

# Study of Women who have had an Abortion and Their Views on Church

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# Methodology

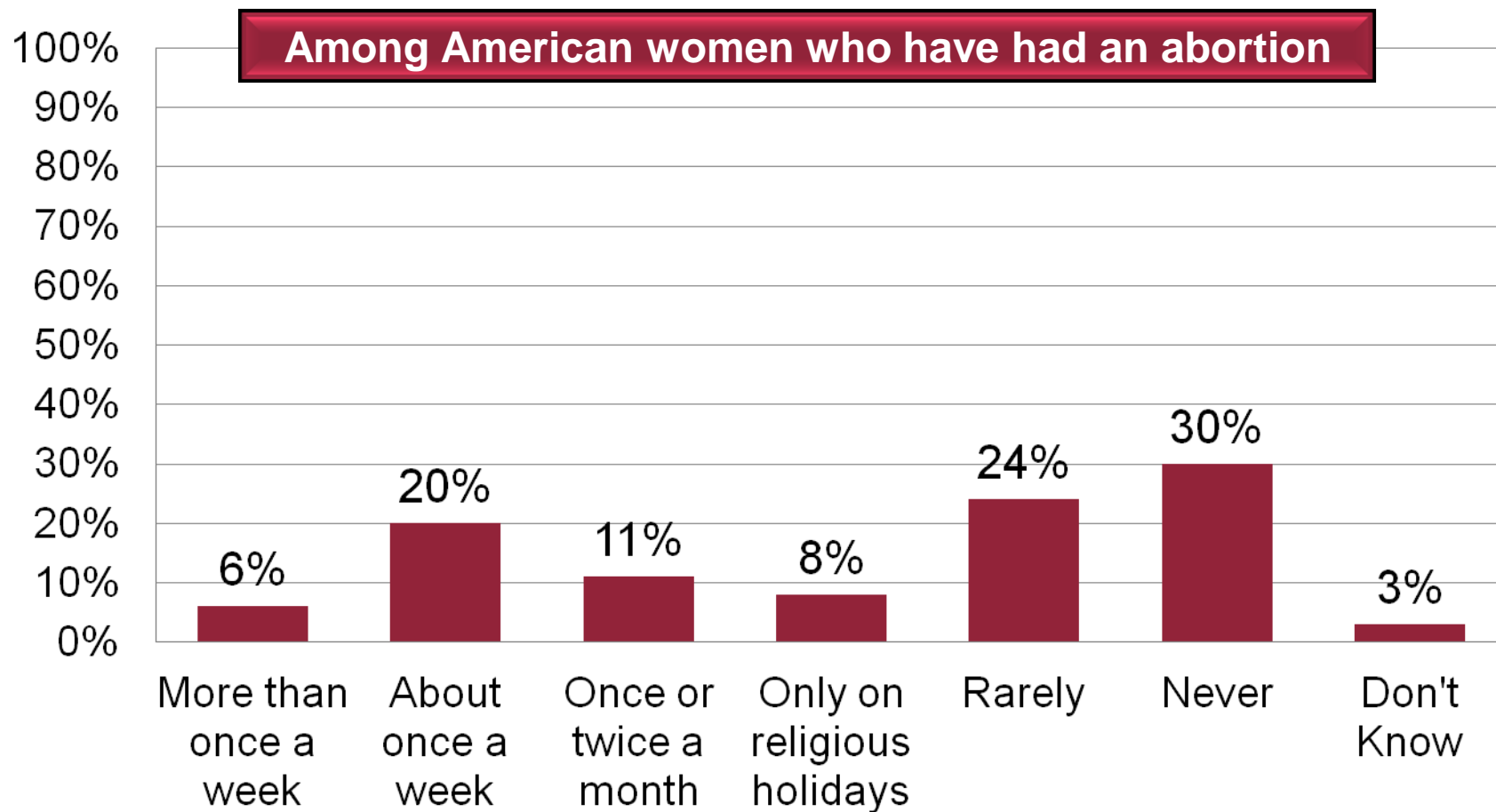
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- ❑ A demographically balanced online panel was used for interviewing American women between May 6-13, 2015
- ❑ Quotas and slight weights were used to ensure the sample matched national totals for ethnicity, age, income, and region
- ❑ This nationally balanced sample was screened to only include those women who indicated that had ever had a pregnancy termination/abortion medical procedure
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,038 surveys

# Survey Responses

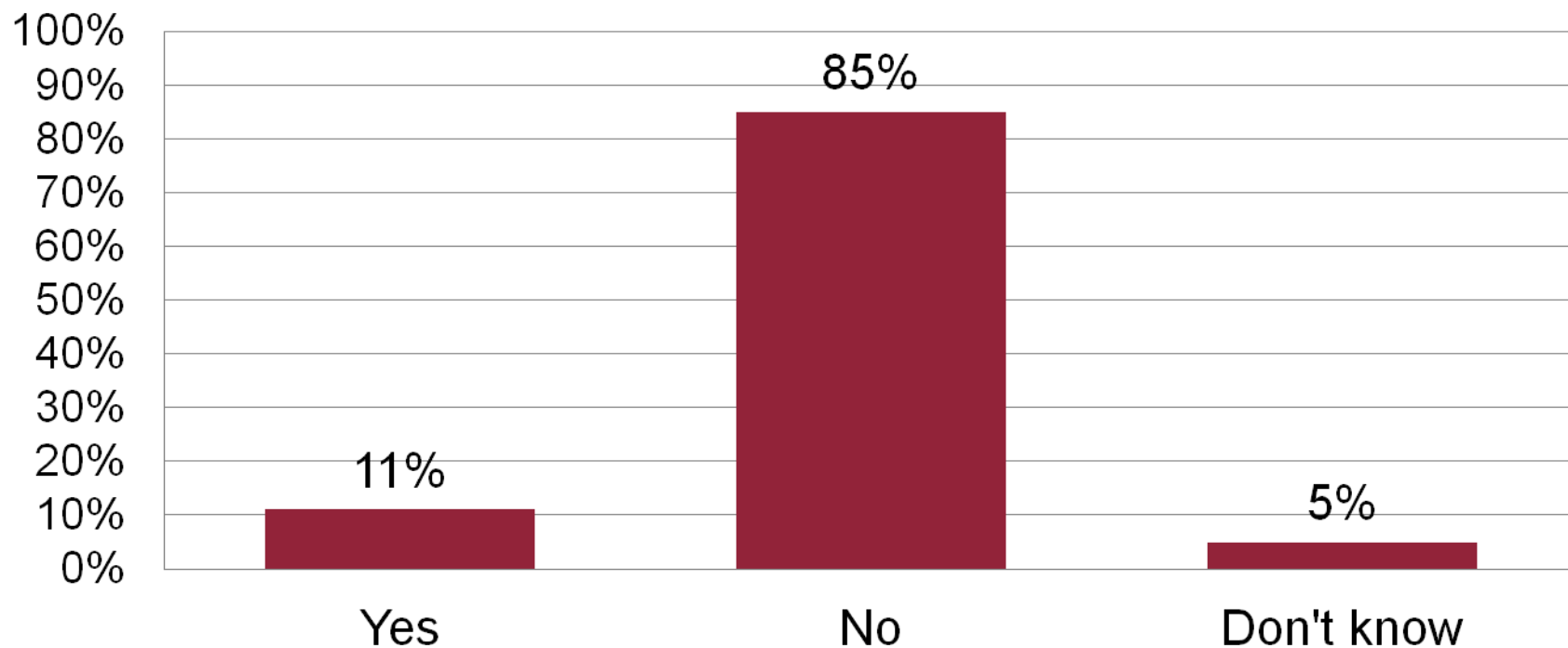


# 36% of women were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of their first abortion



Q: "At the time of your first pregnancy termination/abortion how often are you attending religious services at a Christian church? (Select One)"

## Among women who were attending less often, 11% were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of a subsequent abortion

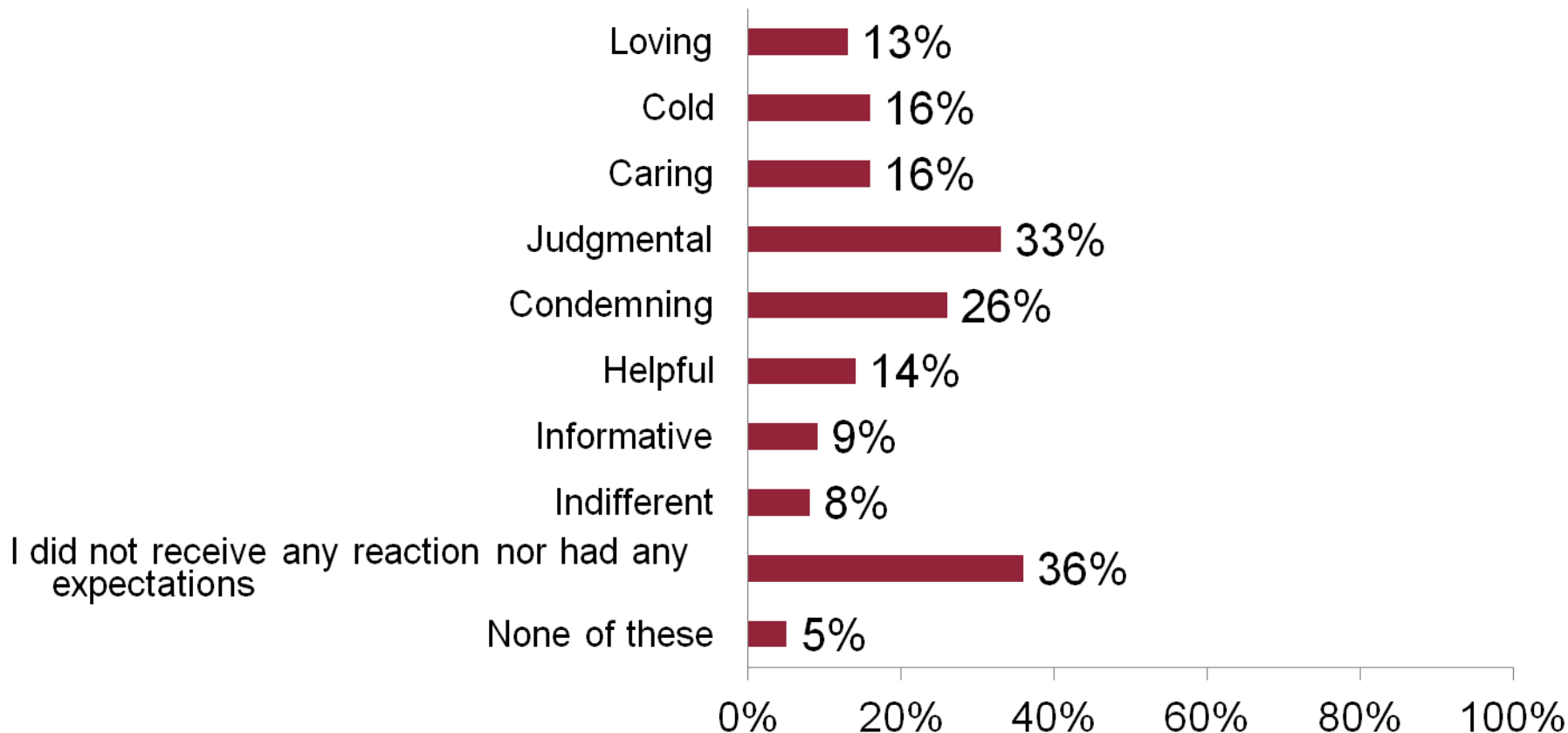


A total of 43% of women who have had an abortion were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of one of their abortions.

Q: "Were you attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of any of these pregnancy terminations/abortions? (Select One)" Asked of women who were attending less than once a month at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion. n=663

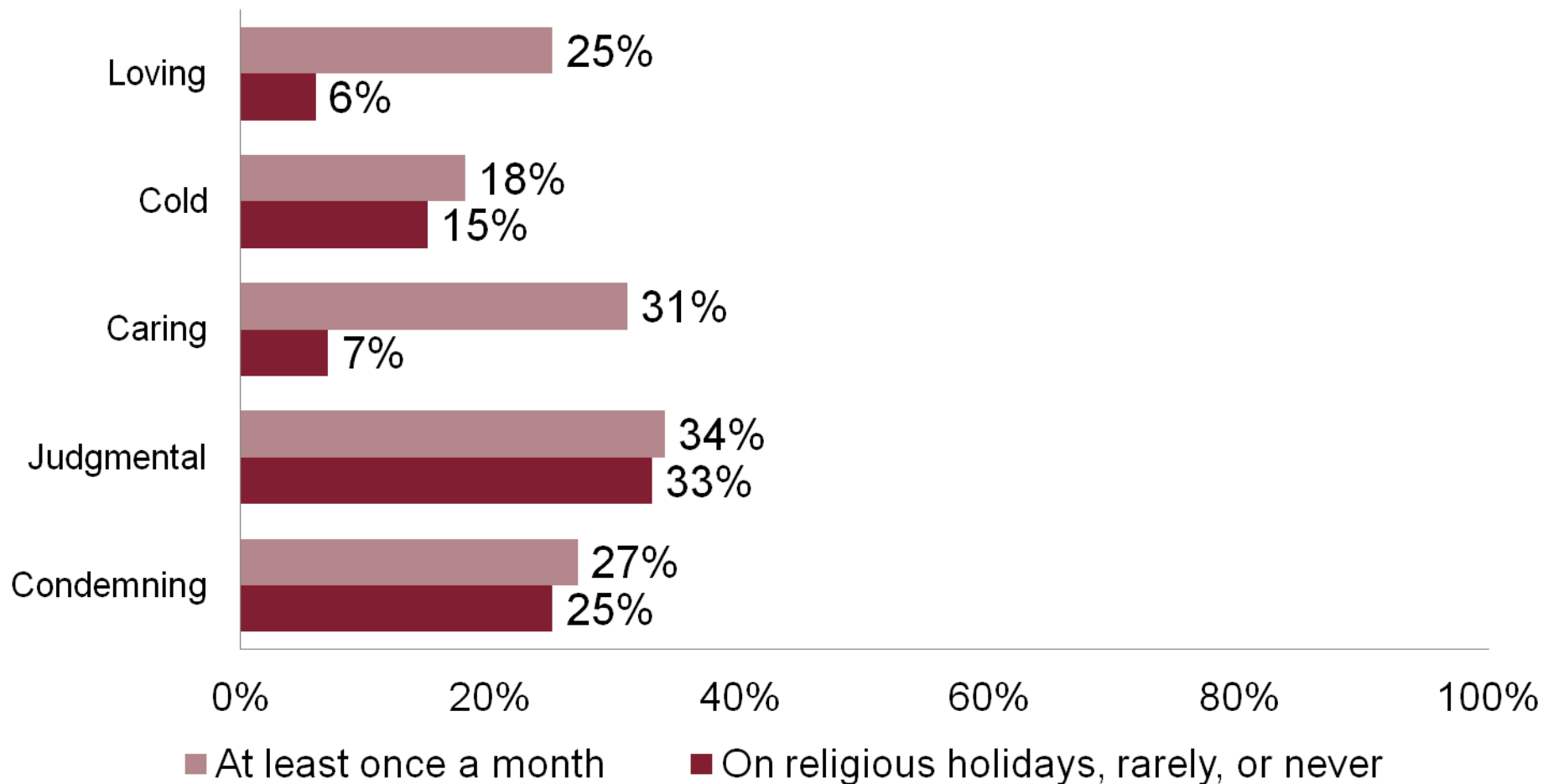
# As women considered their abortion decision, the most typical reactions/expectations were judgmental or condemning

The reaction I received or expected was...



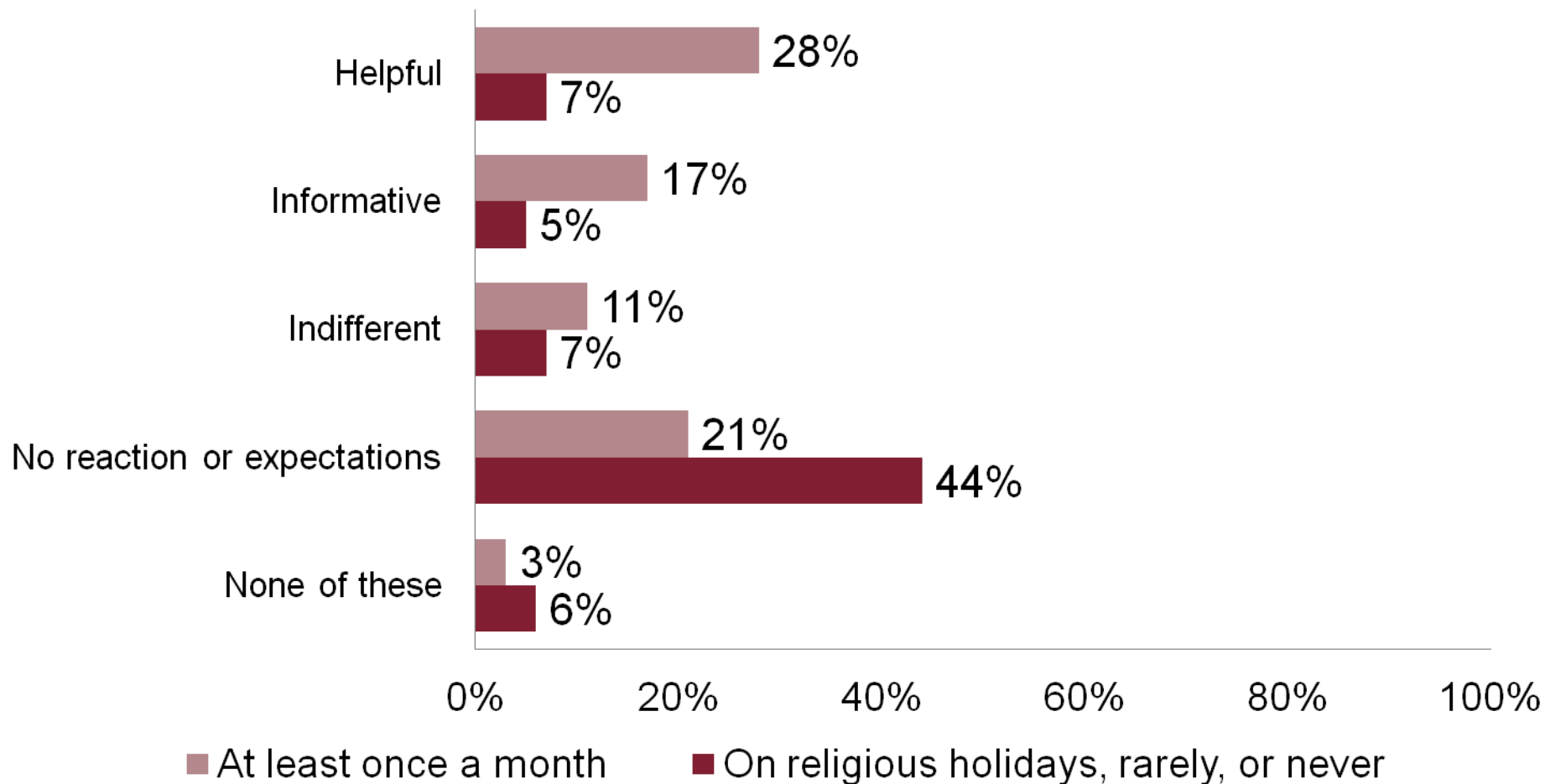
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# Reactions and expectations from a local church by church attendance at that time



