

Evangelical Attitudes Toward Israel

Representative Survey of 2,002
Americans With Evangelical Beliefs

**Sponsored by Chosen People Ministries
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Methodology

LifeWay Research conducted the study September 20th – 28th 2017. The study was sponsored by Chosen People Ministries and author, Joel C Rosenberg. The survey was conducted using the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or by mail to participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel®. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, GfK provides at no cost a laptop and ISP connection.

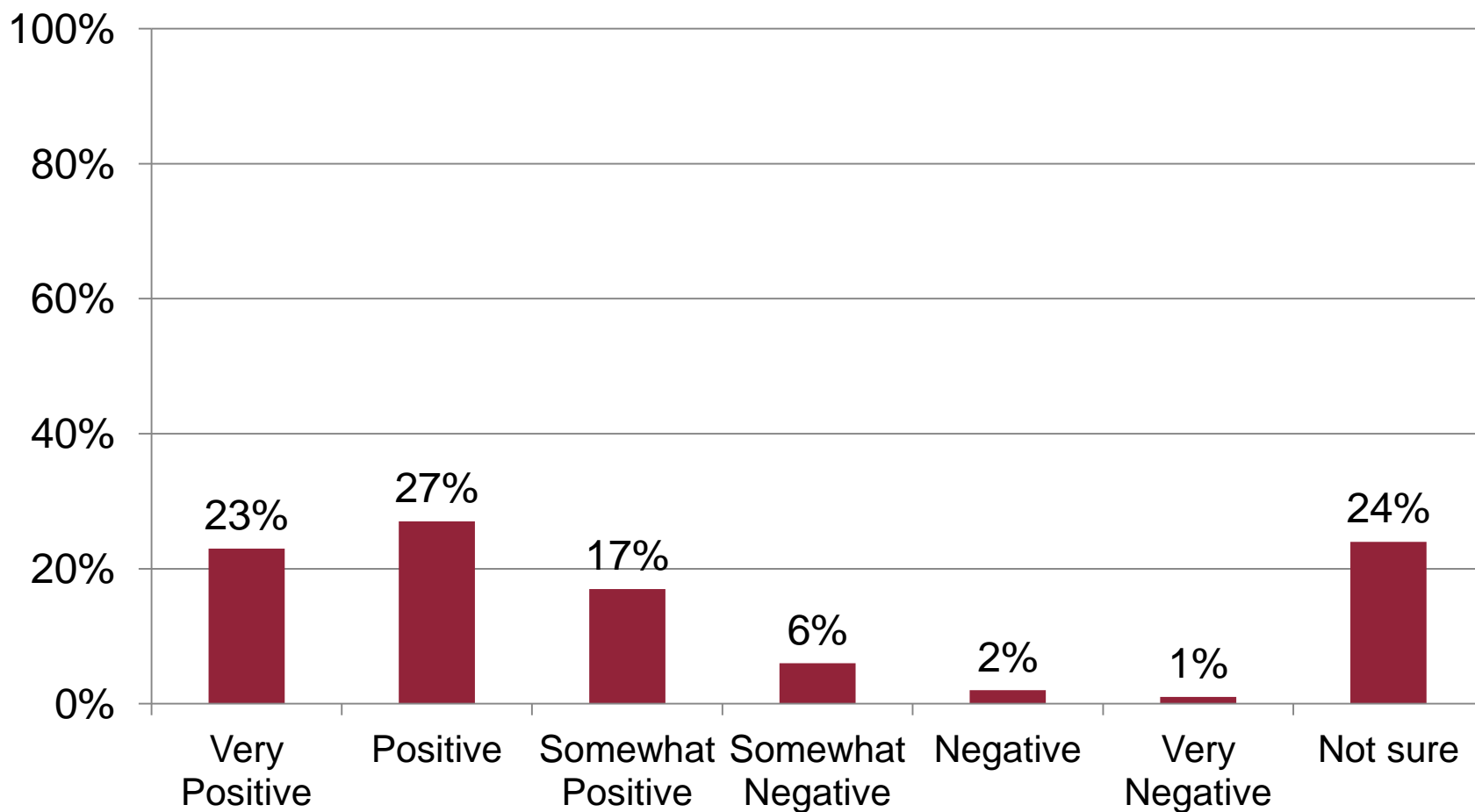
Sample stratification and weights were used for gender by age, ethnicity, region, education, and household income to reflect the most recent US Census data. The completed sample is 2,002 surveys. The sample provides 95 percent confidence that the sampling error does not exceed plus or minus 2.7 percent. Margins of error are higher in sub-groups.

