

Marriage Ministry and the Cost of Divorce for Churches

Survey of 1,000
Churchgoers who Divorced

Sponsored by Focus on the Family



Methodology

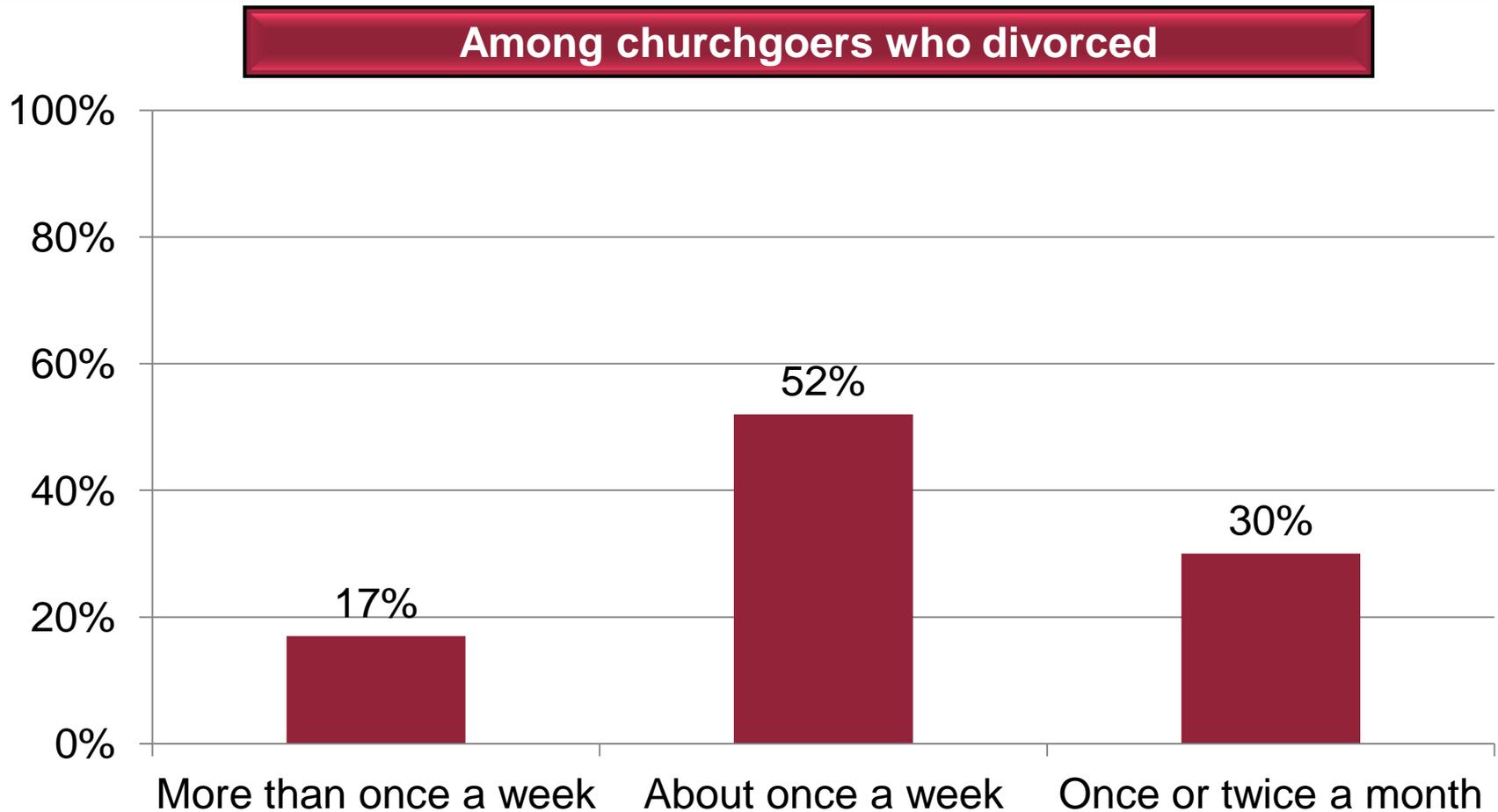
- ❑ The online survey of individuals who are divorced was conducted July 23-August 21, 2015
- ❑ The survey was sponsored by Focus on the Family
- ❑ A demographically balanced sample from a national online panel was used
- ❑ Quotas and slight weights were used to ensure the sample being screened matched national totals for gender, age, ethnicity, region, and education
- ❑ This sample was screened to only include adults who have been divorced within the last five years and who attended worship services at a Christian church once a month or more 3 months prior to separating from their former spouse

Methodology

- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.8\%$ (This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting)
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses

Three months prior to separating, 7 out of 10 churchgoers who later divorced attended church services about once a week or more

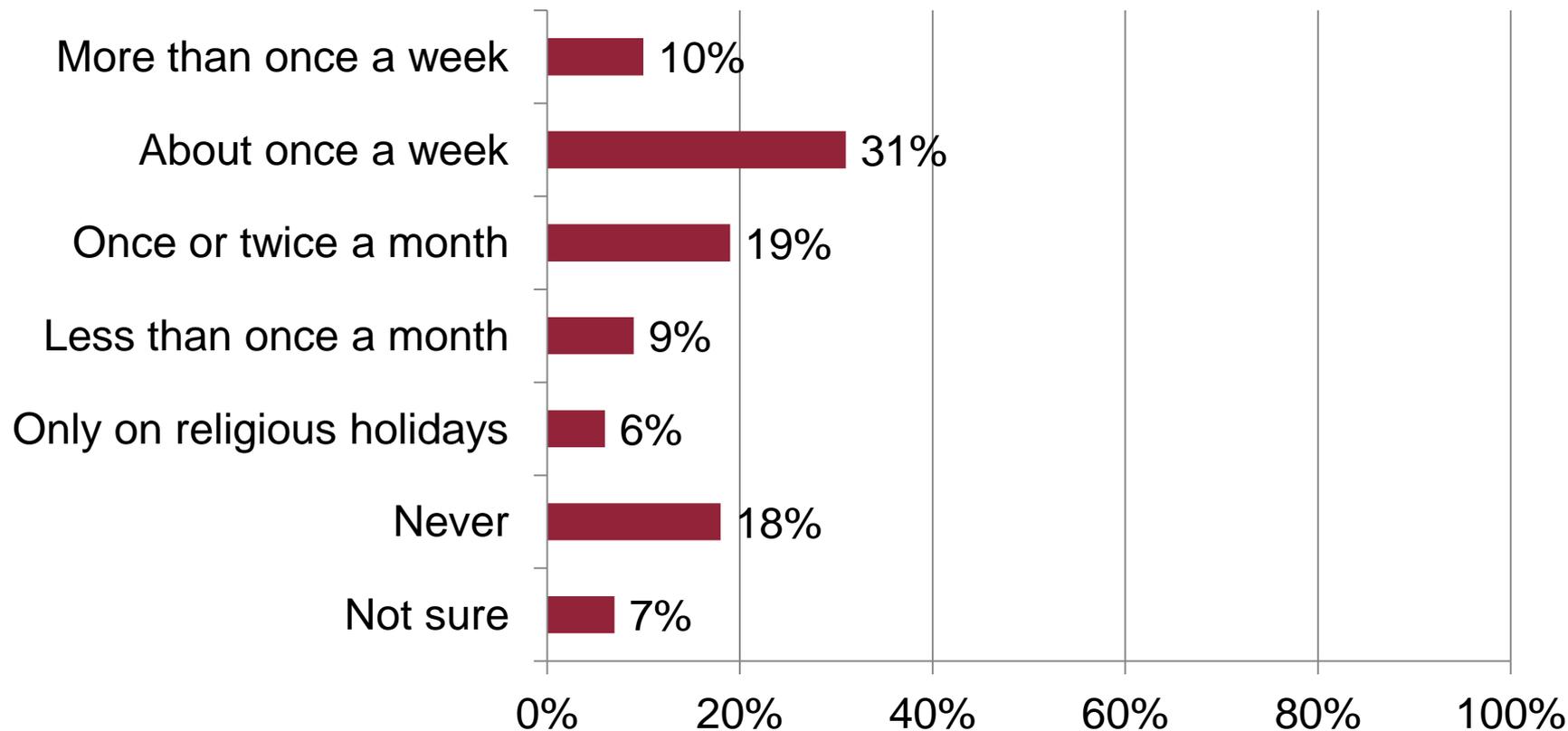


Note: Screening criteria required attendance of once a month or more

Q8: "Three months prior to separating from your former spouse, how often did you personally attend worship services at a Christian church? (Select One)"

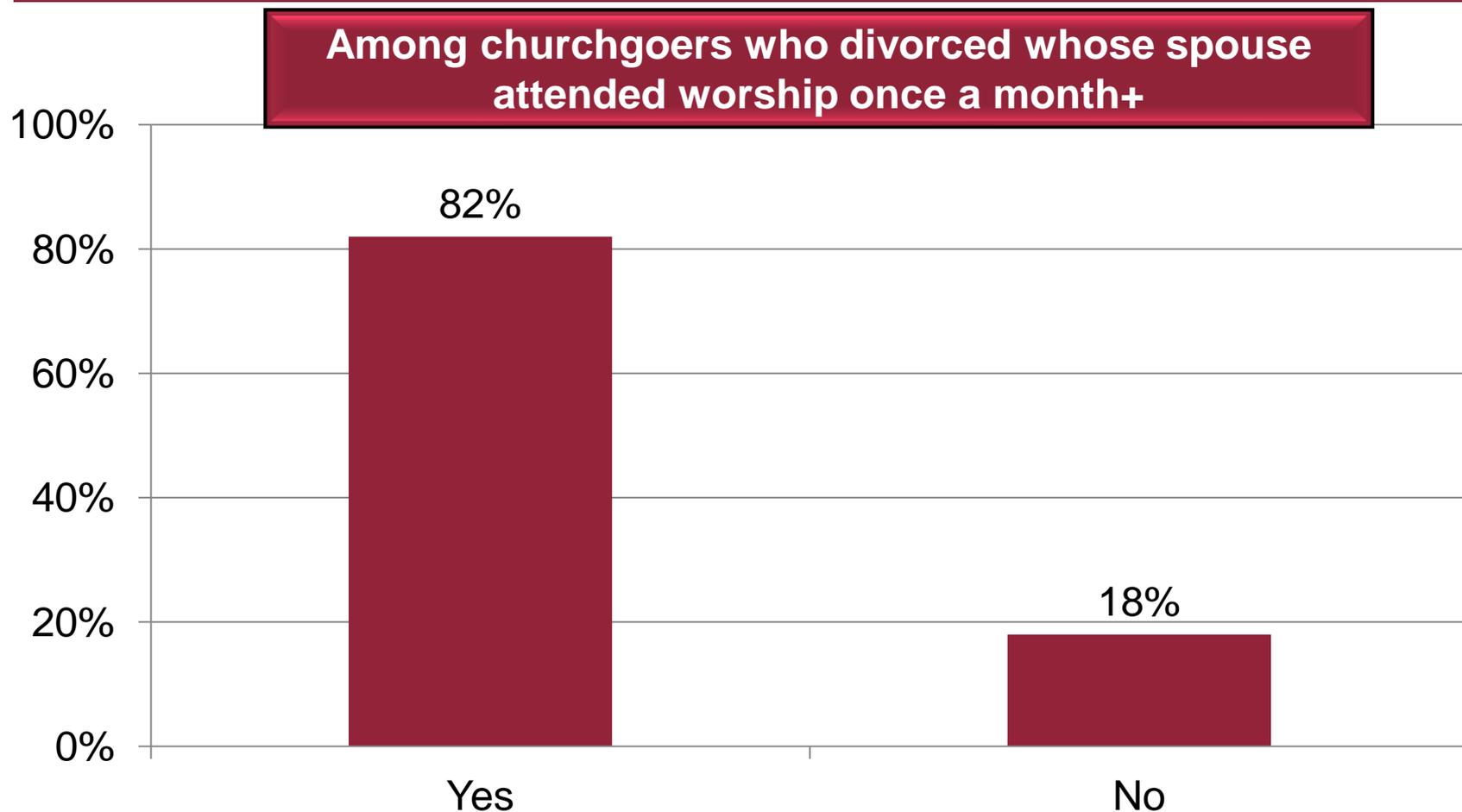
Three months prior to separating, 41% of spouses of churchgoers who later divorced attended church services about once a week or more

Among churchgoers who divorced



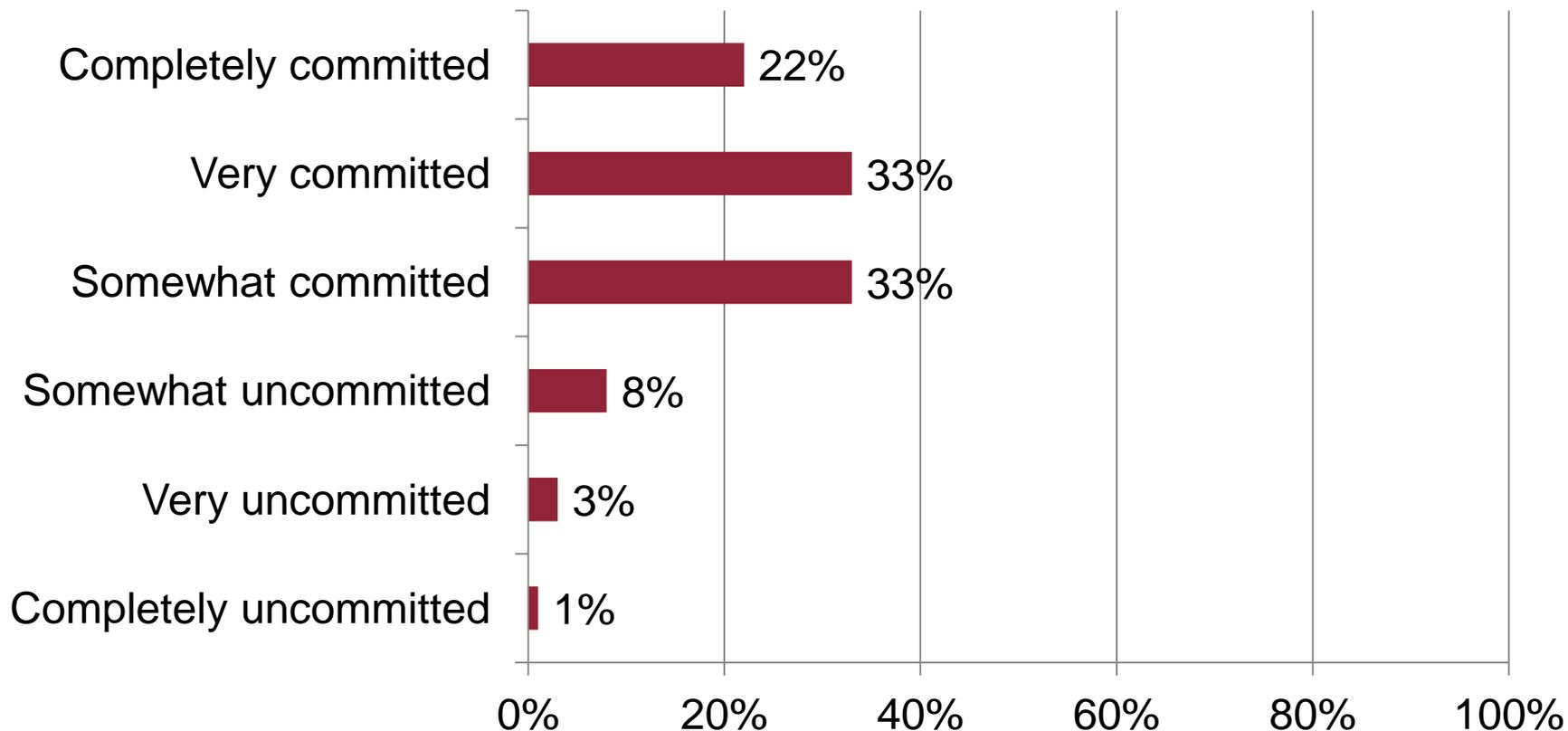
Q9: "Three months prior to separating from your former spouse, how often did your spouse attend worship services at a Christian church? (Select One)"

82% of churchgoers who later divorced say they attended the same church as their former spouse

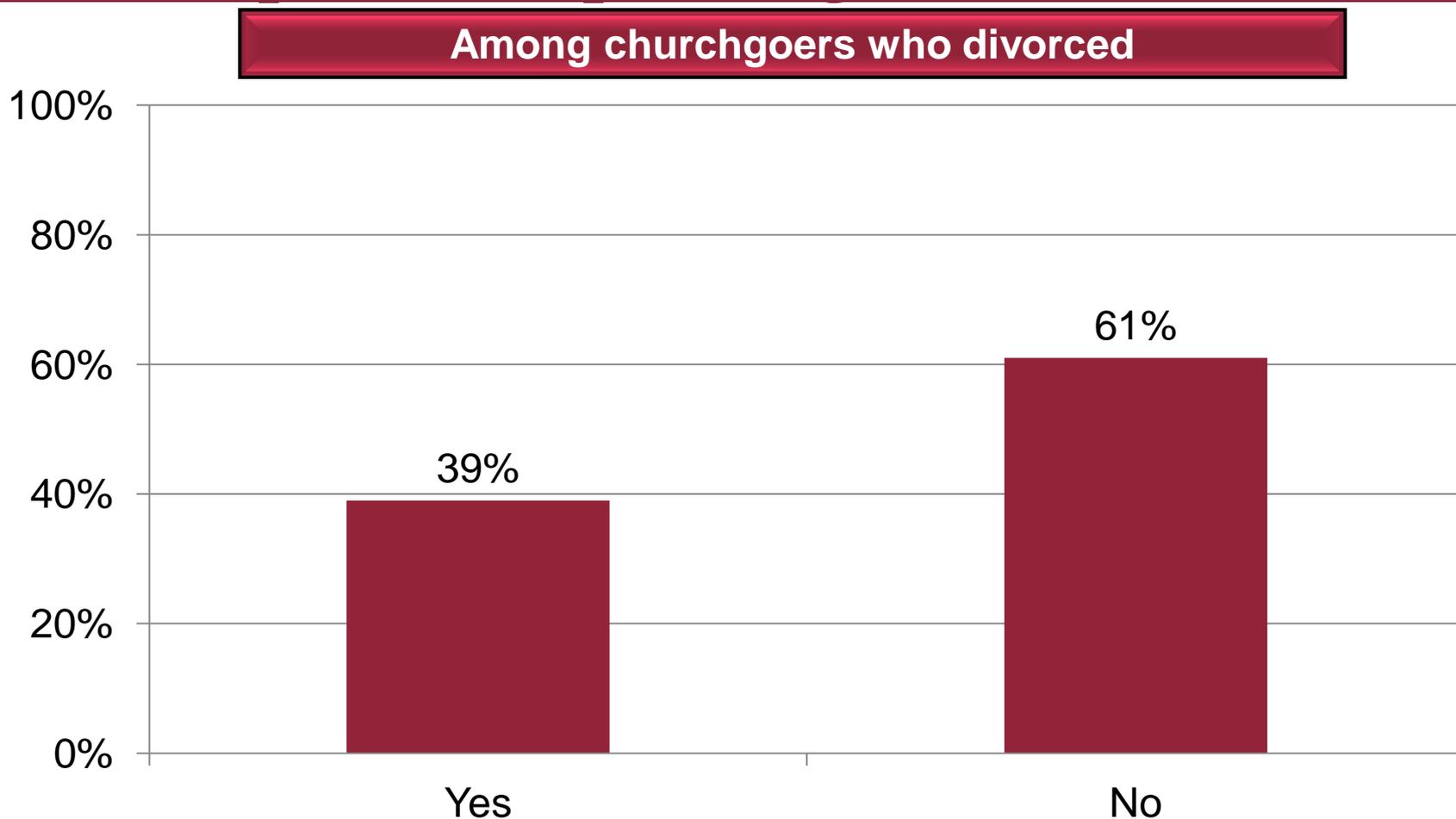


Three months prior to separating, 88% of churchgoers who divorced were committed to their church

Among churchgoers who divorced



39% of churchgoers who divorced had regular responsibilities at their church three months prior to separating

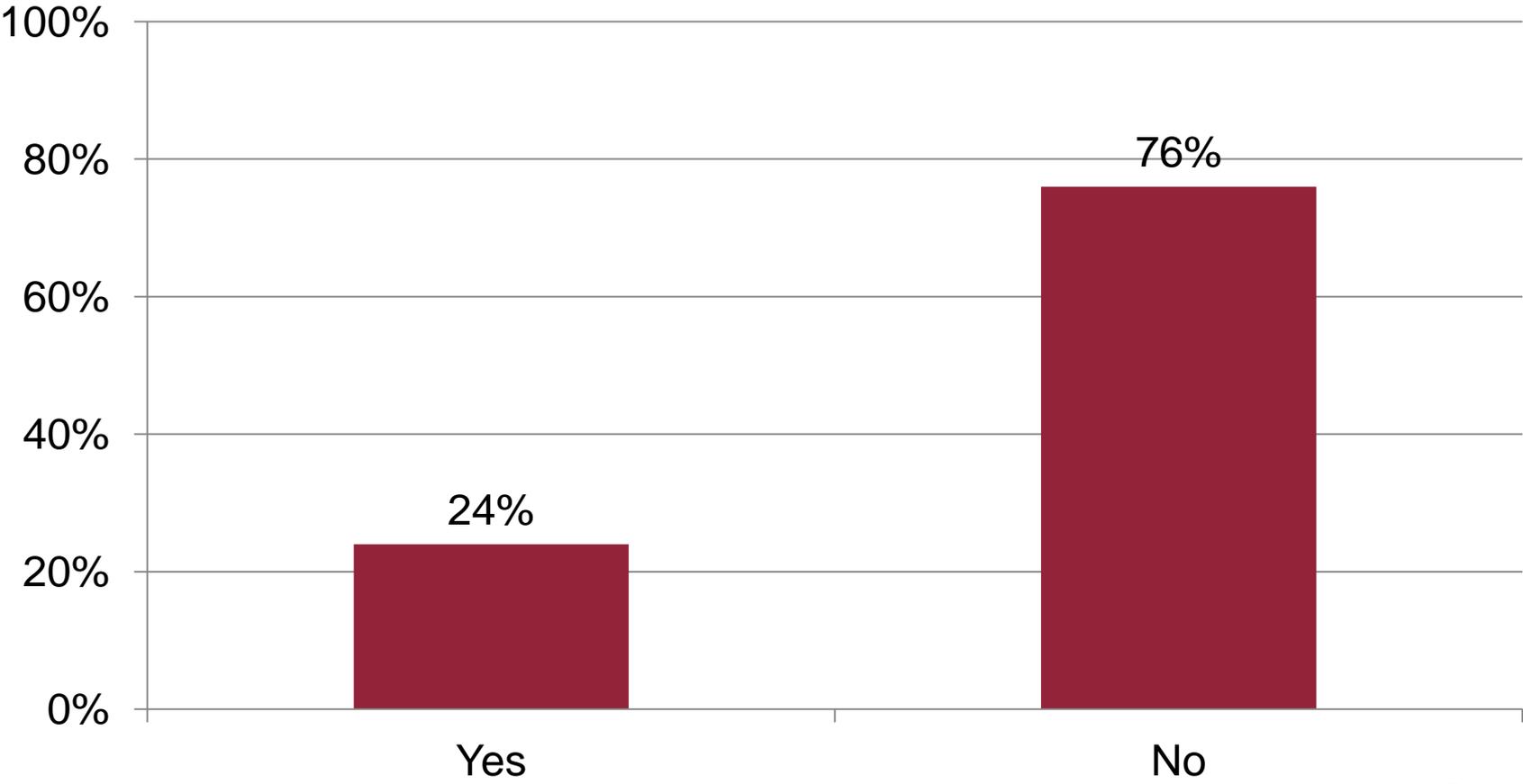


By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of adult attendees with regular responsibilities is 39% (median 35%)

Q12: "Three months prior to your separation, did you have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?"

24% of churchgoers who divorced say their former spouses had regular responsibilities at church three months prior to separating

Among churchgoers who divorced

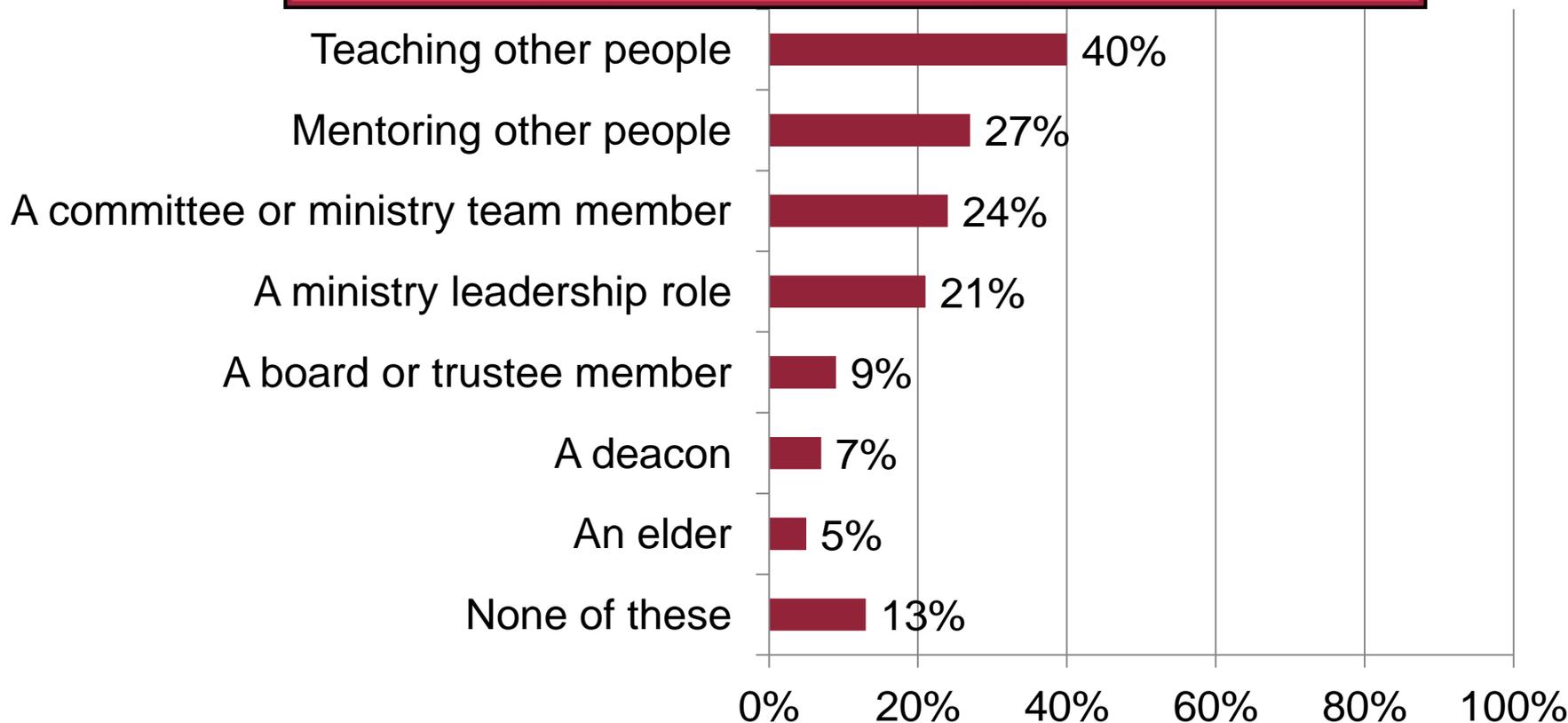


Q13: "Three months prior to your separation, did your former spouse have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?"