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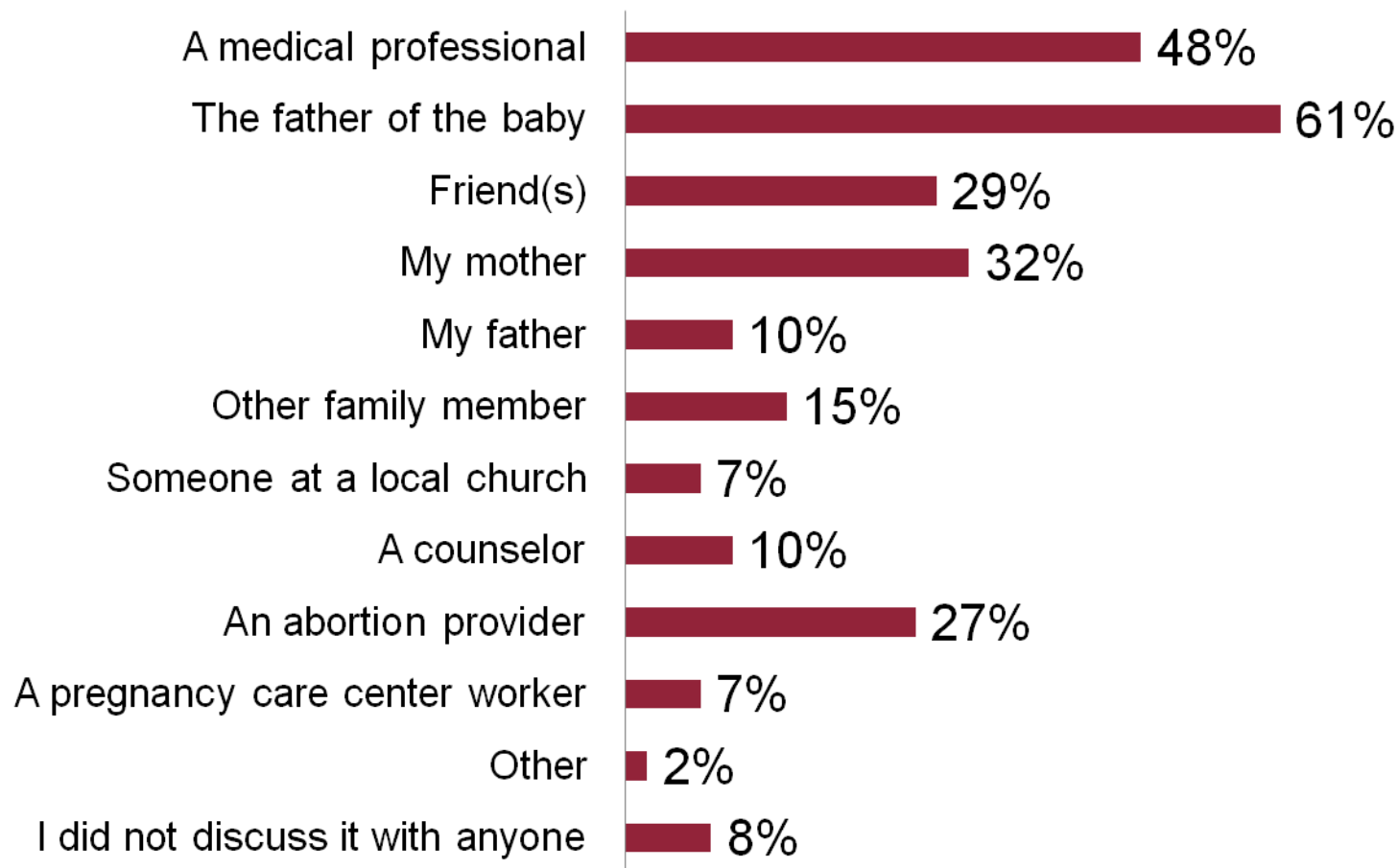
# Reactions and expectations from a local church by church attendance (cont.)



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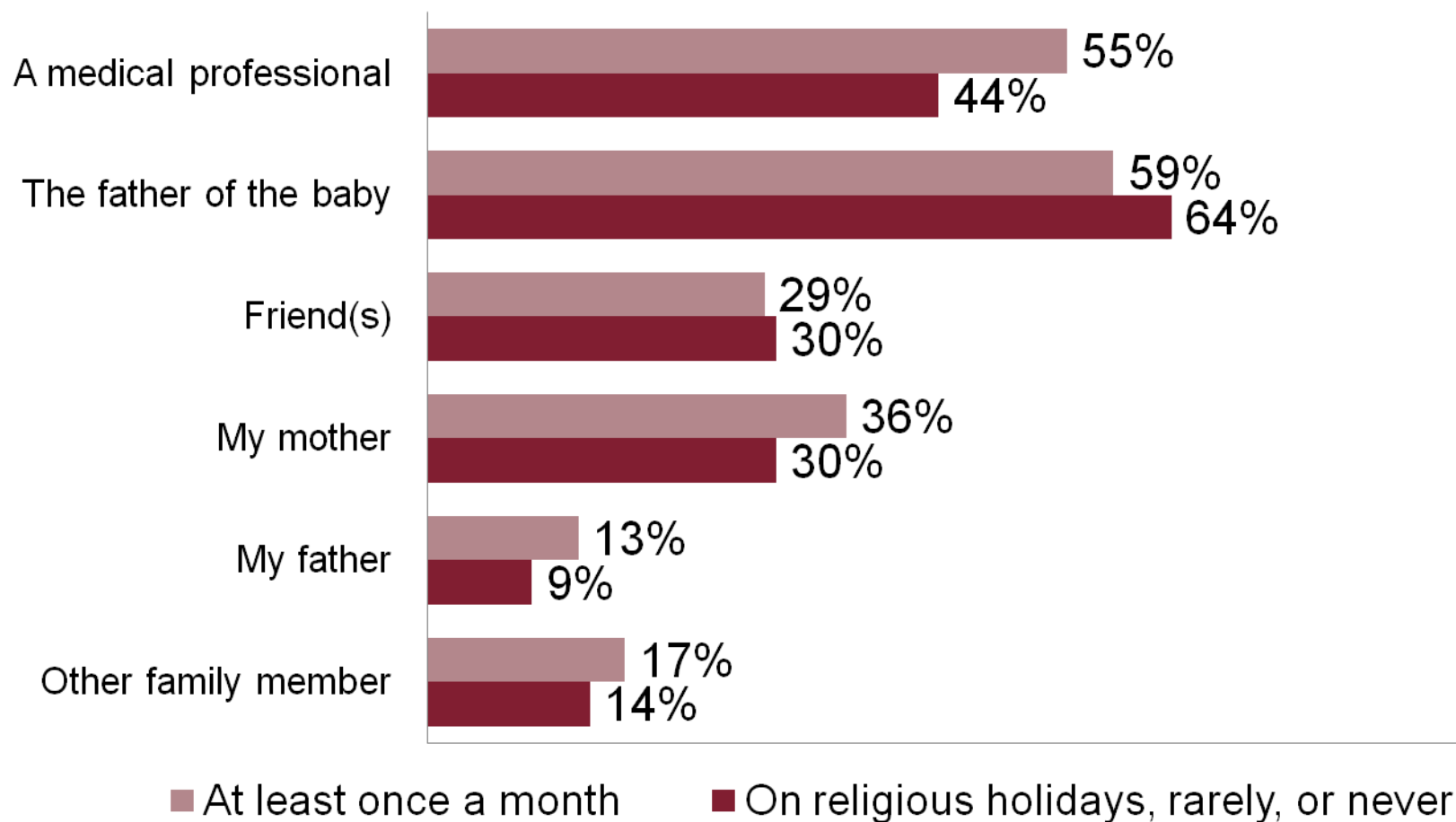


# Women are most likely to discuss their decision to terminate their pregnancy with the father of the baby or a medical professional



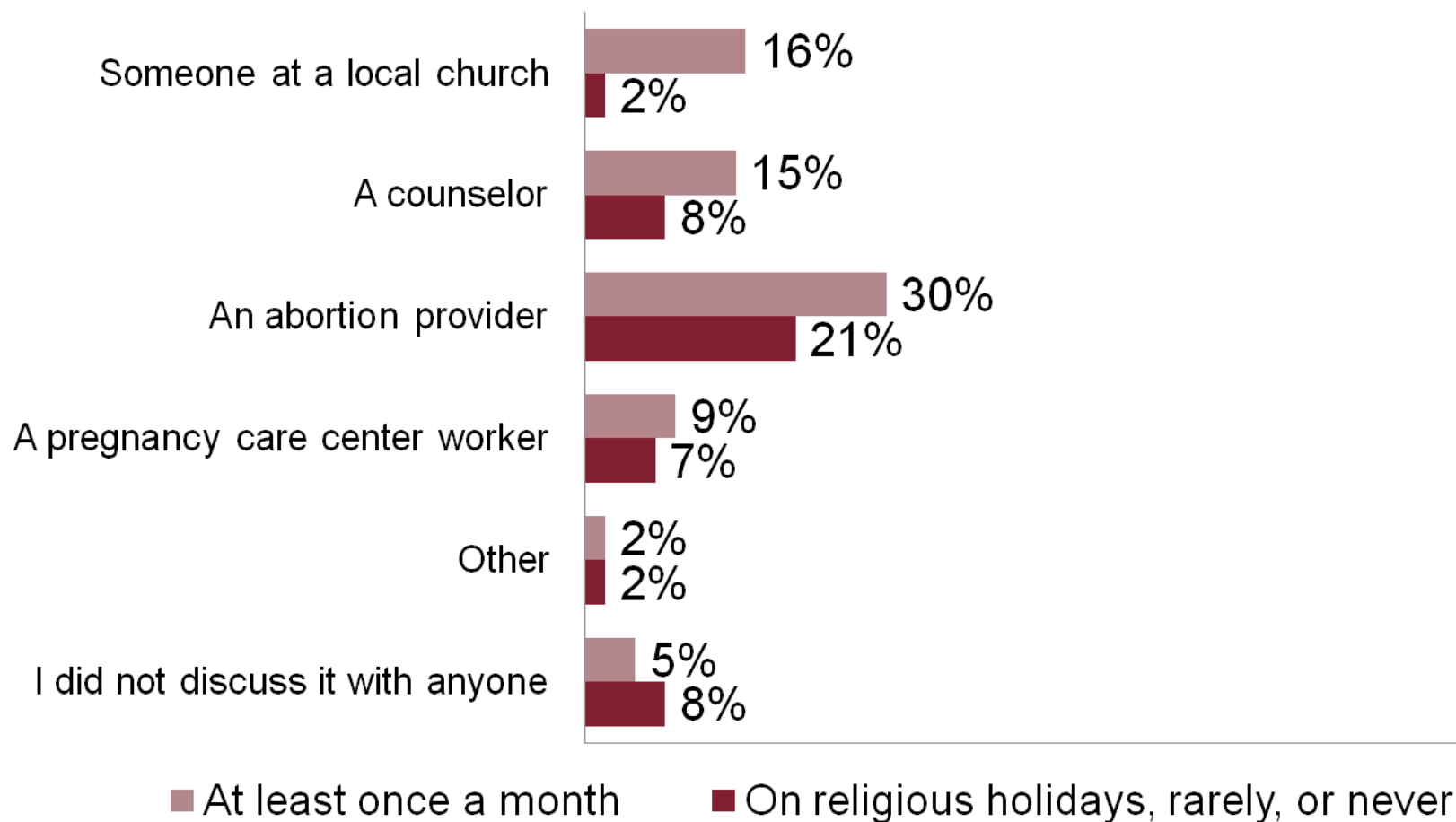
Q: "With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision? (Select all that apply)"

# With whom the decision was discussed by church attendance at that time



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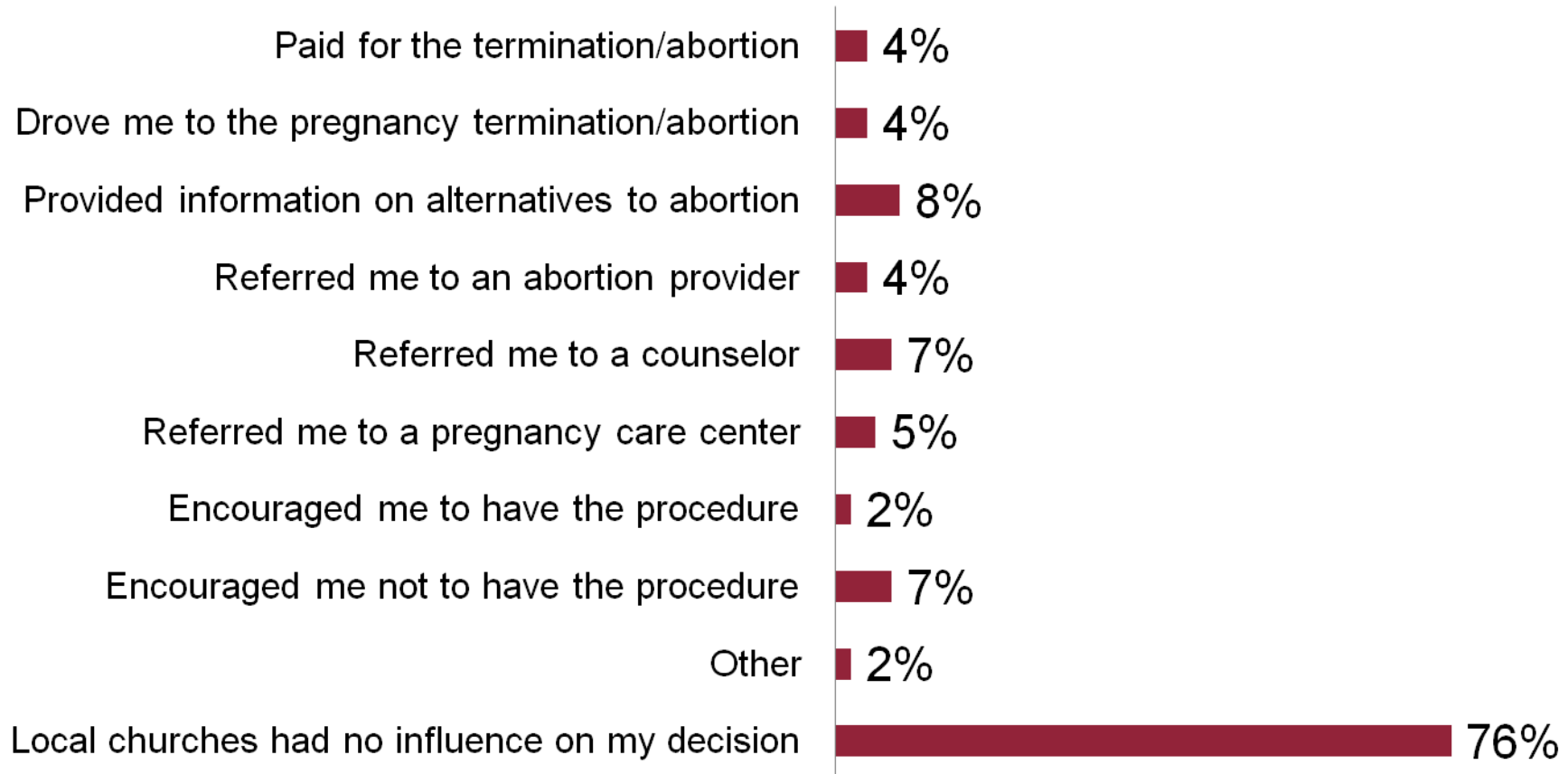
# With whom the decision was discussed by church attendance (cont.)



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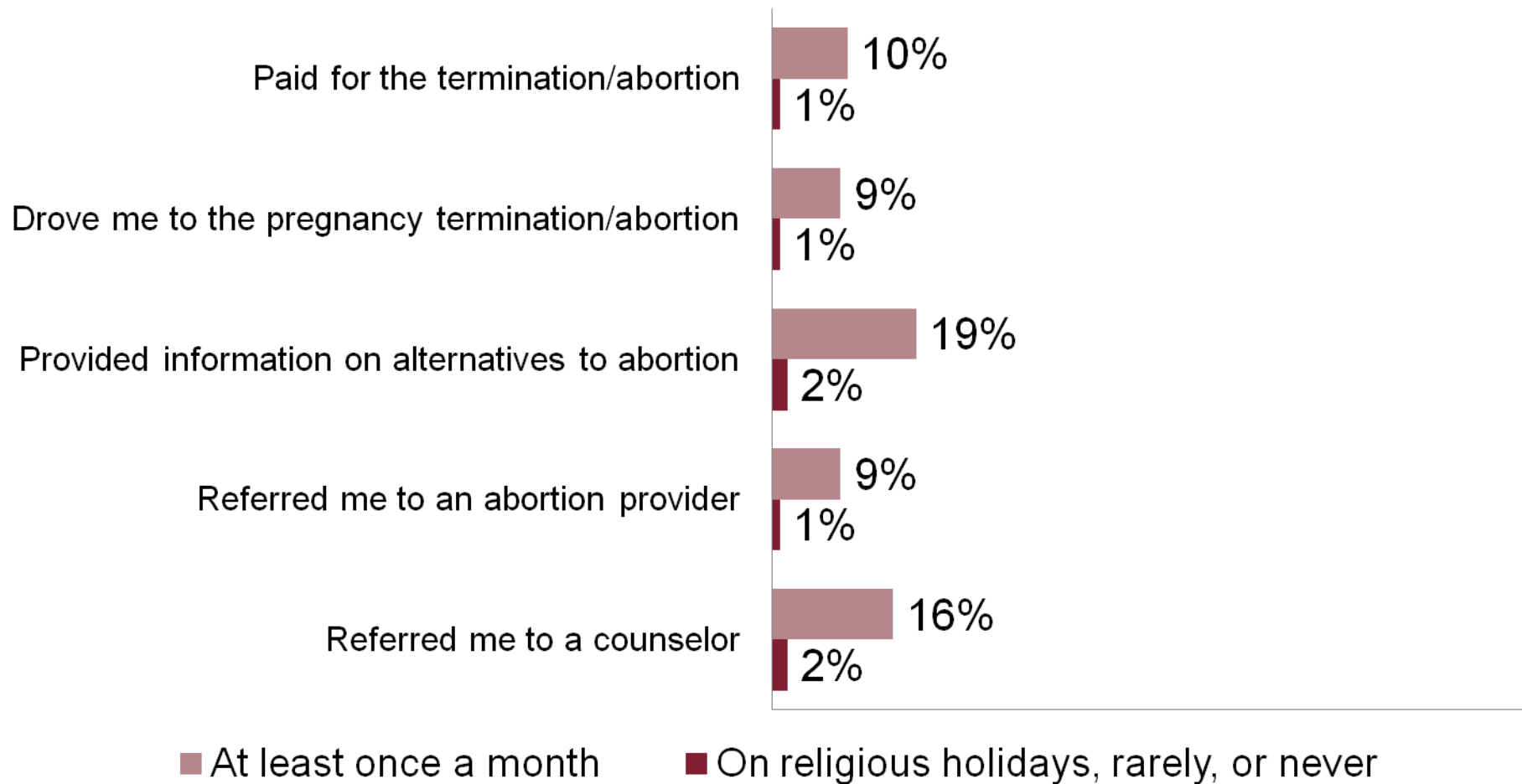
# 76% of women indicate local churches had no influence on their decision to terminate their pregnancy

