

# Perceptions of Alcohol

-- Protestant Pastors and Laity --



Spring 2007

# Methodology – Pastor and Laity

- Phone survey conducted April-May 2007
  - 1,004 Protestant laity
  - 1,005 Protestant senior pastors
- Sample sizes for total laity and pastors provide 95% confidence that sampling error does not exceed  $\pm 3.1\%$
- Breakouts of totals are provided for Southern Baptist (SBC) senior pastors (sample size 405-max. sampling error  $\pm 4.9\%$ ) and SBC laity (sample size 205-max. sampling error  $\pm 6.9\%$ )
- Laity sample consists of adults (18 and over) who attend church at least 5 times a year and whose religious preference is Protestant

# Methodology – SBC Seminary Graduates

All 1998-2004 Masters level seminary graduates from Golden Gate, New Orleans, Midwestern, Southeastern, Southwestern, and the Canadian Baptist Seminary were invited to answer related questions. A limited subset of Southern graduates were available for the study

# Key Findings

## Personally Drink Alcohol

- Fewer Protestant senior pastors and laity drink alcohol than American adults in general
- Protestant laity are much more likely to drink alcohol than Protestant senior pastors
- Southern Baptist pastors and laity are less likely to drink alcohol than other Protestant pastors and laity

# Key Findings

## Protestant Opinions About Alcohol

- There is more agreement of opinion about alcohol among Protestant senior pastors than among laity
- Southern Baptist pastors and laity are less likely to condone drinking alcohol than other Protestant pastors and laity
- There is little difference of opinion about alcohol among laity by age or gender despite a greater number of men and younger laity who drink

# Key Findings

## Protestant Opinions About Alcohol

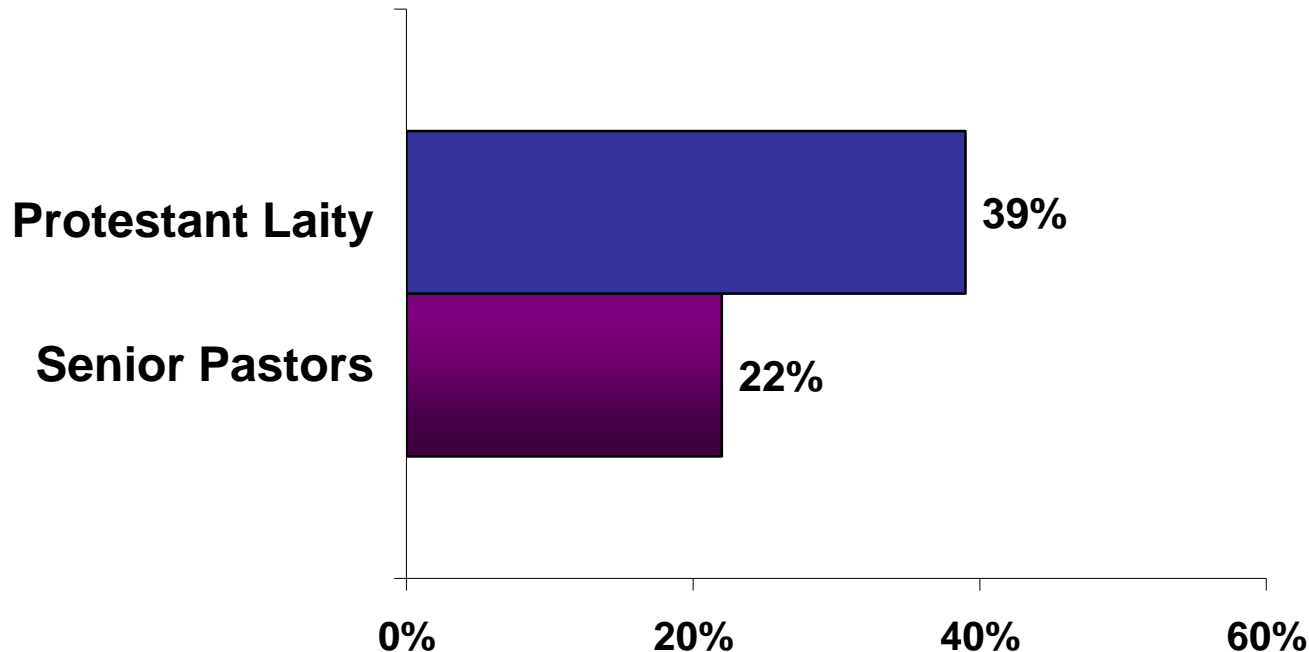
- More than 4 out of 5 pastors and laity agree Scripture indicates people should never get drunk, but less than a third say it forbids drinking
- The majority of pastors and laity do not consider drinking alcohol a sin, but they do agree it could cause other believers to stumble or be confused
- About half of pastors and laity indicate Christians should not drink alcohol and that abstaining could attract non-believers to Jesus Christ

# Use of Alcohol Among Protestant Pastors and Laity

# Personally Drink Alcohol

Protestant laity are much more likely to drink alcohol than senior pastors but less likely than the average American

Yes, personally drink alcohol



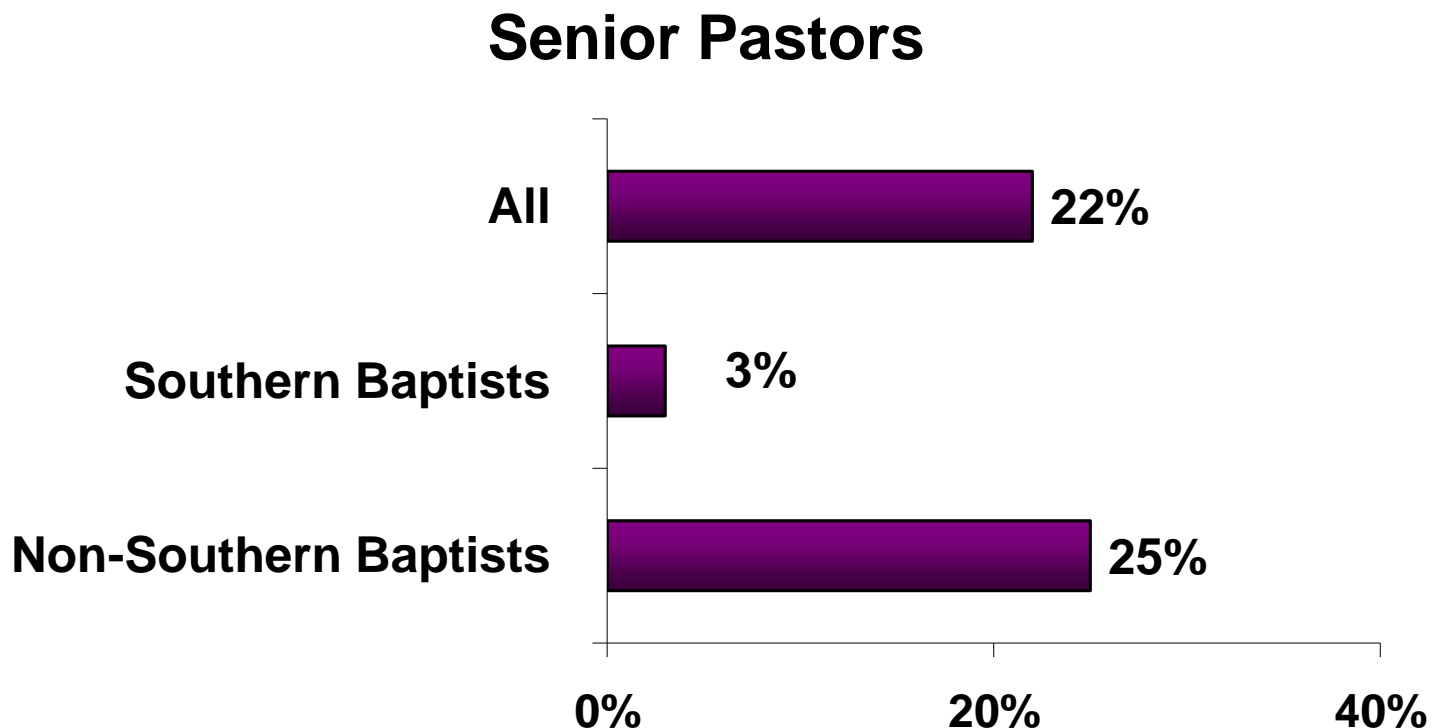
*According to a Gallup Poll conducted July 12-15, 2007, 64% of Americans age 18 and older say they drink alcoholic beverages, and 36% say they totally abstain.*

Do you personally drink alcohol?



# Senior Pastors by Denomination

Southern Baptist senior pastors are much less likely to drink alcohol than other Protestant pastors

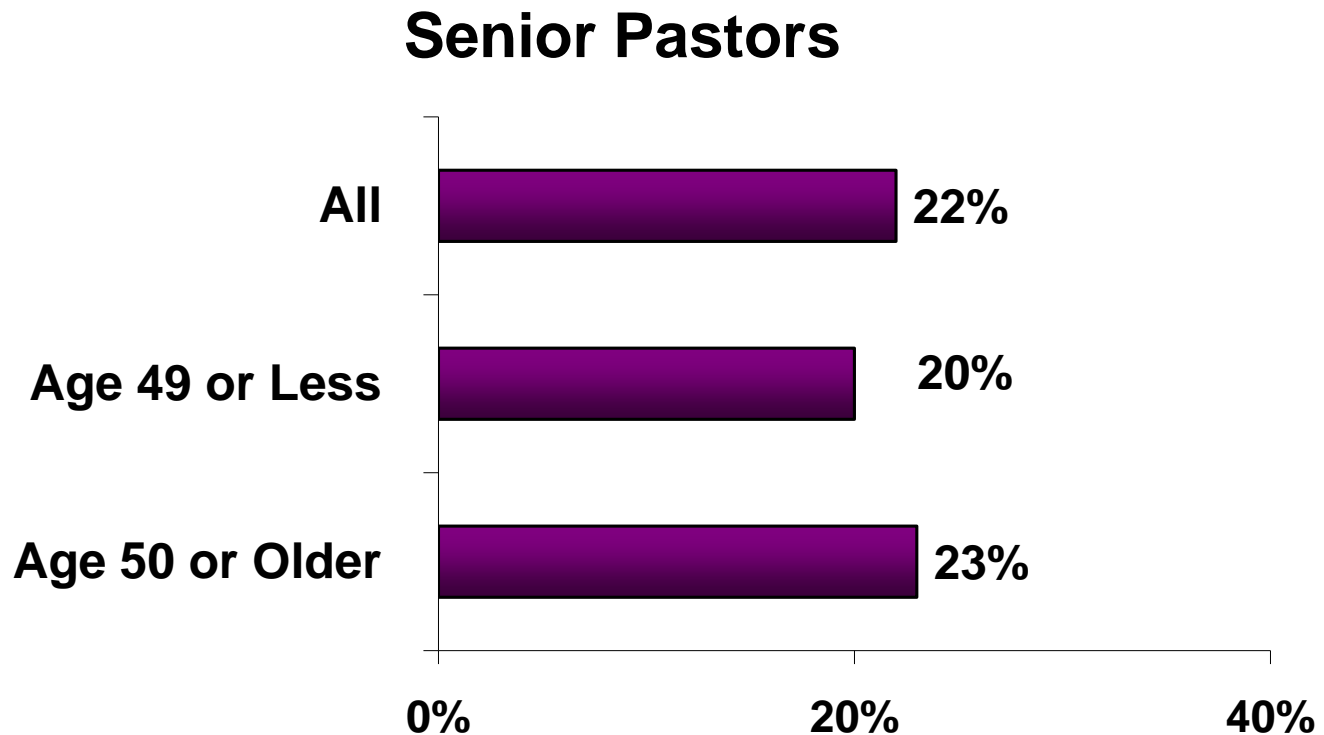


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# Senior Pastors by Age

Older pastors are just as likely to drink alcohol as younger Protestant pastors

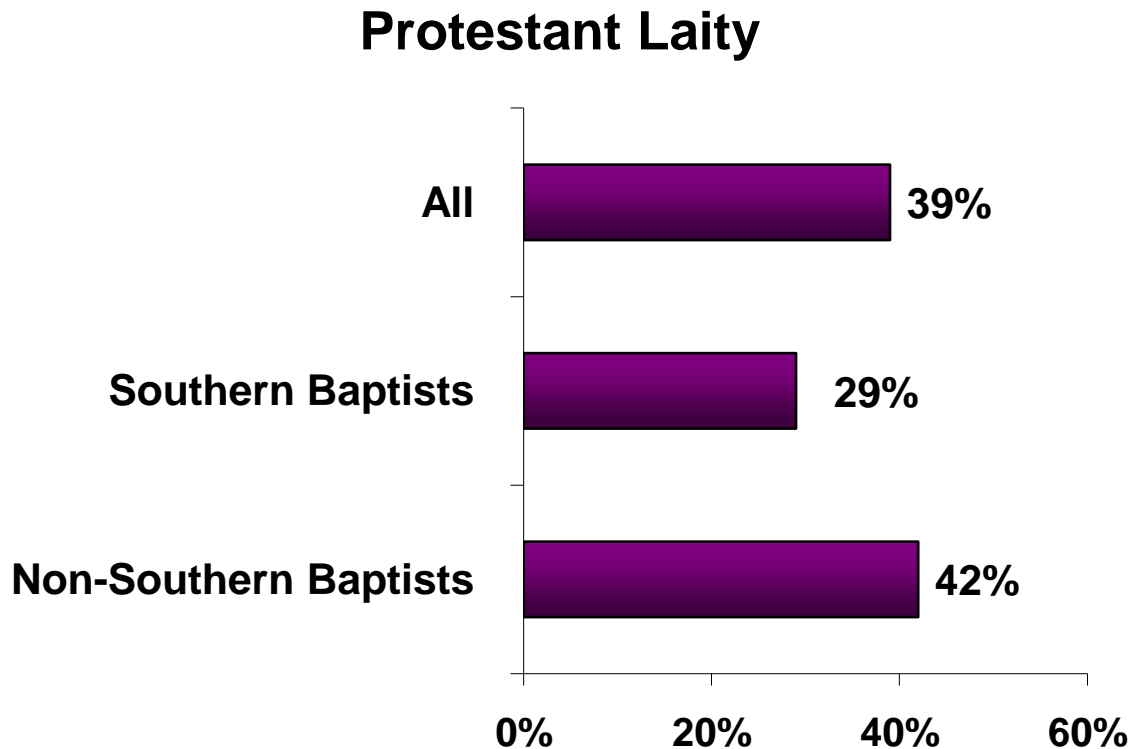


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# Protestant Laity by Denomination

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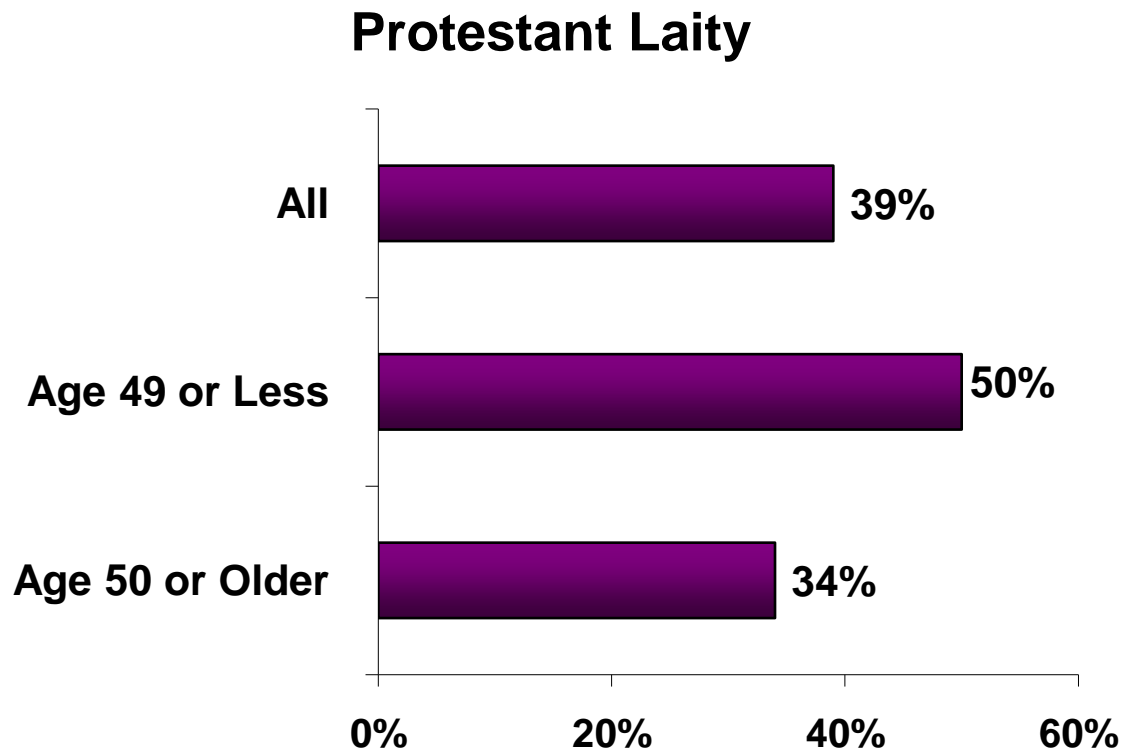


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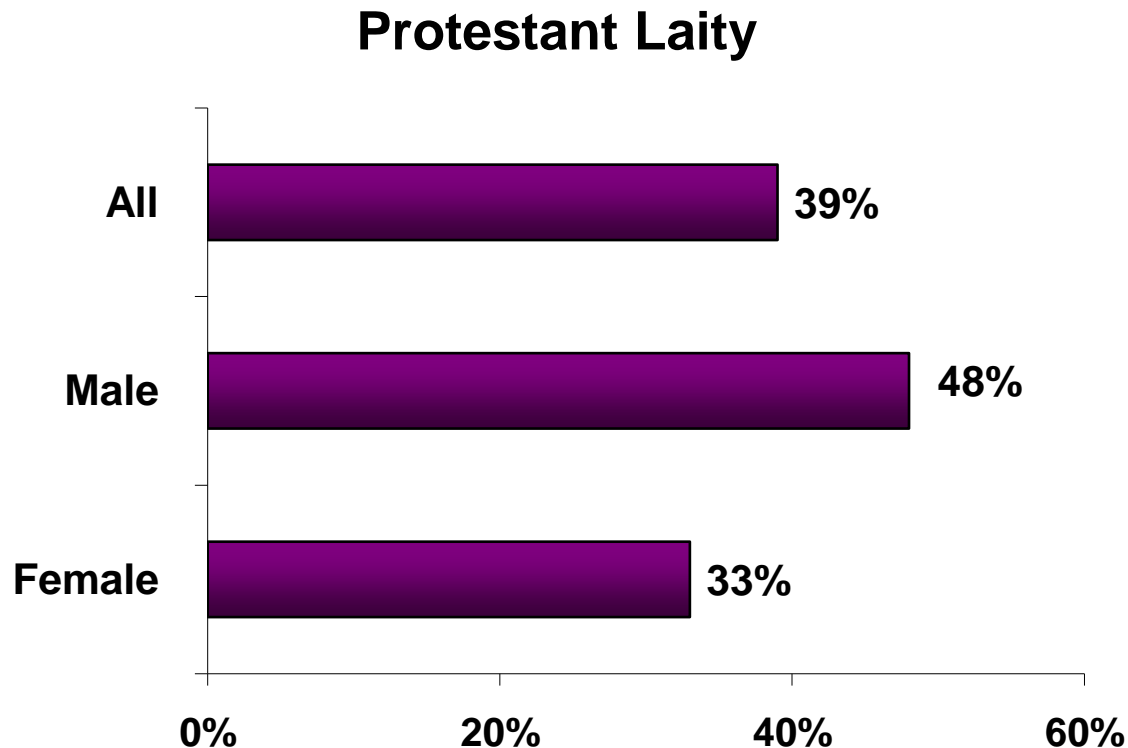


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# Protestant Laity by Gender

Similar to trends among all Americans, Protestant men are more likely to drink alcohol than Protestant women



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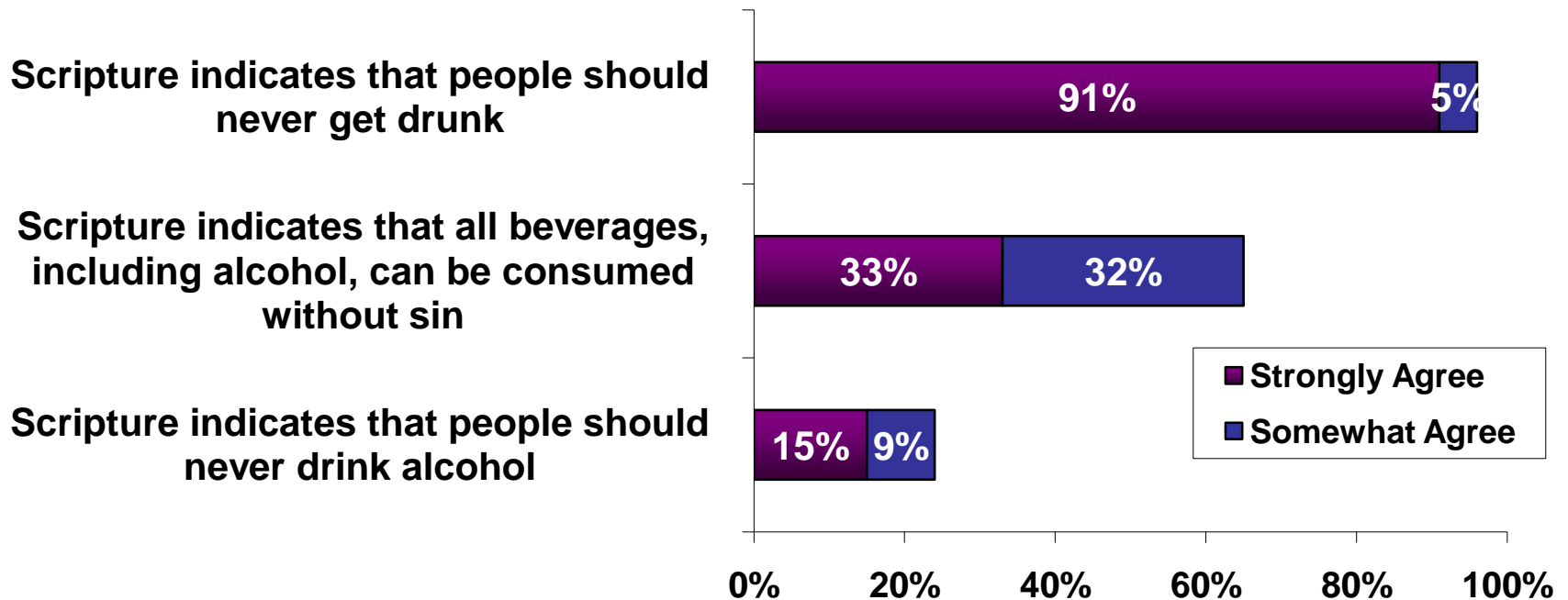
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# Perceptions of Alcohol Among Protestant Senior Pastors

# Senior Pastors

Almost all senior pastors agree Scripture forbids getting drunk, but few agree it indicates people should never drink alcohol

## Senior pastor agreement with statements about Scripture's view of alcohol



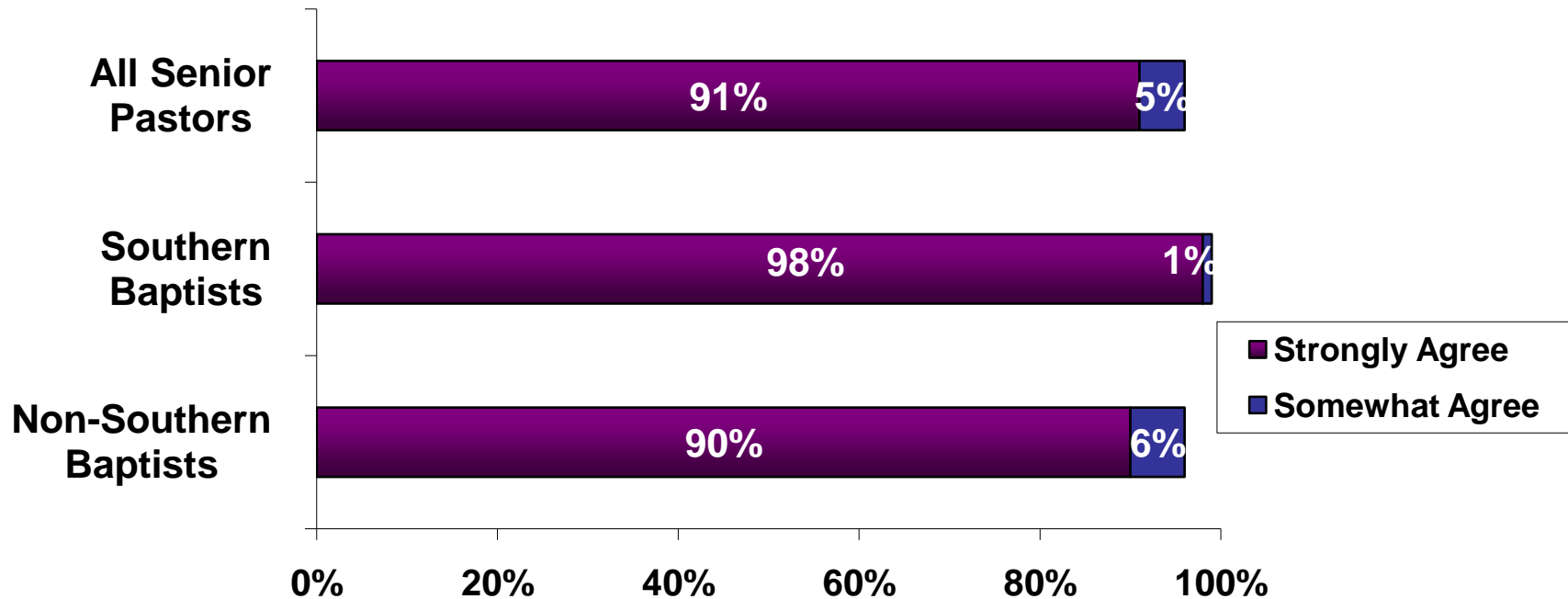
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# Senior Pastors by Denomination

More pastors who are Southern Baptist agree Scripture indicates people should never get drunk