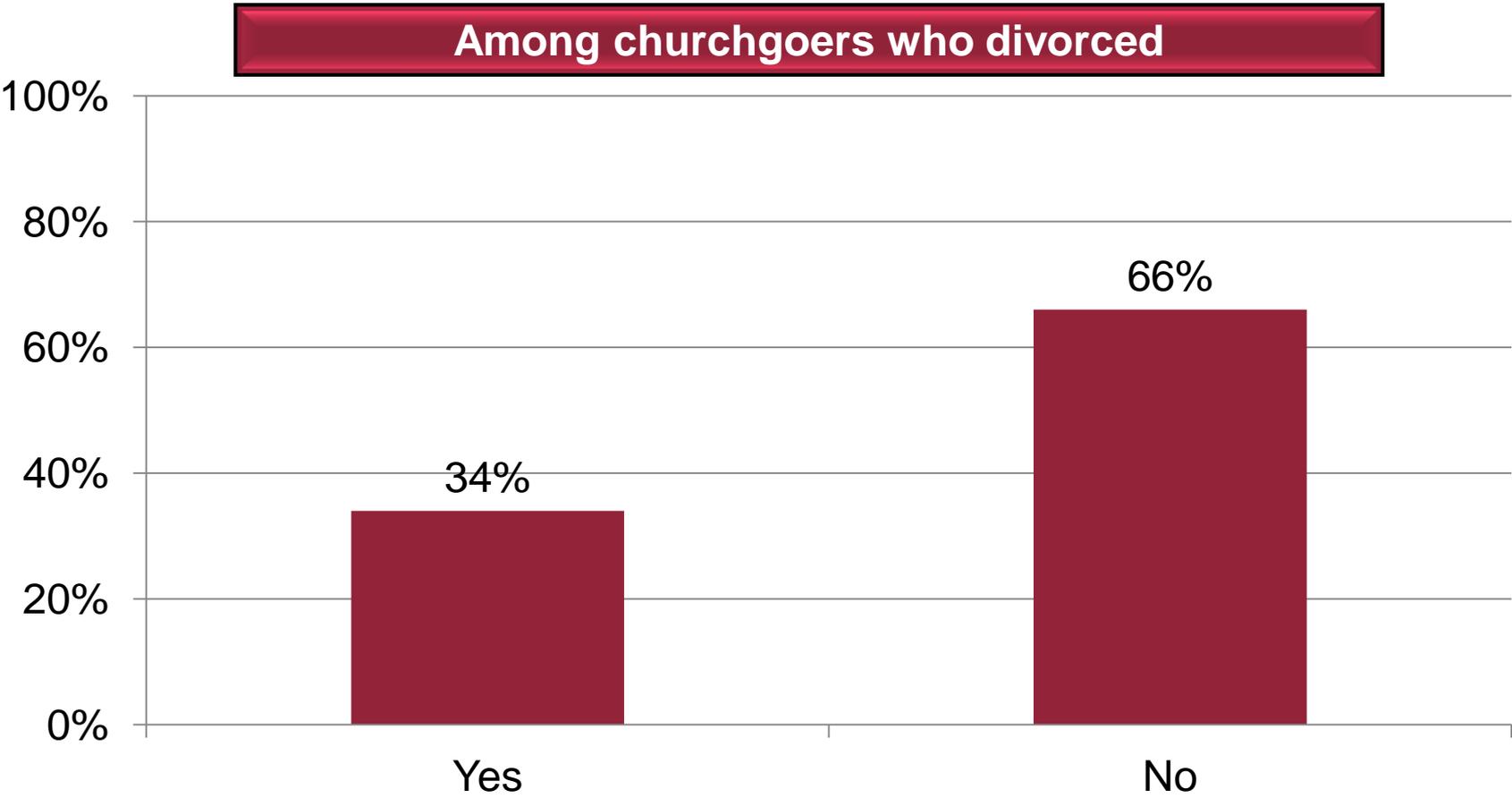


40% of churchgoers who divorced were involved with teaching other people and 27% mentored other people

Among churchgoers who divorced with church responsibilities 3 months prior to separation



Three months prior to separating, 1 out of 3 churchgoers who divorced were involved in community ministries not affiliated with their church

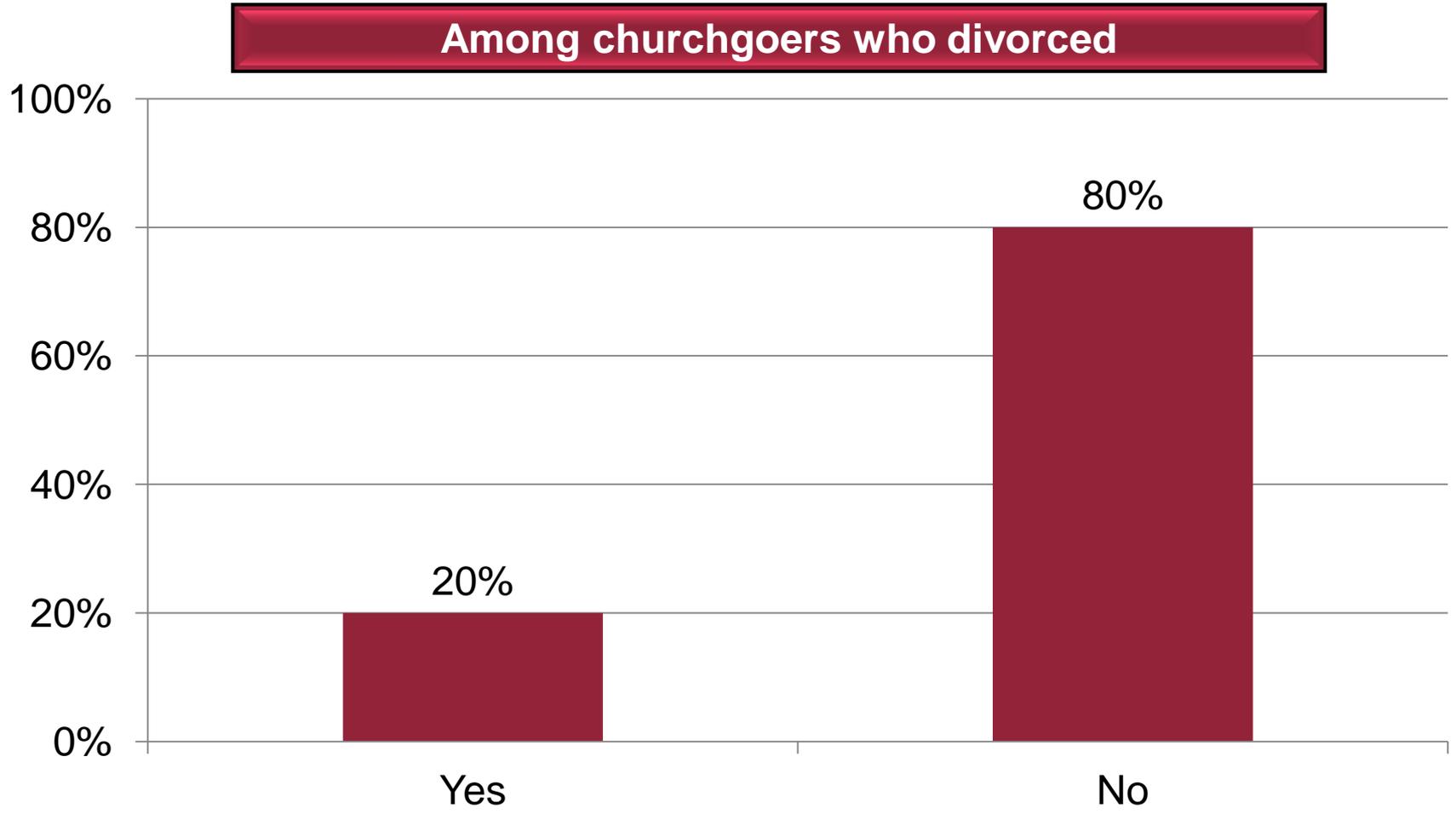


By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of adult attendees serving in their community is 26% (median 20%)

Q15: "Three months prior to your separation, were you involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?"



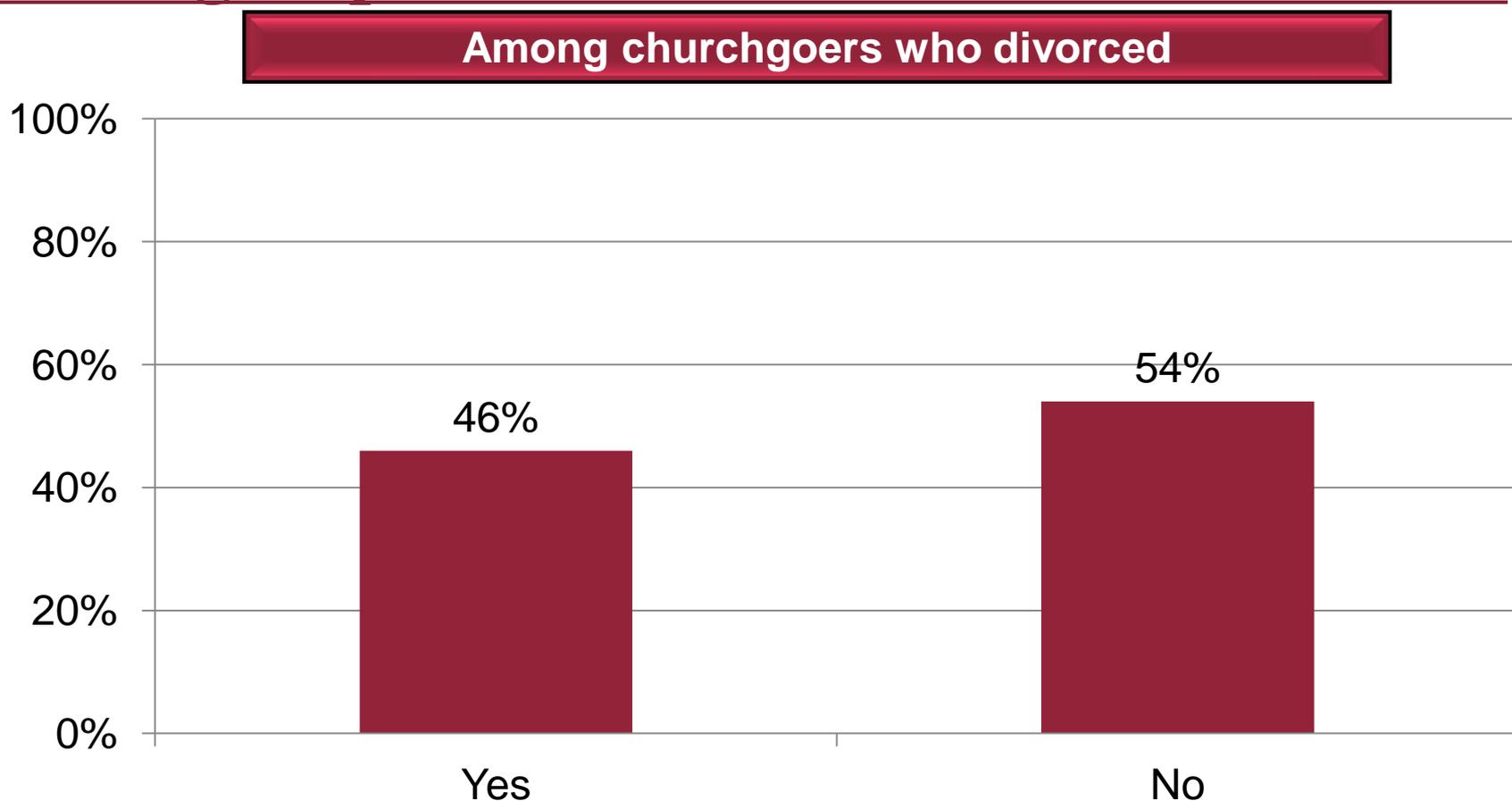
Three months prior to separating, 20% of churchgoers who divorced say their former spouse was involved in community ministries not affiliated with their church



Q16: "Three months prior to your separation, was your former spouse involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?"



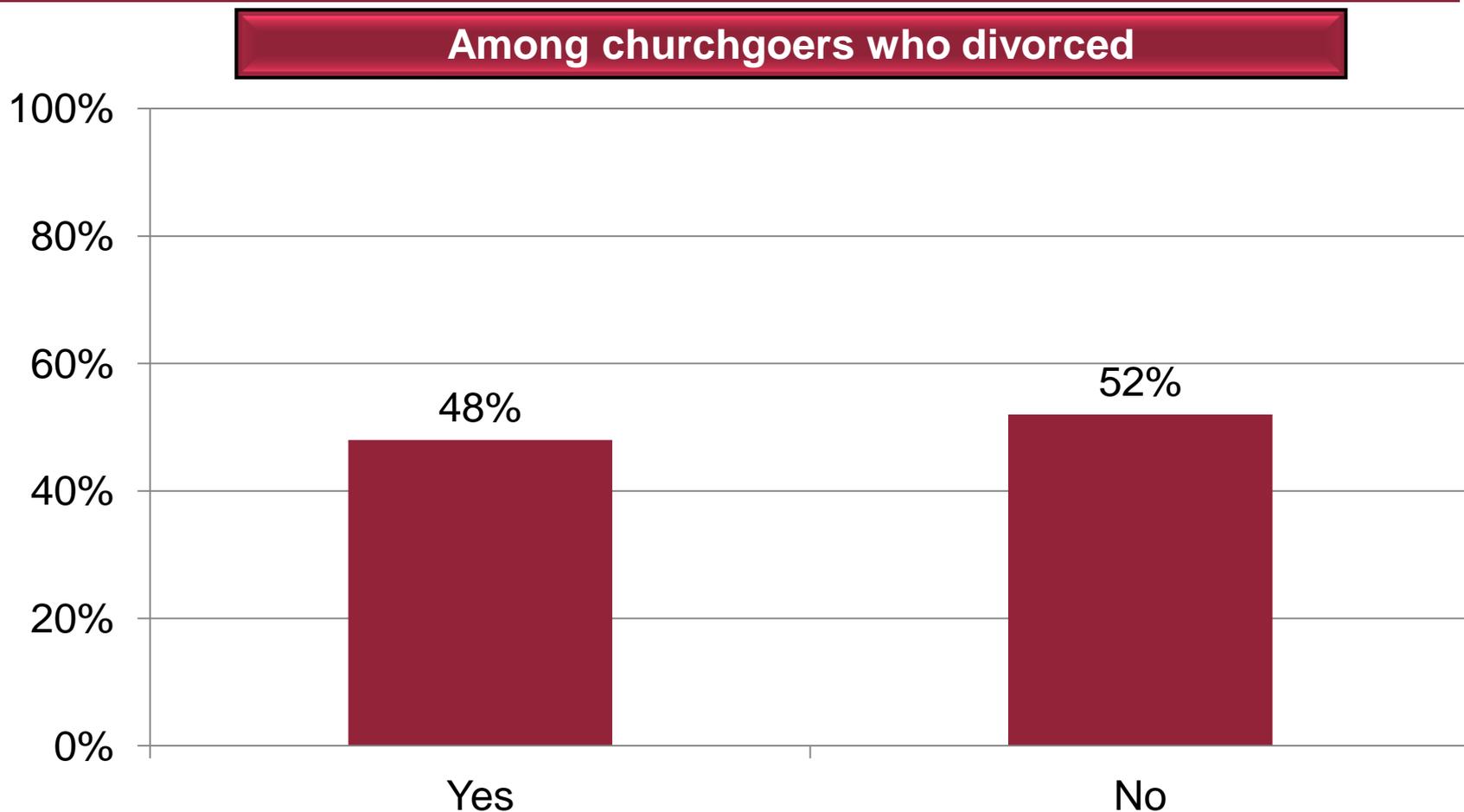
Three months prior to separating, 46% of churchgoers who divorced participated in a small group at their church



By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of worship attendees involved in small groups or Sunday school is 48% (median 50%)

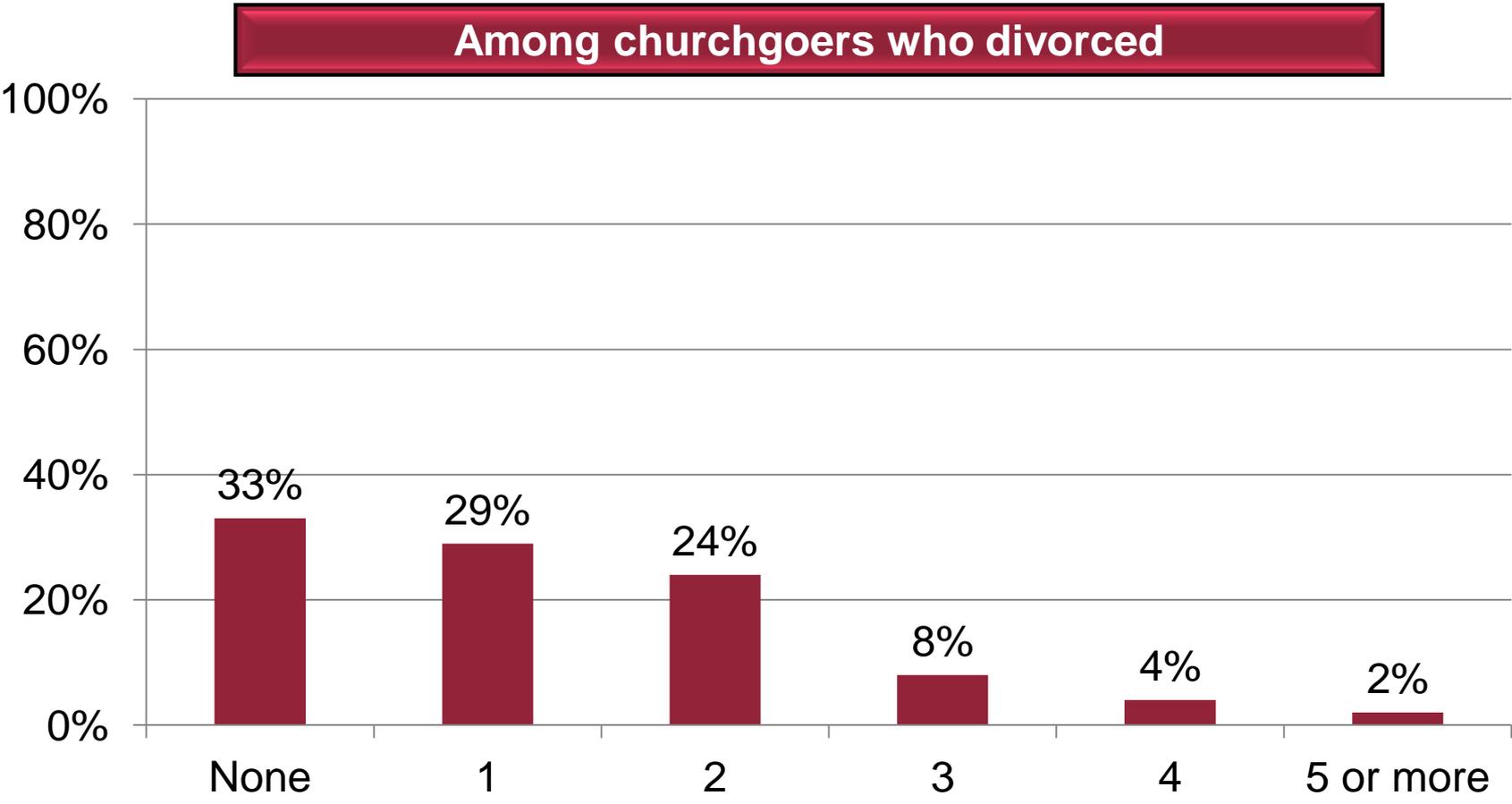
Q17: "Three months prior to your separation, were you participating in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at your church?"

Three months prior to separating, 48% of churchgoers who divorced say their former spouse participated in this same small group at their church



Q18: "Did your former spouse participate in this adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group with you?" Asked of those who attend a small group, Sunday school class, or similar group. n=450

At the time of separation, 67% of churchgoers who divorced had one or more children under 18 in their care

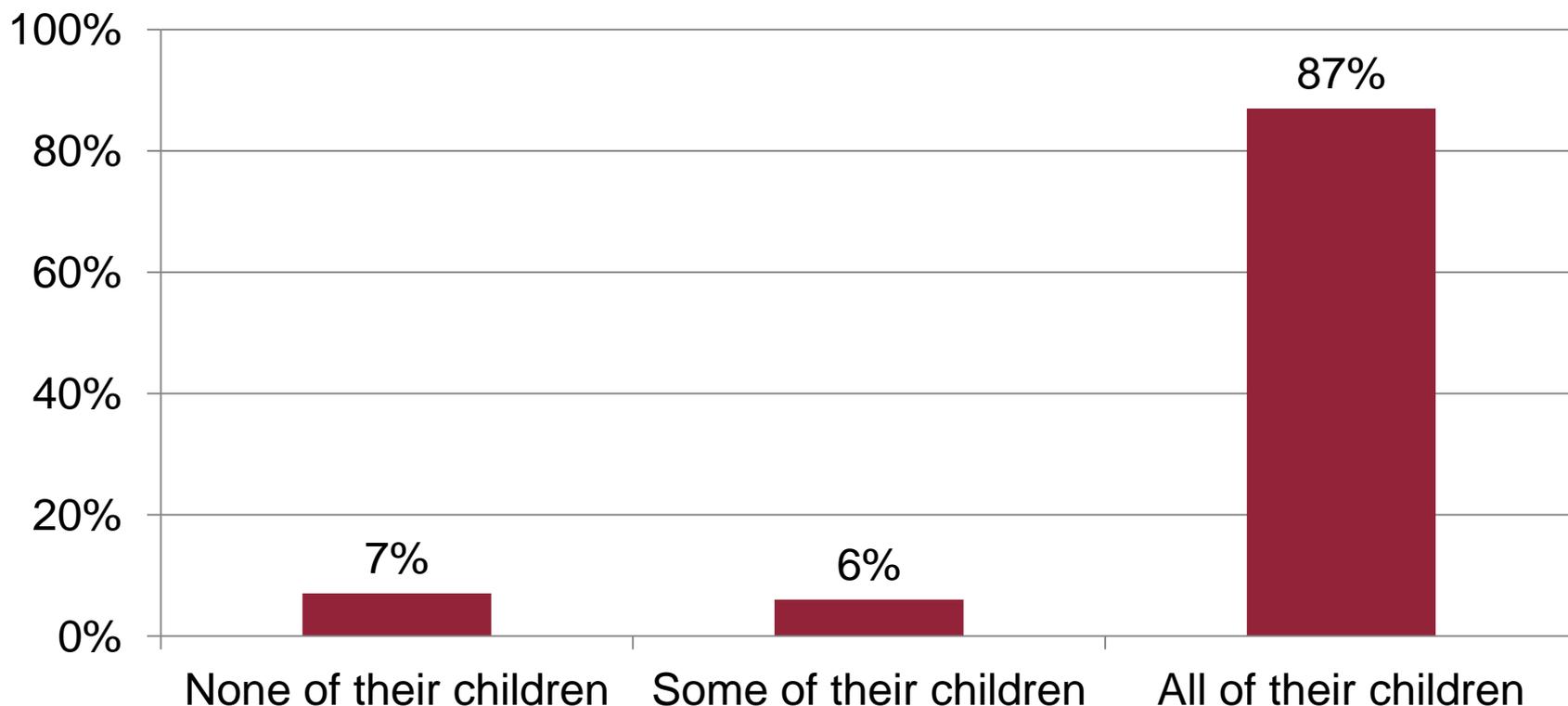


Q19: "At the time of your separation, how many children do you have in your care under age 18?"



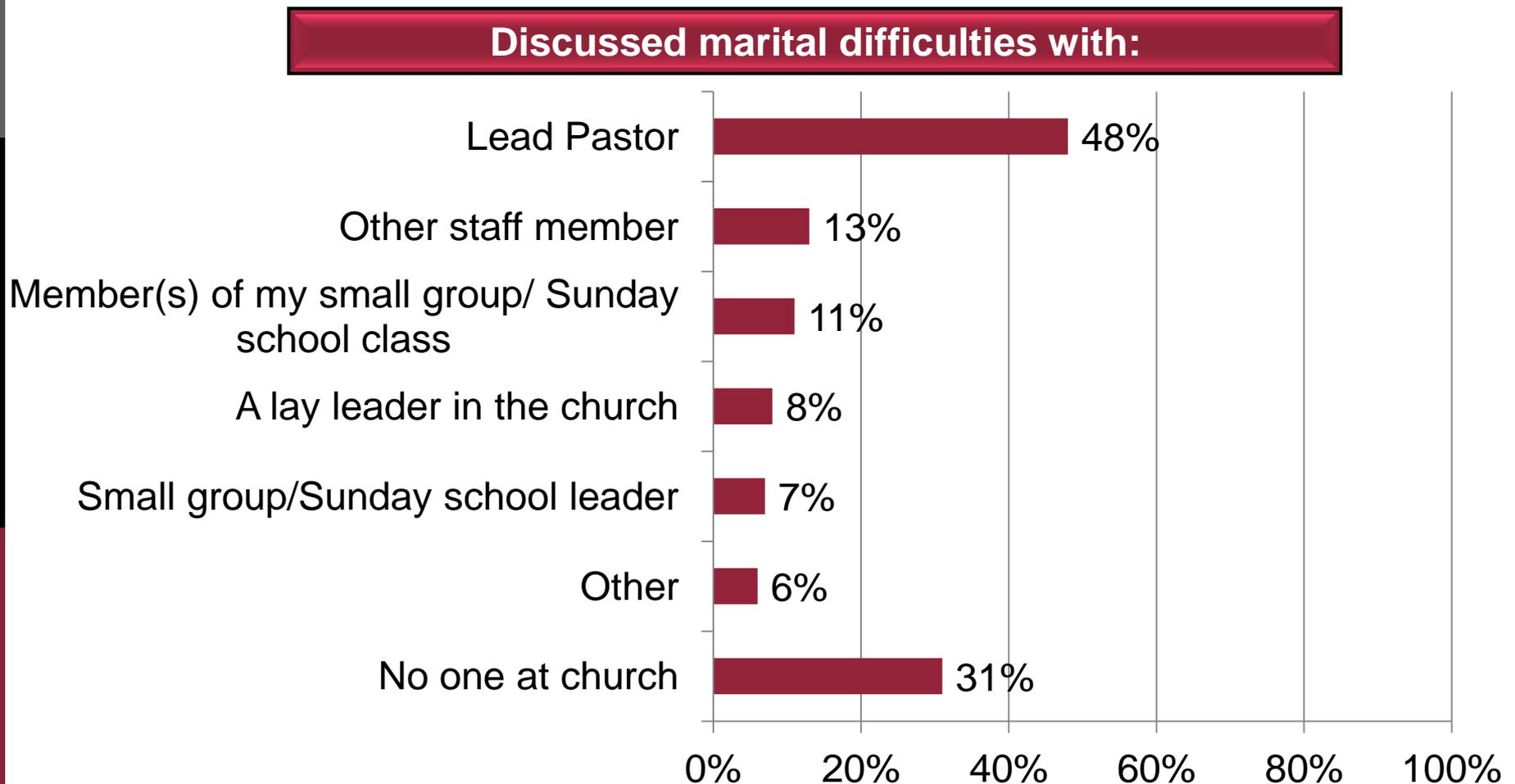
At the time of separation, 87% of churchgoers who divorced with children under 18 had all of them attending church with them

Among churchgoers who divorced who had children under age 18 in their care

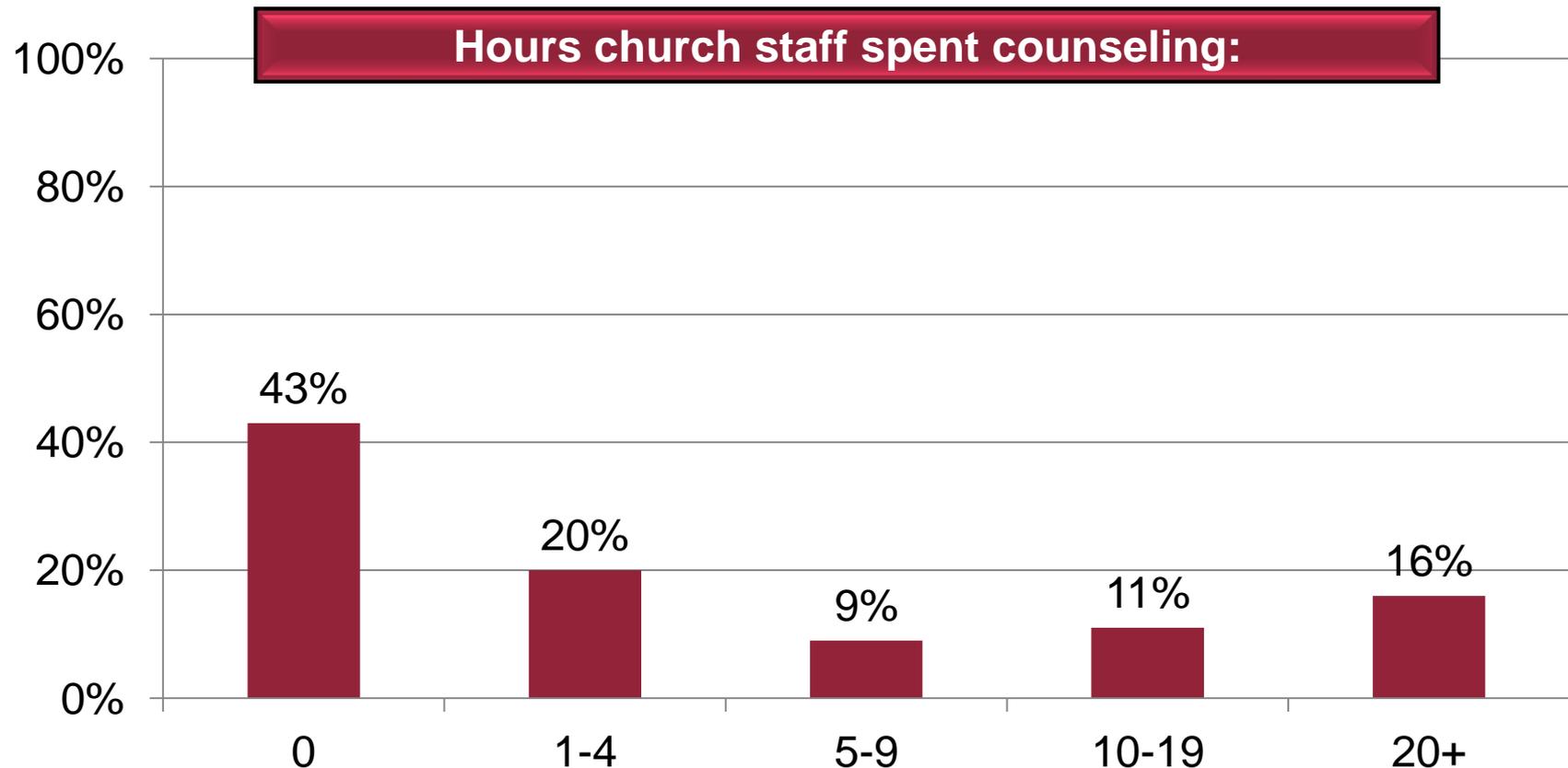


Q20: "Three months before your separation, how many children under age 18 in your care attend church with you? (Enter a zero if none)" Asked of those with children under 18 in their care. n=593

Almost half of churchgoers who divorced discussed their marital difficulties with the Lead Pastor



57% of divorced couples received at least one hour of counseling from church staff, and 16% received 20 or more hours



