

American Views on Church Segregation

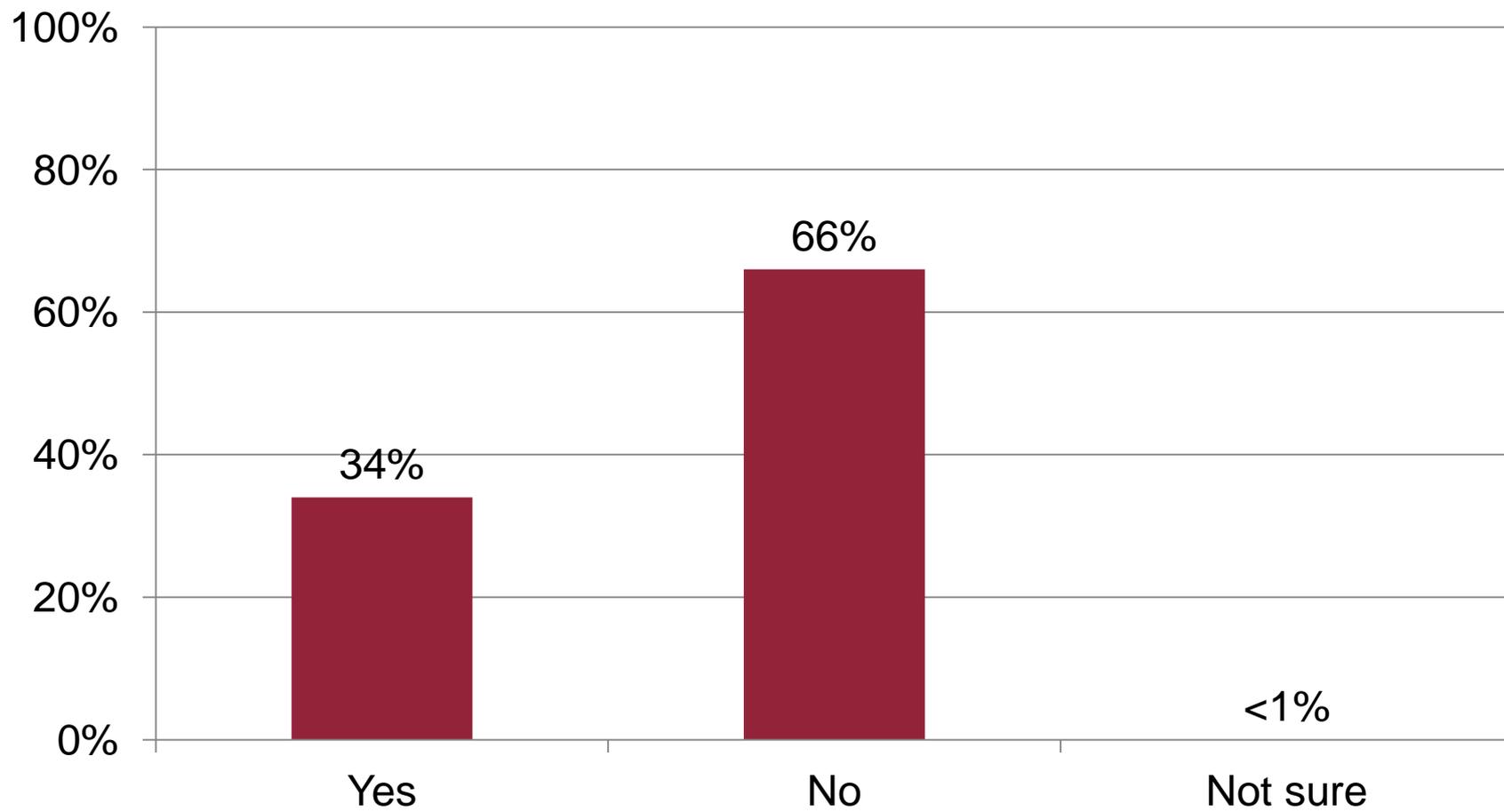
Phone Survey of 1,000 Americans

Methodology

- ❑ The phone survey of Americans was conducted September 19-28, 2014
- ❑ The calling utilized Random Digit Dialing. 60% of completes were among landlines and 40% among cell phones
- ❑ Maximum quotas and slight weights were used for gender, region, age, ethnicity, and education to more accurately reflect the population
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.4\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