Senior pastor agreement with the statement:

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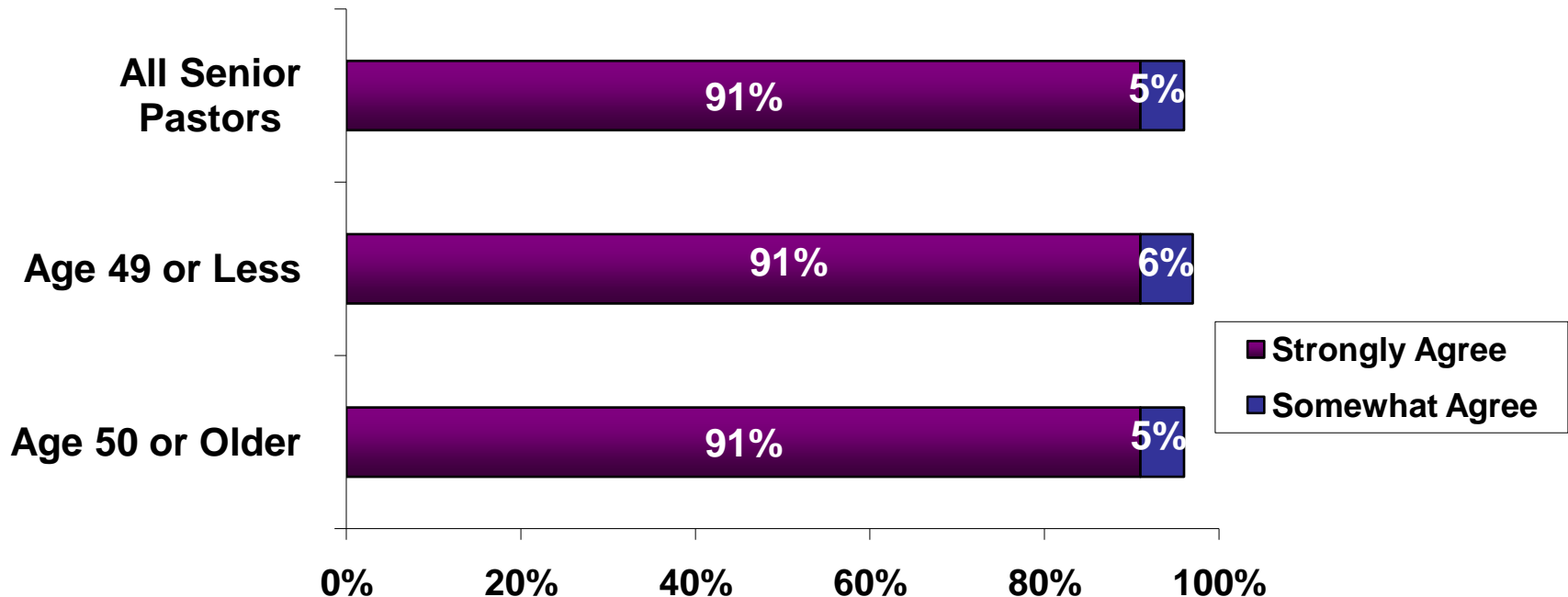


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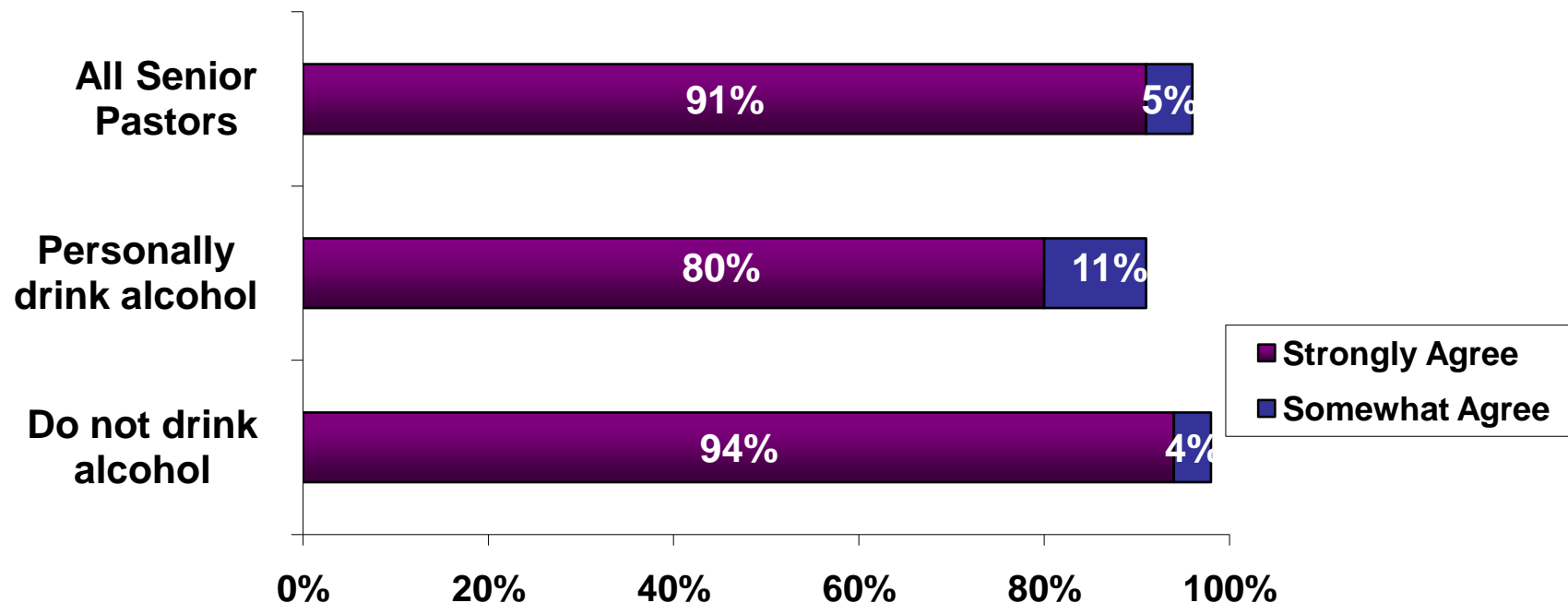
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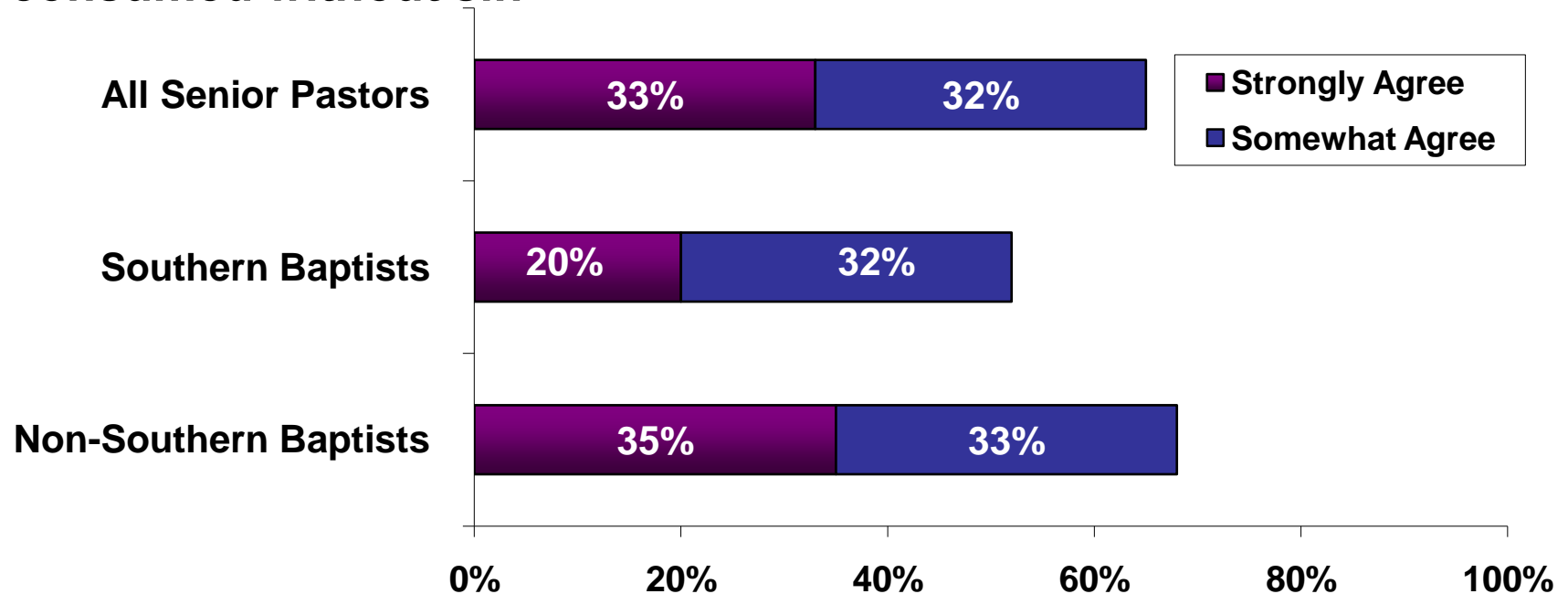
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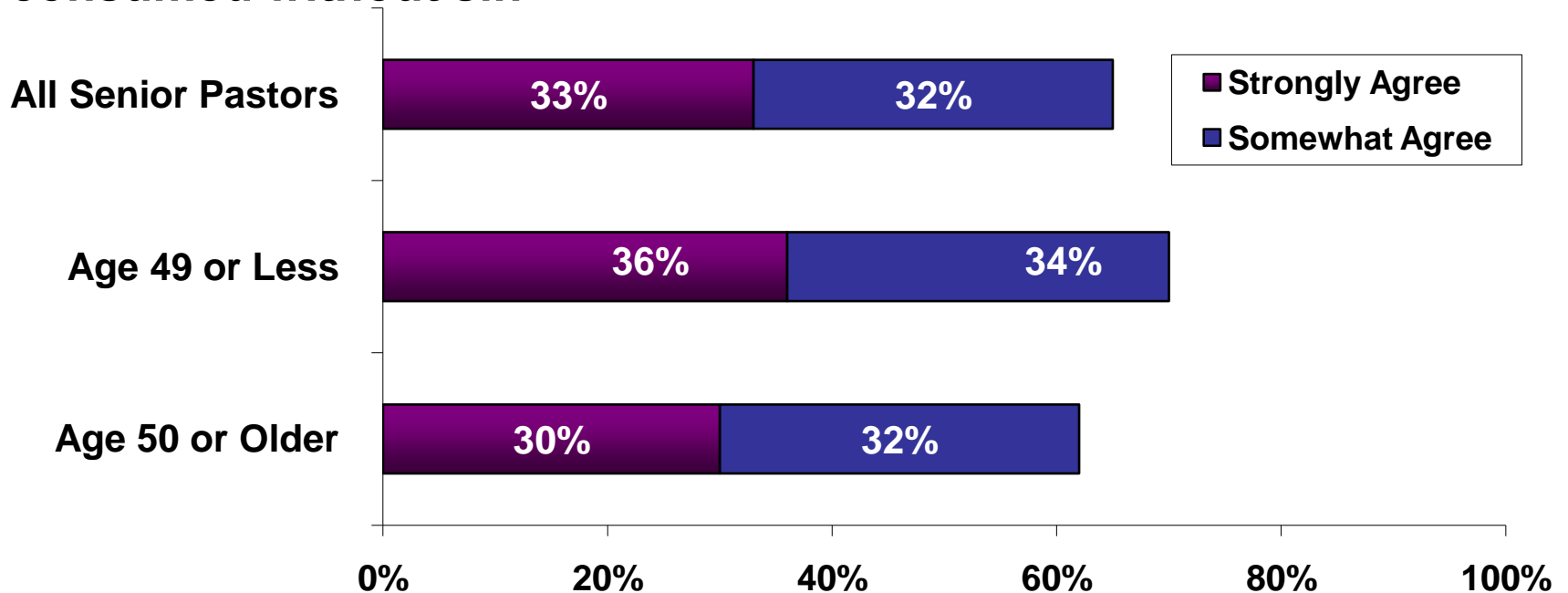
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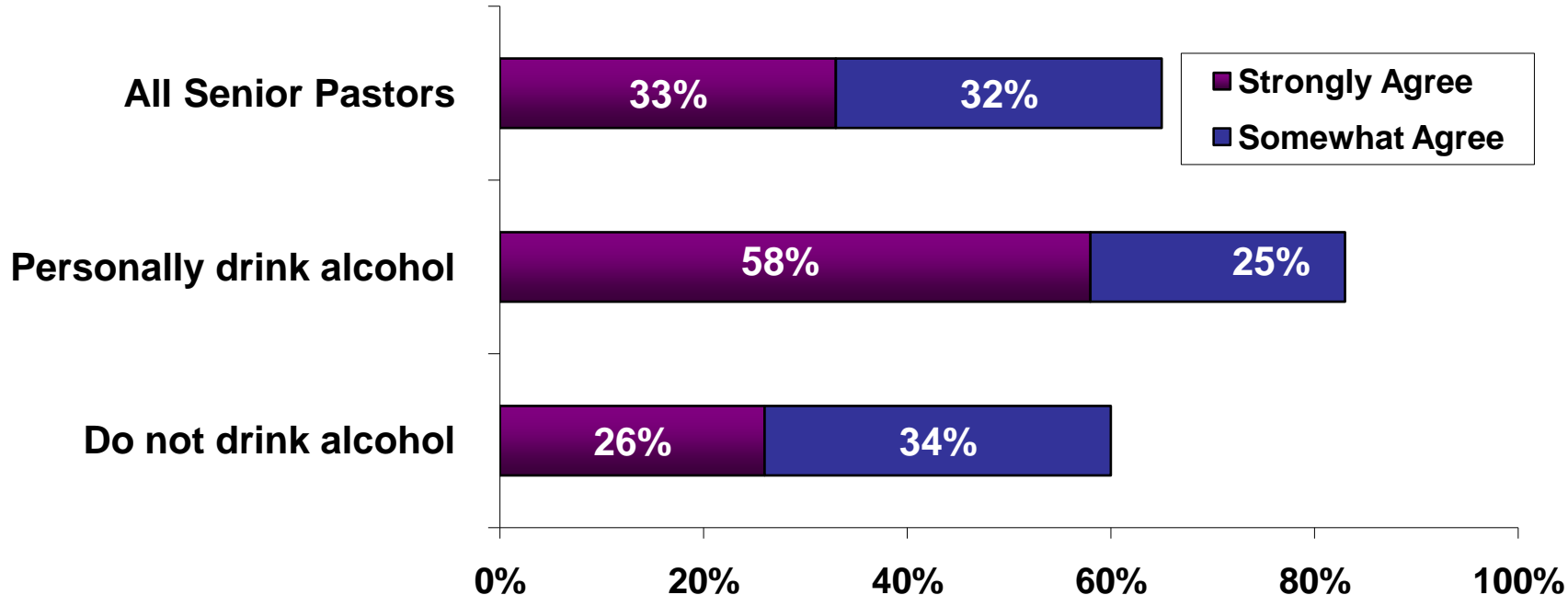
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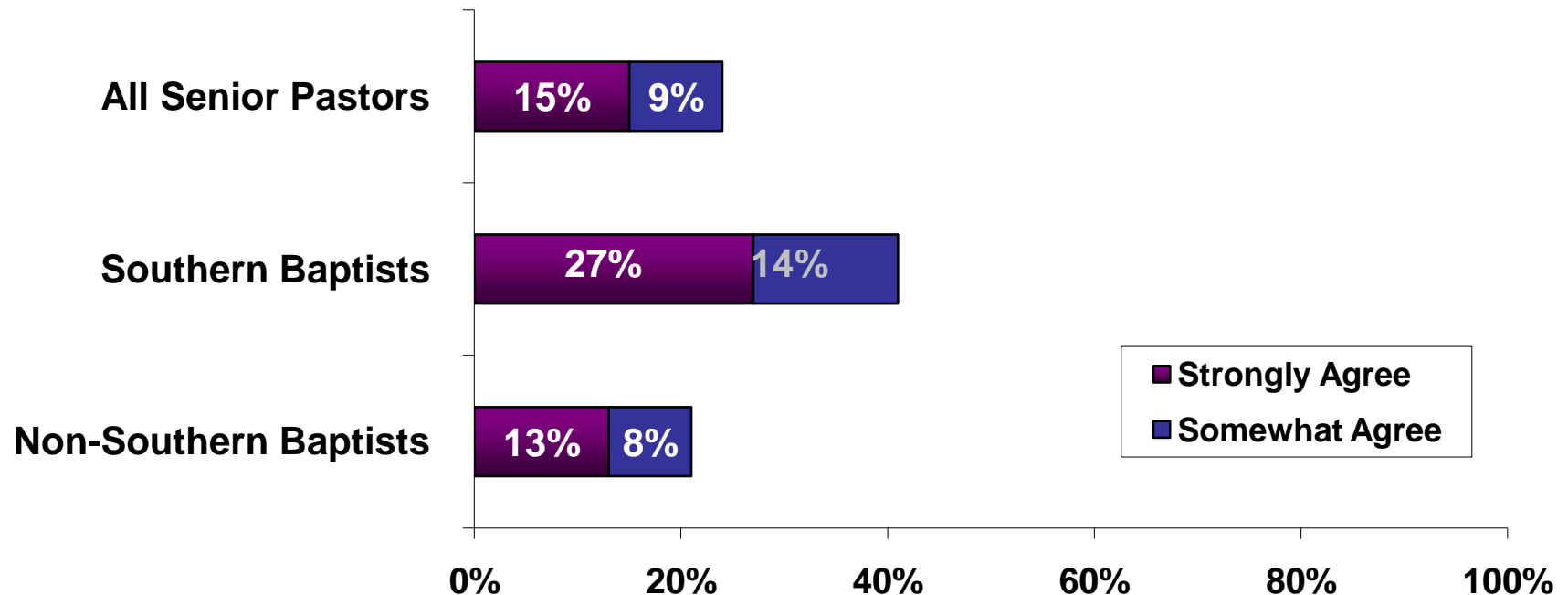
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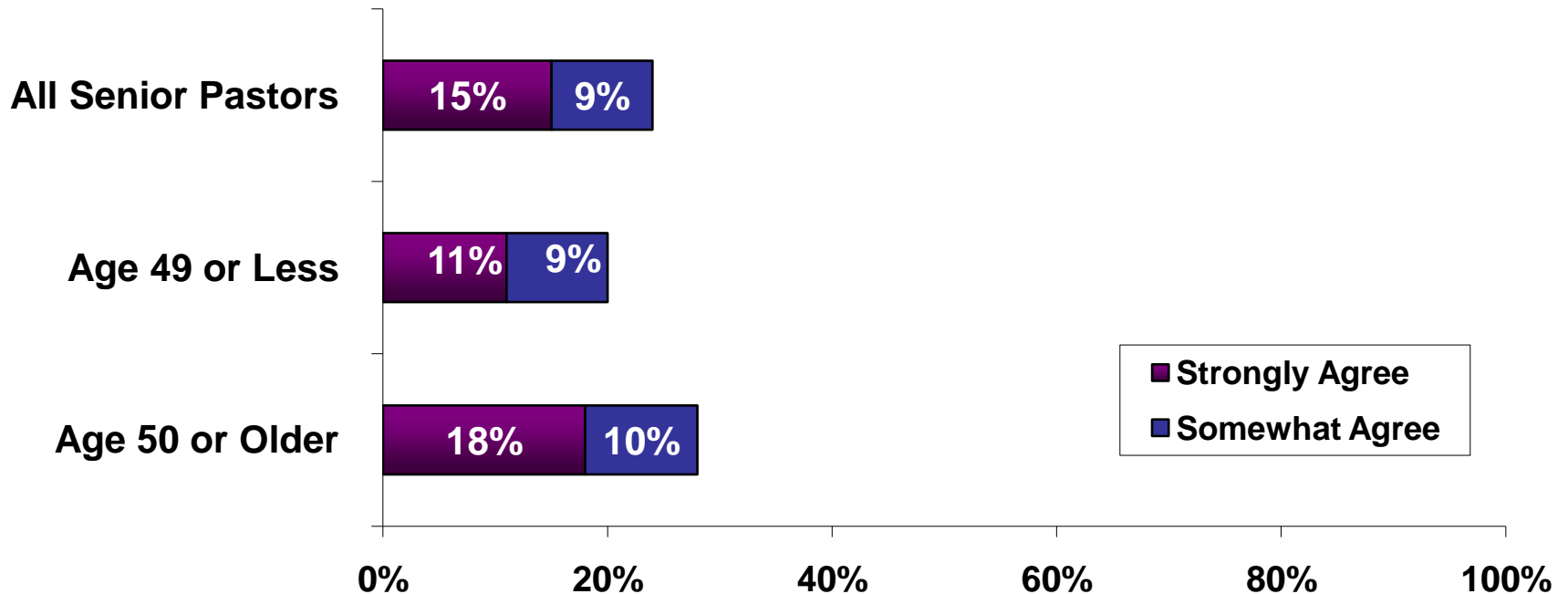
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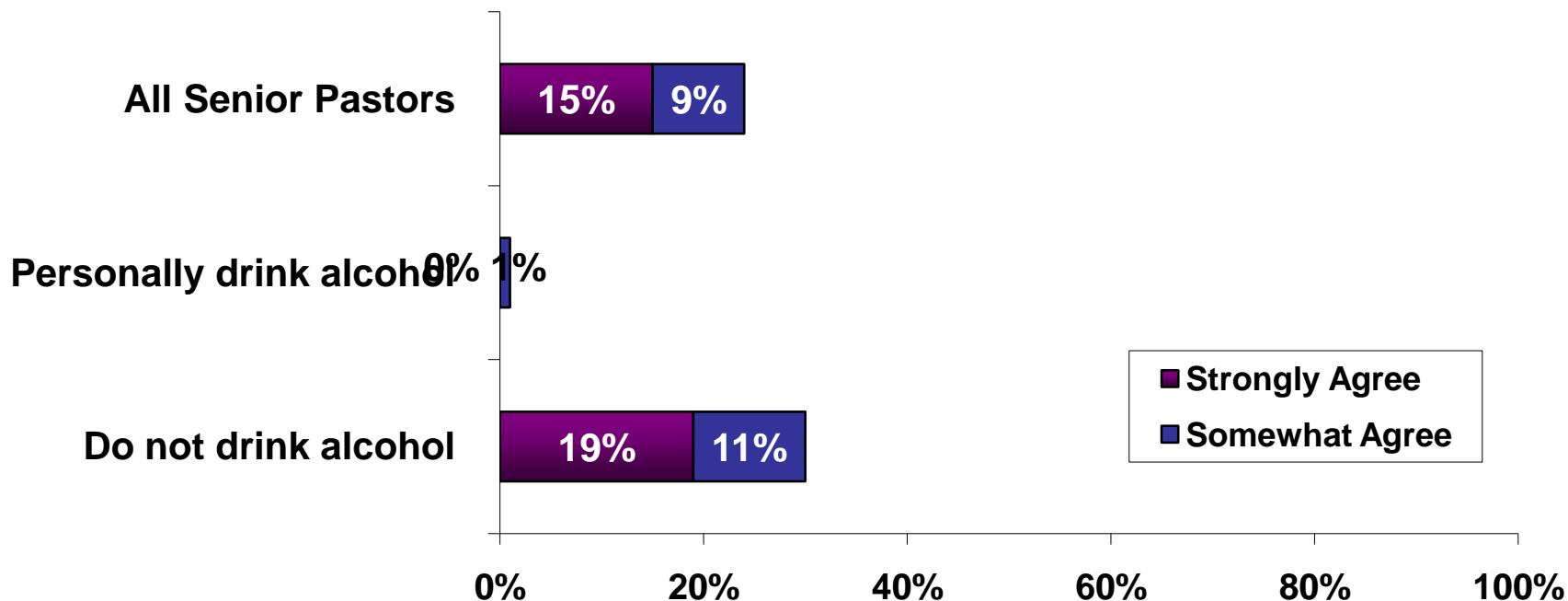
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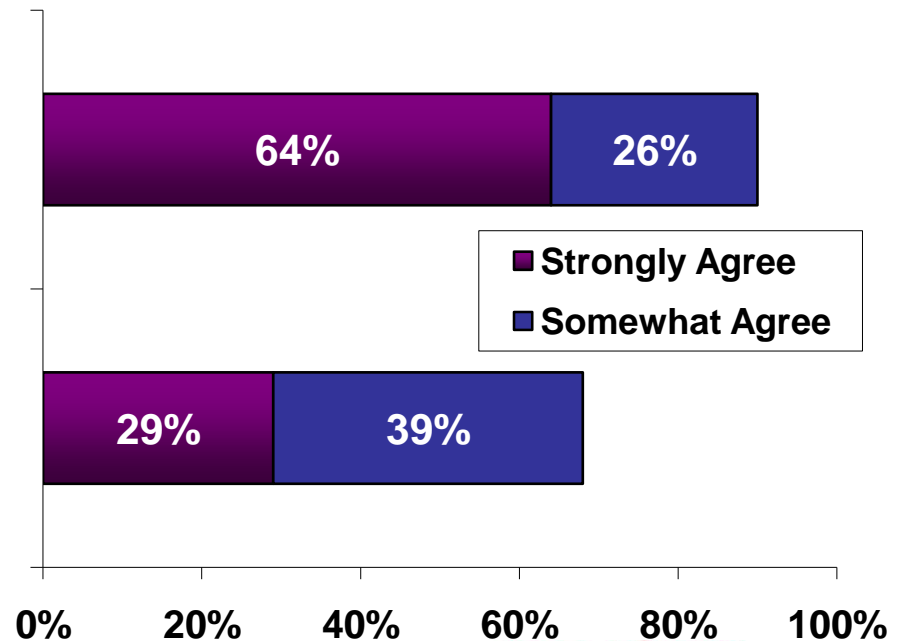
# Senior Pastors

Most senior pastors agree Christians are at liberty to drink alcohol, but 90% agree social drinking can cause others to stumble

## Senior pastor agreement with statements about Christians partaking of alcohol

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When a Christian partakes of alcohol in reasonable amounts, they are simply exercising a biblical liberty