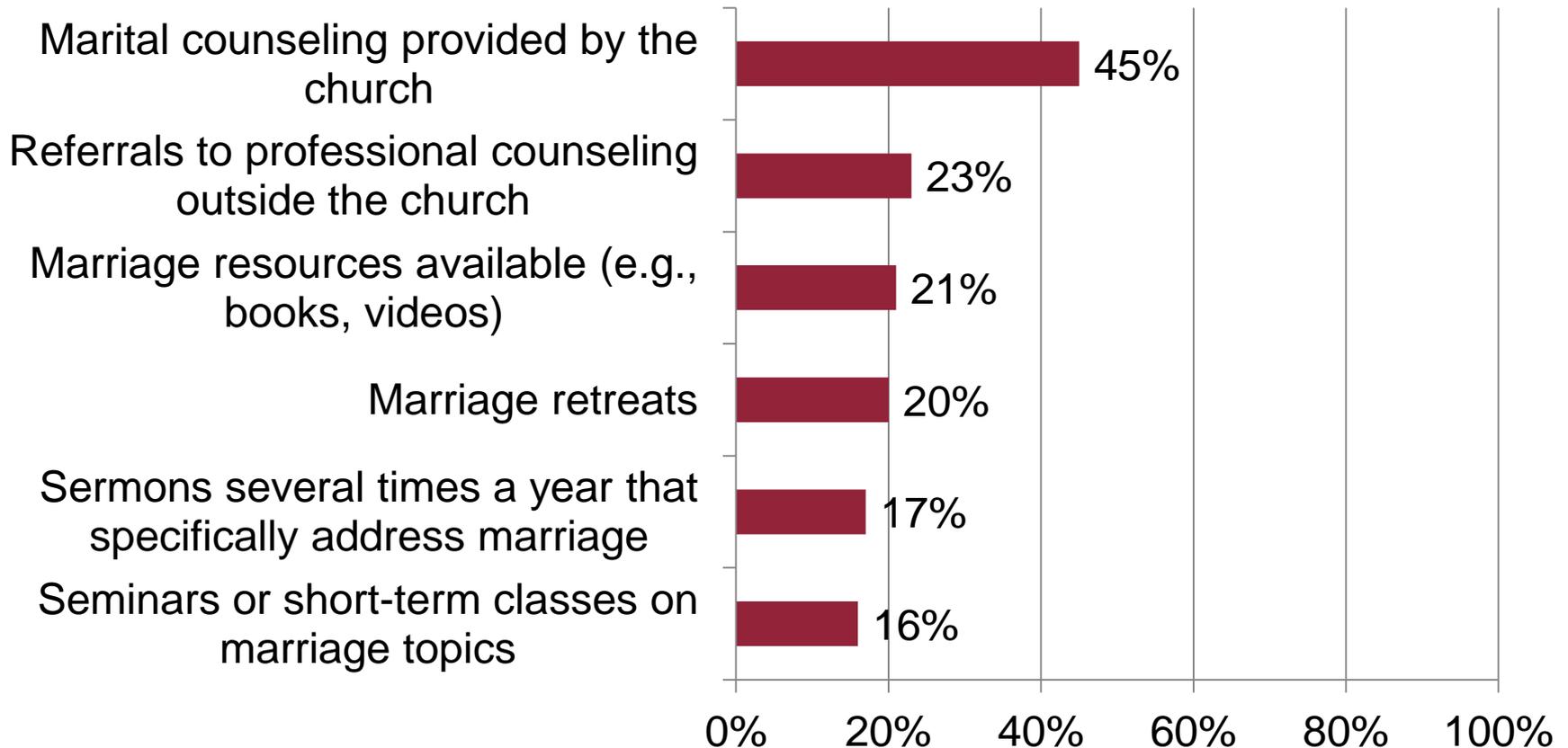
The median number of hours church staff counseled:

- Among all churchgoers who divorced : 1 hour
- Among only those receiving counseling: 8 hours

Q22: "About how many hours in total did church staff spend with you or your former spouse counseling or helping you with your marriage? (If none, enter 0)"

45% of churchgoers who divorced say their churches offered marital counseling; 23% say referrals to outside professional counseling were offered

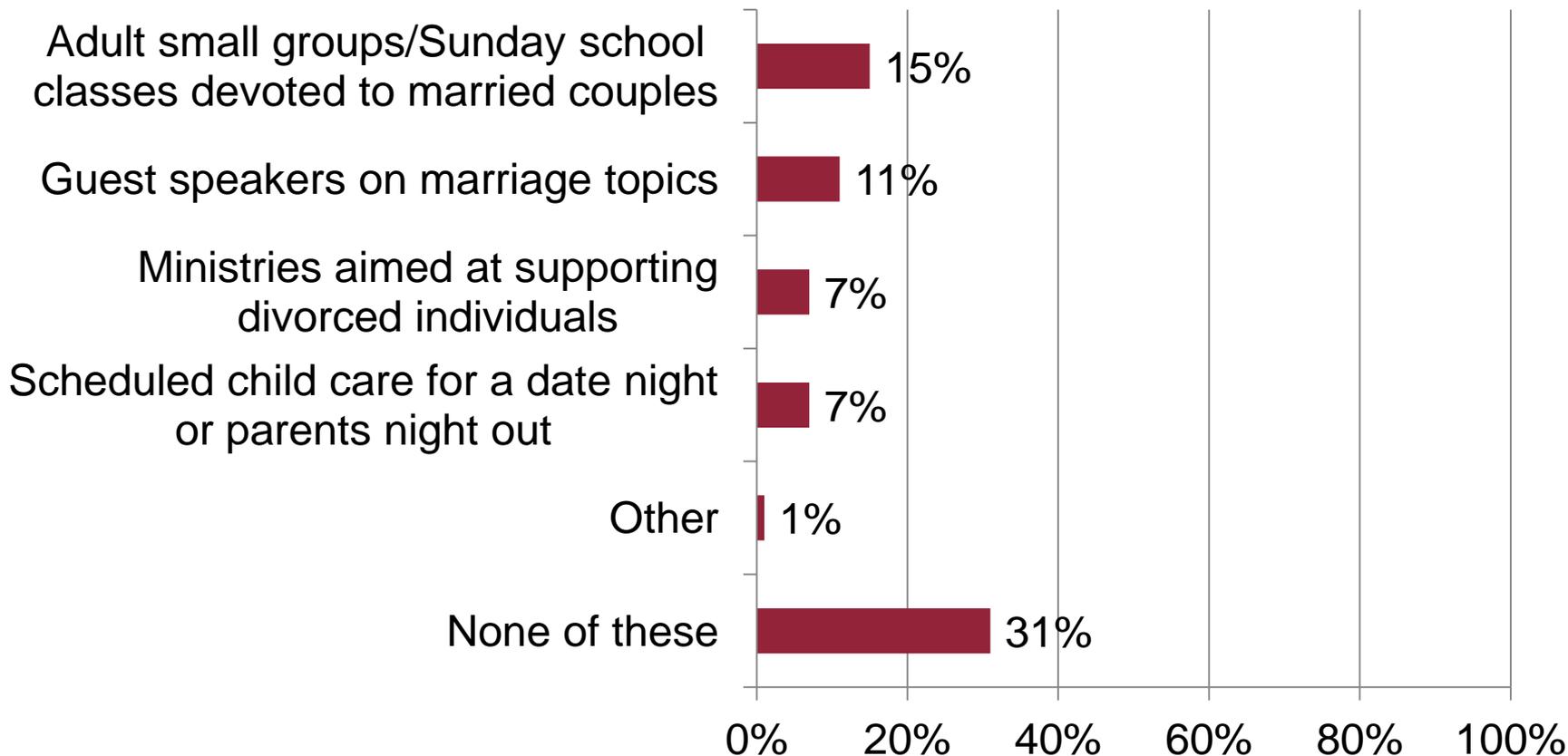
Marriage Support Services Offered



Q23: "Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)"

11% of churchgoers who divorced say their church offered guest speakers on marriage topics

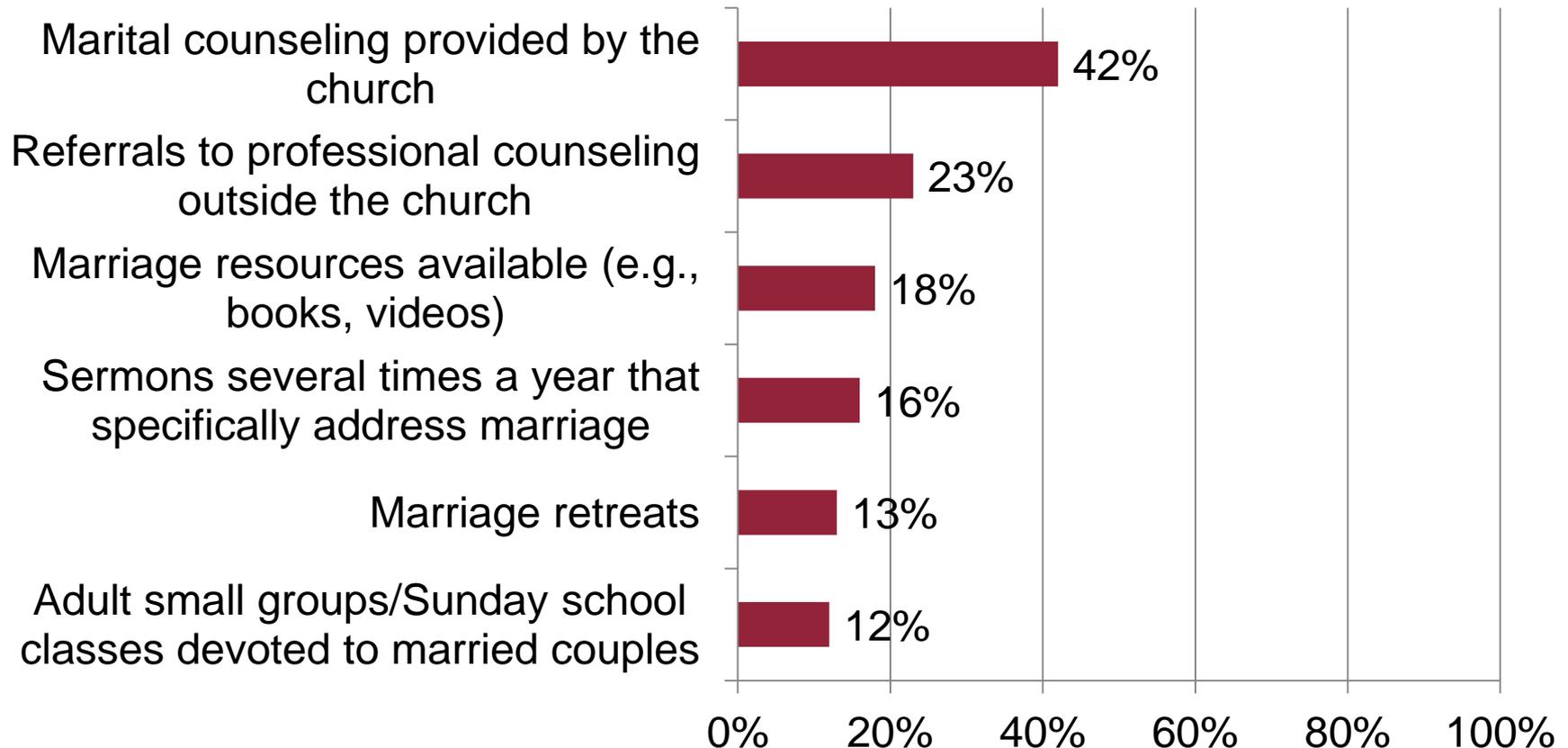
Marriage Support Services Offered -- continued



Q23: "Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)"

Among churches that offered multiple marriage support services, 42% of churchgoers who divorced took advantage of marital counseling provided by the church

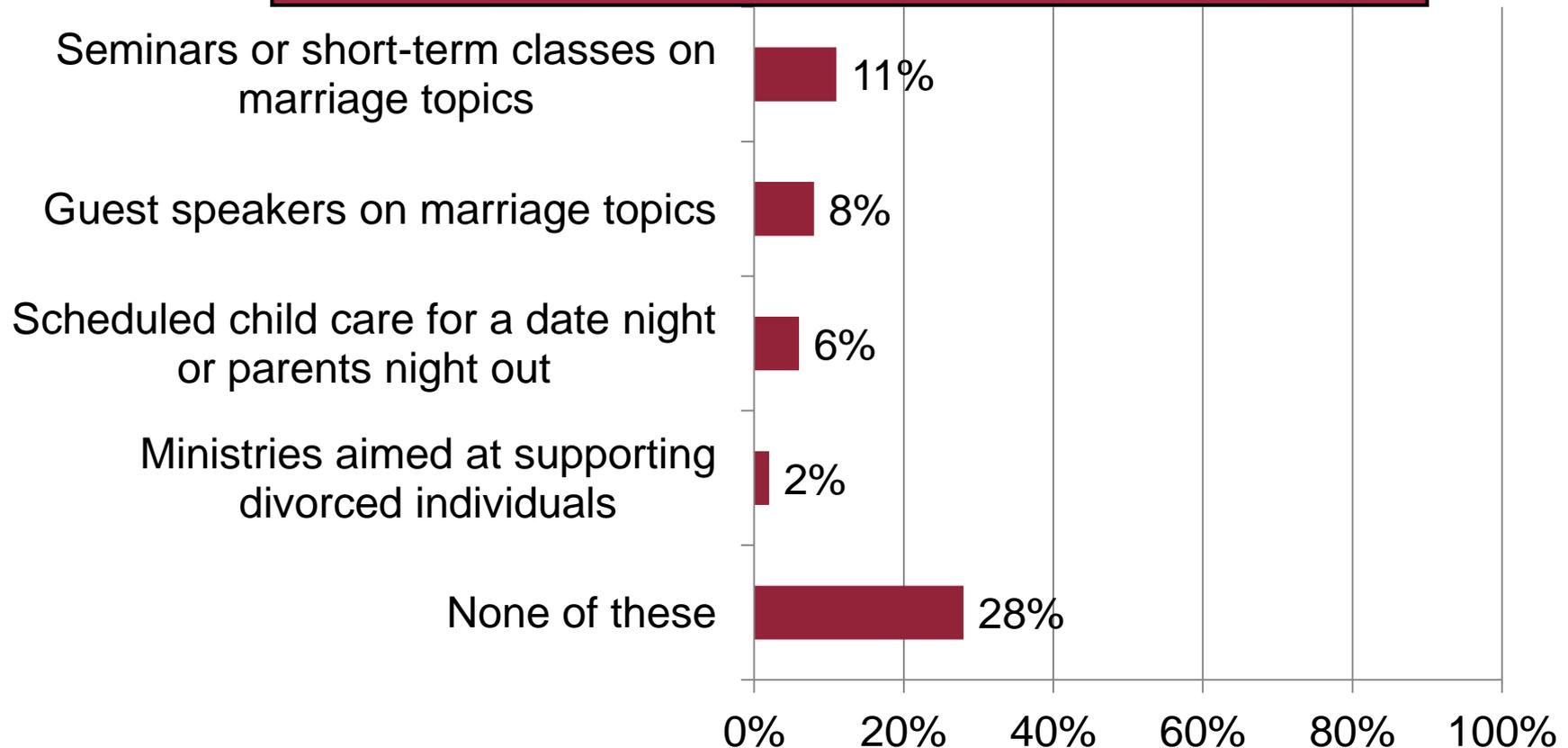
Marriage Support Services Used



Q24: "Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)" Asked of those indicating more than 1 service offered in Q23. n=413

Among churches that offered multiple marriage support services, 11% of churchgoers who divorced took advantage of classes on marriage topics

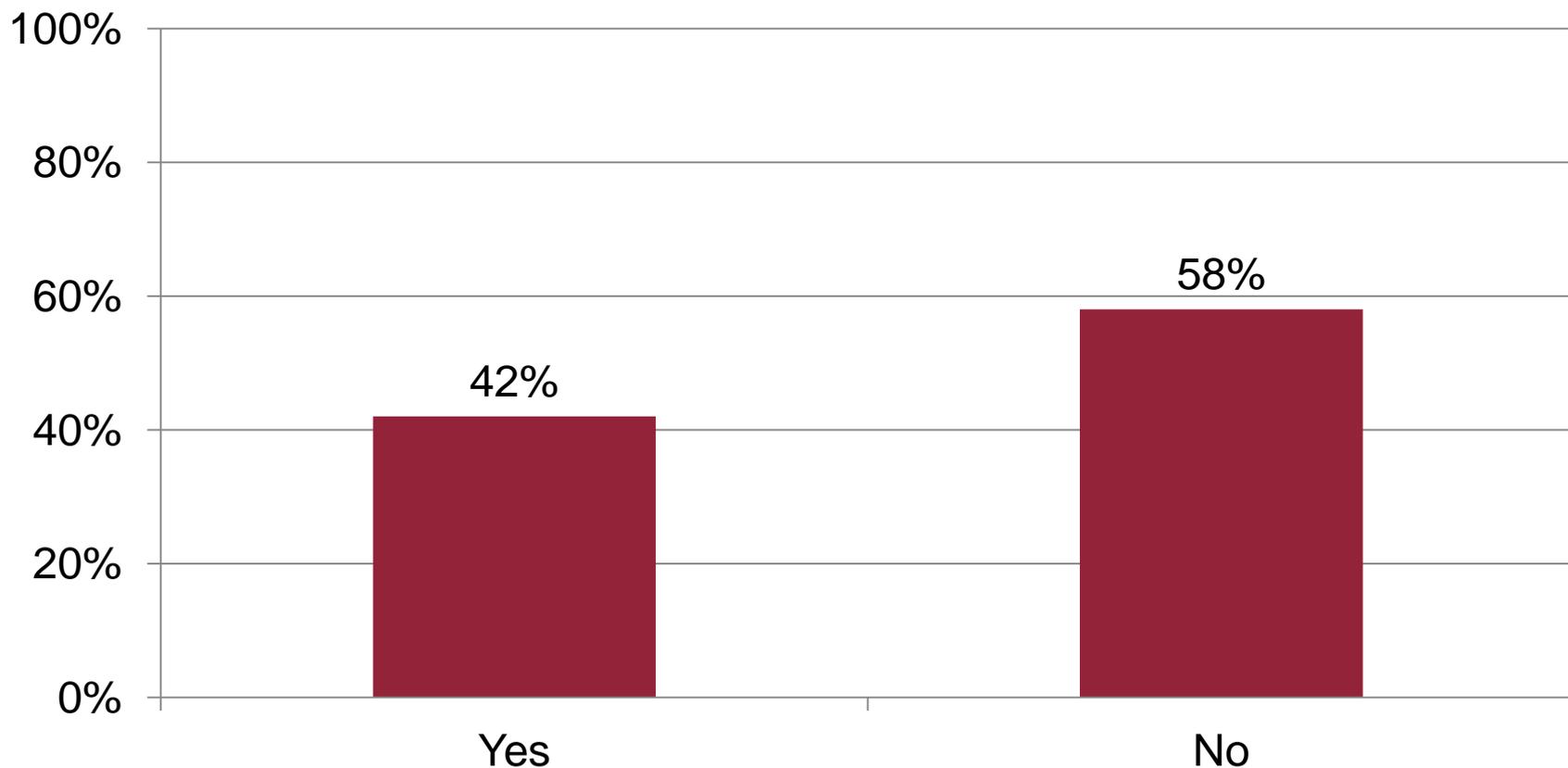
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Q24: "Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)" Asked of those indicating more than 1 service offered in Q23. n=413

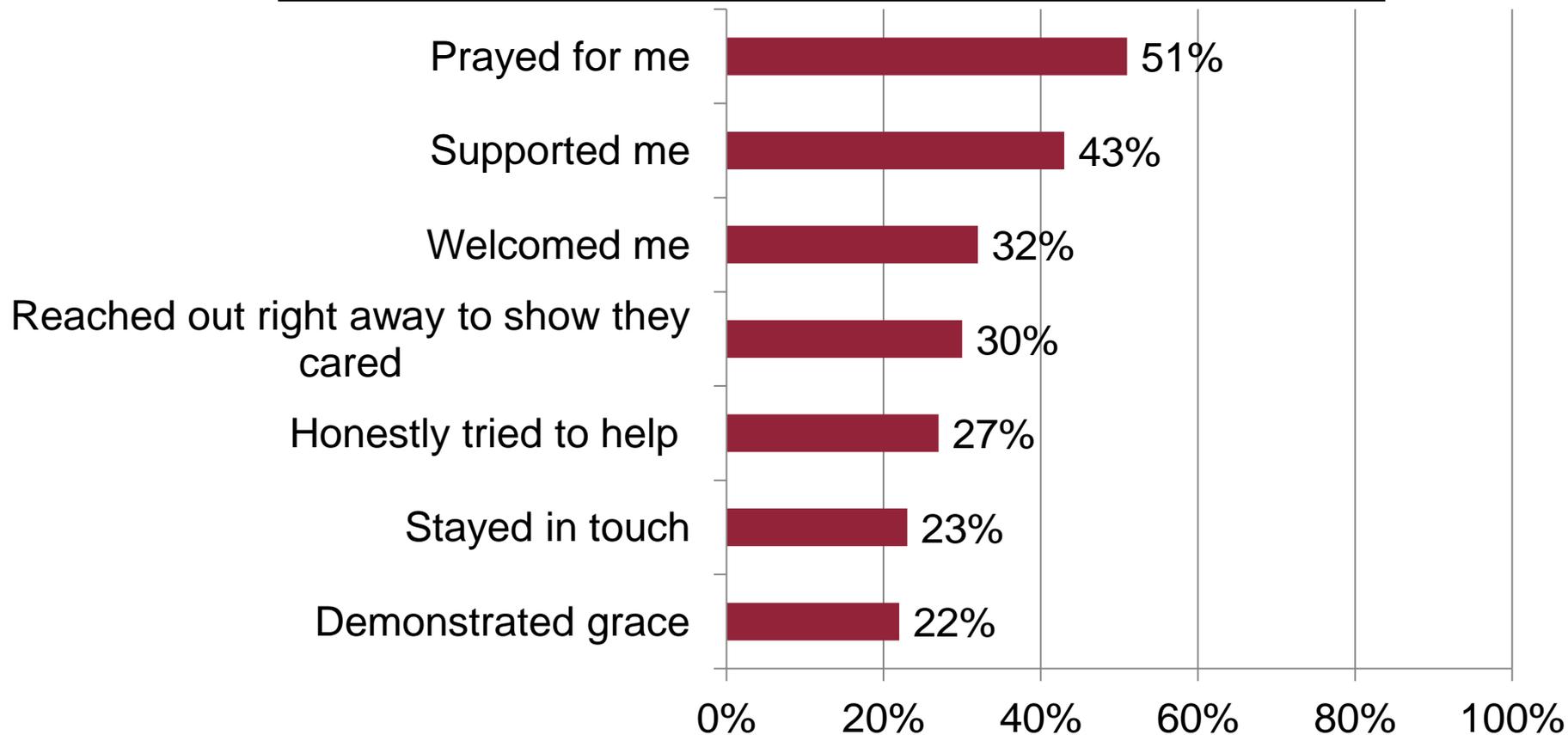
42% of churchgoers who divorced received professional counseling outside the church prior to their divorce

Among churchgoers who divorced



51% of churchgoers who divorced say their church prayed for them after their separation

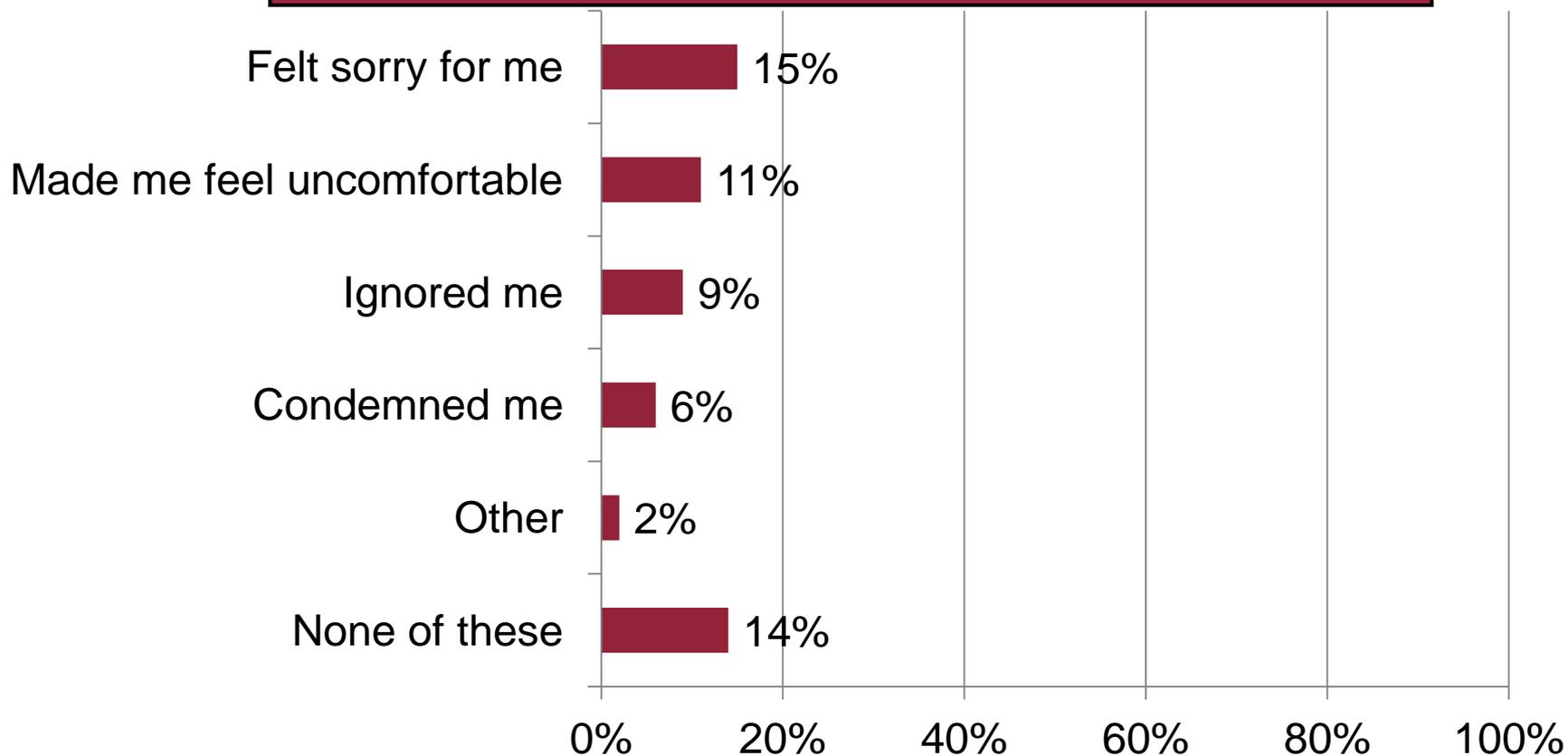
Church's Reaction After Your Separation



Q26: "Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)"

11% of churchgoers who divorced say their church made them feel uncomfortable after they separated

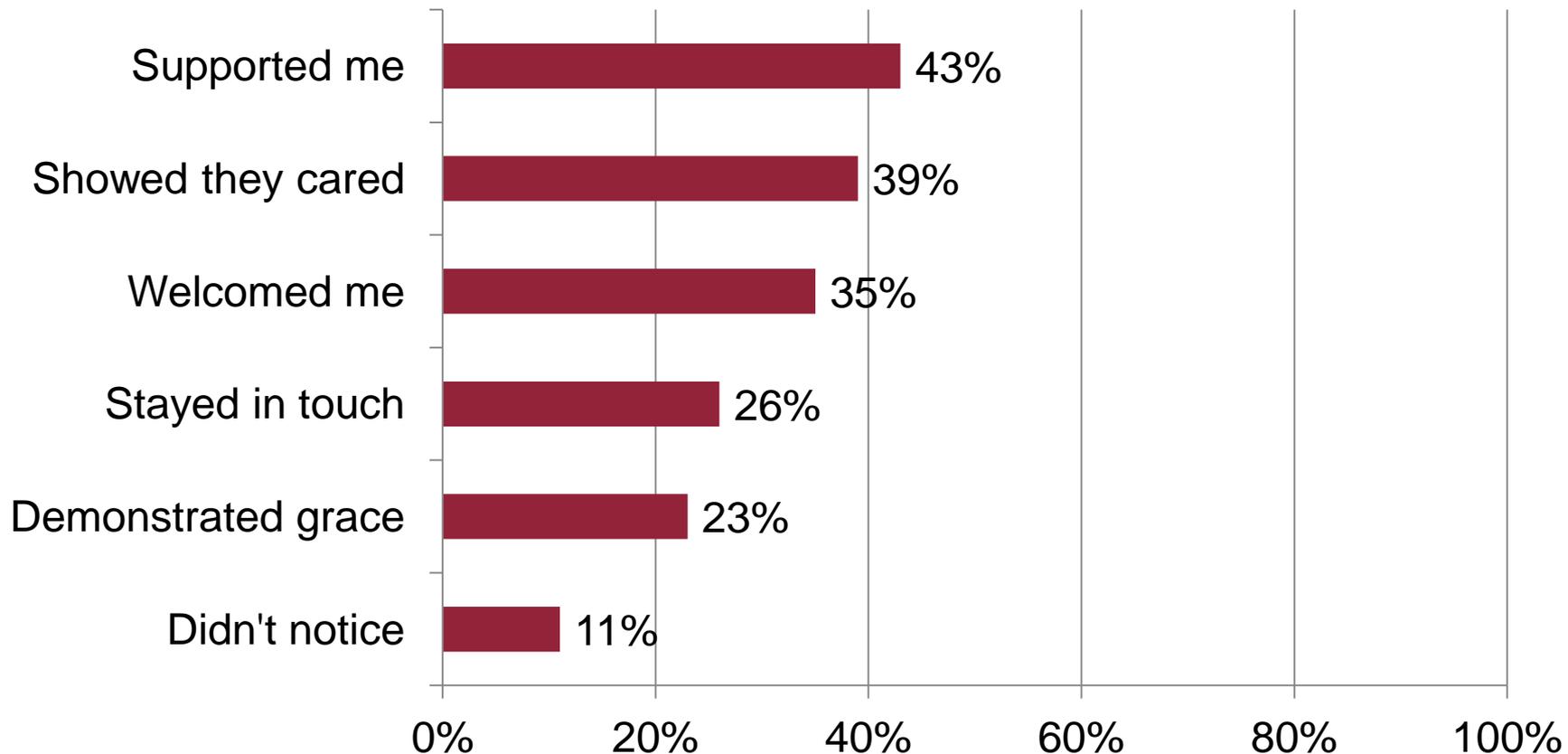
Church's Reaction After Your Separation -- continued



Q26: "Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)"

43% of churchgoers who divorced say their church supported them and 39% say their church showed they cared when their divorce was final

