

Pastor Views on Pope Francis

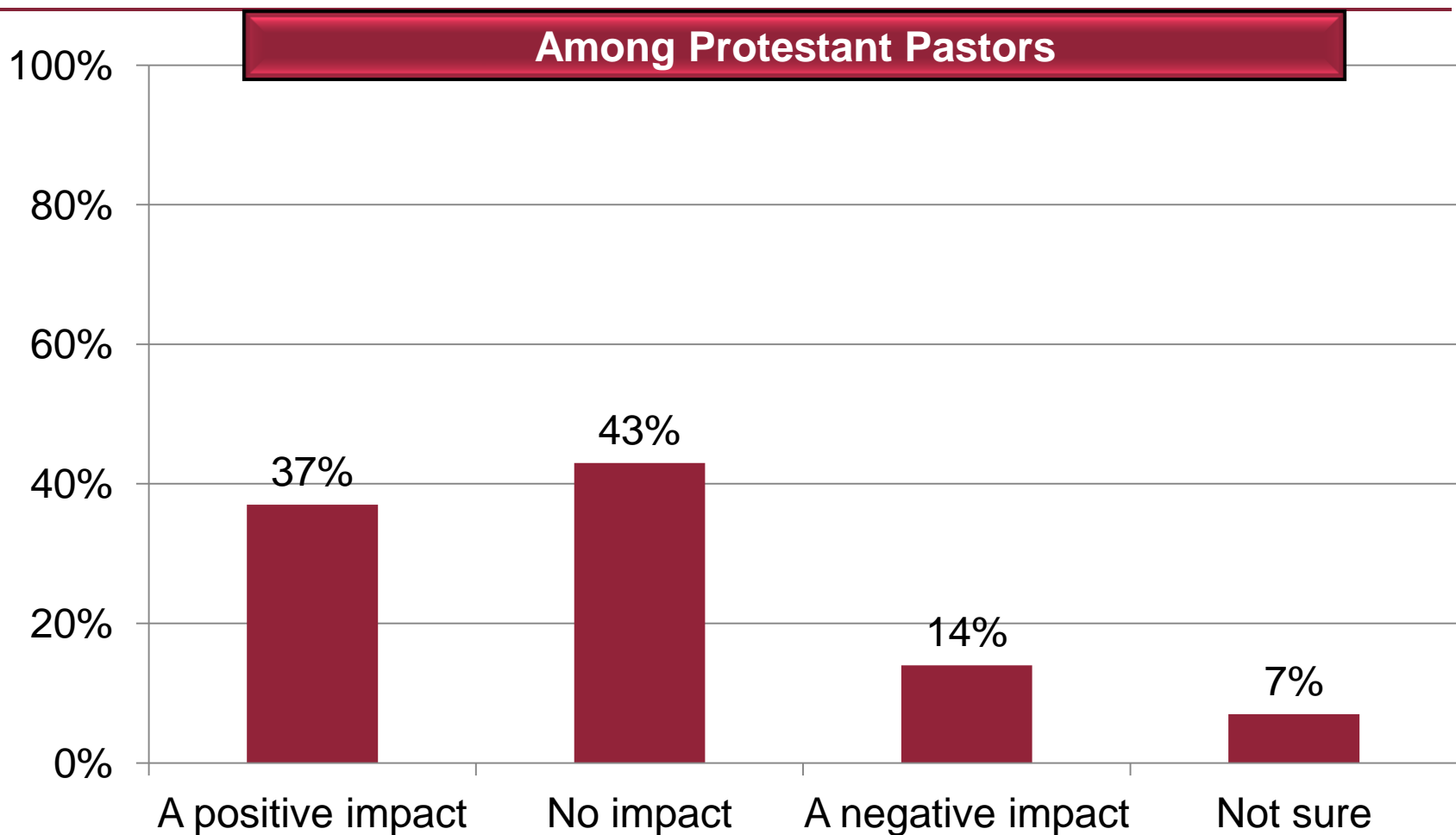
Survey of 1,000 Protestant Pastors

Methodology

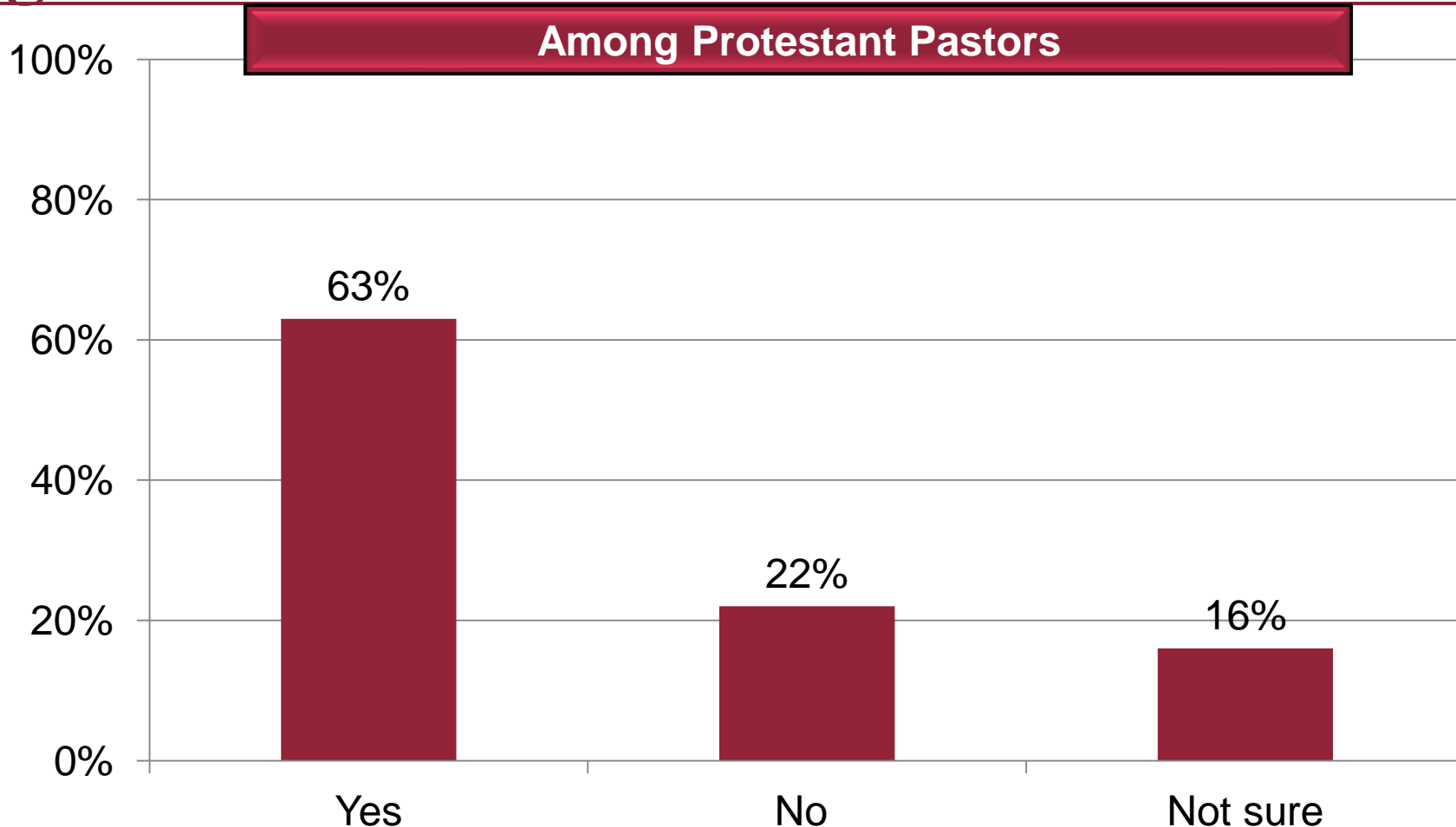
- ❑ The phone survey of Protestant pastors was conducted September 8-21, 2015
- ❑ The calling list was a stratified random sample drawn from a list of all Protestant churches
- ❑ Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the church called
- ❑ Responses were weighted by region 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 $\pm 3.2\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses

