

# Protestant Pastors' Views on Pornography

Survey of 1,000 Protestant Pastors



# Methodology

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- ❑ The telephone survey of Protestant pastors was conducted October 7-14, 2010
- ❑ The calling list was randomly drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Up to six calls were made to reach a sampled phone number
- ❑ Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the church called
- ❑ Responses were weighted to reflect the geographic distribution of Protestant churches

# Methodology Continued

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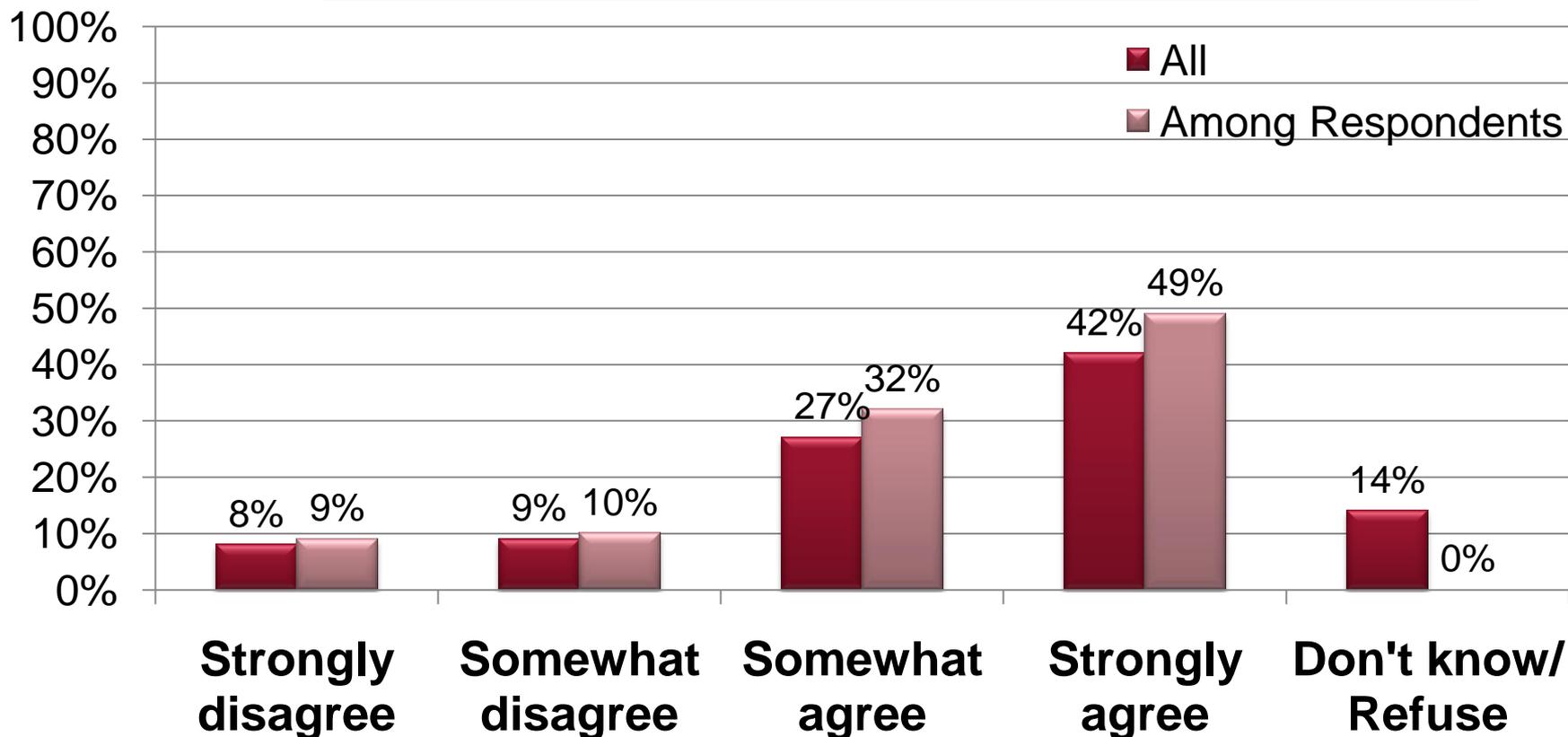
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 phone interviews
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed  $\pm 3.2\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

