas tradition.

The pagan men seem to have a slighty greater tendency to not celebrate Christmas.

Interesting to note, that out of those who do not consider themselves pagan, 15% still do not celebrate Christmas. That begs the question, if those, who generally deal with neo-pagan practices, but do not consider themselves pagan should be dealt with as a special phenomenon.

And last an important result: 16% of the people, who participated in our research did not understand the questions.

We thank our countless participants, whom shared their traditions with us, while contributing to our research's succes!