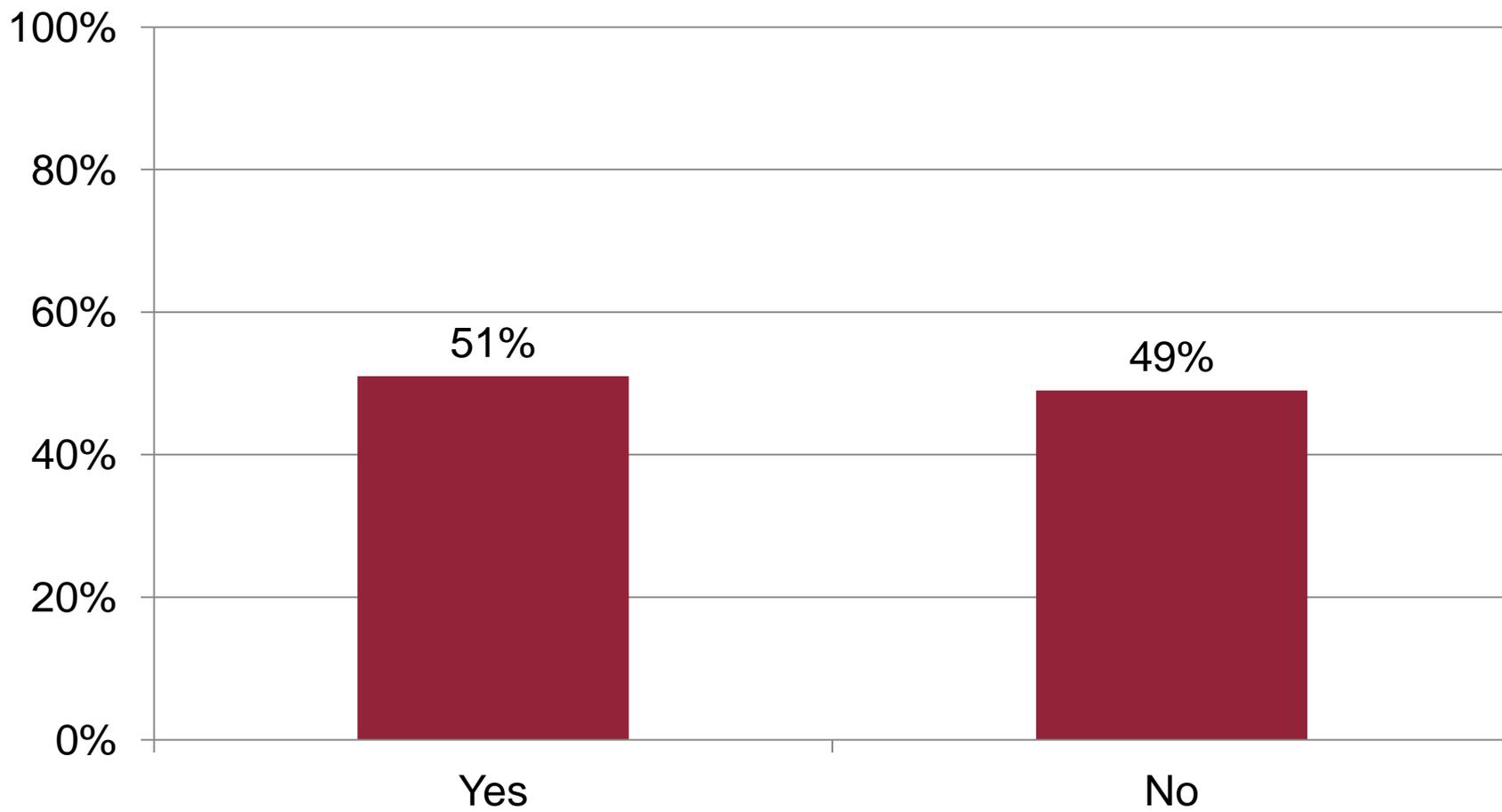
Survey Responses

66% of Americans have never regularly attended a place of worship where they were an ethnic minority