## A local church...



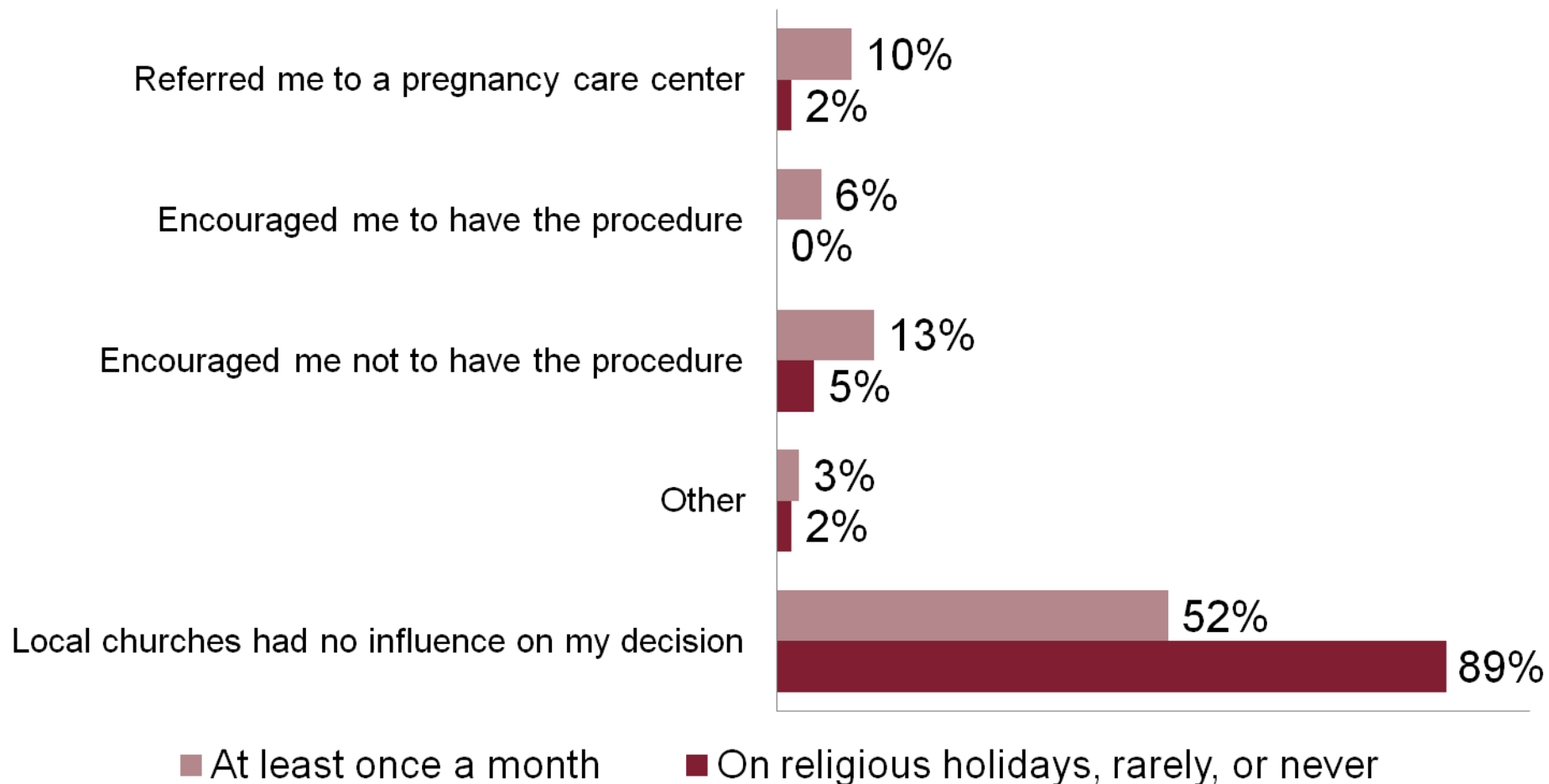
Q: "Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply)"

# Local church influence by church attendance at that time



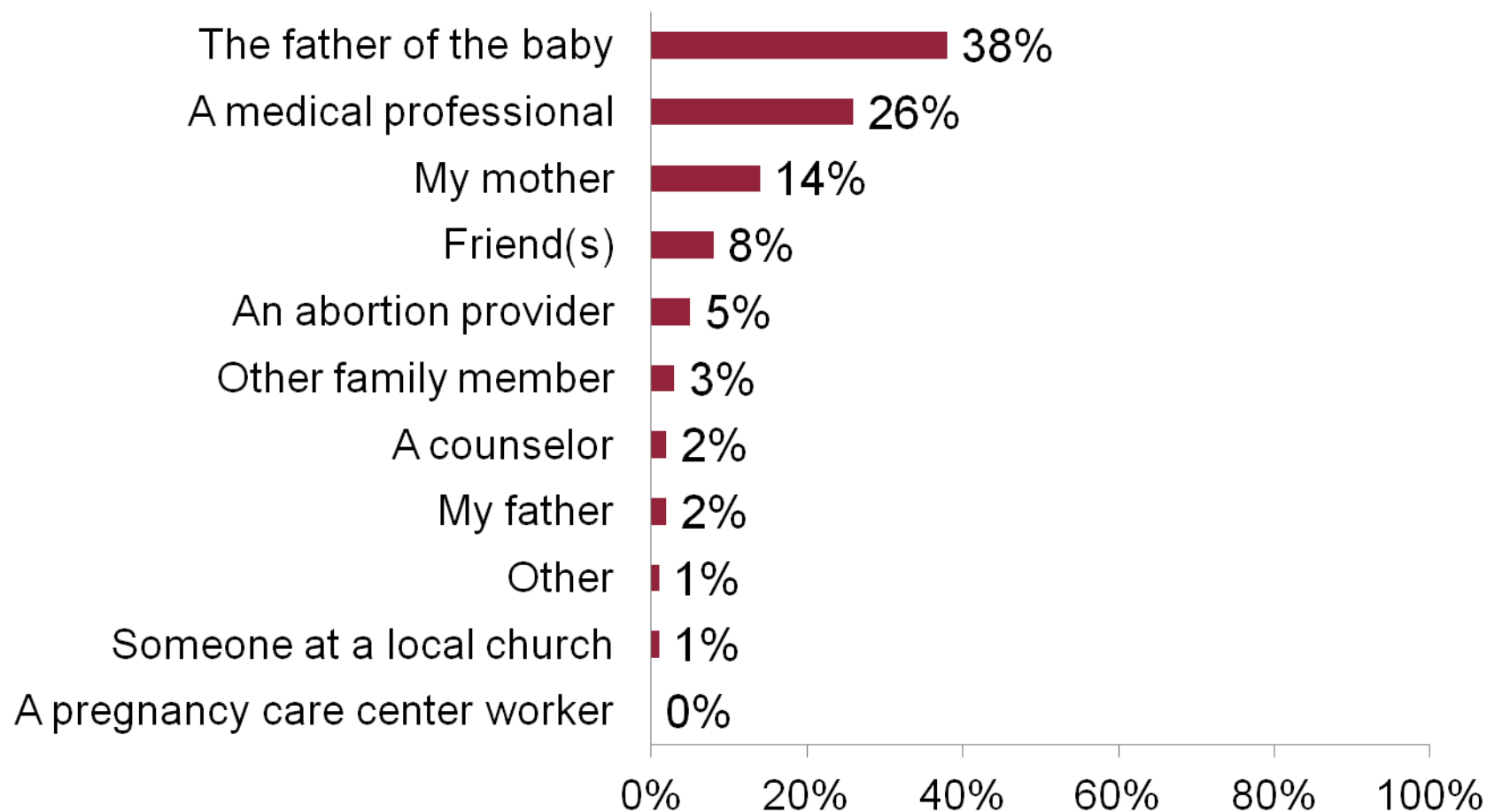
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# Local church influence by church attendance (cont.)



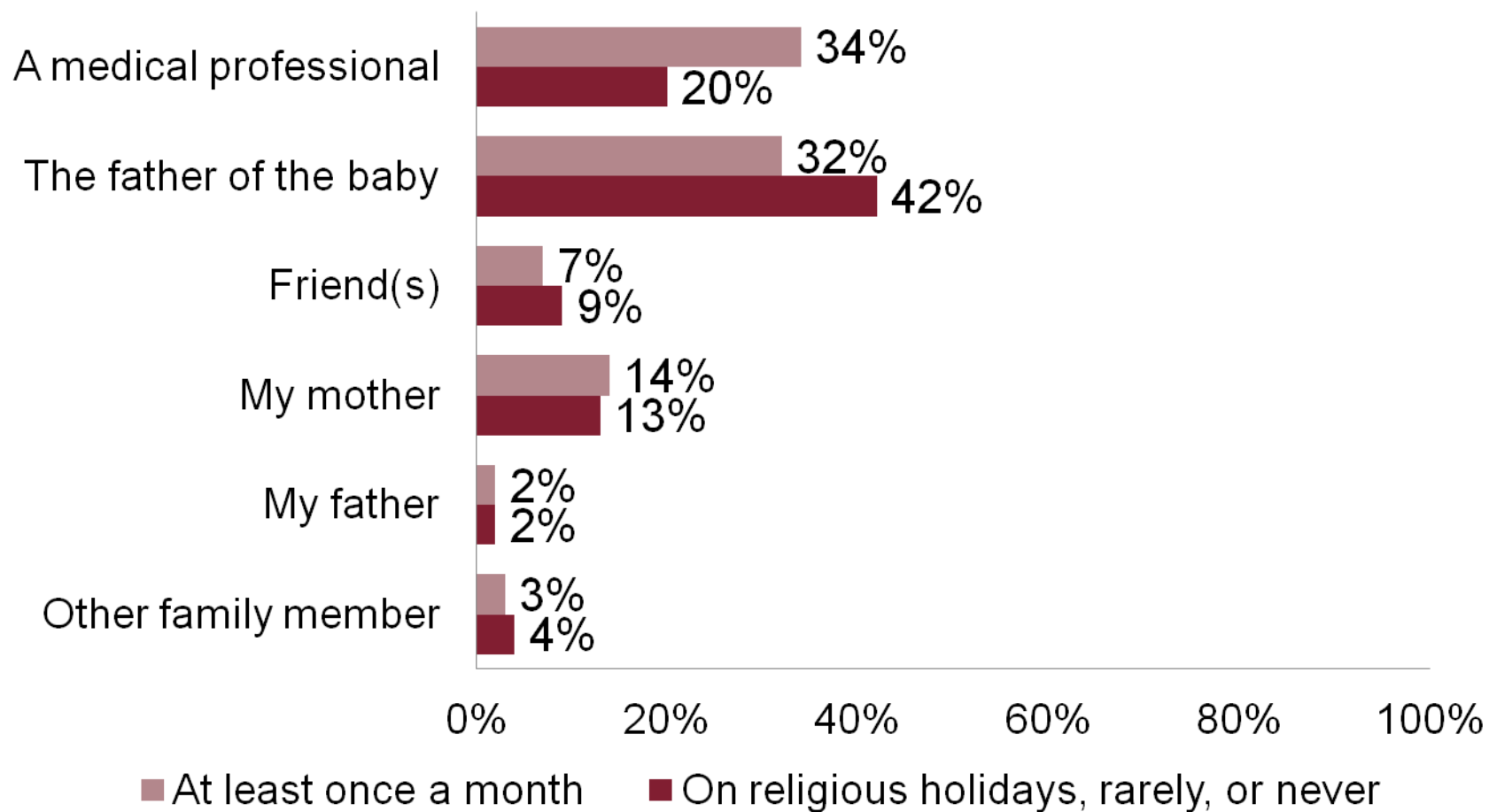
Q: "Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply)"

# More than one-third (38%) of women indicate the father of the baby was most influential on their abortion decision



Q: "Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy? (Select One)"

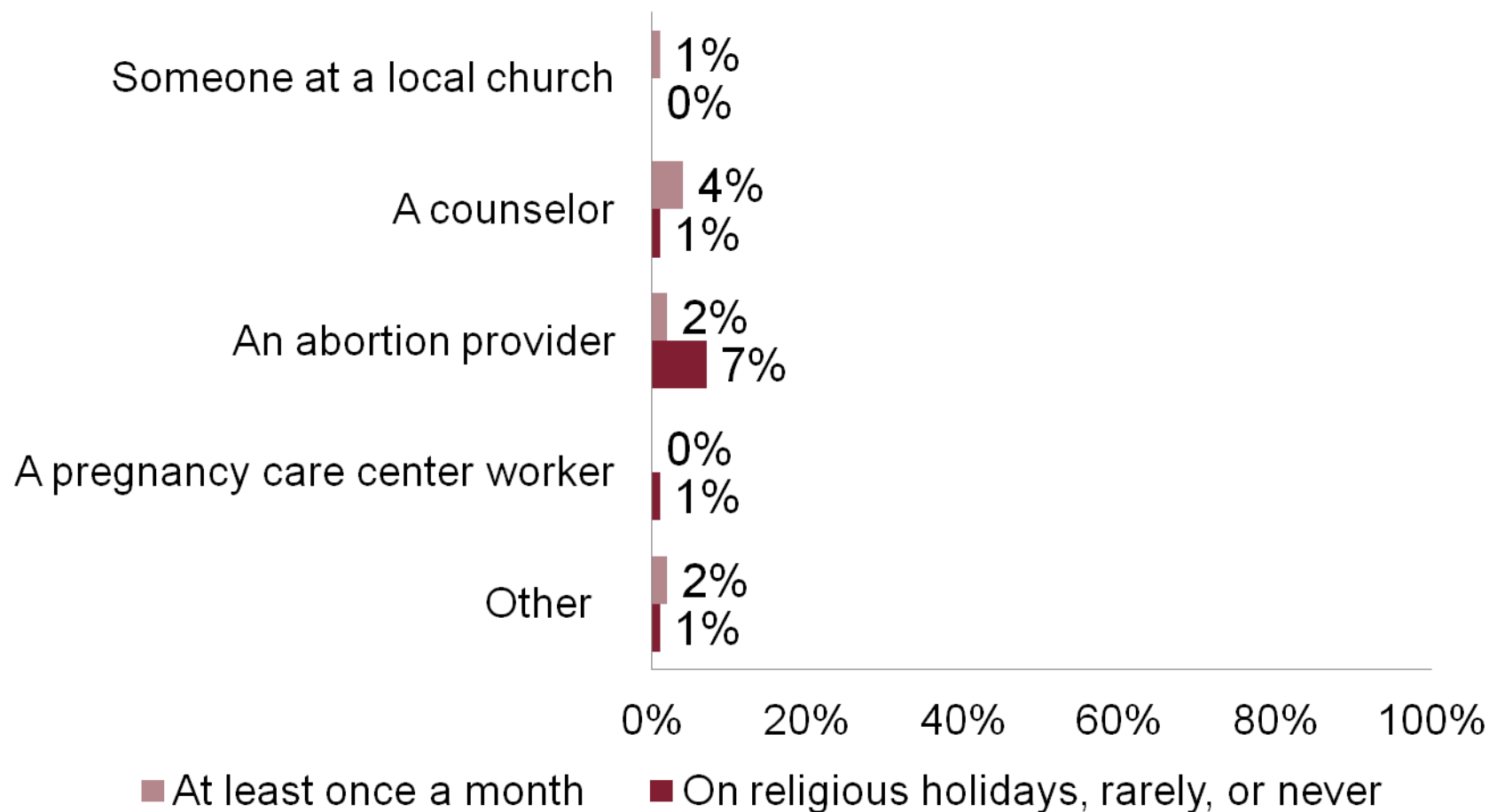
# Most influential person by church attendance at that time



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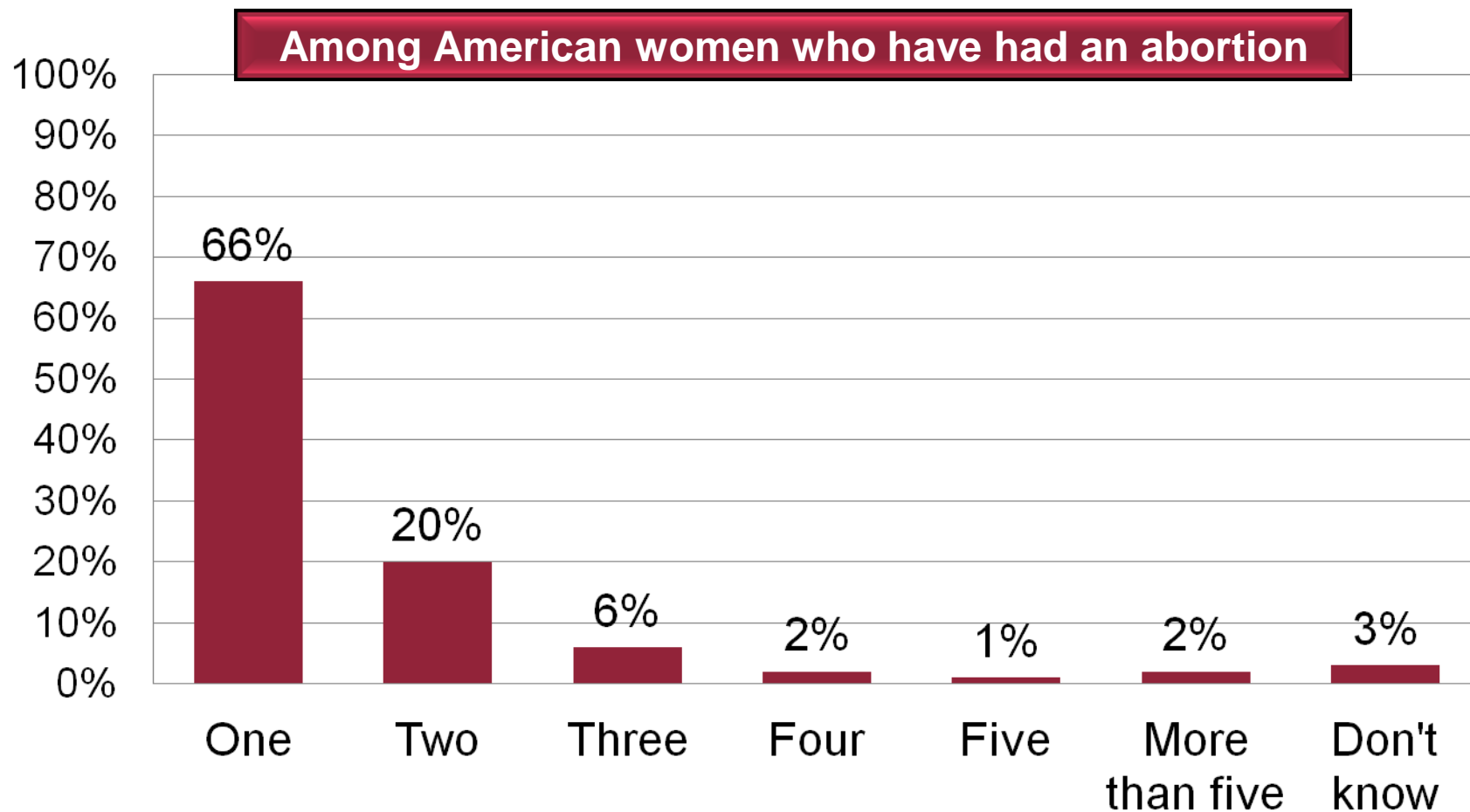


