

Marriage Ministry and the Cost of Divorce for Churches

Survey of 1,000 Protestant
Churchgoers in Healthy Marriages

Sponsored by Focus on the Family



Methodology

- ❑ The online survey of individuals who are in healthy marriages was conducted July 23-28, 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 married adults who attend church once a month or more, and whose responses to the Kansas Marital Satisfaction Scale (KMS) were Very Satisfied or Extremely Satisfied for all three questions:
 - ❑ How satisfied are you with your marriage?
 - ❑ How satisfied are you with your husband/wife as a spouse?
 - ❑ How satisfied are you with your relationship with your husband/wife?

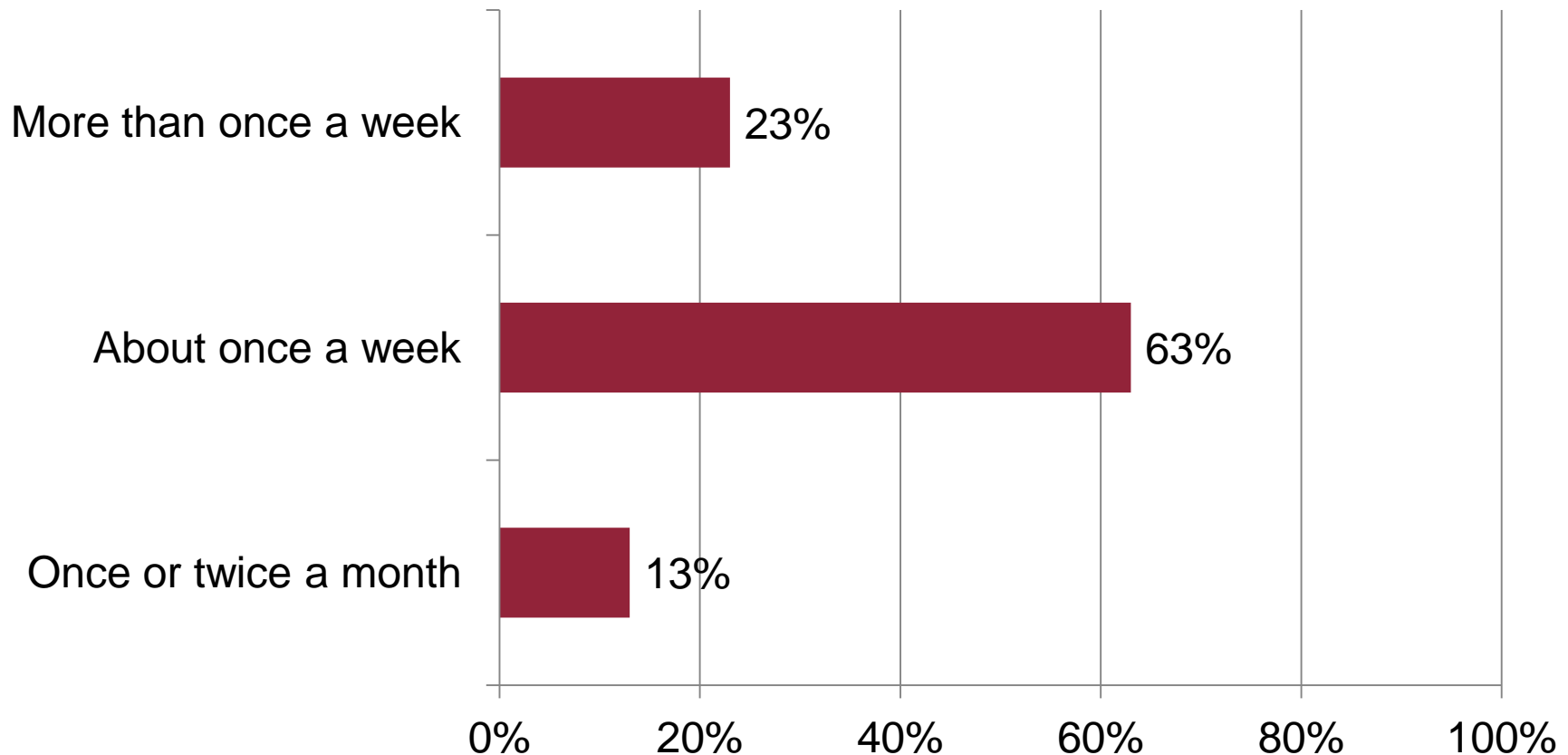
Methodology

- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 4.0\%$ (This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting)
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses

87% attend worship services at least once a week

Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages



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

Responses to Kansas Marital Satisfaction Scale

“How satisfied are you with your marriage?”

- 59% answered “Extremely satisfied”
- 41% answered “Very satisfied.”

“How satisfied are you with your husband/wife as a spouse?”

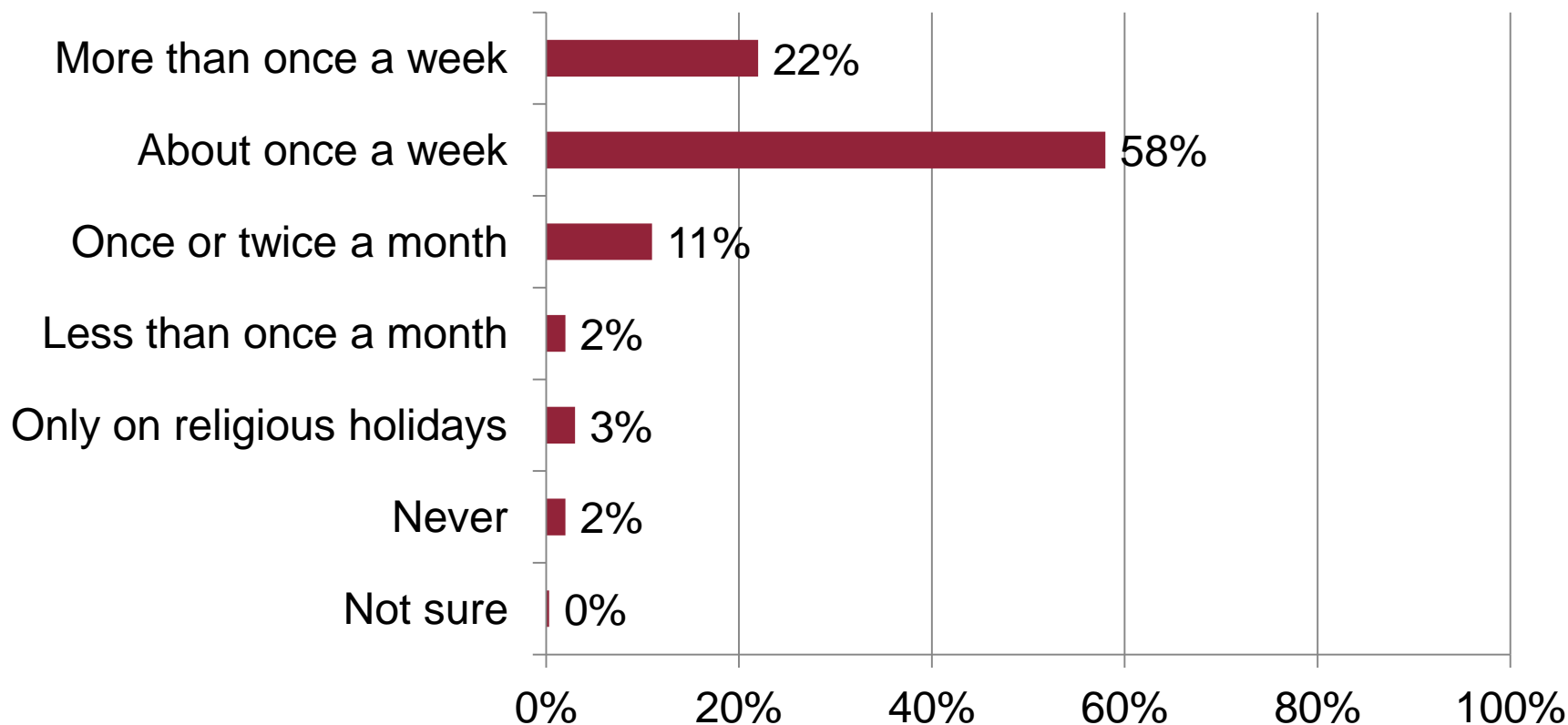
- 61% answered “Extremely satisfied”
- 39% answered “Very satisfied.”

“How satisfied are you with your relationship with your husband/wife?”

- 57% answered “Extremely satisfied”
- 43% answered “Very satisfied.”

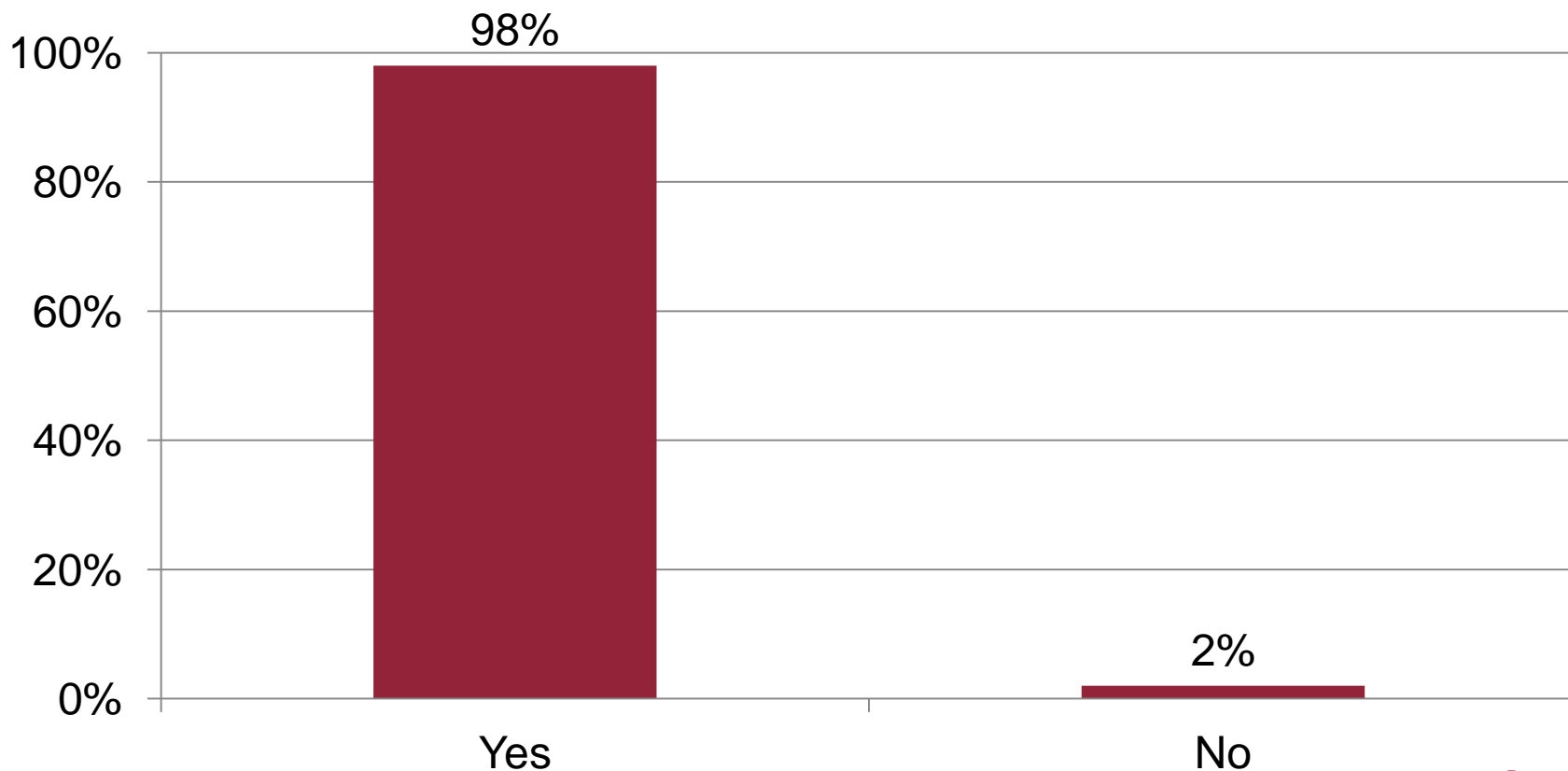
8 out of 10 spouses attend worship services about once a week or more

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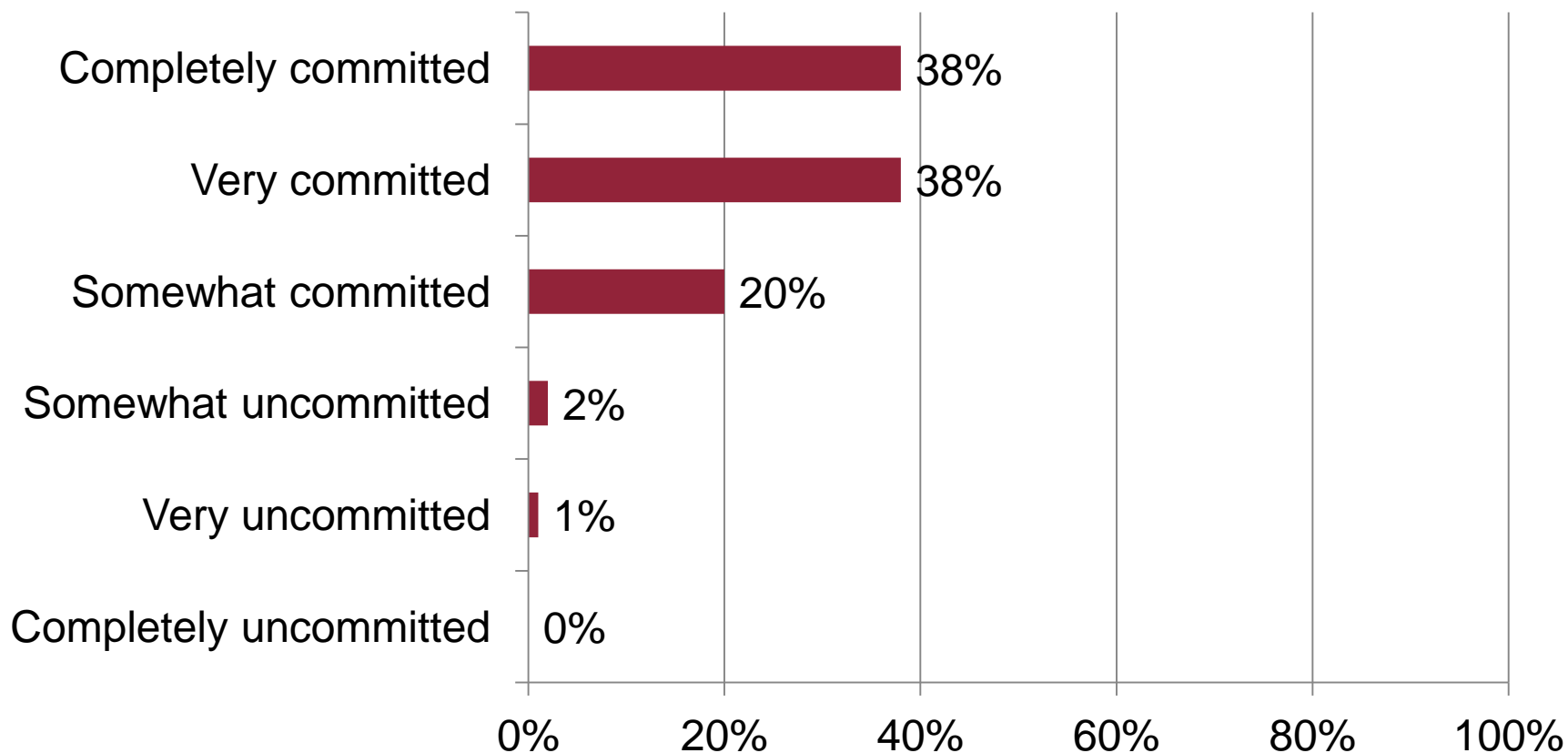
98% attend the same church as their spouse

Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages whose spouse attends worship once a month+