Evangelical Beliefs

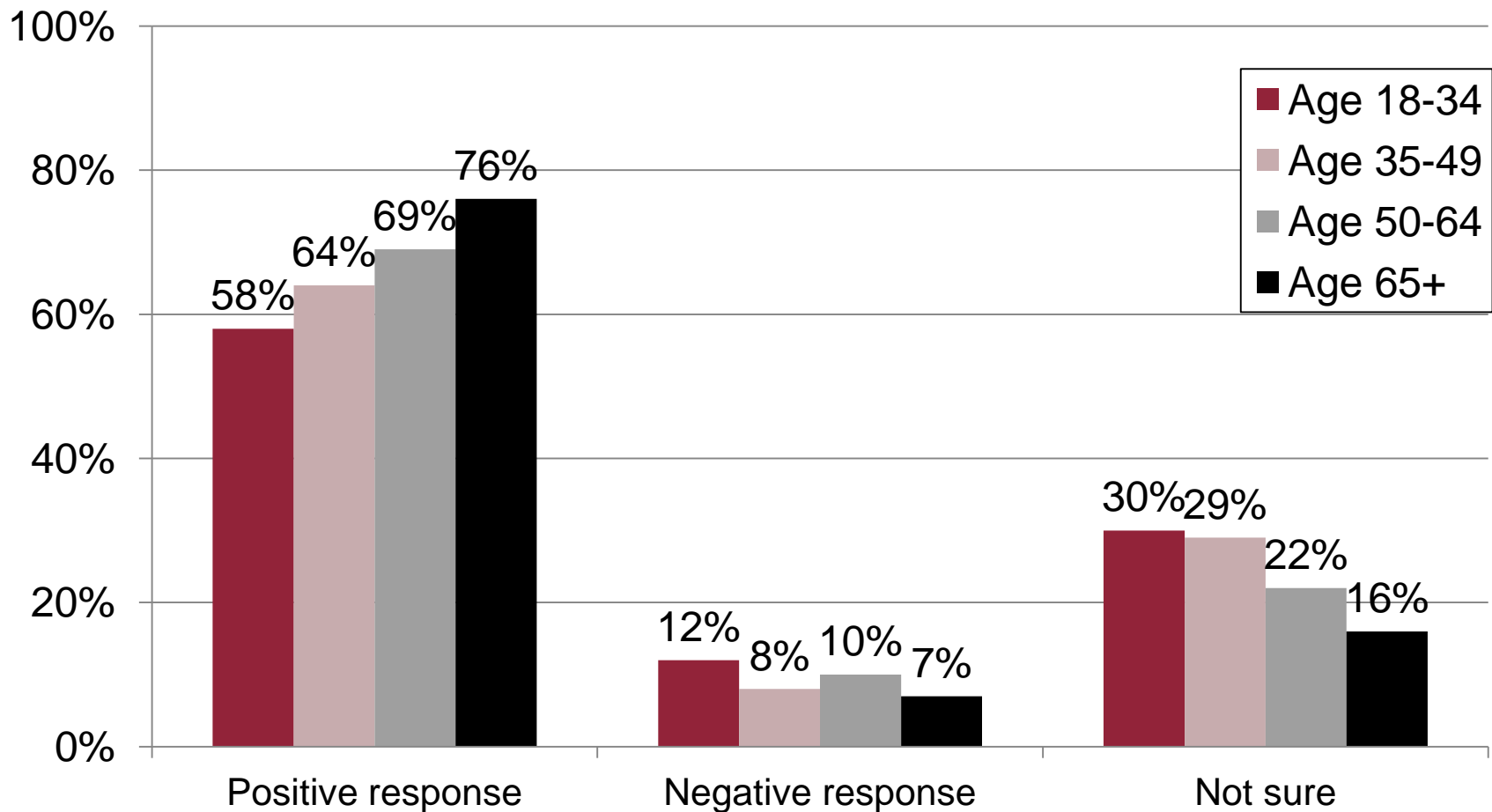
- ❑ Respondents were screened to only include adults with Evangelical Beliefs
- ❑ Evangelical Beliefs are defined using the NAE LifeWay Research Evangelical Beliefs Research Definition based on respondent beliefs
- ❑ Respondents are asked their level of agreement with four separate statements using a four-point, forced choice scale (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree). Those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having Evangelical Beliefs
 - The Bible is the highest authority for what I believe
 - It is very important for me personally to encourage non-Christians to trust Jesus Christ as their Savior
 - Jesus Christ's death on the cross is the only sacrifice that could remove the penalty of my sin
 - Only those who trust in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior receive God's free gift of eternal salvation

Survey Responses

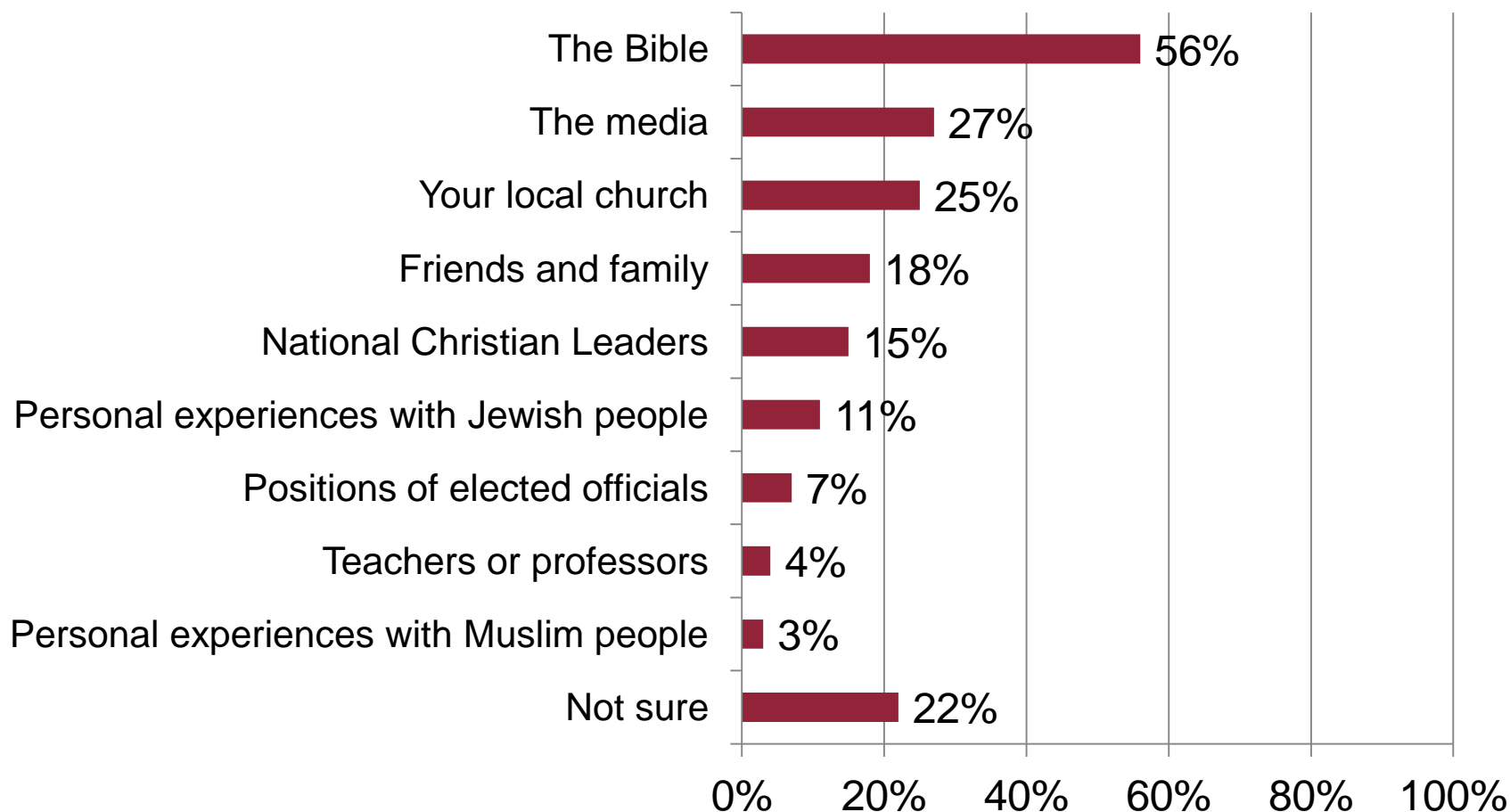
67% have a positive perception of Israel



