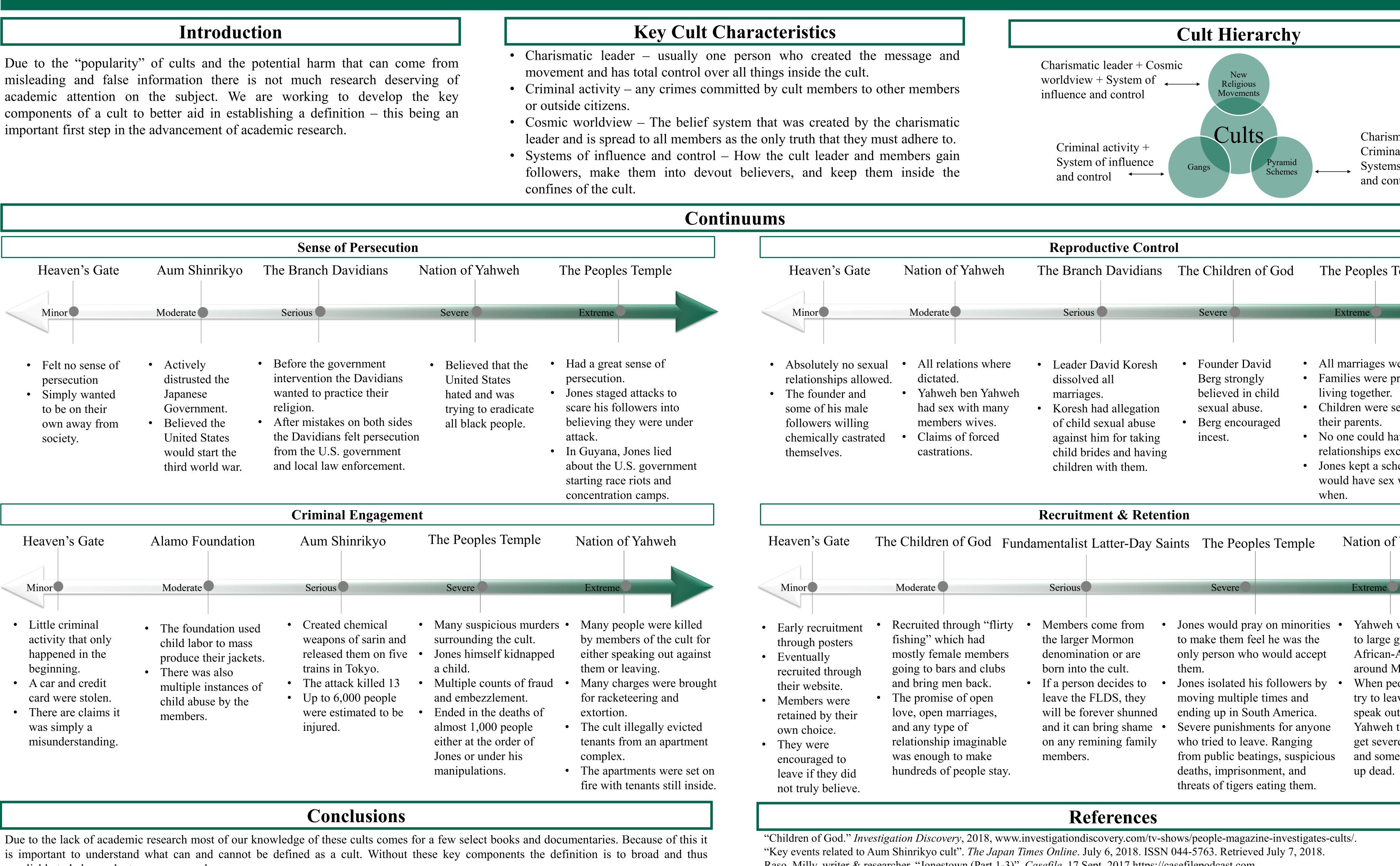


# Rethinking and Redefining Cults: The Sliding Scales of Cultic Behaviors



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These four continuums could be used to help further identify what a cult is and distinguish those from other groups such as gangs, new religious movements, or pyramid schemes. The continuums will help to create a more simplified way to see the true dangers of cults and how far the damage can go if a cult is allowed to grow. These scales can also help to aid in the practices of how a cult, once properly identified, can be disbanded without any violence or harm to members and citizens alike.

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