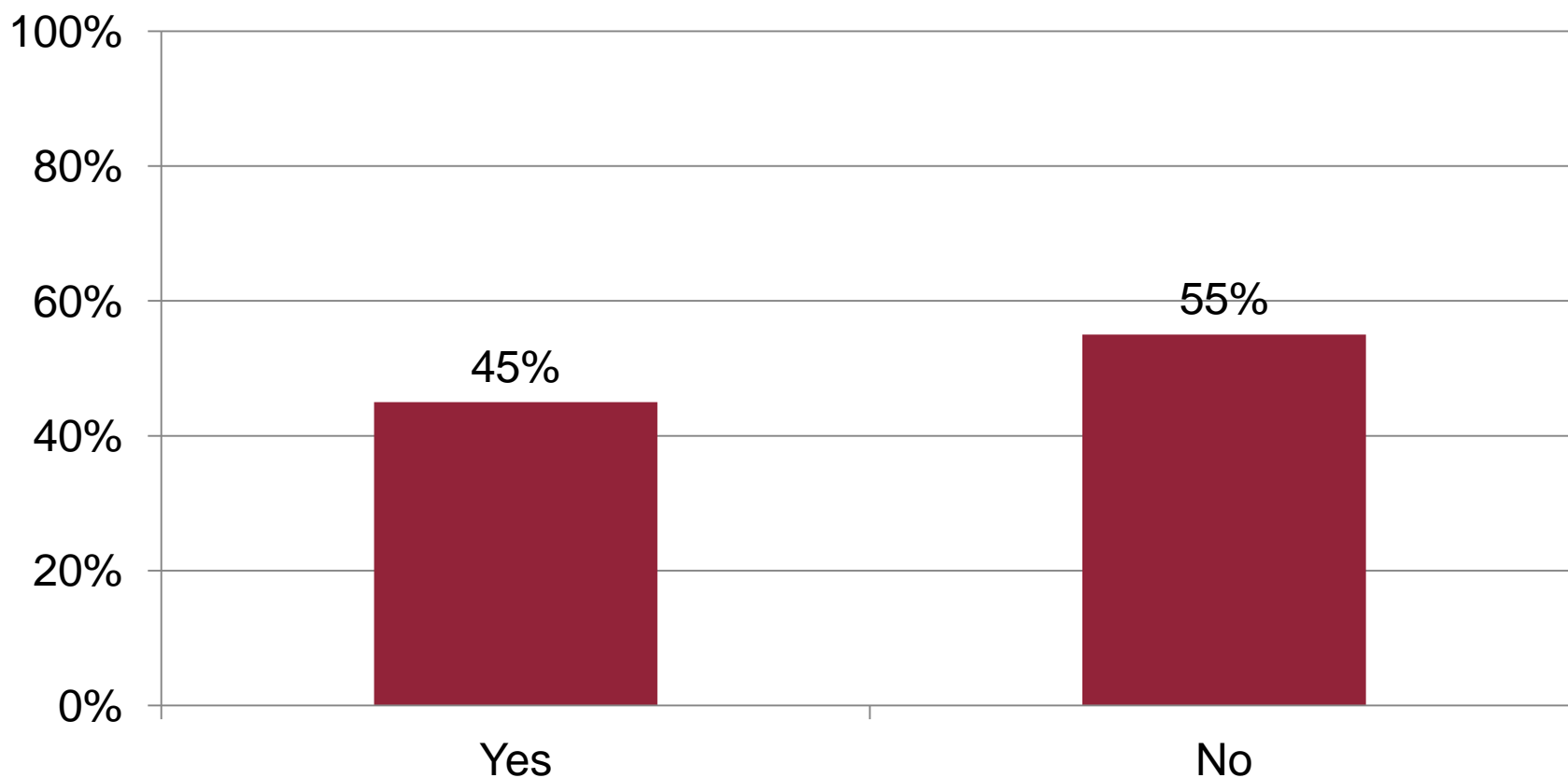
96% are committed to their church today, with 38% being completely committed

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45% have regular responsibilities at their church

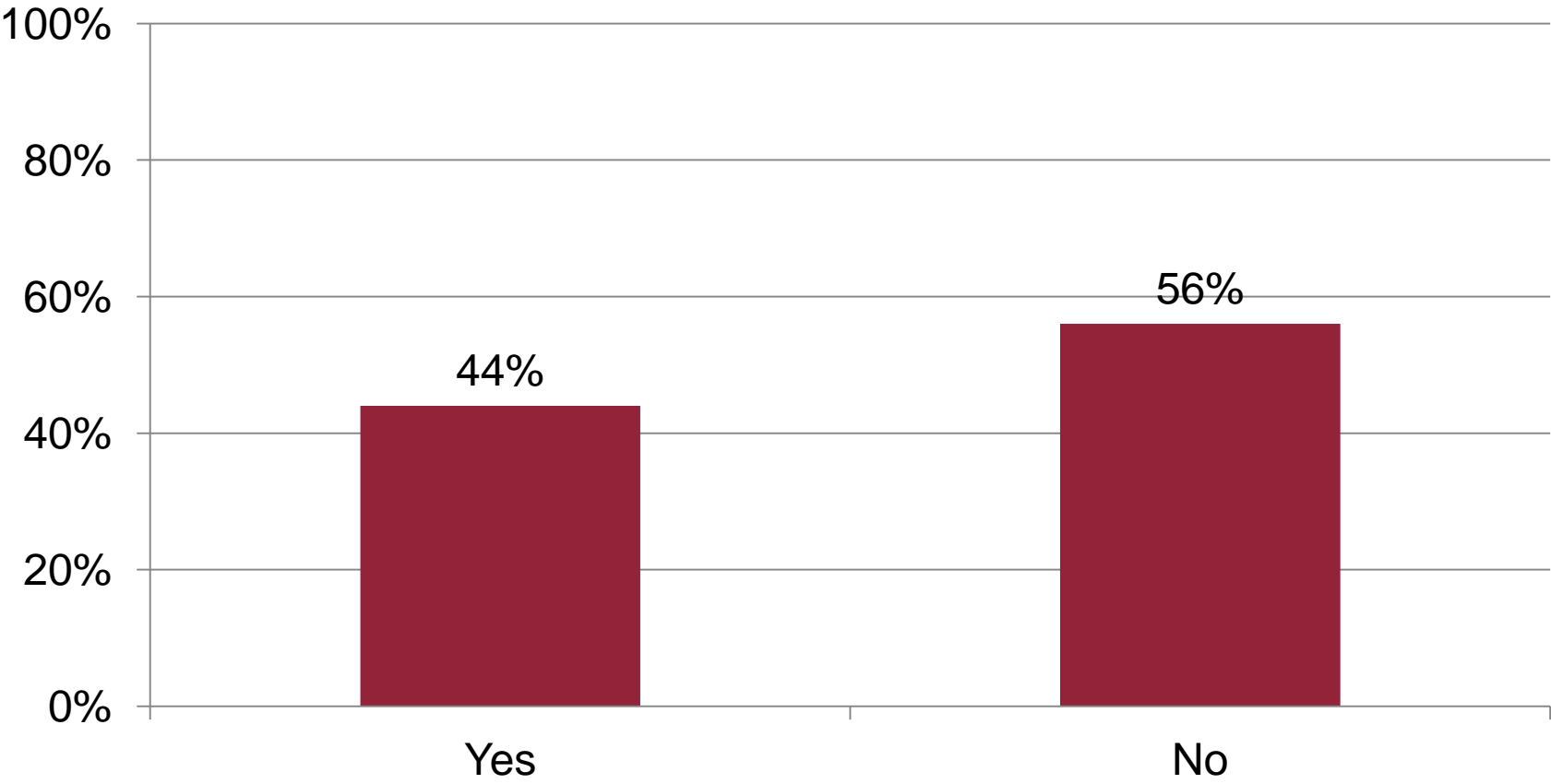
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By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of adult attendees with regular responsibilities is 39% (median 35%)

44% of spouses have regular responsibilities at their church

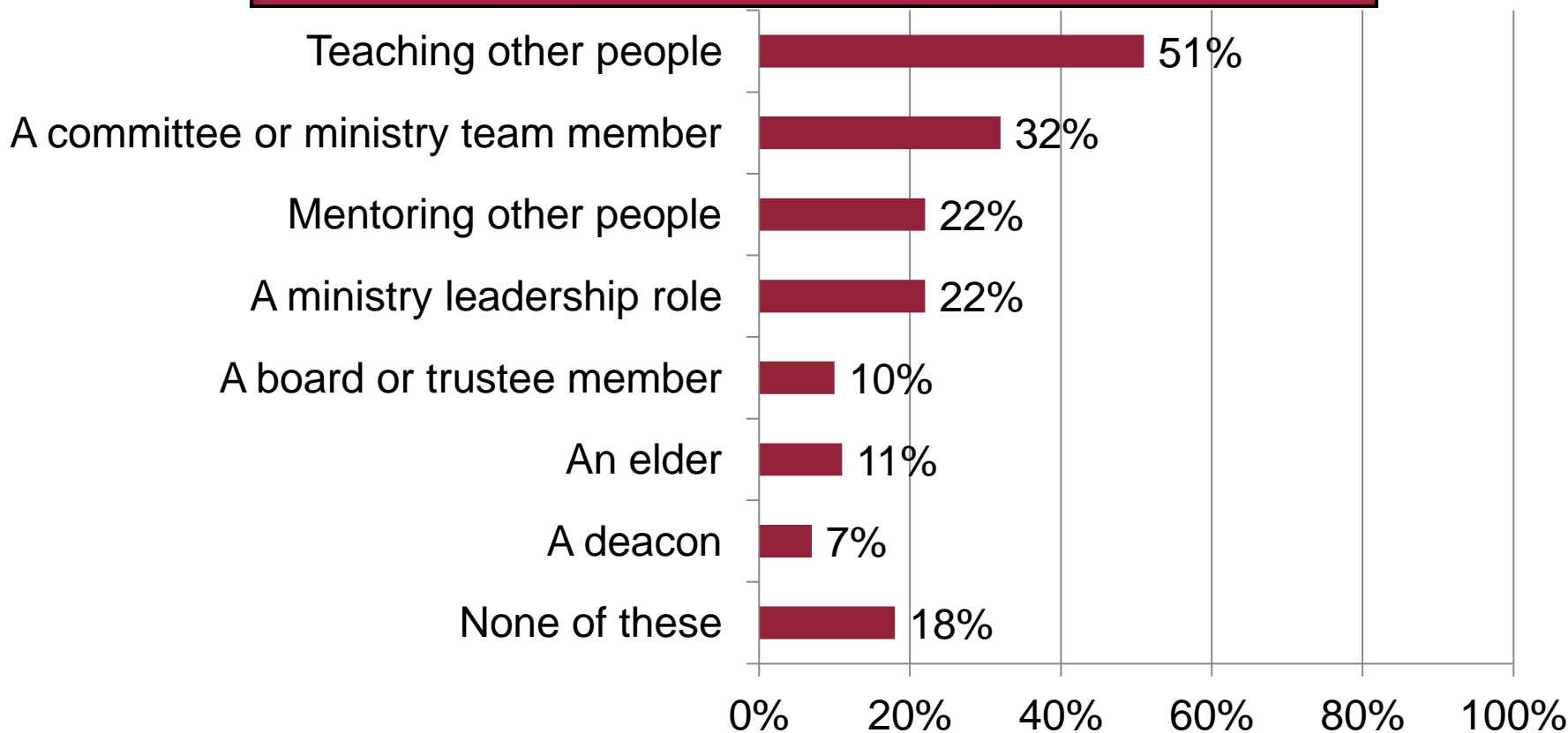
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Q15: "Does your spouse have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?"

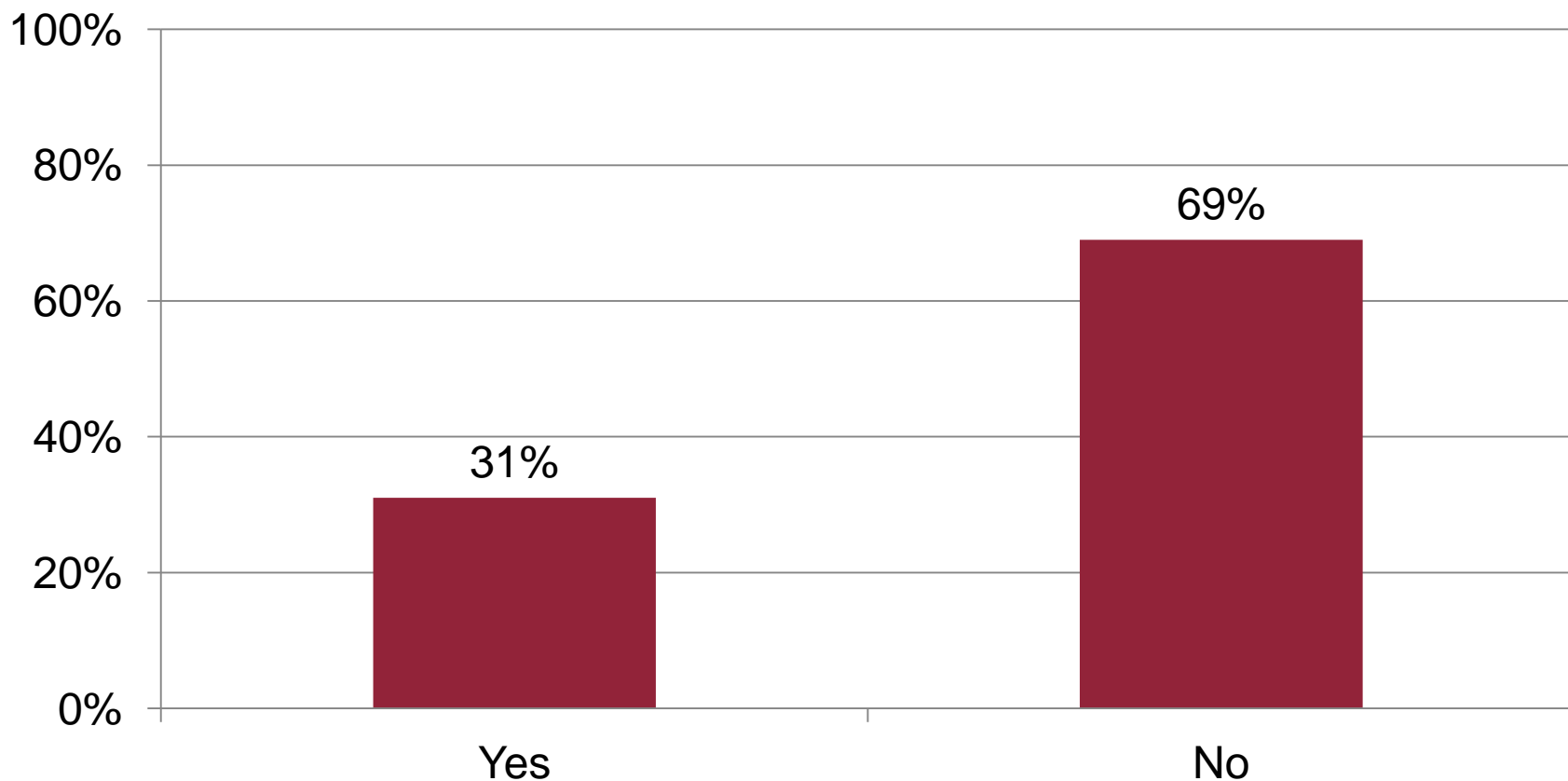
More common responsibilities at church include: teaching other people, serving on a committee or ministry team, and mentoring other people

Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages with regular responsibilities at church



More than 3 out of 10 are involved in ministries or projects that serve people not affiliated with their church

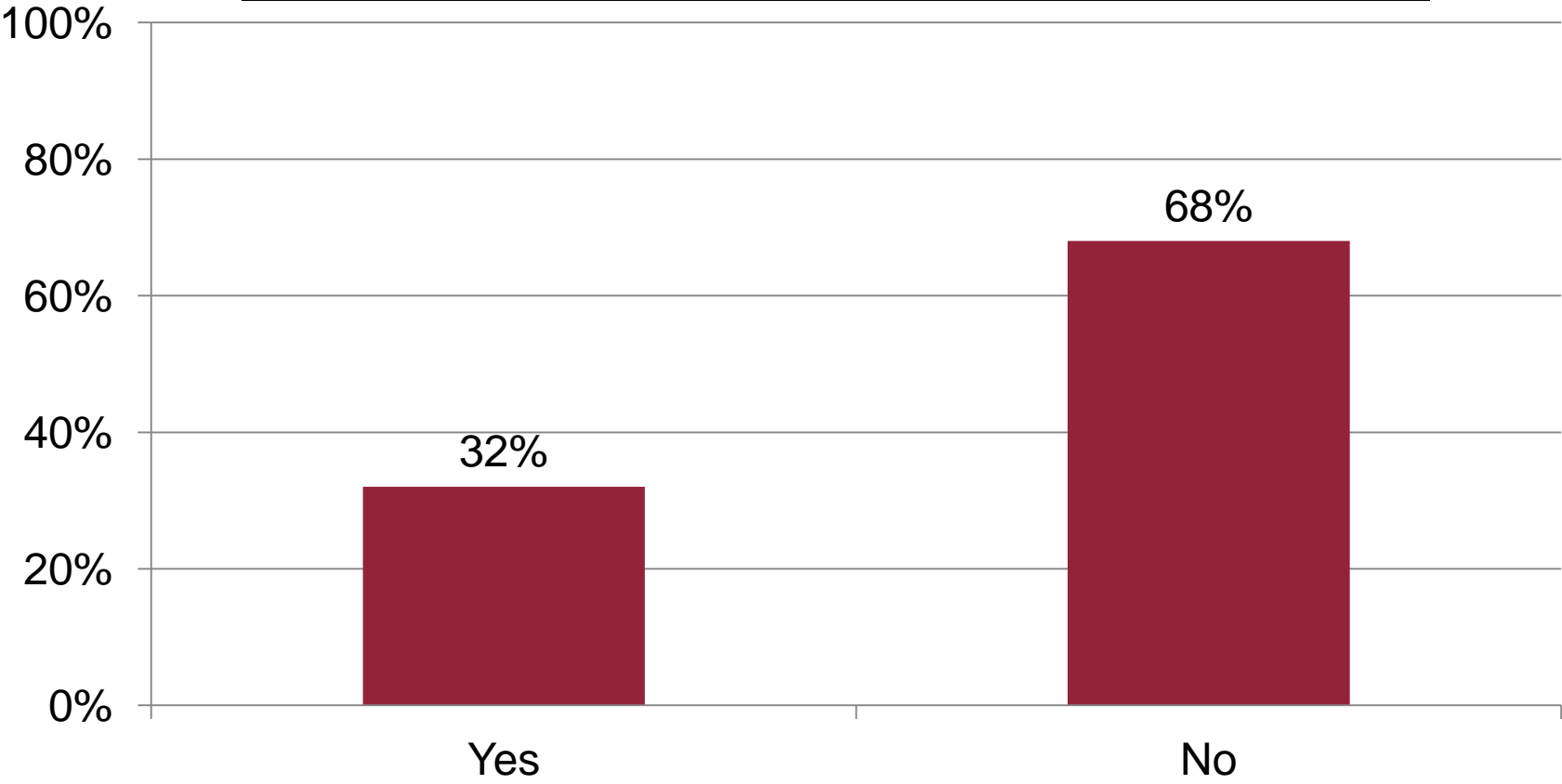
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By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of adult attendees serving in their community is 26% (median 20%)