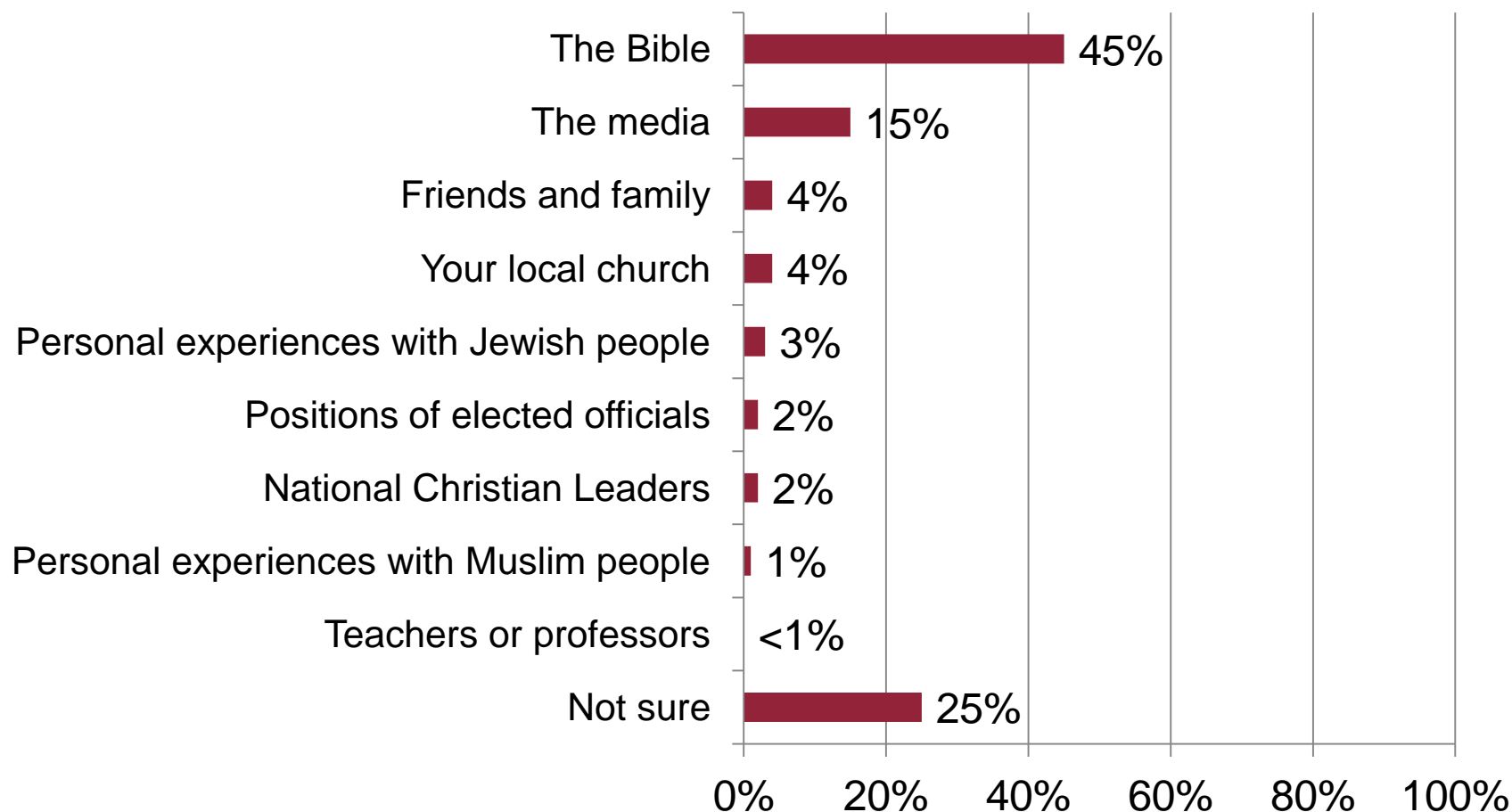
Younger evangelicals are less likely to have positive perceptions and more likely to be undecided