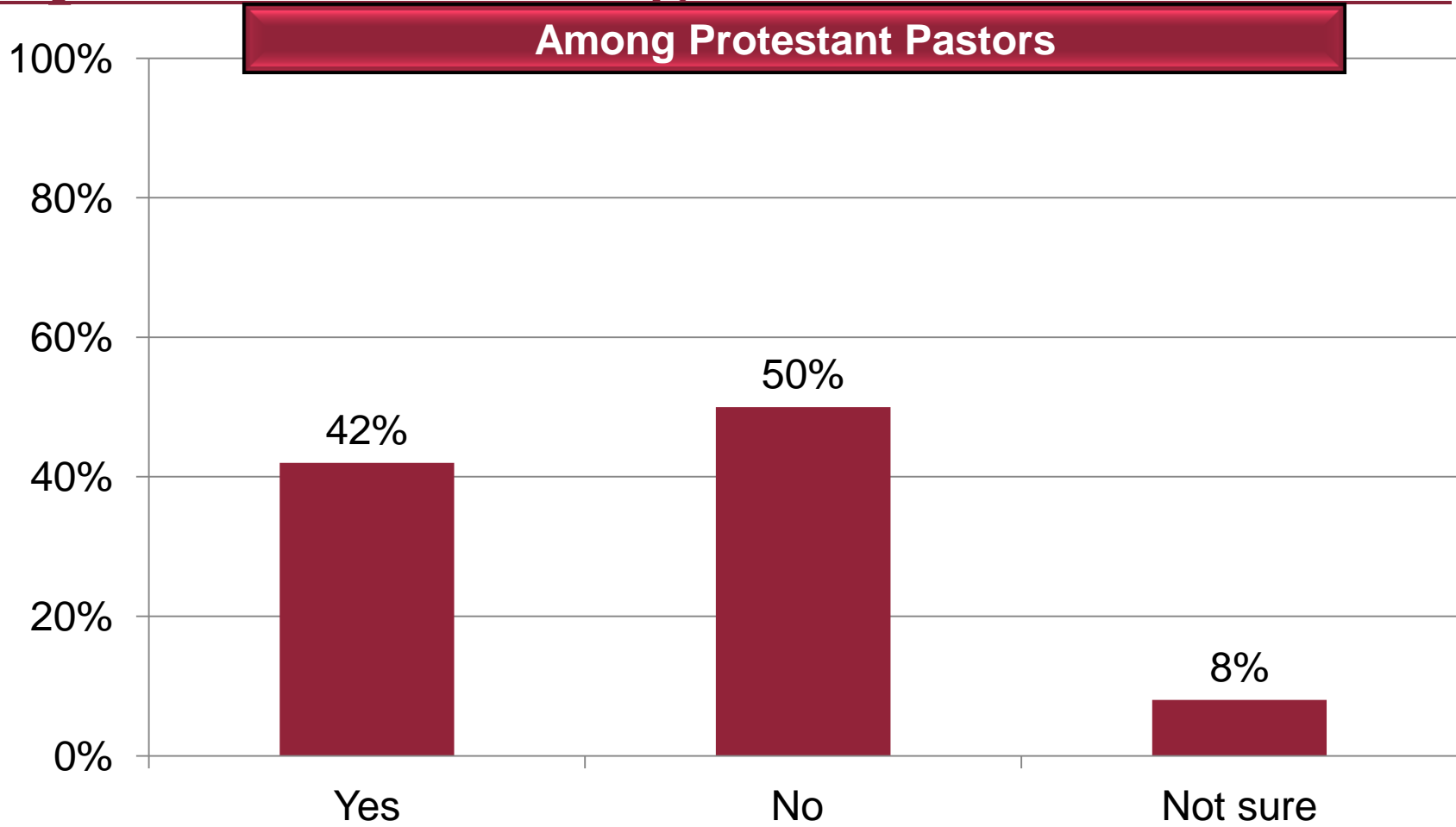
Almost 4 out of 10 believe Pope Francis has had a positive impact on the Catholic Church