32% of spouses are involved in ministries or projects that serve people not affiliated with their church

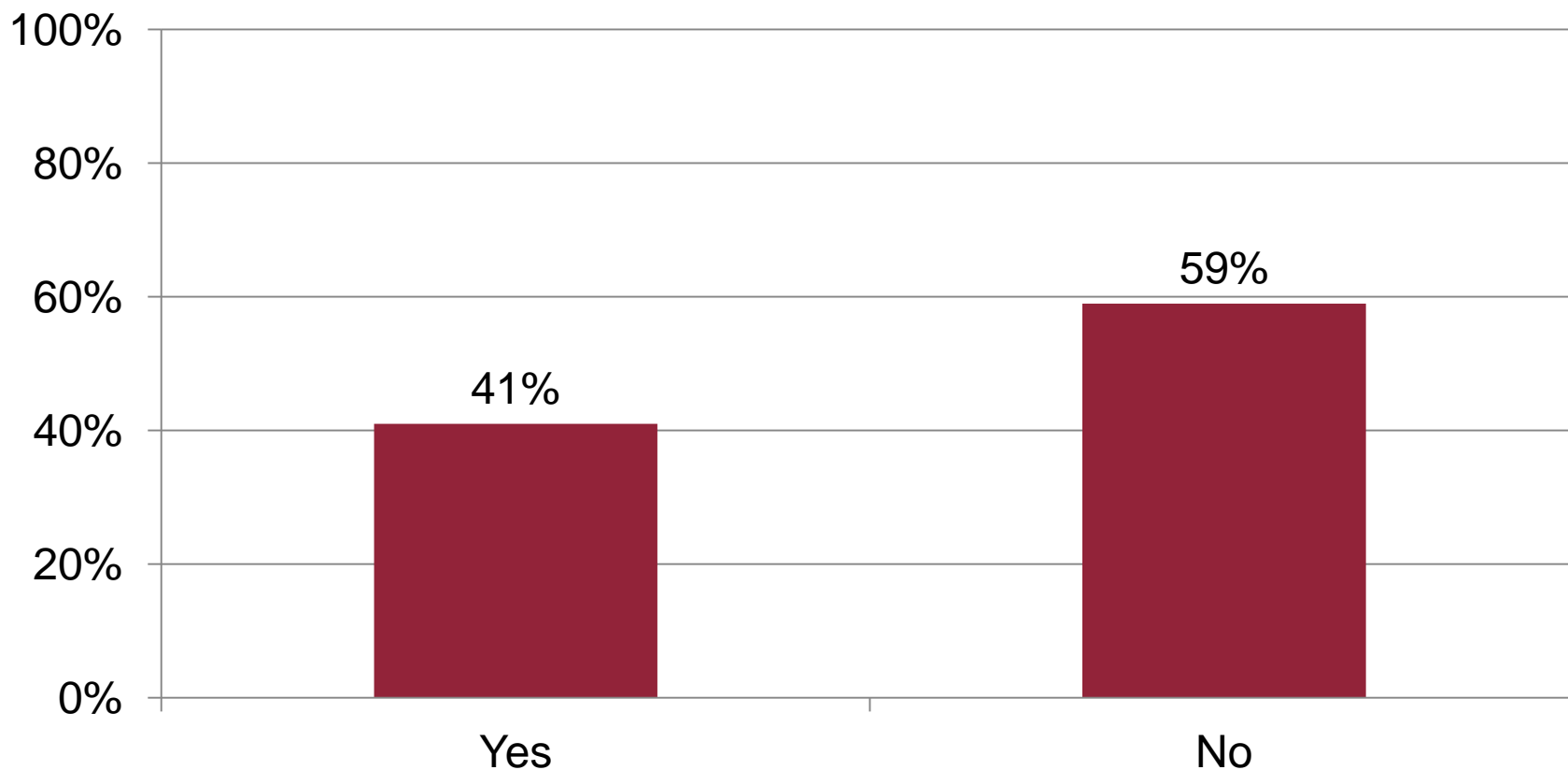
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Q18: "Is your spouse involved in ministries or projects that serve people in your community not affiliated with your church?"

4 out of 10 participate in an adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group at their church

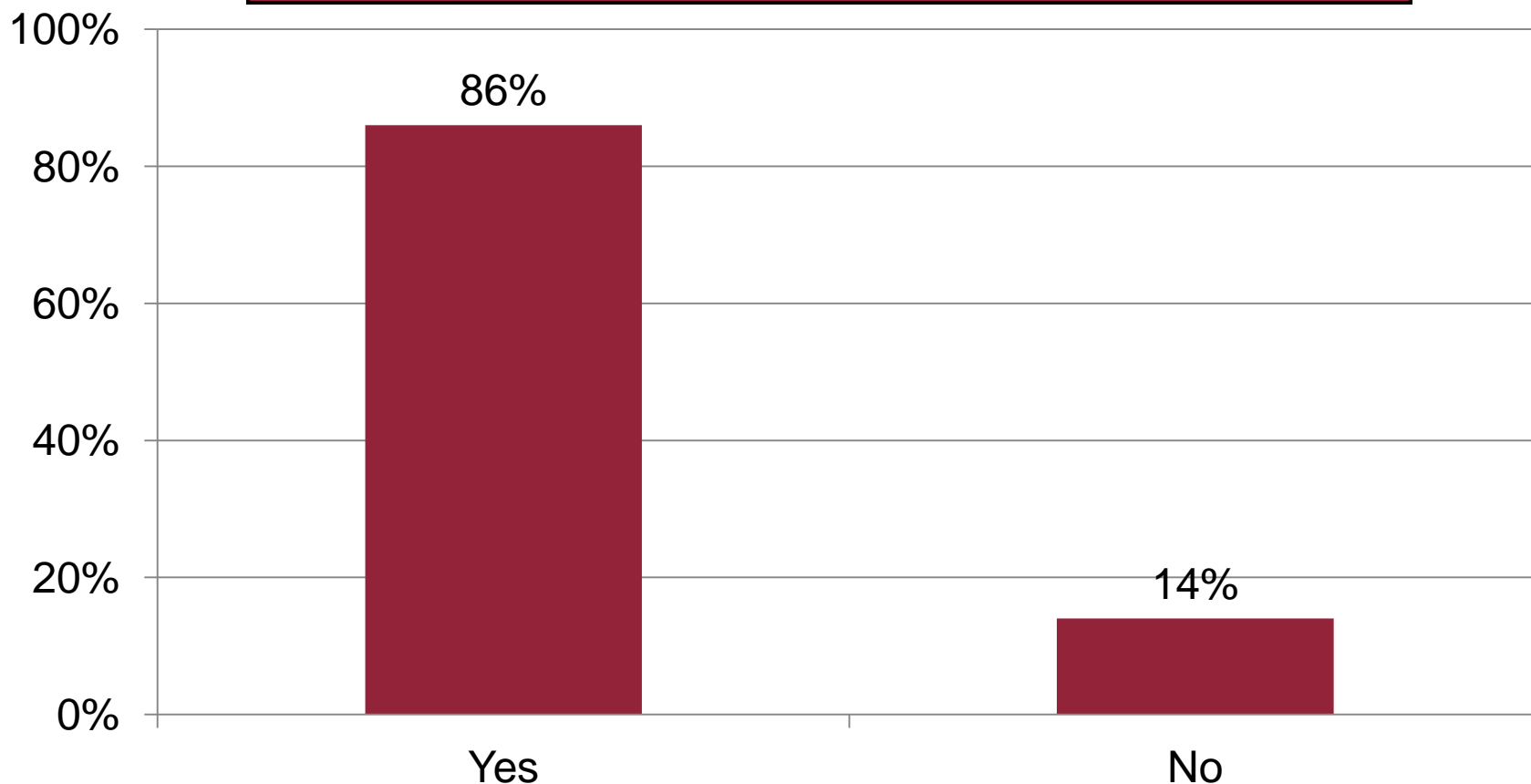
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By comparison, Protestant pastors' mean estimate of the percentage of worship attendees involved in small groups or Sunday school is 48% (median 50%)

Among those who attend a small group or Sunday school class, 86% of their spouses participate with them

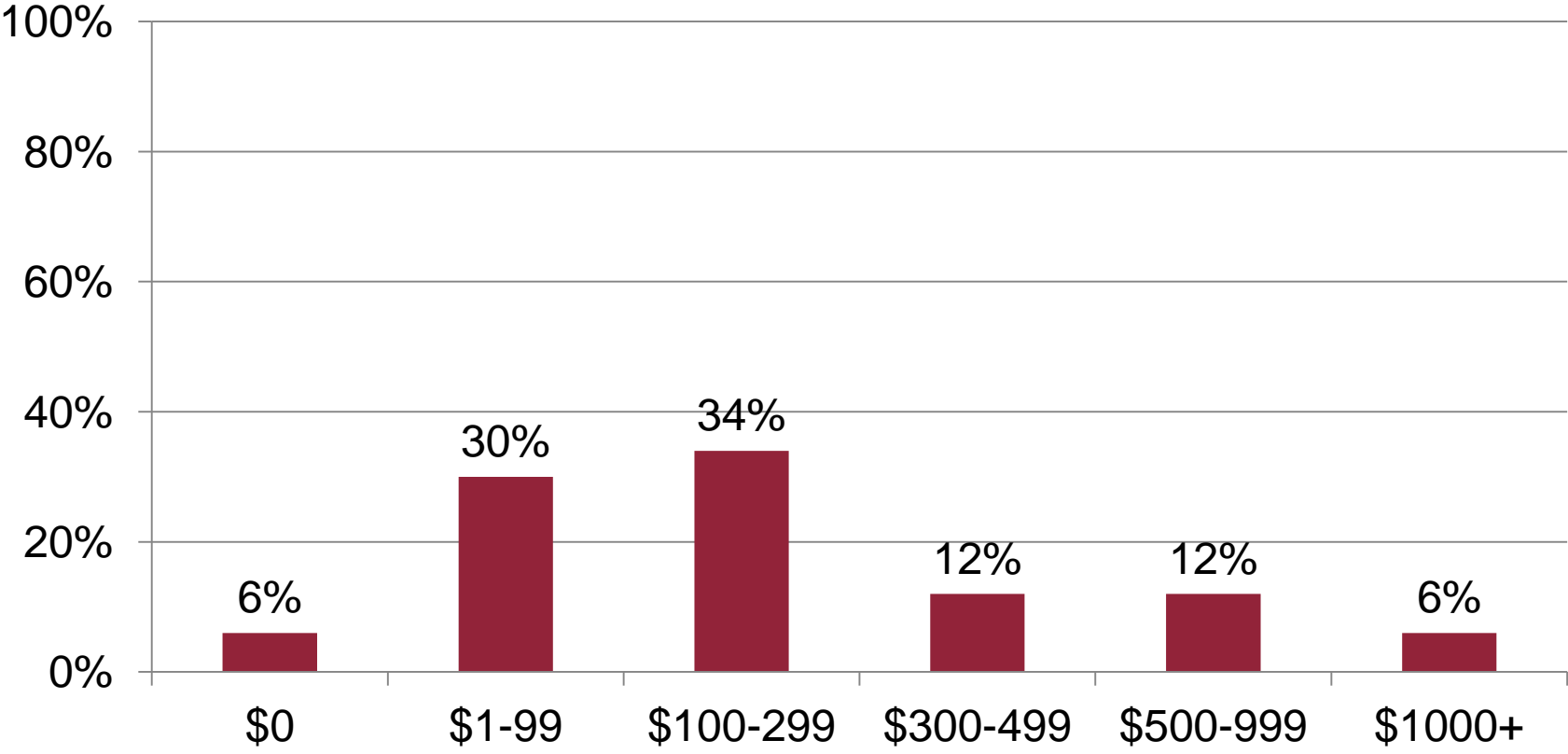
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Q20: "Does your spouse participate in this adult small group, Sunday school class, or similar group with you?" Asked of those who attend a small group, Sunday school class, or similar group. n=396

64% give \$100 or more per month to their local church

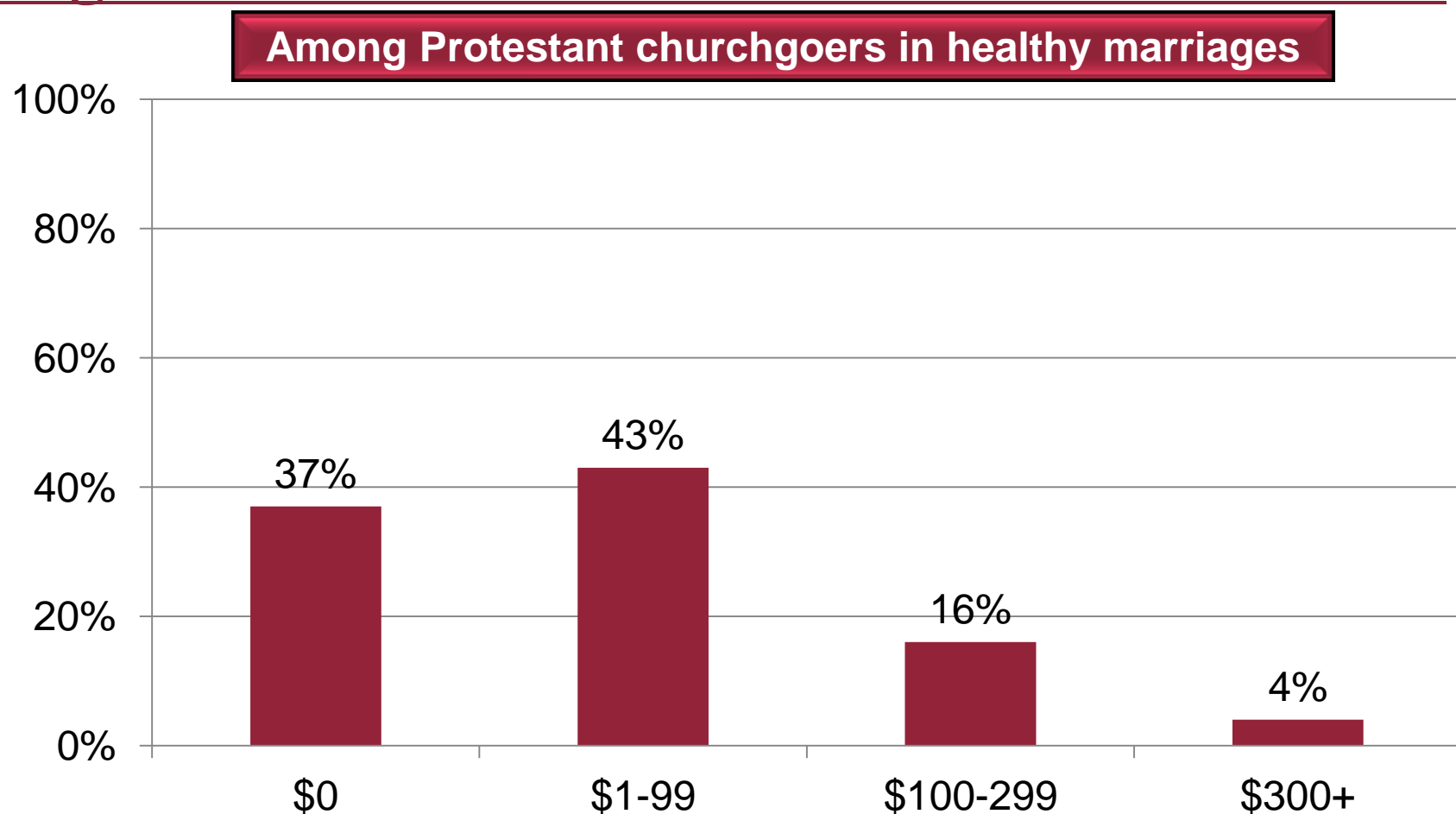
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Q21: "About how much do you typically contribute each month to your local church and other non-profit charitable causes or organizations? If none, please enter a zero. **Monthly giving to your local church**"



