

Pastor Endorsements of Political Candidates

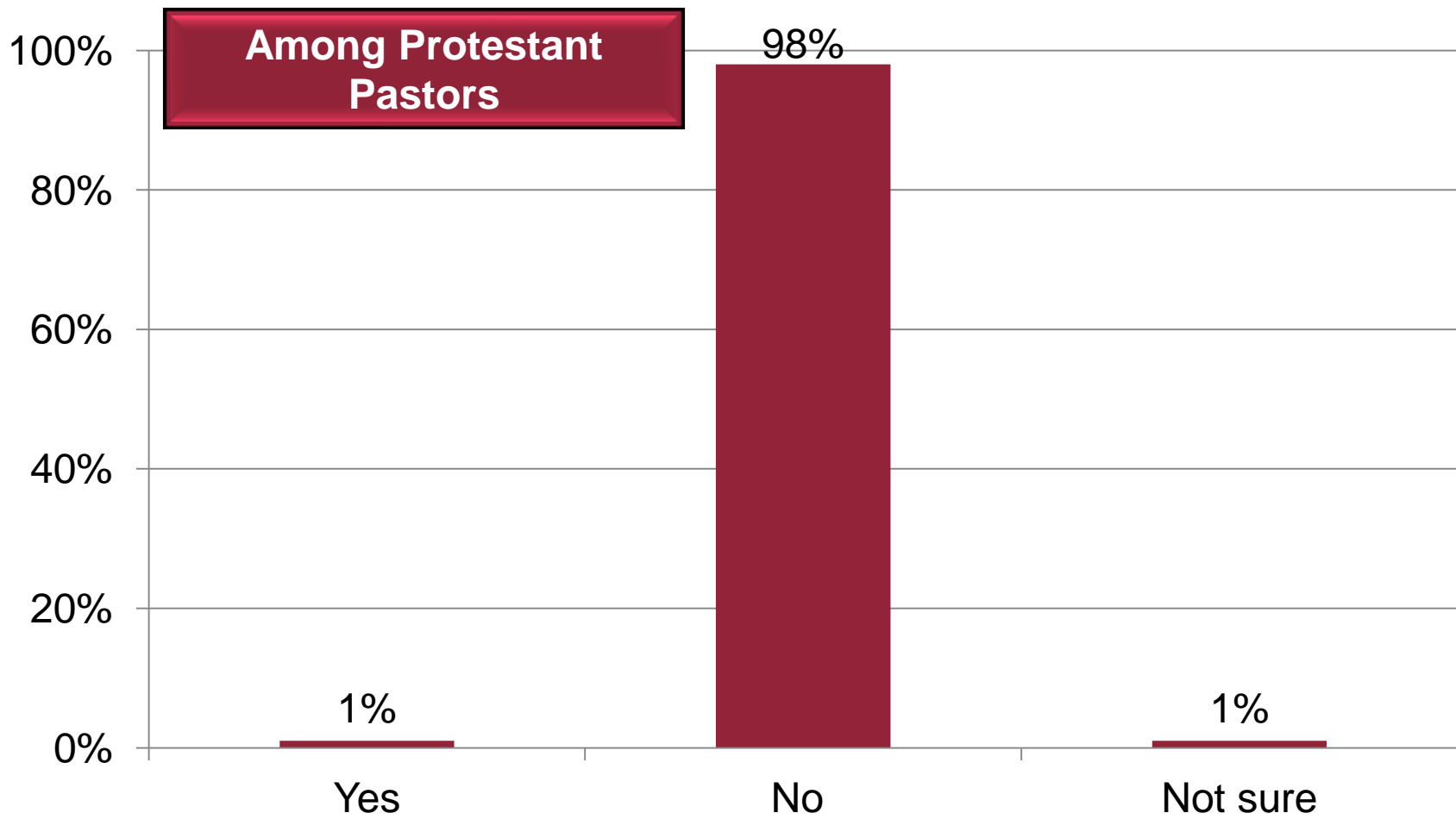
Survey of Protestant Pastors

Methodology

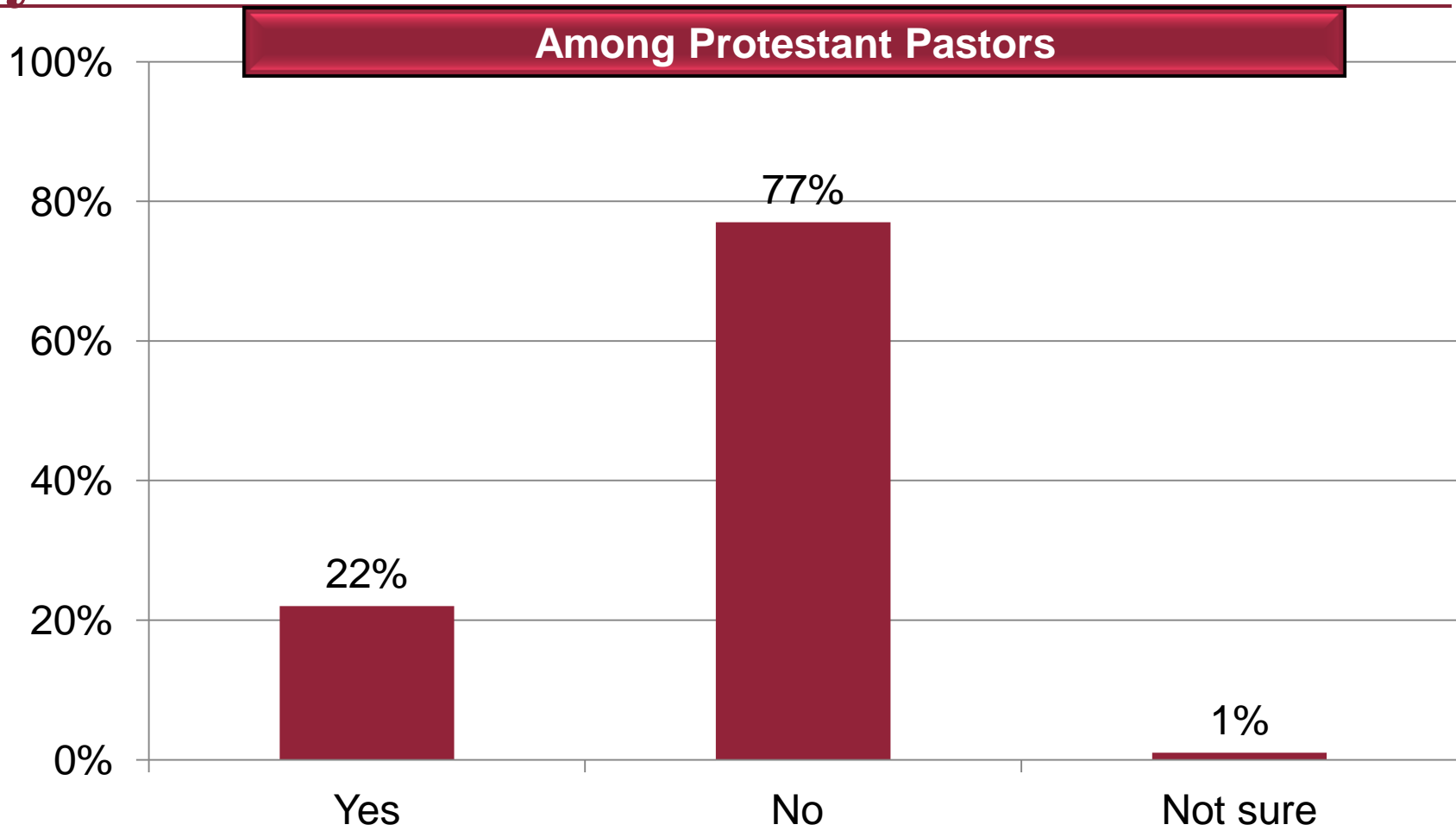
- ❑ The phone survey of Protestant pastors was conducted August 22 – September 16, 2016
- ❑ The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- ❑ Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the church called
- ❑ Responses were weighted by region to more accurately reflect the population
- ❑ The completed sample is 1,000 surveys
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.2\%$
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses