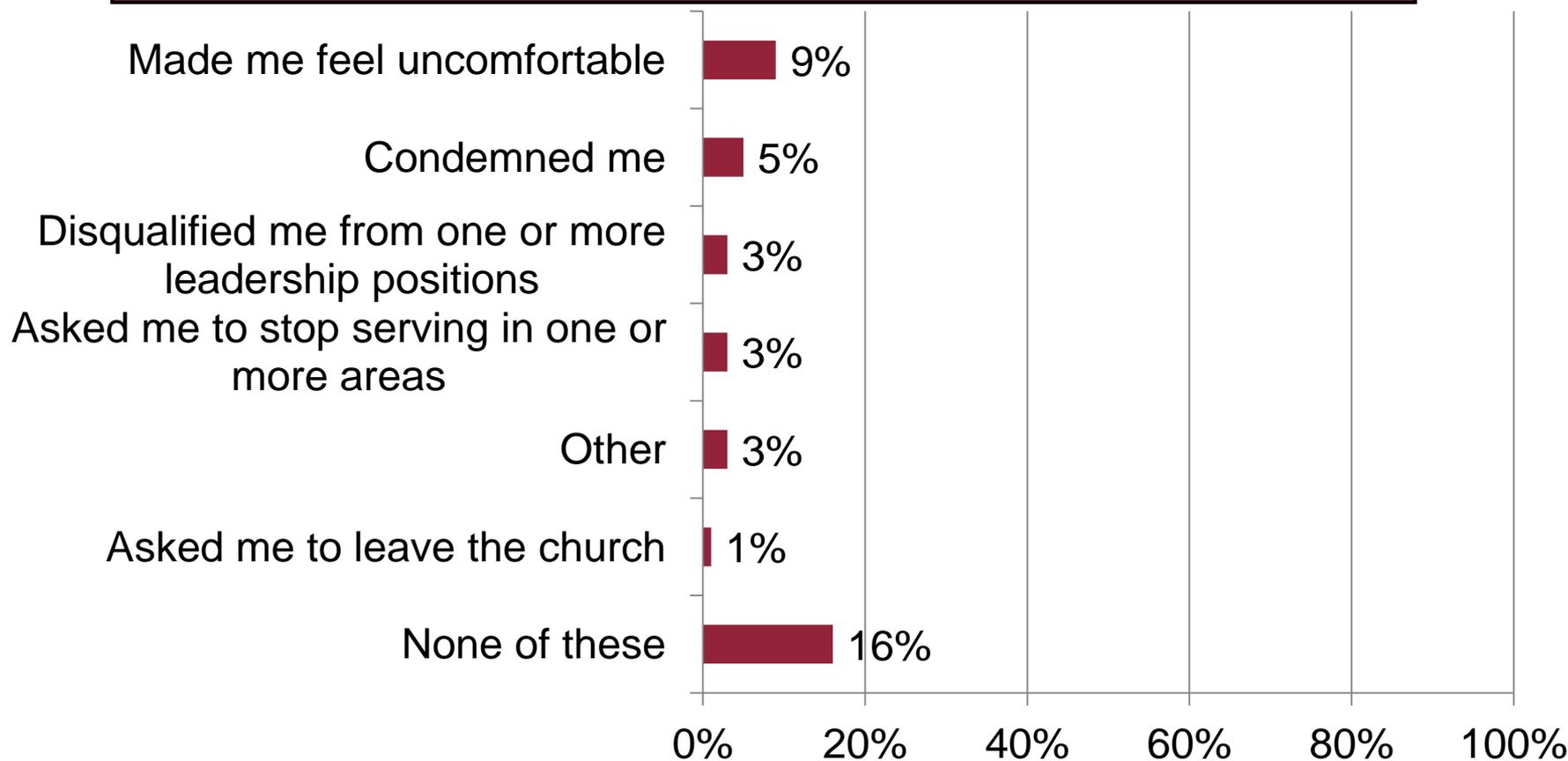
Church's Reaction After Your Divorce Was Final



Q27: "Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)"

5% of churchgoers who divorced say their church condemned them when their divorce was final

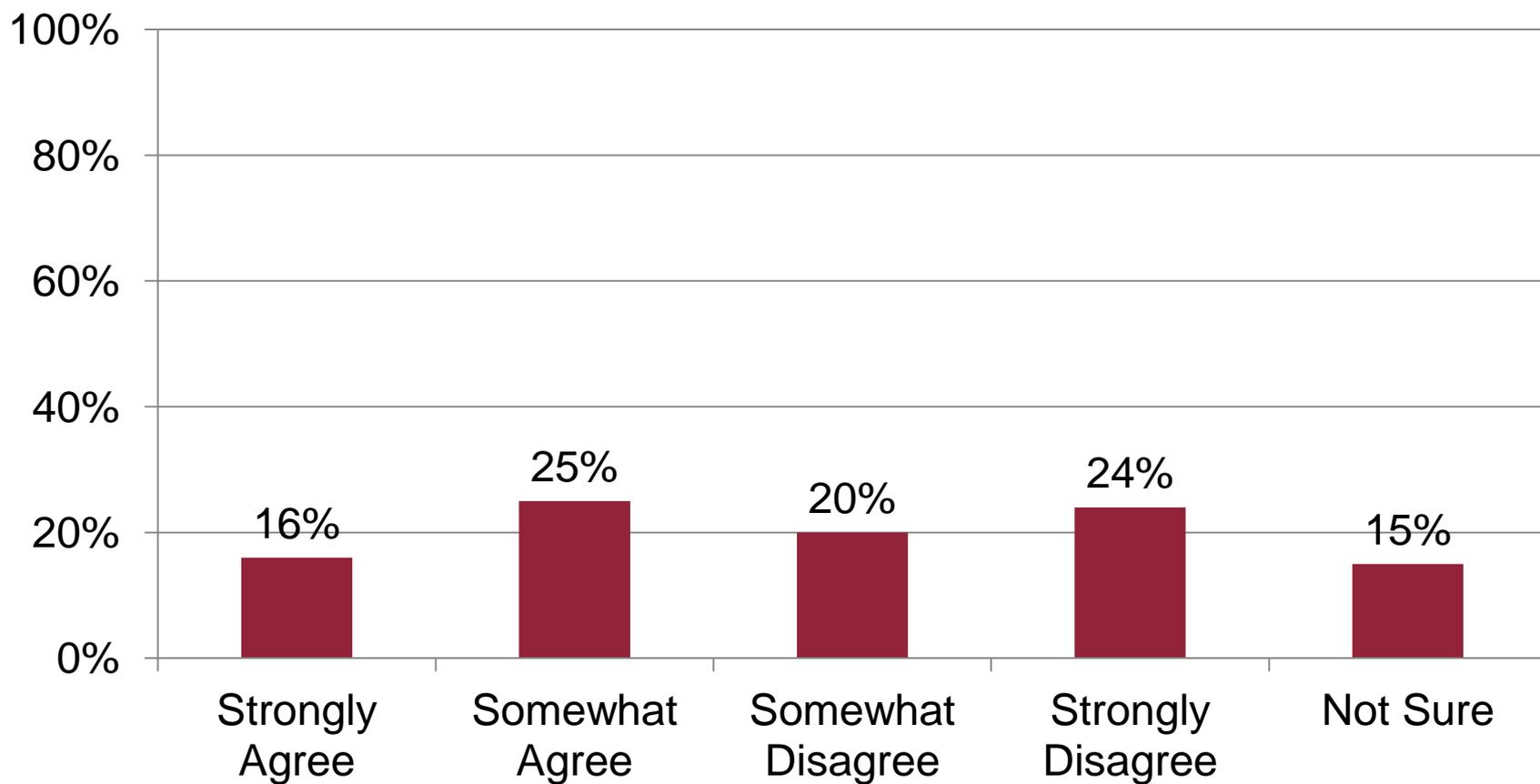
Church's Reaction After Your Divorce Was Final -- continued



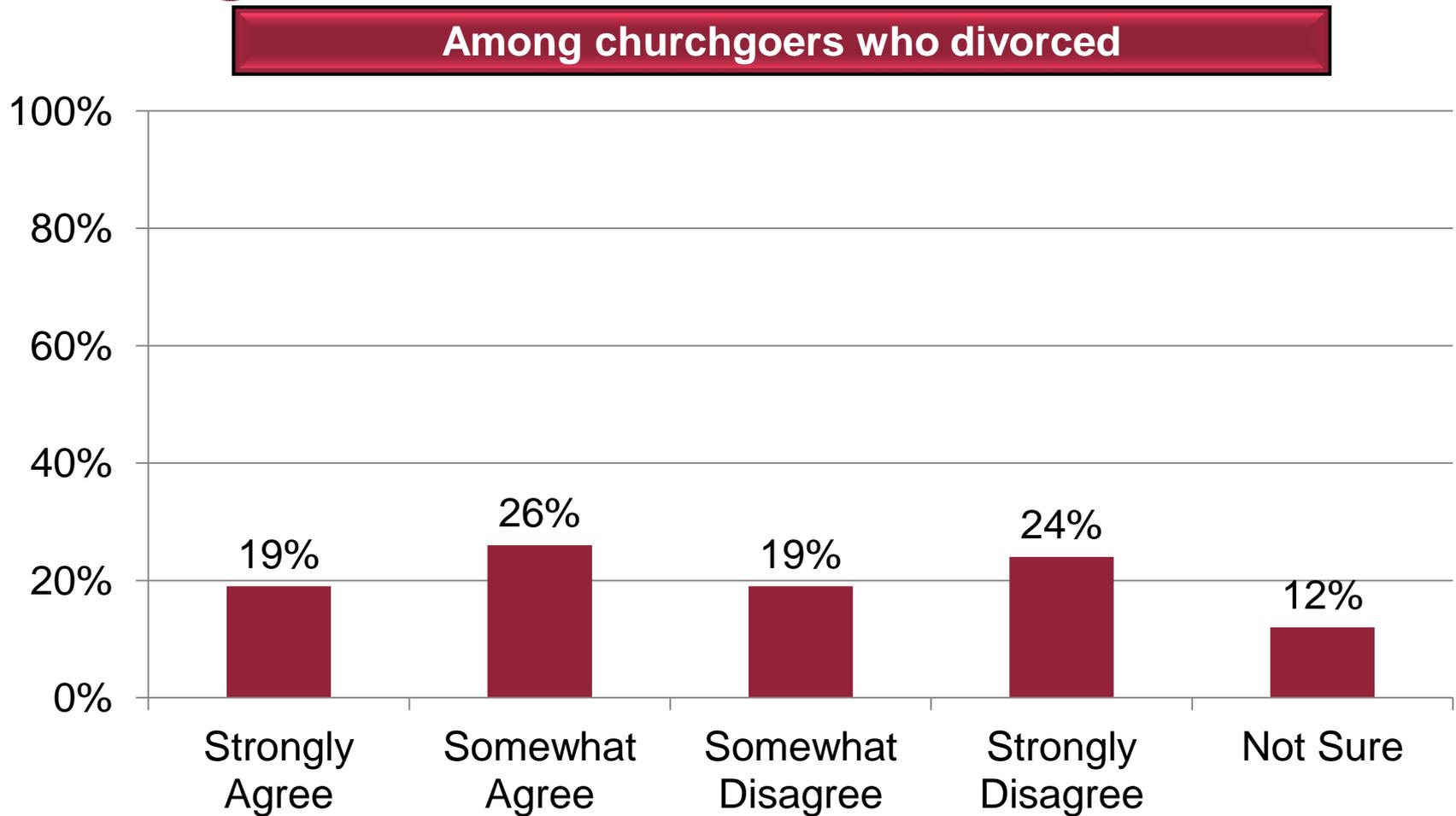
Q27: "Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)"

4 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced wish the church they attended prior to their separation had taught more about healthy marriage

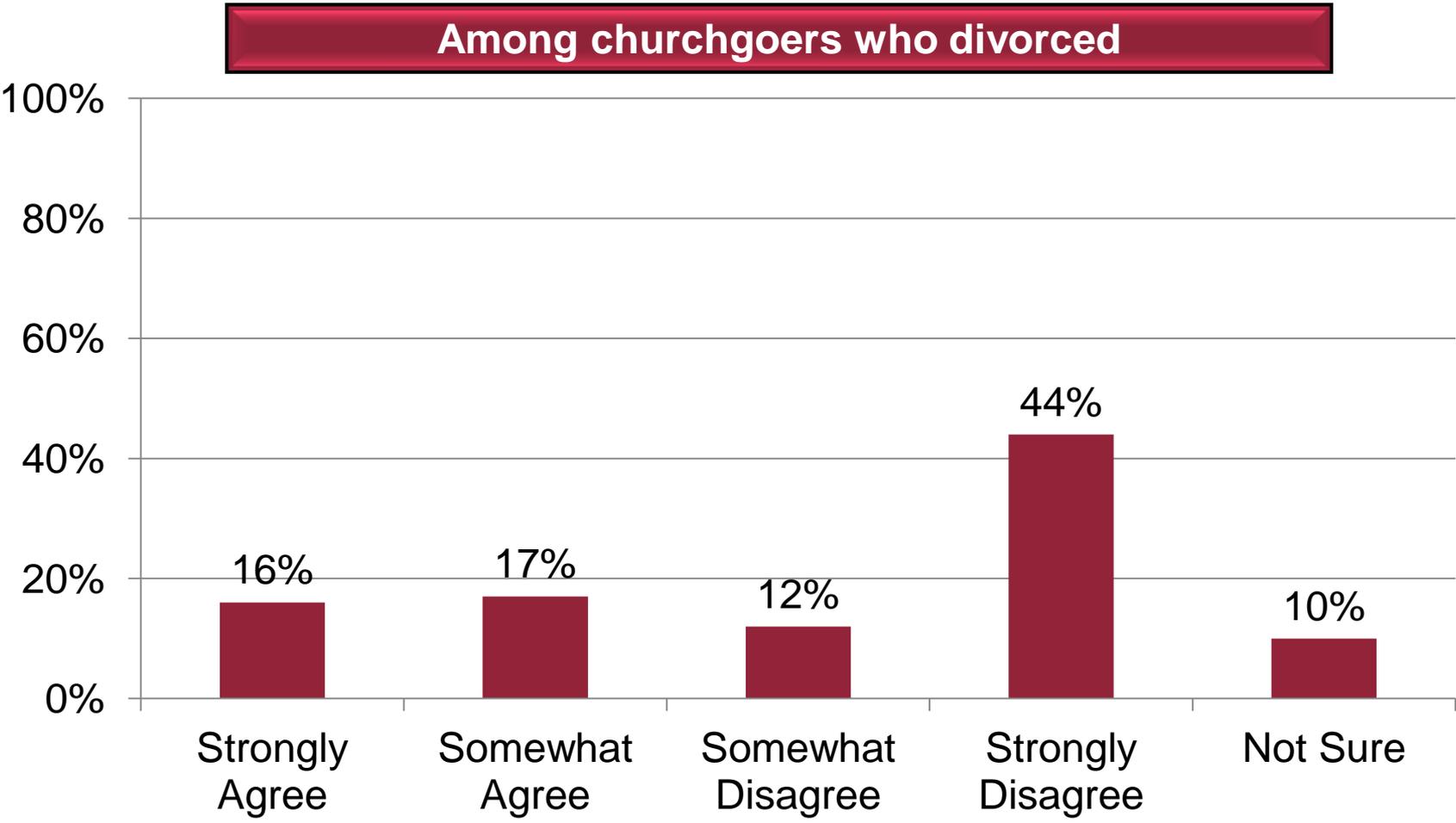
Among churchgoers who divorced



44% of churchgoers who divorced wish the church they attended prior to their separation had given more hands-on help for a healthy marriage



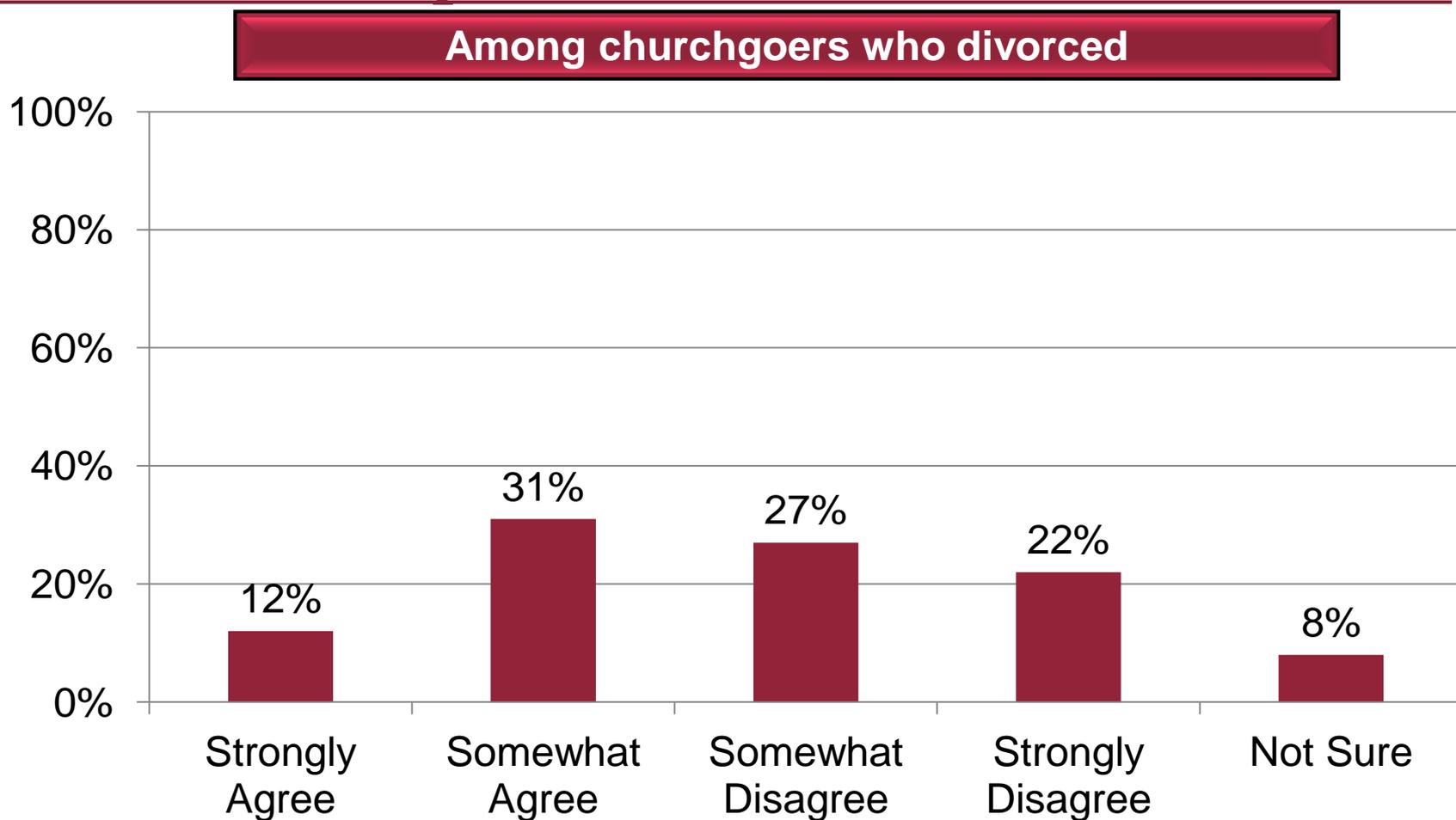
34% of churchgoers who divorced say a friendship from church has grown more strained after their divorce



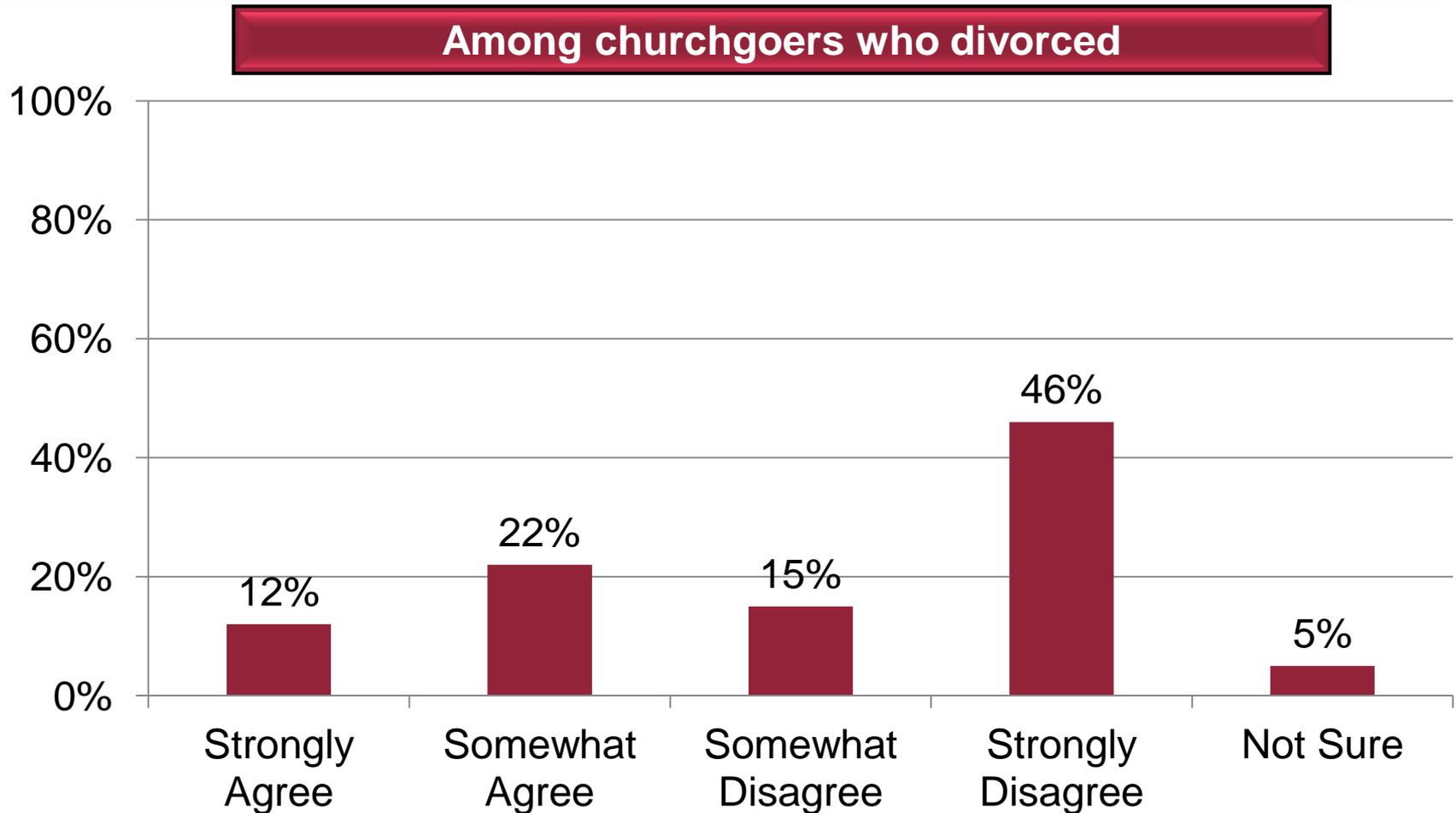
Q30 "A relationship with a friend from church has grown more strained in the aftermath of my divorce."



43% of churchgoers who divorced agree that churches can prevent divorce

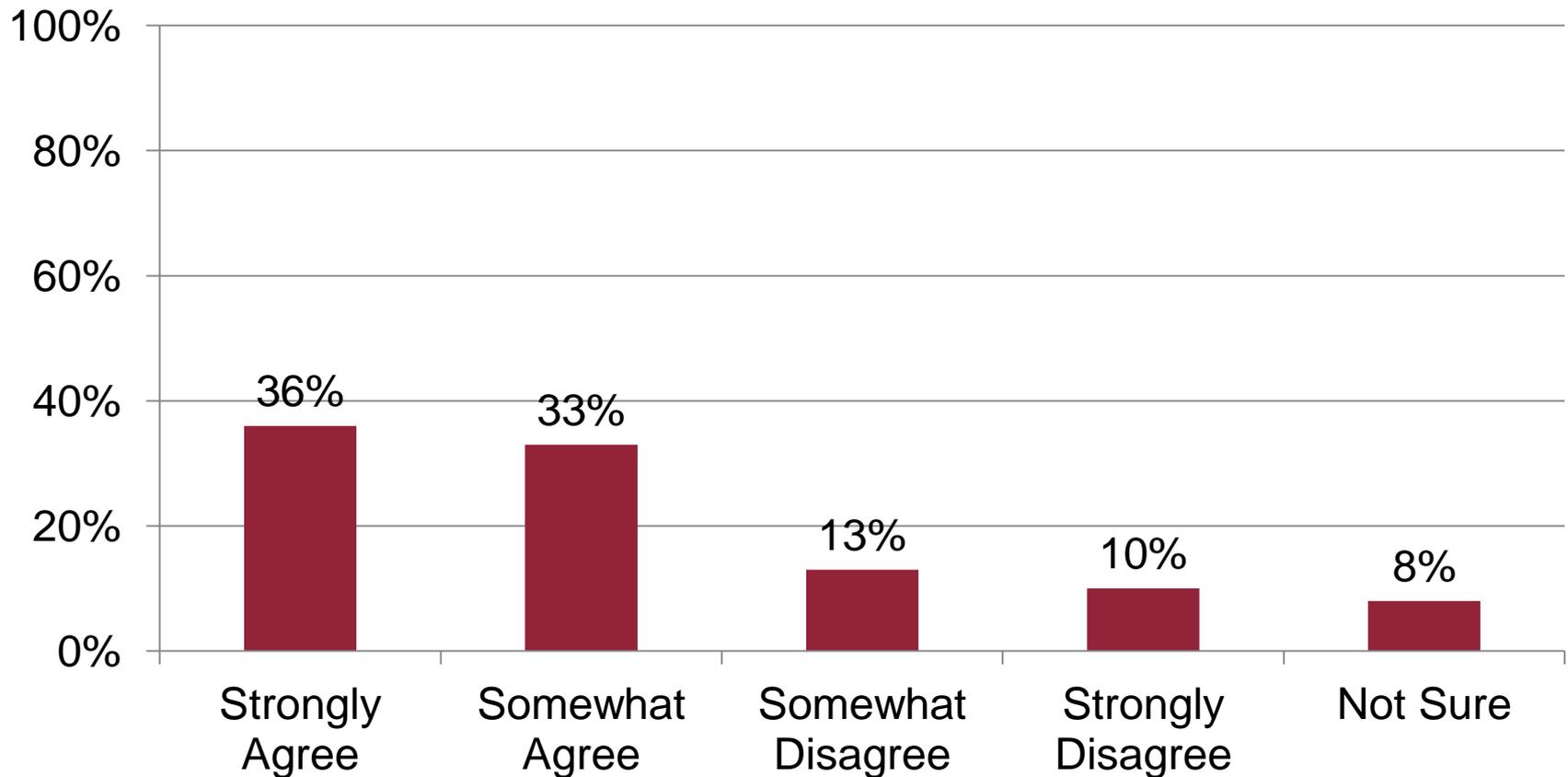


34% of churchgoers who divorced feel they have failed God because of their divorce



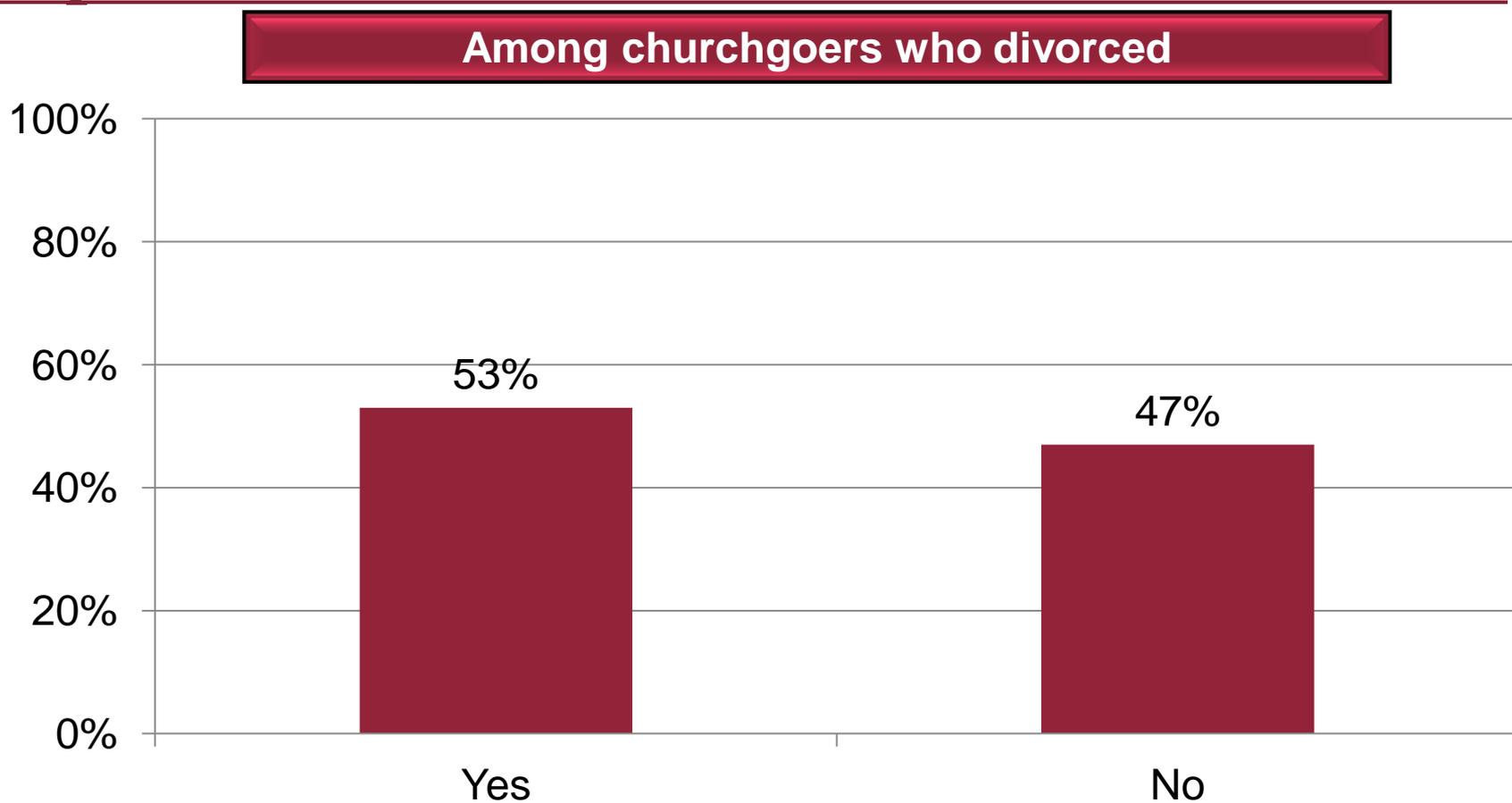
Almost 7 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced agree that their divorce has brought them closer to God