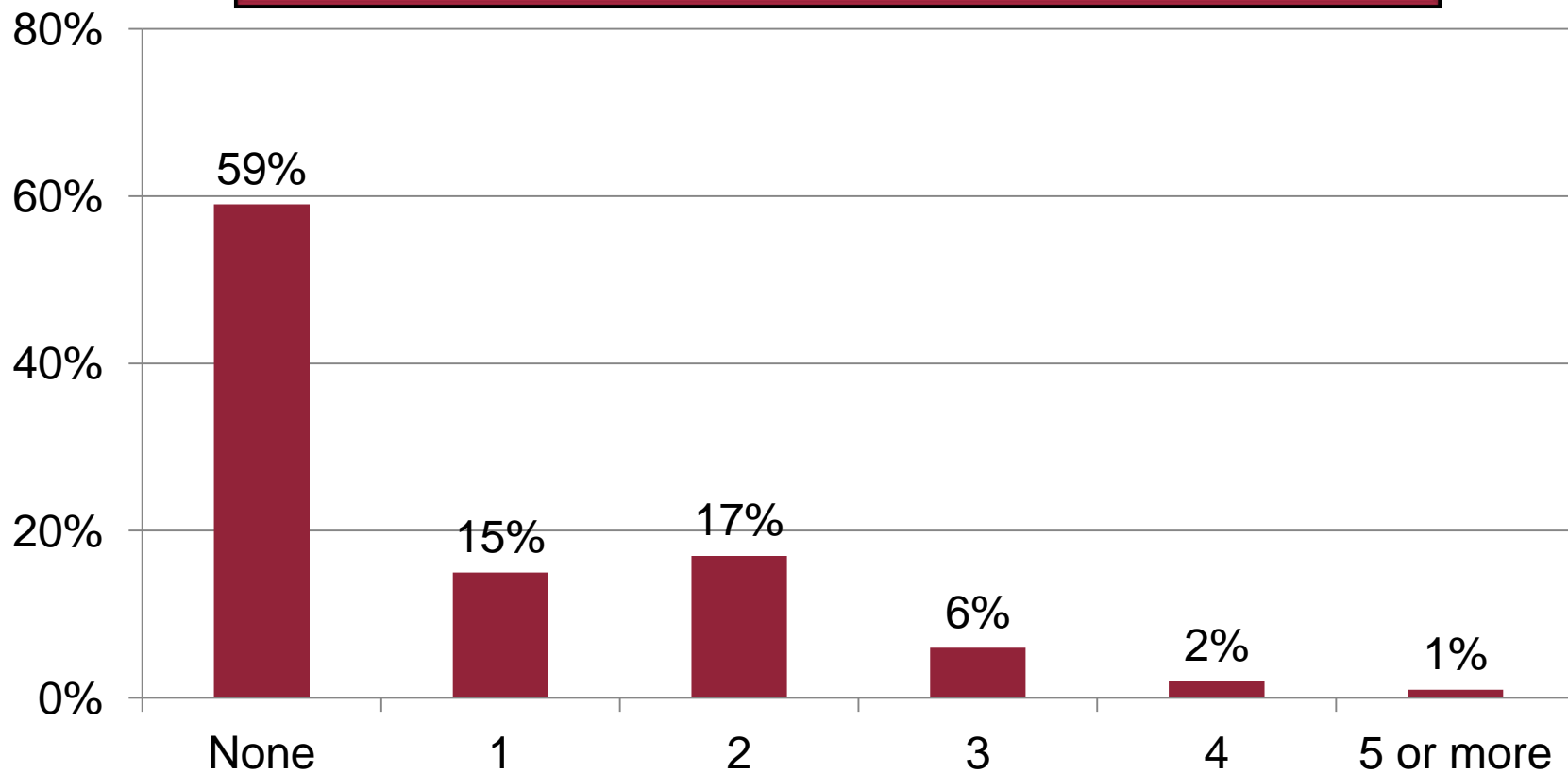
2 out of 10 give \$100 or more a month to other non-profit charitable causes or organizations



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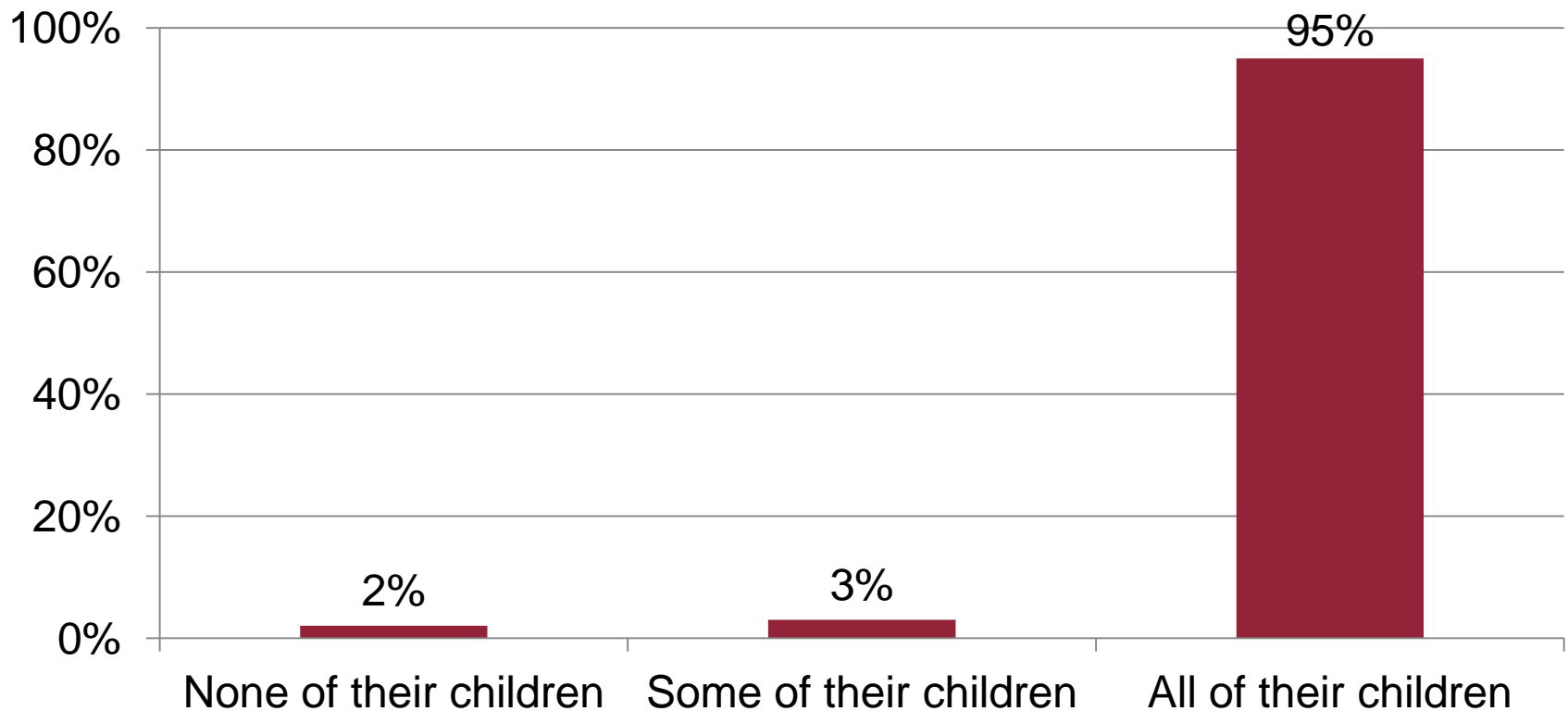
Nearly 6 out of 10 have no children under the age of 18 living at home

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95% of those with at least one child under the age of 18 have all of their children attending church with them

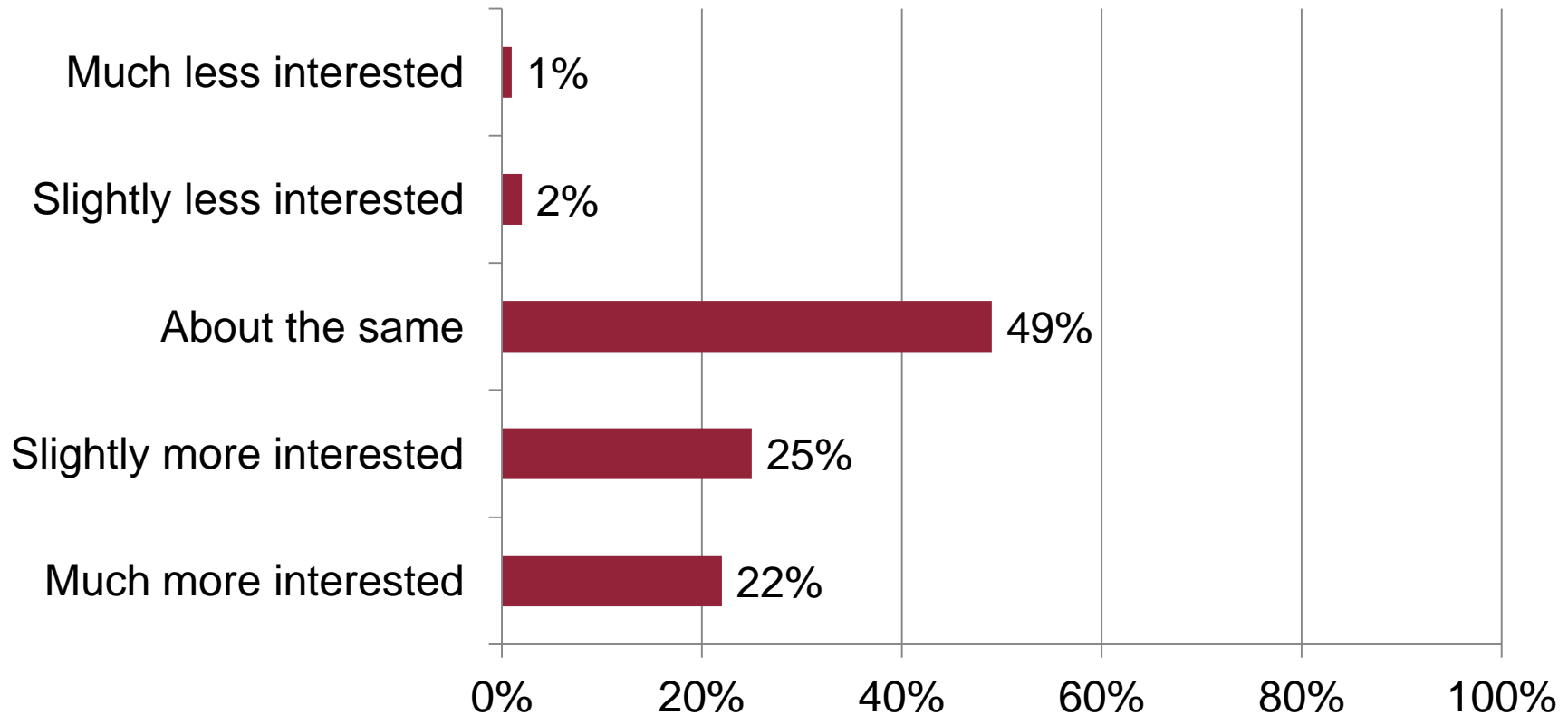
Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages with children under age 18 in their care



Q23: "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=343

48% of their children are more interested in their faith than a year ago, while 3% are less interested

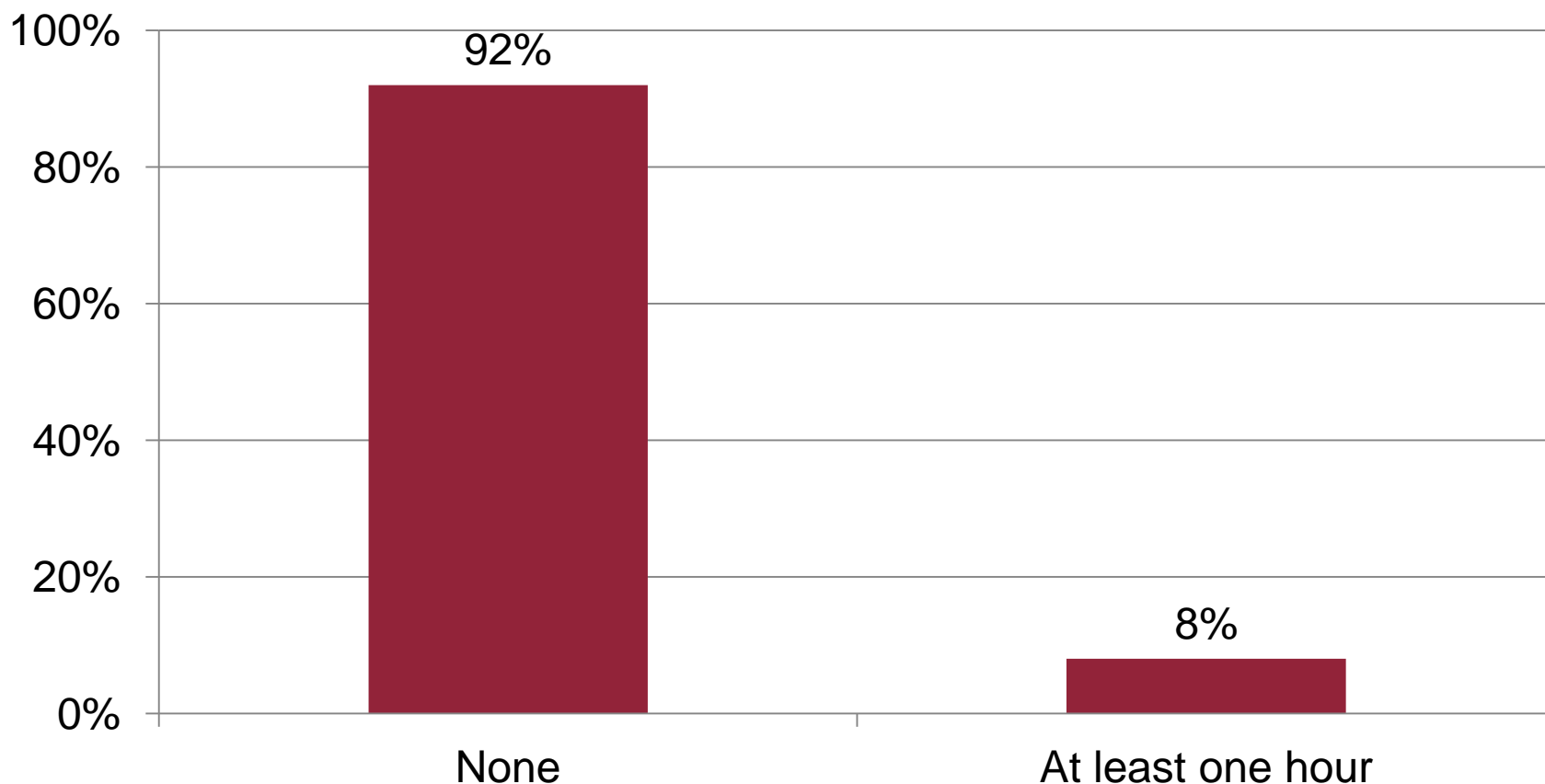
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Q24-Q28: "For your (oldest-fifth oldest) child under age 18, which of the following best describes how your child's interest in their Christian faith has changed over the last year?" Asked for up to 5 children under age 18. Based on responses for 660 children.

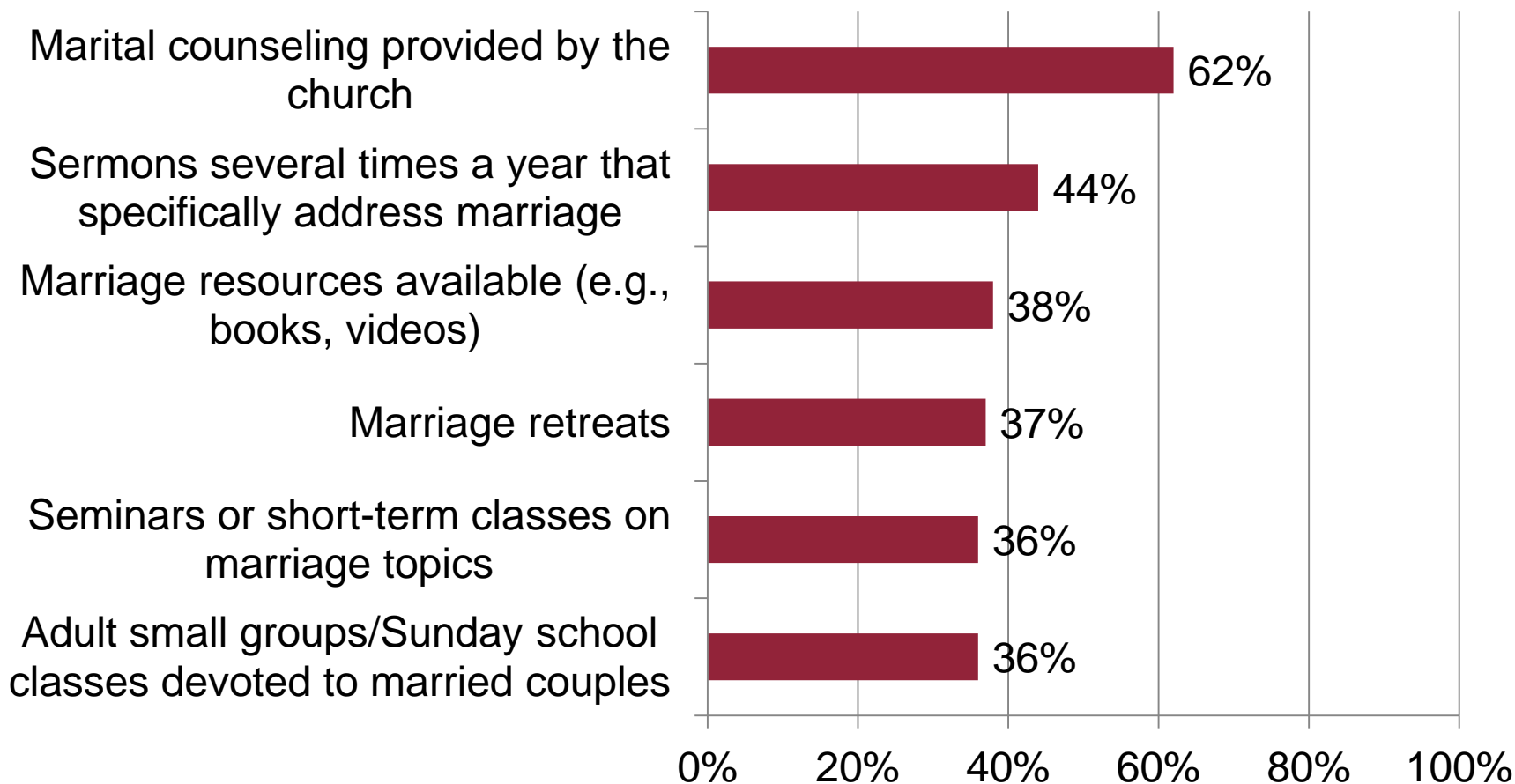
Over 9 out of 10 have not received any marital counseling from their church staff