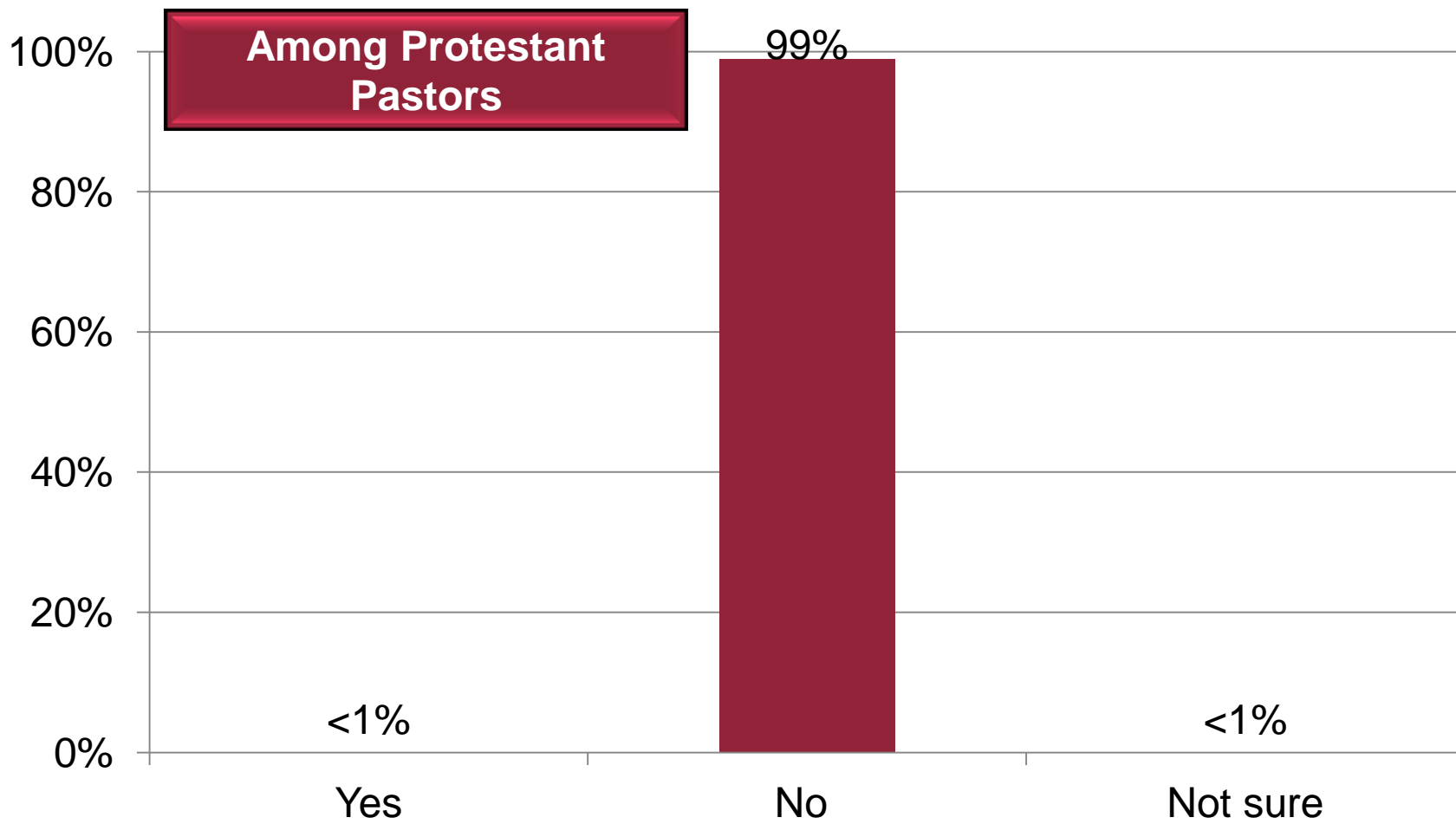
98% of pastors say they have not publicly endorsed a candidate during a church service this year



77% of pastors say they have not personally endorsed candidates this year outside of their church role



99% of pastors say their church has not publicly endorsed a candidate this year



Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

Political Party

Presidential Candidate

Church

Region

Denomination

Average Attendance

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's attendance and region, the pastor's age and ethnicity.

Attendance	Region	Age	Pastor's Ethnicity
0-49	Northeast	18-44	White
50-99	Midwest	45-54	African American
100-249	South	55-64	Other Ethnicities
250+	West	65+	

Note: Region is defined by US Census regions

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were also made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the self-identified Evangelical or Mainline, denomination, and education level.

Self-Identify	Denomination	Education Level
Evangelical	Baptist	No College Degree
Mainline	Christian/Church of Christ	Bachelor's Degree
	Lutheran	Master's Degree
	Methodist	Doctoral Degree
	Pentecostal	
	Presbyterian/ Reformed	
	Holiness	

Significant Statistical Differences

- Comparisons were also made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among presidential candidate and political party.

Candidate	Political Party
Hillary Clinton (Democrat)	Democrat
Donald Trump (Republican)	Republican
Gary Johnson (Libertarian)	Independent
Undecided	

“Have you publicly endorsed candidates for public office during a church service this year?”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 50-99 are the most likely to select “No” (>99%)
- Pastors of Other Ethnicities (6%) are more likely to select “Yes” than White pastors (1%)
- Evangelical pastors (2%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Mainline pastors (<1%)
- Pastors voting for Donald Trump (3%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are Undecided (1%)

“Have you personally endorsed candidates for public office this year outside of your church role?”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 0-49 (28%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with attendance of 50-99 (20%)
- Pastors age 65+ are the most likely to select “Yes” (34%), while those age 18-44 are least likely (11%)
- African-American pastors (28%) are more likely to select “Yes” than pastors of Other Ethnicities (12%)
- Mainline pastors (81%) are more likely to select “No” than Evangelical pastors (75%)
- Pastors voting for Donald Trump (38%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those voting for Hillary Clinton (20%) or who are Undecided (12%)
- Republicans (26%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Independents (17%)

“Has your church publicly endorsed candidates for public office this year?”

- No significant differences

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