# Survey Responses

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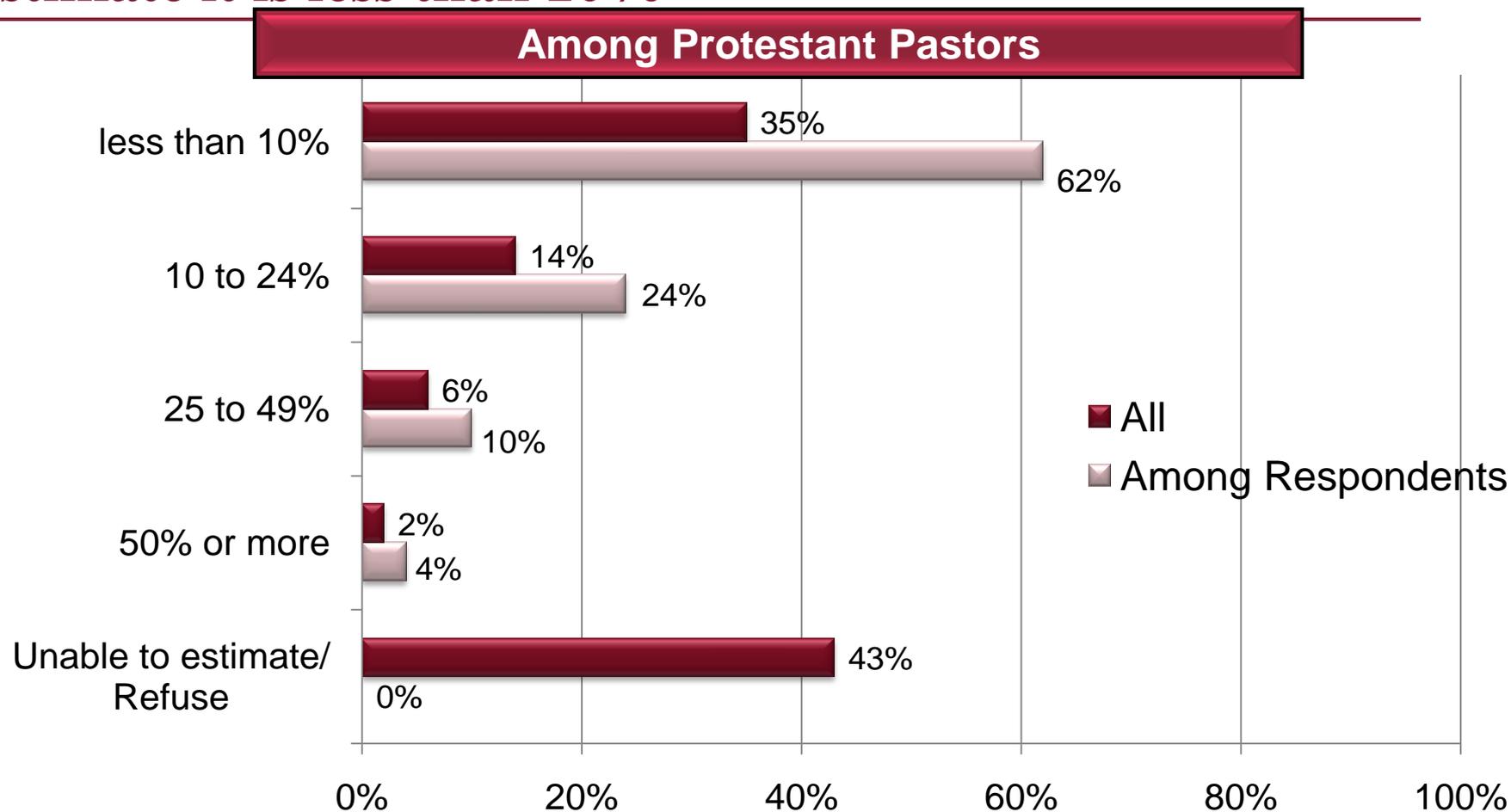
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## Among Protestant Pastors