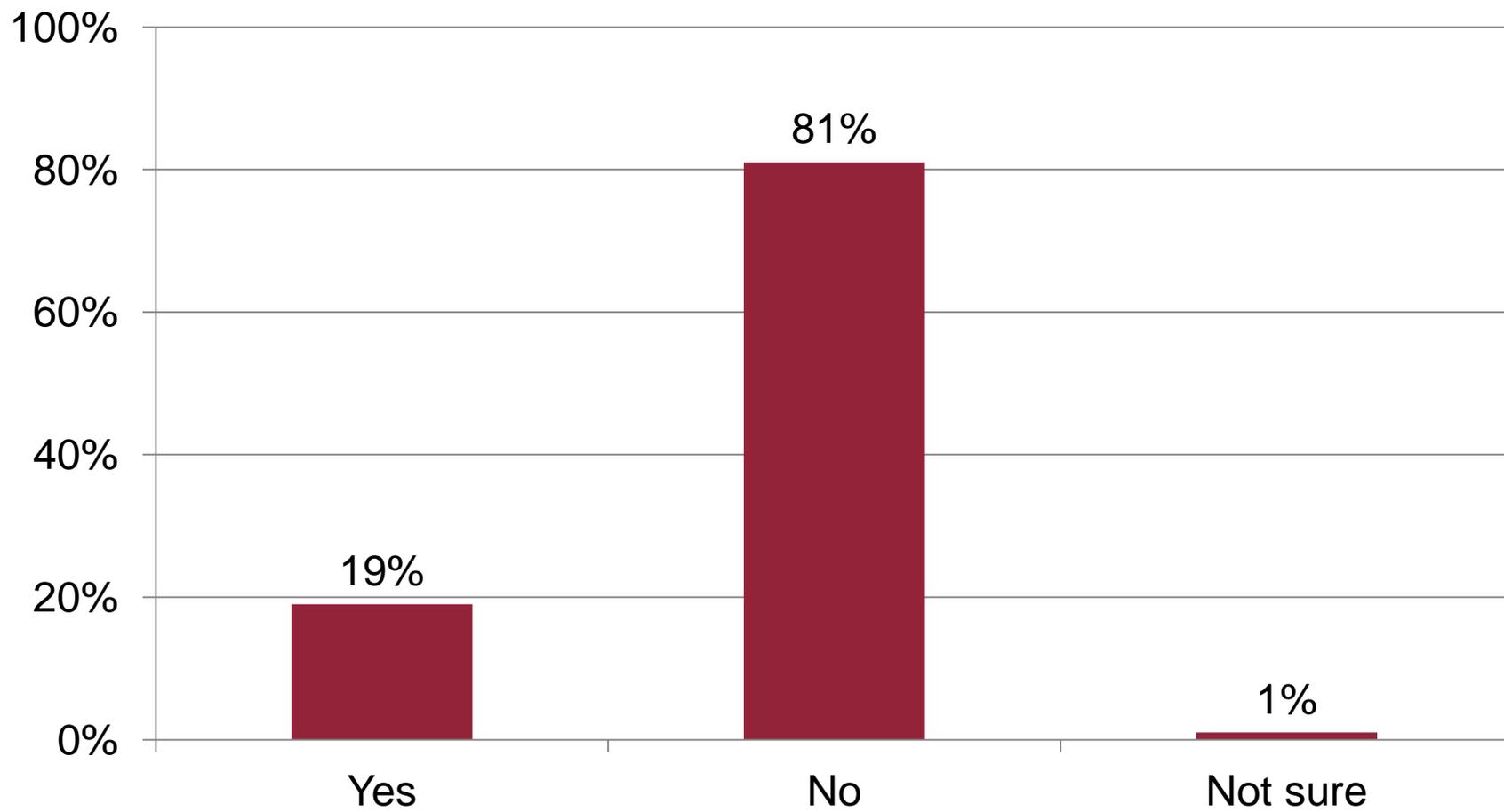
Q: "Have you **ever** attended regularly a church, synagogue or mosque where you were a racial or ethnic minority?"

