

"Clearly written and highly accessible, this book will make a significant contribution to the sociological study of religious nones in North America." –**CHAD SEALES**, The University of Texas at Austin

"Greatly advances our knowledge about nonreligion in North America. Thiessen and Wilkins-Laflamme add a much-needed comparative perspective, provide the most in-depth analysis of nonreligion in Canada available, and expertly use mixed methods to narrate in rich detail both the long-term trends in nonreligion and the lived experiences of secular individuals. . . . Essential reading for understanding important changes to religion and society in both the US and Canada." –**JOSEPH O. BAKER**, author of *American Secularism: Cultural Contours of Nonreligious Belief Systems*

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Almost a quarter of American and Canadian adults are nonreligious, while teens and young adults are even less likely to identify religiously. *None of the Above* explores the growing phenomenon of "religious nones" in North America. Who are the religious nones? Why, and where, is this population growing?

While there has been increased attention to secularism in both Europe and the United States, little work to date has focused on Canada. Joel Thiessen and Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme turn to survey and interview data to explore how a nonreligious identity impacts a variety of aspects of daily life in the US and Canada in sometimes similar and sometimes different ways, offering insights to illuminate societal and political trends. With numbers of nonreligious people even higher in Canada than in the US, some believe that secular currents to the north foreshadow what will happen in the US.

*None of the Above* asserts that a growing divide between religious and nonreligious populations could engender a greater distance in moral and political values and behaviors. At once provocative and insightful, this book tackles questions of coexistence, religious tolerance, and spirituality, as the United States and Canada accelerate toward a more secular future.

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