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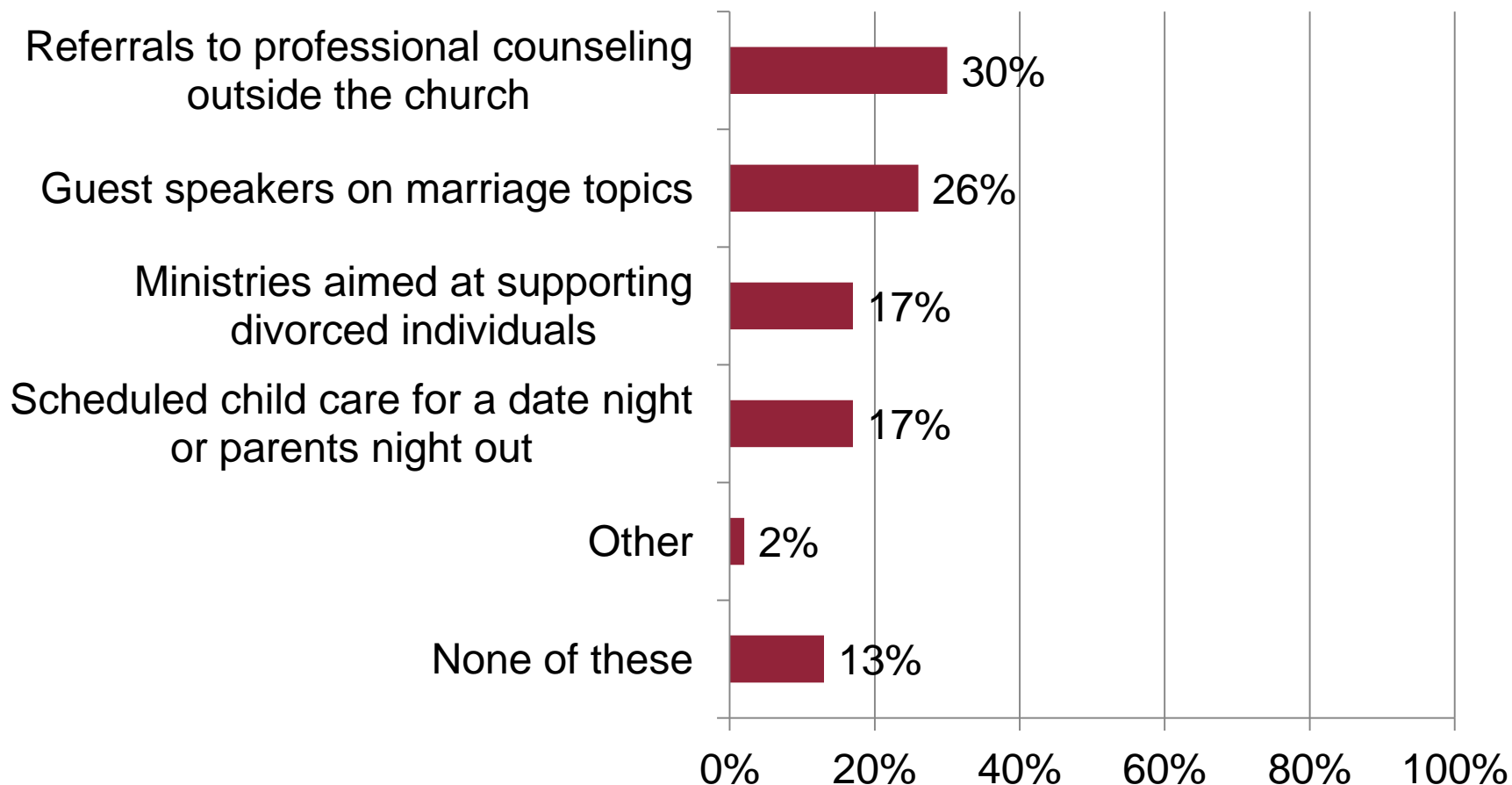


Q29: "In the past year, how many hours has the church staff spent with you or your spouse counseling or helping you with your marriage? (Enter a zero if none)"

Marriage support services offered by churches

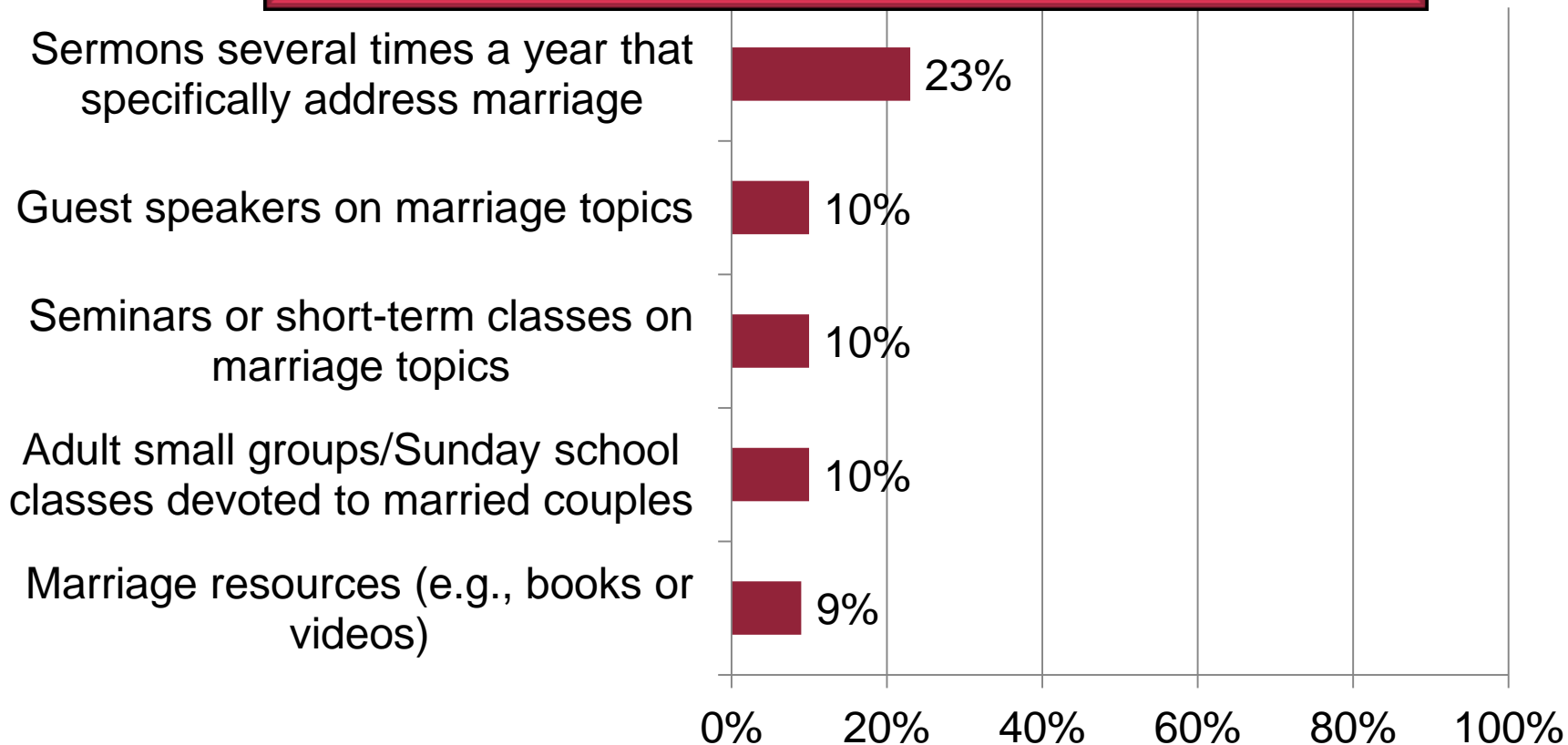


Marriage support services offered by churches (continued)



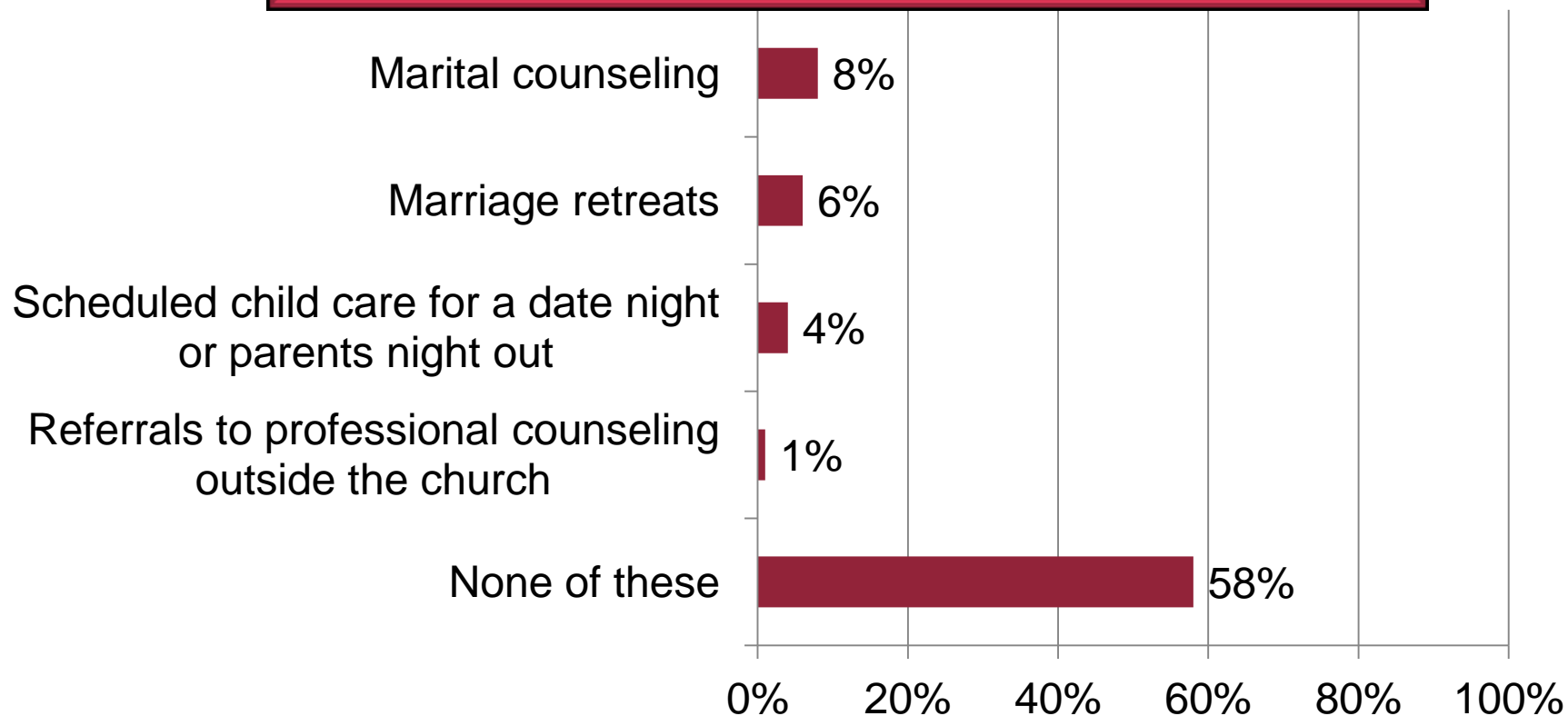
Marriage support services taken advantage of by married couples

Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages whose church offers marriage support services



Marriage support services taken advantage of by married couples (continued)

Among Protestant churchgoers in healthy marriages whose church offers marriage support services

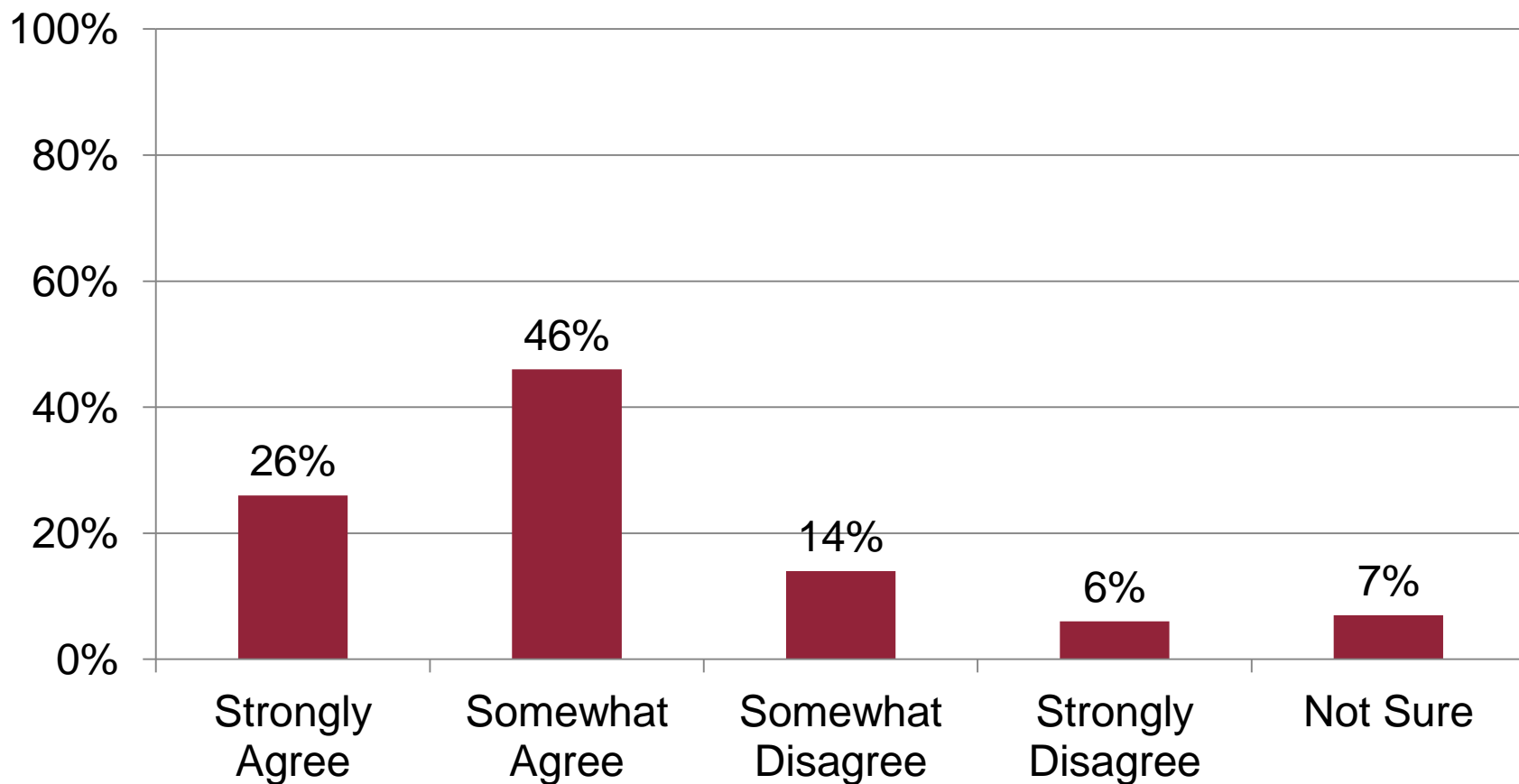


<1% have taken advantage of ministries aimed at supporting divorced individuals or Other support services

Q31: "Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church at any time? (Select all that apply)" Asked of those whose church offers marriage support services. n=855

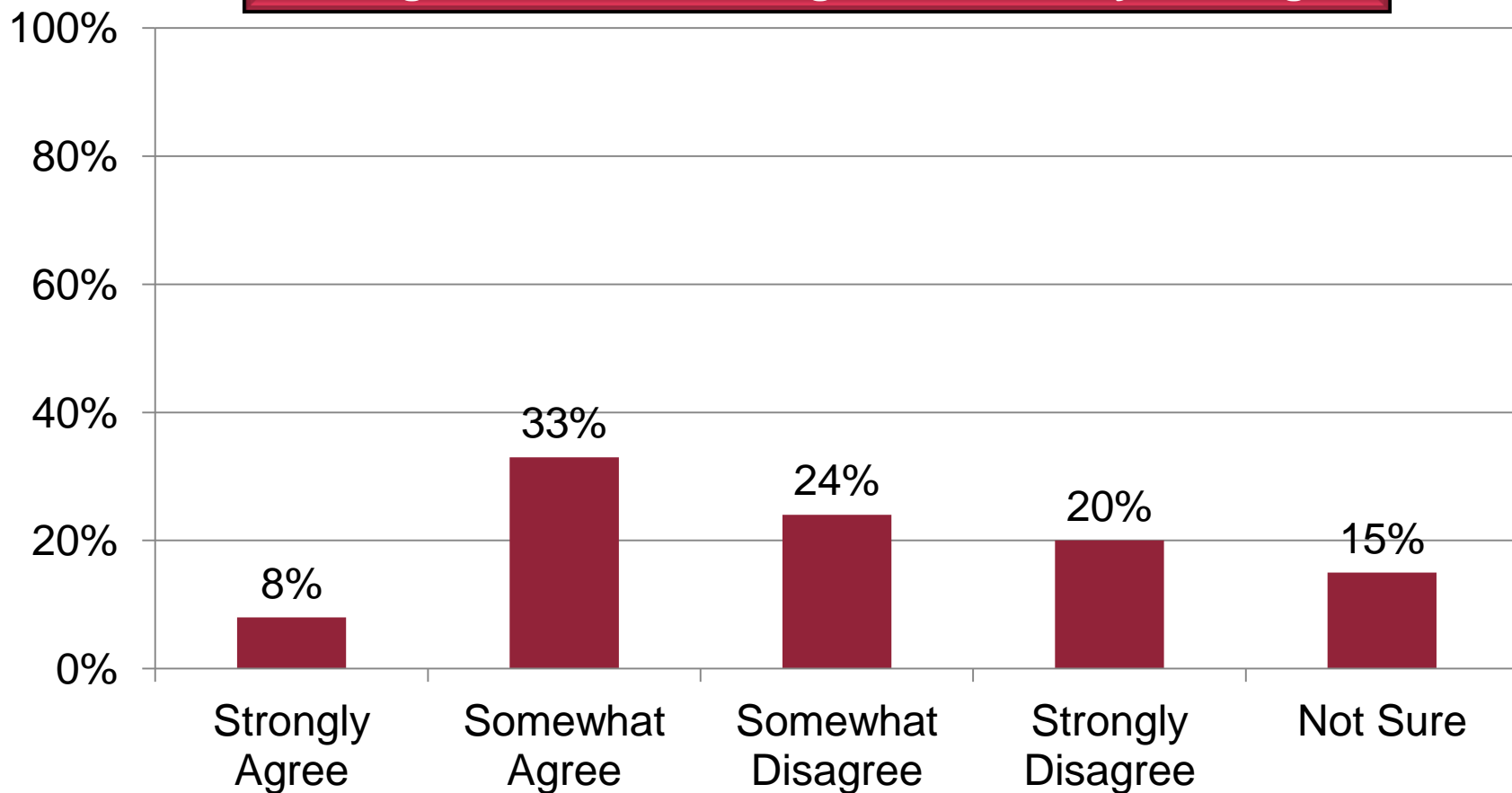
72% agree that churches can prevent divorce