Of those who attended a place of worship where they were a minority, about half attended for more than a year



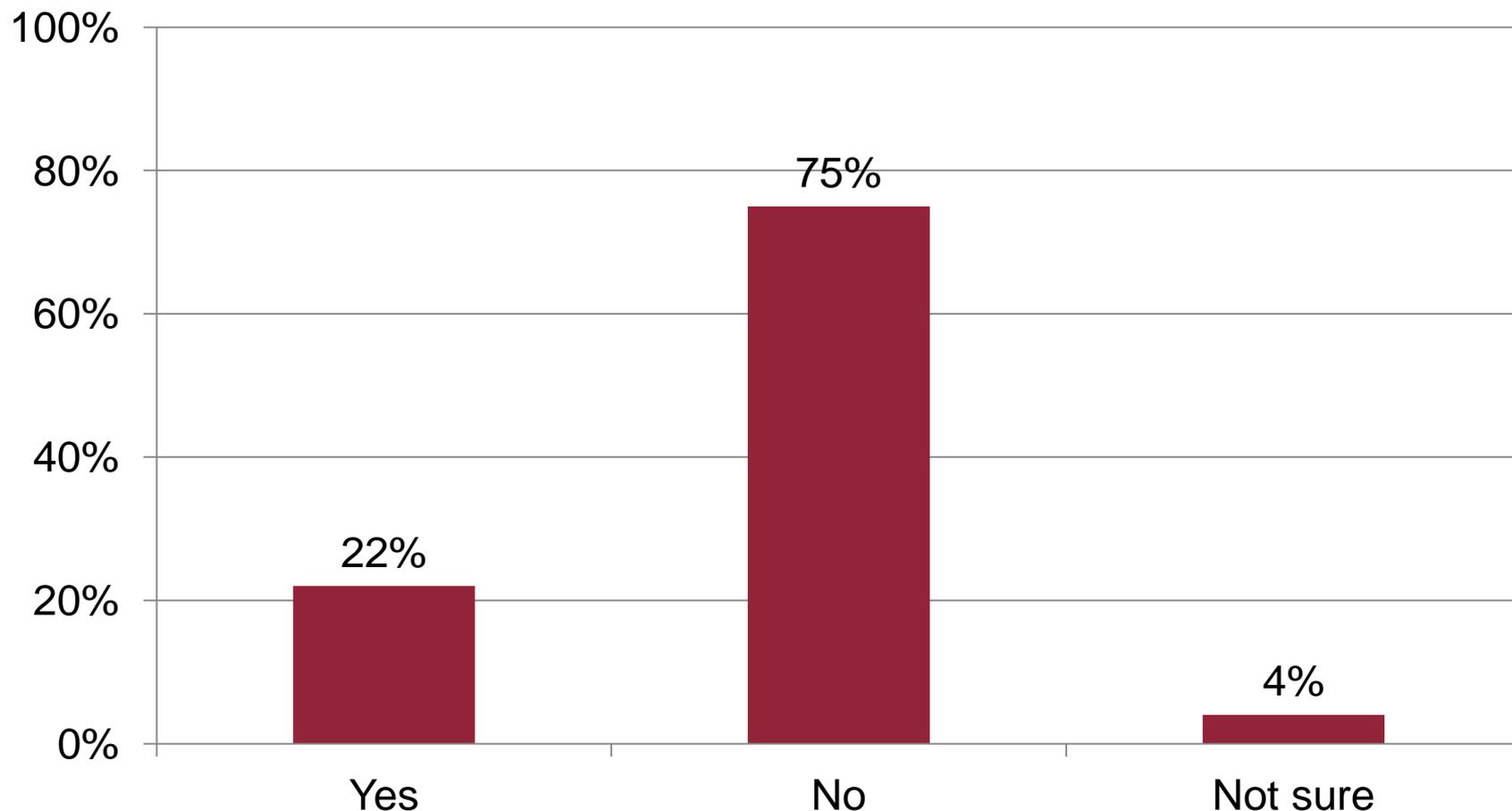
Q: "Did you attend this congregation more than a year?" N=339