Among churchgoers who divorced

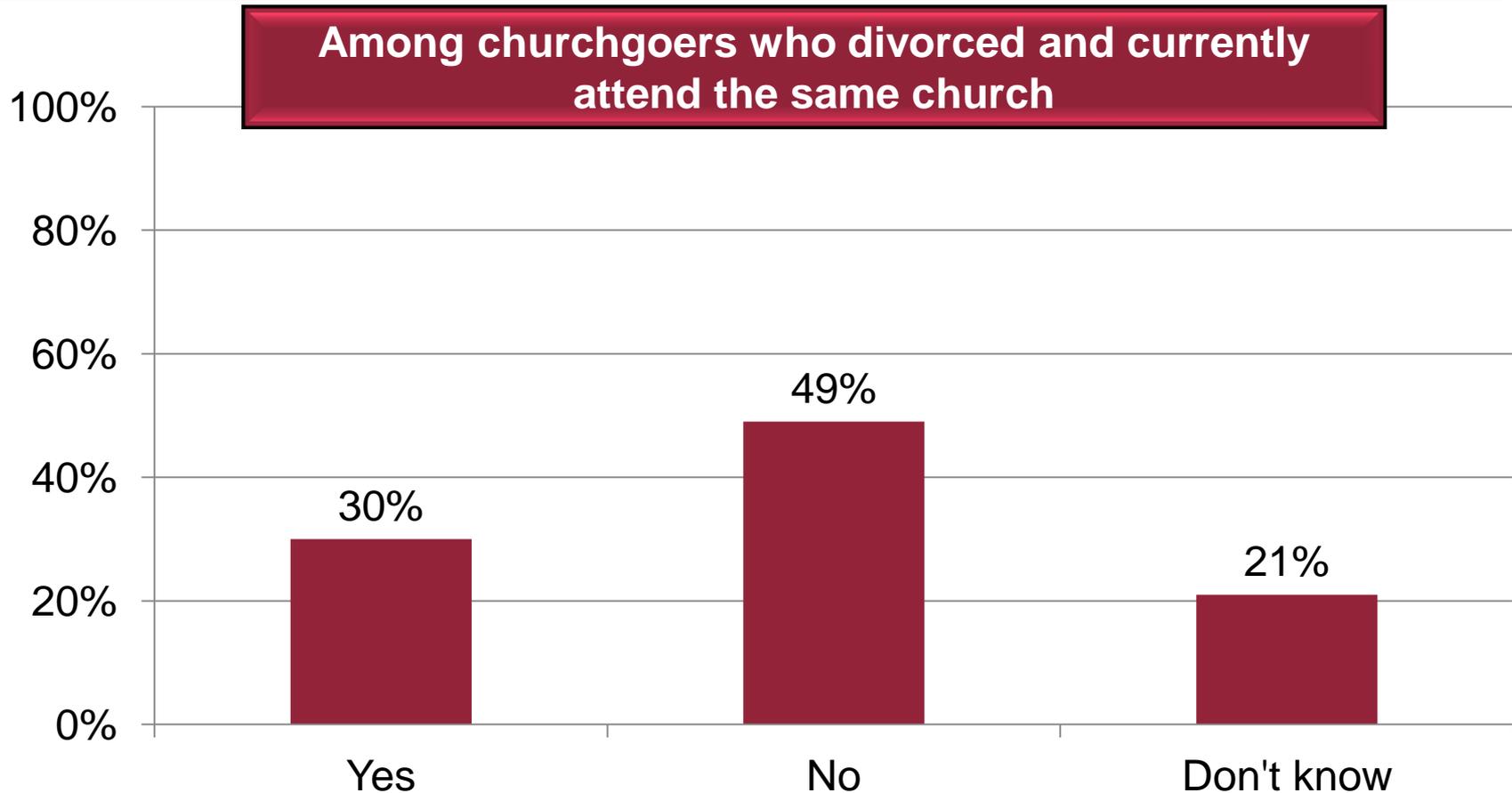


Current practices and views among churchgoers who divorced

53% of churchgoers who divorced attend the same church they attended prior to their separation



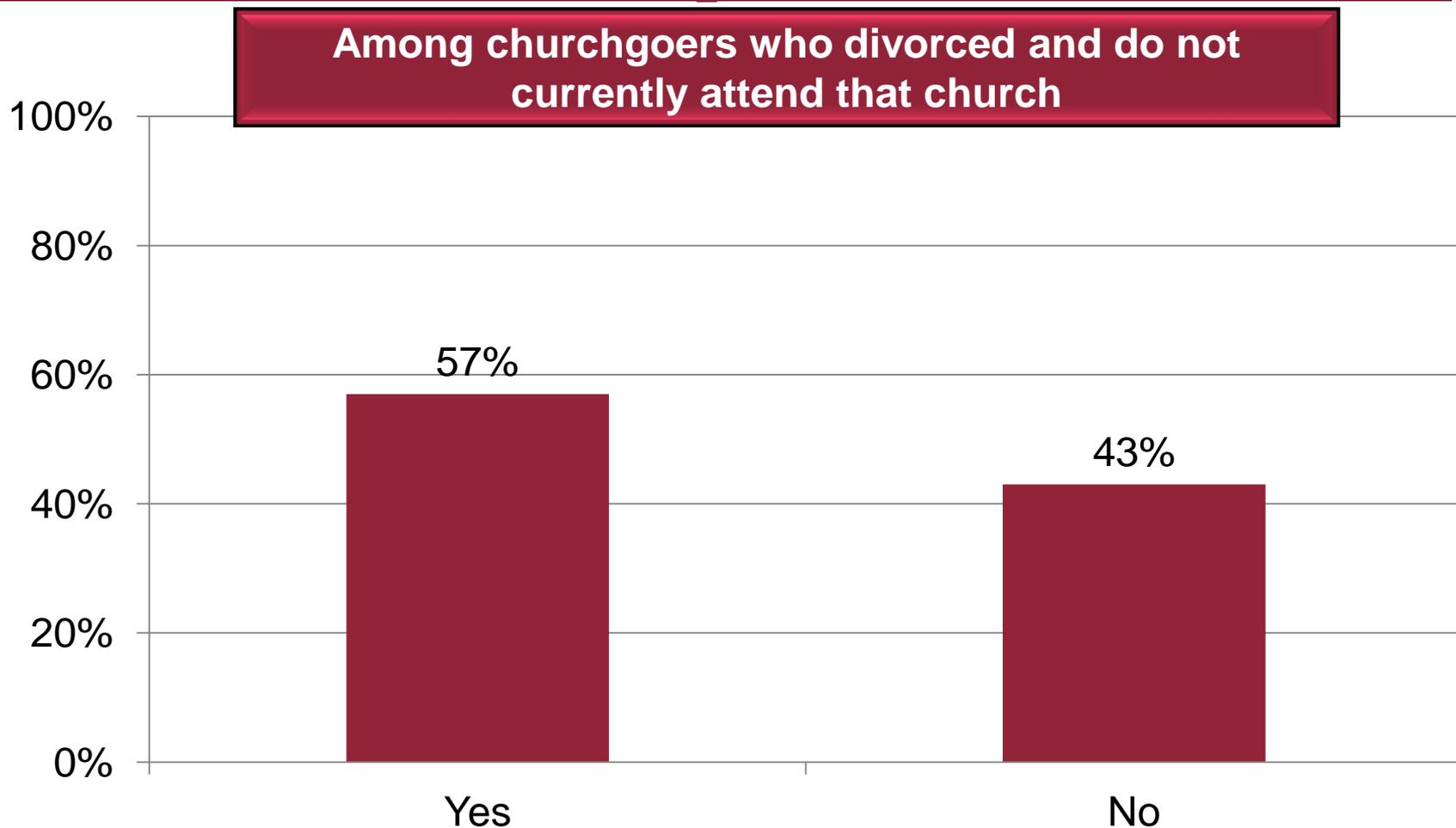
30% of churchgoers who divorced say their former spouse still attends the same church they attended prior to their separation; 21% do not know



Only 10% of churchgoers who divorced indicate that both they and their former spouse are still attending the same church.

Q35: "Is your former spouse still attending the church you attended prior to your separation?" Asked if former spouse attended the same church as respondent once a month or more in Q10. n=453

57% of churchgoers who divorced attend a different church than prior to their divorce



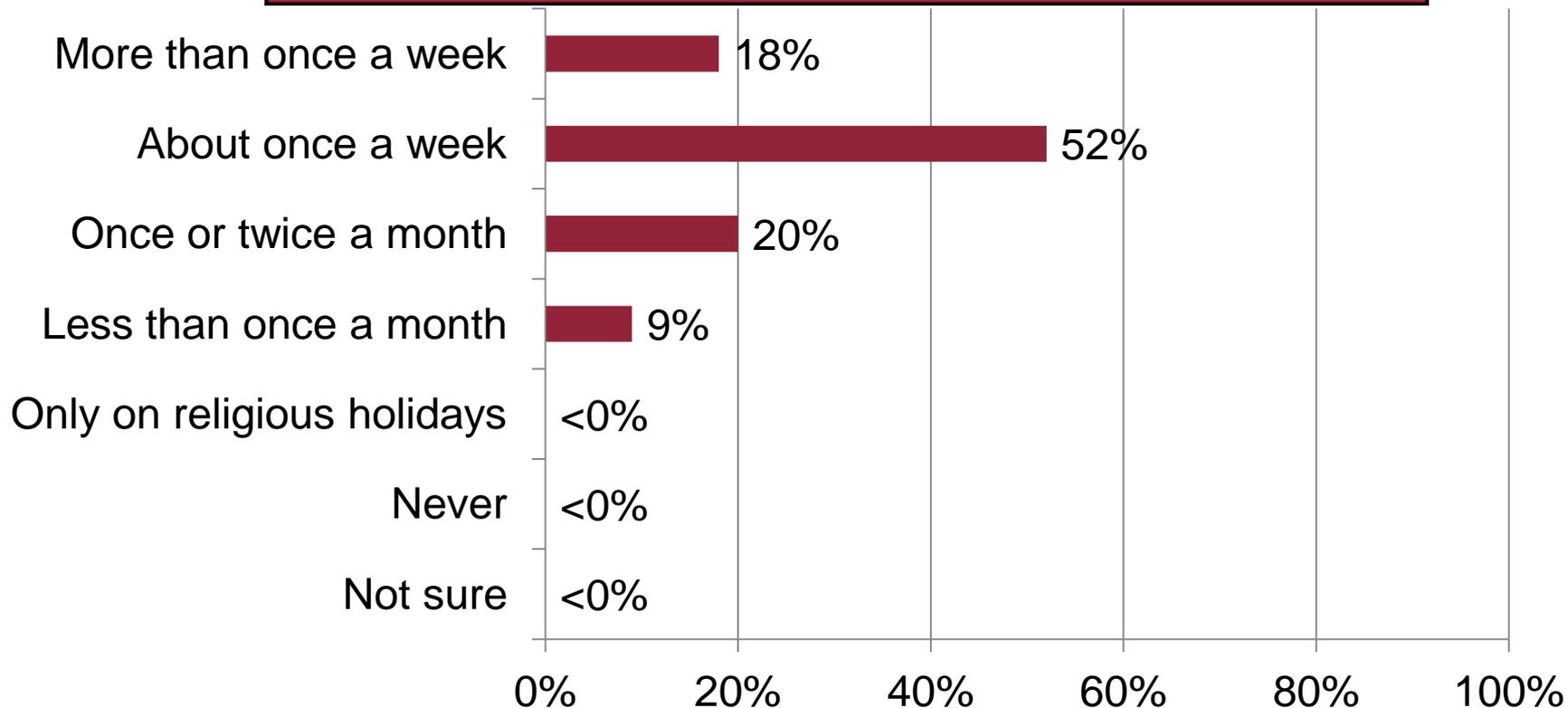
1 in 5 churchgoers who get divorced leave the church

Among churchgoers who divorced who had been attending a Christian church once a month or more 3 months before separating from their former spouse:

- ❑ 20% are not currently attending a Christian church
- ❑ 80% are attending a Christian church

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church, 7 out of 10 attend worship services at least once a week

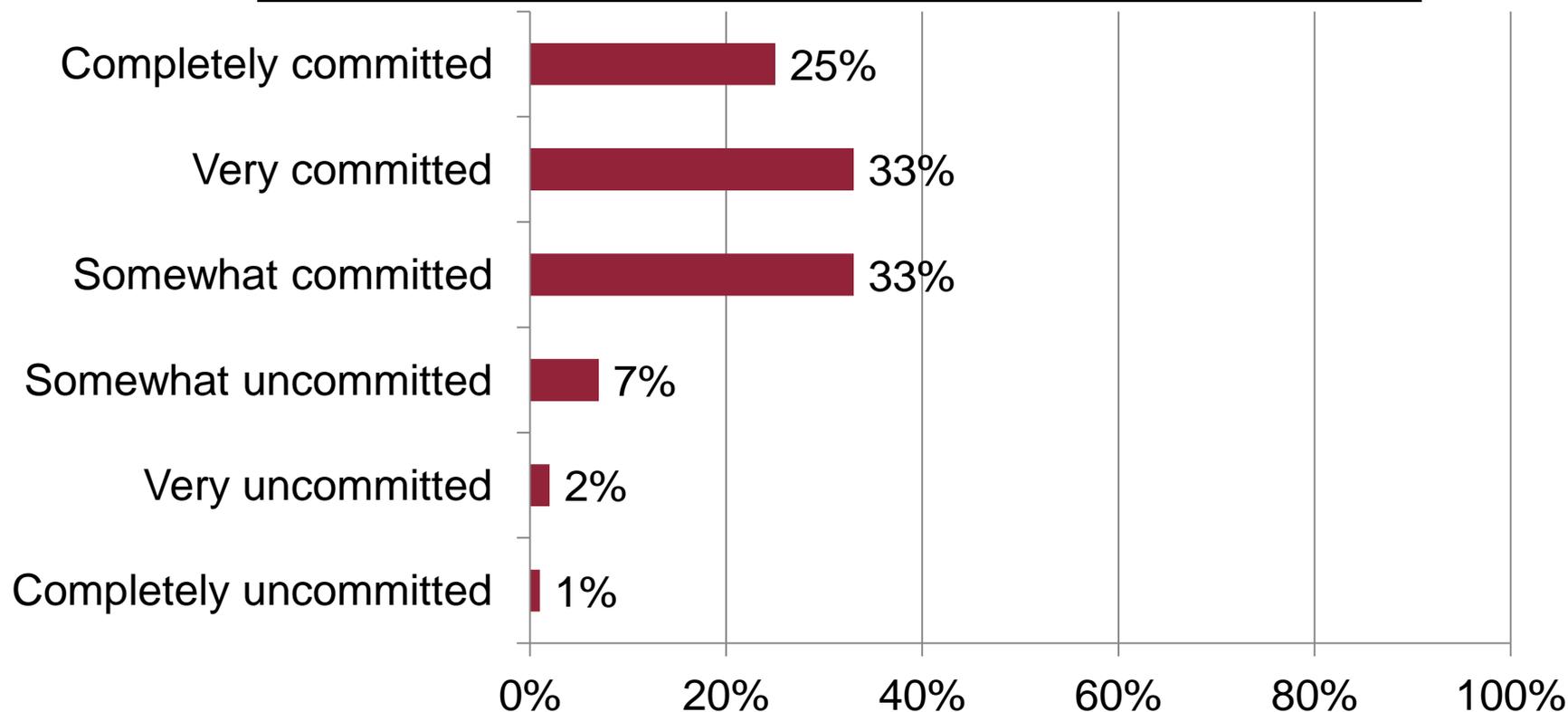
Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q37: "How often do you personally attend worship services at a Christian church? (Select One)" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=837

9 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church say they are committed to their church today

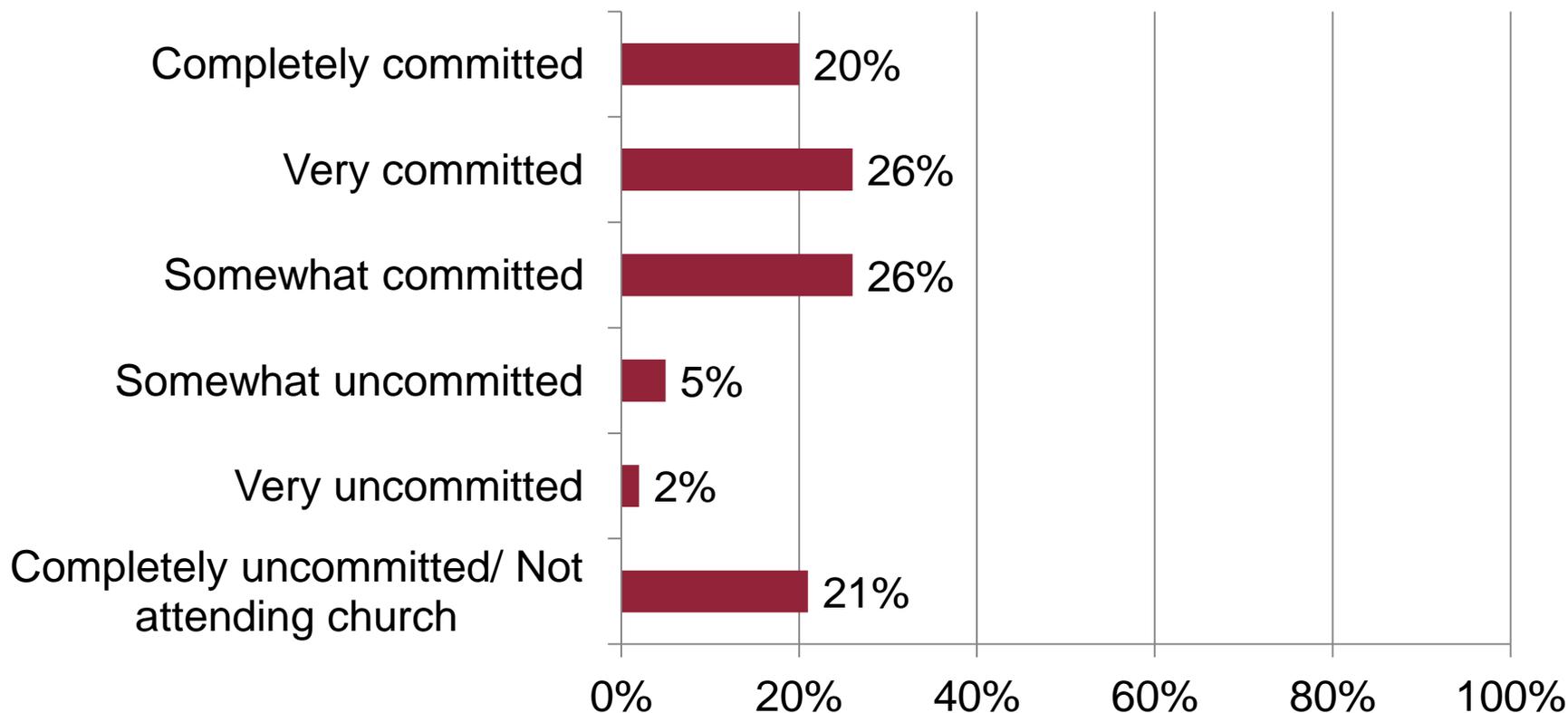
Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q38: "What is your level of commitment to your church today?" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=837

However, a more complete picture of commitment to church must include those who left

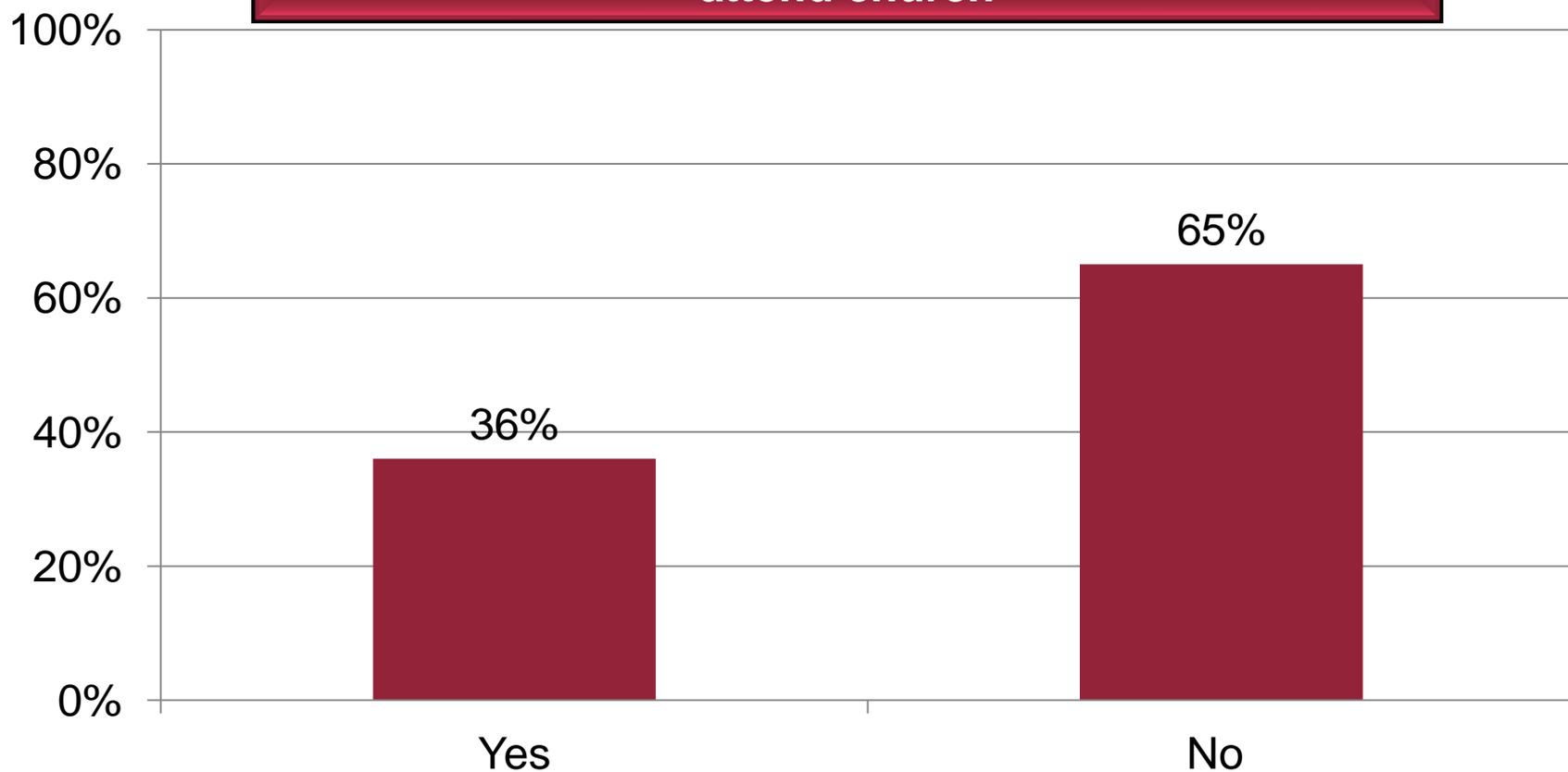
Among churchgoers who divorced



Q38: "What is your level of commitment to your church today?" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36 and non-attendees coded as Completely uncommitted.

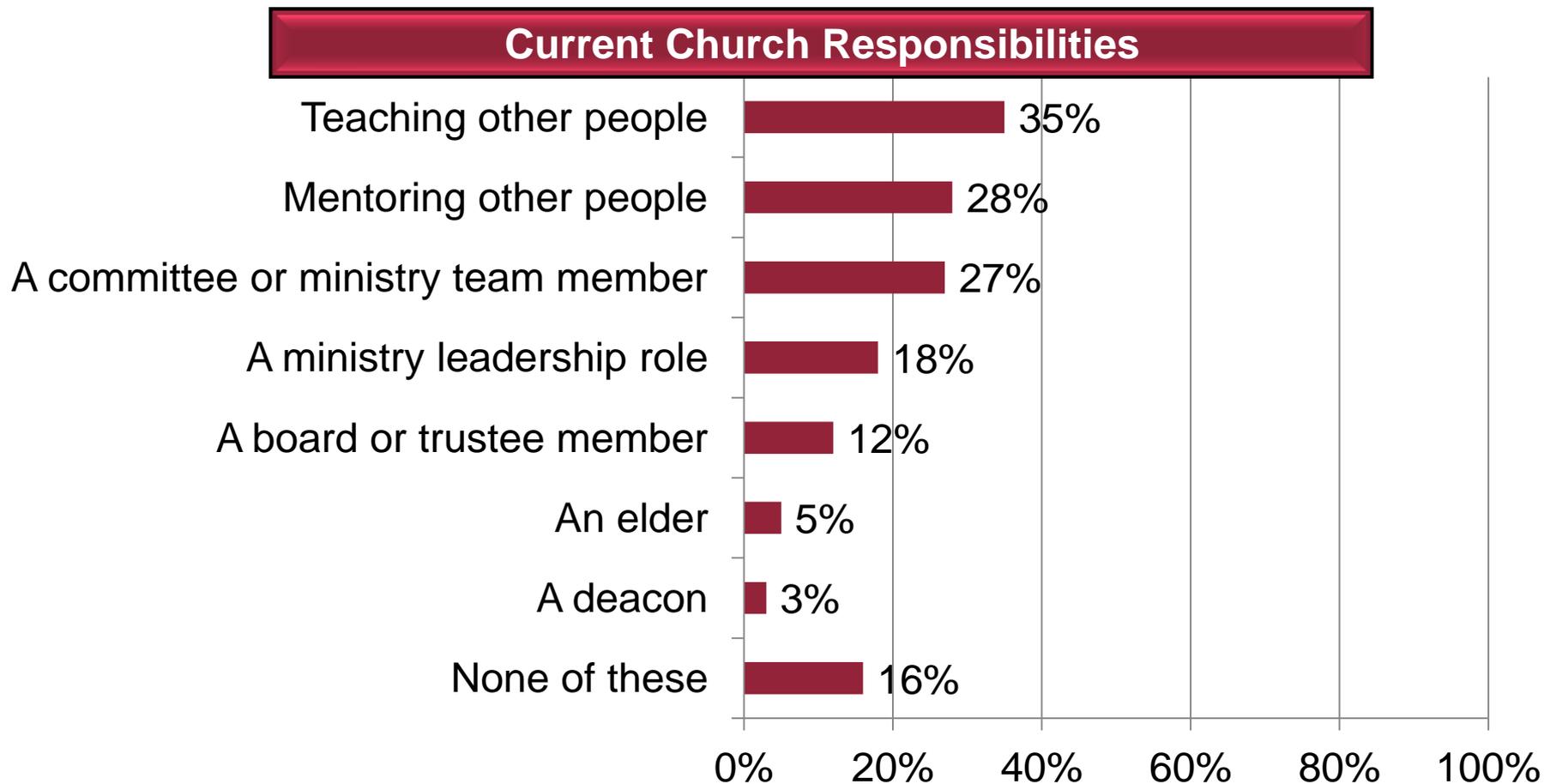
36% of churchgoers who divorced currently have regular responsibilities at their church

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q39 "Do you currently have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=837

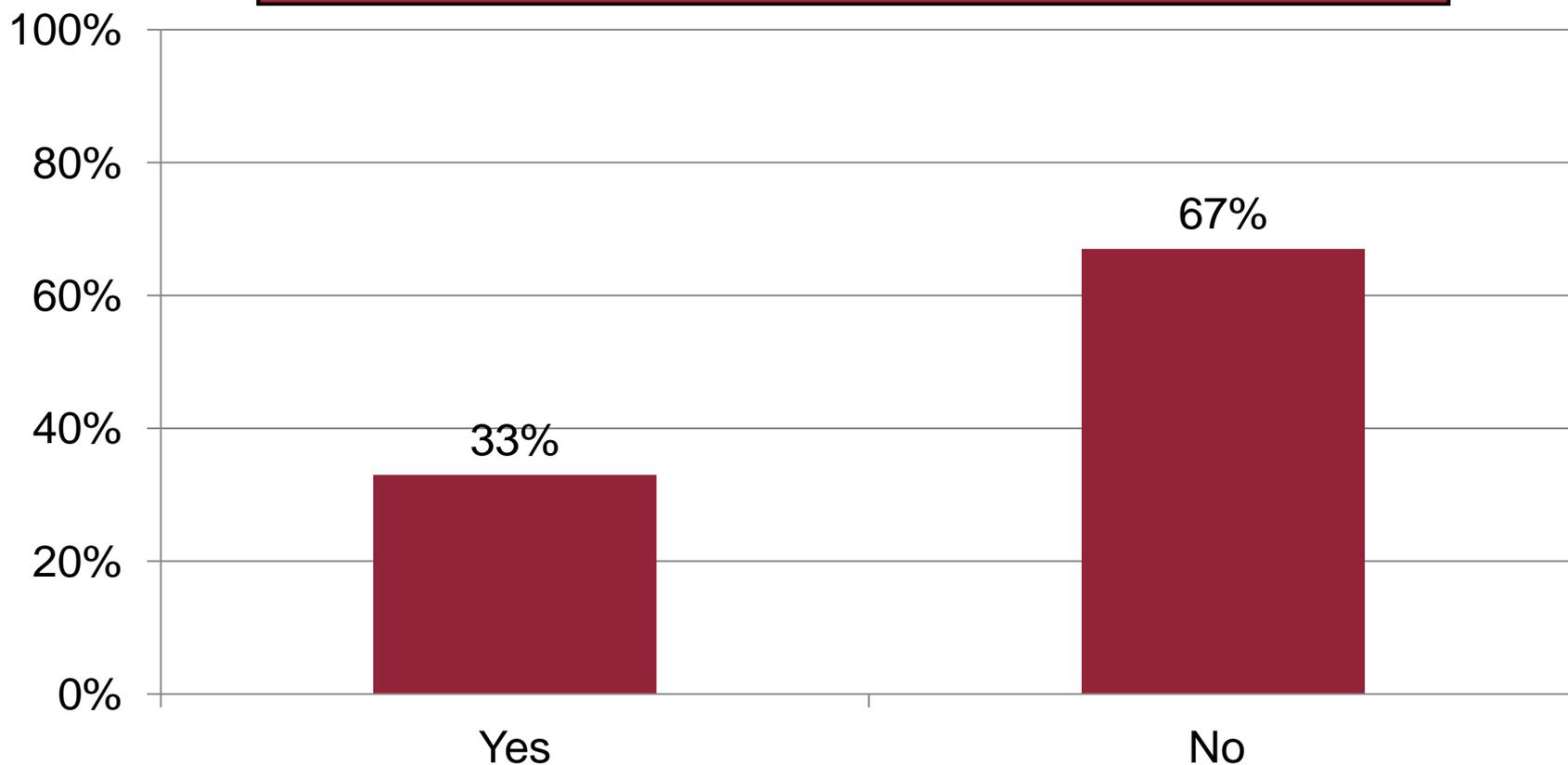
35% of churchgoers who divorced with regular responsibilities at church are involved teaching other people