# Most influential person by church attendance (cont.)



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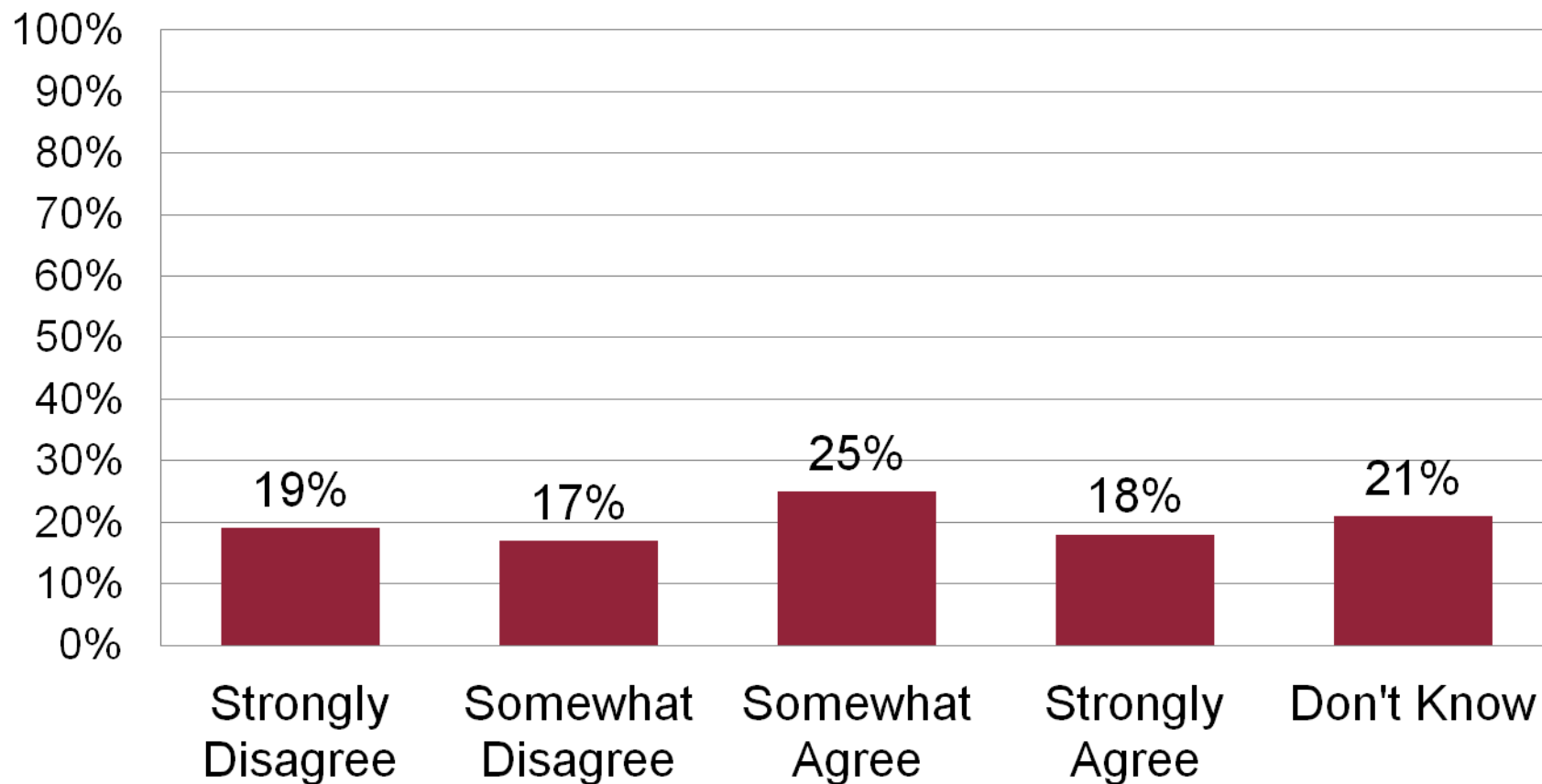
# 30% of women who have had an abortion indicate they have had more than one pregnancy termination or abortion



Q: "In total, how many pregnancy terminations/abortions have you had? (Select One)"

# 43% of women who have had an abortion agree that it is safe to talk with a pastor about abortion

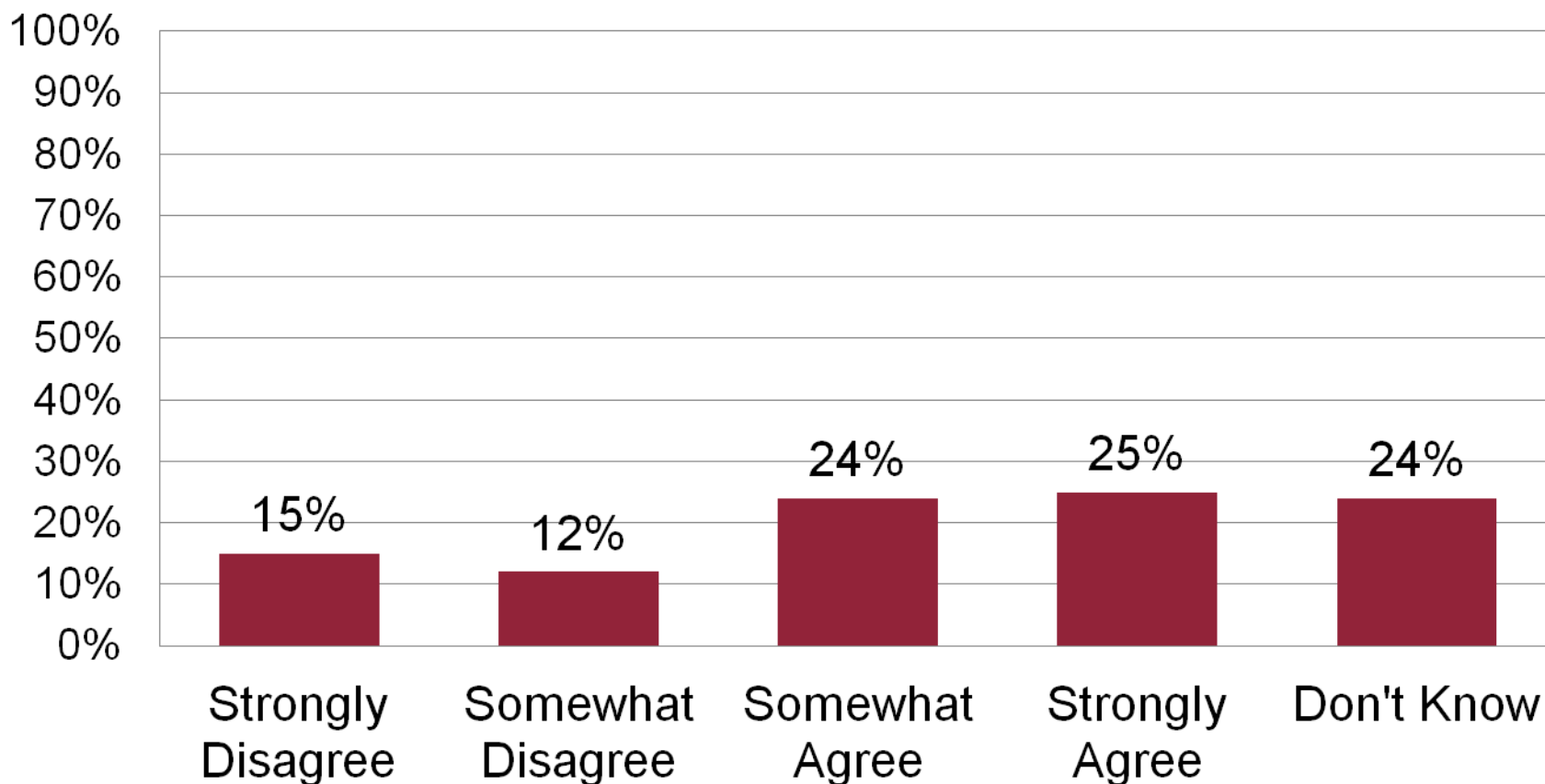
Among American women who have had an abortion



Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. It is safe to talk with a pastor about abortion."

# 49% of women who have had an abortion agree that pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies

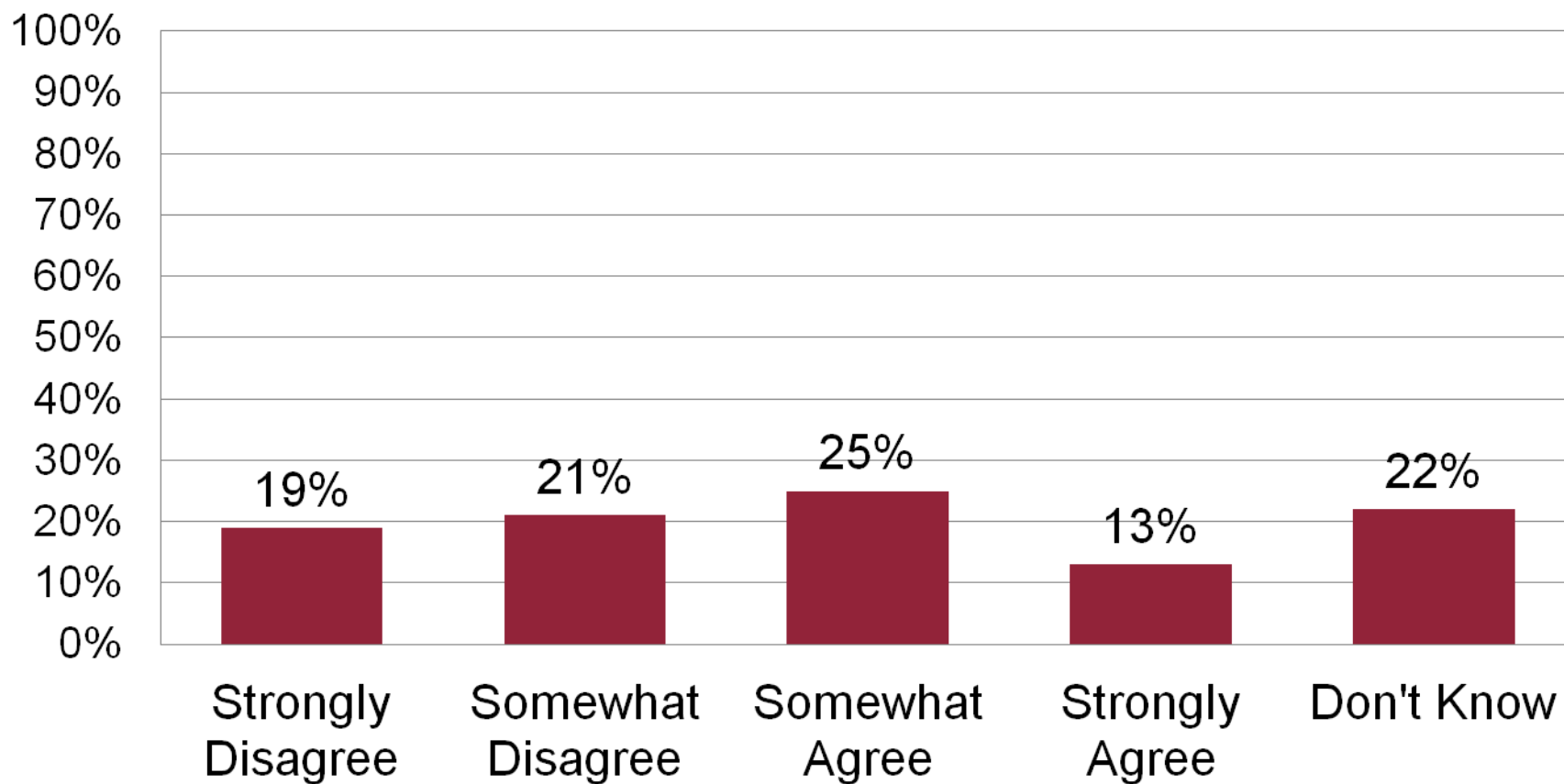
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Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies/abortion."

# 39% agree that pastors are sensitive to the pressures a woman faces with an unplanned pregnancy

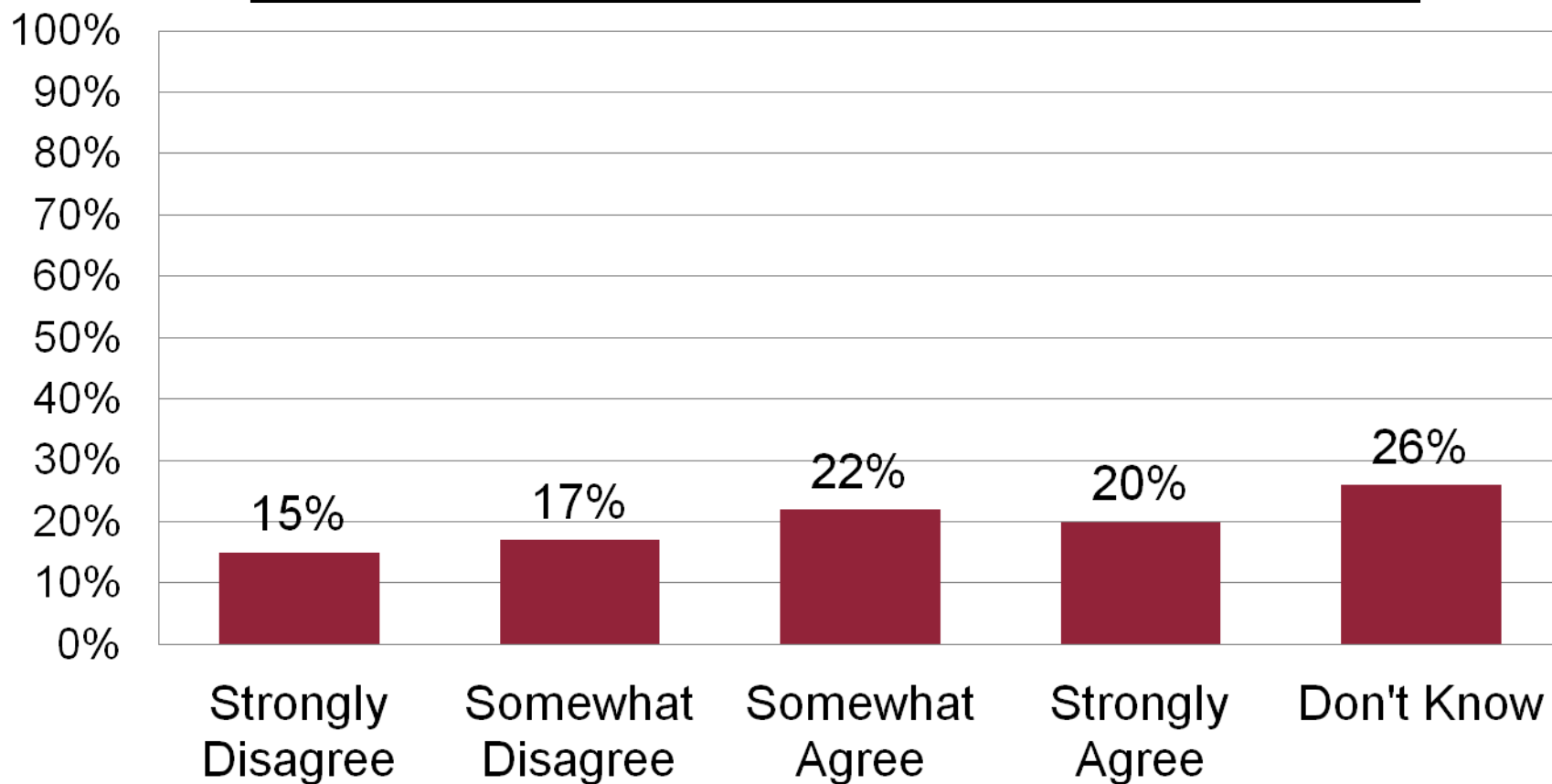
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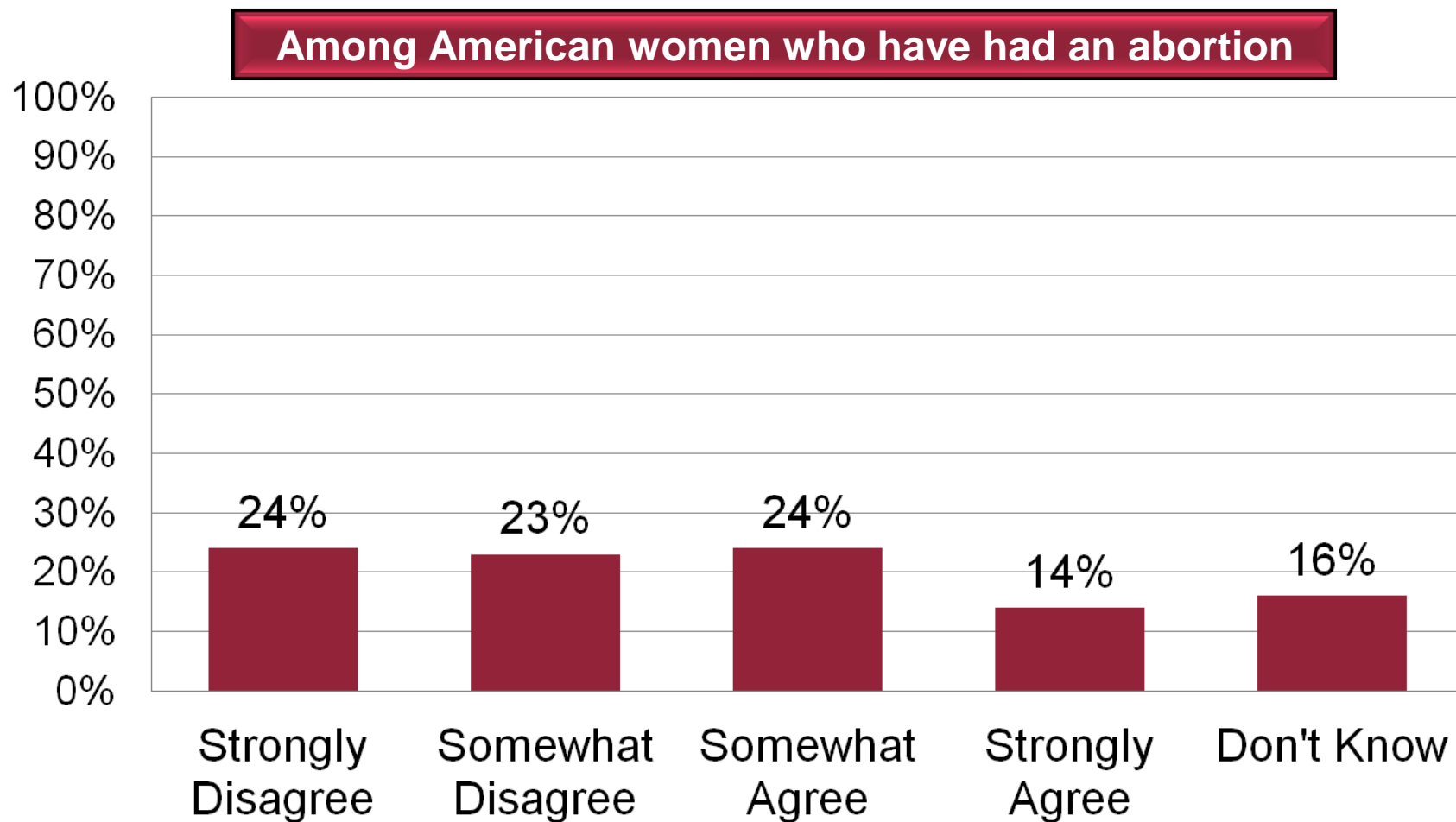
# More than 4 in 10 (42%) agree that pastors teach that God is willing to forgive past abortion decisions

Among American women who have had an abortion



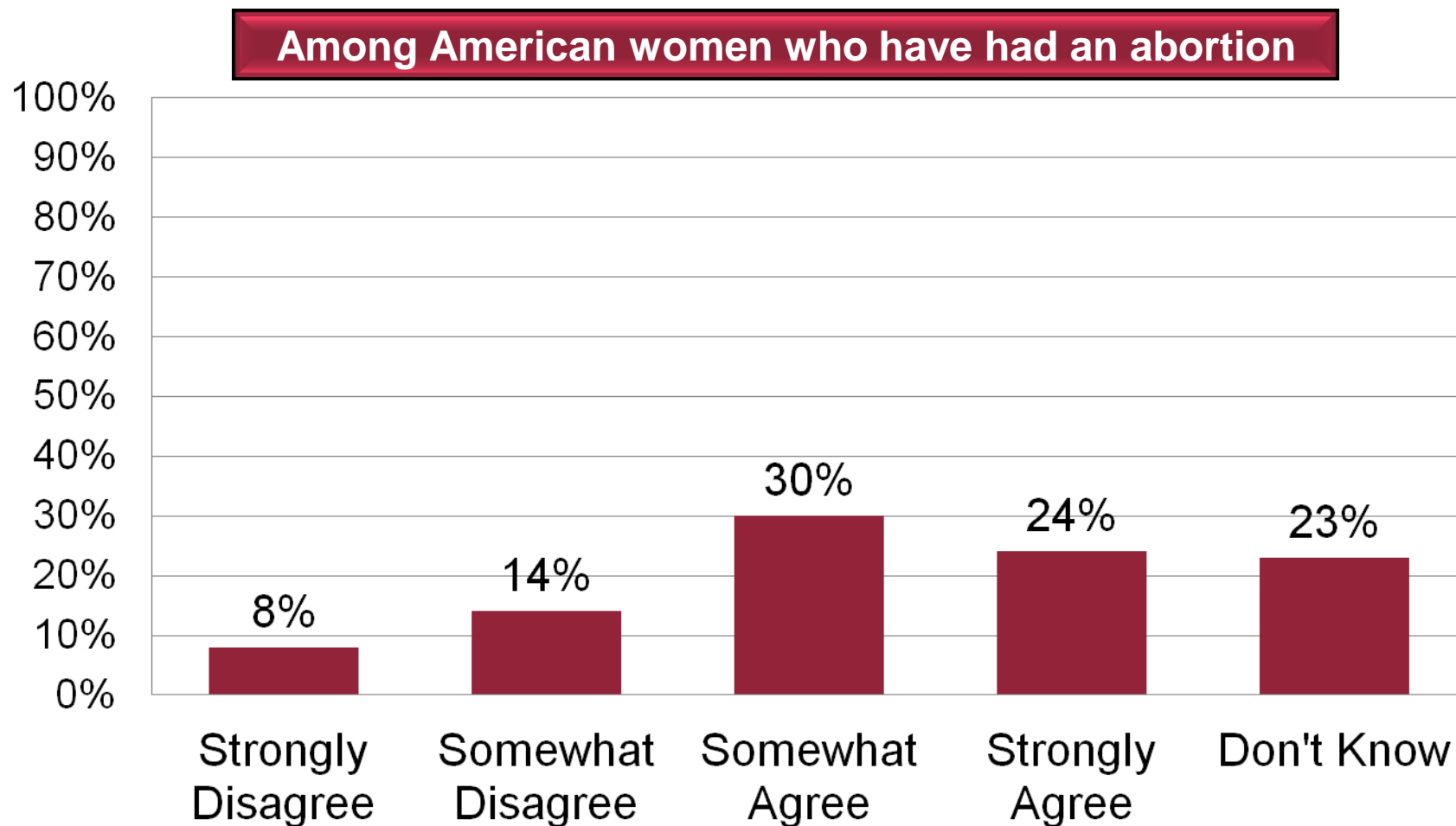
Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Pastors teach that God is willing to forgive past abortion decisions."