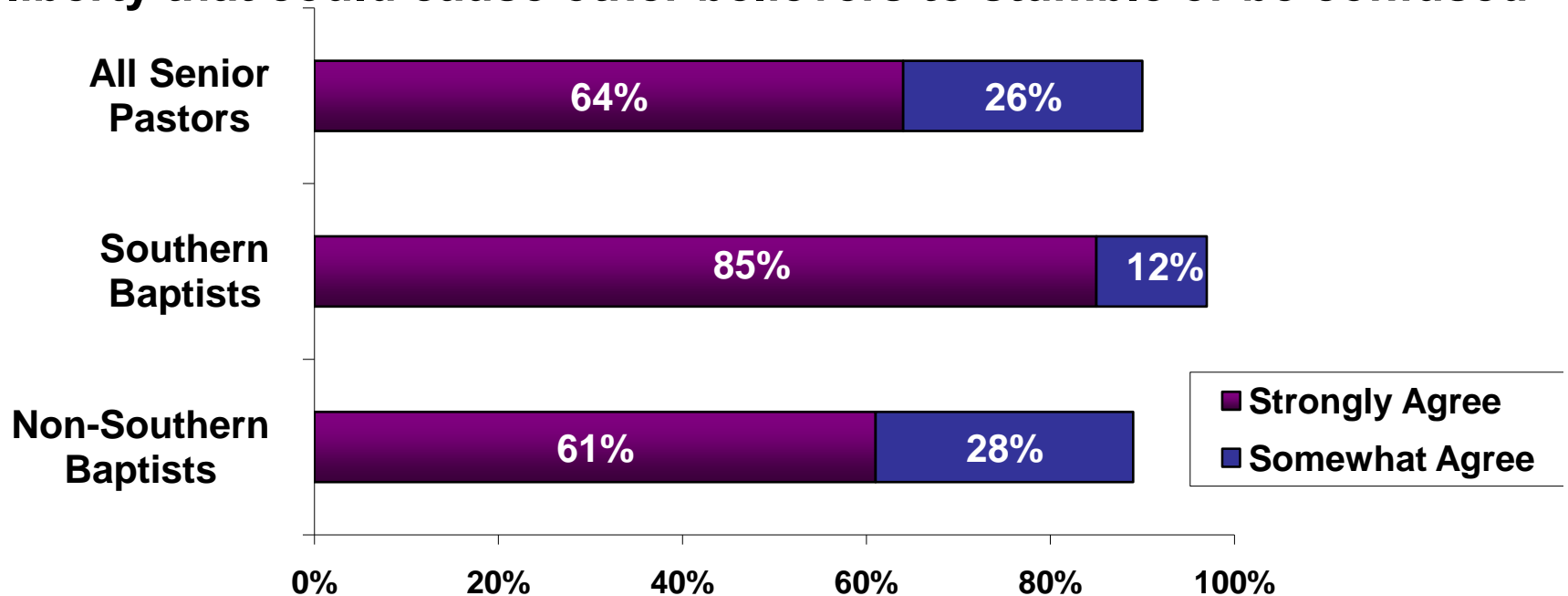
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# Senior Pastors by Denomination

More pastors who are Southern Baptist agree social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

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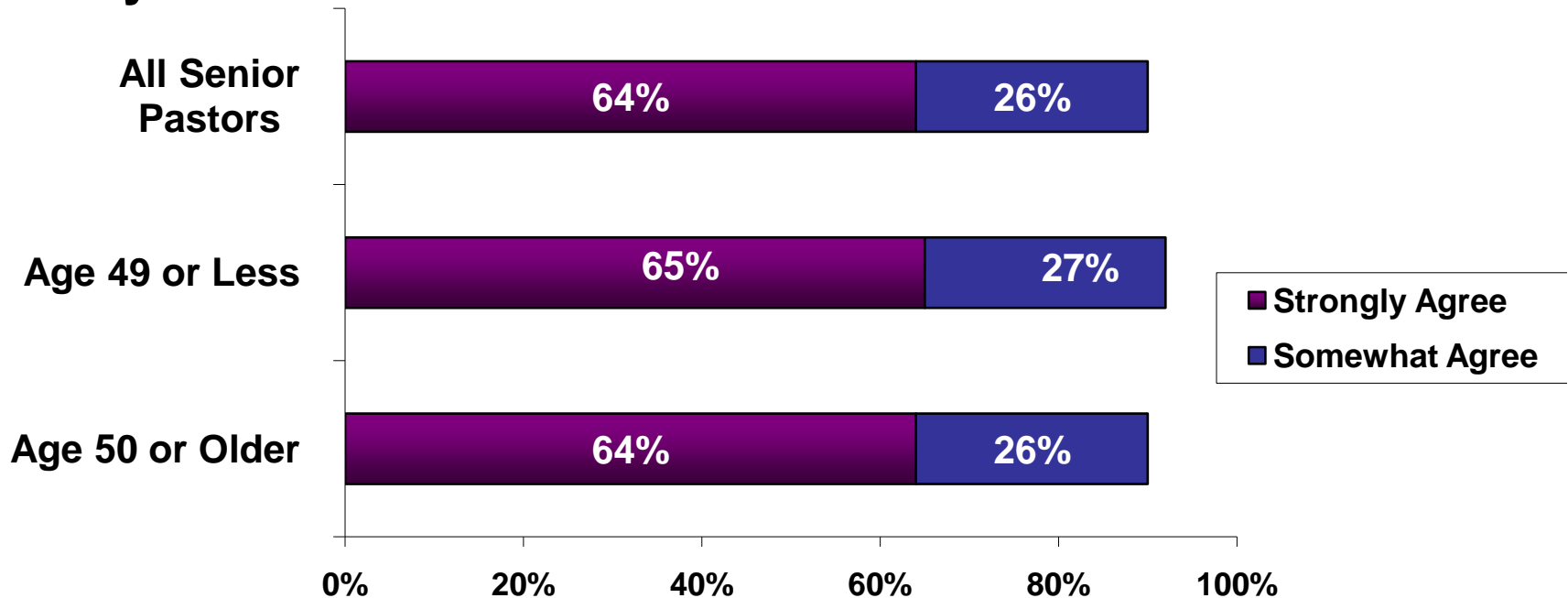
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Older and younger pastors do not differ in their agreement that social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

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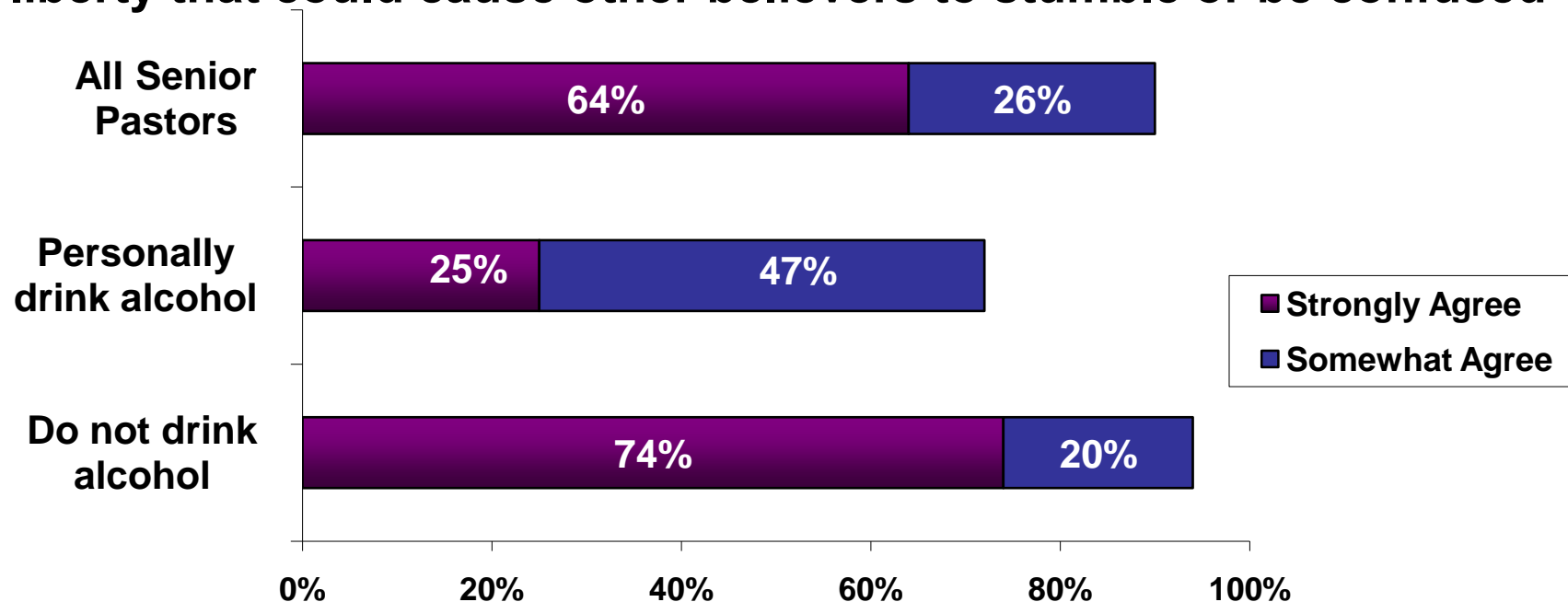
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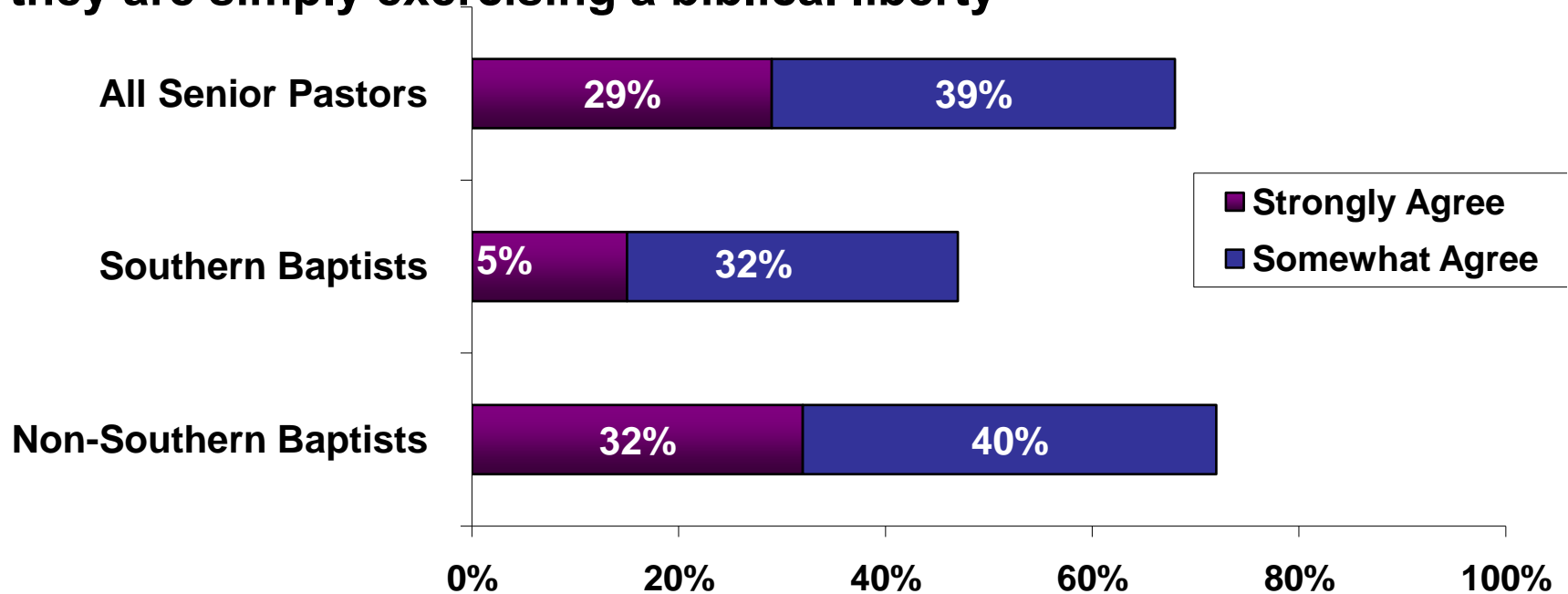
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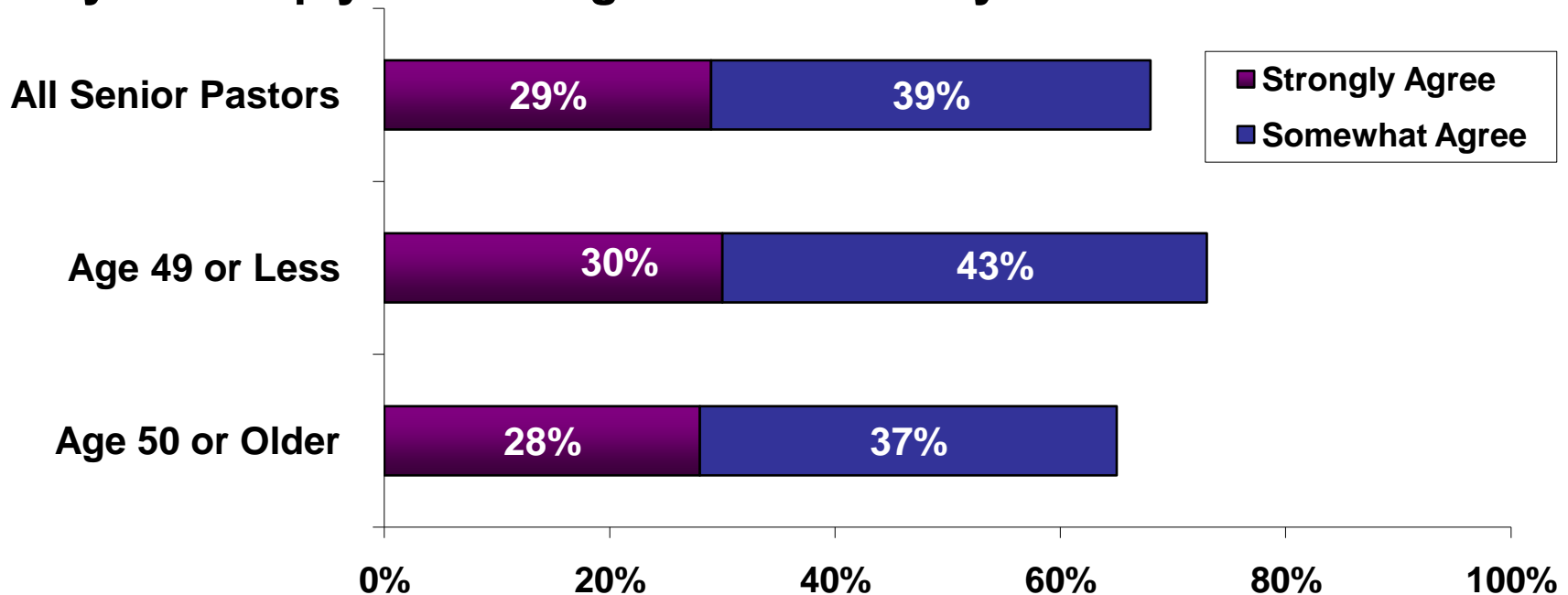
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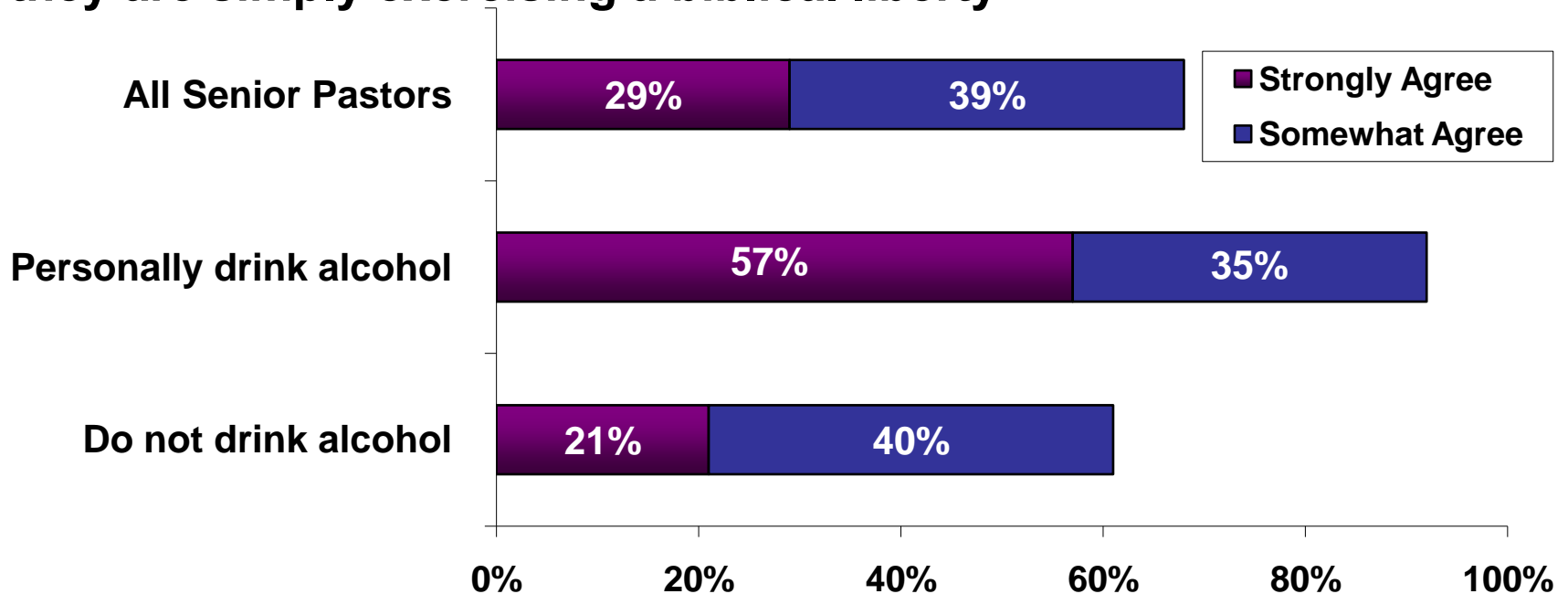
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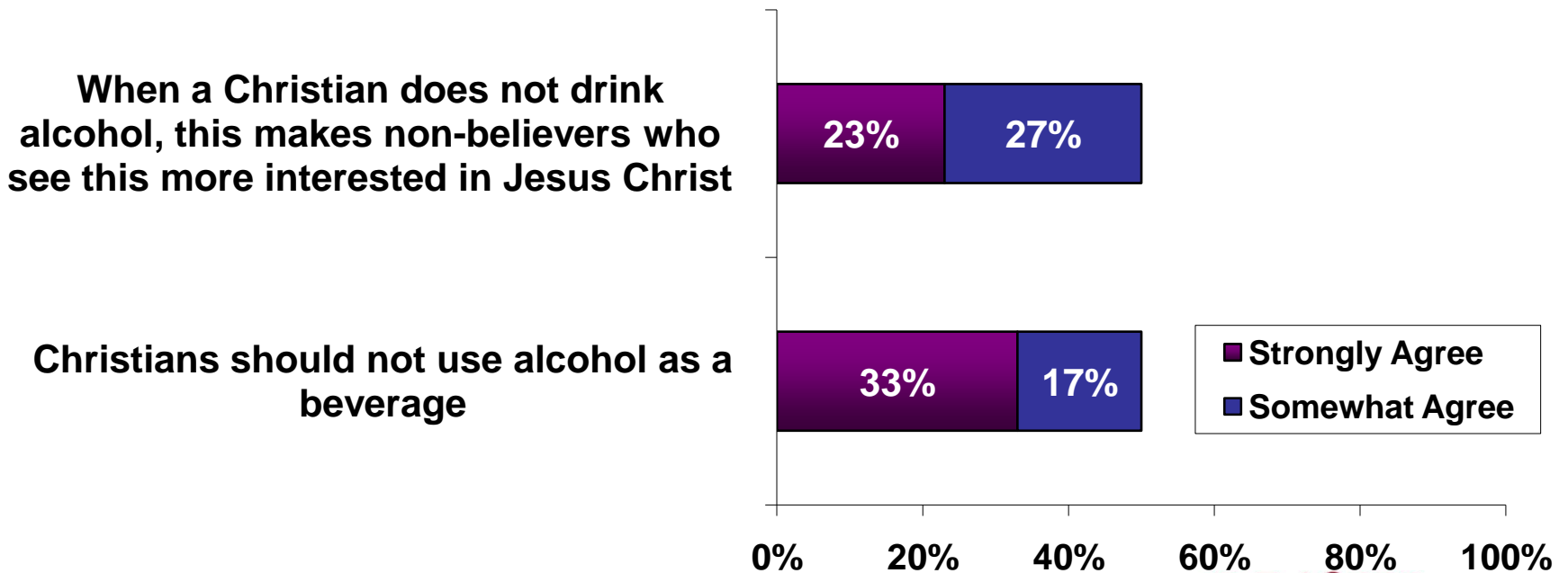
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# Senior Pastors

Half of senior pastors agree Christians should not drink and that abstaining may attract non-believers to Jesus Christ

Senior pastor agreement with statements about Christians abstaining from alcohol



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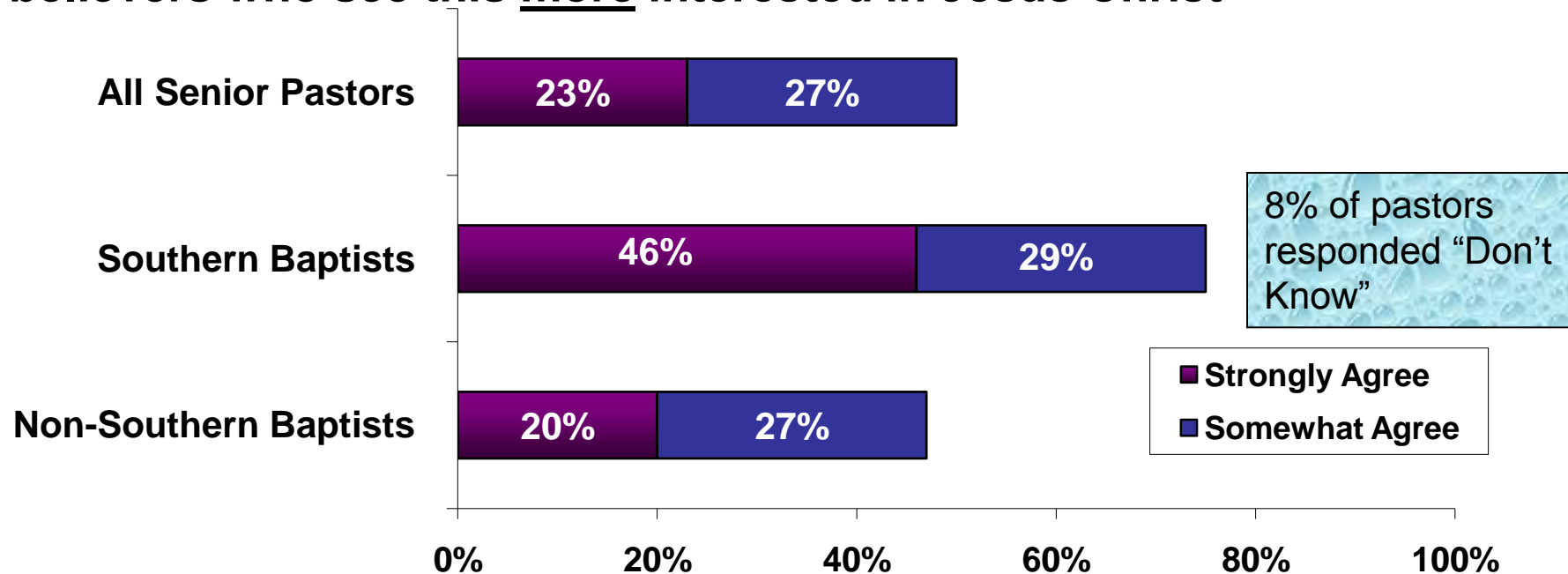


# Senior Pastors by Denomination

More pastors who are Southern Baptist agree not drinking alcohol attracts non-believers to Jesus Christ

Senior pastor agreement with the statement:

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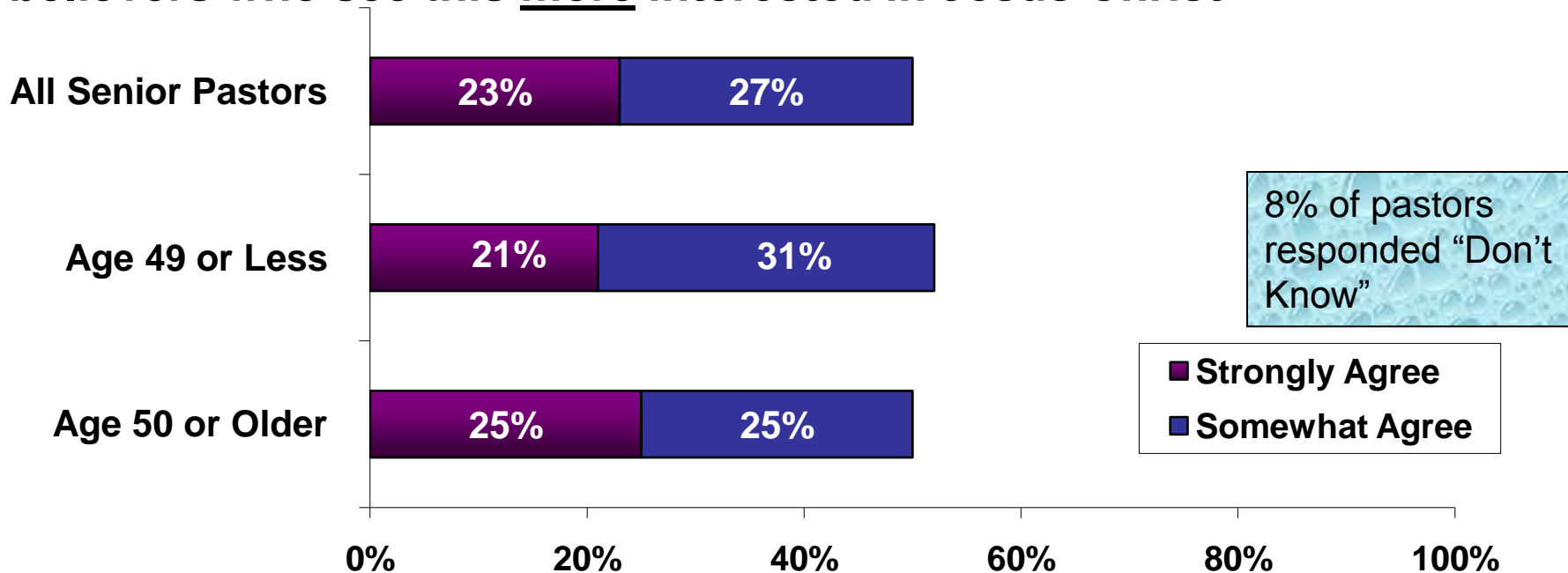
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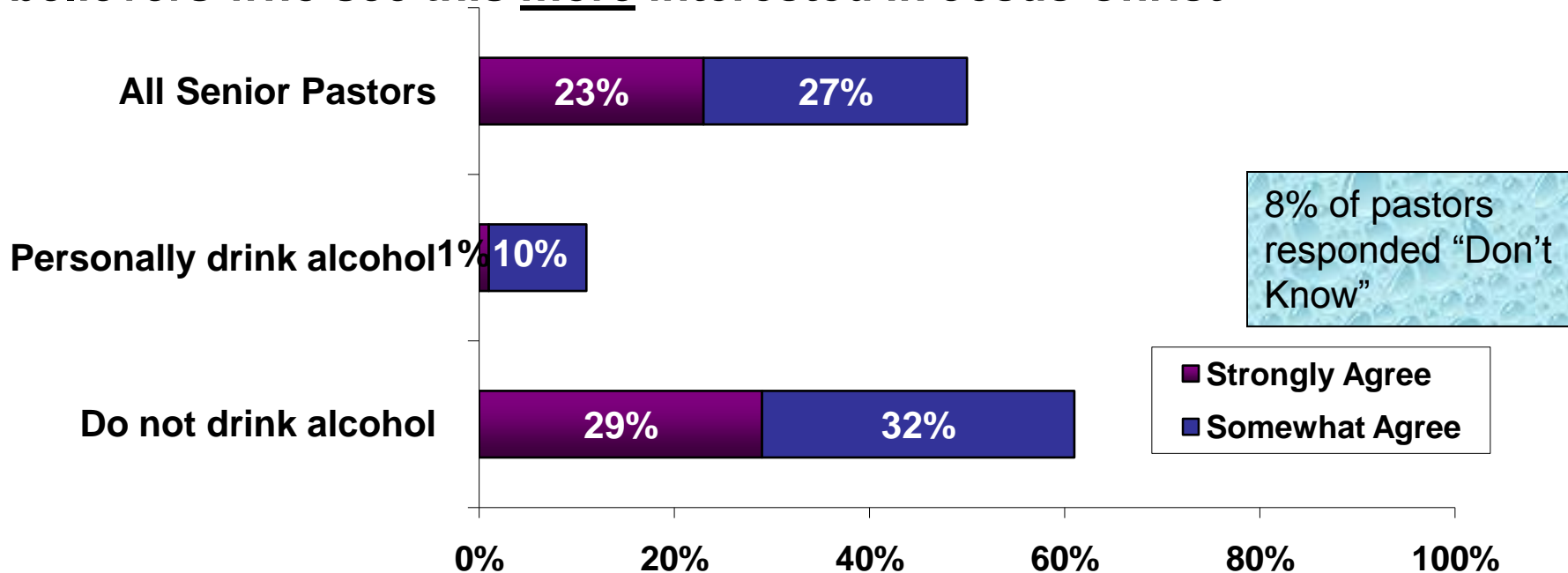
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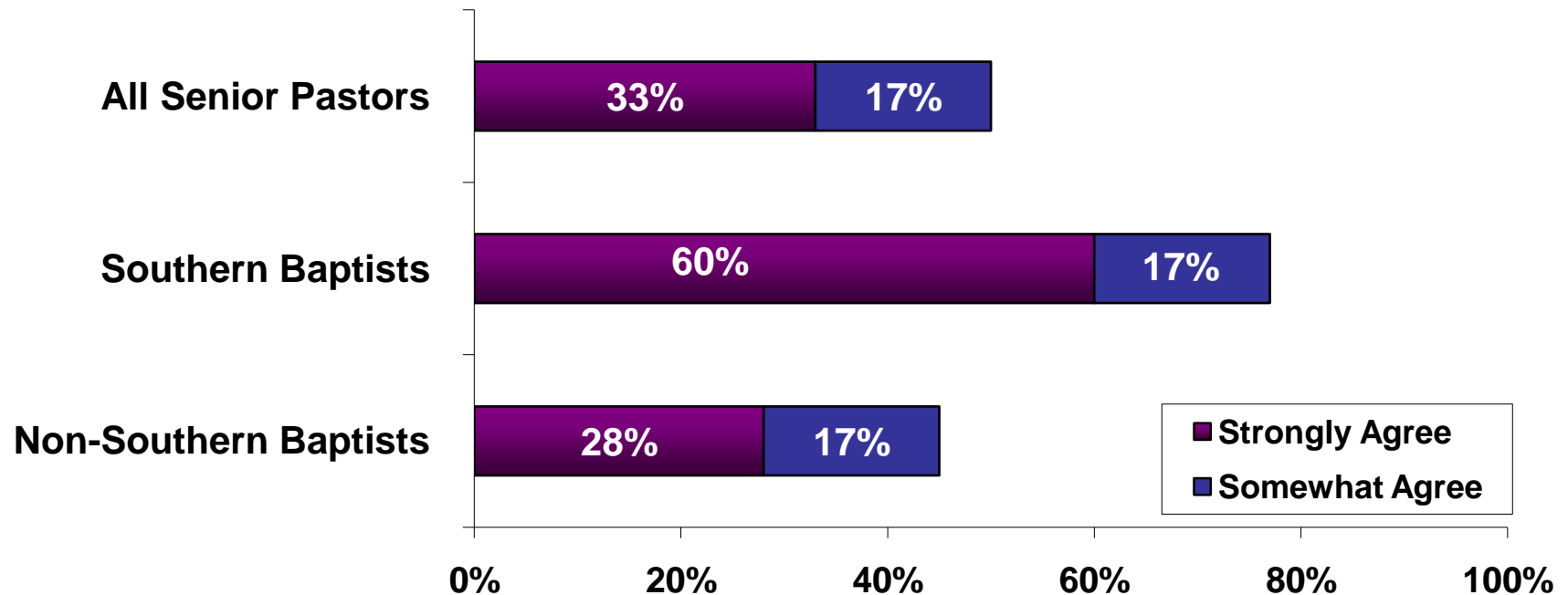
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Senior pastor agreement with the statement:

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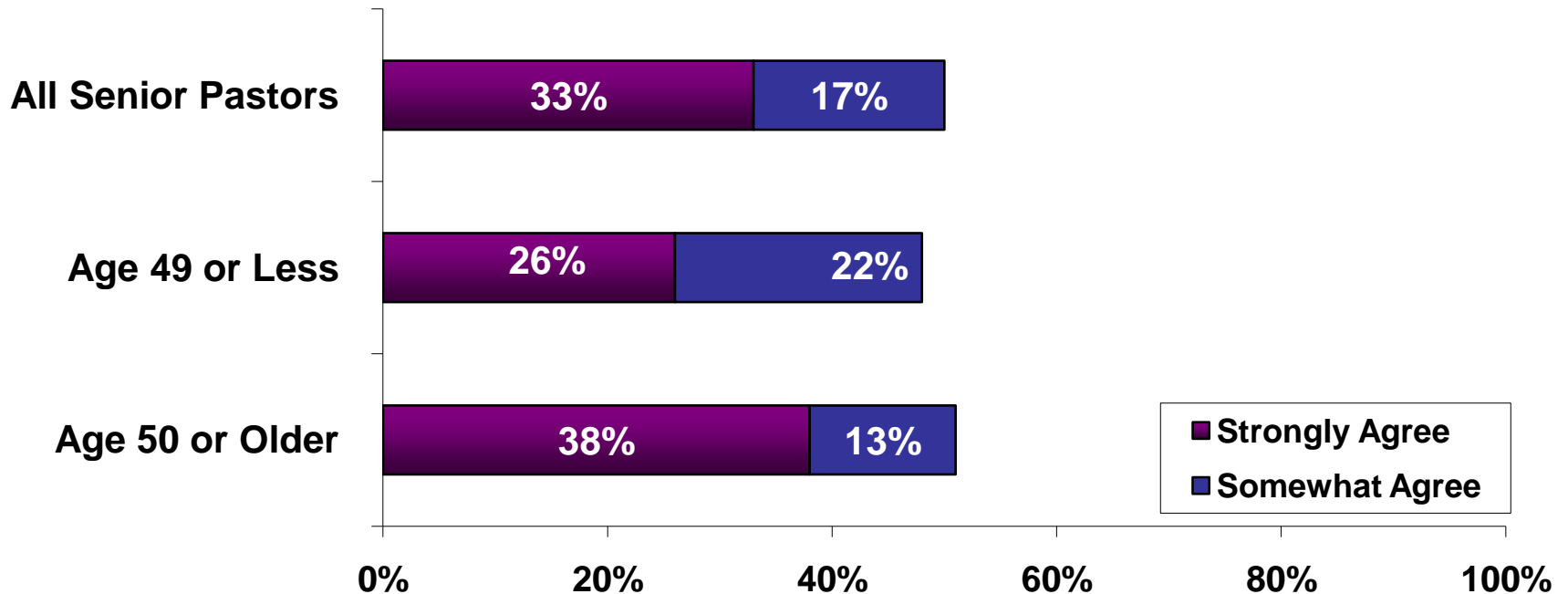
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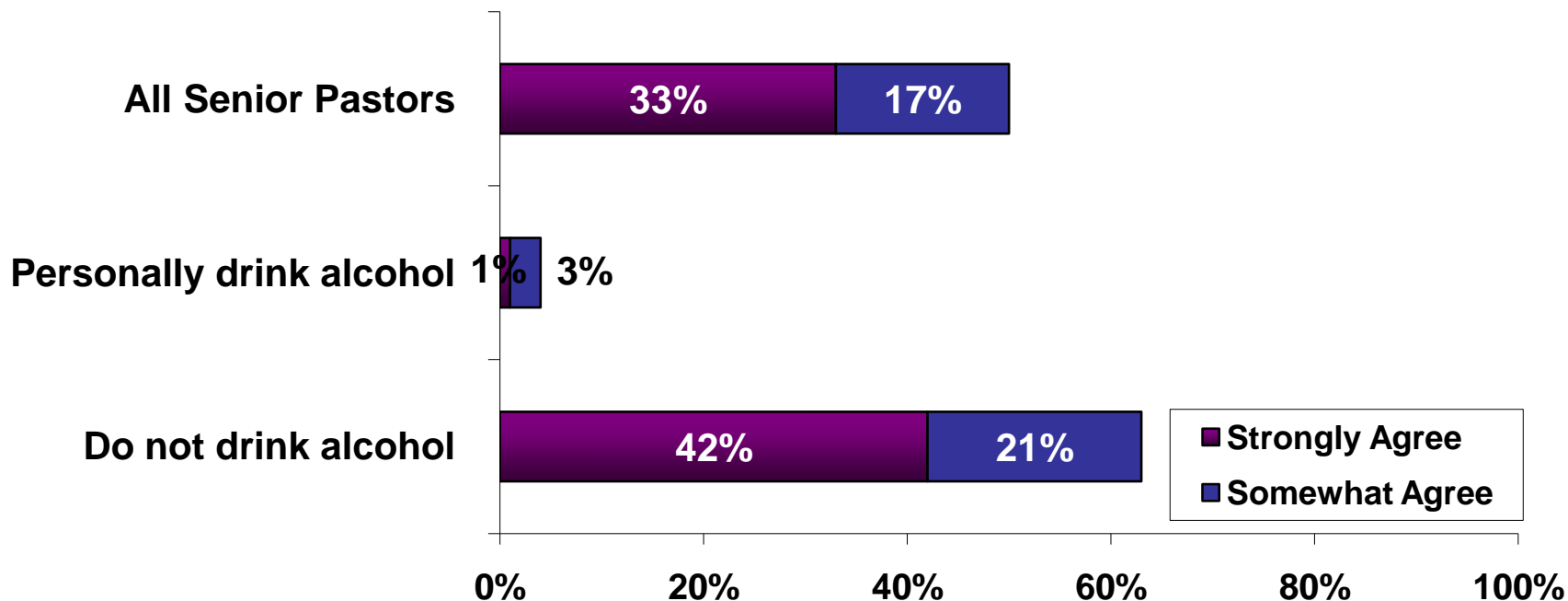
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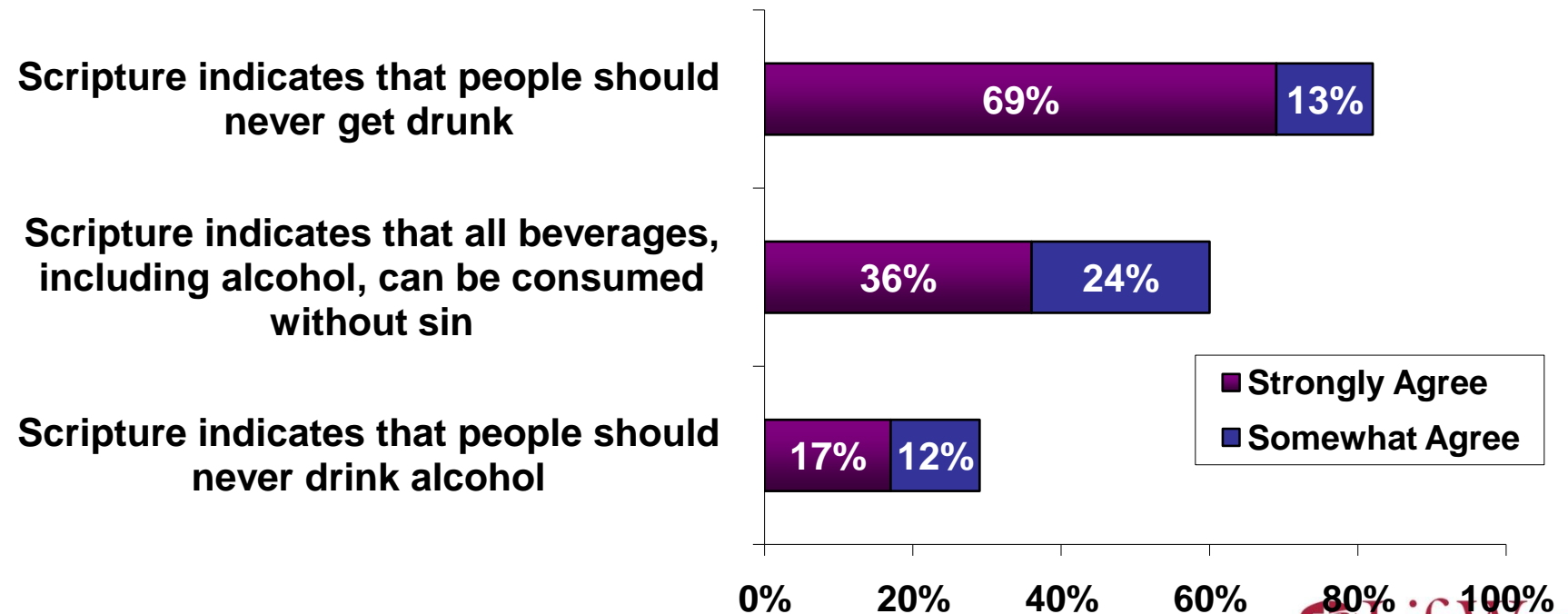
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# Perceptions of Alcohol Among Protestant Laity

# Protestant Laity

Most laity agree Scripture forbids getting drunk, but less than a third agree it indicates people should never drink alcohol

## Protestant laity agreement with statements about Scripture's view of alcohol



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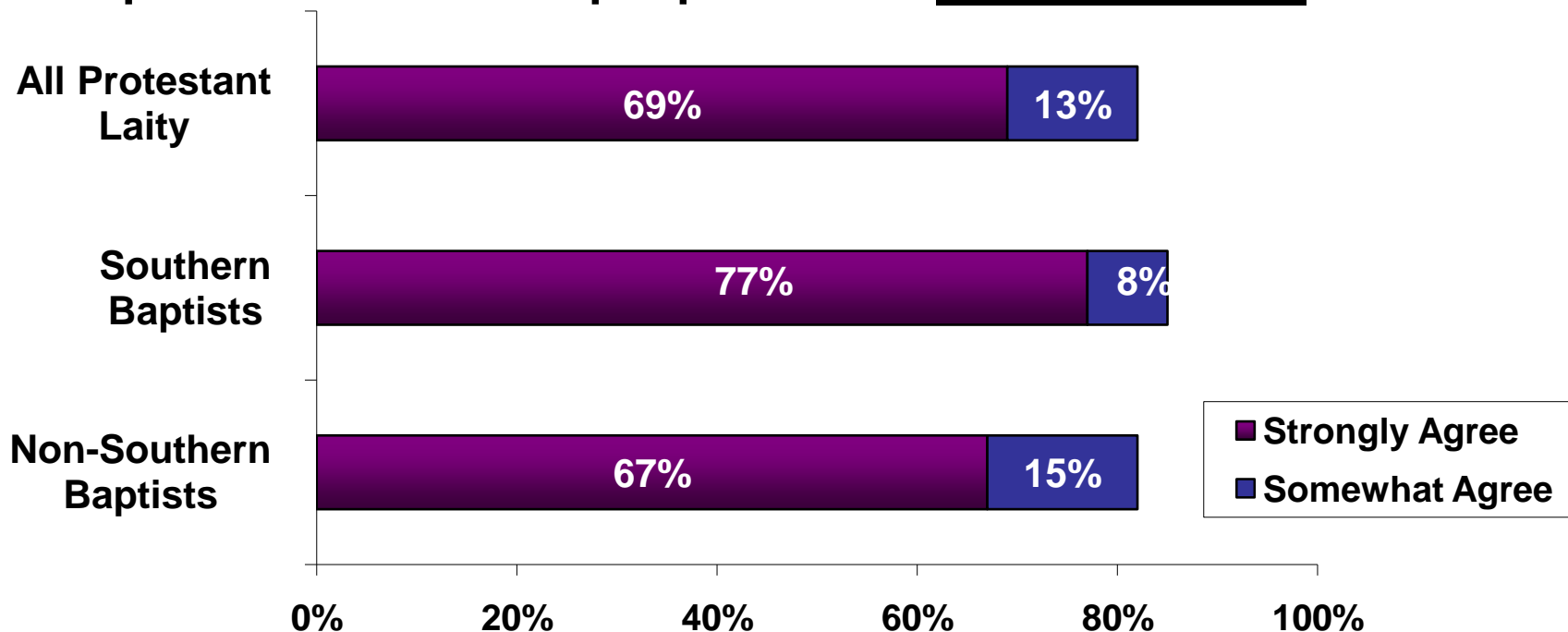