Q40: "Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)" Asked of those with regular responsibilities. N=288

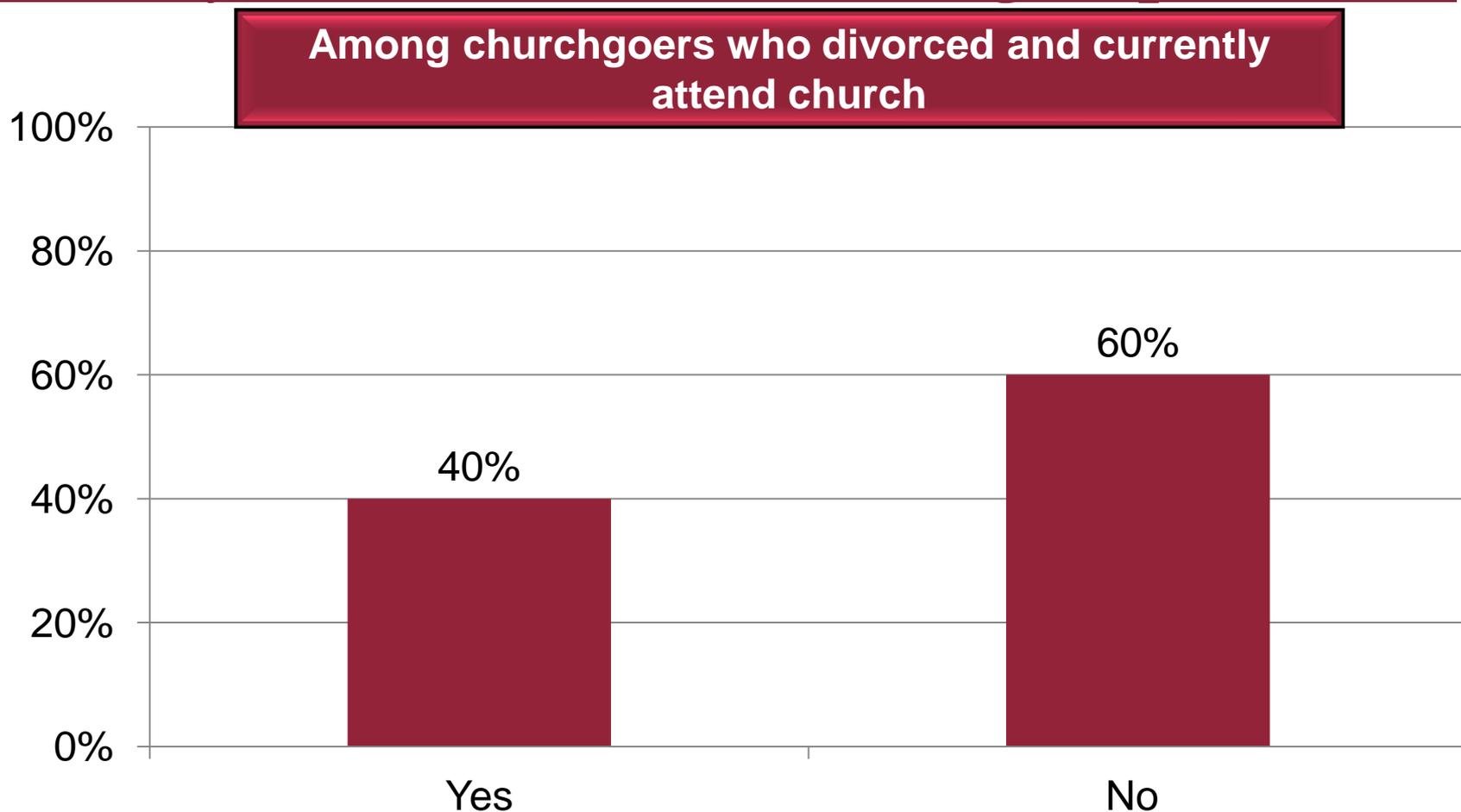
33% of churchgoers who divorced are currently involved with community ministries of projects not affiliated with their church

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q41: "Are you involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=835

4 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced currently participate in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group



Q42: "Are you participating in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at your church?" Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=835

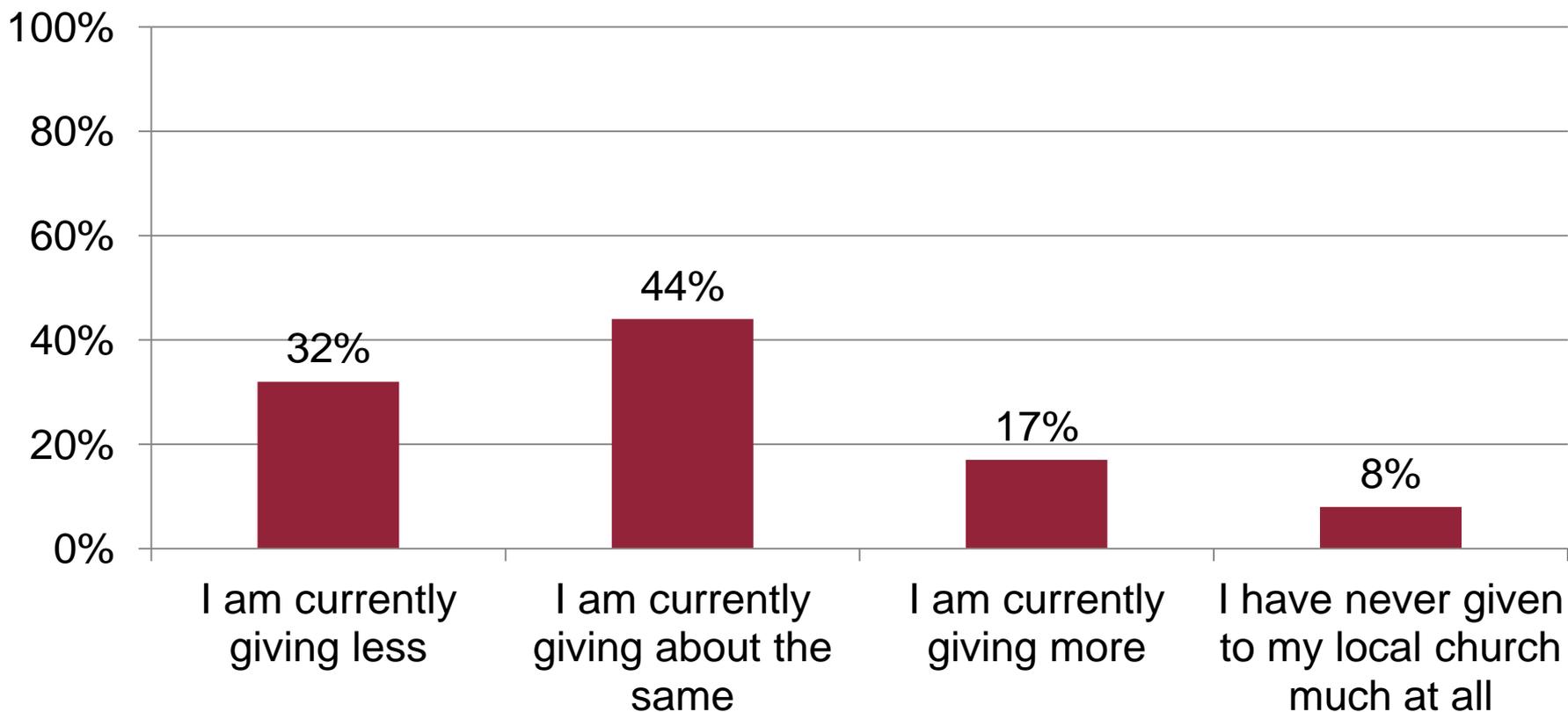
Taking into account the 20% of churchgoers who divorced who leave the church, their involvement after is much lower

Among ALL churchgoers who divorced who had been attending a Christian church once a month, how their involvement has changed since their divorce:

	3 Months before Separation	Currently
Have regular responsibilities at your church	39%	28%
Involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church	34%	27%
Participating in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at your church	46%	32%

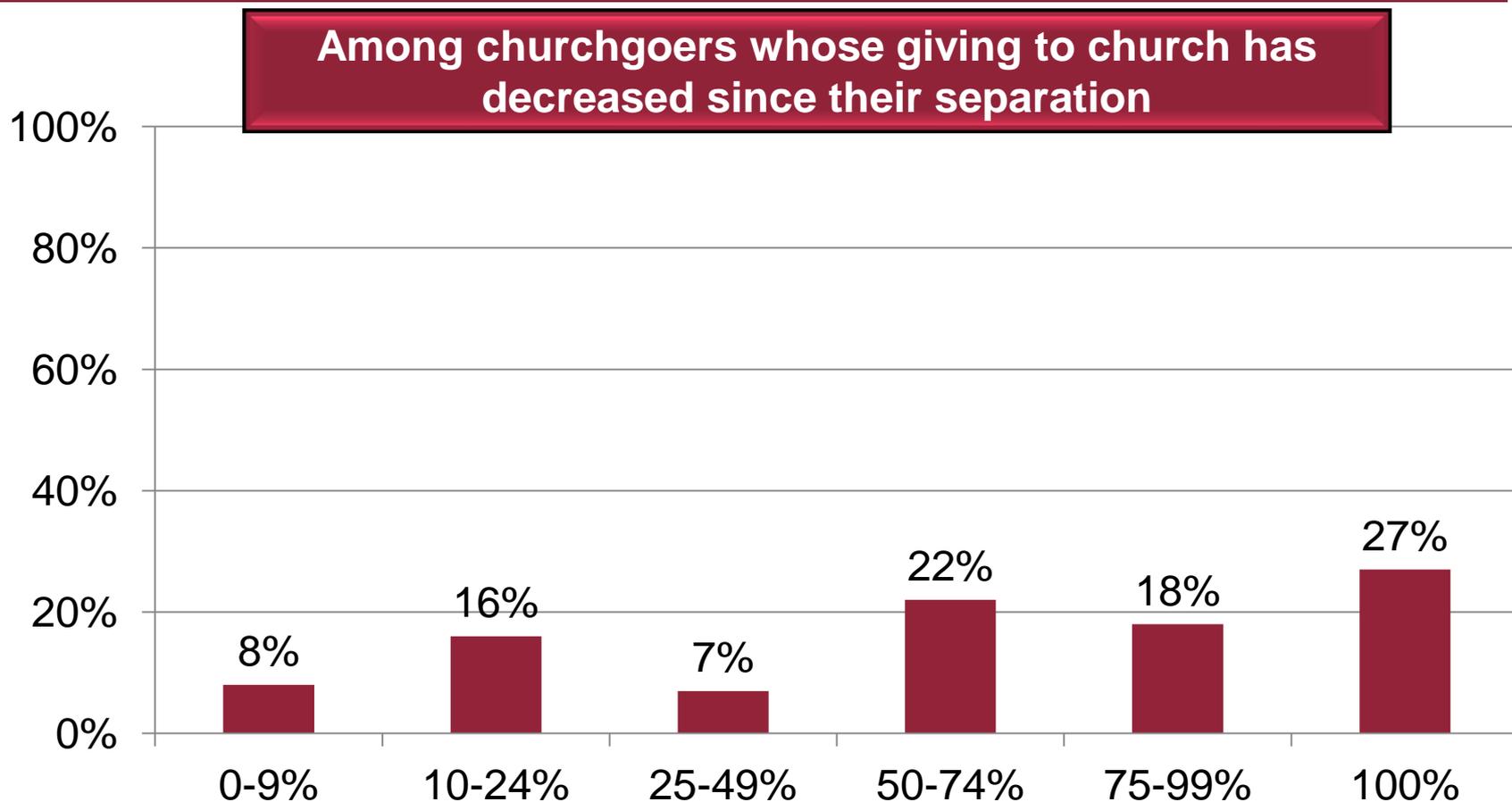
32% of churchgoers who divorced say they currently give less to their church than they were three months prior to their separation

Among churchgoers who divorced



Q43: "How does your current giving to your local church compare to the amount you were giving three months prior to your separation? (Select One)"

27% of those whose giving decreased completely stopped giving to their local church

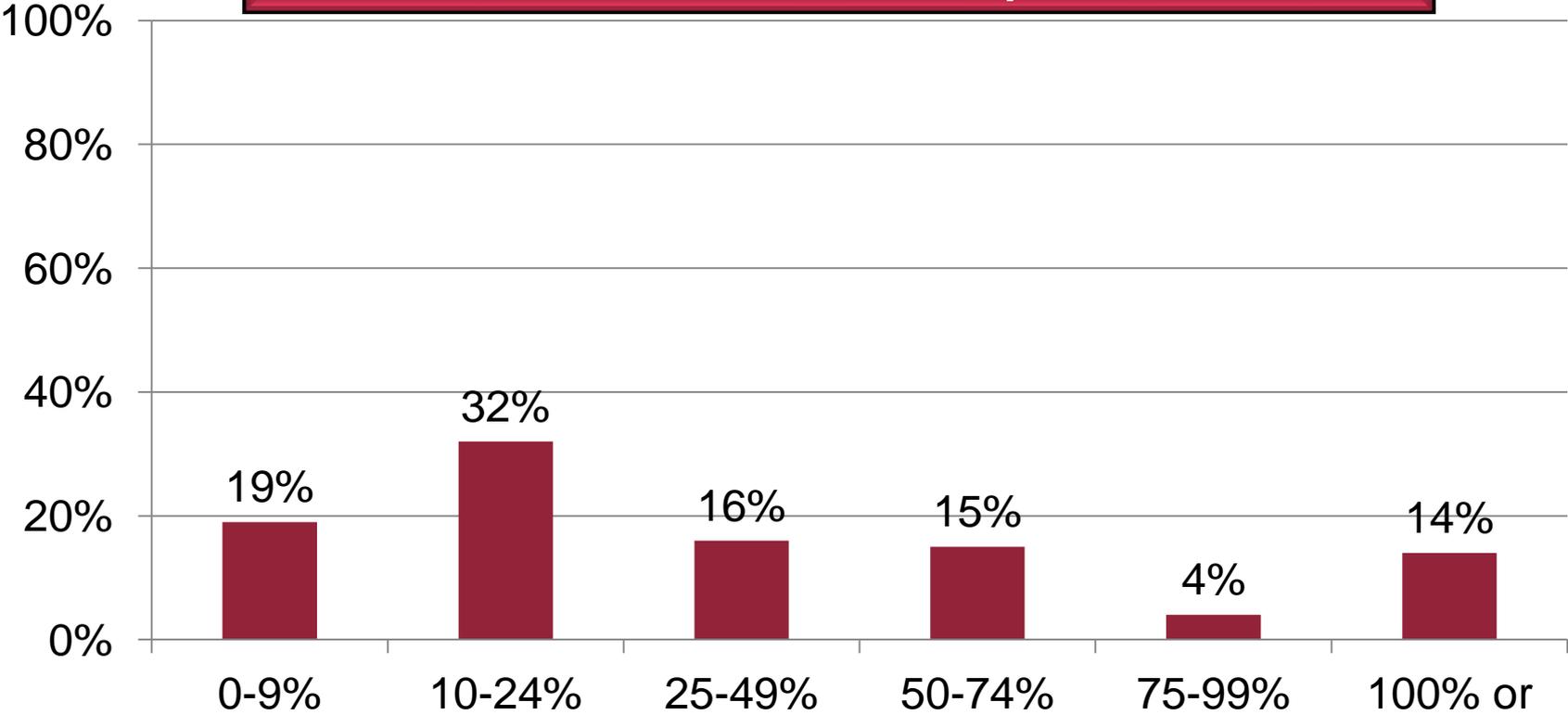


Among those whose giving has decreased, the median is a 50% decrease

Q44: "By about what percentage has your giving decreased to your local church today compared to 3 months prior to your separation?"

14% of those who increased their giving are giving at least twice as much compared to three months prior to their separation

Among churchgoers whose giving to church has increased since their separation



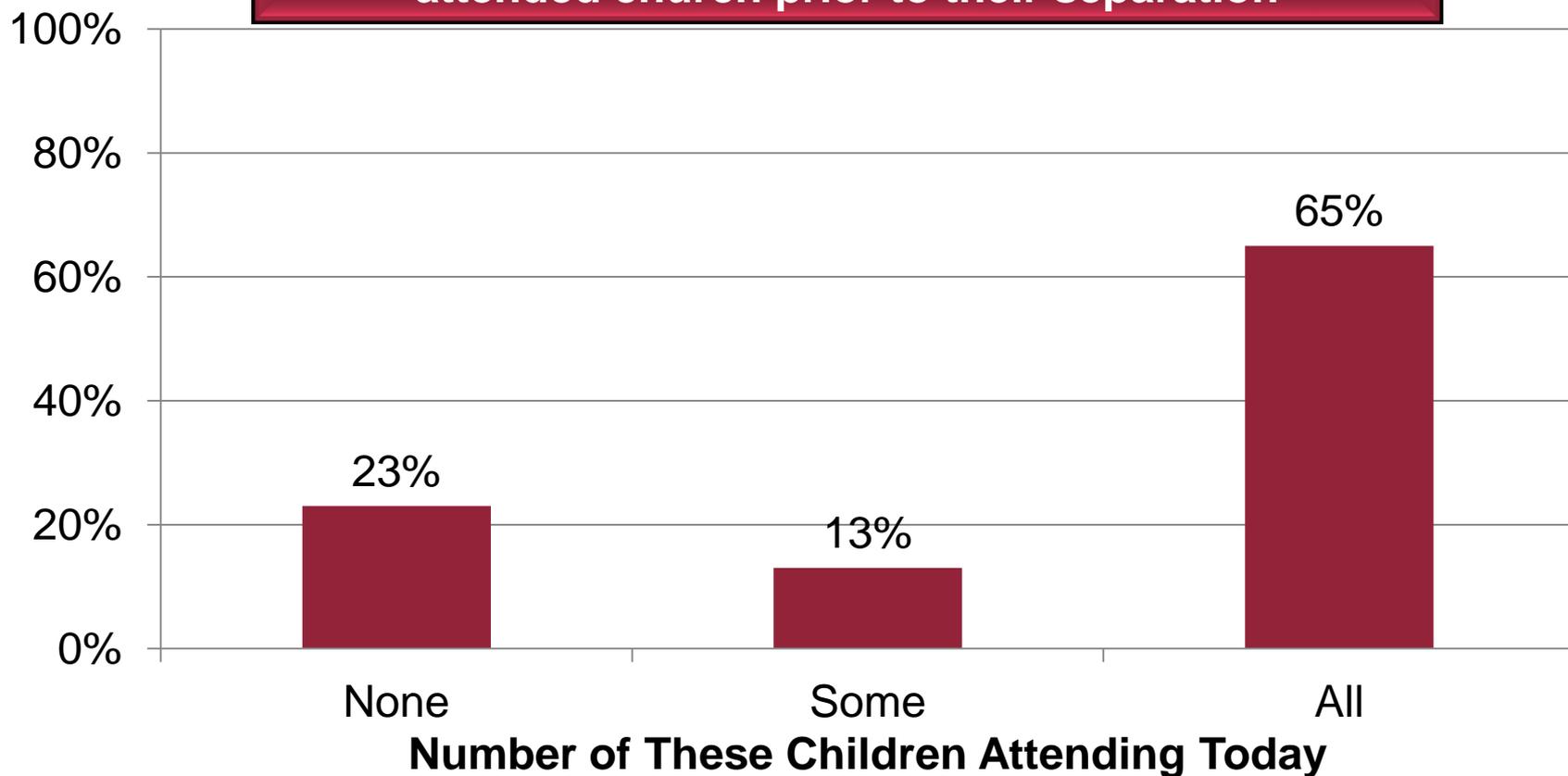
Among those whose giving has increased, the median is a 20% increase



Q44: "By about what percentage has your giving increased to your local church today compared to 3 months prior to your separation?"

Among parents with children attending before the divorce, 35% say at least one child stopped attending after the separation

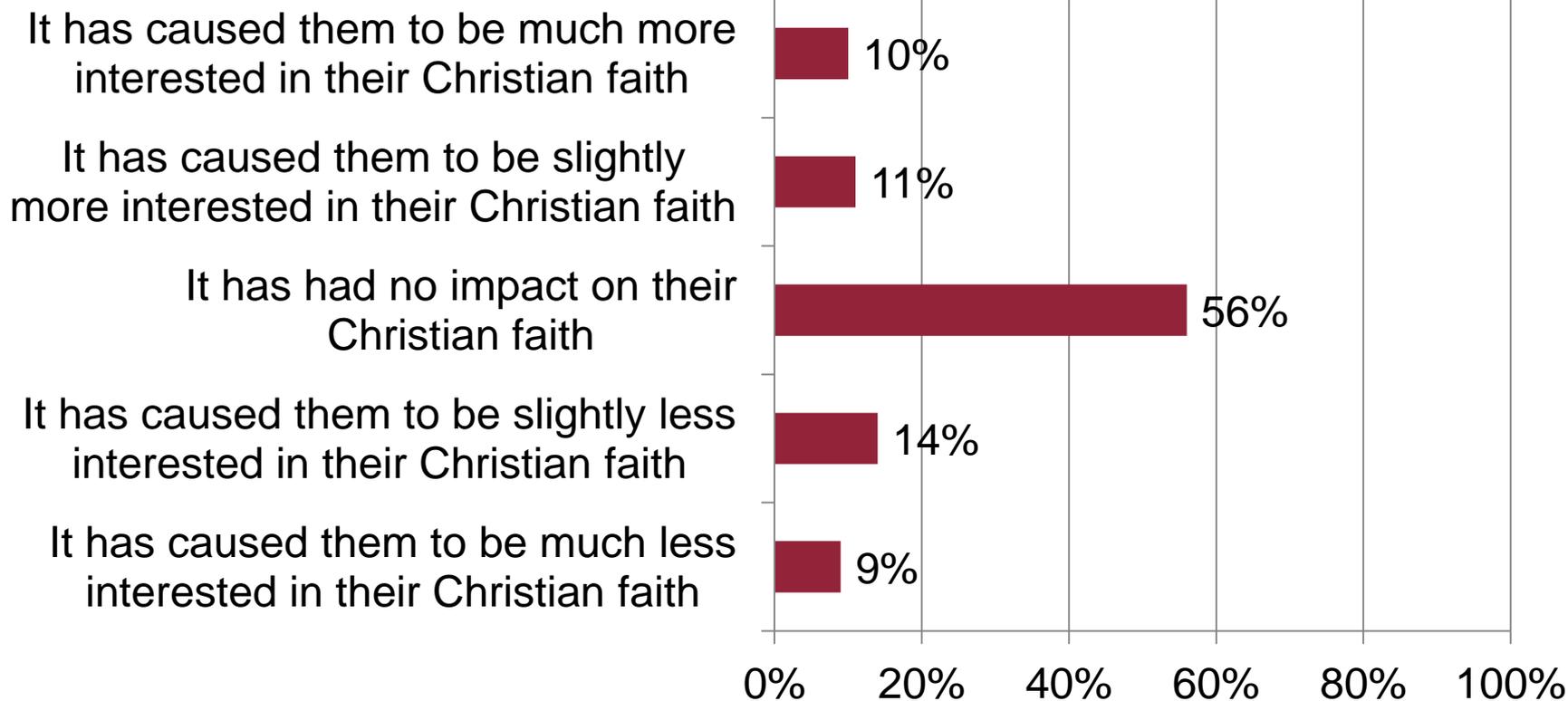
Among churchgoers who divorced with children who attended church prior to their separation



Q46: "Of the [insert Q20 number] child/children who attended church with you prior to your separation, how many currently attend church regularly (with you or someone else)? (Enter a zero if none)" Asked of those with >0 children attending 3 months before separation Q20. n=524

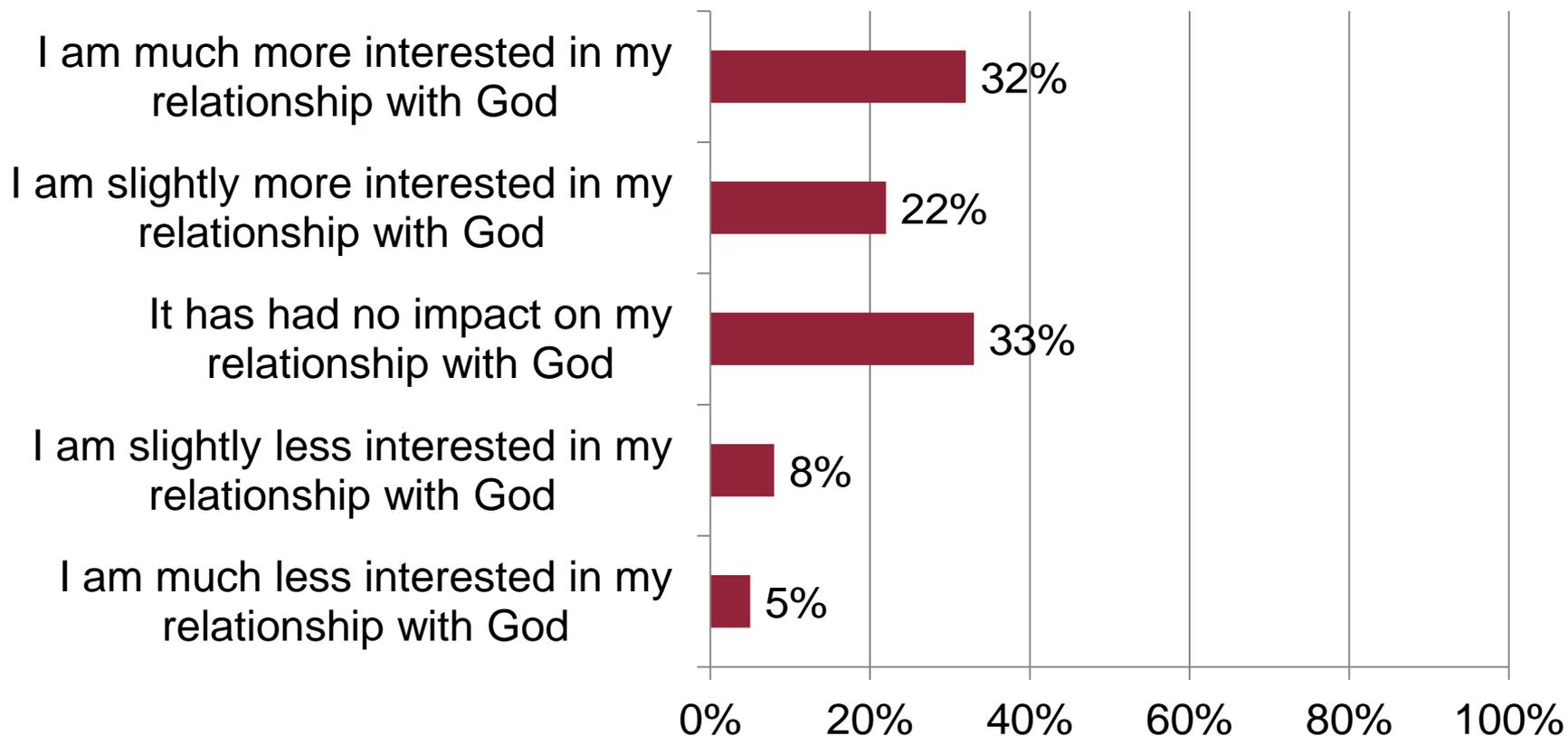
56% of churchgoers who divorced say that their separation/divorce has had no spiritual impact on their children

Among churchgoers who divorced with children under 18 in their care at the time of their separation



54% of churchgoers who divorced say that their divorce has made them more interested in their relationship with God

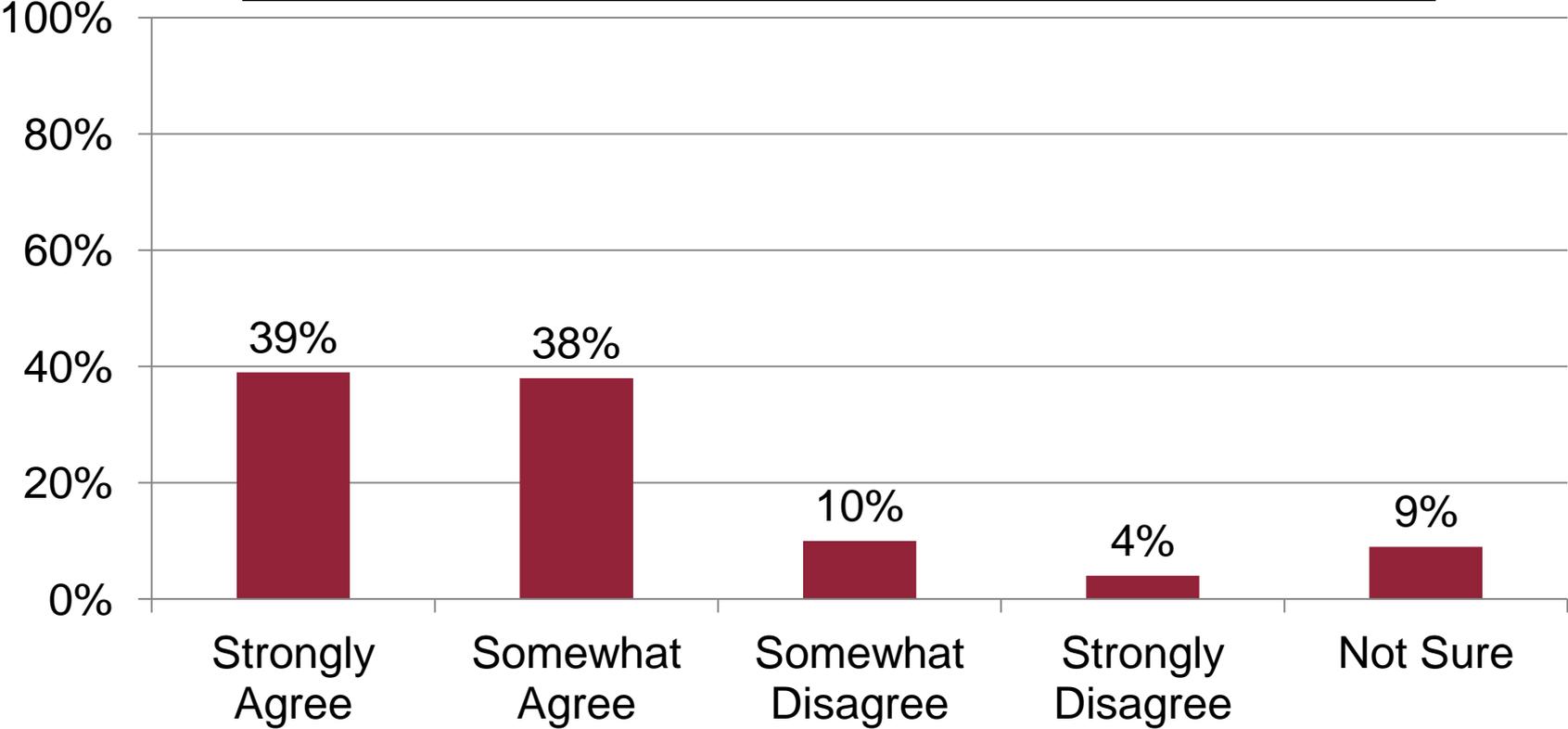
Among churchgoers who divorced



Q48: "How has your divorce impacted your relationship with God, if at all?"