# 38% of women who have had an abortion agree that churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options



Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion, and adoption."

# Over half (54%) of women who have had an abortion agree that churches over-simplify decisions about pregnancy options

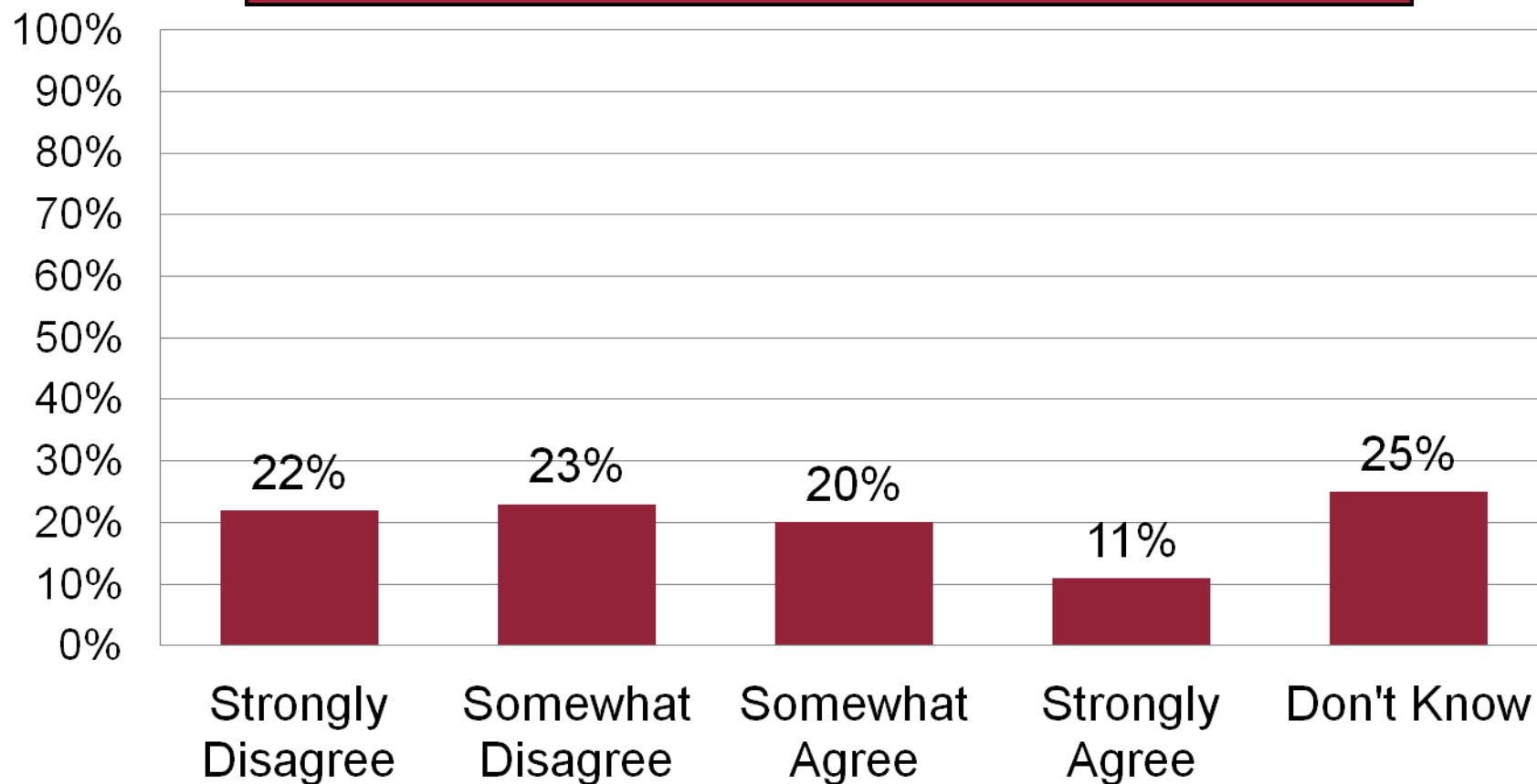


Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Churches over-simplify decisions about pregnancy options."



# 30% of women who have had an abortion agree that churches give accurate advice about pregnancy options

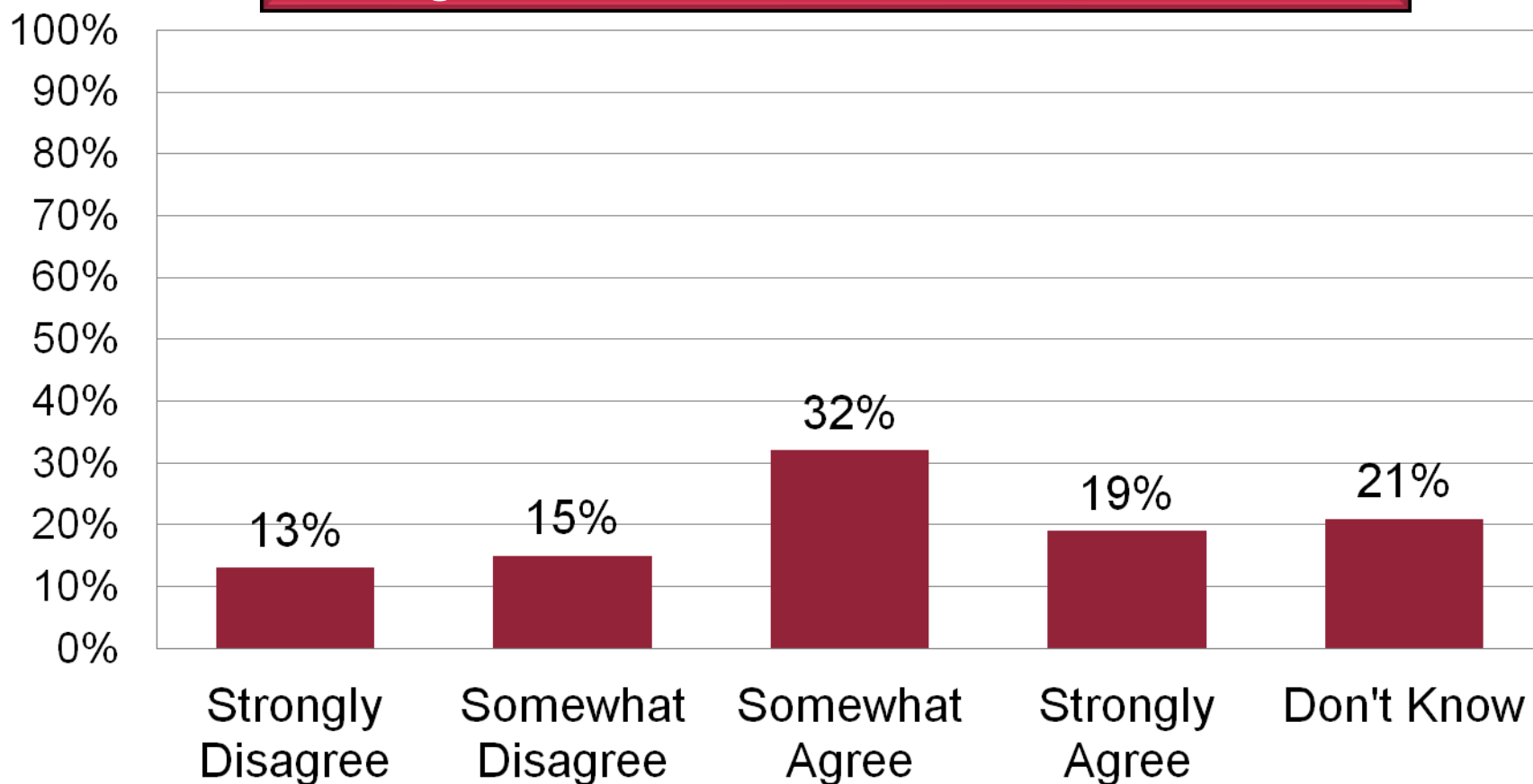
Among American women who have had an abortion



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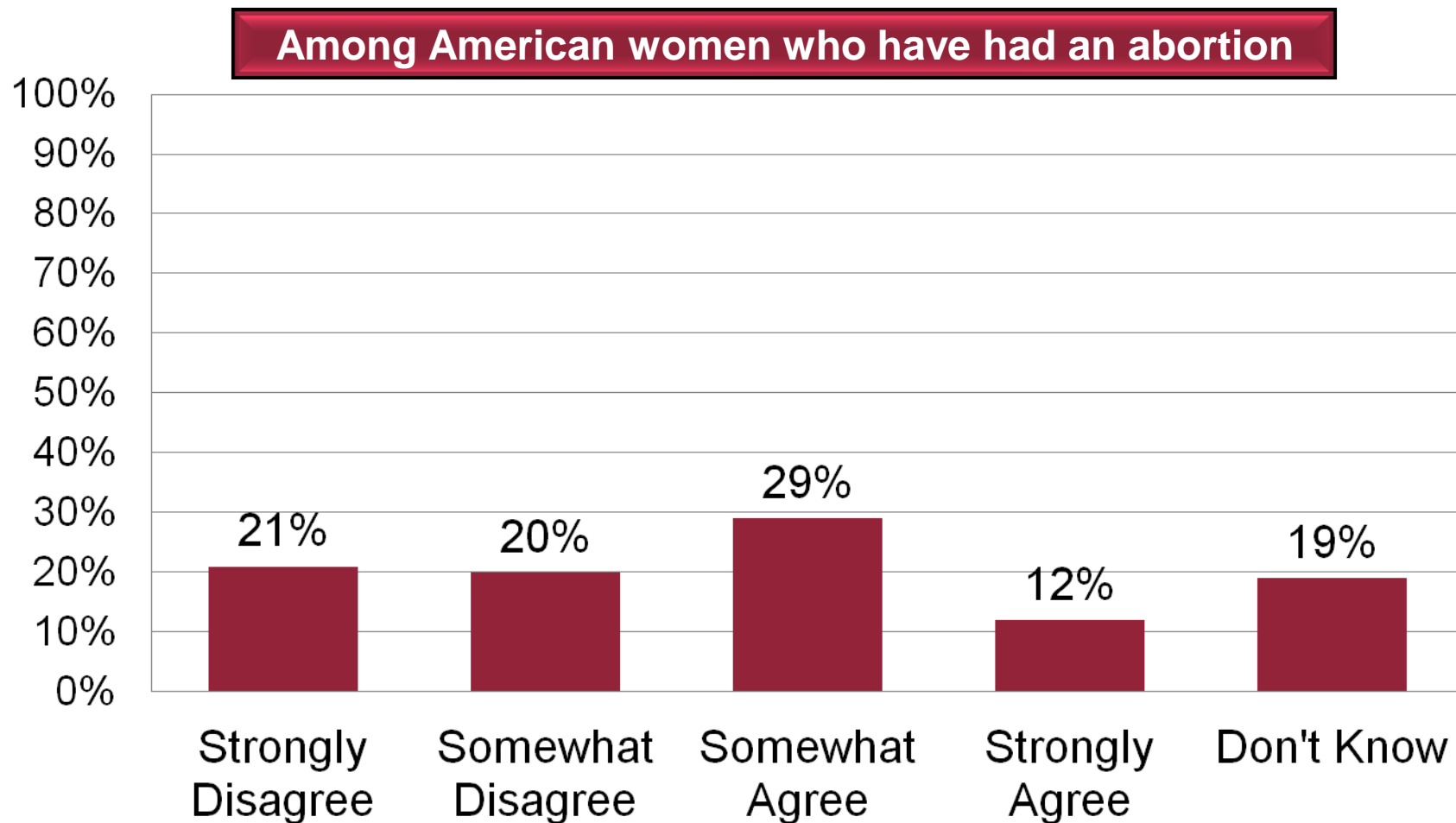
# More than half (51%) agree that churches are prepared to provide support to women who chose to keep a child from an unplanned pregnancy

Among American women who have had an abortion



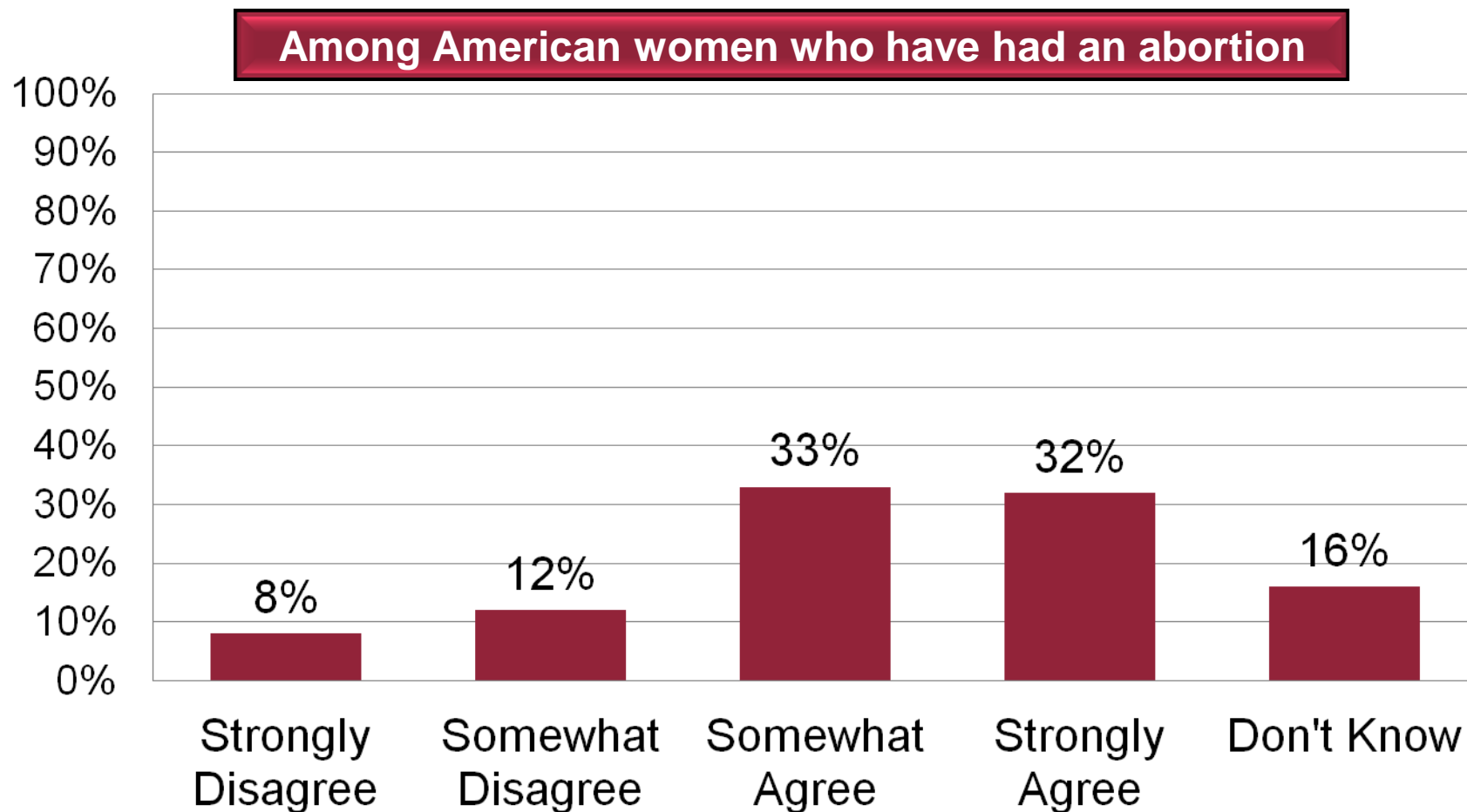
Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Churches are prepared to provide material, emotional, and spiritual support to women who chose to keep a child resulting from an unplanned pregnancy."