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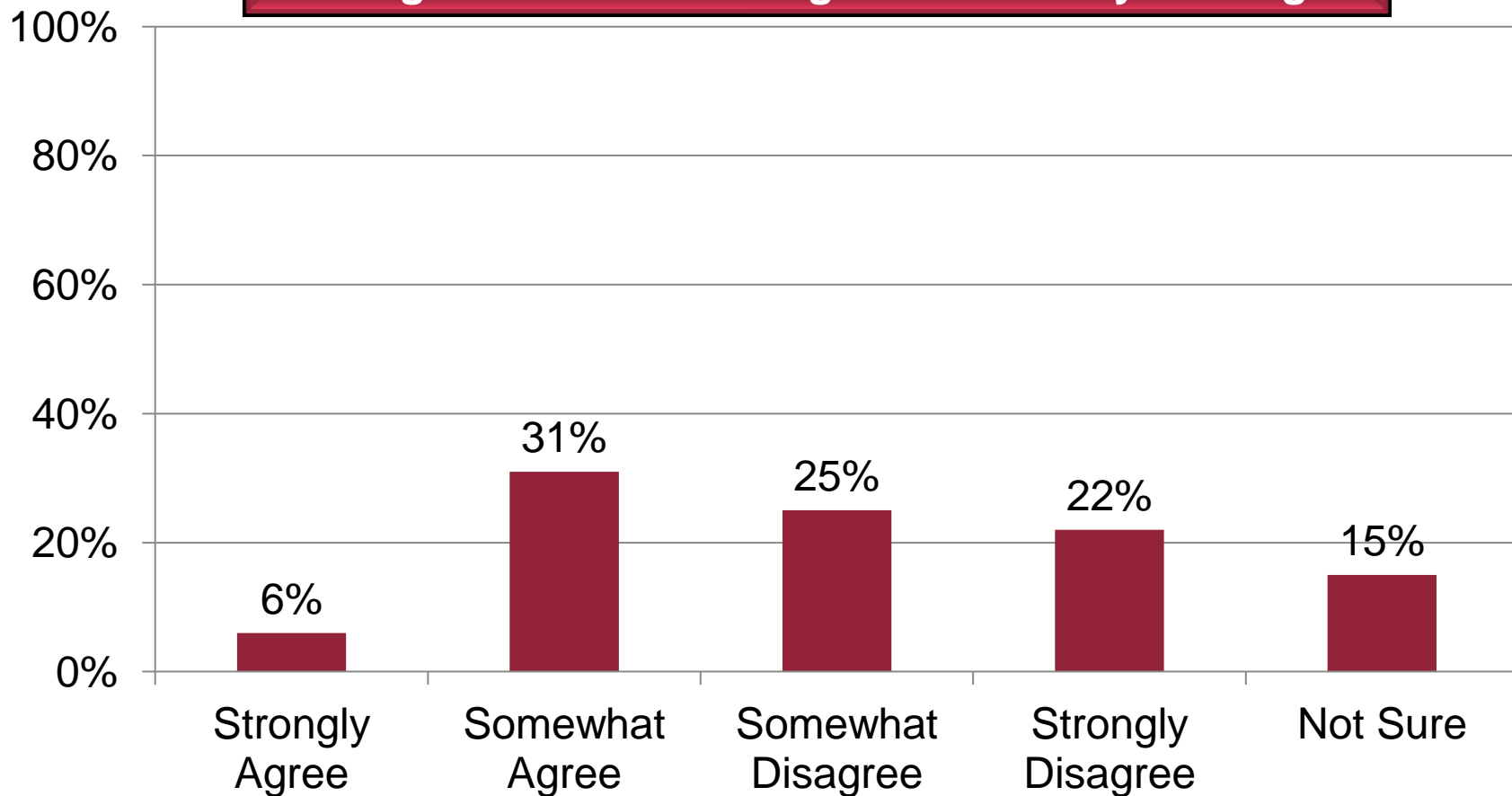
41% wish their church did more to teach them about healthy marriage

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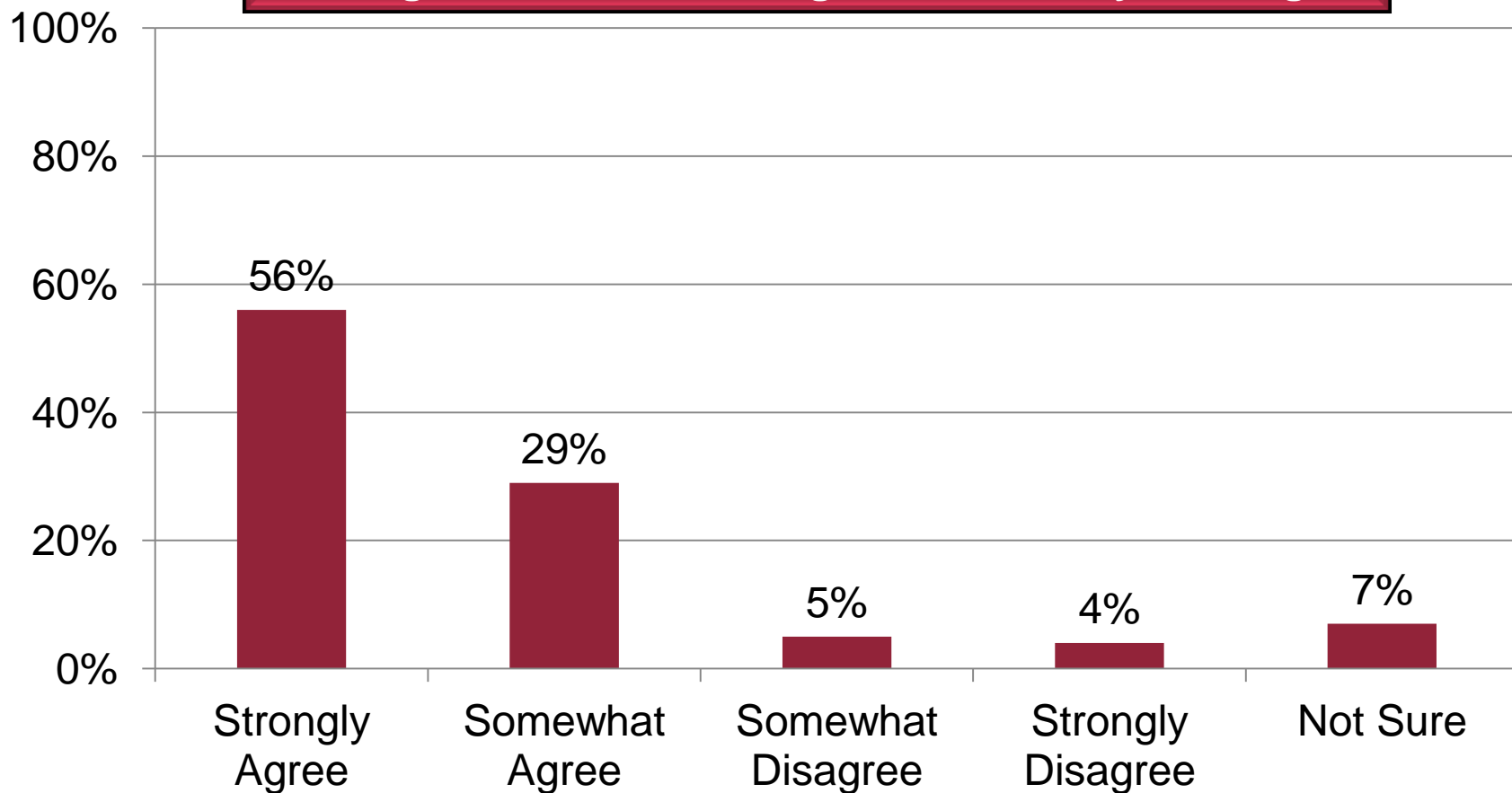
37% wish their church gave more hands-on help to have a healthy marriage

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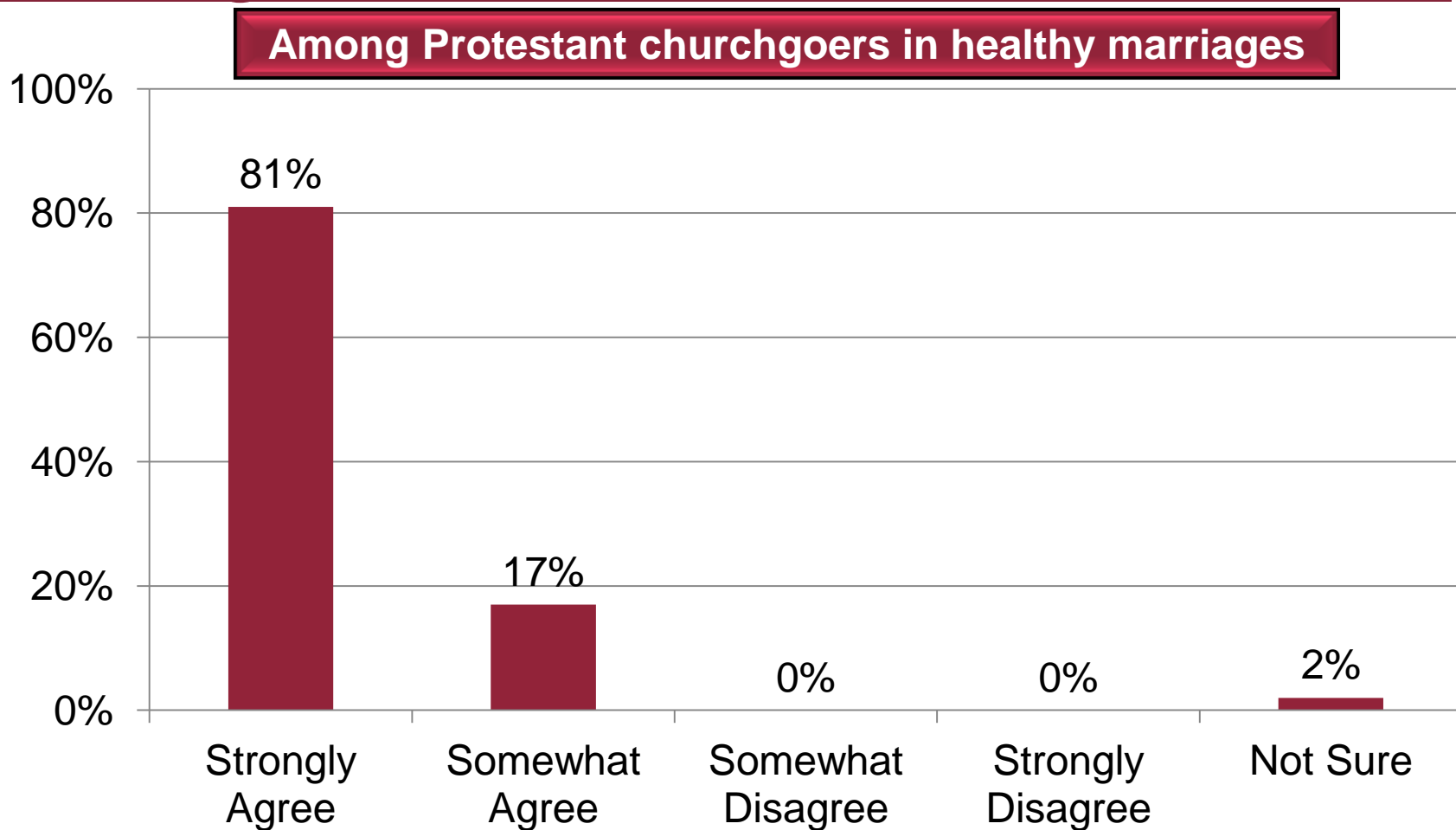


85% agree that their church is concerned about marriages in the congregation

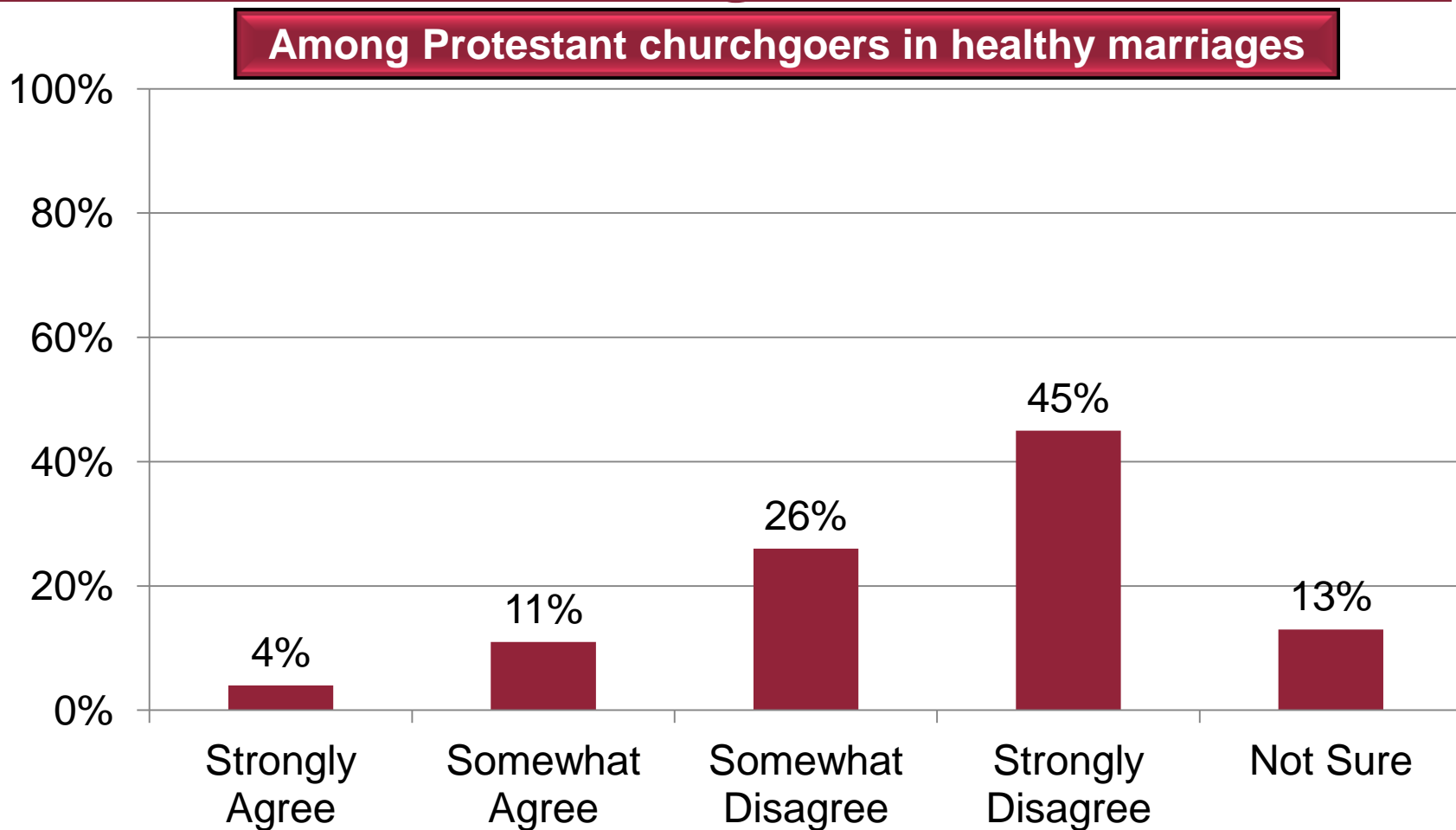
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98% agree that their church values healthy marriages