77% of churchgoers who divorced agree that their church is concerned about marriages in the congregation

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church

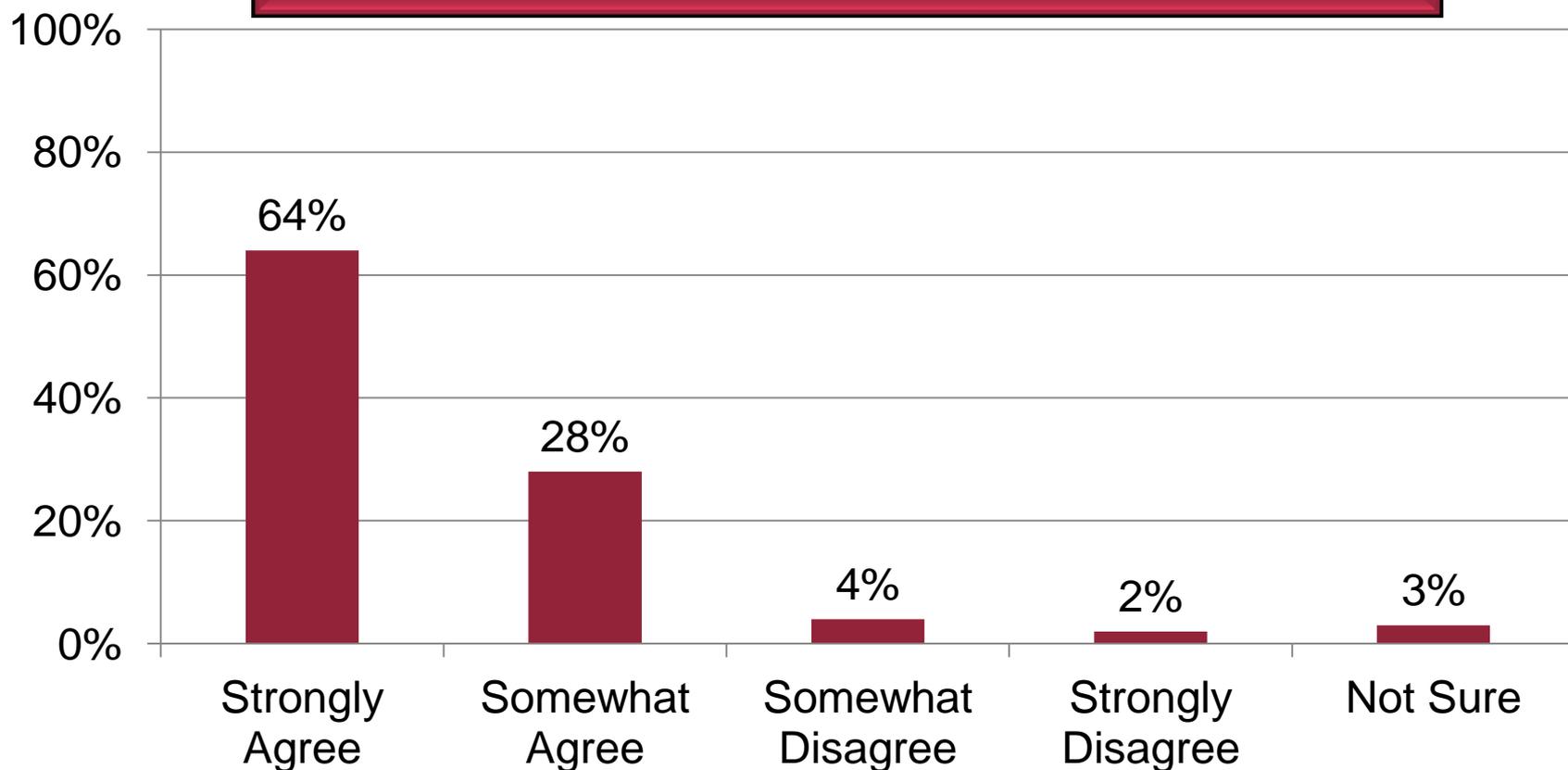


Q49: "My church is concerned about marriages in the congregation." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=838

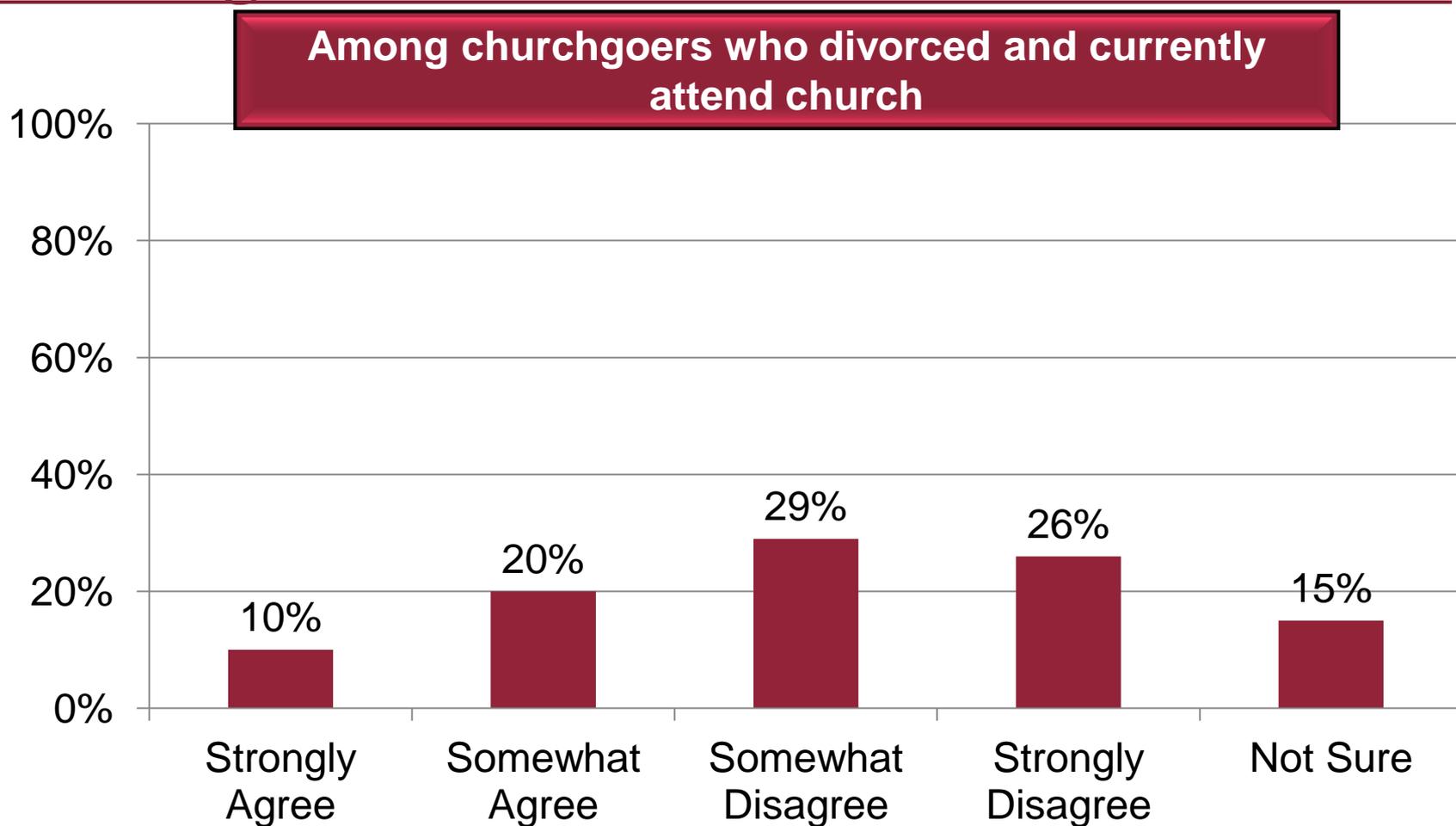


92% of churchgoers who divorced agree that their church values healthy marriages

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church

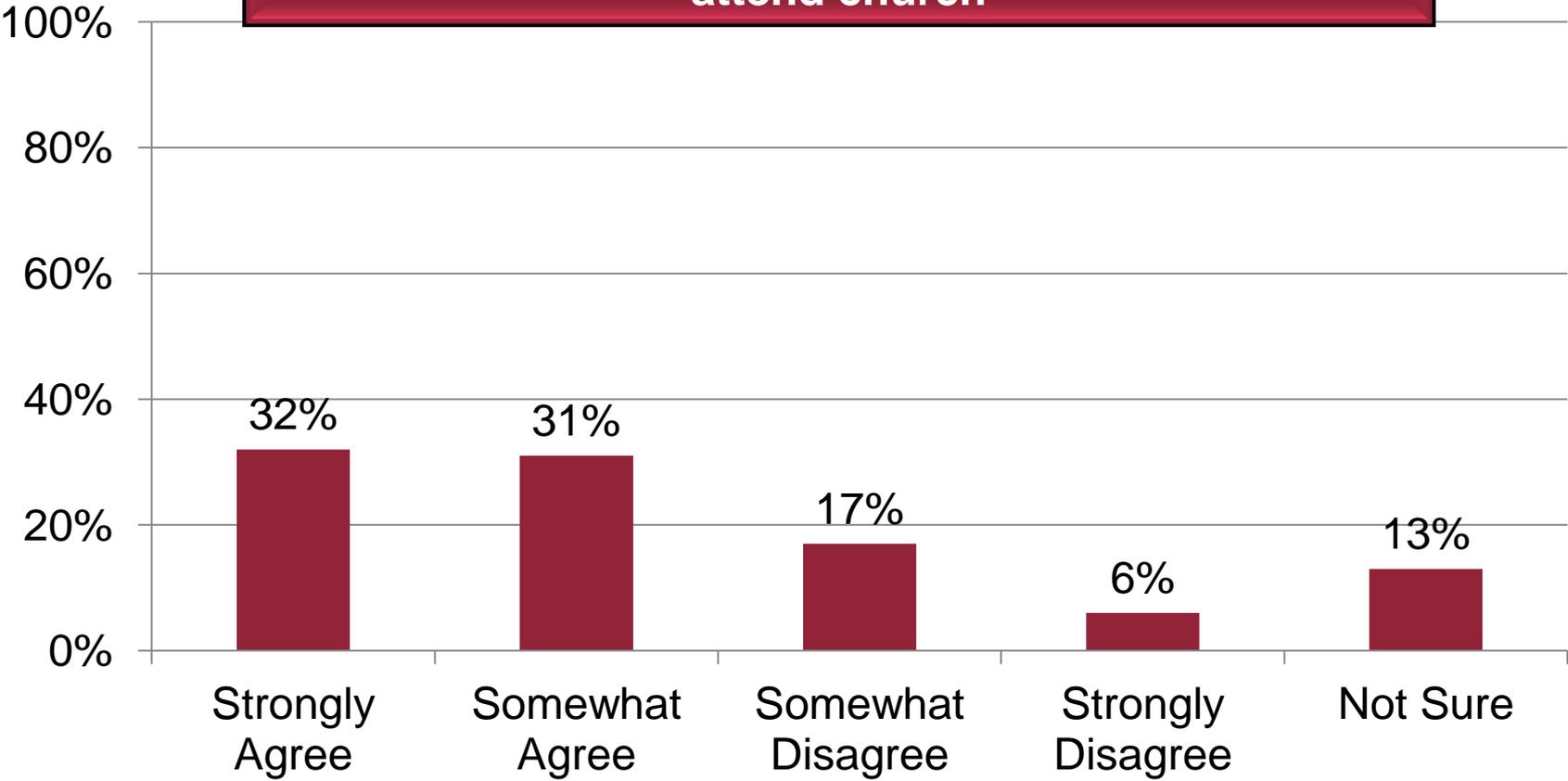


3 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced agree that their church is too idealistic about marriage



6 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced agree that their church provides enough help for married couples

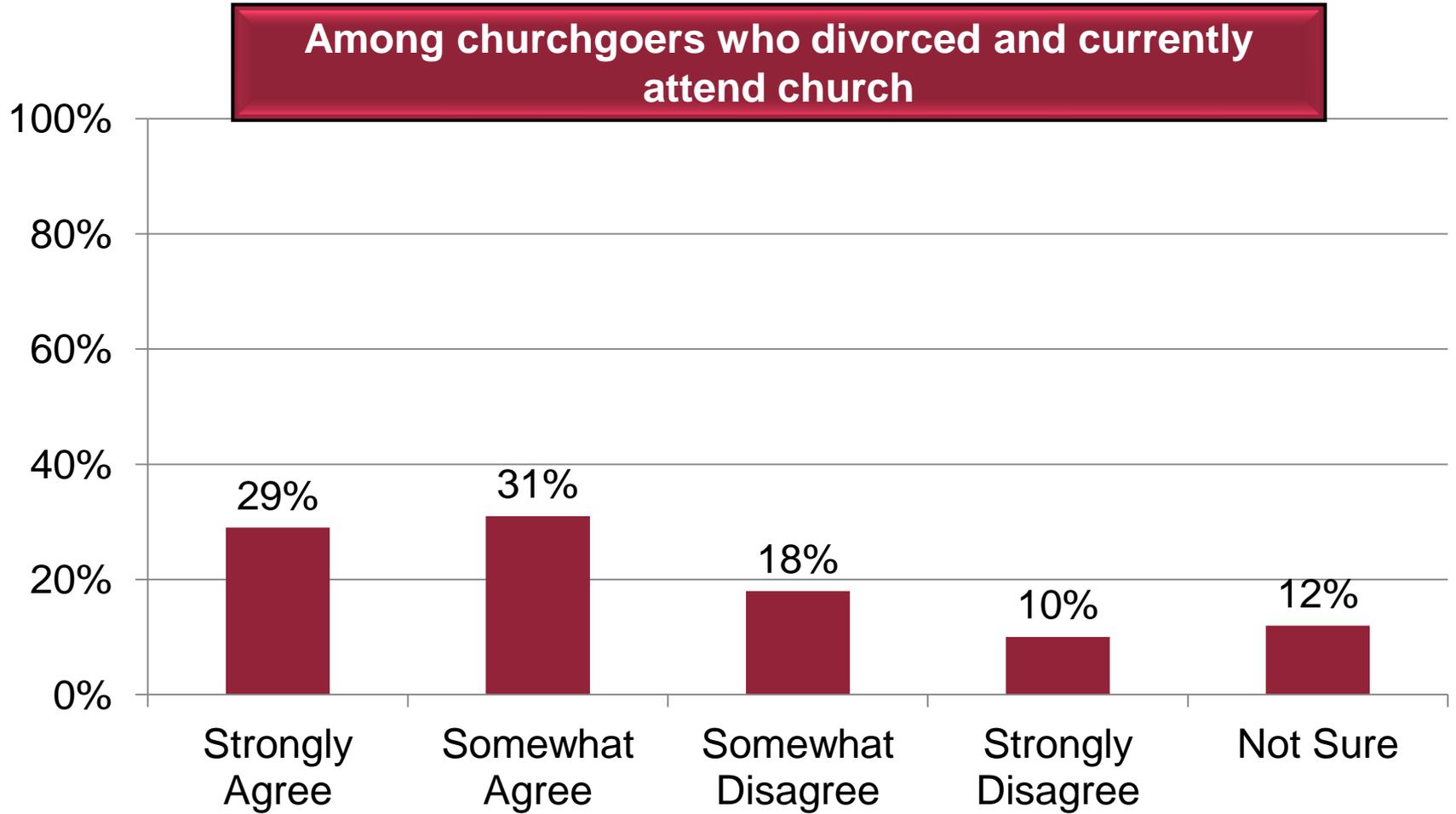
Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q52: "My church provides enough help for married couples." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=838



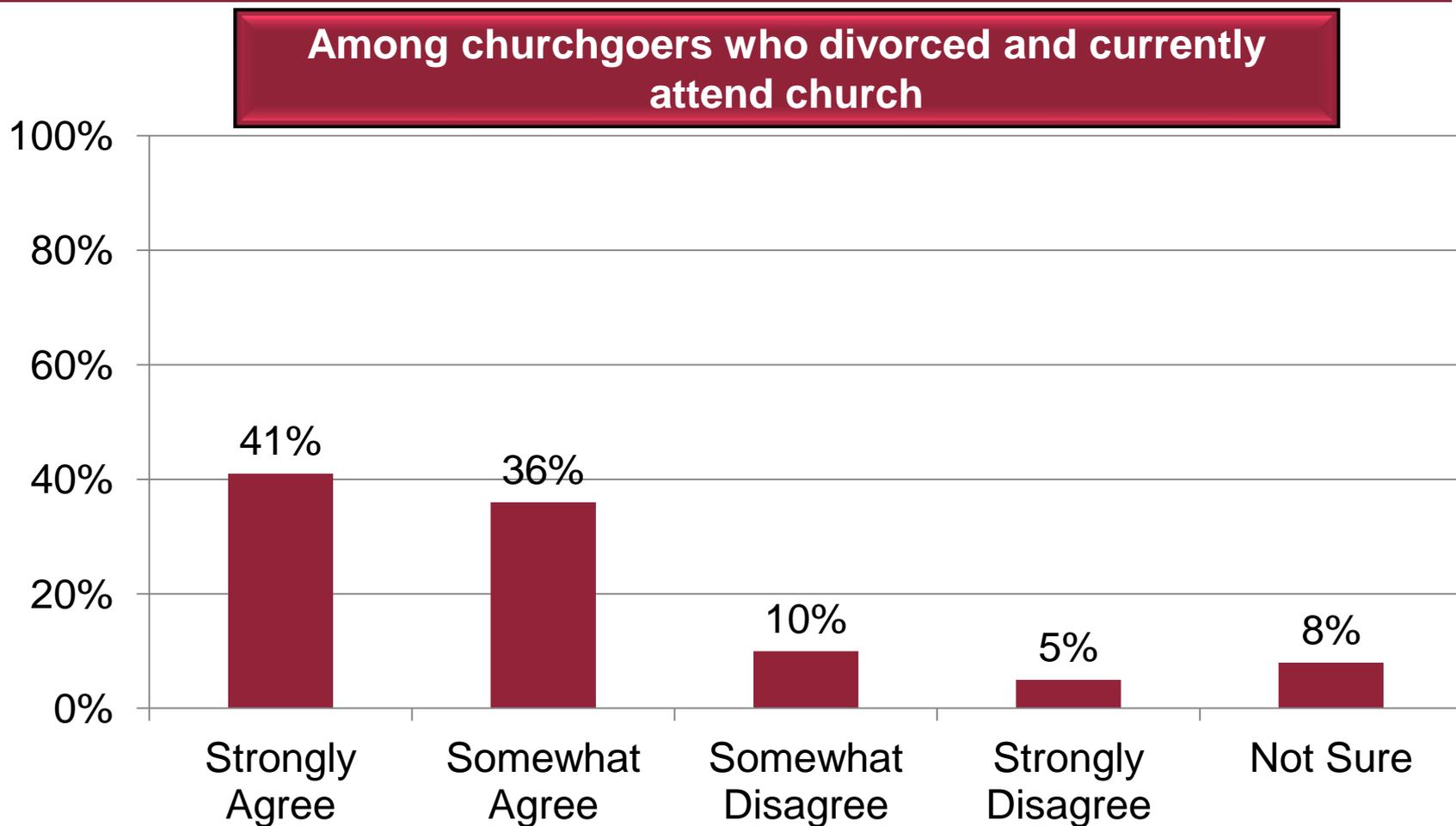
6 out of 10 churchgoers who divorced agree that their church provides enough help for people who have divorced



Q53: "My church provides enough help for people who have divorced." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=838

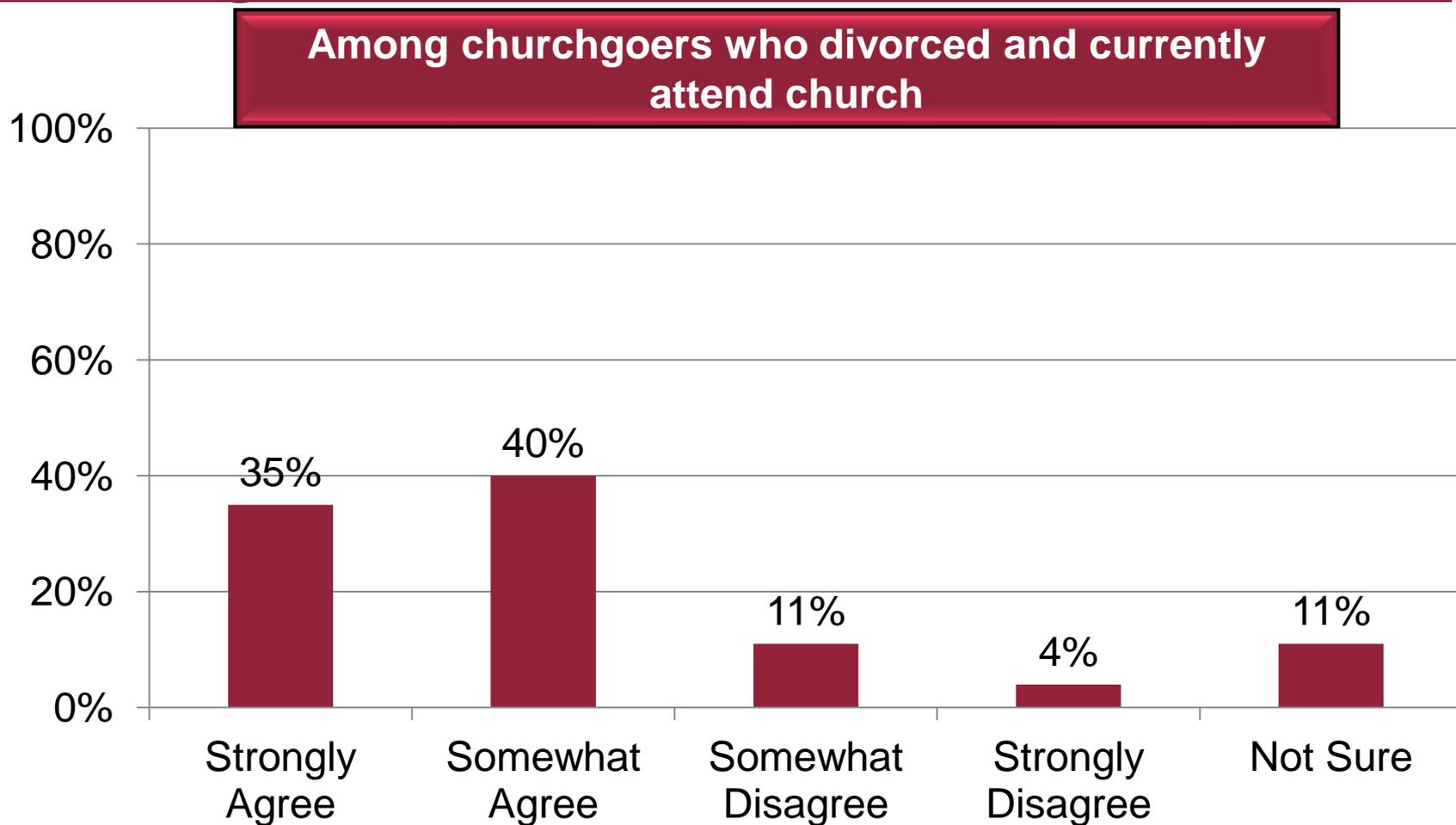


77% of churchgoers who divorced agree that their church is a safe place to talk about marital difficulties



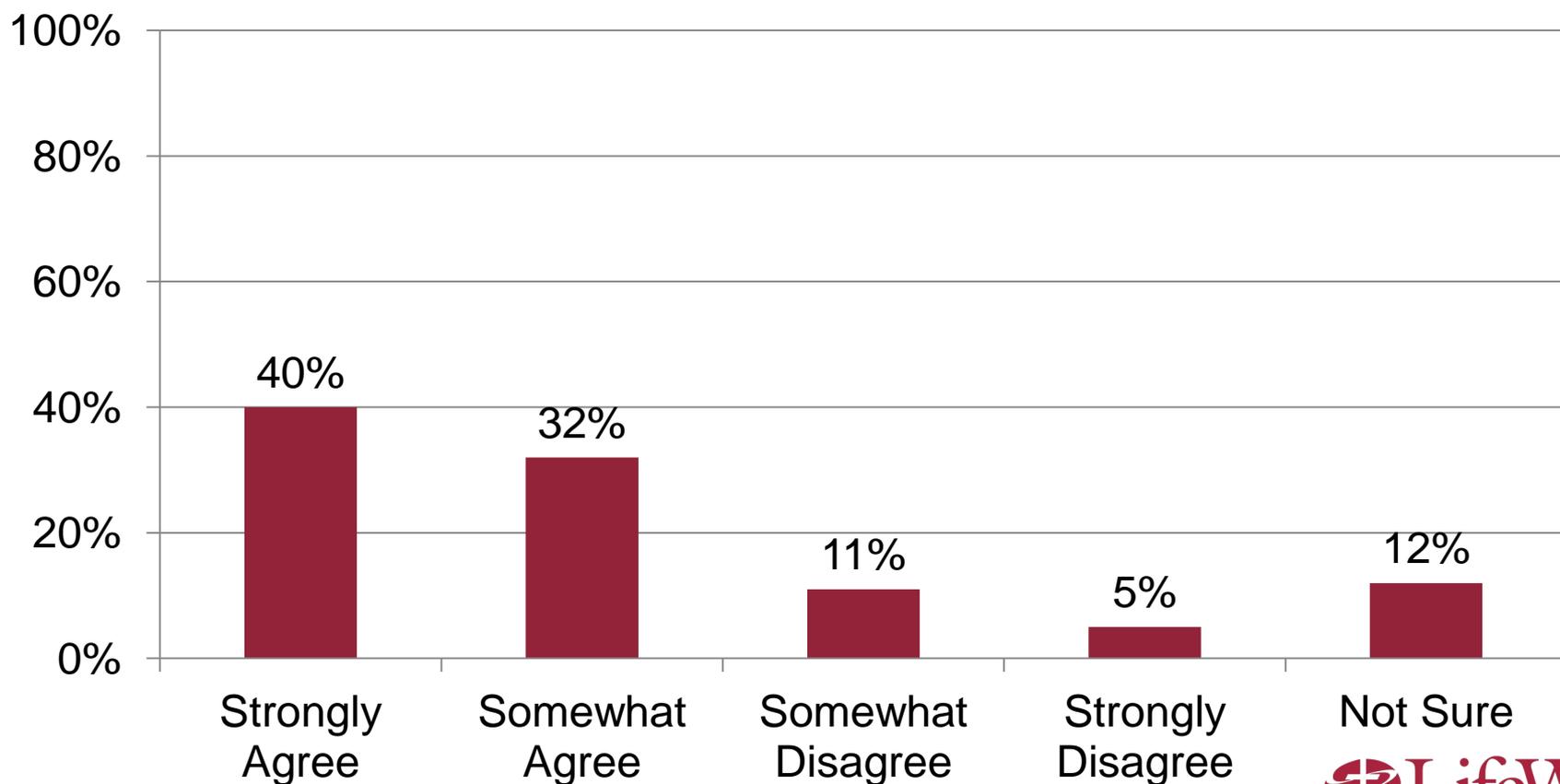
Q54: "My church is a safe place to talk about marital difficulties." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=838

75% of churchgoers who divorced agree that their church invests in the health of marriages



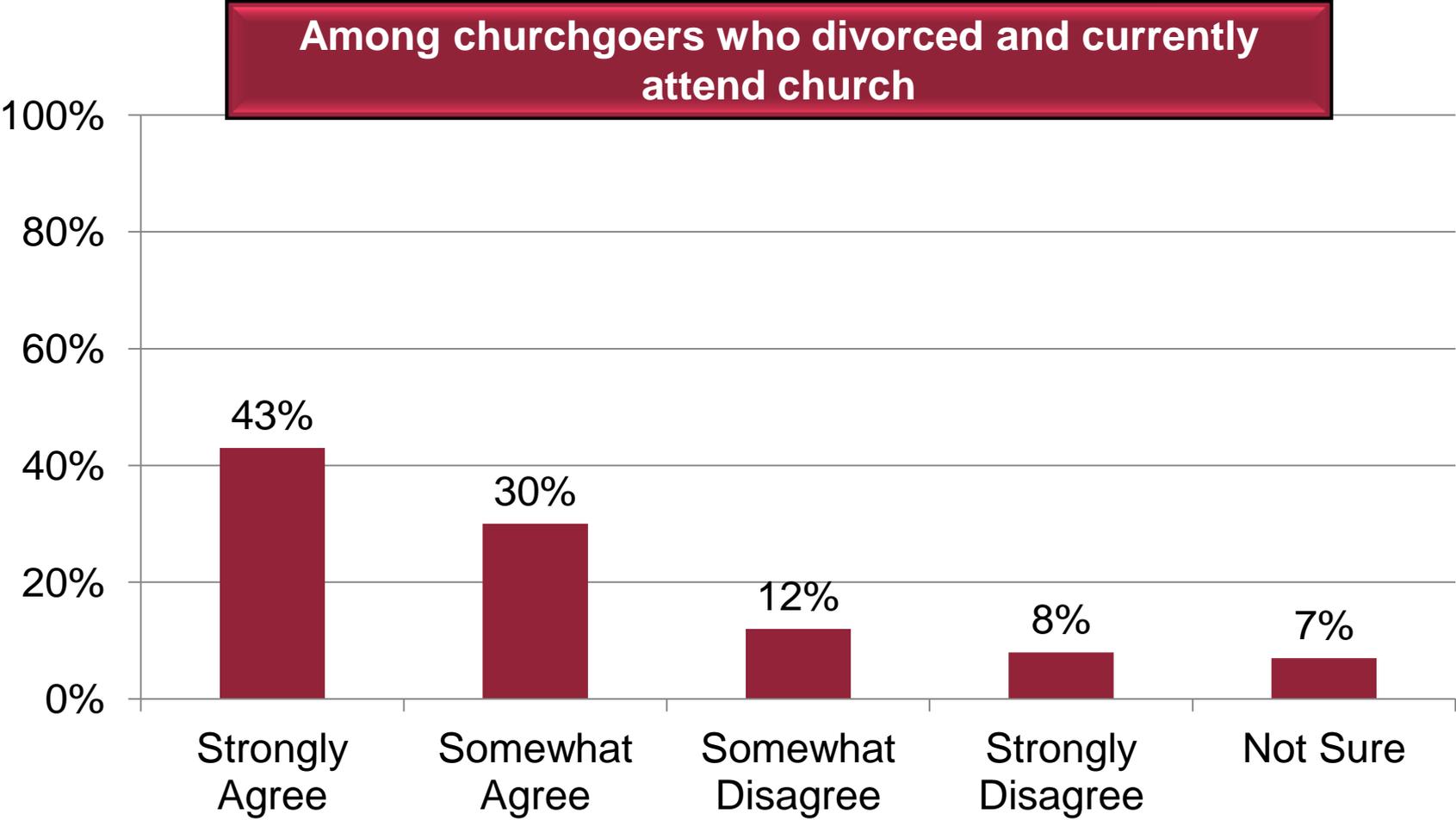
72% of churchgoers who divorced agree that marriages are viewed equally in their church, including those with a divorced partner

Among churchgoers who divorced and currently attend church



Q56: "Marriages are viewed equally in my church, including those with a divorced partner." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=837

73% of churchgoers who divorced agree that they feel at ease discussing their divorce with their pastor



Q57: "I feel at ease discussing my divorce with my pastor." Asked if divorcee is attending same church Q34 or a different church Q36. n=837



Significant Differences

Gender
Age
Ethnicity
Region
Education Level
Income

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among gender, age, and ethnicity.