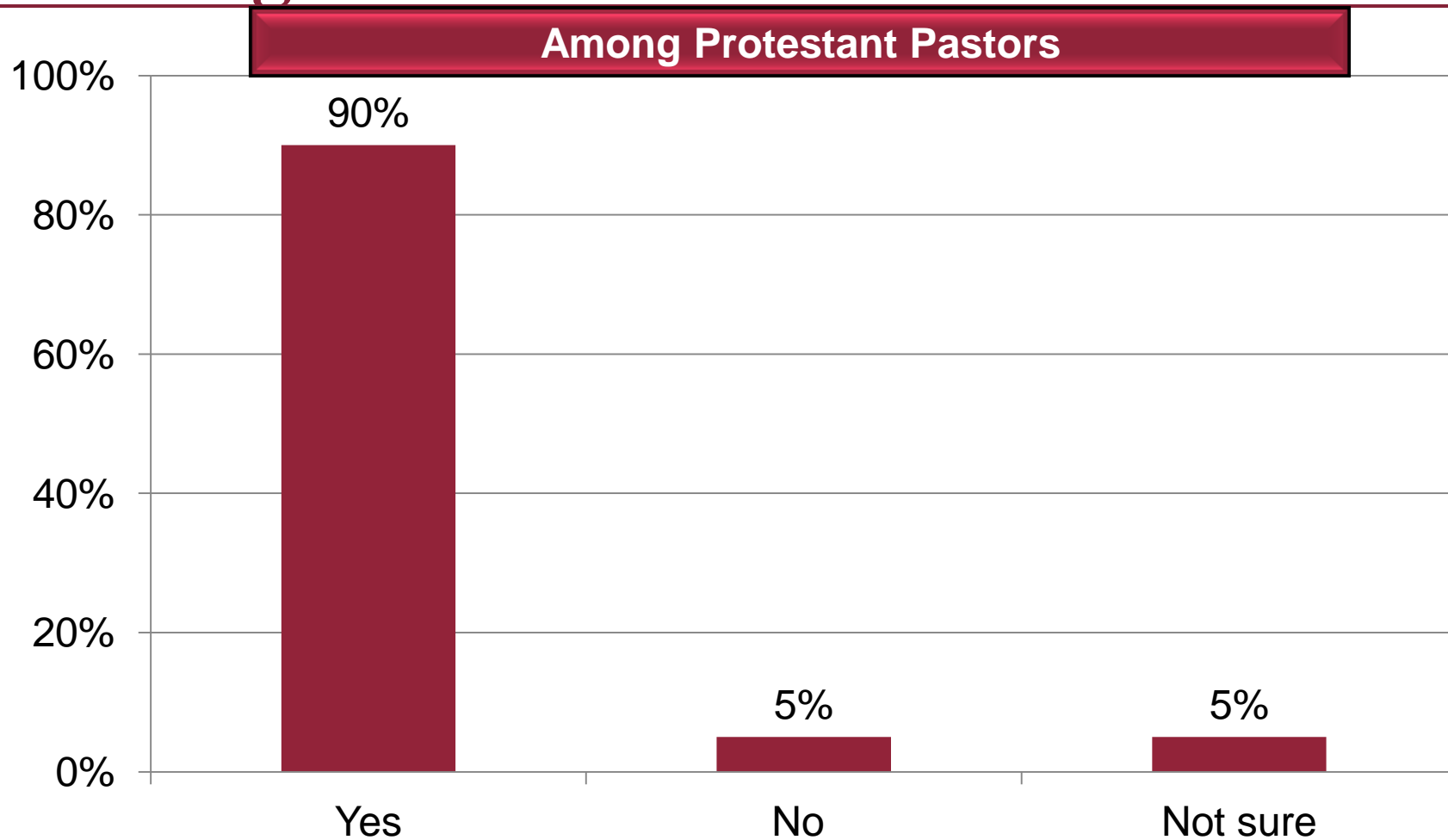
6 out of 10 believe Pope Francis is a genuine Christian and brother in Christ



5 out of 10 do not value Pope Francis' opinions on theological matters



9 out of 10 believe a Catholic can be a born-again Christian



Q: "Can a Catholic be a born-again Christian?"

Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

Church

Average Attendance

Region

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among pastor's ethnicity, age, education level, and those self-identifying as Evangelical or Mainline.

Pastor's Ethnicity	Age	Education Level	Self-Identify
African-American	18-44	No College Degree	Evangelical
White, non-Hispanic	45-54	Bachelor's	Mainline
Other Ethnicities	55-64	Master's (including M.Div)	
	65+	Doctorate (including Ph.D, D.min)	

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were also made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's region and average attendance.

Region	Attendance
Northeast	0-49
Midwest	50-99
South	100-249
West	250+

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

“What impact has Pope Francis had on your opinion of the Catholic Church?”

- Those with a Master’s degree (44%) or a Doctoral degree (39%) are more likely to answer “A positive impact” than those with no college degree (17%) or a Bachelor’s (18%)
- Those with no college degree (57%) are more likely to answer “No impact” than those with a Master’s degree (39%) or a Doctoral degree (42%)
- Mainlines (50%) are more likely to answer “A positive impact” than Evangelicals (30%)
- Evangelicals are more likely Mainlines to answer “No impact” (48% vs. 36%) and “A negative impact” (15% vs 9%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to answer “A positive impact” (51%)
- Those in the South (45%) and West (48%) are more likely to answer “No impact” than those in the Northeast (32%)

“Do you view Pope Francis as a genuine Christian and your brother in Christ?”

- Those age 18-44 are least likely to answer “Yes” (52%)
- Those age 18-44 (28%) are more likely to answer “No” than those 45-54 (20%) and 55-64 (16%)
- Those with a Master’s degree (69%) or a Doctoral degree (68%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with no college degree (47%) or a Bachelor’s (39%)
- Pastors in churches 250+ (72%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than churches 100-249 (58%)
- Mainlines (80%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Evangelicals (58%)

“Do you value Pope Francis’ opinions on theological matters?”

- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the least likely to answer “Yes” (17%), followed by those with no college degree (31%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the most likely to answer “No” (74%)
- Mainlines (57%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Evangelicals (36%)
- Those in the Northeast (53%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the South (39%) and West (38%)

“Can a Catholic be a born-again Christian?”

- Pastors of Other Ethnicities (13%) are more likely to answer “No” than White pastors (5%)
- Those age 45-54 (94%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 65+ (87%)
- Those in the Northeast (95%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the South (88%) and West (89%)

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