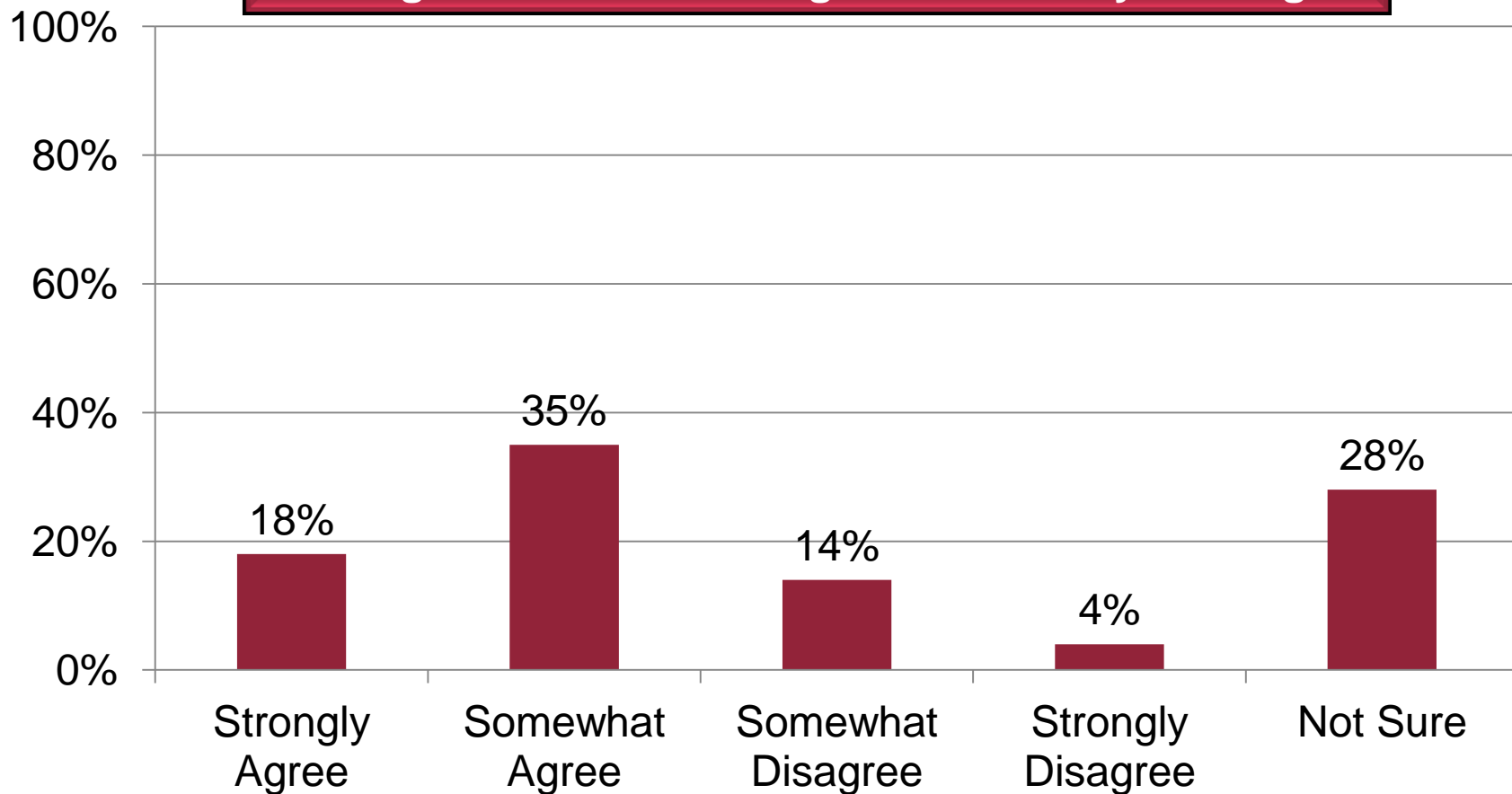


Only 15% agree that their church is too idealistic about marriage



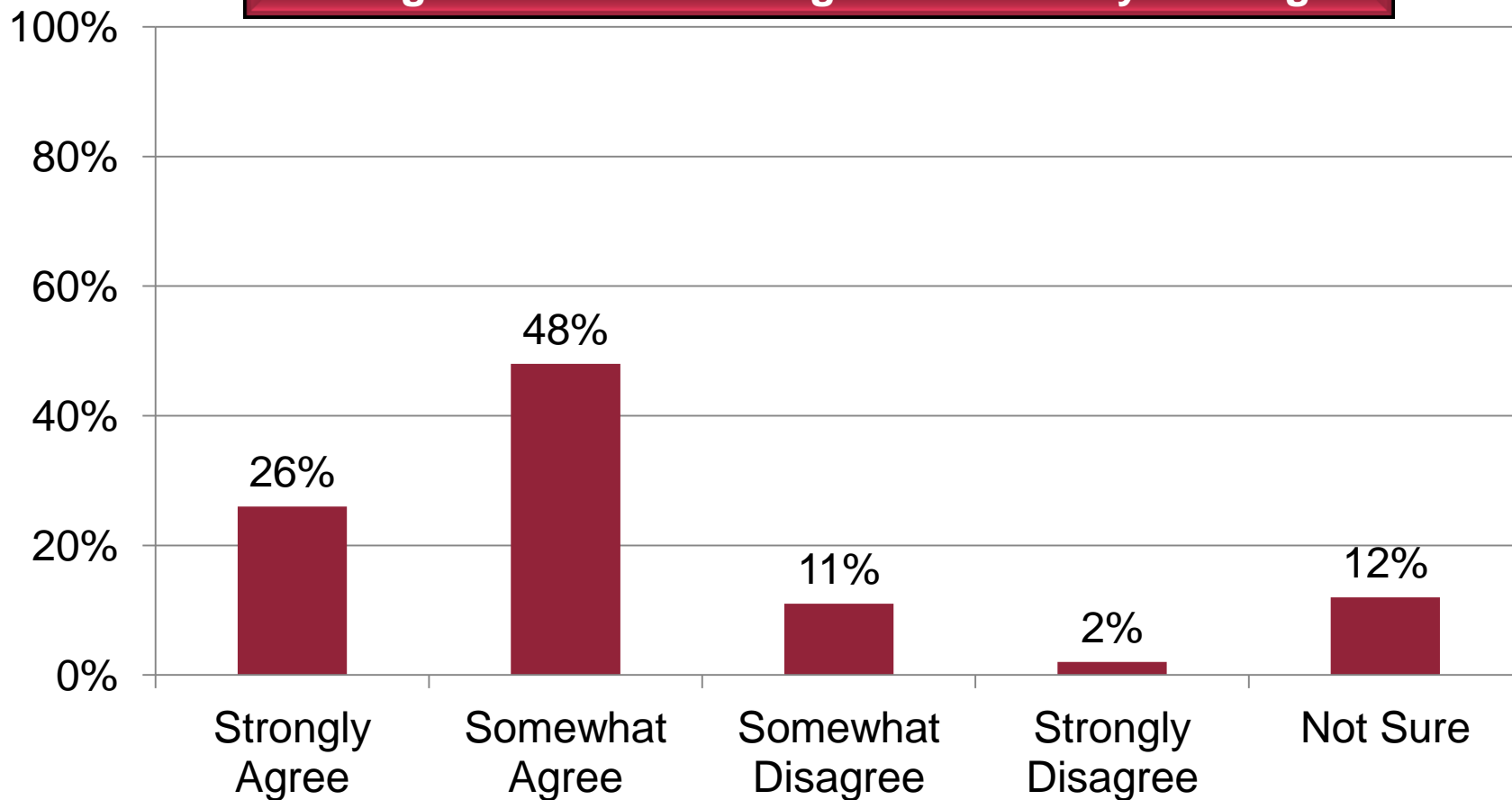
54% agree that their church provides enough help for people who have divorced

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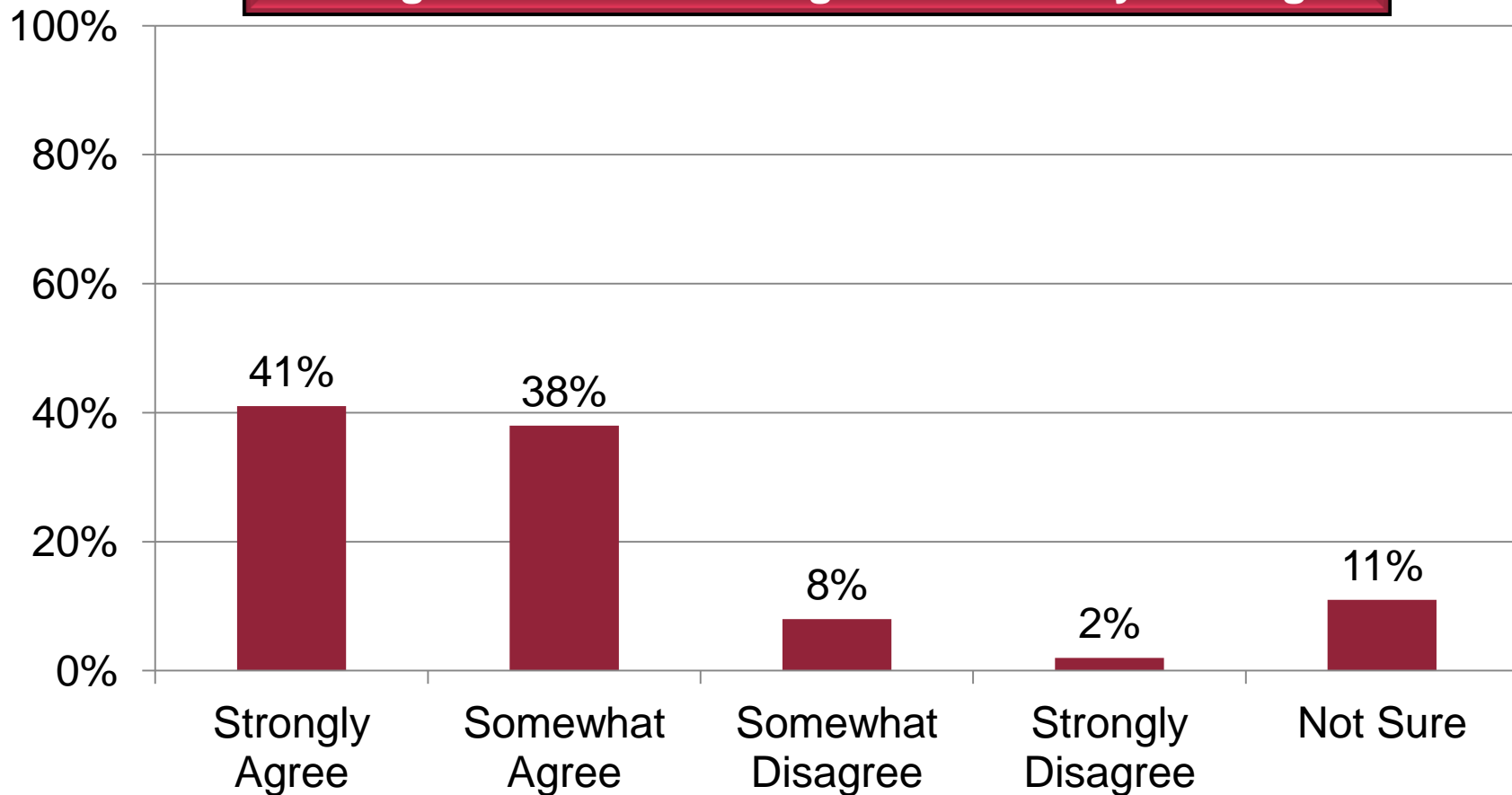
75% agree that their church provides enough help for married couples

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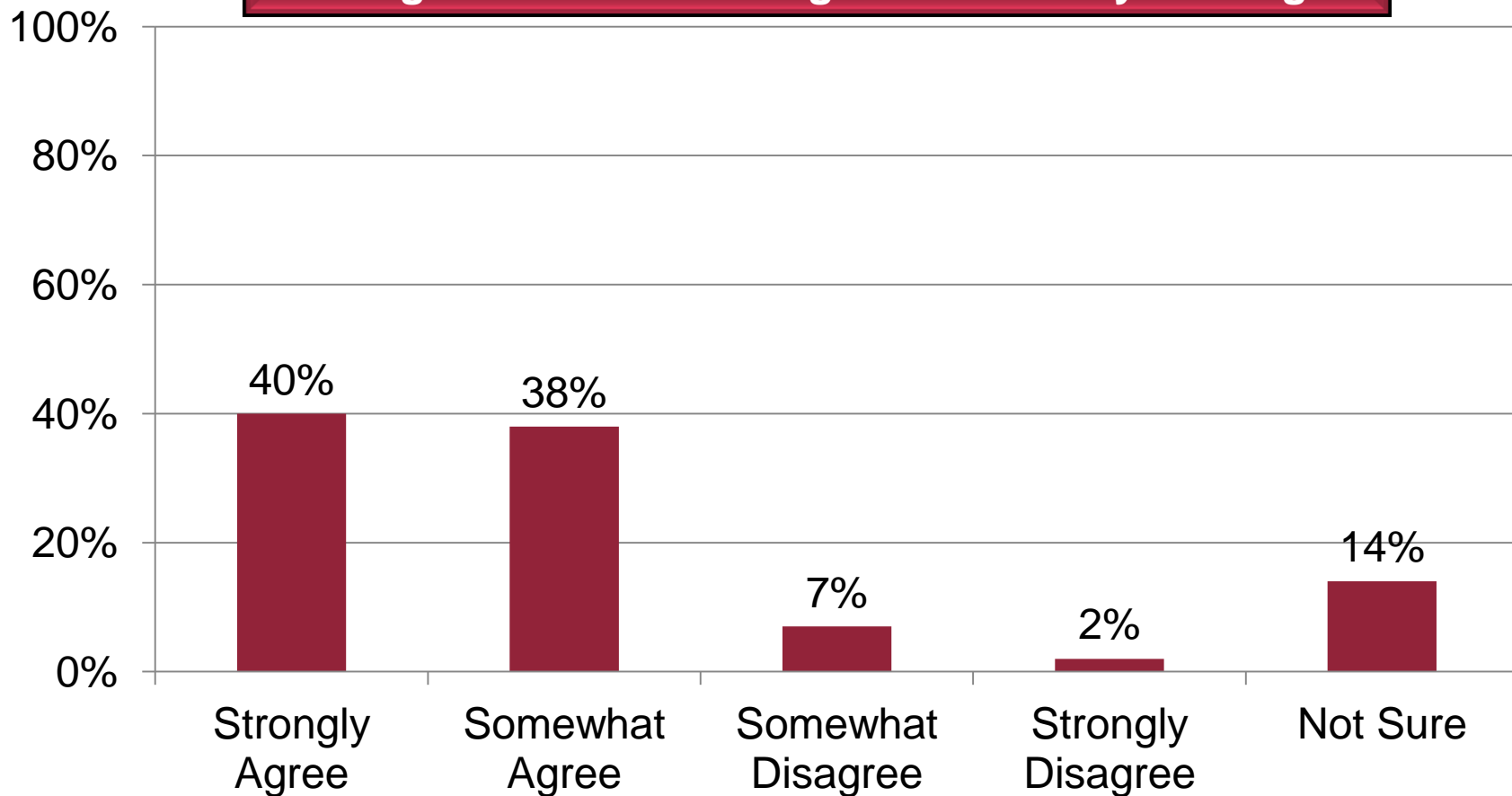
Nearly 8 out of 10 agree that their church is a safe place to talk about marital difficulties

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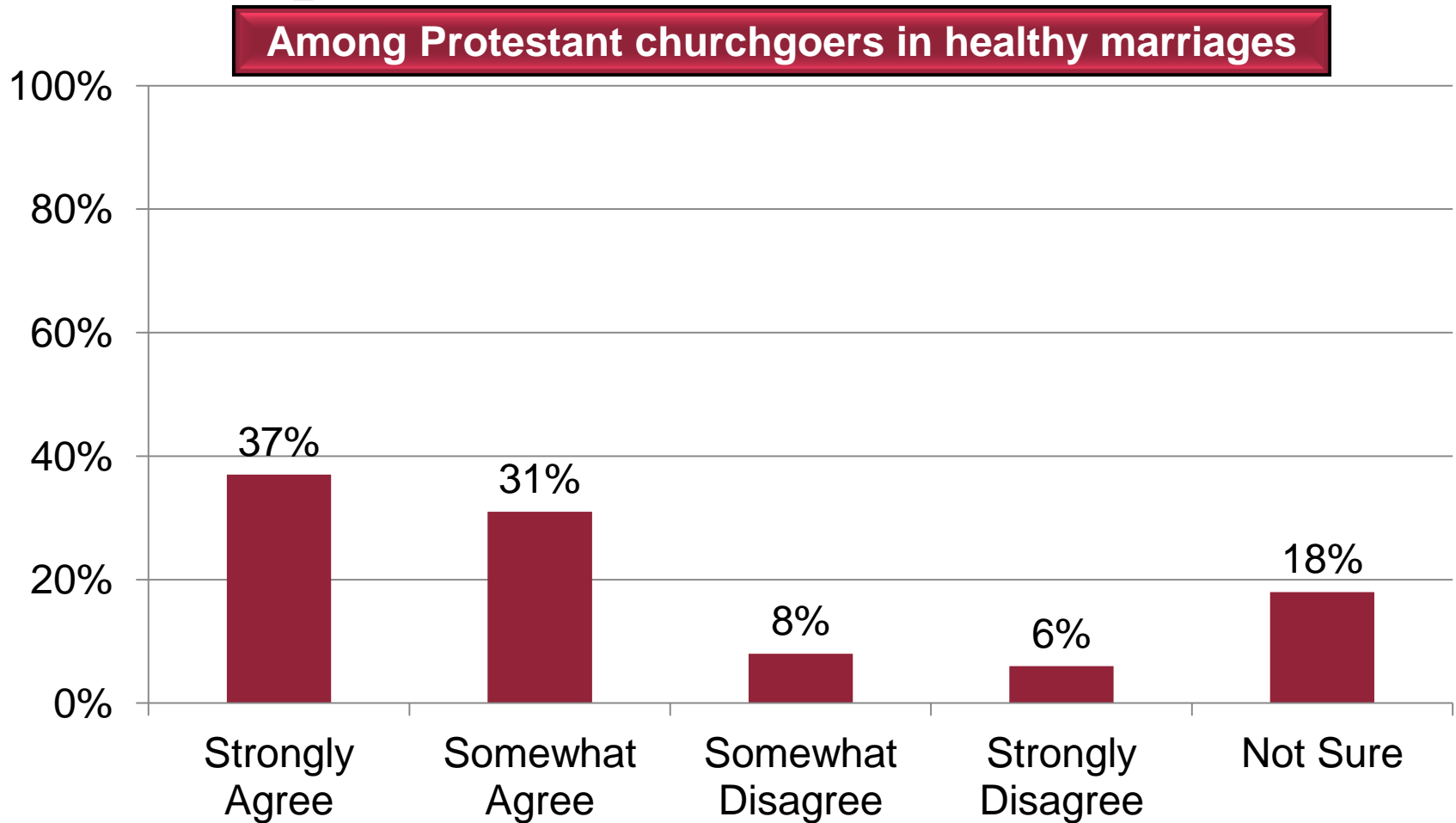


77% agree that their church invests in the health of marriages

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68% agree that marriages are viewed equally in their church, including those with a divorced partner



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

Significant Statistical Differences

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

Region	Education Level	Income
Northeast	High school or less	Less than \$25,000
Midwest	Some college	\$25,000-\$49,999
South	Bachelor's degree	\$50,000-\$74,999
West		\$75,000-\$99,999
		\$100,000+

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

“How often does your spouse attend worship services at a Christian church?”