Gender	Age	Ethnicity
Male	18-34	Asian
Female	35-44	African American
	45-54	Hispanic
	55+	White
		Other Ethnicities

Significant Statistical Differences

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

Region	Education Level	Income
Northeast	No College Degree	Less than \$25,000
Midwest	College Degree	\$25,000-\$49,999
South		\$50,000-\$74,999
West		\$75,000-\$99,999
		\$100,000 or more

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

“Three months prior to separating from your former spouse, how often did you personally attend worship services at a Christian church?”

- Those age 55+ (63%) are the most likely to answer “About once a week” (61%)
- Those age 18-34 (34%) and 45-54 (31%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those 55+ (21%)
- African Americans (25%) and Hispanics (27%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than Whites (14%)
- Whites (32%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than African Americans (23%)
- Those in the Northeast (36%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those in the South (27%)
- Those with a college degree (61%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those with no college degree (50%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 are the most likely to answer “More than once a week” (28%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (55%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (57%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (59%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (41%)

“Three months prior to separating from your former spouse, how often did your spouse attend worship services at a Christian church?”

- Males (13%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than females (7%)
- Males (39%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than females (24%)
- Females (8%) are more likely to answer “Only on religious holidays” than males (4%)
- Females (27%) are more likely to answer “Never” than males (8%)
- Those age 55+ (38%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those 18-34 (28%) and 45-54 (28%)
- Those age 18-34 (24%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those 35-44 (17%) and 55+ (14%)
- Those age 18-34 (12%) are more likely to answer “Less than once a month” than those 55+ (6%)
- Whites (22%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than Hispanics (11%)
- Asians (29%) are more likely to answer “Never” than Hispanics (11%)

“Three months prior to separating from your former spouse, how often did your spouse attend worship services at a Christian church?” (continued)

- Those in the South (11%) and West (14%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than those in the Midwest (5%)
- Those in the Midwest (38%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those in the South (29%)
- Those in West are the most likely to answer “Less than once a month” (13%)
- Those with a college degree (37%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those with no college degree (30%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (13%) and more than \$100,000 (16%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (8%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (5%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (33%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (37%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (25%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (9%) are more likely to answer “Only on religious holidays” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (3%)

“Did you and your former spouse attend the same church?”

- Those age 18-34 (88%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (77%) and 55+ (78%)

“Three months prior to your separation, what was your level of commitment to your church?”

- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to answer “Very committed” (26%) and the most likely to answer “Very uncommitted” (7%)
- Those age 18-34 (3%) and 45-54 (1%) are more likely to answer “Completely uncommitted” than those 35-44 (0%)
- African Americans (28%) and Hispanics (31%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than Whites (19%)
- Whites (37%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat committed” than African Americans (23%) and Hispanics (26%)
- Whites (9%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat uncommitted” than Hispanics (3%)
- Asians (7%) are more likely to answer “Very uncommitted” than African Americans (1%)

“Three months prior to your separation, what was your level of commitment to your church?” (continued)

- Those in the Northeast (38%) are more likely to answer “Very committed” than those in the South (29%)
- Those in the Midwest (11%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat uncommitted” than those in the Northeast (5%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (12%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat uncommitted” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (6%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (5%)

“Three months prior to your separation, did you have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?”

- Those age 35-44 (44%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (36%)
- African Americans (52%) and Hispanics (52%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (35%)

“Three months prior to your separation, did your former spouse have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?”

- Males (34%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (14%)
- Those age 35-44 (30%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (23%) and 55+ (16%)
- Asians (36%) and Hispanics (35%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (21%)
- Those with income of more than \$100,000 (36%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (20%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (22%)

“Did your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)”

Teaching other people

- Females (52%) are more likely to select than males (29%)
- Those age 18-34 (52%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (30%) and 55+ (33%)

Mentoring other people

- Those age 18-34 (30%) and 35-44 (36%) are more likely to select than those age 55+(15%)
- Those age 35-44 (36%) are more likely to select than those age 45-54 (19%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to select (48%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (31%) and more than \$100,000 (38%) are more likely to select than those with income \$50,000-\$74,999 (18%)

“Did your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

A ministry leadership role (such as a choir director, youth leader, worship leader)

- African Americans (29%) and Hispanics (31%) are more likely to select than Whites (15%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (31%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (15%) and more than \$100,000 (9%)

A committee or ministry team member

- Those in the West (35%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (19%) and South (21%)
- Those with income of more than \$100,000 (45%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (13%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (22%), and \$50,000-\$74,999 (24%)

“Did your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

An elder

- Those with a college degree (11%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (3%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (11%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (1%)

A deacon

- Males (10%) are more likely to select than females (4%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (3%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (2%)

“Did your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

A board or trustee member

- Males (12%) are more likely to select than females (5%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to select (20%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (18%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (5%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (5%)

“Three months prior to your separation, were you involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?”

- African Americans (43%) and Hispanics (49%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (15%) and Whites (30%)
- Those with income of more than \$100,000 (49%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (31%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (30%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (40%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income \$25,000-\$49,999 (30%)

“Three months prior to your separation, was your former spouse involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?”

- Males (26%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (15%)
- Those age 18-34 (23%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (16%)
- African Americans (31%) and Hispanics (27%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (8%) and Whites (17%)
- Those with income of more than \$100,000 (30%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (18%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (19%)

“Three months prior to your separation, were you participating in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at your church?”

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to answer “Yes” (35%)
- African Americans (55%) and Hispanics (58%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (26%) and Whites (43%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (51%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (42%)

“Did your former spouse participate in this adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group with you?”

- Males (63%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (35%)
- Those age 18-34 (53%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 55+ (36%)

“With whom at church did you discuss your marital difficulties? (Select all that apply)”

Lead Pastor

- Males (51%) are more likely to select than females (44%)
- Those age 18-34 (52%) and 35-44 (52%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (43%) and 55+ (36%)
- Hispanics (61%) are more likely to select than Asians (35%), African Americans (47%), and Whites (45%)
- Those with no college degree (50%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (39%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (51%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$100,000 or more (37%)

“With whom at church did you discuss your marital difficulties? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

A staff member other than the Lead Pastor

- Hispanics (19%) are more likely to select than African Americans (10%) and Whites (12%)
- Those with a college degree (18%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (11%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (18%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (11%)

A lay leader in the church

- Hispanics (14%) are more likely to select than Whites (7%)

Small group/Sunday school class leader

- Females (10%) are more likely to select than males (4%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (12%)
- Hispanics (11%) are more likely to select than African Americans (3%)

“With whom at church did you discuss your marital difficulties? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

Member (s) of my small group/Sunday school class

- Females (15%) are more likely to select than males (7%)
- Those age 18-34 (12%) and 35-44 (12%) are more likely to select than those age 55+ (6%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select (19%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (7%)

No one at church

- Those age 55+ (44%) are more likely to select than those age 18-34 (27%) and 35-44 (27%)
- Asians (46%), African Americans (35%), and Whites (34%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (12%)
- Those in the Midwest (36%) and South (34%) are more likely to select than those in the West (26%)

“About how many hours in total did church staff spend with you or your former spouse counseling or helping you with your marriage?”

- Females are more likely than males to answer “0” (46% vs 39%) and “1-4” (24% vs 17%)
- Males are more likely than females to answer “10-19” (14% vs 8%) and “20+” (20% vs 13%)
- Those age 45-54 (48%) and 55+ (51%) are more likely to answer “0” than those age 18-34 (36%)
- Those age 55+ (30%) are more likely to answer “1-4” than those age 18-34 (16%) and 35-44 (19%)
- Those age 18-34 (12%) are more likely to answer “5-9” than those age 55+ (6%)
- Those age 18-34 (13%) and 35-44 (14%) are more likely to answer “10-19” than those age 55+ (5%)
- Those age 18-34 (22%) and 35-44 (18%) are more likely to answer “20+” than those age 45-54 (11%) and 55+ (10%)
- Asians (48%), African Americans (47%), and Whites (45%) are more likely to answer “0” than Hispanics (24%)

“About how many hours in total did church staff spend with you or your former spouse counseling or helping you with your marriage?” (continued)

- Whites (13%) are more likely to answer “10-19” than African Americans (6%) and Hispanics (5%)
- Hispanics (37%) are more likely to answer “20+” than Asians (9%) and Whites (11%)
- Those in the West are the least likely to answer “0” (32%)
- Those in the West (26%) are more likely to answer “1-4” than those in the Midwest (17%) and South (19%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (27%) are more likely to answer “20+” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (12%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (12%)

“Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

Marital counseling provided by the church

- Those age 18-34 (53%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (41%) and 55+ (34%)
- Those age 35-44 (47%) are more likely to select than those age 55+ (34%)
- African Americans (53%), Hispanics (58%), and Whites (43%) are more likely to select than Asians (23%)
- Those in the West (51%) are more likely to select than those in the South (43%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (48%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (52%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (39%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (36%)

Referrals to professional counseling outside the church

- Those age 18-34 (28%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (18%)
- Hispanics are the most likely to select (32%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select (36%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more are the most likely to select (43%)

“Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

Seminars or short-term classes on marriage topics

- Hispanics are the most likely to select (30%)
- Those in the West (21%) are more likely to select than those in the South (14%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (23%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (11%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (11%)

Marriage retreats

- Hispanics (31%) are more likely to select than African Americans (19%) and Whites (18%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to select (30%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (21%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (22%), and \$100,000 or more (31%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (13%)

“Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

Guest speakers on marriage topics

- Those age 18-34 (14%) are more likely to select than those age 45-54 (8%) and 55+ (7%)
- Hispanics (23%) are more likely to select than Asians (3%), African Americans (11%), and Whites (9%)
- Those in the Midwest (13%) and West (15%) are more likely to select than those in the South (7%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (11%), and \$100,000 or more (19%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (5%)

Sermons several times a year that specifically address marriage

- Hispanics (25%) are more likely to select than Asians (7%) and Whites (16%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (21%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (20%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (11%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (9%)

“Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

Adult small groups/Sunday school classes devoted to married couples

- Those age 45-54 (19%) are more likely to select than those age 35-44 (12%) and 55+ (11%)
- Whites (16%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (6%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (26%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (6%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (15%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (11%)

Ministries aimed at supporting divorced individuals

- Those with a college degree (12%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (6%)

“Prior to your divorce, did your church offer any of the following marriage support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

(continued)

Scheduled child care for a date night or parents night out

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (2%)
- Hispanics (13%) and Whites (8%) are more likely to select than African Americans (1%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (13%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (4%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (4%)

Marriage resources available (e.g., books, videos)

- Females (24%) are more likely to select than males (18%)
- Hispanics (21%) and Whites (22%) are more likely to select than Asians (5%)
- Those in the Midwest (24%) and West (25%) are more likely to select than those in the South (17%)

“Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)”

Marital counseling provided by the church

- Males (47%) are more likely to select than females (37%)
- Those age 18-34 (50%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (31%) and 55+ (32%)
- Hispanics (60%) are more likely to select than Whites (37%)
- Those in the Midwest are the most likely to select (57%)

Referrals to professional counseling outside the church

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (33%)
- Asians (50%), Hispanics (27%), and Whites (23%) are more likely to select than African Americans (8%)
- Those in the Midwest (26%) and West (28%) are more likely to select than those in the South (15%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (29%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (23%), and \$100,000 or more (42%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (11%)

“Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)”

Seminars or short-term classes on marriage topics

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (19%)
- Hispanics (21%) are more likely to select than Whites (9%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (16%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (6%)

Marriage retreats

- Asians (44%), African Americans (21%), and Hispanics (18%) are more likely to select than Whites (9%)

“Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)”

Guest speakers on marriage topics

- Hispanics (19%) are more likely to select than African Americans (3%) and Whites (6%)
- Those in the Midwest (17%) are more likely to select than those in the South (5%) and West (5%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (11%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (3%)

Sermons several times a year that specifically address marriage

- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (18%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (19%), and \$50,000-\$74,999 (16%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (3%)

“Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)”

Adult small groups/Sunday school classes devoted to married couples

- Whites (14%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (4%)
- Those in the Midwest (17%) are more likely to select than those in the West (6%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 are the most likely to select (18%)

Ministries aimed at supporting divorced individuals

- No significant differences

“Did you or your former spouse take advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time prior to your divorce? (Select all that apply)”

Scheduled child care for a date night or parents night out

- Those age 18-34 (11%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (2%) and 55+ (1%)
- Hispanics (10%) are more likely to select than African American (0%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (11%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (4%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (0%)

Marriage resources available (e.g., books, videos)

- Females (23%) are more likely to select than males (12%)
- Those age 18-34 (24%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (11%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (29%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (8%) and \$100,000+ (8%)

“Did you receive any professional counseling outside the church prior to your divorce?”

- Males (46%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (39%)
- Those 35-44 (46%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (38%)
- Hispanics (58%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African Americans (34%), and Whites (42%)
- Those in the South are the least likely to answer “Yes” (34%)
- Those with a college degree (57%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with no college degree (38%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 are the least likely to answer “Yes” (30%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)”

Reached out right away to show they cared

- Those age 35-44 are the most likely to select (38%)
- Hispanics are the most likely to select (50%)
- Those with no college degree (33%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (21%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (31%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (34%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (30%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$100,000 or more (13%)

Stayed in touch

- Hispanics (26%) and Whites (24%) are more likely to select than Asians (6%)
- Those in the Midwest (27%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (17%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Prayed for me

- Those age 18-34 (54%) and 35-44 (58%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (44%) and 55+ (42%)
- Hispanics (68%) and Whites (49%) are more likely to select than Asians (30%)
- Those in the Northeast are the least likely to select (41%)
- Those with no college degree (54%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (42%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (56%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (40%)

Welcomed me

- Hispanics (49%) are more likely to select than Asians (14%), African Americans (26%), and Whites (31%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (37%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (27%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Ignored me

- Those in the West (12%) are more likely to select than those in the South (7%)
- Those with a college degree (14%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (7%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (15%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (7%)

Condemned me

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (1%)
- Those in the West (10%) and Northeast (10%) are more likely to select than those in the South (3%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (10%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (3%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Demonstrated grace

- Asians are the least likely to select (1%)
- Hispanics (33%) are more likely to select than African Americans (14%) and Whites (22%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (25%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (17%)

Felt sorry for me

- Those age 18-34 (17%) and 35-44 (19%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (8%)
- Those in the Northeast (21%) and West (19%) are more likely to select than those in the South (12%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (17%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (18%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (9%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Honestly tried to help

- Those age 35-44 (31%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (21%)
- African Americans (22%), Hispanics (39%), and Whites (27%) are more likely to select than Asians (5%)
- Those in the South (29%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (20%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (30%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (19%)

Supported me

- Hispanics are the most likely to select (57%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (49%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (38%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (39%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your separation? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Made me feel uncomfortable

- Those age 18-34 (14%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (5%)
- Asians (16%) and Whites (12%) are more likely to select than African Americans (5%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)”

Asked me to leave the church

- No significant differences

Disqualified me from one or more leadership positions

- Those age 18-34 (5%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (2%) and 55+ (1%)
- Those in the Northeast (6%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (1%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Asked me to stop serving in one or more areas

- Those age 18-34 (5%) and 35-44 (4%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (<1%)
- Asians (12%) are more likely to select than African Americans (3%) and Whites (2%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (6%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (2%)

Condemned me

- Those age 18-34 (7%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (2%)
- Asians (14%) are more likely to select than African Americans (2%) and Whites (5%)
- Those in the West (7%) are more likely to select than those in the South (3%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (8%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (3%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (4%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Made me feel uncomfortable

- Those age 18-34 (12%) and 35-44 (10%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (4%)

Didn't notice

- Those age 55+ (16%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (8%) and 35-44 (10%)
- Those with a college degree (17%) are more likely to select than those with no college degree (9%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 are the most likely to select (21%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Showed they cared

- Hispanics are the most likely to select (54%)
- Asians are the least likely to select (7%)
- Those with no college degree (42%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (31%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 are the most likely to select (48%)

Stayed in touch

- Hispanics (33%) are more likely to select than Asians (14%) and African Americans (21%)
- Those in the Midwest (28%) and South (29%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (17%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (26%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (32%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (16%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Welcomed me

- Females (40%) are more likely to select than males (30%)
- Hispanics (44%) are more likely to select than African Americans (32%)
- Those with no college degree (38%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (28%)

Demonstrated grace

- Those age 35-44 (29%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (20%) and 45-54 (20%)
- Asians are the least likely to select (1%)

“Which of the following describe how your church reacted to you after your divorce was final? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Supported me

- Females (46%) are more likely to select than males (40%)
- Those age 18-34 (44%) and 35-44 (49%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (35%)
- African Americans (40%), Hispanics (52%), and Whites (44%) are more likely to select than Asians (13%)
- Those with no college degree (45%) are more likely to select than those with a college degree (37%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (46%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (35%)

“I wish the church I attended prior to my separation had done more to teach me about healthy marriage.”

- Those age 18-34 (48%) are more likely to Agree than those 45-54 (36%) and 55+ (35%)
- Those in the South (47%) and West (47%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Midwest (38%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (36%) are less likely to Disagree than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (47%)

“I wish the church I attended prior to my separation had given me more hands-on help to have a healthy marriage.”

- Those age 18-34 (49%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (38%)
- Those in the West (51%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Midwest (36%) and South (42%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (48%) are more likely to Disagree than those with income of less than \$25,000 (37%)

“A relationship with a friend from church has grown more strained in the aftermath of my divorce.”

- Males (37%) are more likely to Agree than females (30%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (41%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to Agree (22%)
- Asians (45%), Hispanics (43%), and Whites (34%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (21%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (60%) are more likely to Disagree than those with income of \$100,000 or more (47%)

“Churches can prevent divorce.”

- Males (47%) are more likely to Agree than females (39%)
- Those age 18-34 (45%) and 35-44 (45%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (34%)
- Those in the West (52%) are more likely to Agree than those in the South (36%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (57%) and \$100,000 or more (57%) are more likely to Disagree than those with income of less than \$25,000 (41%)

“I feel I have failed God because of my divorce.”

- Males (39%) are more likely to Agree than females (30%)
- Those age 55+ are the most likely to Disagree (74%)
- Asians (62%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (33%) and Whites (31%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (46%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of less than \$25,000 (30%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (32%)

“My divorce has brought me closer to God.”

- Females (74%) are more likely to Agree than males (64%)
- Those age 35-44 (72%) and 55+ (74%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (64%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (78%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (35%) are more likely to Disagree than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (20%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (22%)

“Are you currently attending the same church you attended prior to your separation?”

- Females (56%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (49%)
- Hispanics (68%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (49%) and Asians (44%)
- Those in the Northeast (63%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the South (53%) and West (46%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 are the most likely to answer “No” (59%)

“Is your former spouse still attending the church you attended prior to your separation?”

- Those in the Midwest (53%) and the South (56%) are more likely to answer “No” than those in West (36%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (53%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (54%) are more likely to answer “No” than those with income of \$100,000 or more (34%)

“Are you currently attending a (different) Christian church?”

- Females (64%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (51%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to answer “No” (54%)
- Those in the Midwest (69%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the South (57%) and the West (51%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (65%) and \$100,000 or more (69%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (47%)

“How often do you personally attend worship services at a Christian church?”

- Those age 35-44 (10%) are more likely to answer “Less than once a month” than those 55+ (4%)
- African Americans (27%) and Hispanics (33%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than Whites (14%)
- Asians (27%) and Whites (22%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than Hispanics (11%)
- Those in the Northeast (29%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those in the South (17%) and the West (18%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (28%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (15%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (17%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (15%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (56%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (54%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (55%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (41%)

“What is your level of commitment to your church today?”

- Hispanics (41%) are more likely to answer “Very committed” than Asians (18%) and Whites (21%)
- Asians (21%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat uncommitted” than African Americans (6%), Hispanics (2%), and Whites (7%)
- Those in the West (28%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than those in the Northeast (18%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (2%) are more likely to answer “Completely uncommitted” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (<1%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (0%)

“Do you currently have regular responsibilities at your church?”

- African Americans (51%) and Hispanics (44%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (31%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (47%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (32%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)”

Teaching other people

- Females (43%) are more likely to select than males (28%)
- Those age 18-34 (45%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (29%)
- Hispanics (49%) are more likely to select than Whites (30%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (47%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$100,000 or more (22%)

Mentoring other people

- Those age 35-44 (37%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (21%) and 55+ (19%)
- African Americans (39%) are more likely to select than Whites (23%)
- Those in the West (41%) are more likely to select than those in the South (19%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

A ministry leadership role

- Hispanics (31%) are more likely to select than Whites (14%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (19%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (21%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (32%) are more likely to select than those with income of \$100,000 or more (2%)

A committee or ministry team member

- Those age 55+ (39%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (20%)
- Those in the West (40%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (21%) and South (22%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (47%) are more likely to select than those with income of less than \$25,000 (26%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (17%), and \$50,000-\$74,999 (25%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

An elder

- Males (8%) are more likely to select than females (2%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (0%)

A deacon

- Those age 55+ (10%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (1%)
- Those in the Northeast (10%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (1%) and West (0%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

A board or trustee member

- Males (19%) are more likely to select than females (5%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to select (36%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 are the most likely to select (31%)

“Are you involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?”

- Those age 18-34 (38%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 35-44 (29%)
- African Americans (49%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (26%), Hispanics (33%), and Whites (31%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more (50%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (27%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (31%) , and \$50,000-\$74,999 (34%)

“Are you participating in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at your church?”

- Those age 18-34 (44%) and 35-44 (45%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (34%) and 55+ (31%)
- African Americans (52%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (36%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (51%)

“How does your current giving to your local church compare to the amount you were giving three months prior to your separation?”

- Those age 45-54 (19%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving more” than those 18-34 (13%)
- Those age 18-34 (13%) are more likely to answer “I have never given to my local church much at all” than those 35-44 (4%) and 45-54 (5%)
- Whites (35%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving less” than African Americans (26%) and Hispanics (16%)
- Hispanics (63%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving about the same” than Asians (43%), African Americans (45%), and Whites (41%)
- African Americans (22%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving more” than Hispanics (10%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to answer “I am currently giving less” (38%)
- Those in the Northeast (56%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving about the same” than those in South (38%) and West (45%)
- Those in the West (11%) are more likely to answer “I have never given to my local church much at all” than those in Midwest (5%)

“How does your current giving to your local church compare to the amount you were giving three months prior to your separation?” (continued)

- Those with no college degree (9%) are more likely to answer “I have never given to my local church much at all” than those with a college degree (3%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (47%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (48%), and \$100,000 or more (49%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving about the same” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (36%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (23%) and \$100,000 or more (27%) are more likely to answer “I am currently giving more” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (14%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 are the most likely to answer “I have never given to my local church much at all” (15%)

“Which of the following best describe the impact of your separation/divorce on your children?”

- Males (18%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be slightly less interested in their Christian faith” than females (9%)
- Those age 45-54 (14%) and 55+ (18%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be much less interested in their Christian faith” than those 18-34 (6%) and 35-44 (8%)
- Those age 45-54 (18%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be slightly less interested in their Christian faith” than those 18-34 (10%)
- Those age 35-44 (15%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be much more interested in their Christian faith” than those 45-54 (6%)
- Hispanics (24%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be slightly less interested in their Christian faith” than Asians (0%) and Whites (12%)
- Those in the Midwest are the least likely to answer “It has caused them to be much less interested in their Christian faith” (3%)
- Those in the Northeast are the least likely to answer “It has caused them to be slightly more interested in their Christian faith” (1%)

“Which of the following best describe the impact of your separation/divorce on your children?” (continued)

- Those in the South (14%) are less likely to answer “It has caused them to be much more interested in their Christian faith” than those in the Northeast (5%) and West (6%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (13%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (16%) are more likely to answer “It has caused them to be much less interested in their Christian faith” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (6%) and \$100,000 or more (1%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 or more are the most likely to answer “It has caused them to be slightly less interested in their Christian faith” (33%)

“How has your divorce impacted your relationship with God, if at all?”

- Males (9%) are more likely to answer “I am slightly less interested in relationship with God” than females (6%)
- Males (39%) are more likely to answer “It has had no impact on my relationship with God” than females (28%)
- Females (40%) are more likely to answer “I am much more interested in my relationship with God” than males (23%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to answer “I am much less interested in my relationship with God” (10%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to answer “I am slightly less interested in my relationship with God” (2%)
- Those age 55+ (43%) are more likely to answer “It has had no impact on my relationship with God” than those 18-34 (33%) and 35-44 (27%)
- Those age 18-34 (27%) are more likely to answer “I am slightly more interested in my relationship with God” than those 45-54 (19%) and 55+ (16%)

“How has your divorce impacted your relationship with God, if at all?” (continued)

- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to answer “I am much more interested in my relationship with God” (23%)
- African Americans (42%) are more likely to answer “I am much more interested in my relationship with God” than Hispanics (29%), and Whites (30%)
- Those in the West (11%) are more likely to answer “I am slightly less interested in my relationship with God” than those in the Northeast (4%)
- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to answer “I am slightly more interested in my relationship with God” (33%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (10%) are more likely to answer “I am much less interested in my relationship with God” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (4%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (36%) are more likely to answer “It has had no impact on my relationship with God” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (27%)

“How has your divorce impacted your relationship with God, if at all?” (continued)

- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (27%) are more likely to answer “I am slightly more interested in my relationship with God” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (16%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (39%) are more likely to answer “I am much more interested in my relationship with God” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (29%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (29%)

“My church is concerned about marriages in the congregation.”

- Males (81%) are more likely to Agree than females (73%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Disagree (26%)
- African Americans are the most likely to Agree (89%)
- Those in the Northeast (83%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (71%)

“My church values healthy marriages.”

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Disagree (10%)
- African Americans (96%) and Whites (93%) are more likely to Agree than Asians (81%) and Hispanics (86%)
- Those in the Northeast (96%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (87%)
- Those with no college degree (7%) are more likely to Disagree than those with a college degree (2%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (97%) are more likely to agree than those with income of \$100,000 or more (85%)

“My church is too idealistic about marriage.”

- Hispanics (44%) are more likely to Agree than African Americans (31%) and Whites (27%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Agree (42%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 are the most likely to Disagree (63%)

“My church provides enough help for married couples.”

- Hispanics (31%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (22%)
- Those with no college degree (66%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (57%)

“My church provides enough help for people who have divorced.”

- Those with no college degree (63%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (49%)

“My church is a safe place to talk about marital difficulties.”

- African Americans (79%), Hispanics (81%), and Whites (78%) are more likely to Agree than Asians (52%)
- Those in the Midwest (81%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Northeast (72%)
- Those with no college degree (80%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (70%)

“My church invests in the health of marriages.”

- Hispanics (21%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (13%)
- Those with no college degree (77%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (68%)

“Marriages are viewed equally in my church, including those with a divorced partner.”

- Males (18%) are more likely to Disagree than females (13%)
- Those age 35-44 (75%) are more likely to Agree than those age 45-54 (66%)
- Asians (29%) are more likely to Disagree than African Americans (10%) and Whites (15%)
- Those with no college degree (75%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (63%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$74,999 (75%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of \$100,000 or more (61%)

“I feel at ease discussing my divorce with my pastor.”

- Those age 18-34 (79%) are more likely to Agree than those age 45-54 (67%)
- Those with no college degree (76%) are more likely to Agree than those with a college degree (67%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$74,999 (77%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (75%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of \$100,000 or more (59%)

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