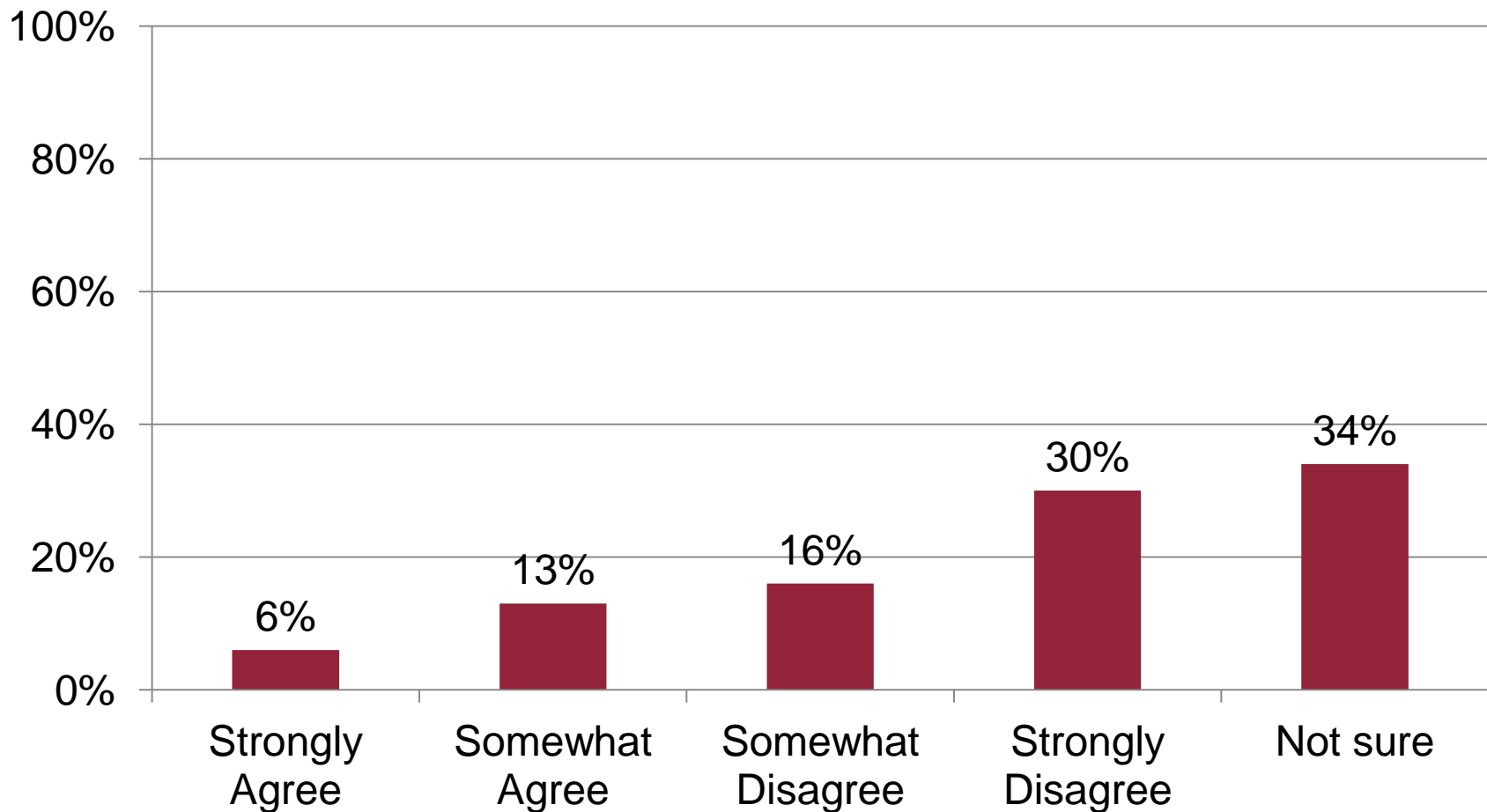
“Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?”



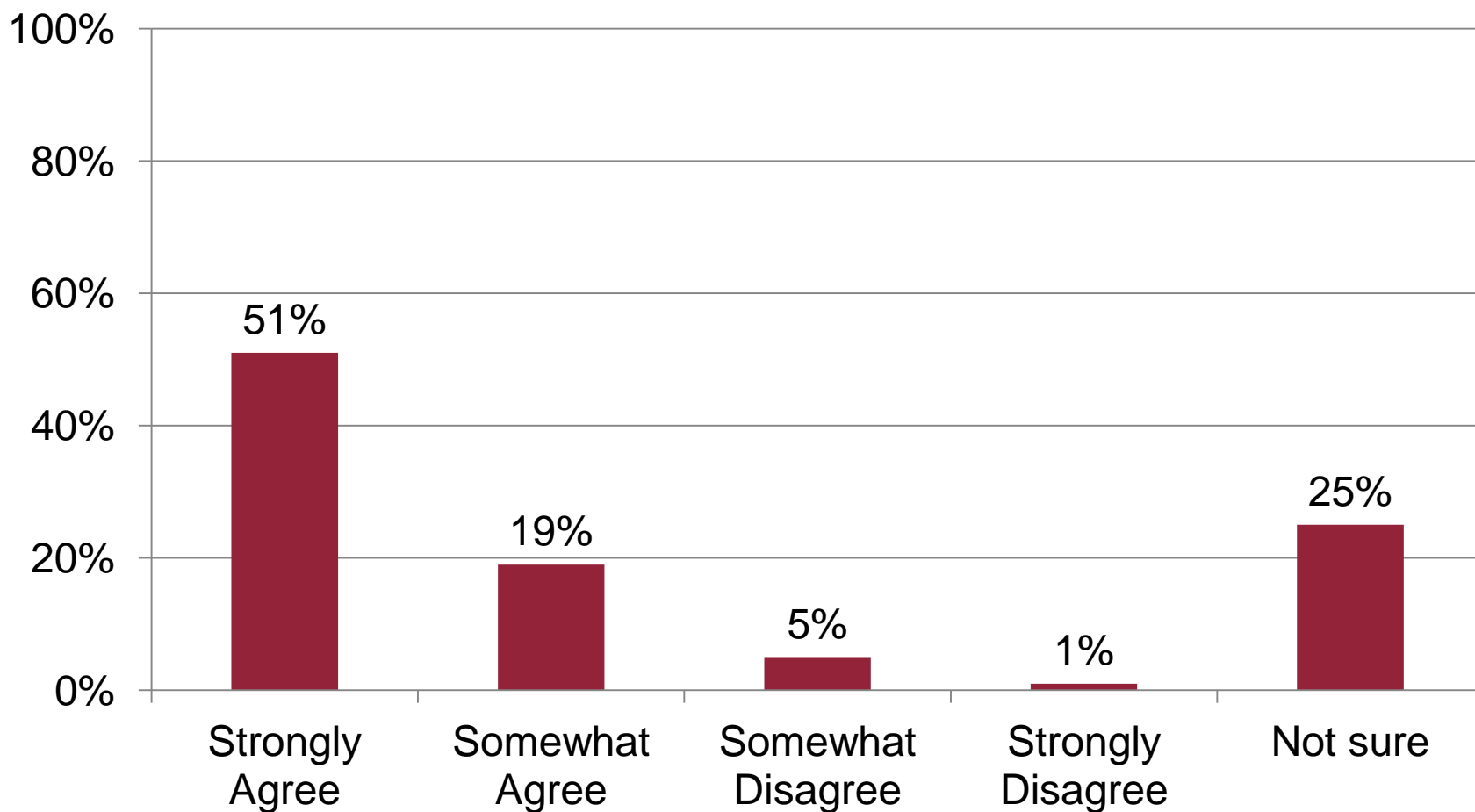
The Bible is the biggest influencer when it comes to evangelicals perceptions of Israel today at 45%