# 41% of women who have had an abortion agree that churches are prepared to help women with their decisions about unwanted pregnancies



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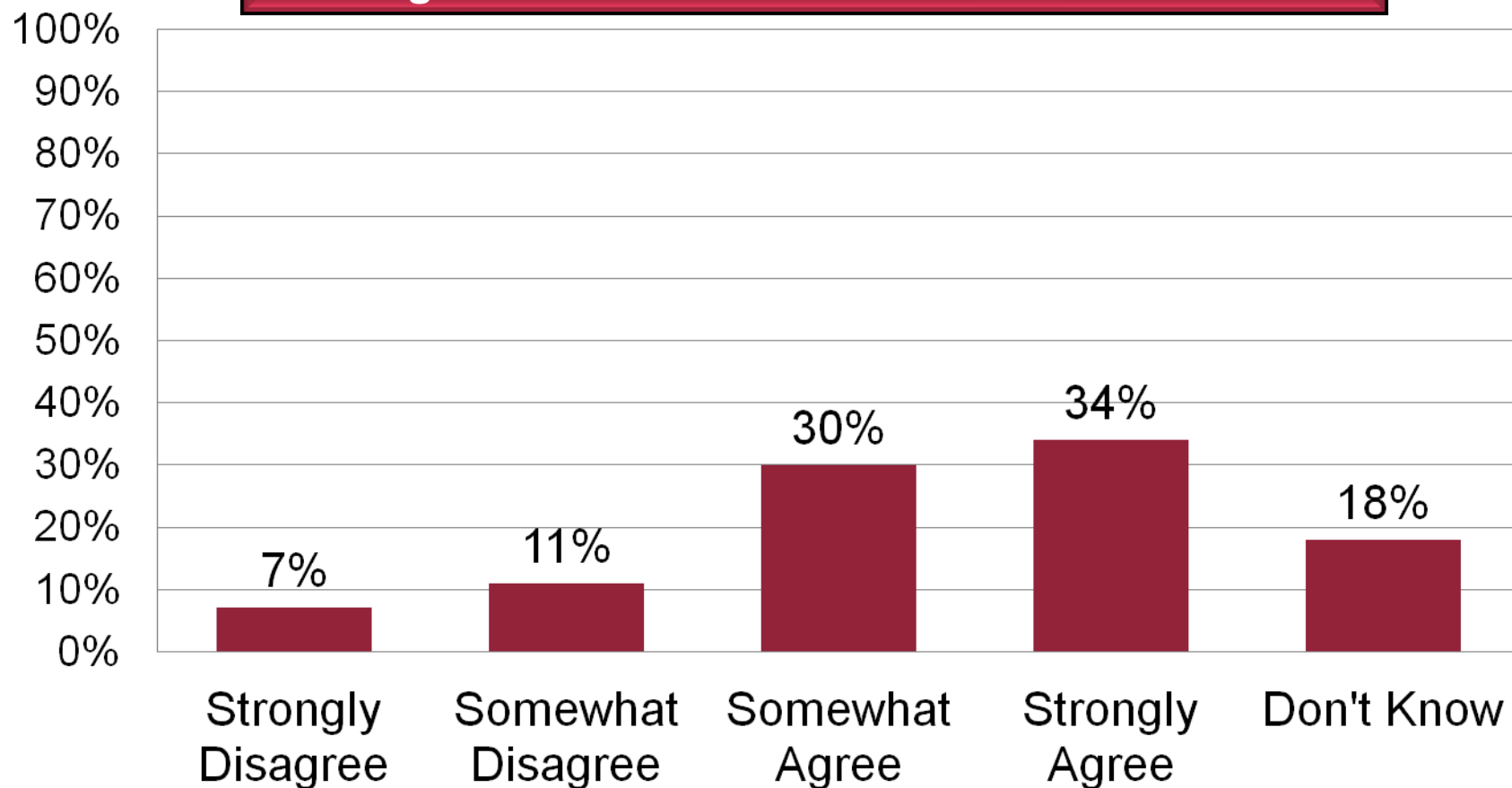
# Two-thirds (65%) of women who have had an abortion agree that church members judge single women who are pregnant



Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Church members judge single women who are pregnant."

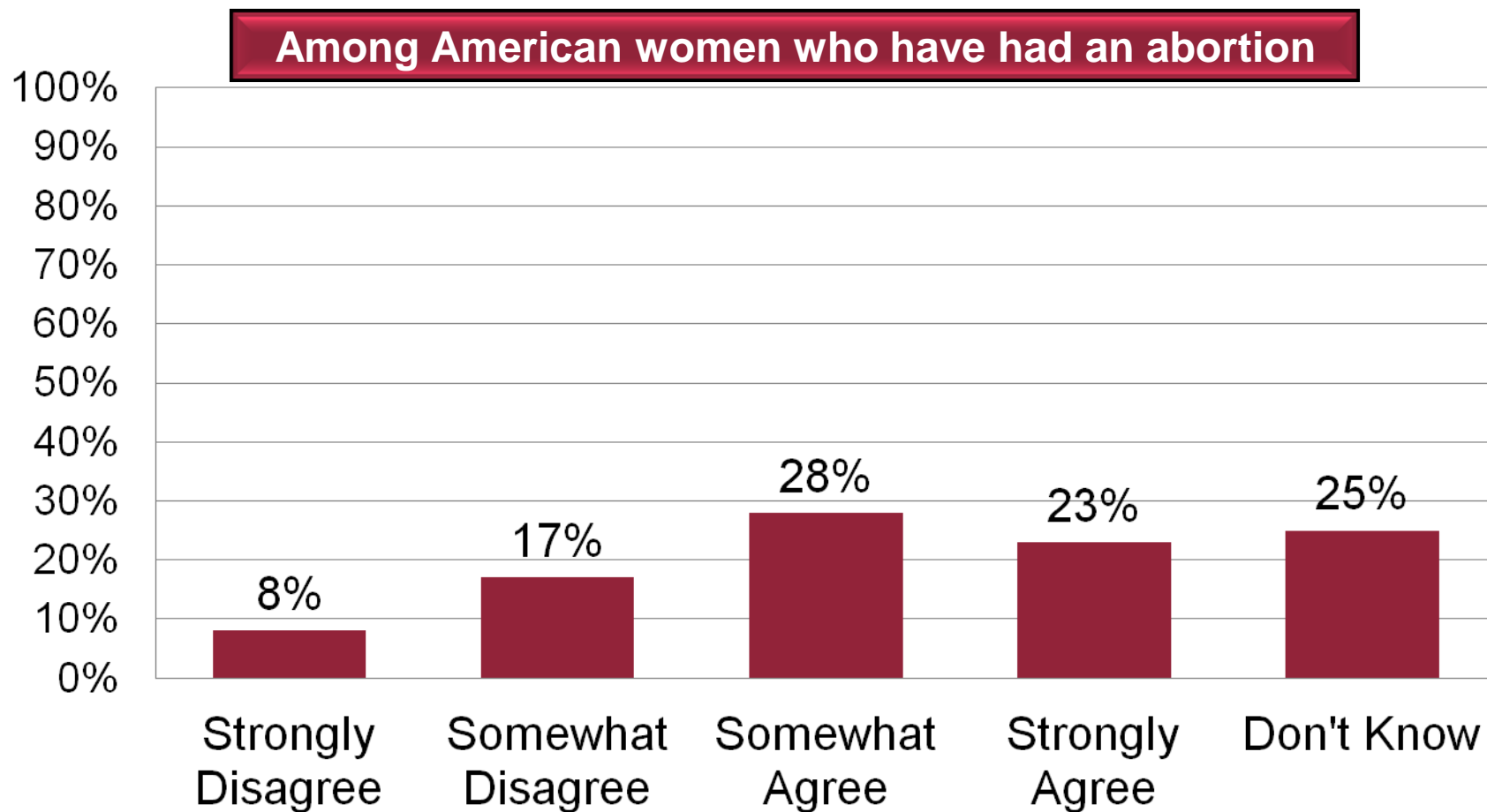
# 64% agree that church members are more likely to gossip about a woman considering abortion than help her understand options

Among American women who have had an abortion



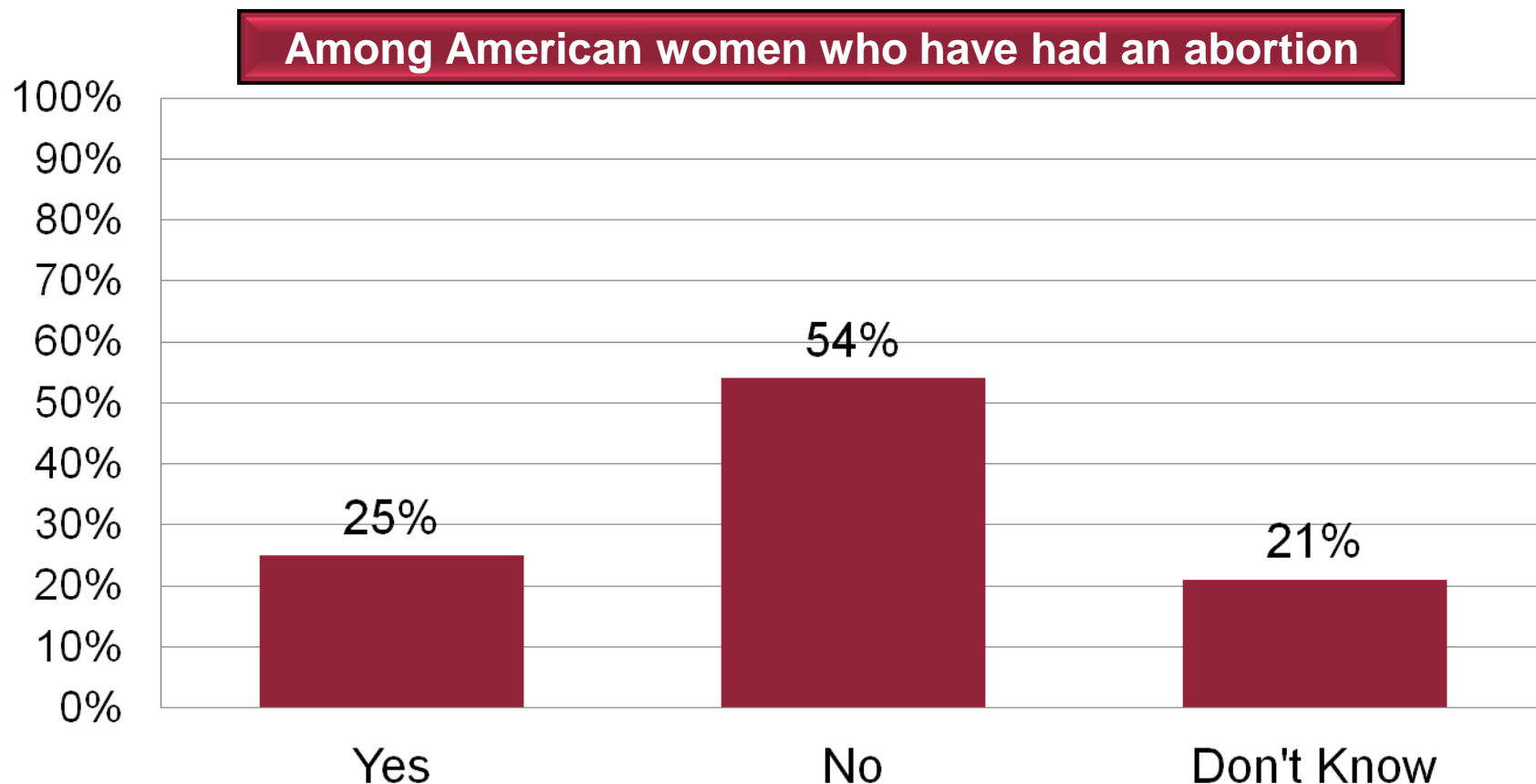
Q: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. Church members are more likely to gossip about a woman considering an abortion than help her understand her options."

# Half (51%) agree that churches do not have a ministry prepared to discuss options during an unplanned pregnancy



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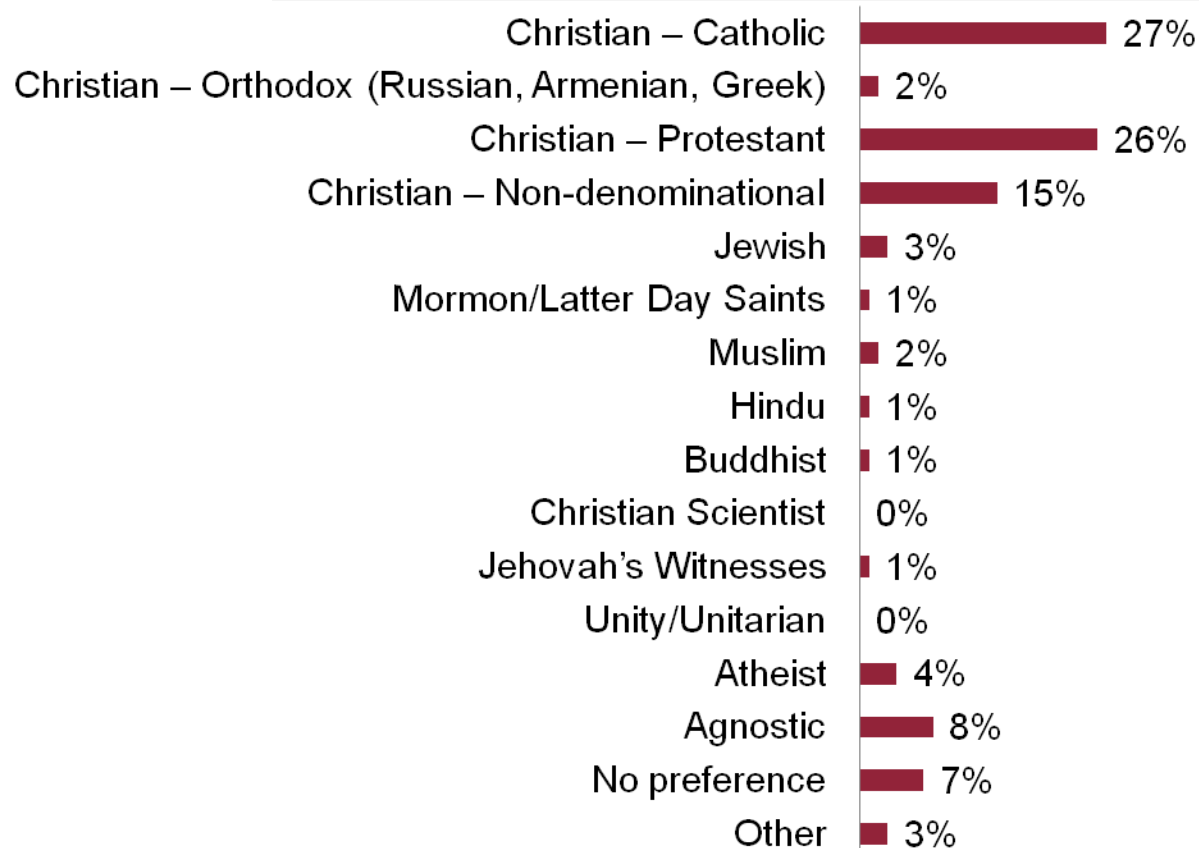
# Twice as many women would not recommend to someone close to them that they discuss their decision regarding an unplanned pregnancy with someone at a local church



Q: "If you or someone close to you had an unplanned pregnancy, would you recommend they discuss the decision with someone at a local church?"

# Seven in 10 (70%) women who have had an abortion indicate their religious preference is Christian

## Among American women who have had an abortion



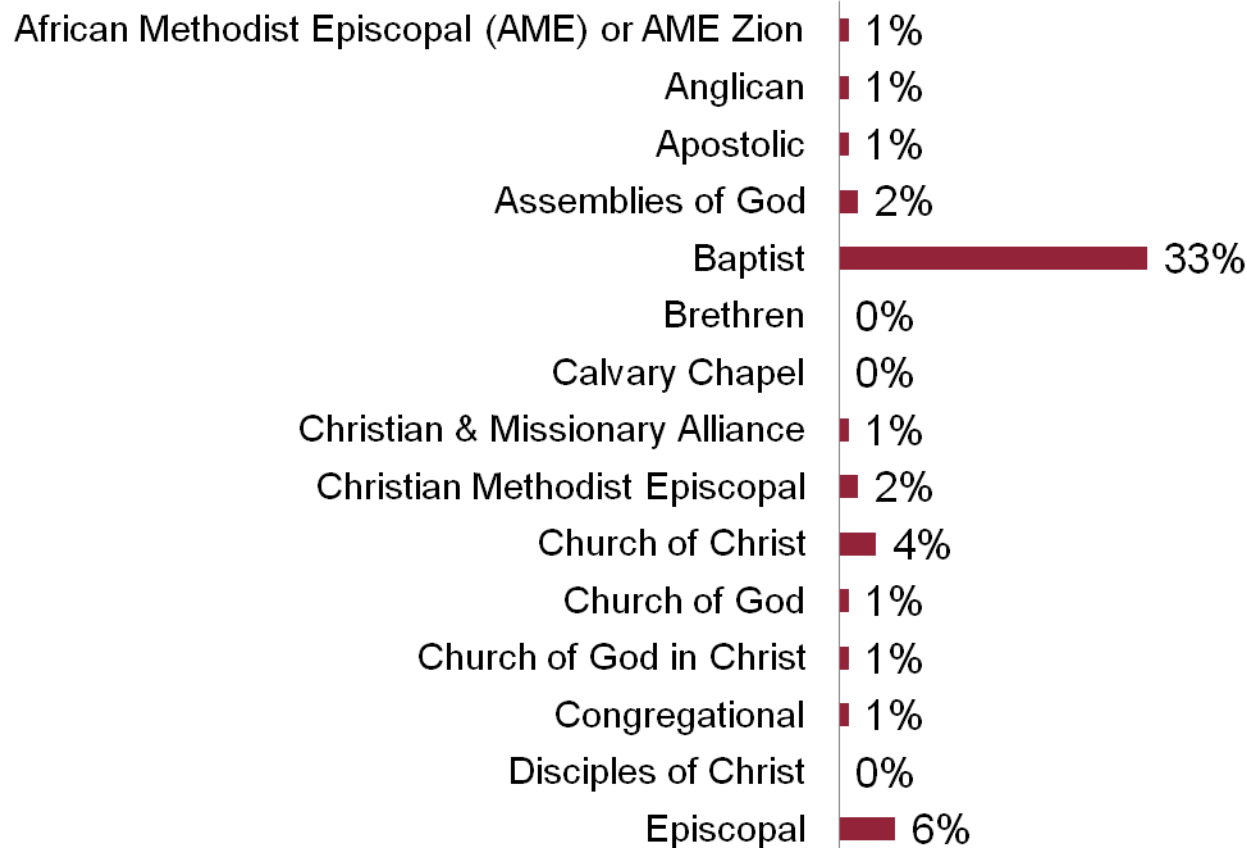
Christian – Protestant was defined as “including Adventist, Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodists, Presbyterian, etc.”