# Protestant Laity by Denomination

SBC and Non-SBC laity agree Scripture indicates people should never get drunk

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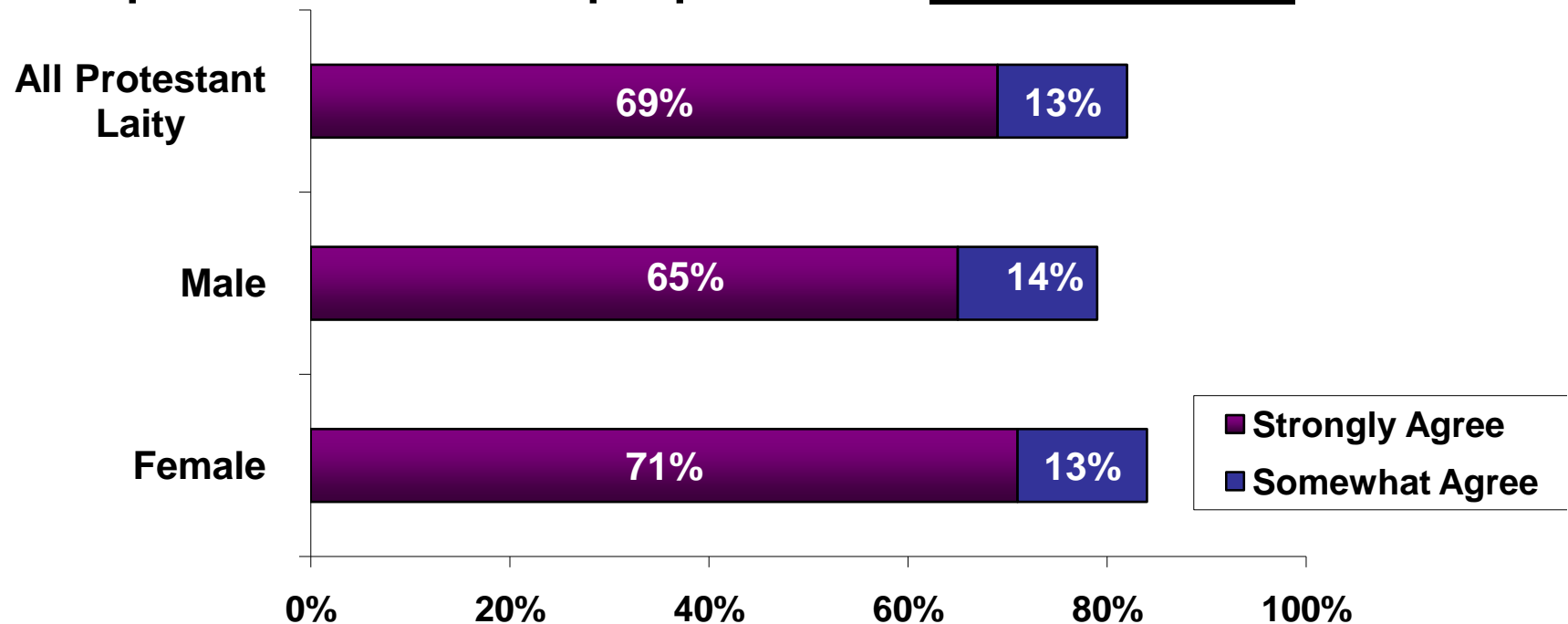
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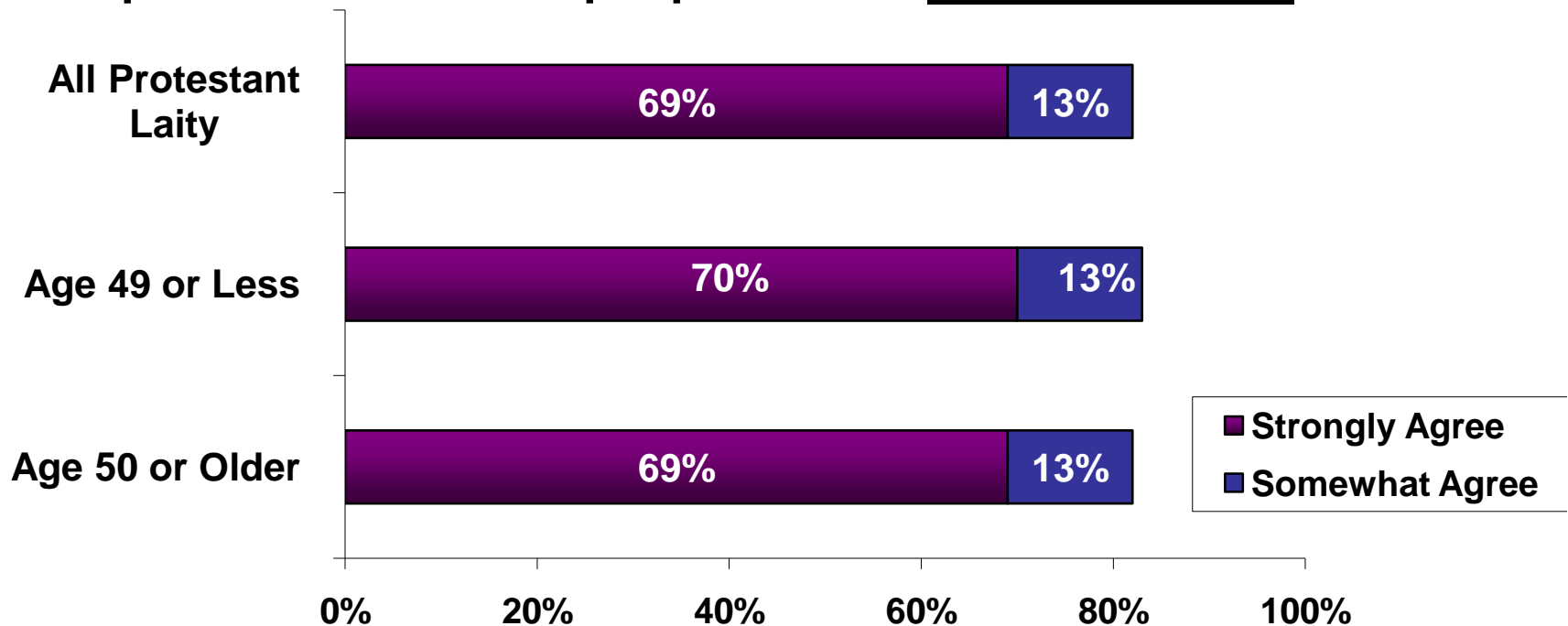
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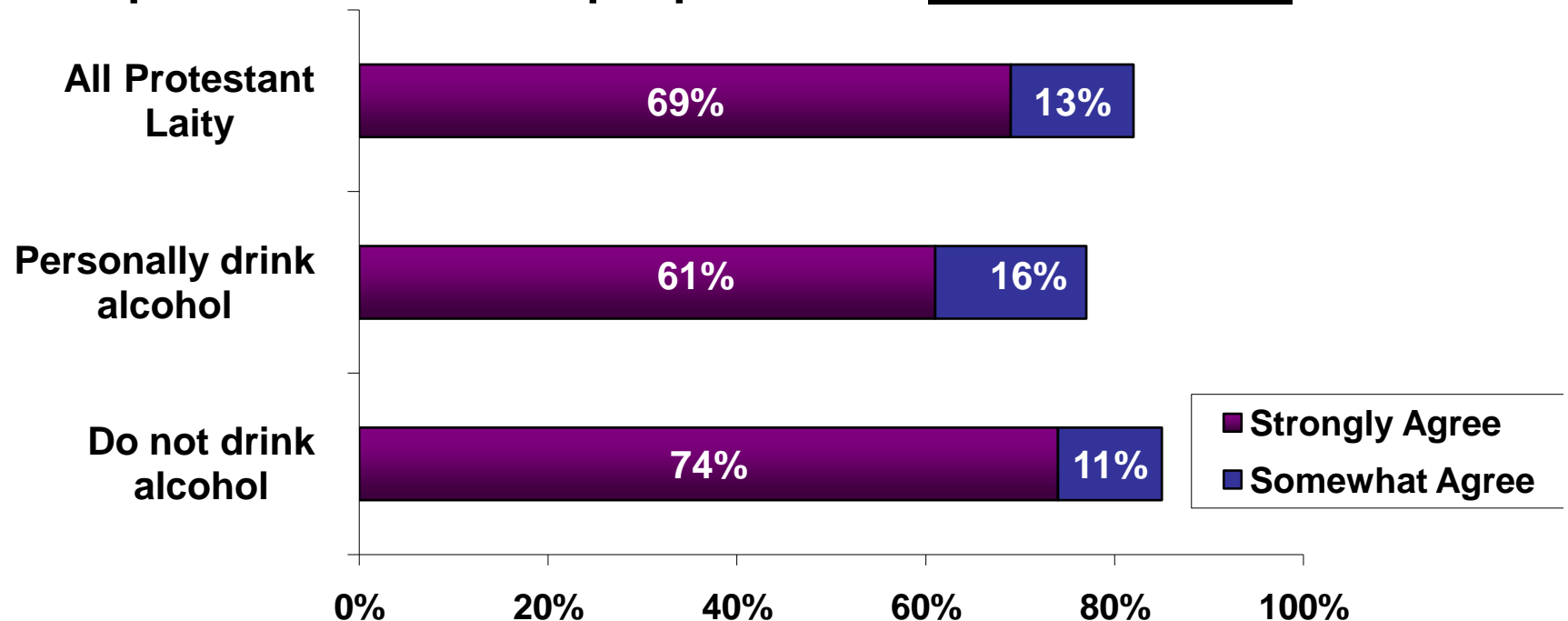
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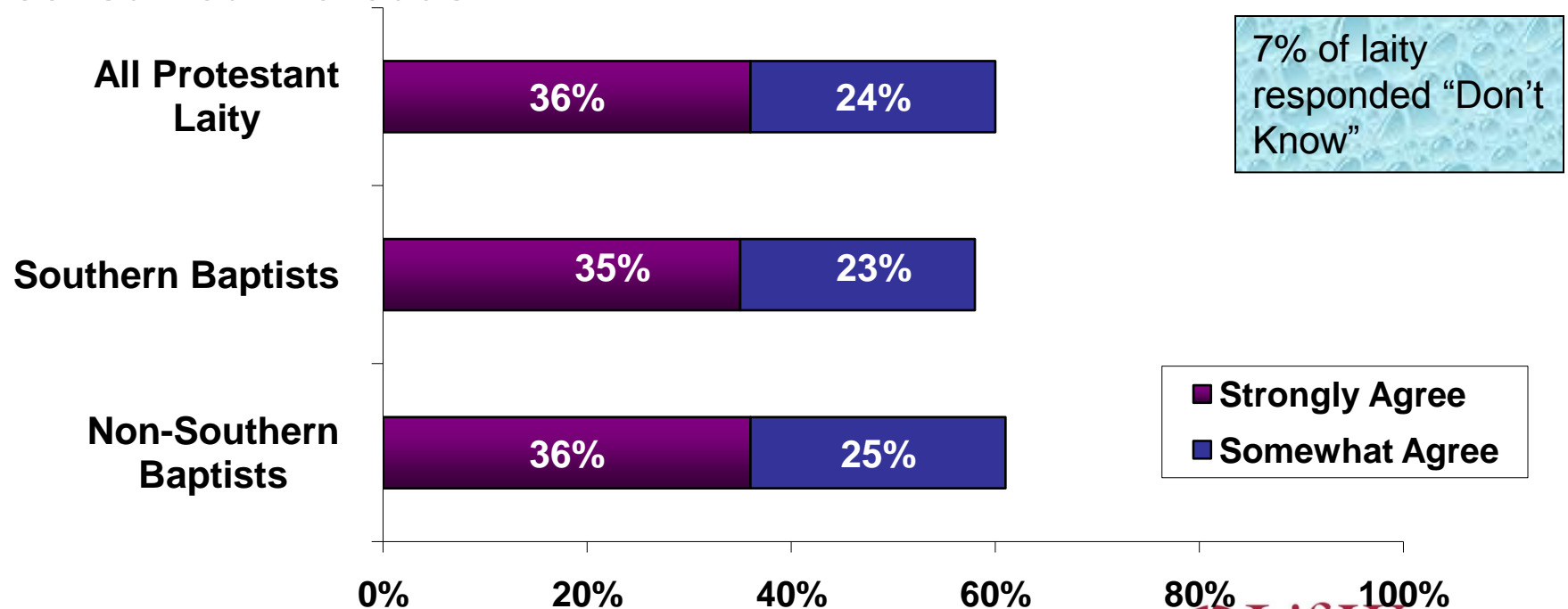
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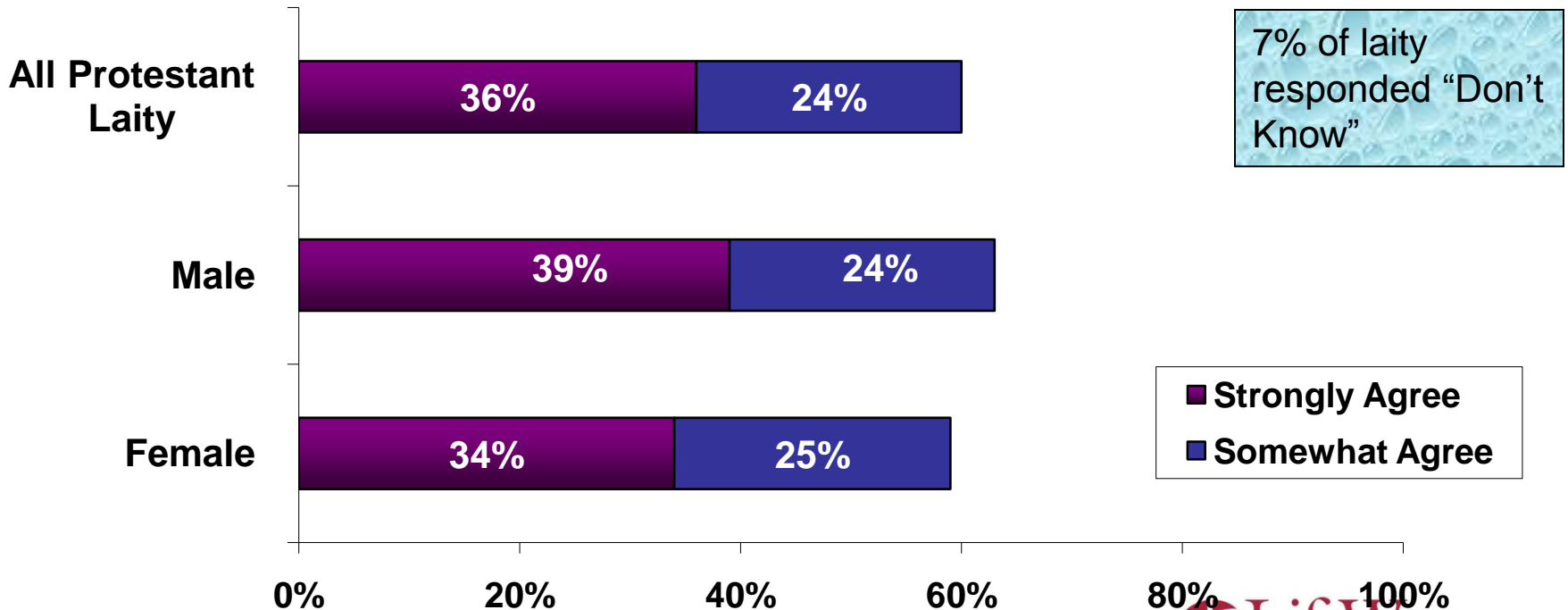
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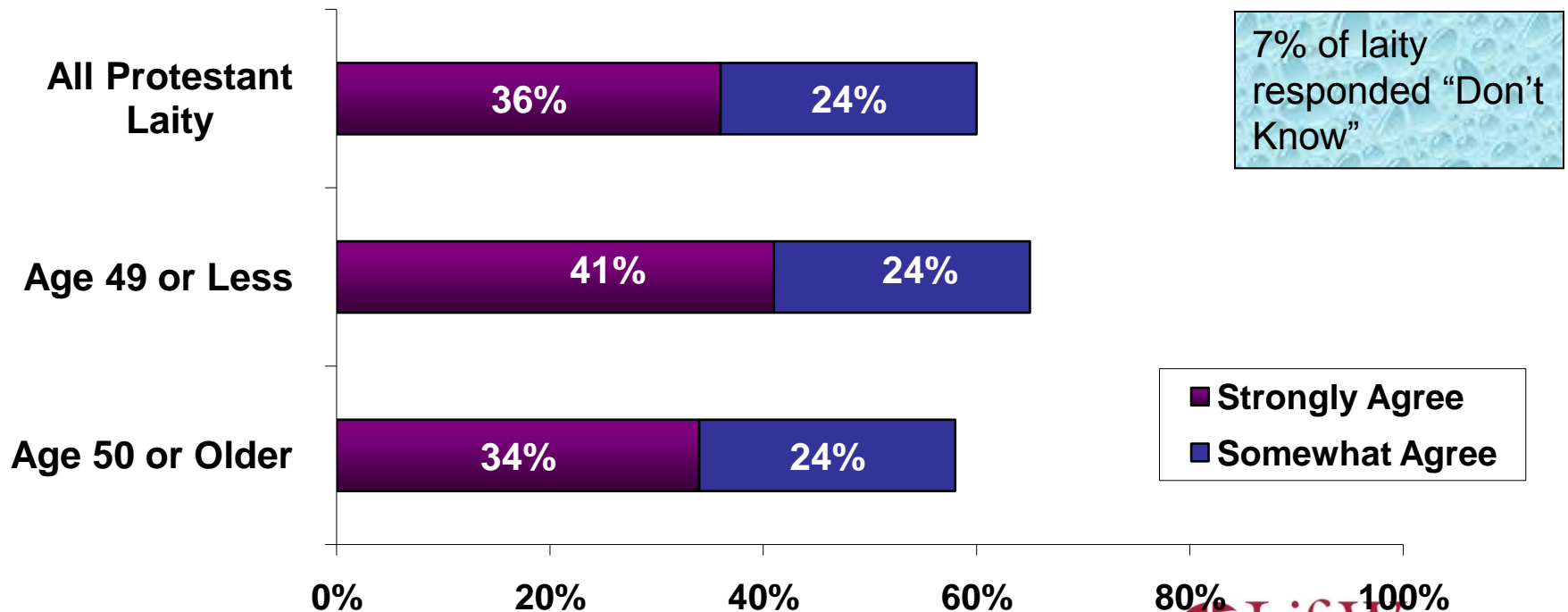
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# Protestant Laity by Age

More younger laity agree Scripture indicates it is not a sin to drink alcohol

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

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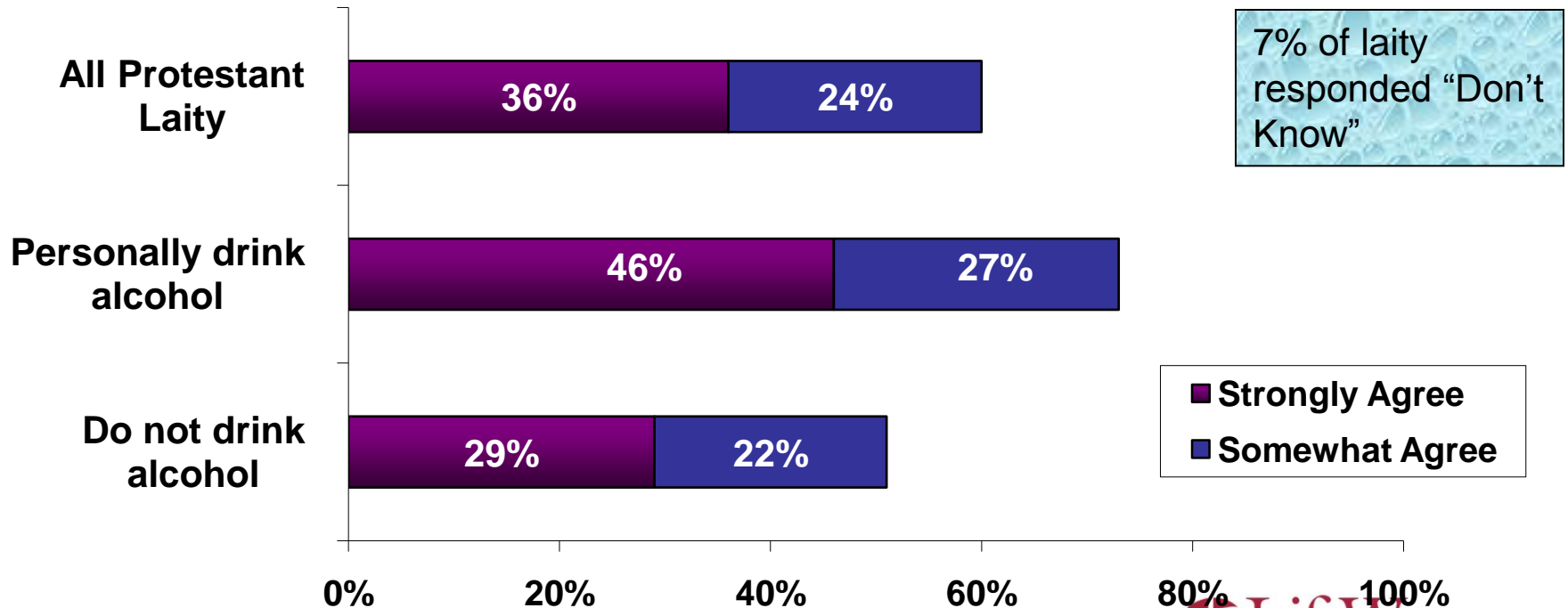
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# Protestant Laity by Behavior

More laity who personally drink alcohol agree Scripture indicates it is not a sin to drink alcohol

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

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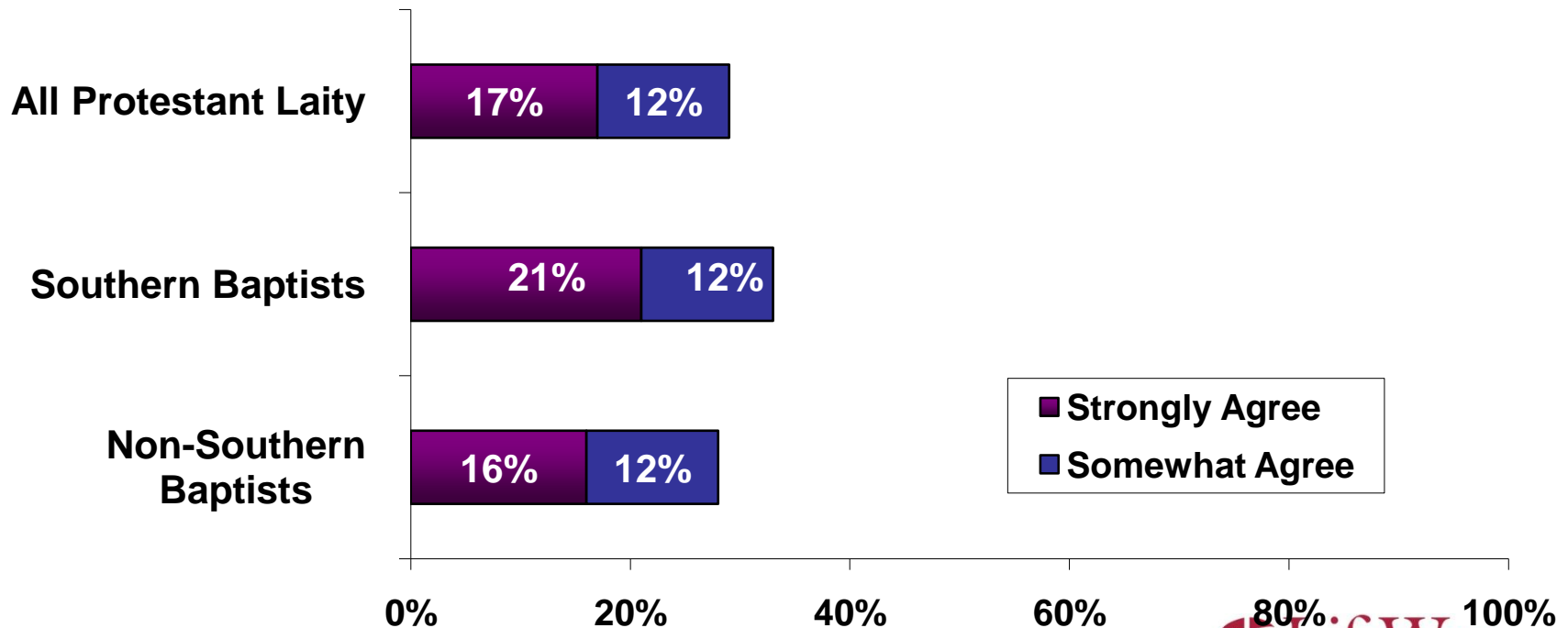


# Protestant Laity by Denomination

Both SBC and Non-SBC laity have a low level of agreement that Scripture indicates people should never drink alcohol

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

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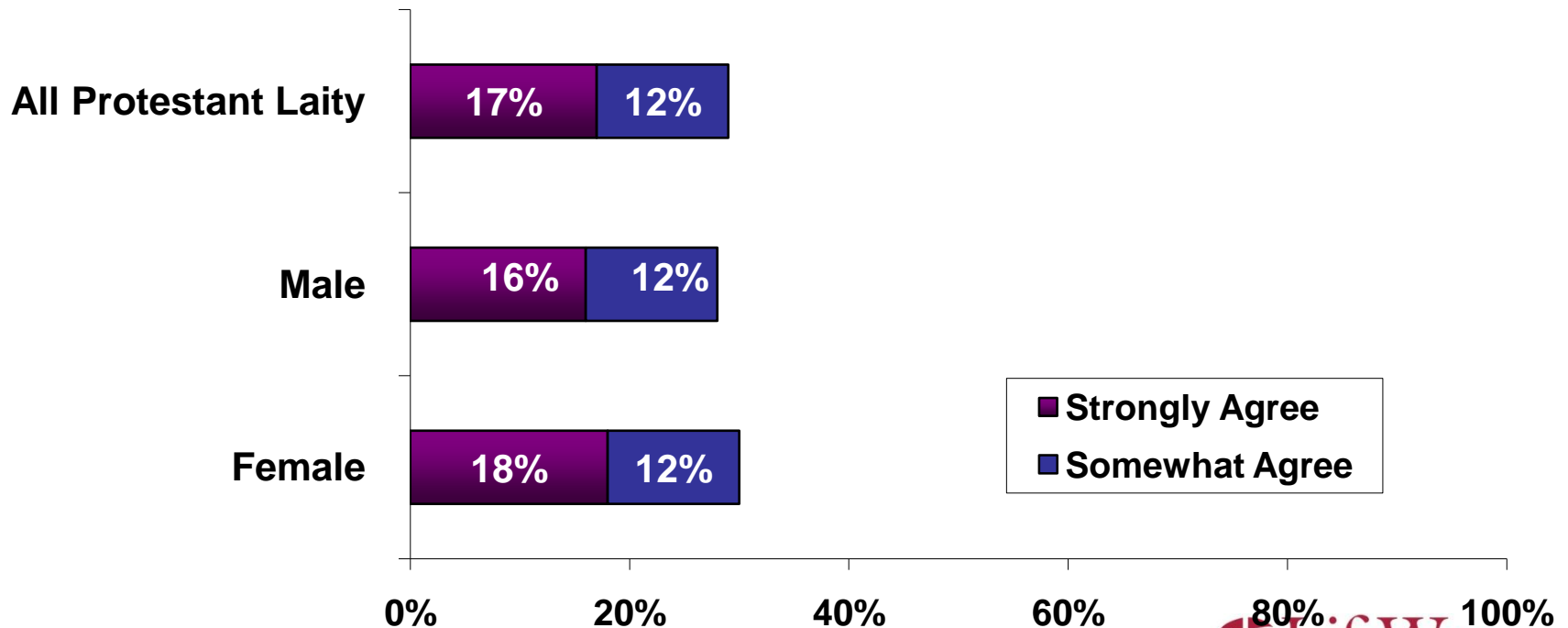
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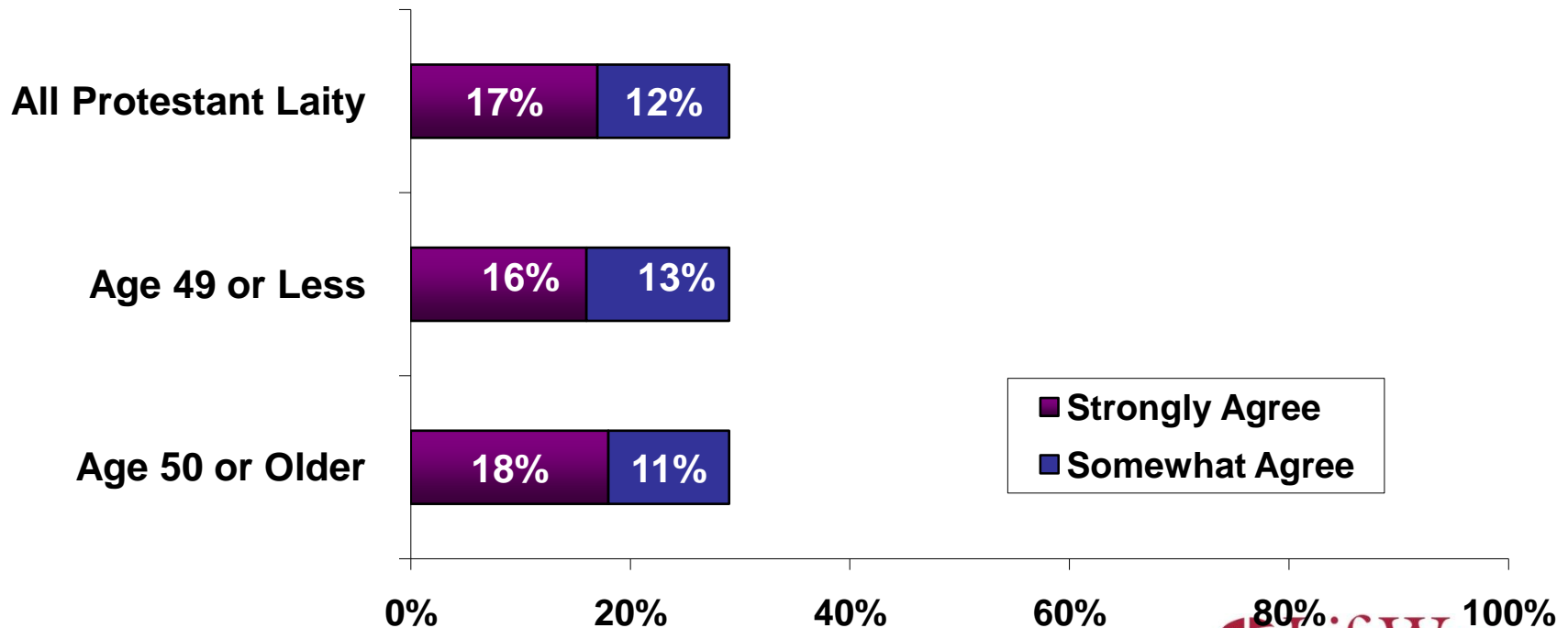
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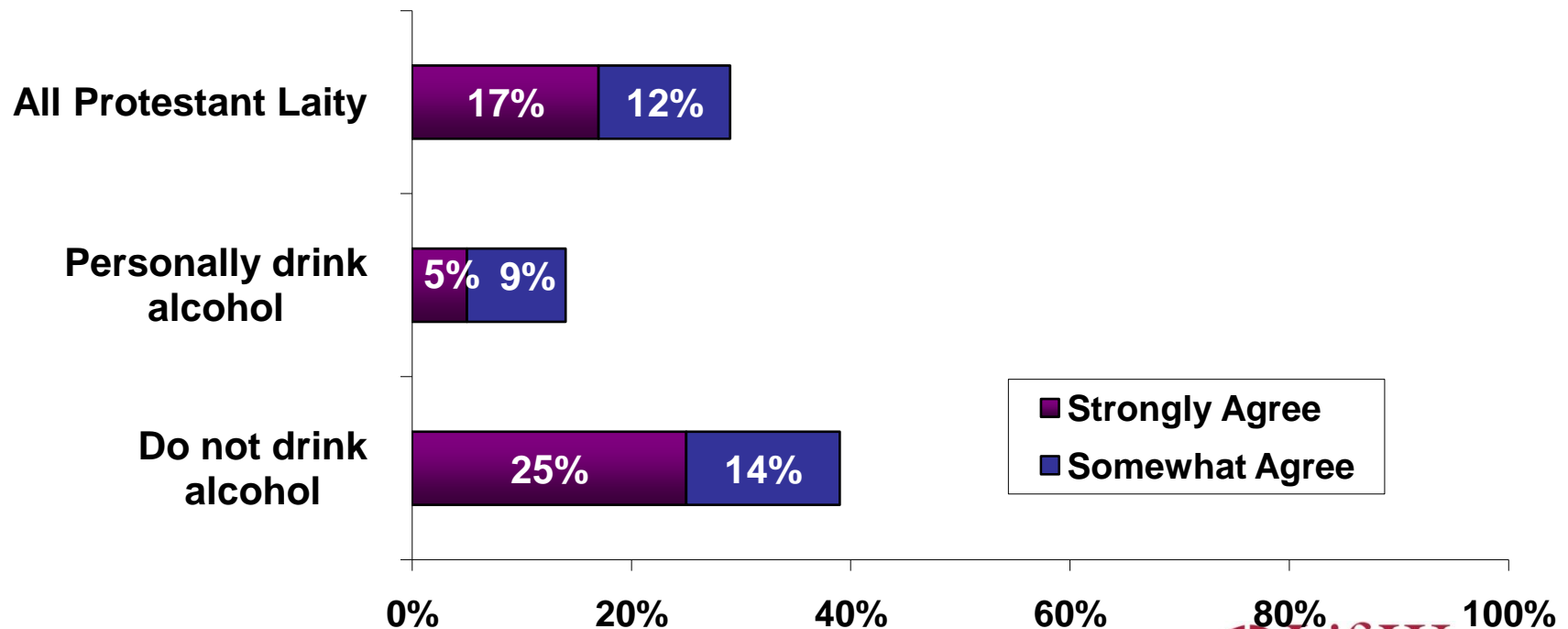
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# Protestant Laity by Behavior