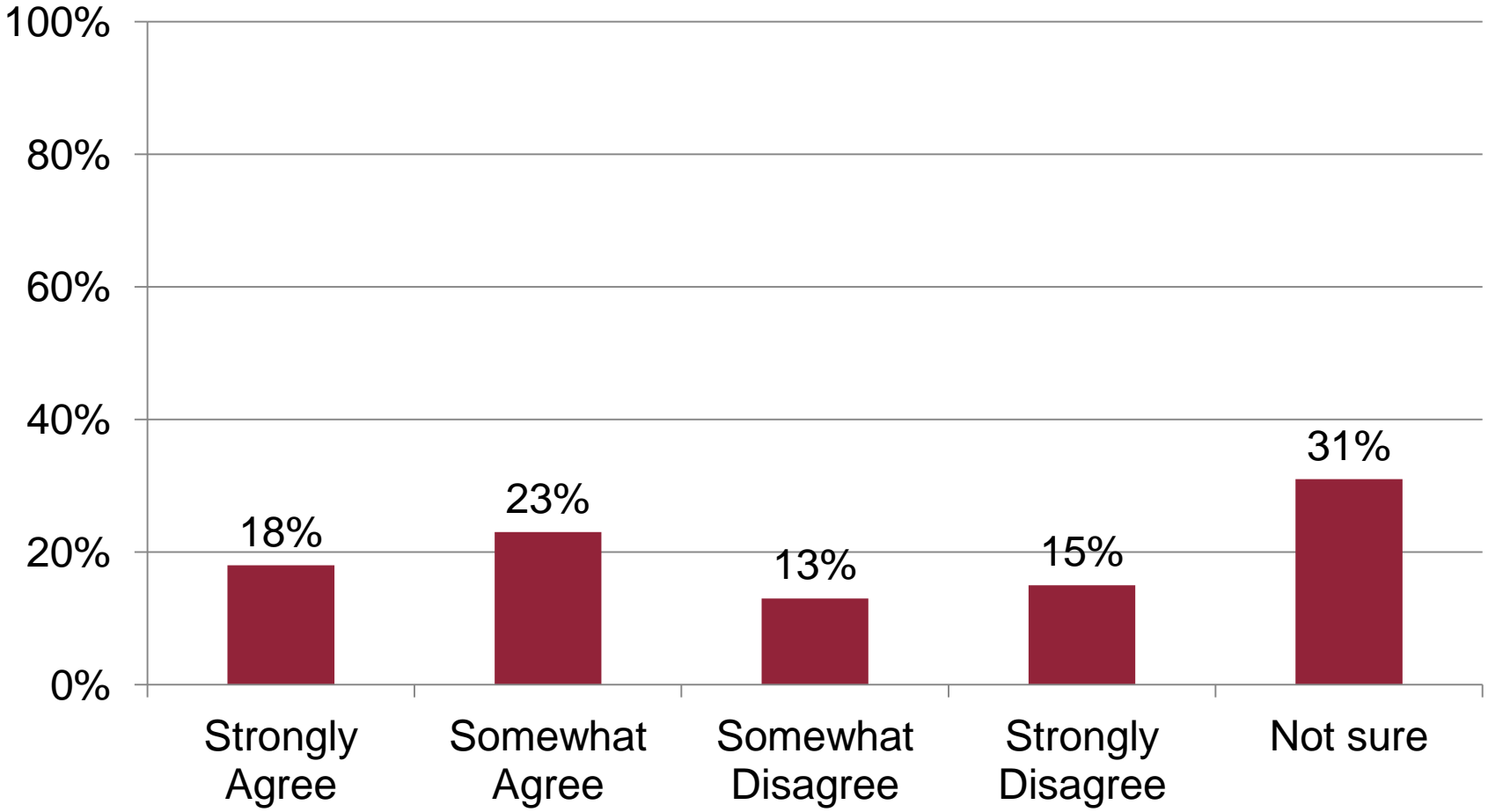
46% disagree and 34% are not sure that Palestinian people have a historic right to the land of Israel