Q: “What is your religious preference? (Select One)”



# One-third (33%) of Protestant women who have had an abortion are Baptist

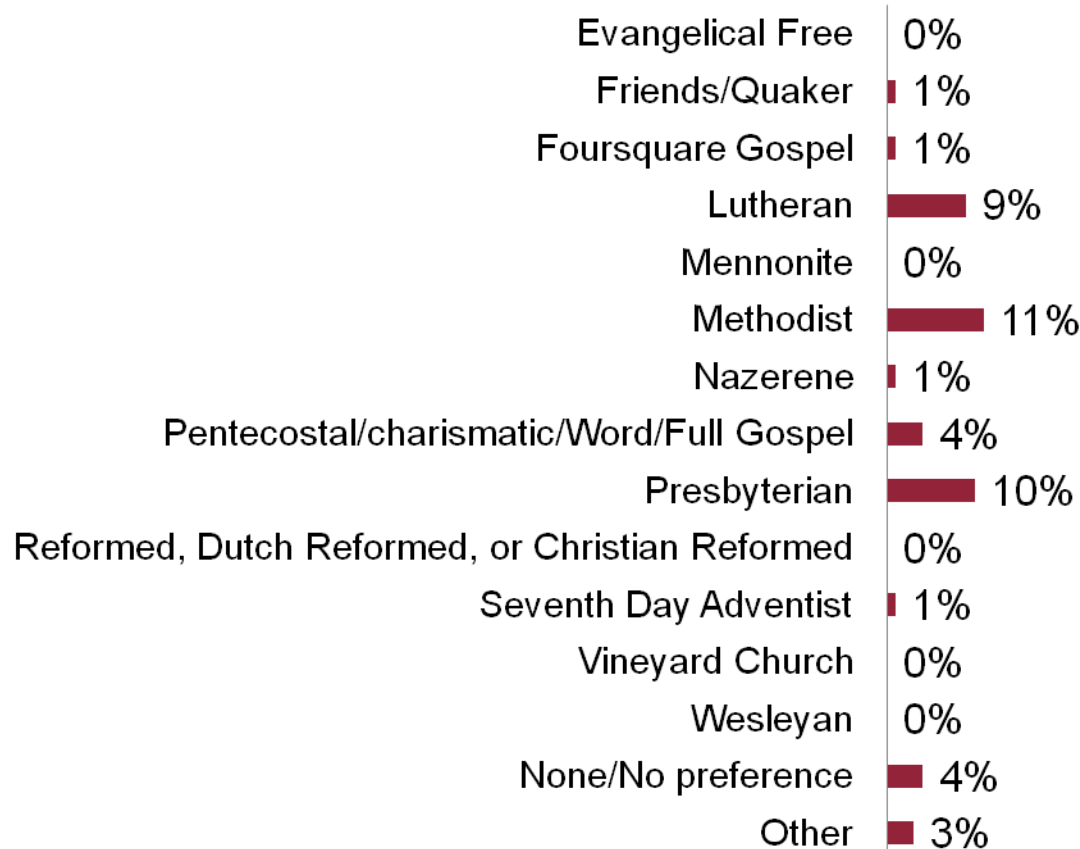
## Among Protestant women who have had an abortion



Q: "What specific denomination or affiliation do you prefer? (Select one)" Asked of those whose religious preference is Christian—Protestant. n=274

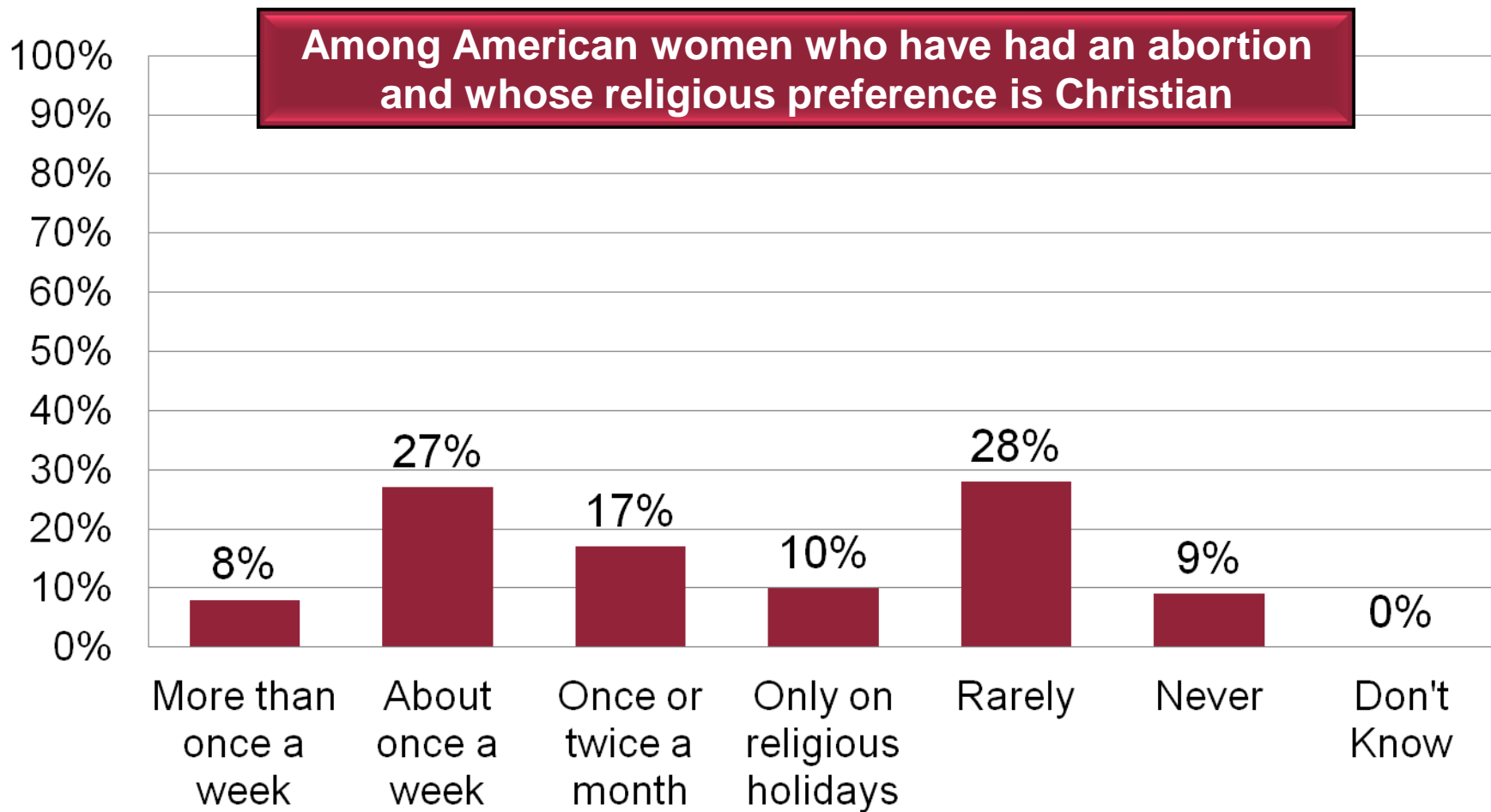
# While another 31% indicate they affiliate with the Lutheran, Methodist or Presbyterian denominations

## Among Protestant women who have had an abortion



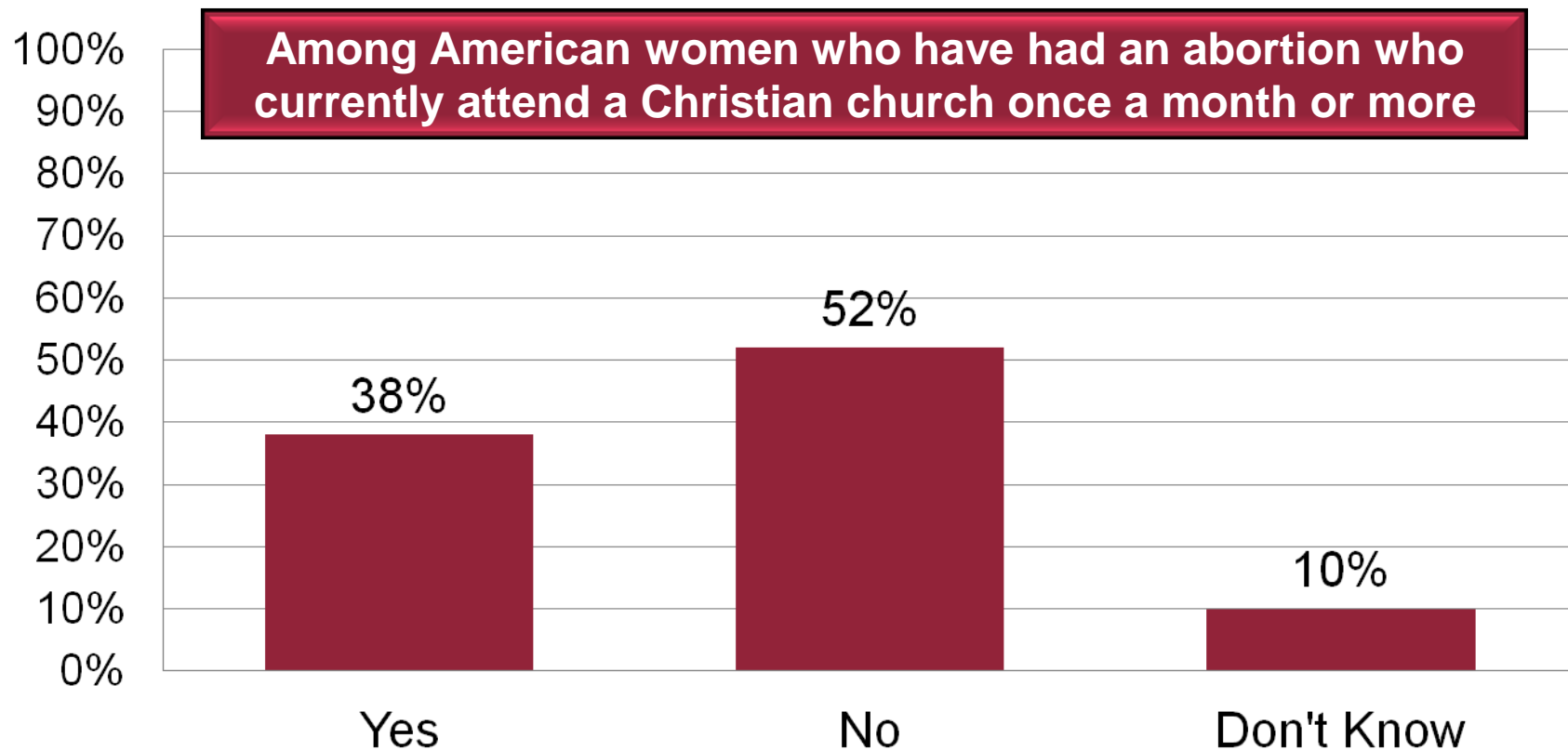
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# 35% of Christian women who have had an abortion indicate they currently attend church once a week or more



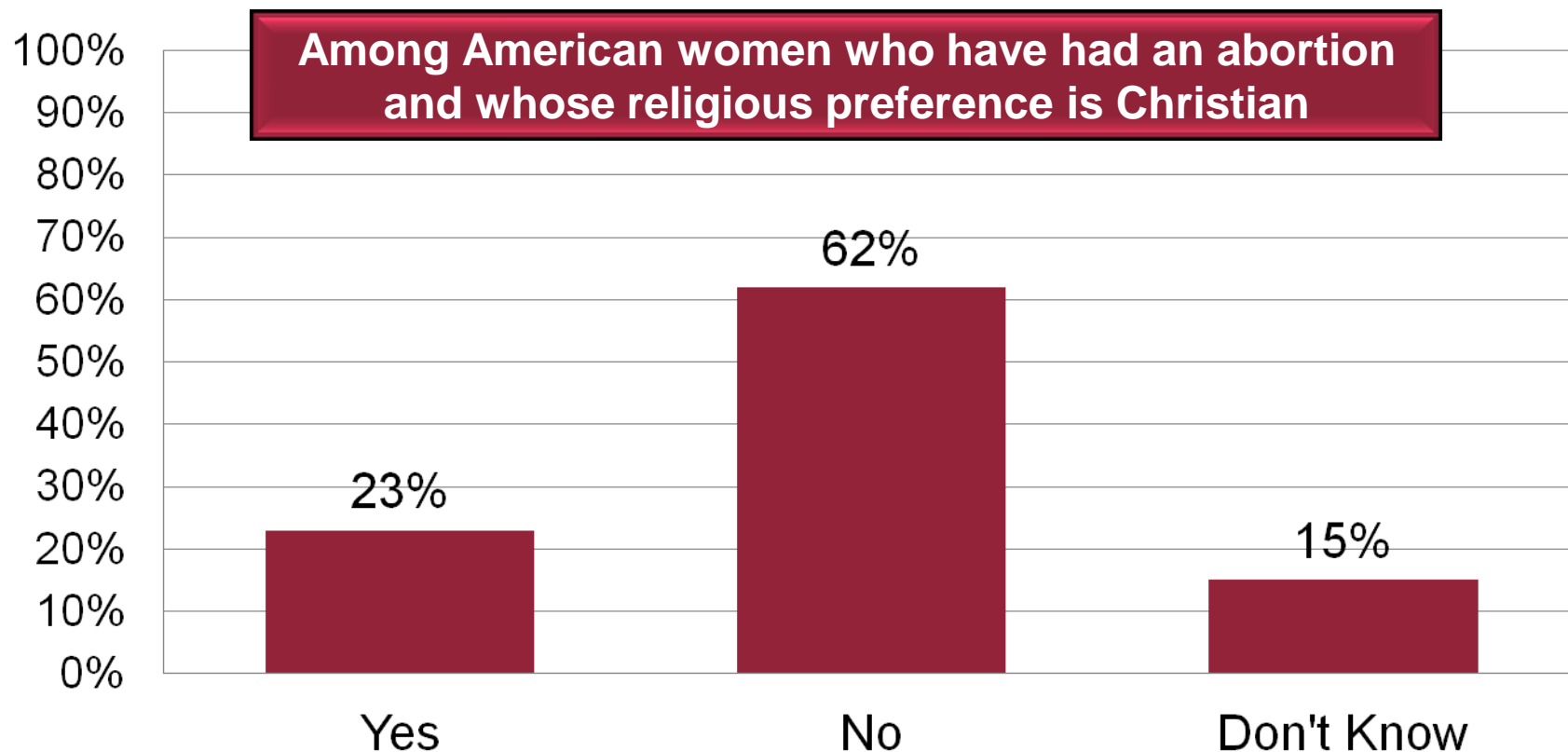
Q: "How often do you attend religious services at a Christian church? (Select One)" Asked of those with a Christian religious preference. n=721

# 52% of churchgoers who have had an abortion have no one at church who knows they have had a pregnancy terminated



Q: "Does anyone at your church know that you have had a pregnancy termination/abortion?"  
Asked of those who currently attend a Christian church once a month or more. n=381

# 23% of Christian women who have had an abortion consider themselves to be an evangelical Christian



Q: "Do you consider yourself to be an evangelical Christian? (Select One)" Asked among those with a Christian religious preference. n=721

# Significant Differences

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Age  
Ethnicity  
Region  
Household Income  
Religious Preference  
Denomination  
Self-identified Evangelical

# Significant Statistical Differences

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

Age	Ethnicity	Region	Household Income
18-24	Asian	Northeast	Less than \$25,000
25-34	African American	Midwest	\$25,000-34,999
35-44	Hispanic	South	\$35,000-49,999
45-54	White	West	\$50,000-74,999
55-64			\$75,000-99,999
65+			\$100,000 or more

Note: Region is defined by US Census regions

# Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among religious preference, denomination, and self-identified Evangelical.

Religious Preference	Denomination	Self-Identified Evangelical
Christian*	Protestant / Nondenominational	Yes
Other Religions	Catholic	No / not sure
Nonreligious**		

\*includes Catholic, Protestant, Nondenominational, and Orthodox

\*\*includes Atheist, Agnostic, and No Preference



## At the time of your first pregnancy termination/abortion how often are you attending religious services at a Christian church?

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- Those age 18-34 are most likely to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion.
- Those classifying themselves as White (30%) are less likely than Asians (46%), African Americans (47%), and Hispanics (44%) to have been attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy/abortion.
- Those in the South (41%) are more likely than those in the Northeast (29%) to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (21%) in household income are least likely to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion, while those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (54%) in household income are most likely.

## At the time of your first pregnancy termination/abortion how often are you attending religious services at a Christian church?

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- Christians (44%) are more likely to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion than Other Religions (24%), who are more likely than Nonreligious (12%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians are more likely to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion (65% v 30%).
- Those currently attending more than once a week (77%) and about once a week (75%) are more likely to have been attending church once a month or more at the time of their first pregnancy termination/abortion than those currently attending once or twice a month (54%), who are more likely than those currently attending Only on religious holidays (19%), Rarely (19%), or Never (15%).

# Were you attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of any of these pregnancy terminations/abortions?

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- **Yes**

- Those who are 18-34 (17%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (9%) or 65+ (3%).
- Those who classify themselves as White (8%) are least likely to select.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (4%) and those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (4%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (13%), \$50,000-74,999 (12%), \$75,000-99,999 (18%), or \$100,000 or more (15%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic, or No Preference (4%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (22%) are more likely to select than those who are not (10%).

# Were you attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of any of these pregnancy terminations/abortions?

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- **No**

- Those who are 18-34 (78%) are most likely to select.
- Those who classify themselves as White (88%) are more likely to select than African Americans (76%) or Hispanics (80%).

- **Don't know**

- Those from the Midwest (9%) are more likely to select than those from the West (2%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (8%) are more likely to select than those earning \$75,000-99,999 (1%) or \$100,000 or more (3%).
- Those choosing Christian (6%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than those choosing Atheist, Agnostic, or No Preference (2%).

# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Loving**

- Those age 18-34 (20%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (6%) and 65+ (8%).
- Those age 35-49 (14%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (6%).
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (36%) are the most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as African American (17%) or as Hispanic (18%) are more likely to select than White (8%).
- Those in the Northeast (8%) and Midwest (8%) are less likely to select than those in the South (16%) and West (15%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (20%) in household income are more likely to select than those earning less than \$25,000 (7%) or those earning \$25,000-34,999 (10%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (3%) as their religious preference are less likely to select than Christian (15%) or Other Religions (12%).

# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Loving**

- Catholics (20%) are more likely to select than Protestants and nondenominational (13%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (32%) are more likely to select than those who are not (9%).

- **Cold**

- Those age 18-34 (22%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (13%).
- Those age 35-49 (18%) are the least likely to select.
- Those age 65+ (1%) are less likely to select than those age 50-64 (13%).
- Those classifying themselves as Hispanic (23%) are more likely to select than White (14%) or African American (13%).

# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Cold**

- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (11%) in household income are less likely to select than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (19%) or those earning \$75,000-99,999 (19%).

- **Caring**

- Those age 18-34 (26%) are more likely to select than those age 35-49 (17%) and those age 50-64 (7%).
- Those age 65+ (9%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (7%).
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (34%) are most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as African American (20%) or as Hispanic (21%) are more likely to select than White (11%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (29%) in household income are most likely to select.
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (5%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.

# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Caring**

- Catholics (24%) are more likely to select than Protestants and nondenominational (16%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (34%) are more likely to select than those who are not (12%).

- **Judgmental**

- Those age 65+ (15%) are least likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as Hispanic (42%) are most likely to select.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (24%) in household income are least likely to select.

- **Condemning**

- Those age 65+ (17%) are least likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (19%) are less likely to select than Hispanics (32%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (19%) in household income are less likely to select than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (29%) or \$100,000 or more (28%).



# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Helpful**

- Those age 18-34 (26%) are most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (38%) are most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as White (8%) are less likely to select than African American (22%) or Hispanic (19%).
- Those in the Midwest (10%) are less likely to select than those in the South (18%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (25%) are most likely to select.
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (6%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Catholics (21%) are more likely to select than Protestants and nondenominational (13%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (28%) are more likely to select than those who are not (12%).

# At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **Informative**

- Those age 18-34 (18%) are most likely to select.
- Those age 35-49 (7%) and those age 50-64 (5%) are more likely to select than those age 65+ (1%).
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (22%) are most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as African American (13%) are more likely to select than those classifying themselves as Hispanic (11%) or White (6%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (17%) in household income are most likely to select.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (5%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (7%), \$35,000-49,999 (11%) \$50,000-74,999 (7%) and \$100,000 or more (8%).
- Those choosing Christian (11%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (4%).

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- **Informative**

- Self-identified evangelical Christians (18%) are more likely to select than those who are not (7%).

- **Indifferent**

- Those age 18-34 (13%) are most likely to select.
- Those age 35-49 (9%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (4%) or those 65+ (4%).
- Those classifying themselves as White (6%) are less likely to select than African Americans (11%) or Hispanics (14%).
- Those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (18%) are most likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (15%) are more likely to select than those who are not (7%).

## At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **I did not receive any reaction nor had any expectations about how a church would respond.**
  - Those age 18-34 (19%) are least likely to select.
  - Those age 50-64 (47%) and those age 65+ (53%) are more likely to select than those age 35-49 (37%).
  - Those classifying themselves as White (42%) are more likely to select than those who classify themselves as Asian (19%), African American (31%) or Hispanic (24%).
  - Those earning less than \$25,000 (46%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (25%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (35%) and those who earn \$100,000 or more (36%).
  - Those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (35%) are least likely to select.
  - Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (49%) as their religious preference are most likely to select.

## At that same time, which of the following describes the reaction you received or would have expected to receive from a local church as you considered this decision?

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- **I did not receive any reaction nor had any expectations about how a church would respond.**
  - Protestants and nondenominational (37%) are more likely to select than Catholics (27%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (22%) are less likely to select than those who are not (38%).
- **None of these**
  - Those age 65+ (13%) are most likely to select.
  - Those with household income less than \$25,000 (11%) are most likely to select.

# With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?

- **A Medical Professional**

- Those age 50-64 (45%) are less likely to select than those age 65+ (56%).
- Those classifying themselves as African American (41%) are less likely to select than Whites (51%).
- Those from the Northeast (57%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (43%) or South (43%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (36%) are least likely to select.
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (58%) are most likely to select.
- Those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (45%) and those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (46%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (52%) and those who earn \$100,000 or more (50%).

- **The father of the baby**

- Those classifying themselves as African American (52%) are less likely to select than Whites (64%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (52%) are least likely to select.