Although still a minority, more laity who do not drink agree Scripture indicates people should never drink alcohol

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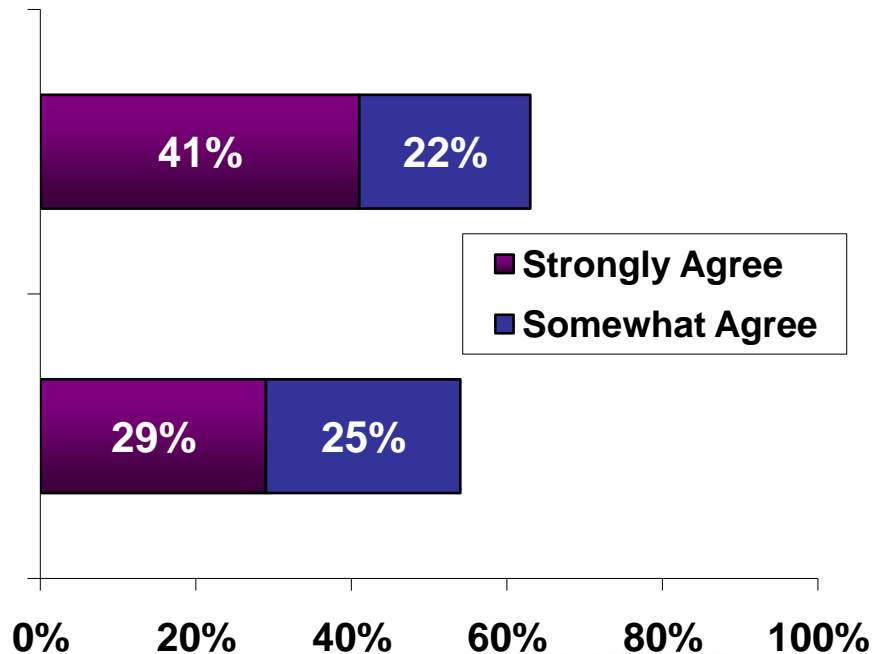
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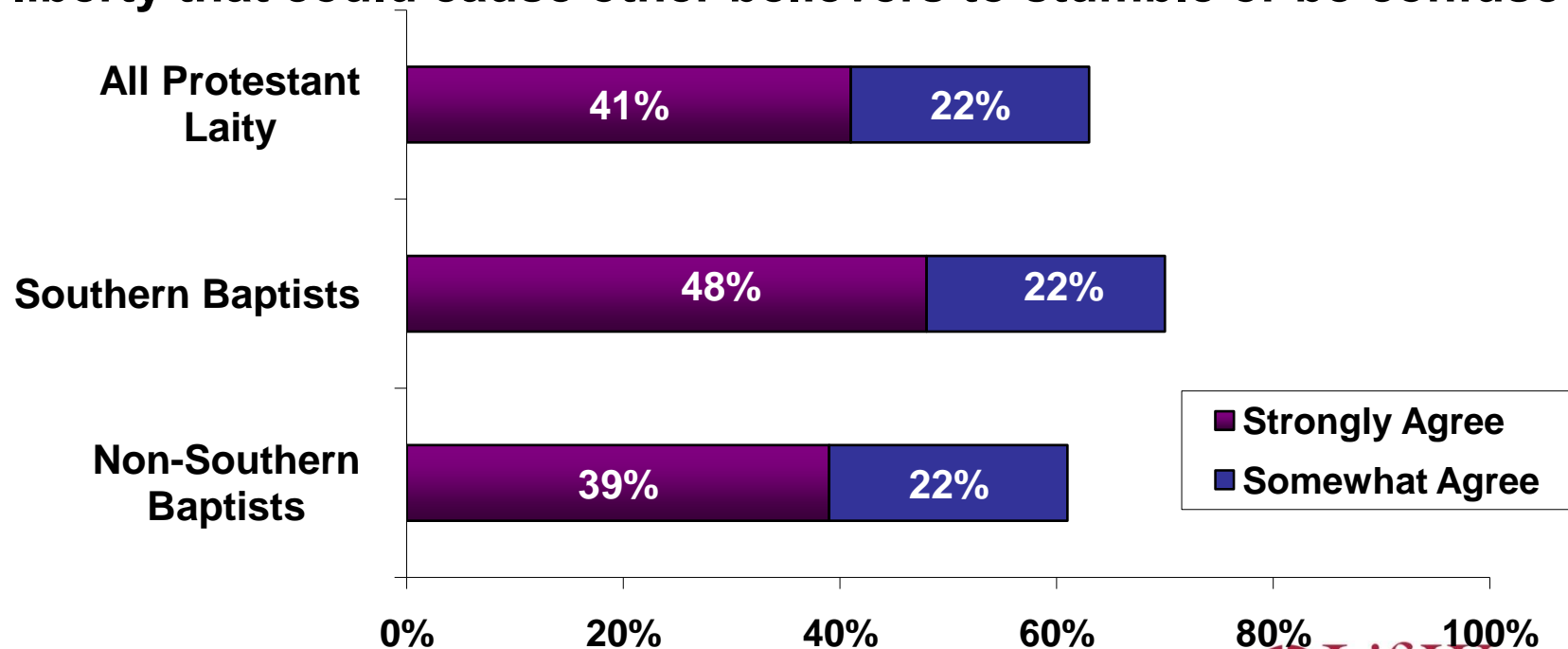
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# Protestant Laity by Denomination

More laity who are Southern Baptist agree social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

**“When a Christian partakes of alcohol in a social setting, it is a liberty that could cause other believers to stumble or be confused”**



Note: Differences between SBC vs. Non-SBC are statistically significant

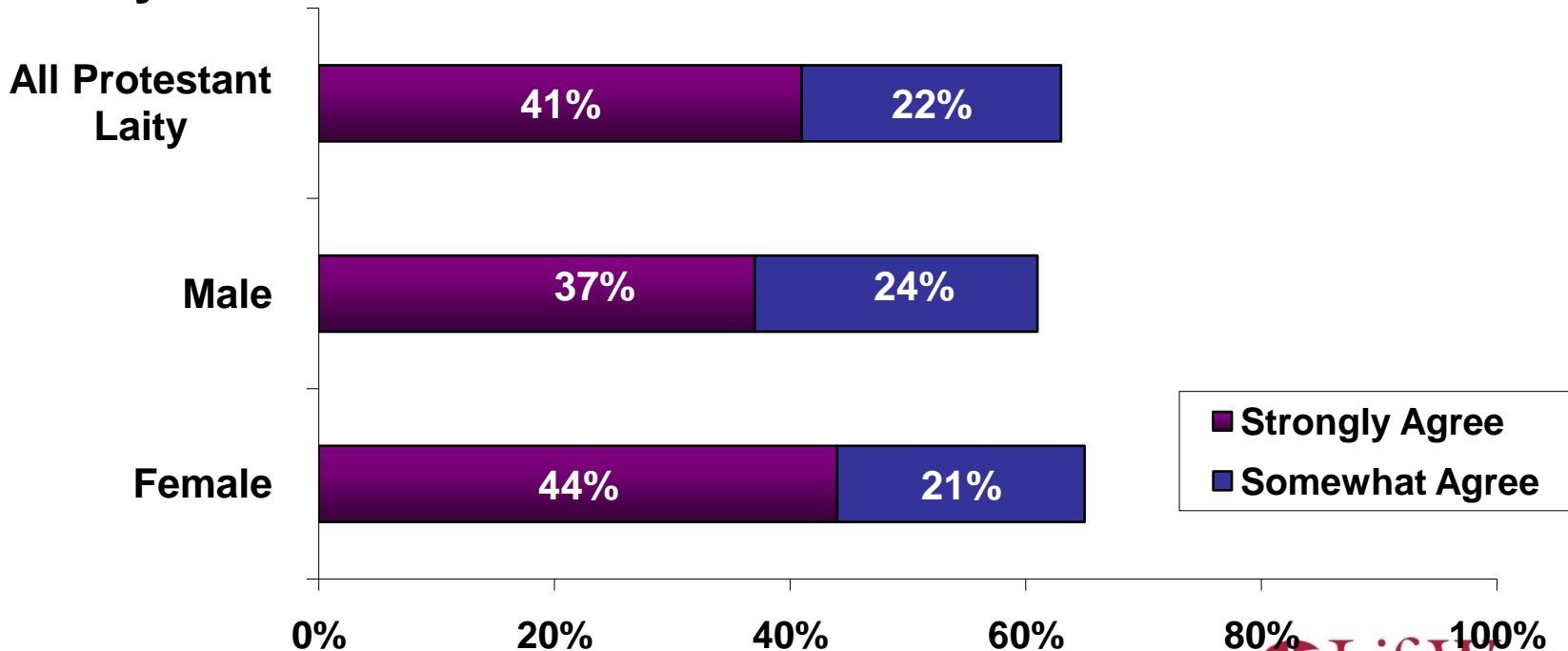
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# Protestant Laity by Gender

Male and female laity do not differ in their agreement that social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

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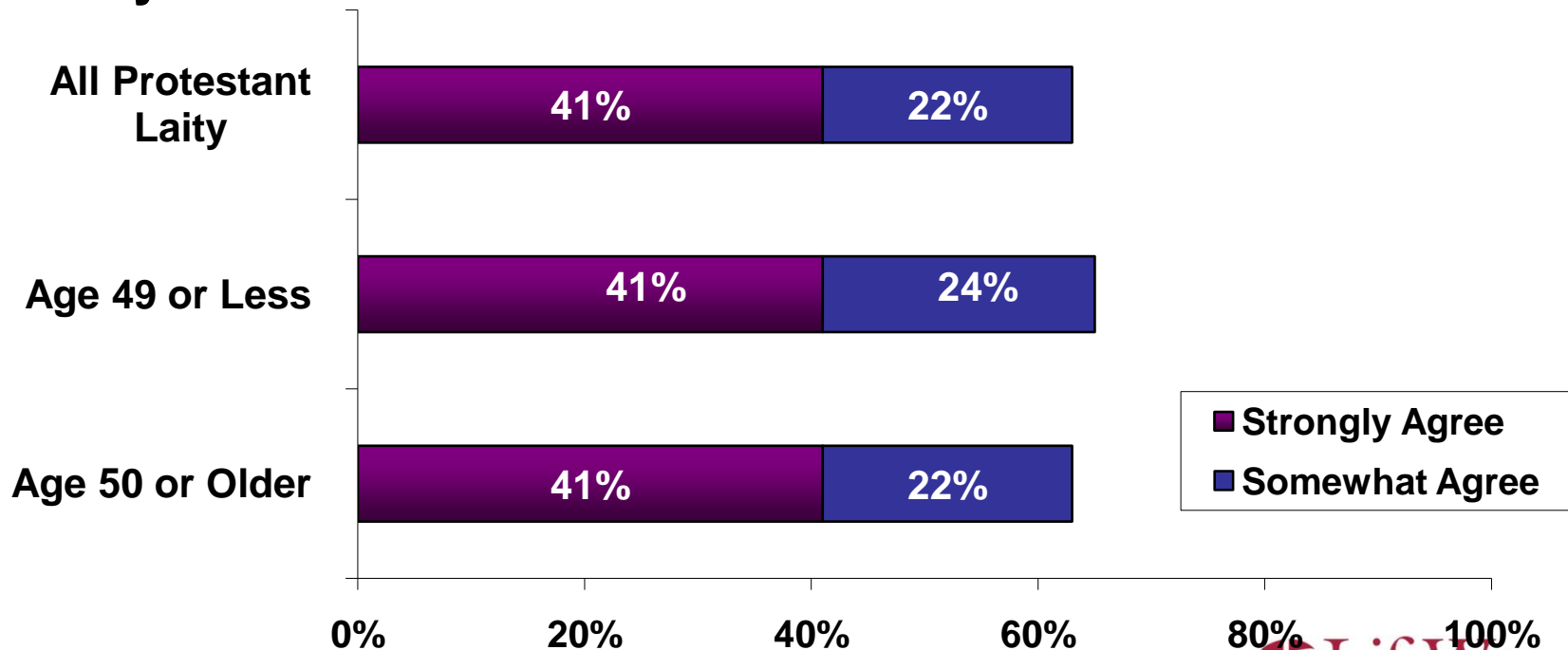
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Older and younger laity do not differ in their agreement that social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

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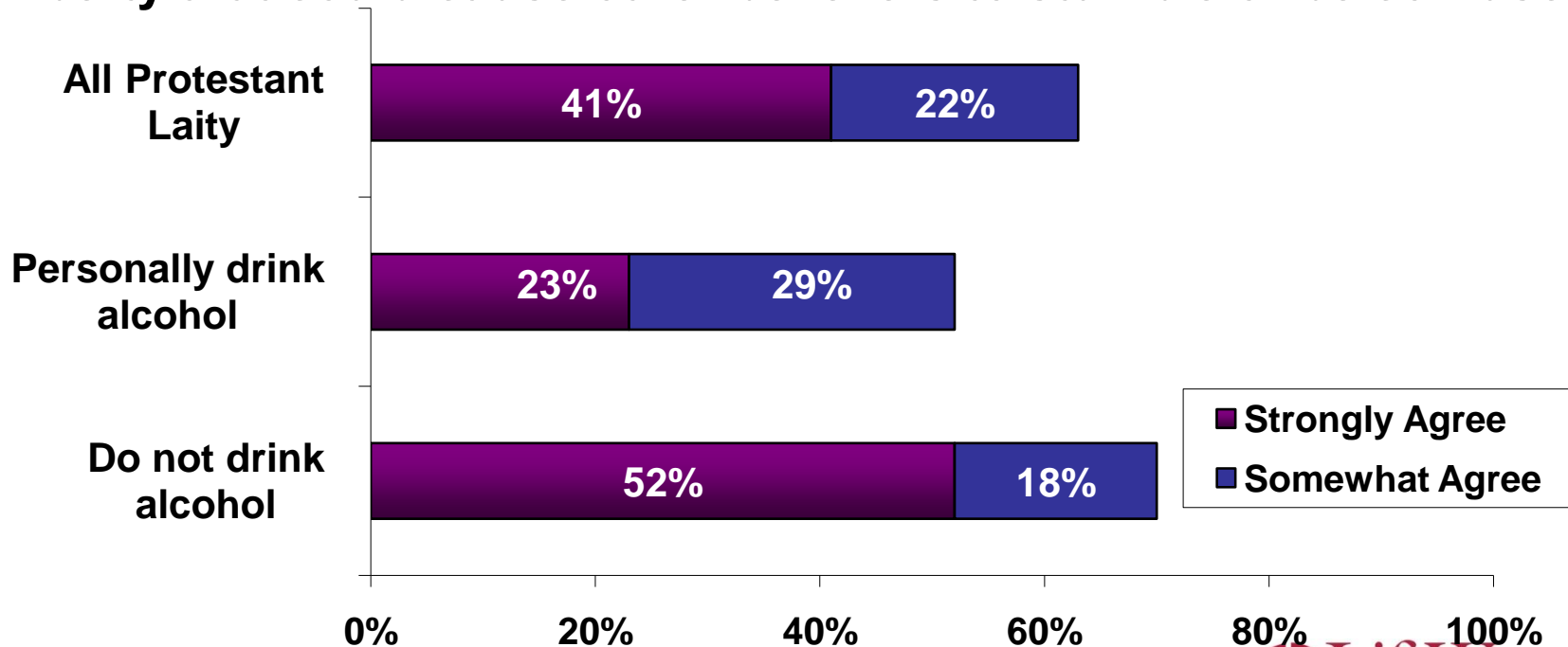


# Protestant Laity by Behavior

More laity who do not drink alcohol agree social drinking can cause other believers to stumble

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Note: Differences between those who drink vs. do not drink are statistically significant

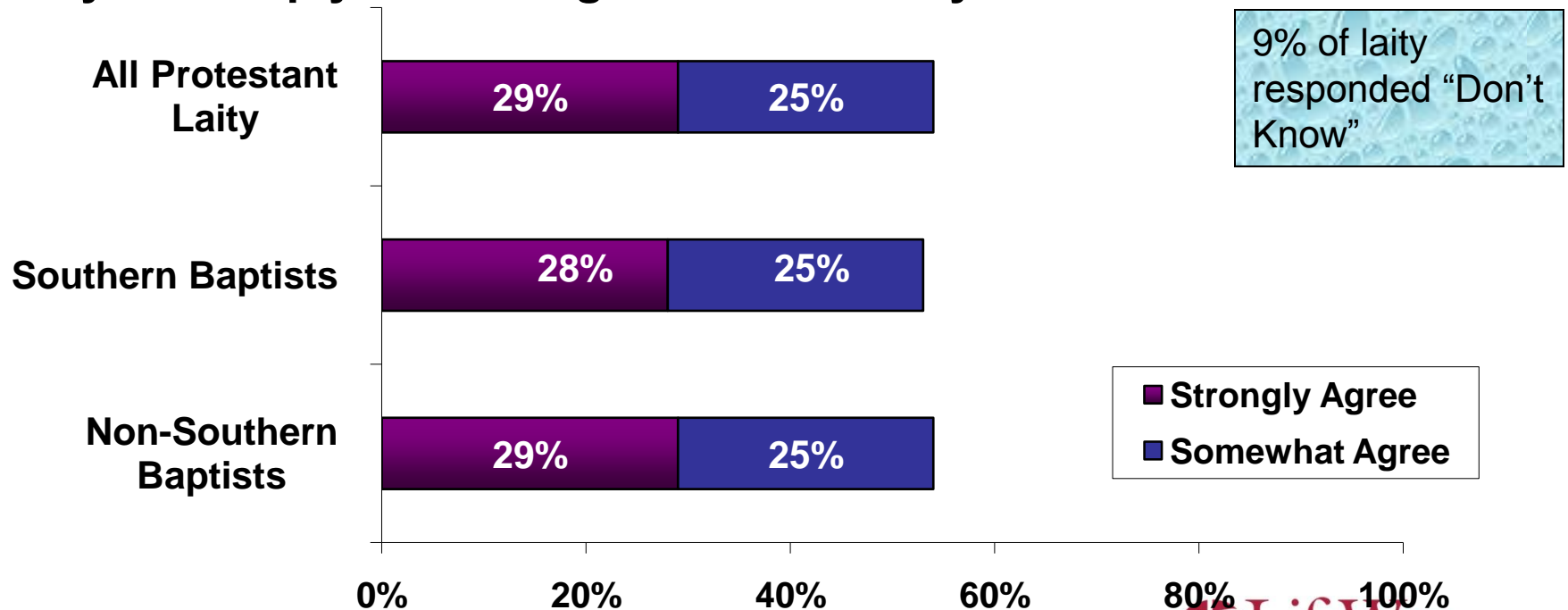
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# Protestant Laity by Denomination

SBC and Non-SBC laity do not differ in their agreement that reasonable consumption is a biblical liberty

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

**“When a Christian partakes of alcohol in reasonable amounts, they are simply exercising a biblical liberty”**



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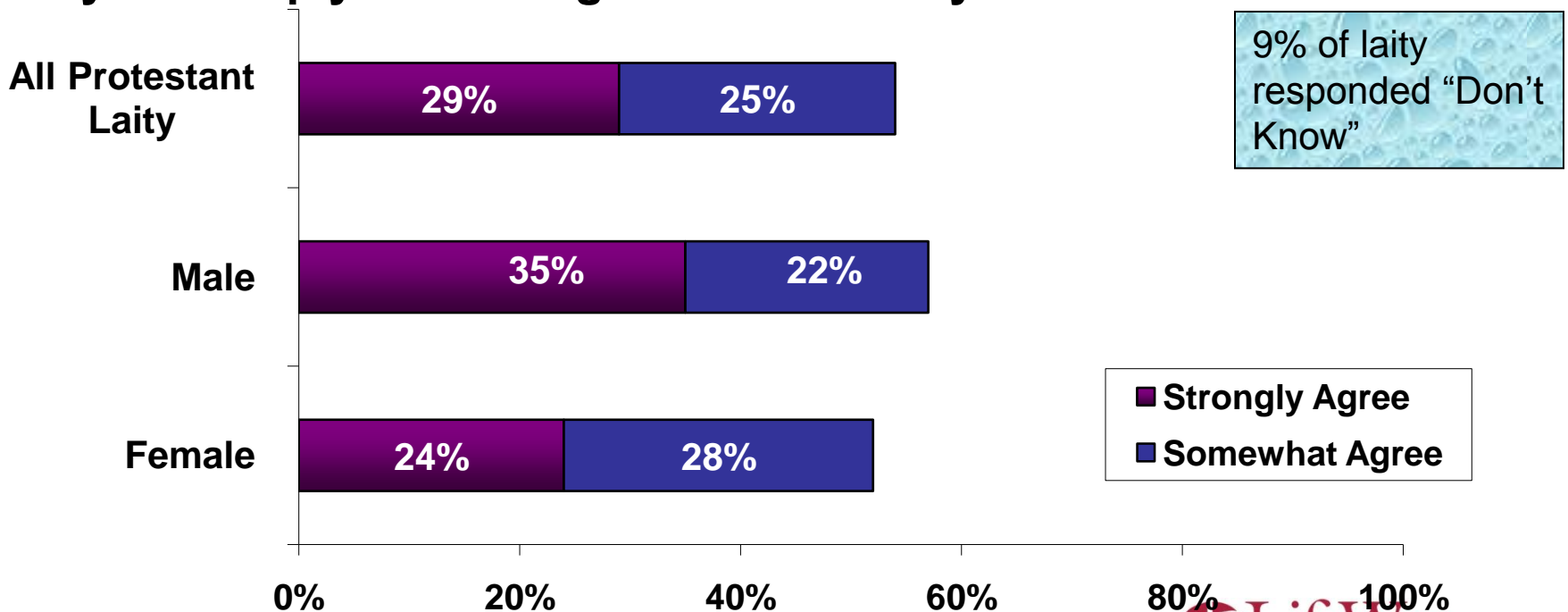
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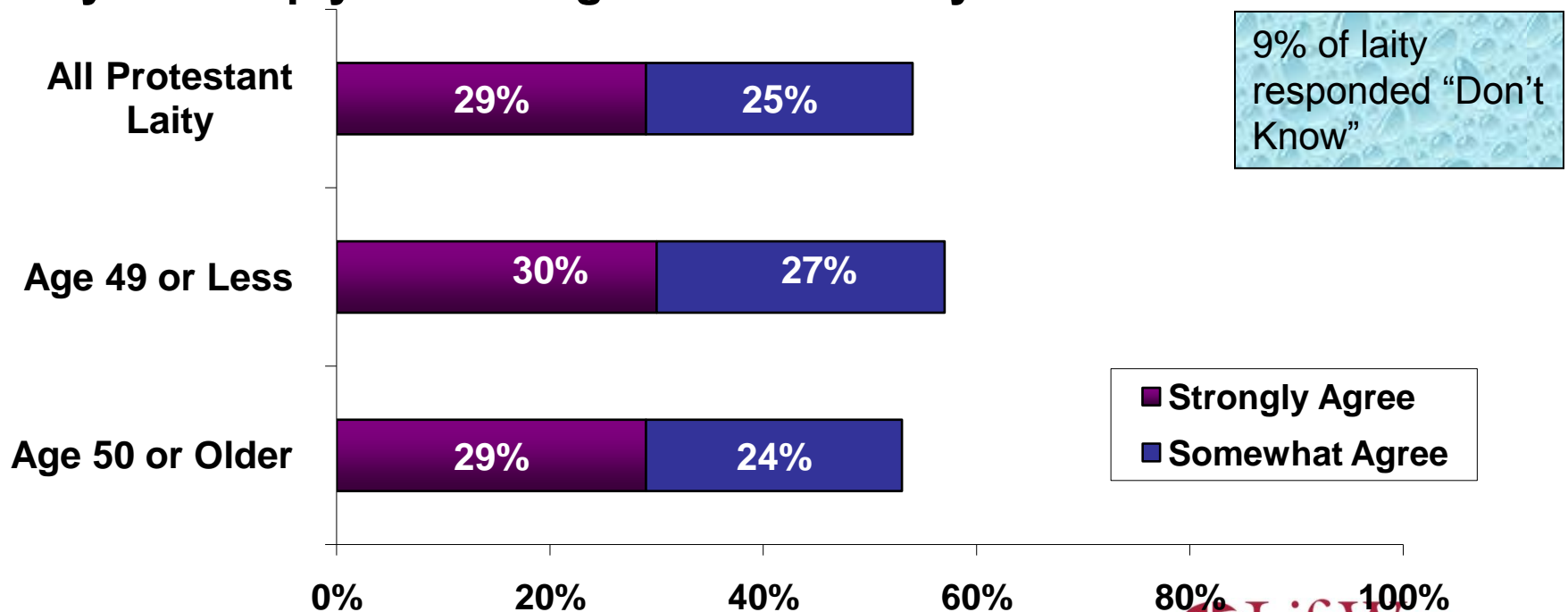
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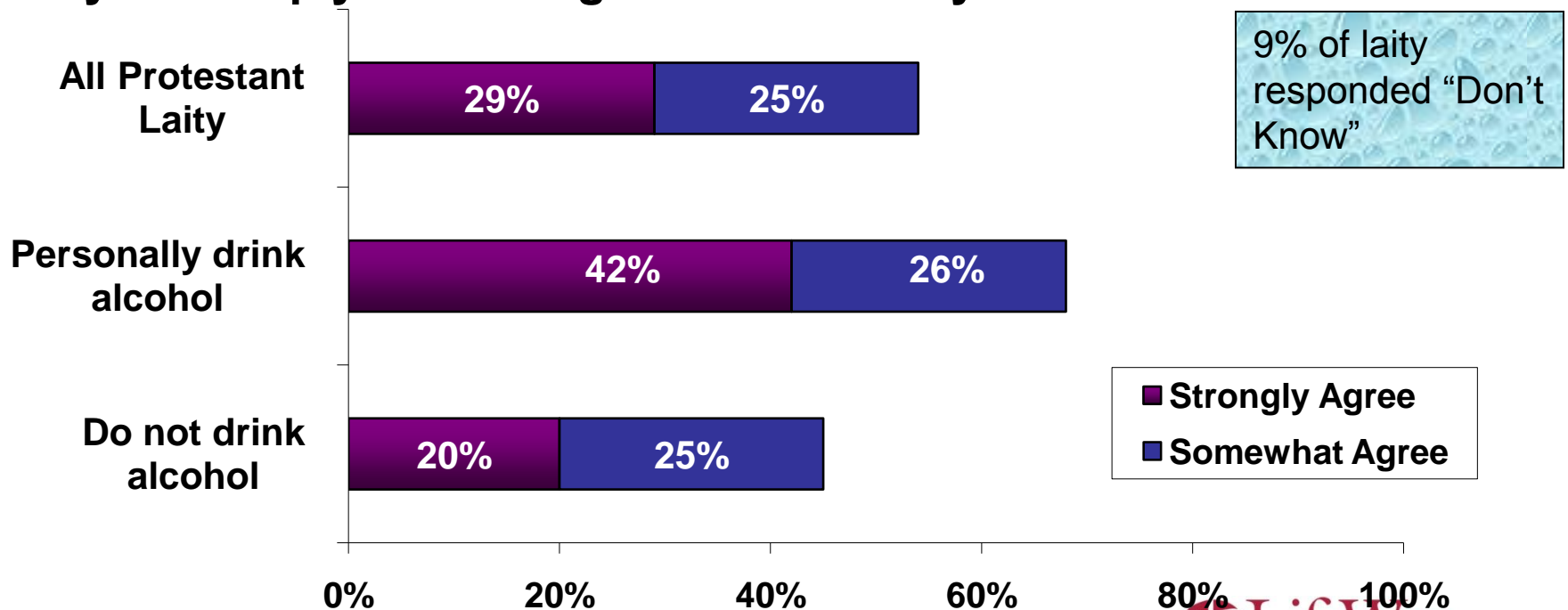
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# Protestant Laity by Behavior