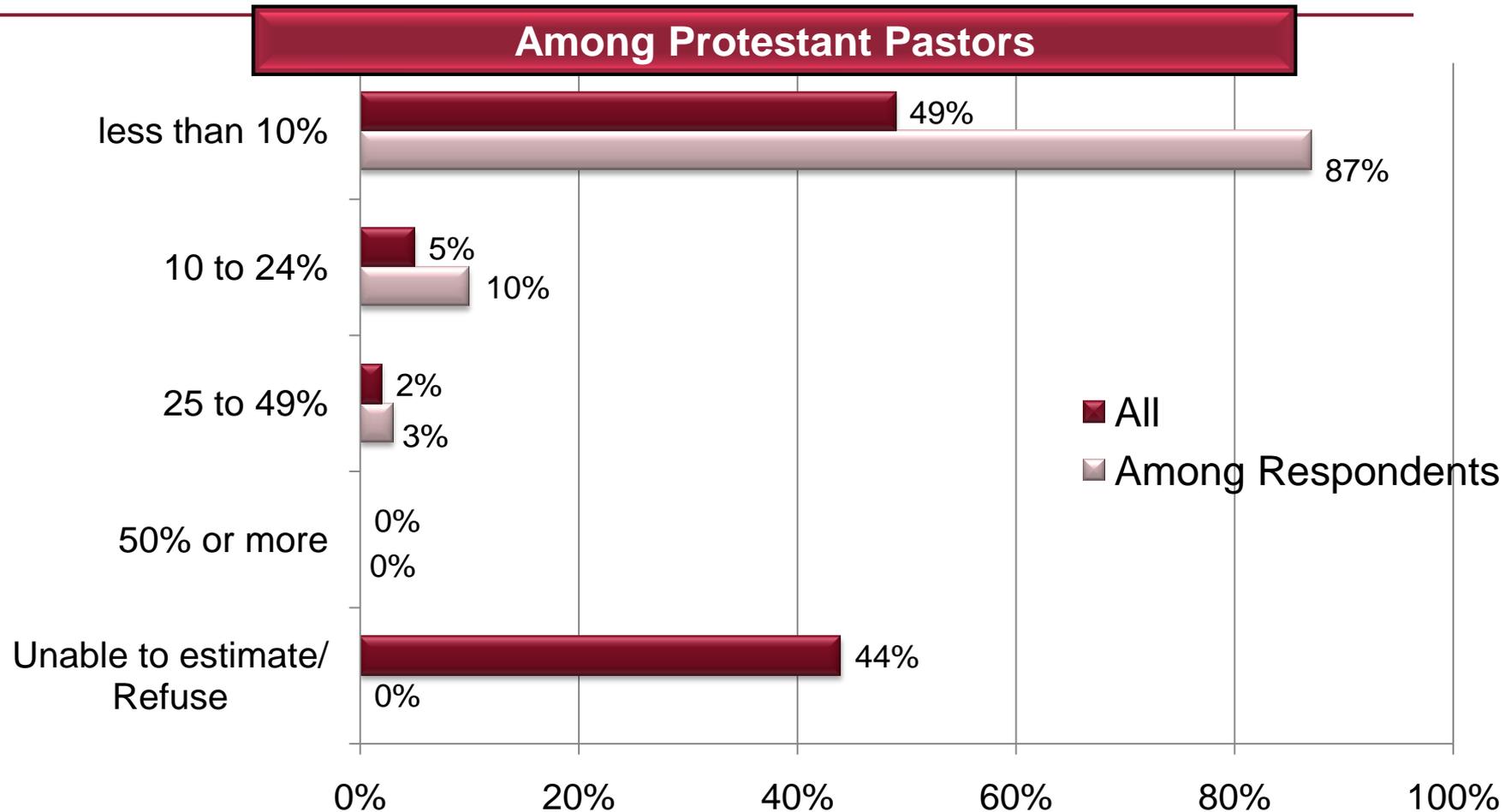
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# While almost half of pastors could not even estimate the percentage of *men* in their congregation who view pornography on a weekly basis, most of those who did estimate it is less than 10%



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# Among those able to estimate, pastors indicate a lower percentage of *women* than men in their congregation view pornography on a weekly basis.



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# “Pornography has adversely affected lives of our church members.”

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- Pastors of small churches, 0-49 (18%) and 50-99 (14%), are more likely to somewhat disagree compared to pastors of large churches, 100-249 (7%) and 250+ (4%).
- Pastors of small churches , 0-49 (14%) and 50-99 (13%), are more likely to strongly disagree compared to pastors of large churches, 100-249 (7%) and 250+ (2%).
- Pastors age 65+ are the most likely to strongly disagree (19%) with those age 55-64 (11%) the next most likely compared to pastors age 18-44 (4%) and 45-54 (4%).

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## “Pornography has adversely affected lives of our church members.” continued

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- Pastors who consider themselves “Evangelical” are more likely to strongly agree than those who consider themselves “Mainline” (52% to 43%).
- Pastors with a graduate degree are less likely to strongly agree (45% to 55%) but more likely to somewhat agree (36% to 23%) compared to pastors with at most a Bachelor’s degree.

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# “What percentage of *men* in your congregation would you estimate view pornography on at least a weekly basis?”

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- Pastors with average worship attendance of 0-49 are the most likely to answer “Less than 10%” (87%) and the least likely to answer “10% to 24%” (11%) and “25% to 49%” (1%).
- Pastors of churches with attendance of 250+ are the least likely to answer “Less than 10%” (44%).
- Younger pastors, 18-44 (49%) and 45-54 (50%), are less likely to answer “Less than 10%” than older pastors, 55-64 (67%) and 65+ (86%). Pastors age 65+ are the most likely.
- Pastors age 65+ are the least likely to answer “25% to 49%” (3%) and “50% or more” (0%).

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# “What percentage of *women* in your congregation would you estimate view pornography on at least a weekly basis?”

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- Pastors with average worship attendance of 0-49 are the most likely to answer “Less than 10%” (99%) and the least likely to answer “10 to 24%” (1%).
- Pastors age 18-44 (20%) and 45-54 (11%) are more likely to answer “10 to 24%” than those age 55-64 (5%) and 65+ (4%).

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