Of those who attended a place of worship where they were a minority, 1 in 5 say being a minority hindered them from being more involved



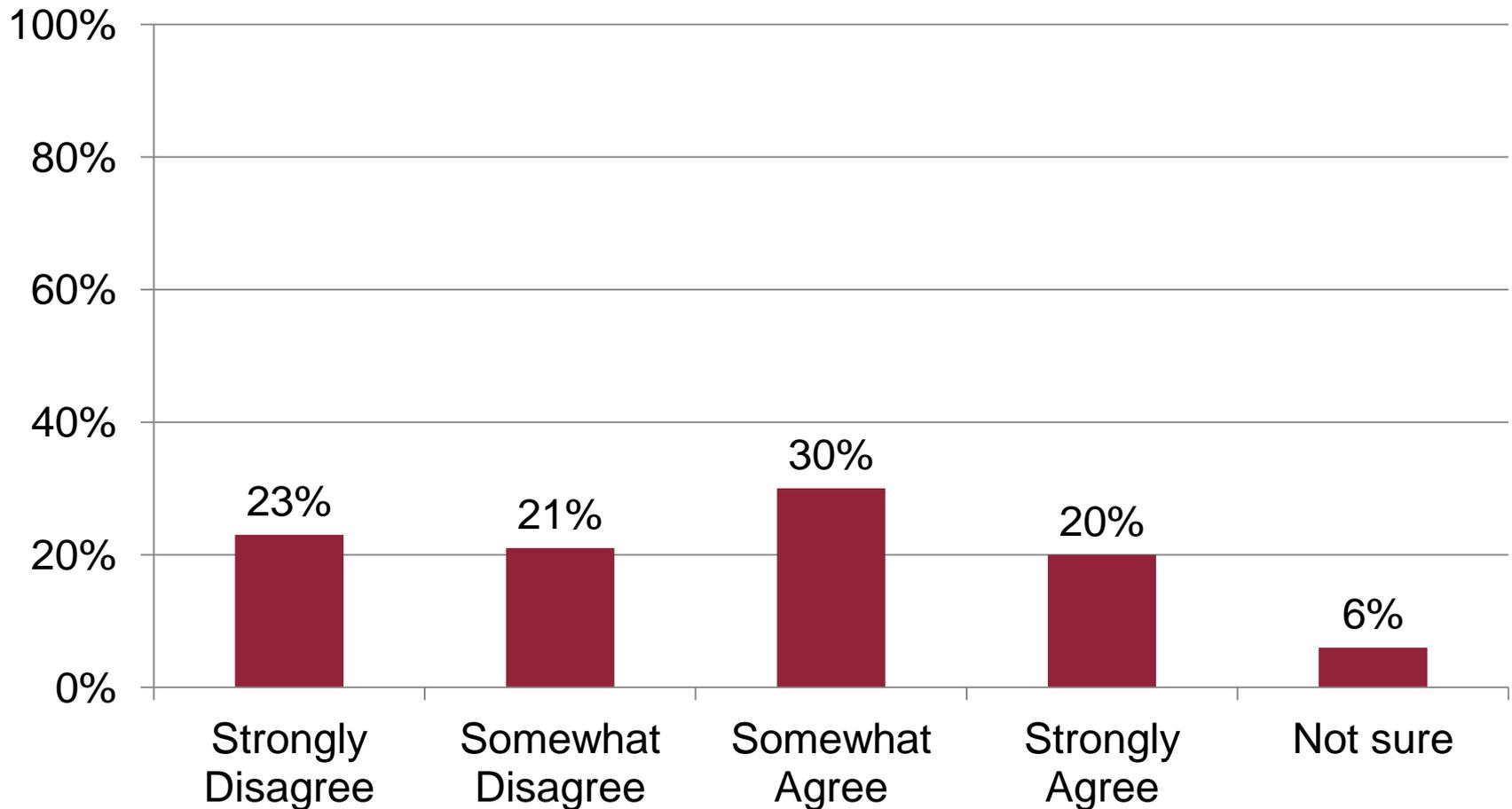
Q: "Did you find being a racial or ethnic minority hindered you from being more involved?"
N=339

