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Artefact Trade

Reclaimed in 2019

Afghanistan

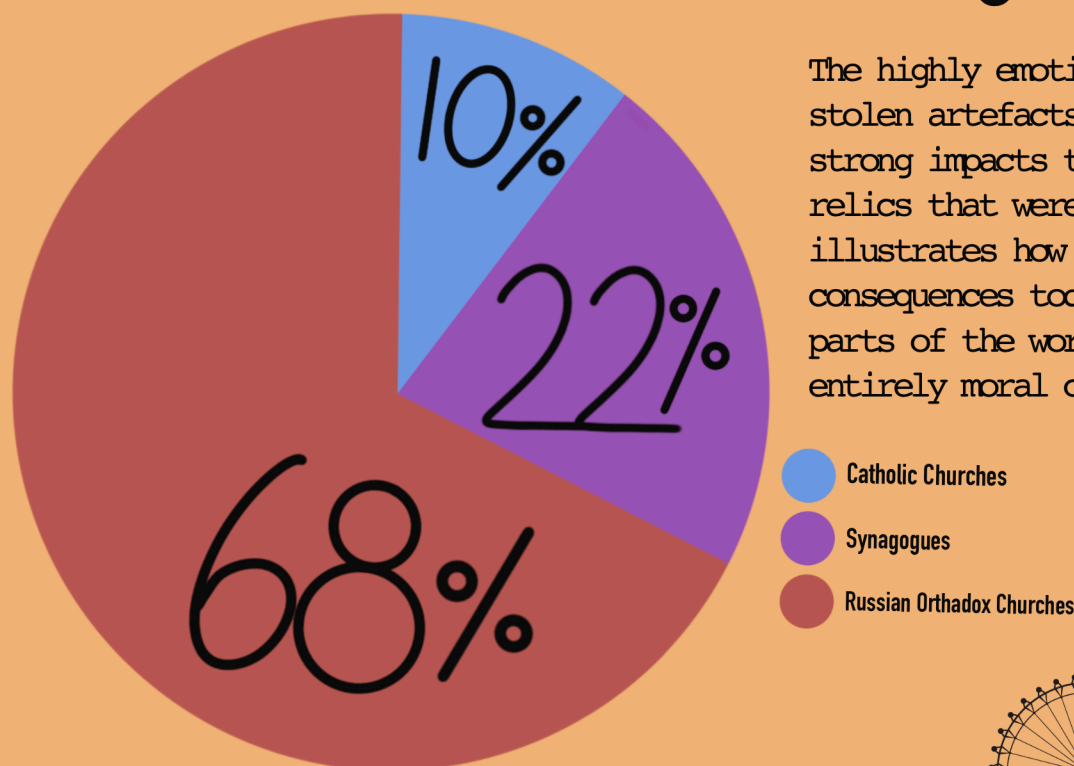
843 Looted Relics

China

796 Looted Relics

Every year hundreds of artefacts looted in previous conflict are repatriated globally. These figures show two example countries and just some of their lost cultural heritage repatriated in 2019. All these relics were lost in war and looted by invading forces. The huge impact losses of this magnitude have on a society mean that any trade for profit of these items would be highly immoral and therefore a case for moral concern. Returning these items therefore is always a crucial step forward in international relations, and yet must be handled with the tact and respect such diplomatic situations require.

Nazi Religious Looting



The highly emotional connotations between the Nazi campaign and stolen artefacts, especially ones of a religious nature, still have strong impacts today. The discrimination shown in the statistics of relics that were stolen or destroyed during the Second World War illustrates how the damage caused by the Nazis still has consequences today. Trade of Nazi memorabilia is illegal in many parts of the world, and yet even where it is legal, it is an entirely moral concept. The idea of profiting from such harm repels

the majority of the population, and yet financial gain still attracts some. Whether this should be policed is a grey area in terms of the meeting of morality and legality, and how the two should be paired in real terms.



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