More laity who drink alcohol agree reasonable consumption is a biblical liberty

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

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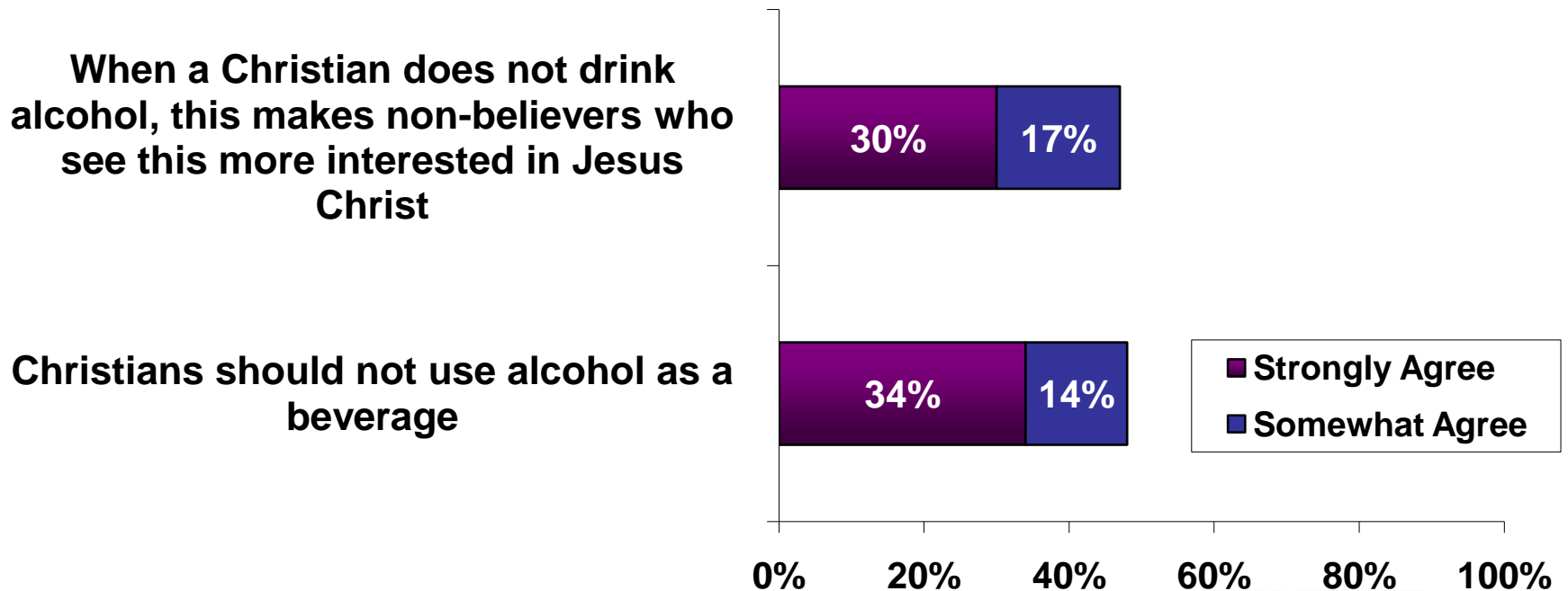
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# Protestant Laity

Almost half of laity agree Christians should not drink and that abstaining may attract non-believers to Jesus Christ

Protestant laity agreement with statements about Christians abstaining from alcohol



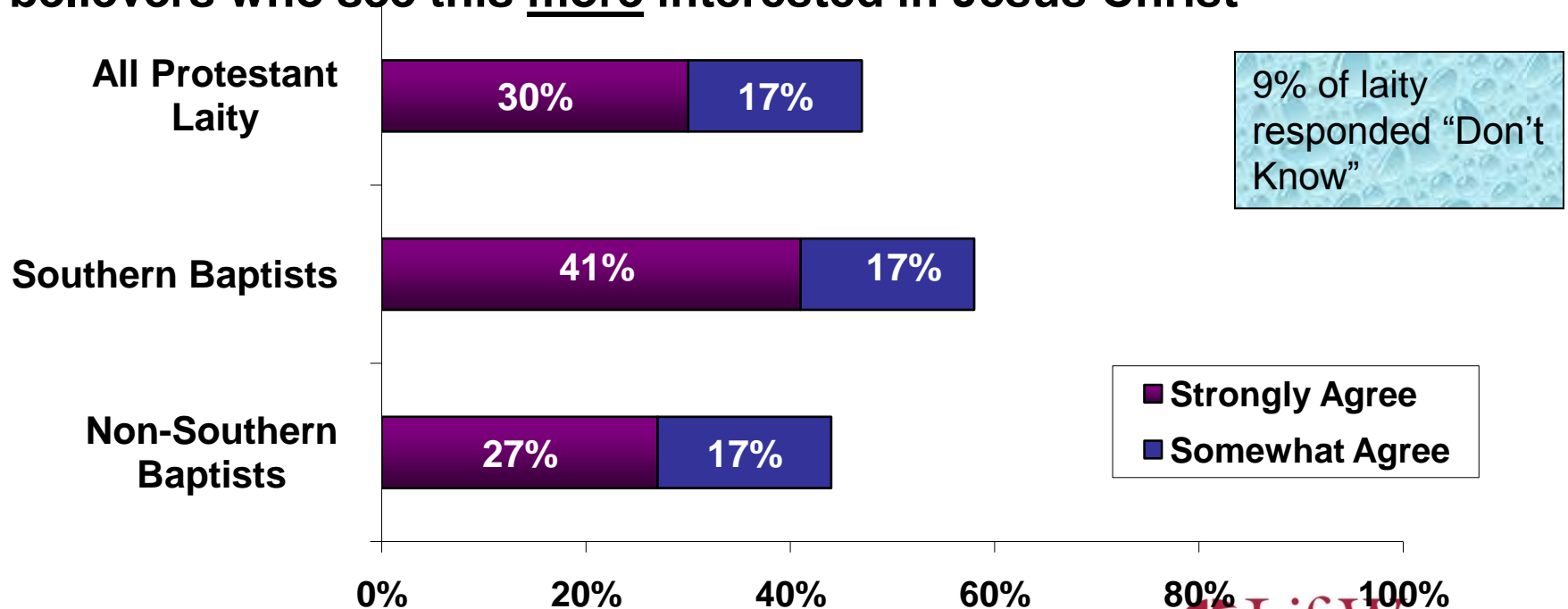
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# Protestant Laity by Denomination

More laity who are Southern Baptist agree not drinking alcohol attracts non-believers to Jesus Christ

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

**“When a Christian does not drink alcohol, this makes non-believers who see this more interested in Jesus Christ”**



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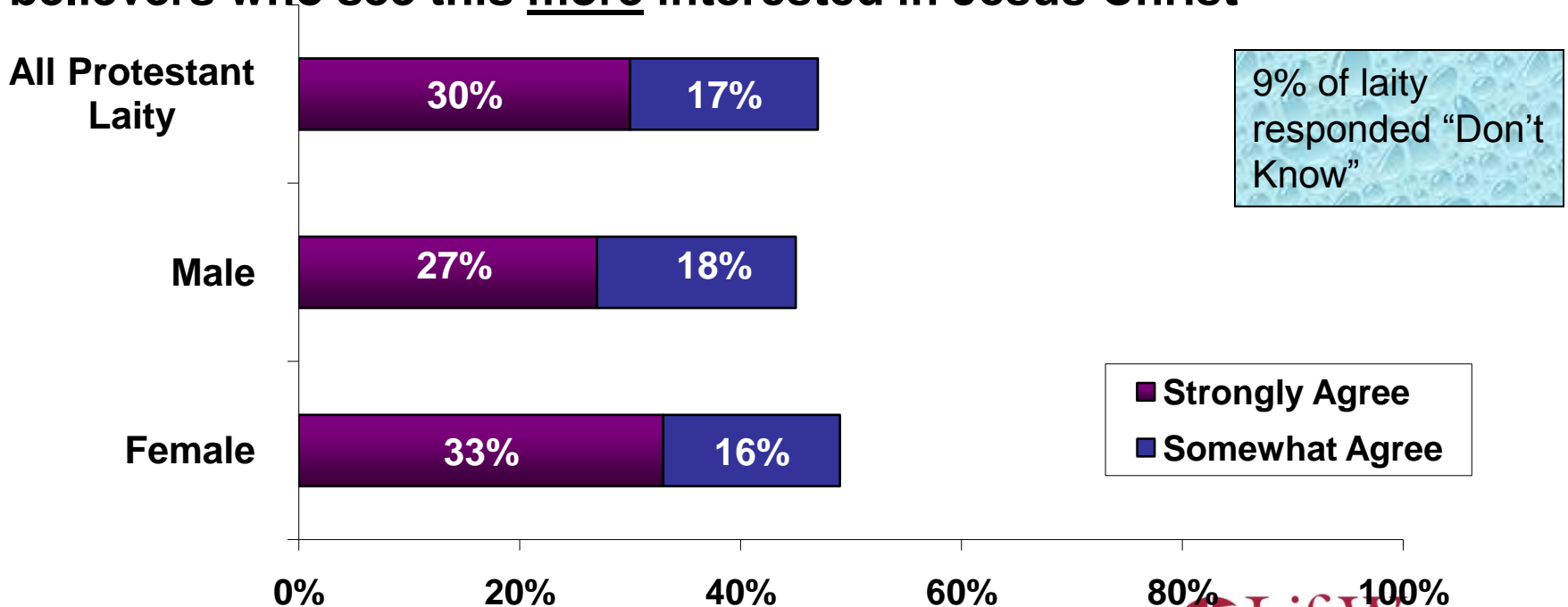
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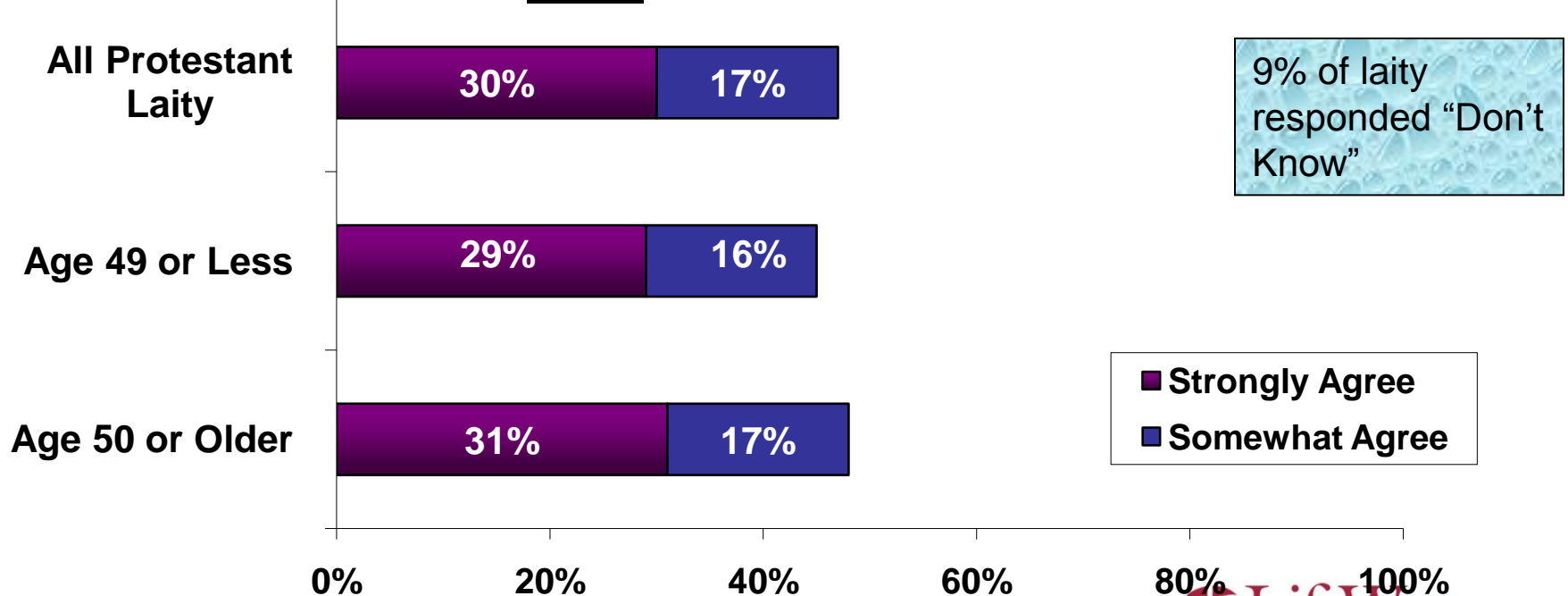


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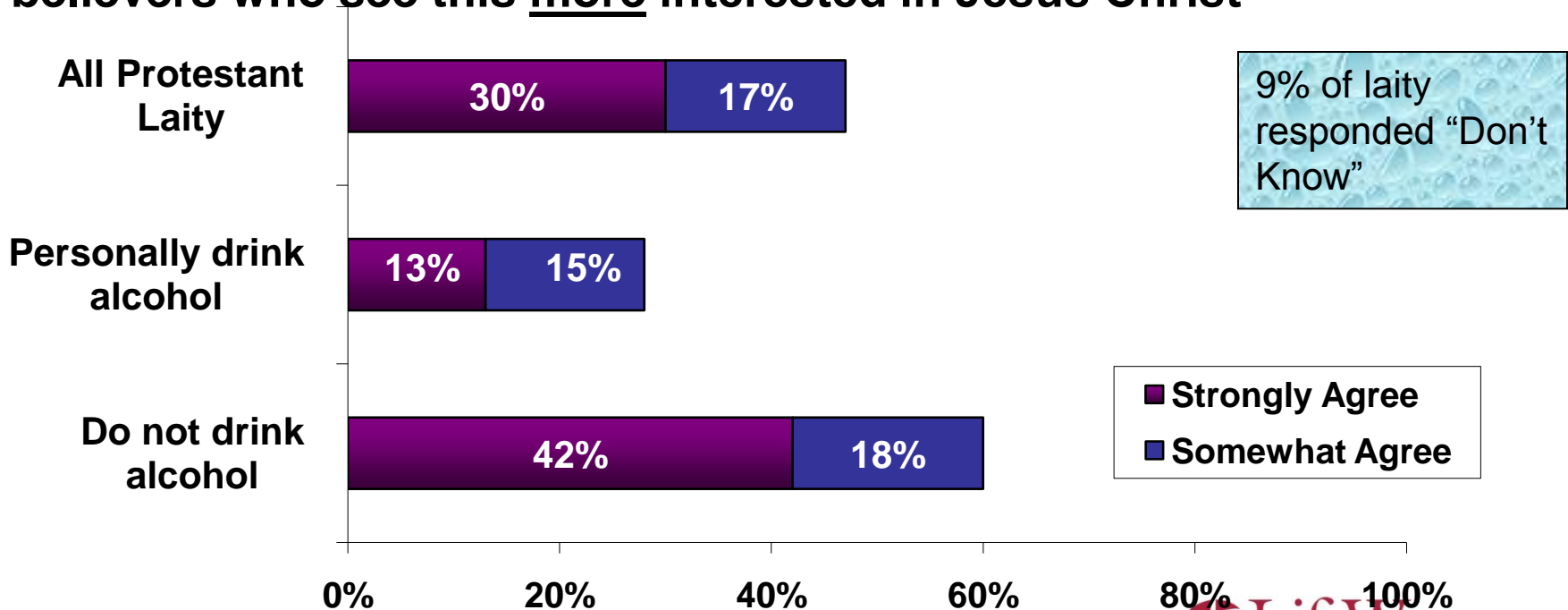
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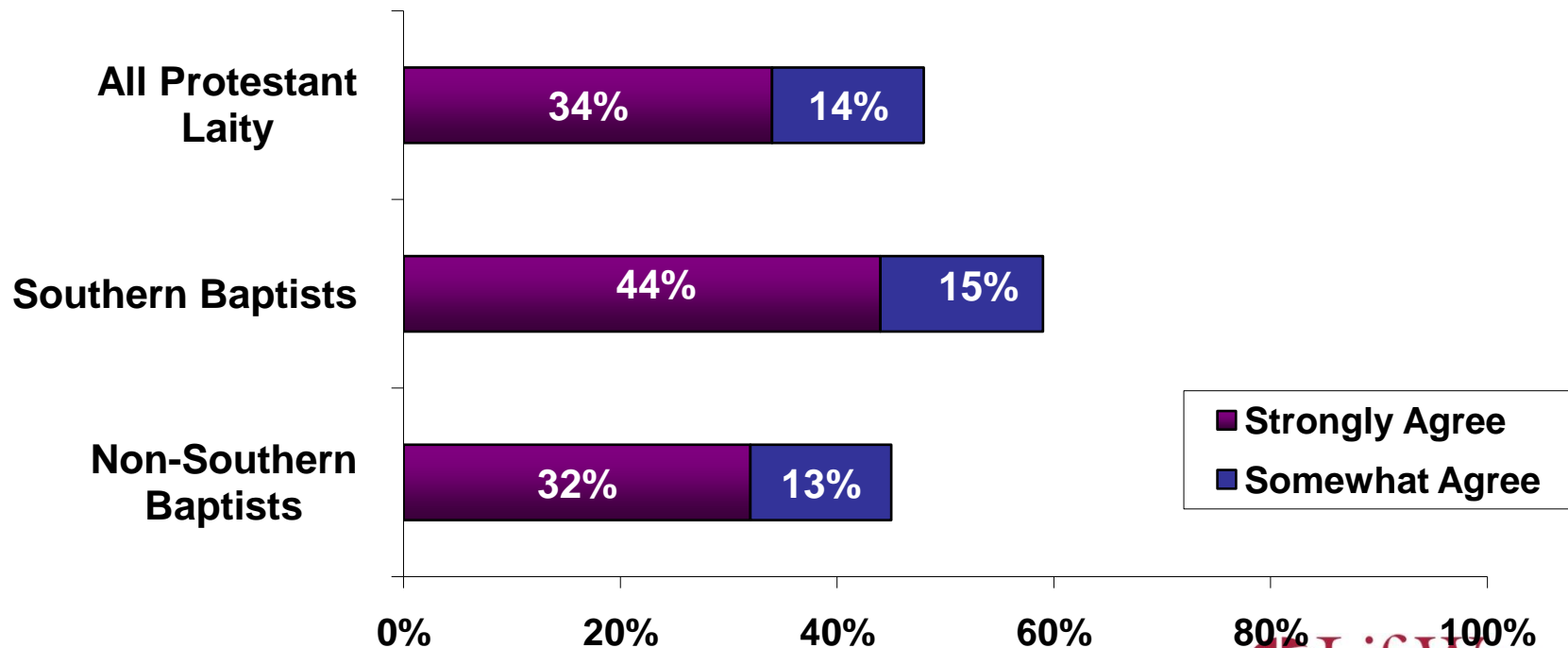
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# Protestant Laity by Denomination

More laity who are Southern Baptist agree  
Christians should not drink alcohol

Protestant laity agreement with the statement:

**“Christians should not use alcohol as a beverage”**



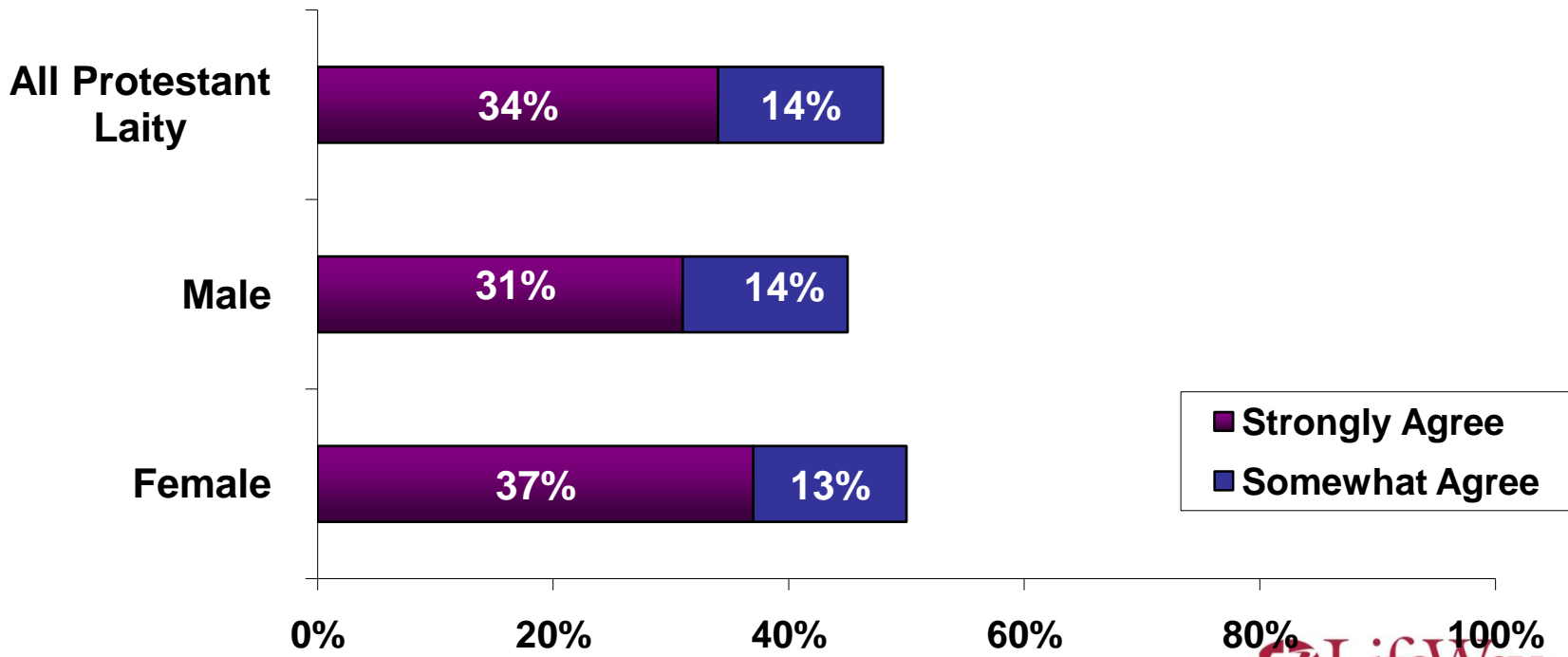
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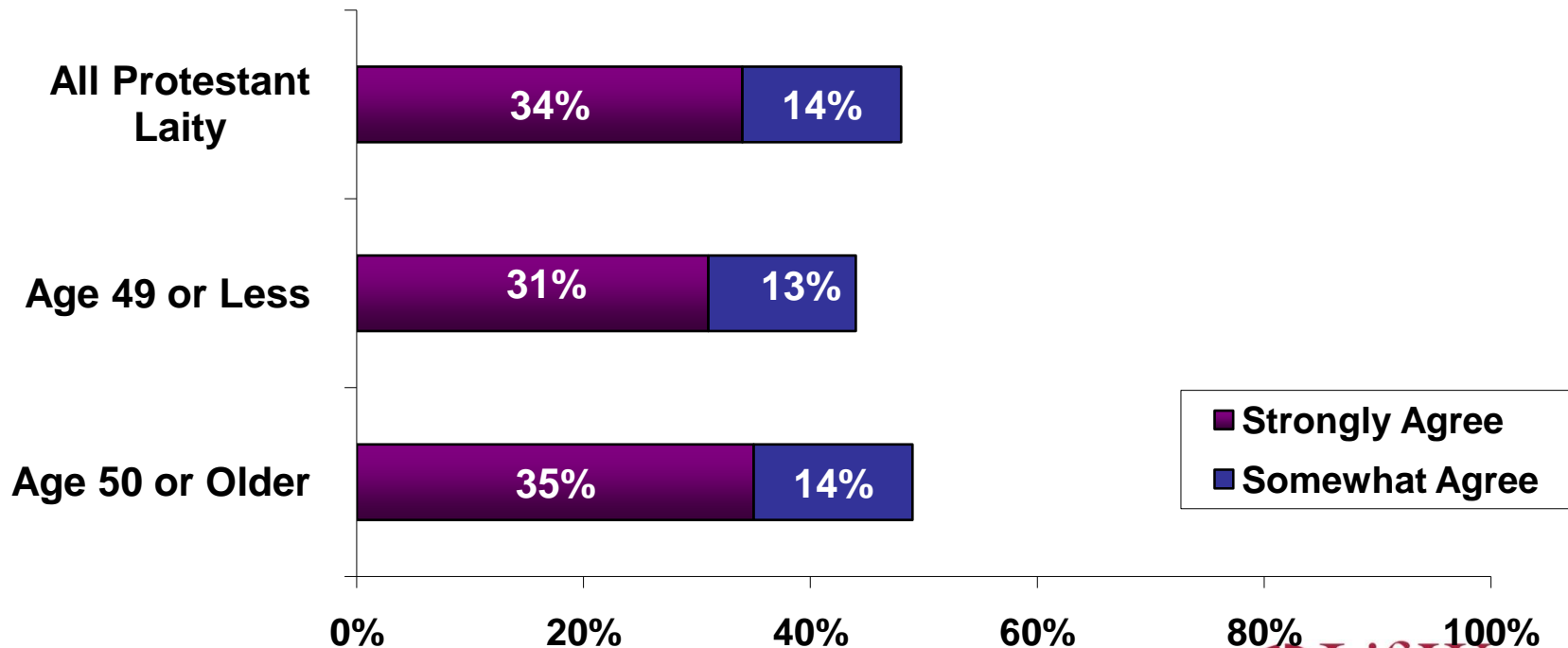
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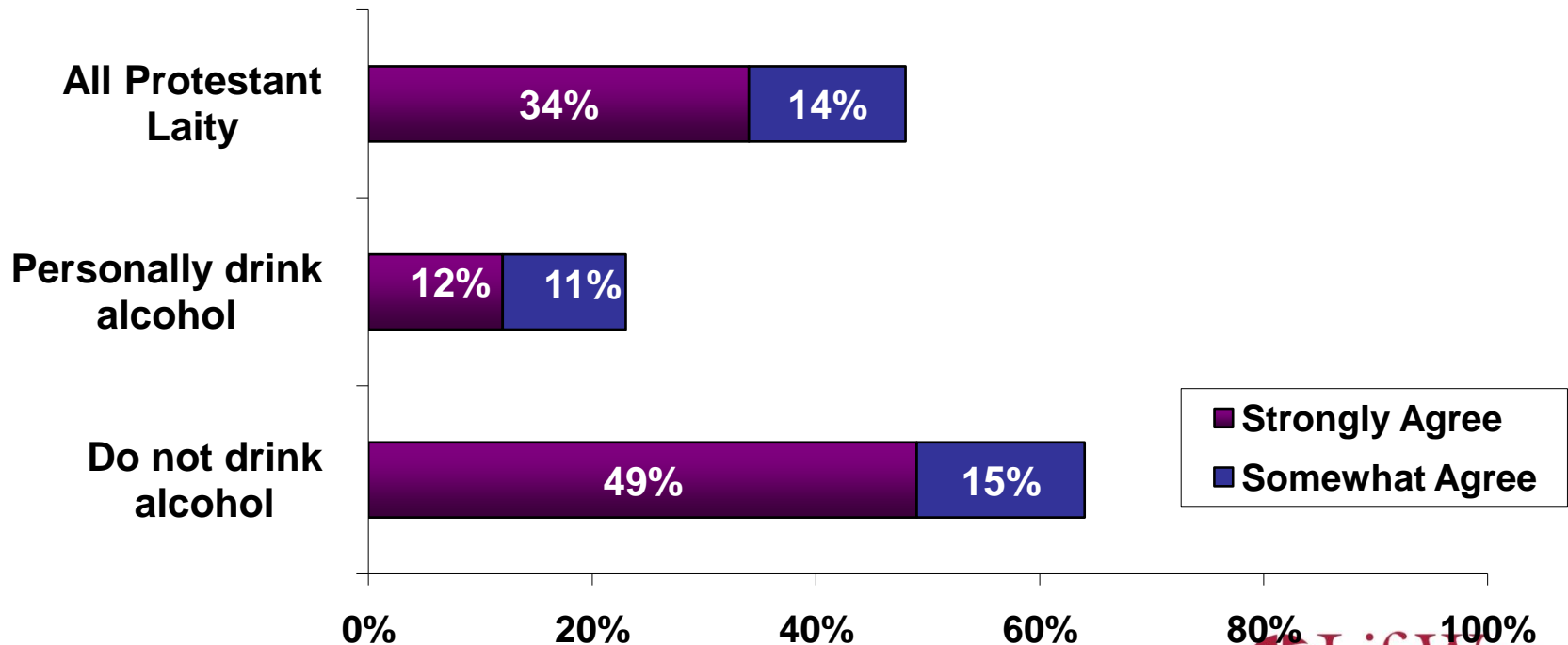
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# Protestant Laity by Behavior