# With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?

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- **Friend(s)**
  - Those age 65+ (13%) are least likely to select.
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (21%) are least likely to select.
- **My mother**
  - Those age 18-34 (42%) are most likely to select.
  - Those age 35-49 (32%) are more likely to select than those who are 50-64 (26%) and those who are 65+ (22%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (40%) are more likely to select than those who are not (31%).
- **My father**
  - Those age 18-34 (14%) are more likely to select than those ages 50-64 (8%) or 65+ (5%).
- **Other family member**
  - Those age 18-34 (20%) are more likely to select than those age 35-49 (13%) or 65+ (7%).

# With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?

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- **Other family member**

- Those age 50-64 (15%) are more likely to select than those age 65+ (7%).
- Those classifying themselves as African American (21%) are more likely to select than Whites (13%)
- Those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (21%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (11%) or \$100,000 or more (13%).

- **Someone at a local church**

- Those age 18-34 (10%) are more likely to select than those age 65+ (3%).
- Those from the South (11%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (3%) or West (4%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (2%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (11%) are more likely to select than those who are not (6%).



# With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?

- **A counselor**

- Those classifying themselves as Hispanic (15%) are more likely to select than Whites (9%).

- **An abortion provider**

- Those age 35-49 (32%) are more likely to select than those age 18-34 (24%) or 65+ (18%).
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (17%) are less likely to select than White (30%).
- Those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (38%) are more likely to select than household incomes of less than \$25,000 (23%), \$75,000-99,999 (23%) and \$100,000 or more (23%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (36%) as their religious preference are most likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (18%) are less likely to select than those who are not (28%).

# With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?

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- **A pregnancy care center worker**
  - Those age 65+ (0%) are least likely to select.
  - Those who classify themselves as Hispanic (12%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%).
  - Those from the Midwest (4%) are less likely to select than those in the Northeast (9%) or South (9%).
- **Other**
  - Those age 18-34 (0%) are least likely to select.
  - Those who classify themselves as Asian (0%) are least likely to select.
- **I did not discuss it with anyone**
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (16%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (10%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (5%), \$50,000-74,999 (6%) and \$100,000 or more (7%).

# **With whom did you discuss this pregnancy termination/abortion decision?**

- **I did not discuss it with anyone**
  - Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (13%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than Christians (7%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Paid for the termination/abortion**

- Those age 18-34 (11%) are most likely to select.
- Those age 35-49 (3%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (<1%) and those age 65+ (0%).
- Those classifying themselves as Asian (11%) or Hispanic (9%) are more likely to select than African American (3%) or White (2%).
- Those from the South (3%) are less likely to select than those from the West (7%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (10%) are most likely to select.
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (1%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Catholics (8%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (2%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (15%) are more likely to select than those who are not (2%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Drove me to the pregnancy termination/abortion**
  - Those age 18-34 (9%) are most likely to select.
  - Those age 35-49 (3%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (0%) and those age 65+ (0%).
  - Those classifying themselves as White (2%) are less likely to select than those classifying themselves as Asian (9%), African American (5%), or Hispanic (7%).
  - Those from the Northeast (2%) are less likely to select than those from the West (6%).
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (9%) are more likely to select than those earning less than \$25,000 (3%), \$50,000-74,999 (2%), or \$100,000 or more (3%).
  - Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (<1%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Drove me to the pregnancy termination/abortion**
  - Catholics (6%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (2%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (13%) are more likely to select than those who are not (2%).
- **Provided information on alternatives to abortion**
  - Those age 18-34 (17%) are most likely to select
  - Those age 35-49 (9%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (1%) and those age 65+ (1%).
  - Those classifying themselves as White (4%) are least likely to select.
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (15%) are more likely to select those earning \$25,000-34,999 (6%) and 100,000 or more (8%).
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (3%) are least likely to select.
  - Catholics (13%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (6%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (20%) are more likely to select than those who are not (6%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Referred me to an abortion provider**
  - Those age 18-34 (10%) are most likely to select
  - Those age 35-49 (4%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (1%).
  - Those classifying themselves as Asian (20%) are most likely to select.
  - Those classifying themselves as White (2%) are less likely to select than Hispanic (5%).
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (11%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (1%) are less likely to select than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (4%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Referred me to an abortion provider**
  - Those choosing Other Religions (13%) as their religious preference are the most likely to select.
  - Catholics (5%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (2%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (10%) are more likely to select than those who are not (3%).
- **Referred me to a counselor**
  - Those age 18-34 (15%) are most likely to select.
  - Those age 50-64 (2%) and those age 65+ (1%) are less likely to select than those age 35-49 (7%).
  - Those classifying themselves as Asian (19%) are most likely to select.
  - Those classifying themselves as Hispanic (12%) are more likely to select than those classifying themselves as African American (8%) or White (5%).



# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Referred me to a counselor**

- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (2%) are least likely to select.
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (2%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (12%) are more likely to select than those who are not (6%).

- **Referred me to a pregnancy care center**

- Those age 18-34 (11%) are most likely to select.
- Those classifying themselves as White (2%) are least likely to select.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (1%) are least likely to select.
- Those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (8%) and \$75,000-99,999 (7%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (5%) and \$100,000 or more (5%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Referred me to a pregnancy care center**
  - Those choosing Other Religions (9%) as their religious preference are most likely to select.
  - Catholics (7%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (3%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (8%) are more likely to select than those who are not (4%).
- **Encouraged me to have the procedure**
  - Those age 18-34 (6%) are most likely to select.
  - Those choosing Other Religions (5%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (<1%).
  - Catholics (4%) are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (1%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (6%) are more likely to select than those who are not (2%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Encouraged me not to have the procedure**
  - Those who are 18-34 (13%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who are 35-49 (8%) are more likely to select than those who are 50-64 (4%) and those who are 65+ (0%).
  - Those who classify themselves as White (5%) are more likely to select than African Americans (10%) or Hispanics (14%).
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (4%) are less likely to select than those earning \$35,000-49,999 (10%) or \$75,000-99,999 (12%).
  - Those choosing Christian (9%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (4%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (13%) are more likely to select than those who are not (6%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Other**
  - Those who are 18-34 (1%) are less likely to select than those age 65+ (6%).
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (5%) are more likely to select than those earning \$75,000-99,999 (1%) or \$100,000 or more (1%).
- **Local churches had no influence on my decision**
  - Those age 18-34 (54%) are least likely to select.
  - Those age 50-64 (90%) are more likely to select than those who are 35-49 (78%).
  - Those classifying themselves as Asian (52%) and those who classify themselves as Hispanic (59%) are less likely to select than those classifying themselves African American (71%) or White (85%).

# Did a local church influence your decision in any of the following ways?

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- **Local churches had no influence on my decision**
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (85%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (62%) are least likely to select.
  - Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (90%) as their religious preference are most likely to select.
  - Catholics (66%) are less likely to select than Protestant, Non-denominational (78%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (51%) are less likely to select than those who are not (80%).

# Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy?

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- **A medical professional**
  - Those age 65+ (42%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (19%) and those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (17%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (32%) and those who earn \$100,000 or more (31%).
- **The father of the baby**
  - No significant differences.
- **A friend**
  - Those age 65+ (0%) are least likely to select.
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (13%) are more likely to select than those who are not (7%).
- **My mother**
  - Those who earn less than \$25,000 (21%) are more likely to select than those earning \$35,000-49,999 (9%), \$50,000-74,999 (10%), and \$100,000 or more (12%).

# Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy?

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- **My father**

- Those age 50-64 (<1%) are less likely to select than those age 65+ (4%).
- Those who classify themselves as African American (5%) are most likely to select.

- **Other family member**

- Those with household income of \$100,000 or more (1%) are less likely to select than those who earn less than \$25,000 (5%), \$25,000-34,999 (6%) or \$50,000-74,999 (4%).

- **The father of the baby**

- No significant differences.

- **A counselor**

- Those who classify themselves as White (1%) are less likely to select than those who classify themselves as African American (4%) or Hispanic (5%).
- Those who make \$100,000 or more (5%) are more likely to select than those making less than \$25,000 (0%) or \$75,000-99,999 (1%).

# Which of these was most influential on your decision to terminate the pregnancy?

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- **An abortion provider**

- Those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (9%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (2%) or \$100,000 or more (2%).
- Those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (8%) and those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (7%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$100,000 or more (2%).
- Those choosing Christian (4%) as their religious preference are less likely to select than those choosing Atheist, Agnostic, No Preference (10%).

- **A pregnancy care center worker**

- No significant differences.

- **Other**

- Those age 50-64 (3%) are more likely to select than those age 18-34 (0%).



# In total, how many pregnancy terminations/abortions have you had?

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- **One**

- Those who live in the South (71%) are more likely to select than those who live in the West (61%).
- Those who earn \$100,000 or more (71%) are more likely to select than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (59%) or \$50,000-74,999 (62%) .
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (55%) are less likely to select than those who are not (68%).

- **Two**

- Those age 18-34 (14%) are most likely to select.
- Those choosing Other Religions (10%) as their religious preference are least likely to select.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (27%) are more likely to select than those who are not (19%).

# In total, how many pregnancy terminations/abortions have you had?

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- **Three**

- Those age 65+ (1%) are less likely to select than those age 18-34 (8%) or 50-64 (7%).
- Those who live in the West (9%) and in the Northeast (9%) are more likely to select than those who live in the Midwest (3%) and in the South (4%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (3%) as their religious preference are less likely to select than Christians (7%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (10%) are more likely to select than those who are not (5%).

- **Four**

- Those who classify themselves as African American (4%) are more likely to select than those who are White (2%).

# In total, how many pregnancy terminations/abortions have you had?

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- **More than five**

- Those age 50-64 (<1%) are less likely to select than those who are 18-34 (2%) or those who are 35-49 (2%).
- Those who classify themselves as White (1%) are less likely to select than those who classify themselves as Asian (3%) or African American (3%).
- Those who earn \$25,000-34,999 (3%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (0%).
- Those choosing Christian (1%) as their religious preference are less likely to select than those choosing Other Religions (5%).

- **Don't Know**

- Those who classify themselves as Asian (6%) are more likely to select than those who classify themselves as African American (1%).
- Those who earn \$100,000 or more (1%) are less likely to select than those earning less than \$25,000 (4%), \$35,000-49,999 (4%), or \$50,000-74,999 (5%).

## **It is safe to talk with a pastor about abortion.**

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- Those age 18-34 (48%) are most likely to agree than those age 65+ (37%).
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (56%) are more likely to agree than those classify themselves as White (39%).
- Those who classify themselves as White (39%) are less likely to agree than those who are Asian (56%), African American (48%), or Hispanic (48%).
- Those from the Northeast (38%) are less likely to agree than those from the South (47%).
- Those who make less than \$25,000 (35%) are less likely to agree than those earning \$50,000-74,999 (46%) or \$75,000-99,999 (52%).
- Those choosing Christian (51%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Catholics (44%) are less likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (56%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (71%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (38%).

# **Pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies abortion.**

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- Those age 18-34 (54%) are more likely to agree than those age 50-64 (44%) or 65+ (41%).
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (62%) are most likely to agree than African Americans (39%) or Whites (48%).
- Those who classify themselves as White (48%) are less likely to agree than Hispanics (53%).
- Those who make \$75,000-99,999 (63%) are most likely to agree.
- Catholics (55%) are more likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (43%).

# Pastors are sensitive to the pressures a woman faces with an unplanned pregnancy.

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- Those age 18-34 (47%) are most likely to agree.
- Those who classify themselves as White (33%) are less likely to agree than those who classify themselves as Asian (48%), African American (50%) or Hispanic (46%).
- Those who are from the South (44%) are more likely to agree than those from the Northeast (32%) or West (35%).
- Those who make \$75,000-99,999 (49%) are more likely to agree than those earning less than \$25,000 (34%), \$25,000-34,999 (35%), \$35,000-49,999 (37%), or \$100,000 or more (36%).
- Those choosing Christian (45%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (70%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (32%).

# Pastors teach that God is willing to forgive past abortion decisions.

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- Those age 18-34 (49%) are most likely to agree.
- Those who classify themselves as African American (57%) are more likely to agree than those who classify themselves as Hispanic (44%) or White (36%).
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (52%) are more likely to agree than those who classify themselves as White (36%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (54%) are most likely to agree.
- Those choosing Christian (51%) as their religious preference are the most likely to agree.
- Catholics (44%) are less likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (55%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (76%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (35%).

# Churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion, and adoption.

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- Those age 18-34 (44%) are most likely to agree.
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (52%), African American (49%) or Hispanic (41%) are more likely to agree than those who classify themselves as White (32%).
- Those who live in the South (44%) are most likely to agree.
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (30%) are less likely to agree than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (42%), \$50,000-74,999 (42%), or \$75,000-99,999 (48%).
- Those who earn \$100,000 or more (33%) are less likely to agree than those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (42%) or \$75,000-99,999 (48%).
- Those choosing Christian (46%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (70%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (31%).



# Churches over-simplify decisions about pregnancy options.

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- Those who are 18-34 (60%) are more likely to agree than those age 35-49 (51%).
- Those who classify themselves as African American (46%) are less likely to agree than Hispanics (57%) or Whites (56%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (70%) and those who earn \$100,000 or more (62%) are most likely to agree.
- Catholics (62%) are more likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (49%).

# Churches give accurate advice about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion and adoption.

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- Those age 18-34 (38%) are most likely to agree.
- Those who classify themselves as White (24%) are less likely to agree than those who classify themselves as Asian (48%), African American (41%) or Hispanic (36%).
- Those who live in the Northeast (24%) are less likely to agree than those in the South (35%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (24%) are less likely to agree than those earning \$75,000-99,999 (39%).
- Those choosing Christian (37%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (59%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (25%).

## **Churches are prepared to provide material, emotional, and spiritual support to women who chose to keep a child resulting from an unplanned pregnancy.**

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- Those age 18-34 (57%) are more likely to agree than those age 50-64 (48%) or 65+ (44%).
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (60%) or as African American (58%) are more likely to agree than those classifying themselves as Hispanic (55%) or White (47%).
- Those who live in the South (59%) are more likely to agree than those in the Northeast (44%) or West (45%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (46%) or \$100,000 or more (46%) are less likely to agree than those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (58%) or \$75,000-99,999 (59%).
- Those choosing Christian (59%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (73%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (47%).

# Churches are prepared to help women with their decisions about unwanted pregnancies.

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- Those age 18-34 (47%) are more likely to agree than those age 50-64 (36%) or 65+ (35%).
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (50%), African American (54%) or Hispanic (45%) are more likely to agree than those who classify themselves as White (35%).
- Those who live in the South (46%) are more likely to agree than those in the Midwest (36%) or West (36%).
- Those who earn \$50,000-74,999 (45%) or \$75,000-99,999 (49%) are more likely to agree than those who earn \$100,000 or more (36%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (36%) or \$25,000-34,999 (35%) are less likely to agree than those earning \$75,000-99,999.

# Churches are prepared to help women with their decisions about unwanted pregnancies. (cont.)

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- Those choosing Christian (47%) as their religious preference are most likely to agree.
- Catholics (42%) are less likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (51%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (65%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (36%).

# Church members judge single women who are pregnant.

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- Those who are age 65+ (54%) are less likely to agree than those age 18-34 (69%) or 35-49 (65%).
- Those who classify themselves as Hispanic (75%) are more likely to agree Asians (59%), African Americans (63%), or Whites (63%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (59%) are less likely to agree than those earning \$75,000-99,999 (70%).

# Church members are more likely to gossip about a woman considering an abortion than help her understand her options.

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- Those who classify themselves as Hispanic (75%) are more likely to agree than Asians (52%), African Americans (64%), or Whites (62%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (74%) are more likely to agree than those who earn less than \$25,000 (56%), \$35,000-49,999 (63%) or \$50,000-74,999 (62%).
- Those who earn \$100,000 or more (66%) are more likely to agree than those who earn less than \$25,000 (56%).

# Churches do not have a ministry prepared to discuss options during an unplanned pregnancy.

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- Those age 18-34 (58%) are more likely to agree than those age 35-49 (49%) or 65+ (40%).
- Those who classify themselves as Hispanic (60%) are more likely to agree than those who classify themselves as White (48%).
- Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (59%) are more likely to agree than those earning less than \$25,000 (47%) or \$50,000-74,999 (47%).
- Those choosing Christian (53%) as their religious preference are more likely to agree than those choosing Atheist, Agnostic, or No Preference (44%).
- Catholics (57%) are more likely to agree than Protestant, Non-denominational (49%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (61%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (49%).



## If you or someone close to you had an unplanned pregnancy, would you recommend they discuss the decision with someone at a local church?

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- Those who are 18-34 (35%) are most likely to recommend.
- Those who classify themselves as Asian (44%) are more likely to recommend than those who classify themselves as White (18%).
- Those who classify themselves as African American (33%) or as Hispanic (34%) are more likely to recommend than those who classify themselves as White (18%).
- Those from the Northeast (19%) and those from the Midwest (19%) are less likely to recommend than those from the South (30%) and those from the West (28%).
- Those with household income less than \$25,000 (18%) are less likely to recommend than those earning \$25,000-34,999 (29%), \$50,000-74,999 (28%), or \$75,000-99,999 (31%).
- Those choosing Atheist, Agnostic or No Preference (6%) as their religious preference are least likely to agree.
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (62%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (18%).

# How often do you attend religious services at a Christian church?

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- **More than once a week**

- Those who are 18-34 (14%) are most likely to select.
- Those who classify themselves as White (4%) are less likely to select than African Americans (15%) or Hispanics (10%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (22%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (3%).

- **About once a week**

- Those who are 18-34 (33%) are more likely to select than those age 35-49 (24%) or 50-64 (23%).
- Those who classify themselves as White (23%) are less likely to select than those who classify themselves as Asian (42%) or African American (36%).
- Those with household income less than \$25,000 (22%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (34%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (40%) are more likely to agree than those who are not (24%).

# How often do you attend religious services at a Christian church?

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- **Once or twice a month**
  - Those who are 35-49 (20%) are more likely to select than those age 50-64 (13%).
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (26%) are more likely to select than those who earn less than \$25,000 (14%) or \$35,000-49,999 (12%).
- **Only on religious holidays**
  - Those who classify themselves as African American (3%) are less likely to select than those who classify themselves as Asian (12%), Hispanic (13%), or White (11%).
  - Those with household income less than \$25,000 (5%) are less likely to select than those who earn \$100,000 or more (13%).
  - Those choosing Catholic (14%) as their religious preference are more likely to select than Protestant, Non-Denomination (8%).
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (3%) are less likely to select than those who are not (12%).

# How often do you attend religious services at a Christian church?

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- **Rarely**
  - Those who are 18-34 (17%) are most likely to select.
  - Those who classify themselves as White (34%) are more likely to select than those who classify themselves as Asian (9%), African American (21%), or Hispanic (24%).
  - Those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (14%) are least likely to select.
  - Self-identified evangelical Christians (11%) are less likely to agree than those who are not (33%).

# How often do you attend religious services at a Christian church?

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- **Never**

- Those who classify themselves as White (23%) are most likely to select.
- Those with household income less than \$25,000 are most likely to select (14%).
- Those who earn \$100,000 or more (7%) are more likely to select than those who earn \$35,000-49,999 (6%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (3%) are less likely to agree than those who are not (11%).

## Does anyone at your church know that you have had a pregnancy termination/abortion?

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- Those who are 18-34 (57%) are most likely to answer “Yes.”
- Those who are 65+ (7%) are least likely to answer “Yes.”
- Those who are 35-49 (51%) are less likely to answer “No” than those who are 50-64 (70%) or 65+ (73%).
- Those who classify themselves as Hispanic (59%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than African Americans (28%) or Whites (31%).
- Those who are from the Midwest (29%) are less likely to answer “Yes” than those who are from the West (47%).
- Those who earn less than \$25,000 (22%) are less likely to answer “Yes” than those who earn \$75,000-99,999 (45%) or \$100,000 or more (41%).
- Catholics (44%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than Protestant, Non-denominational (32%).
- Self-identified evangelical Christians (55%) are more likely to answer “Yes” than those who are not (28%).

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