Of those who have never done so, 22% say being in a minority of a congregation would make them uncomfortable



Q: "Would being in a minority of a congregation make you uncomfortable?" N=655

50% agree that churches in America are too segregated



Q: "Churches in America are too segregated"

Significant Differences

Region

Age

Gender

Education Level

Ethnicity

Religious Preference

Catholic/Protestant

Born again/Evangelical/Fundamentalist

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among region of the country, age, gender, and education level.

Region	Age	Gender	Education Level
Northeast	18-24	Male	HS degree or less
Midwest	25-34	Female	Some college
South	35-44		Bachelor's
West	45-54		Graduate degree
	55-64		
	65+		

Notes: Region is defined by US Census locations

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among ethnicity, religious preference, denomination, and Born again/ Evangelical/ Fundamentalist.

Ethnicity	Religious Preference	Denomination	Born again / Evangelical / Fundamentalist
White	Christian*	Protestant / Nondenominational	Yes
African American	Other Religions	Catholic	No / not sure
Hispanic	Nonreligious**		

*includes Catholic, Protestant, Nondenominational, and Orthodox

**includes Atheist, Agnostic, and No Preference

Note: Those who consider themselves Born again, Evangelical, or Fundamentalist are labeled “Evangelical” in this report

Have you ever regularly attended a church, synagogue, or mosque where you were a racial or ethnic minority?

- Southerners (40%) are more likely to select Yes than Northeasterners (30%) and Midwesterners (27%)
- Those age 18-24 (23%) are less likely to select Yes than those age 25-34 (44%), 35-44 (38%), and 45-54 (36%)
- Those age 25-34 (44%) are more likely to select Yes than those age 55-64 (32%) and 65+ (28%)
- Hispanics (46%) are more likely to select Yes than Whites (29%)
- Those with a HS degree or less (29%) are less likely to select Yes than those with some college (37%) or a Bachelor's (37%)
- Nonreligious (24%) are less likely to select Yes than Christians (36%) and Other Religions (40%)

Did you attend this congregation more than a year?

- Northeasterners (62%) are more likely to select Yes than Midwesterners (37%)
- Those age 45-54 (64%) are more likely to select Yes than those age 25-34 (41%) and 65+ (45%)

Did you find being a racial or ethnic minority hindered you from being more involved?

- Northeasterners (10%) are less likely to select Yes than Westerners (27%)

Would being in a minority of a congregation make you uncomfortable?

- Women are more likely to select Yes (25% v 18%)
- Westerners (12%) are least likely to select Yes
- Hispanics (11%) are less likely to select Yes than Whites (22%) and African Americans (25%)

Churches in America are too segregated

- Those age 65+ (37%) are less likely to agree than those age 18-24 (50%), 25-34 (64%), 35-44 (55%), and 45-54 (48%)
- Those age 25-34 (64%) are more likely to agree than those age 18-24 (50%), 45-54 (48%), and 55-64 (48%)
- Nonreligious (62%) are more likely to agree than Christians (47%)
- Evangelicals are less likely to agree (45% v 52%)

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