- Males (25%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than Females (20%)
- Those age 55+ (63%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those 44-54 (51%)
- Those age 35-44 (15%) and 45-54 (17%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those 55+ (6%)
- African-Americans (36%) and Hispanics (45%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than Whites (19%), Asians (6%), and Other Ethnicities (19%)
- Asians (67%), Whites (60%) and Other Ethnicities (63%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than Hispanics (40%)
- Asians (16%), Whites (12%), and Other Ethnicities (19%) are more likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than Hispanics (5%)
- Those in the South (26%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than those in the Midwest (18%)
- Those in the Midwest (64%) are more likely to answer “About once a week” than those in the South (54%)

“How often does your spouse attend worship services at a Christian church?” (continued)

- Those with an education level of High School or less are the most likely to answer “More than once a week” (29%) and the least likely to answer “About once a week” (53%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (38%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (36%) are more likely to answer “More than once a week” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (18%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (16%), and \$100,000+ (14%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (47%) are less likely to answer “About once a week” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (62%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (61%), and \$100,000+ (64%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (8%) are less likely to answer “Once or twice a month” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (14%) and \$100,000+ (14%)

“Do you and your spouse attend the same church?”

- Those age 55+ (96%) are less likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (99%) and 35-44 (100%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (100%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (96%) and less than \$25,000 (97%)

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

- Those age 45-54 (28%) are less likely to answer “Completely committed” than those 18-34 (41%), 35-44 (42%) and 55+ (40%)
- Hispanics (54%) and Other Ethnicities (52%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than African-Americans (38%) and Whites (35%)
- Asians are the most likely to answer “Somewhat uncommitted”(11%)
- Those in the West (45%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than those in the South (36%)
- Those in the Northeast (26%) and Midwest (24%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat committed” than those in the South (16%) and West (16%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less (40%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than those with Some College (32%)

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

- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (60%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (49%) are more likely to answer “Completely committed” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (31%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (36%), and \$100,000+ (32%)
- Those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (23%) are more likely to answer “Somewhat committed” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (15%)

“Do you have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?”

- Females (48%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Males (41%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to answer “Yes” (55%)
- African-Americans (68%) and Hispanics (62%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (43%), Whites (41%), and Other Ethnicities (32%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (56%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (51%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$100,000+ (41%)

“Does your spouse have regular responsibilities at your church (for example, greeter, teacher, child care, etc.)?”

- Females (49%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Males (40%)
- Those age 18-34 (52%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 35-44 (41%) and 45-54 (34%)
- African-Americans (63%), Hispanics (53%), and Other Ethnicities (55%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (34%) and Whites (40%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (51%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (40%) and \$100,000+ (40%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following?”

Teaching other people (such as a Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, youth group teacher, etc.)

- Females (57%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (46%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to answer “Yes” (27%) followed by ages 45-54 (50%)
- Hispanics (80%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (48%), Whites (45%), and Other Ethnicities (51%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less (46%) are less likely to answer “Yes” than those with Some College (62%) and a Bachelor’s degree (62%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (59%) and \$100,000+ (58%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (36%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following?”

Mentoring other people

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to answer “Yes” (11%)
- Hispanics (47%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (28%) and Whites (14%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the most likely to answer “Yes” (40%)

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

- Those in the West (27%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Midwest (13%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (29%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (10%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following?”

A committee or ministry team member

- Those age 55+ (39%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 35-44 (25%) and 45-54 (22%)
- Those in the Northeast (42%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the South (25%)

An elder

- Males (20%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (3%)
- Hispanics (20%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (7%) and Whites (10%)
- Those in the Northeast (18%) and West (19%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Midwest (6%) and South (5%)

“Do your regular responsibilities include any of the following?”

A deacon

- Males (11%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (3%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to answer “Yes” (1%)
- African-Americans (14%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (6%) and Hispanics (0%)
- Asians (13%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Hispanics (0%)

A board or trustee member

- Males (15%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (5%)
- Those age 55+ (18%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (6%) and 35-44 (3%)
- Other Ethnicities (22%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (6%) and Asians (0%)

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

- Females (35%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Males (28%)
- Those in the Northeast (24%) are less likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Midwest (34%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the most likely to answer “Yes” (40%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (36%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (35%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (26%)

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

- Those in the West (36%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (26%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 are the most likely to answer “Yes” (44%)

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

- Females (46%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (37%)
- Those age 18-34 (47%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those age 55+ (36%)
- Other Ethnicities (58%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Hispanics (40%) and Whites (39%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to answer “Yes” (50%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (50%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those an education level of High School or less (39%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (48%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (37%) and \$100,000+ (37%)

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

- Males (92%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (80%)
- African-Americans (94%) and Other Ethnicities (96%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Hispanics (73%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less (88%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those a Bachelor’s degree (78%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (93%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (75%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (84%), and \$100,000+ (80%)

“About how much do you typically contribute each month to your local church and other non-profit charitable causes or organizations?”

Monthly giving to your local church

- Females (10%) are more likely to answer “\$0” than males (3%)
- Those age 18-34 (9%) and 45-54 (7%) are more likely to answer “\$0” than those 55+ (3%)
- African-Americans (37%), Hispanics (37%), and Whites (34%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than Other Ethnicities (22%)
- African-Americans (23%) are more likely to answer “\$300-\$499” than Asians (6%) and Whites (10%)
- Other Ethnicities (22%) are more likely to answer “\$500-\$999” than African-Americans (10%), Hispanics (4%), and Whites (12%)
- Hispanics (12%) are more likely to answer “\$1,000+” than Whites (5%) and Other Ethnicities (2%)
- Those in the South (9%) are more likely to answer “\$0” than those in the West (4%)
- Those in the Northeast (42%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than those in the Midwest (31%)

“About how much do you typically contribute each month to your local church and other non-profit charitable causes or organizations?” (continued)

Monthly giving to your local church (continued)

- Those in the Midwest (15%) are more likely to answer “\$300-\$499” than those in the Northeast (7%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “\$1,000+” (10%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the most likely to answer “\$1-99” (33%)
- Those with Some College (17%) and a Bachelor’s degree (17%) are more likely to answer “\$500-\$999” than those with an education level of High School or less (9%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the least likely to answer “\$1,000+” (4%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (46%) are more likely to answer “\$1-\$99” than those with income \$50,000-\$74,999 (30%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (29%), and \$100,000+ (24%)
- Those with income of \$100,000 are the most likely to answer “\$1000” (13%)

“About how much do you typically contribute each month to your local church and other non-profit charitable causes or organizations?” (continued)

Monthly giving other non-profit charitable causes or organizations

- Females are more likely to answer “\$0” (41% vs 32%), while males are more likely to answer “\$300+” (6% vs 3%)
- Those age 18-34 (46%) and 35-44 (43%) are more likely to answer \$0 than those age 45-54 (32%) and 55+ (27%)
- Those age 35-44 are the least likely to answer “\$1-\$99” (33%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to answer “\$100-\$299” (9%)
- Asians (29%) and Whites (17%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than African-Americans (9%) and Hispanics (6%)
- Hispanics (10%) and Other Ethnicities (8%) are more likely to answer “\$300+” than Whites (3%)
- Those in the Midwest (18%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than those in the Northeast (11%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (24%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than those with an education level of High School or less (14%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are most likely to answer “\$300” (13%)

“About how much do you typically contribute each month to your local church and other non-profit charitable causes or organizations?” (continued)

Monthly giving other non-profit charitable causes or organizations (continued)

- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (50%) are more likely to answer “\$1-\$99” than those with income of \$100,000+ (39%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (21%) and \$100,000 (25%) are more likely to answer “\$100-\$299” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (4%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (10%), and \$50,000-\$74,999 (12%)
- Those with income of \$100,000+ (9%) are more likely to answer “\$300+” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (2%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (3%), and \$75,000-\$99,999 (2%)

“In the past year, how many hours has the church staff spent with you or your spouse counseling or helping you with your marriage?”

- Those age 45-54 (95%) and 55+ (96%) are more likely to answer “None” than those 18-34 (87%) and 35-44 (89%)
- Hispanics (27%) are more likely to answer “At least one hour” than Asians (10%), Whites (5%), and Other Ethnicities (7%)
- Those in the Northeast (95%) and the Midwest (96%) are more likely to answer “None” than those in the South (88%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (96%) are more likely to answer “None” than those an education level of High School or less (90%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (18%) and \$25,000-\$49,999 (15%) are more likely to answer “At least one hour” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (5%), \$75,000-\$99,999 (4%) and \$100,000+ (6%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)”

Marital counseling provided by the church

- Males (66%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than females (58%)
- Those age 18-34 (70%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (59%) and 55+ (57%)
- Hispanics (82%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (61%), Whites (59%), and Other Ethnicities (60%)
- Those in the West (70%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (58%) and Midwest (57%)

Referrals to professional counseling outside the church

- Asians (39%), Whites (30%), and Other Ethnicities (45%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (19%)
- Those in the Midwest (35%) and West (37%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (23%) and South (26%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the least likely to answer “Yes” (24%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (35%) and \$100,000+ (34%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than \$25,000-\$49,999 (24%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Seminars or short-term classes on marriage topics

- Asians (47%) and Other Ethnicities (53%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (29%)
- Those in the West (42%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (29%)
- Those with Some College (47%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with an education level of High School or less (33%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (43%) and \$100,000+ (42%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with less \$25,000 (24%) and \$50,000-74,999 (31%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Marriage retreats

- Females (41%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (33%)
- Other Ethnicities (62%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (31%), African-Americans (37%), and Whites (33%)

Guest speakers on marriage topics

- Those age 35-44 (31%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 18-34 (22%)
- Asians (38%), Hispanics (34%), and Other Ethnicities (34%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (23%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (35%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Sermons several times a year that specifically address marriage

- Those age 18-34 (50%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (39%) and 55+ (38%)
- Hispanics (59%) and Other Ethnicities (58%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (38%), African-Americans (36%), and Whites (41%)
- Those in the West (51%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (36%) and Midwest (39%)

Adult small groups/Sunday School classes devoted to married couples

- Other Ethnicities are the most likely to answer “Yes” (65%)
- Those in the Midwest (39%) and South (41%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (23%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Ministries aimed at supporting divorced individuals

- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to answer “Yes” (9%)
- Other Ethnicities (41%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (8%), Hispanics (18%), and Whites (16%)
- Those in the West (24%) and Midwest (21%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (10%) and South (14%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the most likely to answer “Yes” (26%)
- Those with income of \$100,000+ (22%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (14%)

Scheduled child care for a date night or parents night out

- Those age 35-44 (22%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 55+ (13%)
- African-Americans are the least likely to answer “Yes” (7%) followed by Whites (15%)
- Those in the Midwest (18%) and South (20%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (9%)

“Does your church offer any of the following support services to people in the church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

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

- Those age 18-34 (41%) and 35-44 (43%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 55+ (32%)
- Whites (39%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African-Americans (27%)
- Those in the West (44%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (31%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree (45%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with an education level of High School or less (36%)
- Those with income of \$100,000+ (41%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (33%)

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)”

Marital counseling

- Those age 18-34 (15%) and 35-44 (9%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (3%) and 55+ (4%)
- African-Americans (12%), Hispanics (15%), and Other Ethnicities (20%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (5%)
- Those in the South (10%) and West (10%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (2%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (7%) and \$100,000+ (5%)

Referrals to professional counseling outside the church

- No significant differences

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Seminars or short-term classes on marriage topics

- Other Ethnicities (27%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (8%), African-Americans (12%), and Whites (7%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (17%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (12%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (6%)

Marriage retreats

- Hispanics (15%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (4%) and Other Ethnicities (4%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (19%) are the most likely to answer “Yes”

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Guest speakers on marriage topics

- Those age 35-44 (14%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 55+ (7%)
- African-Americans (21%) and Other Ethnicities (23%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (7%) and Whites (6%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (18%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less (12%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with Some College (5%)

Sermons several times a year that specifically address marriage

- Those age 18-34 (33%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (19%) and 55+ (13%)
- Asians are the least likely to answer “Yes” (5%)

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Adult small groups/Sunday School classes devoted to married couples

- Other Ethnicities are the most likely to answer “Yes” (24%)
- Those in the South (13%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the West (7%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (16%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of less than \$25,000 (4%), \$50,000-\$74,999 (7%), and \$100,000+ (8%)

Ministries aimed at supporting divorced individuals

- Asians are the most likely to answer “Yes” (7%)

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

Scheduled child care for a date night or parents night out

- Females (5%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than males (2%)
- Those age 18-34 (6%) and 35-44 (7%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (2%) and 55+ (0%)
- Hispanics (8%) and Other Ethnicities (10%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Whites (3%) and African-Americans (0%)
- Those in the South (6%) and West (5%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Midwest (1%) and Northeast (0%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (5%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (6%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (1%) and \$100,000+ (2%)

“Have you or your spouse taken advantage of any of these marriage support services from your church? (Select all that apply)” (continued)

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

- Those age 18-34 (12%) and 35-44 (14%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those 45-54 (6%) and 55+ (5%)
- Hispanics (21%) and Other Ethnicities (20%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Asians (4%), African-Americans (8%), and Whites (7%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to answer “Yes” (19%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (14%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (13%) and \$100,000+ (11%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those with income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (5%)

“Churches can prevent divorce”

- Males (77%) are more likely to Agree than females (67%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (81%)
- Hispanics (82%) are more likely to Agree than African-Americans (65%) and Whites (72%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s degree are the most likely to disagree (29%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (75%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of less than \$25,000 (62%)

“I wish my church did more to teach me about healthy marriage.”

- Those age 18-34 (47%) are more likely to Agree than those 45-54 (38%) and 55+ (37%)
- African-Americans (52%) and Hispanics (50%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (38%)
- Those in the Midwest (44%) and South (48%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those in the Northeast (30%) and West (35%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the least likely to Agree (38%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (54%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (39%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (38%)

“I wish my church gave me more hands-on help to have a healthy marriage.”

- Those age 55+ (29%) are least likely to Agree
- African-Americans (52%), Hispanics (54%), and Other Ethnicities (64%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (31%)
- Those in the South are the most likely to Agree (46%), while those in the Northeast are the least likely to Agree (22%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the least likely to Agree (34%)
- Those with income of \$100,000+ (44%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (35%) and \$50,000-\$74,999 (34%)

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

- Males (88%) are more likely to Agree than females (81%)
- Those age 35-44 (11%) are more likely to Disagree than those 55+ (6%)

“My church values healthy marriages.”

- African-Americans (100%) and Hispanics (100%) are more likely to Agree than Other Ethnicities (95%)
- Those in the West (99%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (96%)
- Those with income of \$75,000-\$99,999 (99%) are more likely to Agree than those with income of less than \$25,000 (95%)

“My church is too idealistic about marriage.”

- African-Americans (24%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (14%)
- Those with Some College (77%) are more likely to Disagree than those with an education level of High School or less (68%)
- Those with income of \$100,000+ (77%) are more likely to Disagree than those with income of less than \$50,000-\$74,999 (69%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (69%)

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

- Those age 18-34 (59%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (49%)
- Hispanics (64%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (52%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less are the most likely to Agree (58%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000+ are the most likely to Agree (69%)

“My church provides enough help for married couples.”

- Those age 18-34 (82%) are more likely to Agree than those 45-54 (74%) and 55+ (68%)
- African-Americans (16%), Whites (14%), and Other Ethnicities (21%) are more likely to Disagree than Hispanics (6%)
- Those in the West (81%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (73%) and the South (73%)
- Those with a Bachelor's degree (19%) are more likely to Disagree than those with an education level of High School or less (12%)

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

- Those age 18-34 (85%) are more likely to Agree than those 45-54 (77%) and 55+ (74%)
- African-Americans (86%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (77%)
- Those in the South (13%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Midwest (7%)
- Those with income of less than \$25,000 (86%), \$25,000-\$49,999 (85%), and \$100,000+ (80%) are more likely to Agree than those with income \$50,000-\$74,999 (72%)

“My church invests in the health of marriages.”

- Those age 18-34 (83%) and 35-44 (82%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (69%)
- Those in the West (84%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (76%) and South (75%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (82%) are more likely to Agree than those with income \$50,000-\$74,999 (73%) and \$75,000-\$99,999 (74%)

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

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Agree (78%)
- African-Americans (16%) and Whites (15%) are more likely to Disagree than Asians (4%)
- Those in the West are the most likely to Agree (78%)
- Those with an education level of High School or less (70%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Bachelor's degree (57%)
- Those with income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (73%) are more likely to Agree than those with income \$75,000-\$99,999 (63%) and \$100,000+ (62%)

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