69% agree that Jewish people have a historic right to the land of Israel

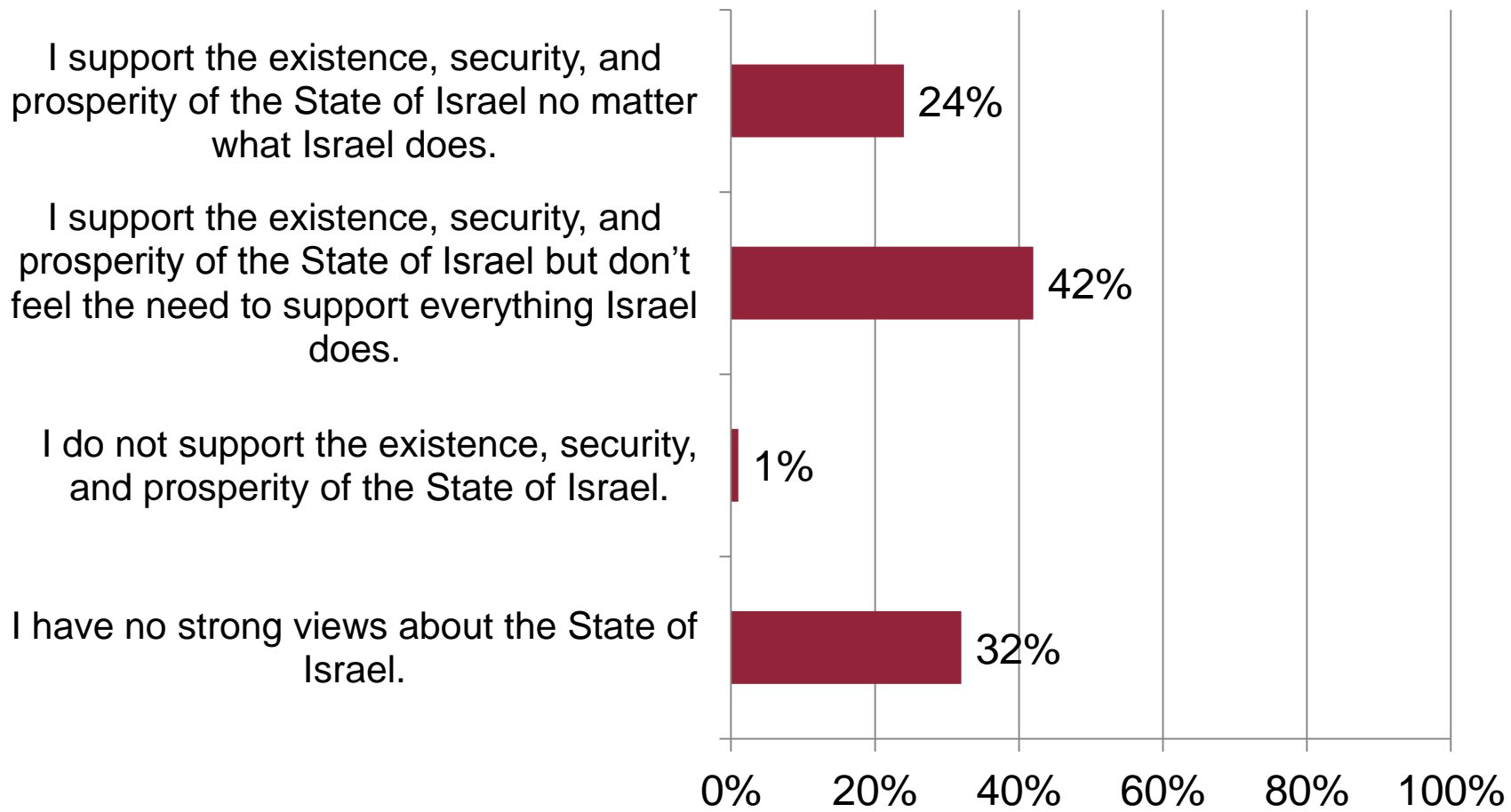


41% agree that Jewish people have a biblical right to the land of Israel, but also have a responsibility to share



Q16: "Jewish people have a biblical right to the land of Israel, but also have a responsibility to share the land with Palestinian Arabs." n=1983

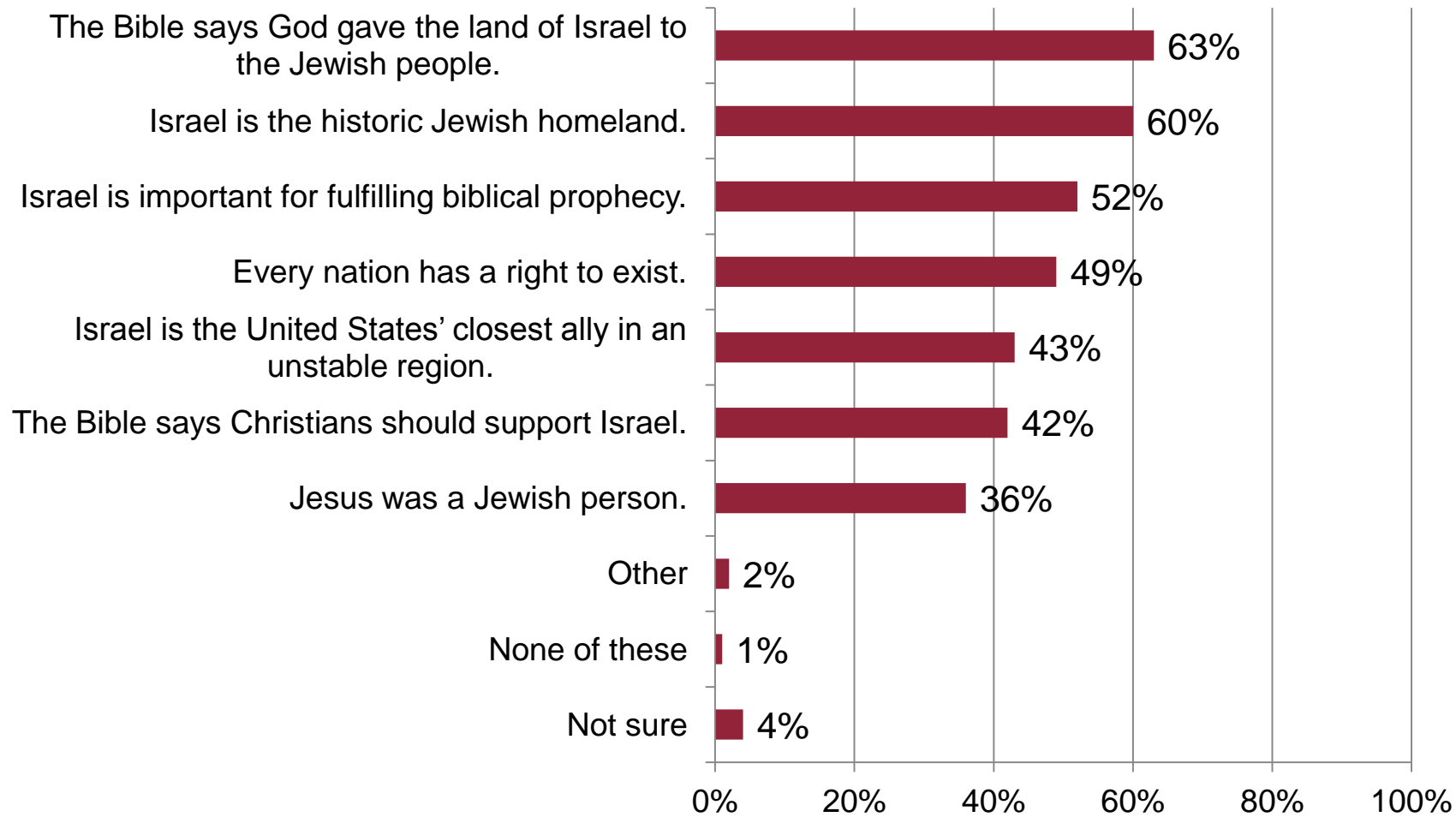
42% support the existence of the State of Israel but don't feel the need to support everything Israel does



Younger evangelicals are much more likely to have no strong views about the State of Israel than those age 50+