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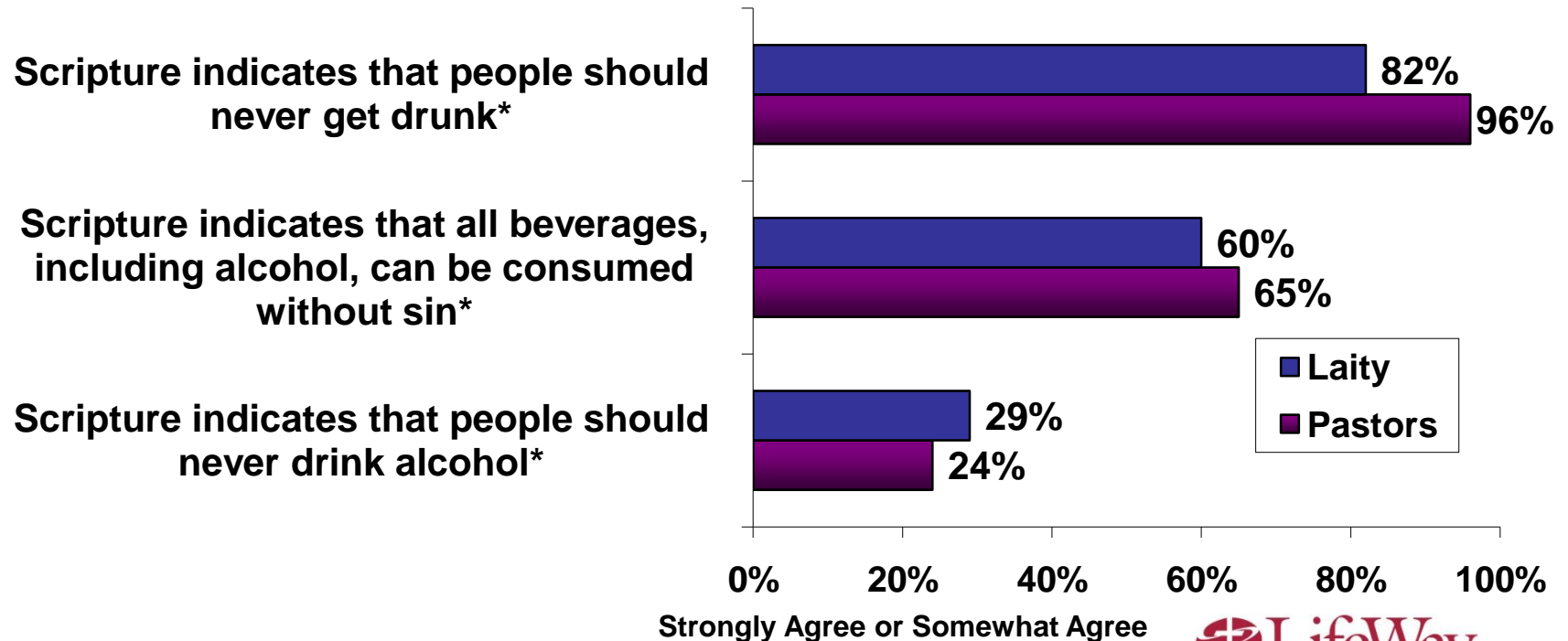
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# Differences Between Pastors and Laity

More senior pastors than laity agree Scripture forbids getting drunk, but more laity agree people should never drink alcohol

Differences between senior pastors and laity agreement about Scripture's view of alcohol



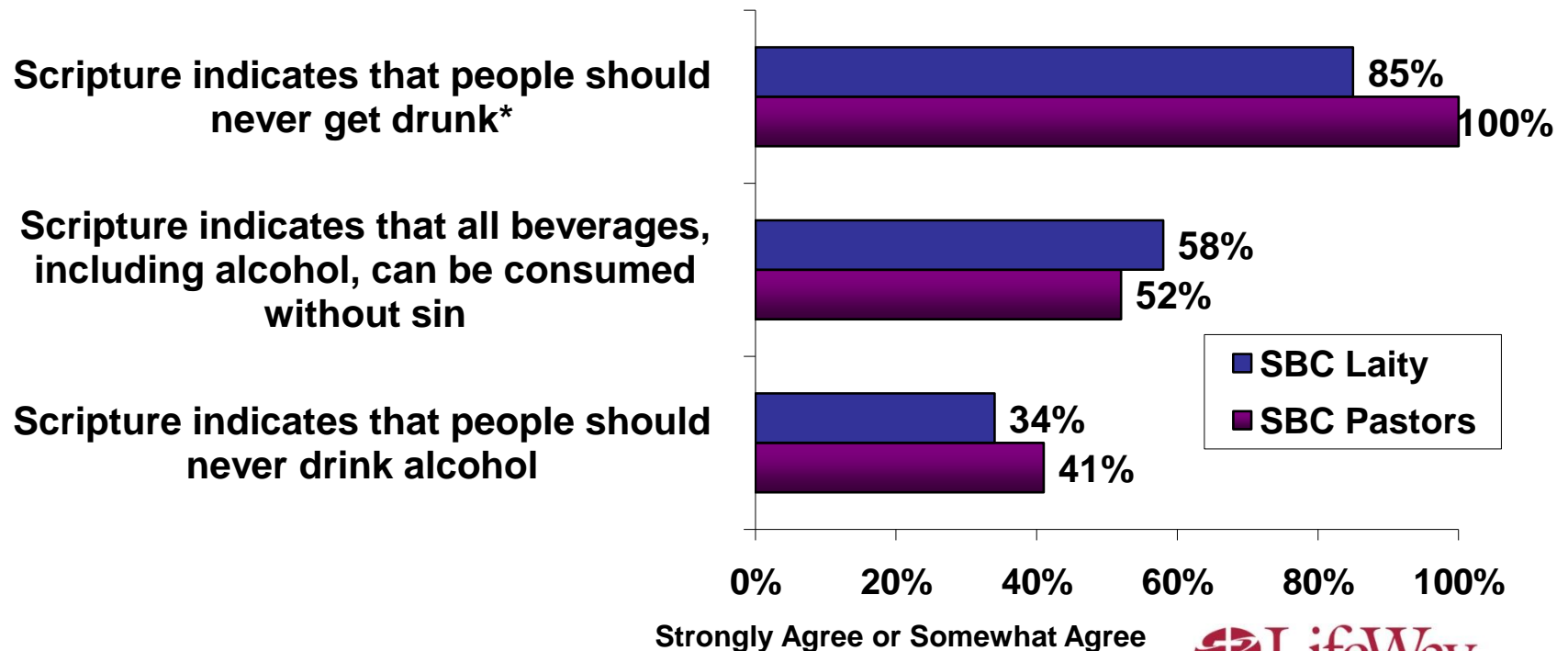
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# Differences SBC Pastors vs. Laity

## Fewer Southern Baptist laity than senior pastors agree Scripture forbids getting drunk

### Differences between senior pastors and laity agreement about Scripture's view of alcohol



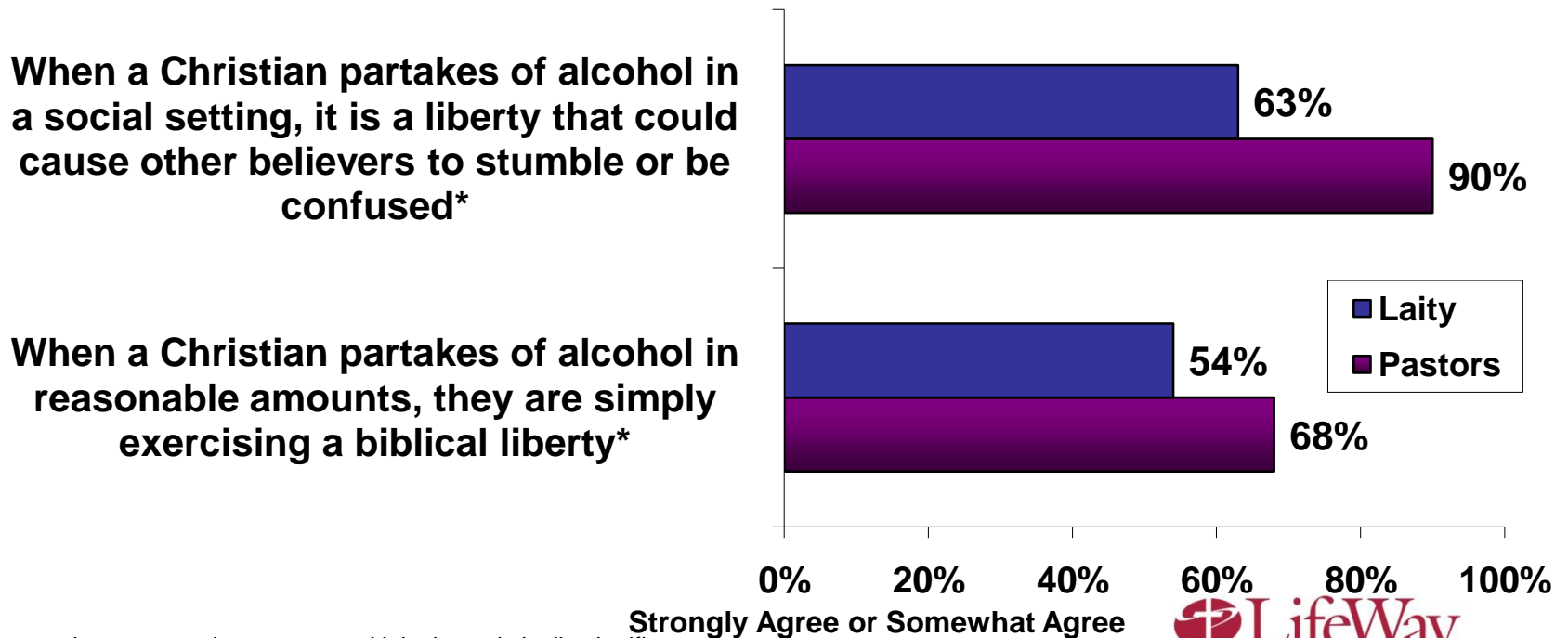
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# Differences Between Pastors and Laity

More senior pastors than laity agree  
Christians are at liberty to drink alcohol and  
that it can cause others to stumble

Differences between senior pastors and laity  
agreement about Christians partaking of alcohol



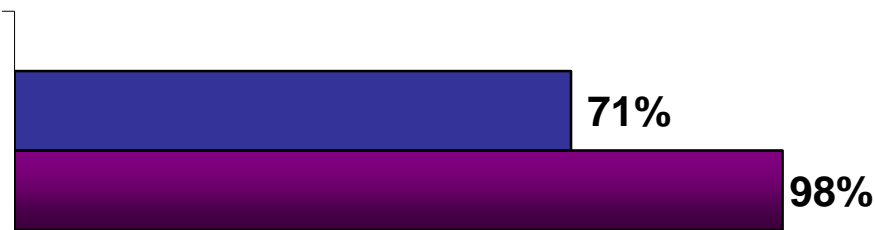
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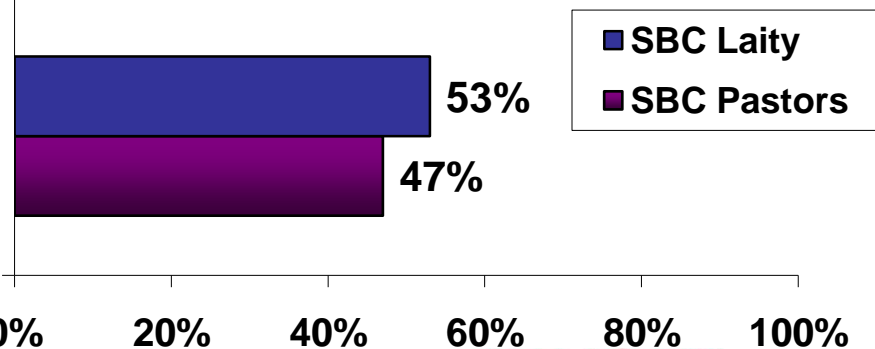
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Differences between senior pastors and laity agreement about Christians partaking of alcohol

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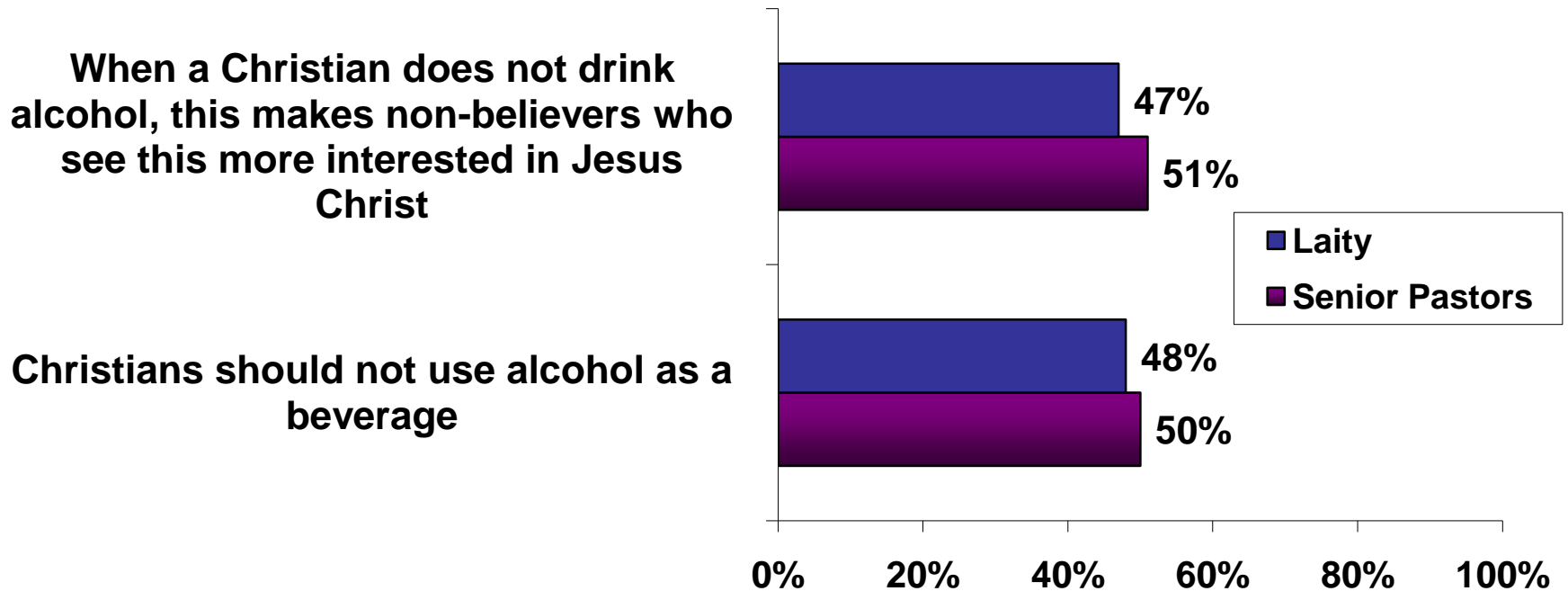
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# Differences Between Pastors and Laity

Similar percentages of senior pastors and laity agree that Christians should not drink

Differences between senior pastors and laity agreement with Christians abstaining from alcohol

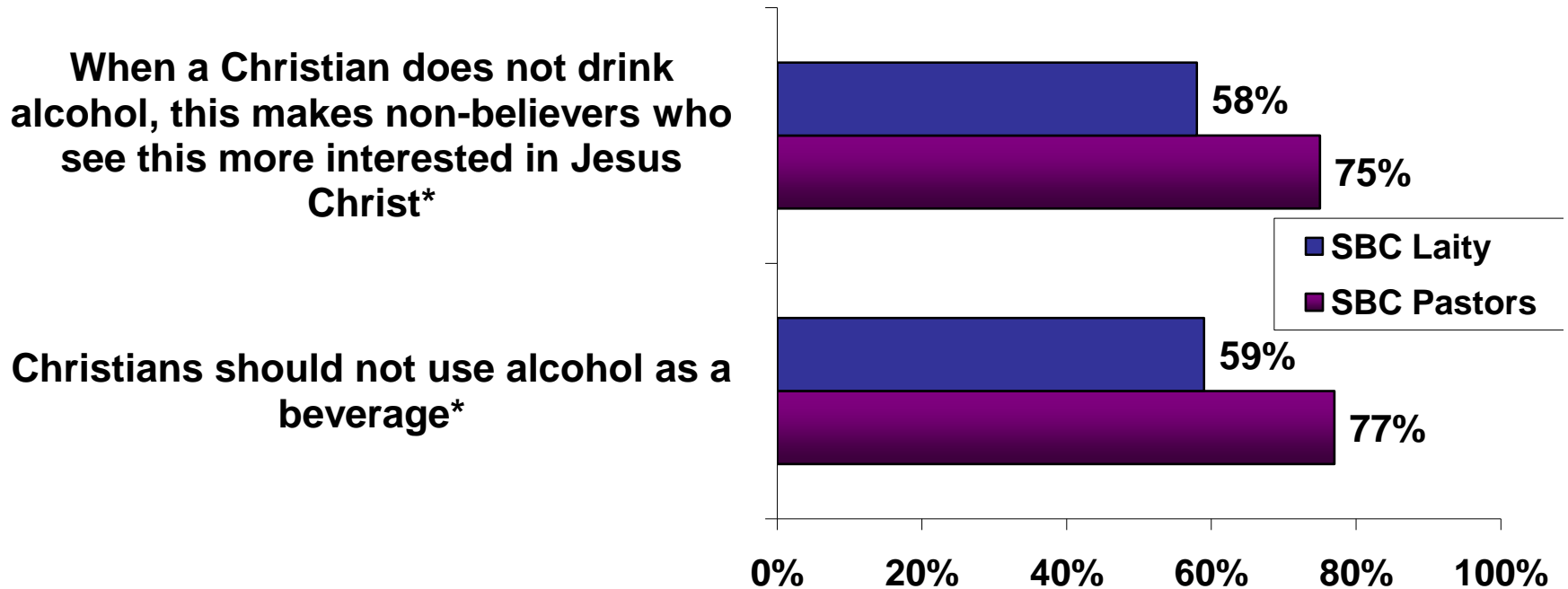


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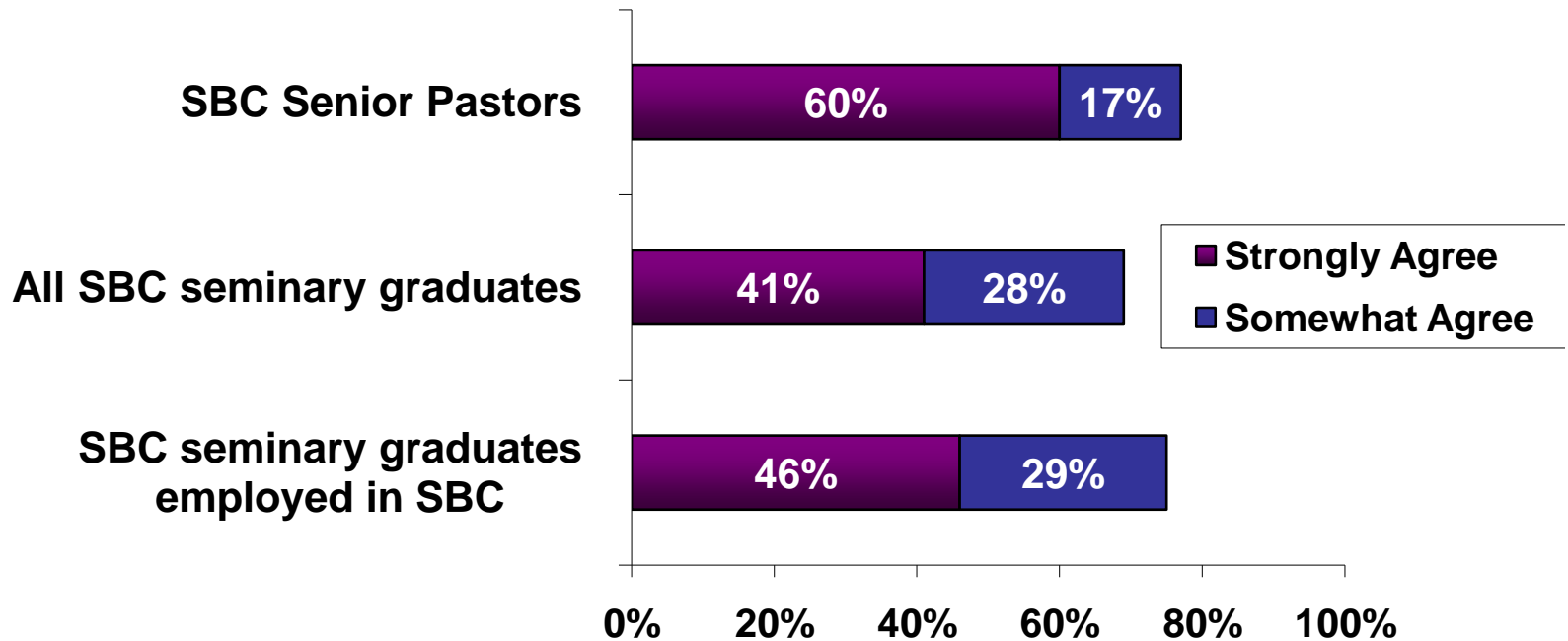
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# SBC Seminary Graduates

Fewer SBC seminary graduates “strongly agree” but a similar number who work in the SBC agree that Christians should not drink

Southern Baptist agreement with the statement:

**“Christians should not use alcohol as a beverage”**



Note: Difference in agreement between senior pastors and All SBC seminary graduates is statistically significant  
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