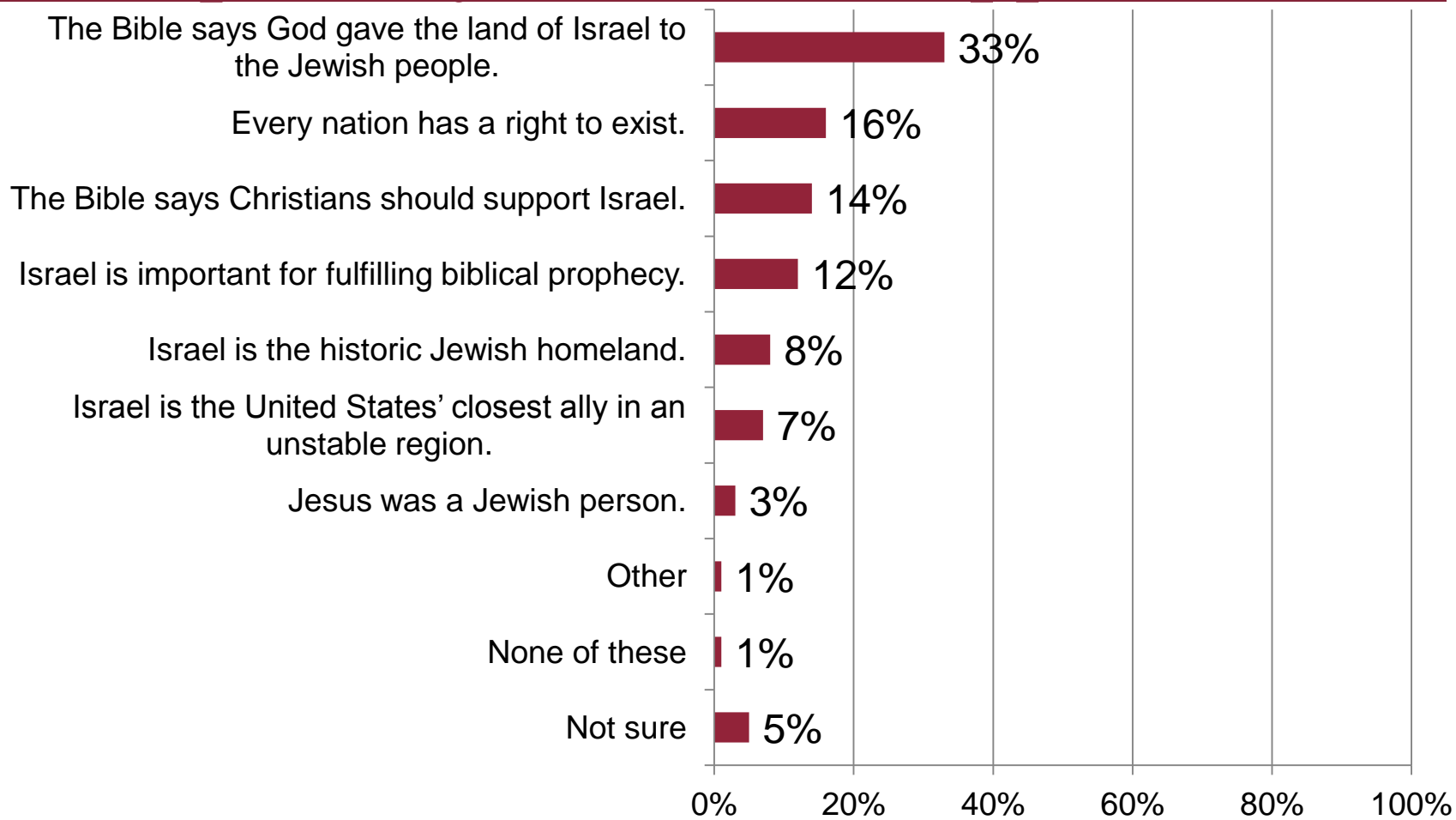
	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+
I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel no matter what Israel does.	22%	22%	24%	29%
I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel but don't feel the need to support everything Israel does.	36%	40%	41%	48%
I do not support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel.	<1%	2%	2%	1%
I have no strong views about the State of Israel.	41%	36%	33%	22%

“Which of the following reasons, if any, contribute to your support for the modern State of Israel?”



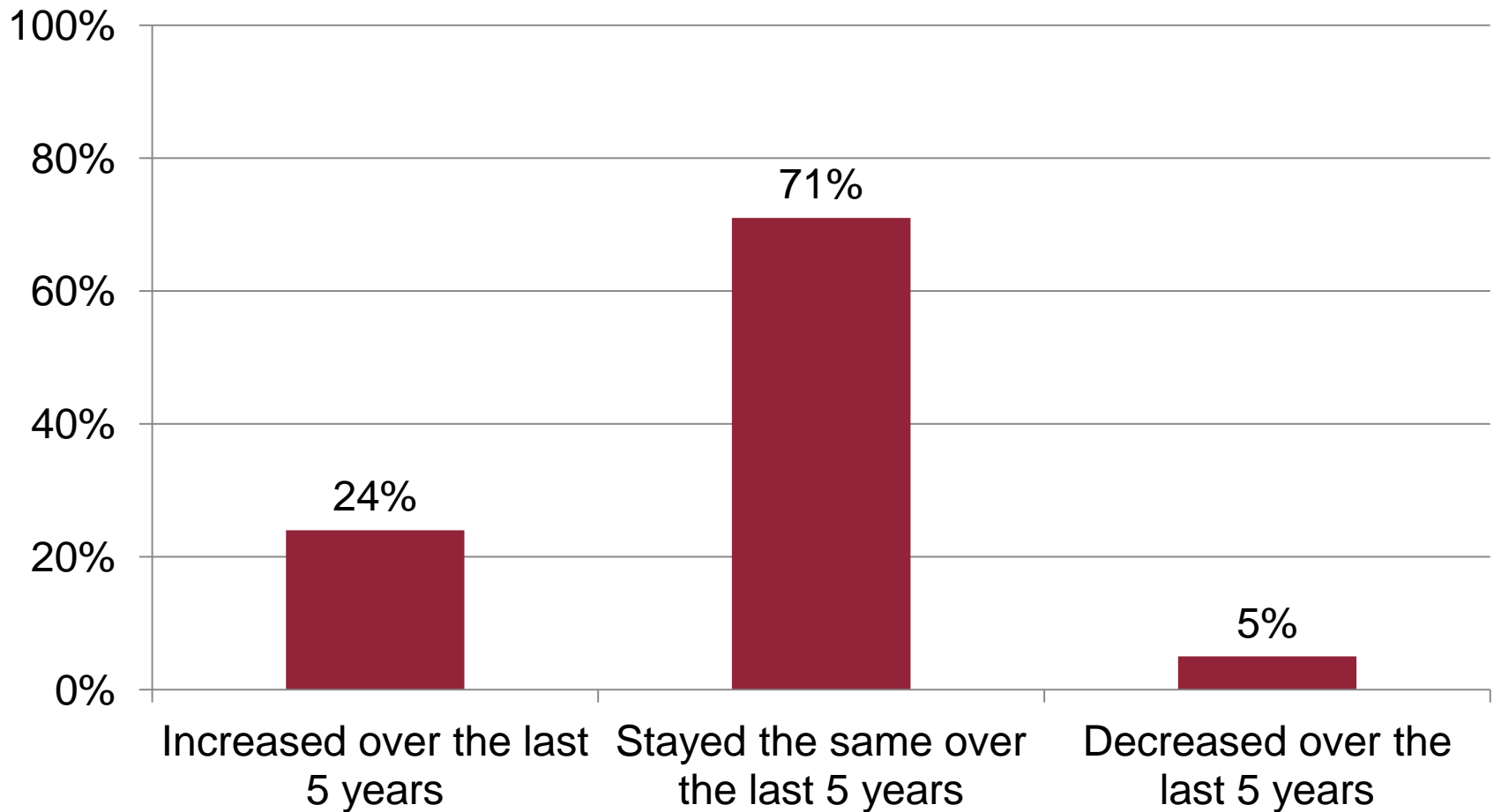
Q18: “Which of the following reasons, if any, contribute to your support for the modern State of Israel? (Select all)” Asked of those indicating support in Q17. n=1314

33% select “the Bible says God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people” as their primary reason for support



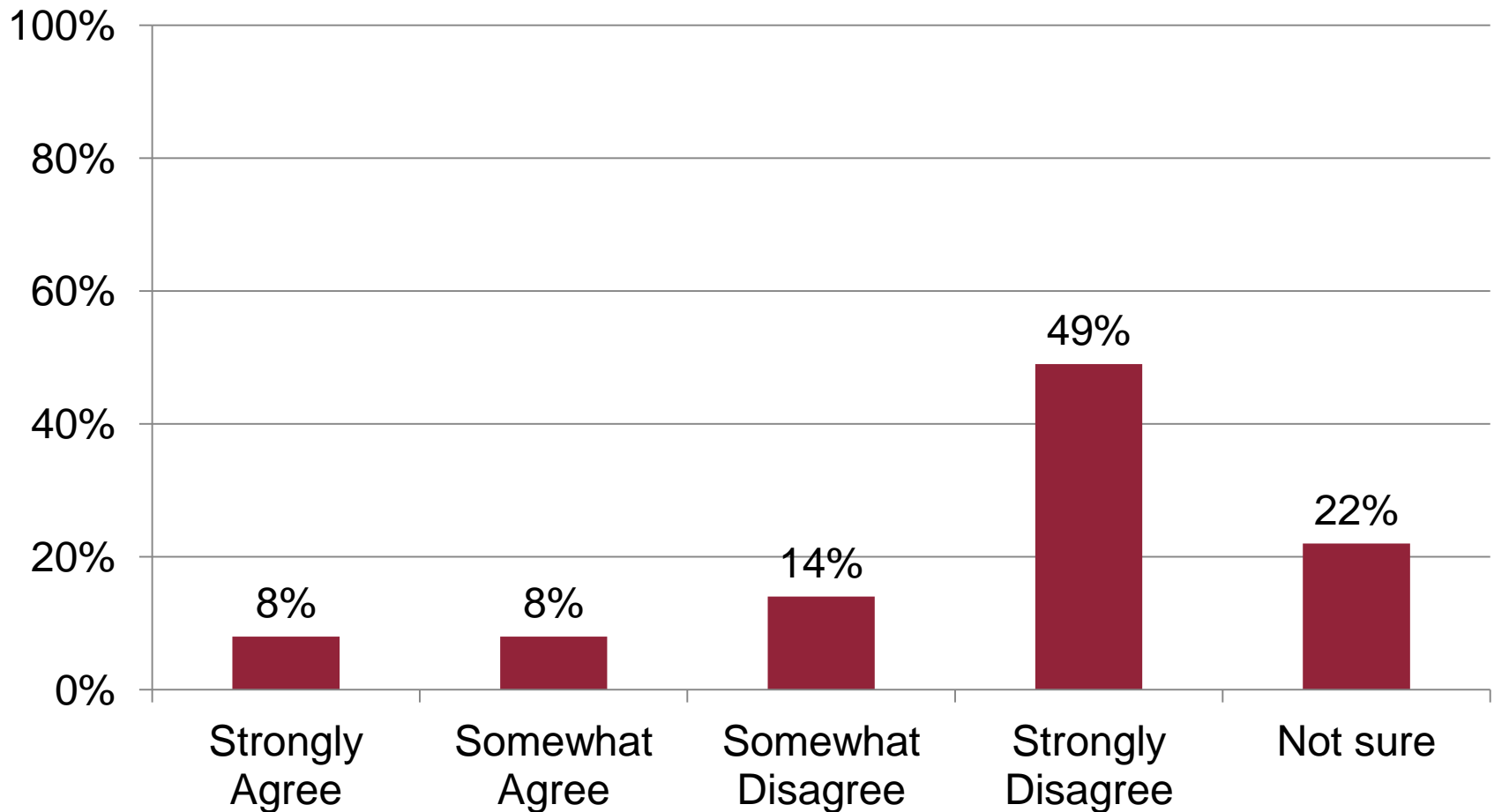
Q19: “Which of the following reasons is the most important reason for your support for the modern State of Israel?” Asked of those indicating support in Q17. n=1310

71% say that their support for the State of Israel has stayed the same over the last 5 years

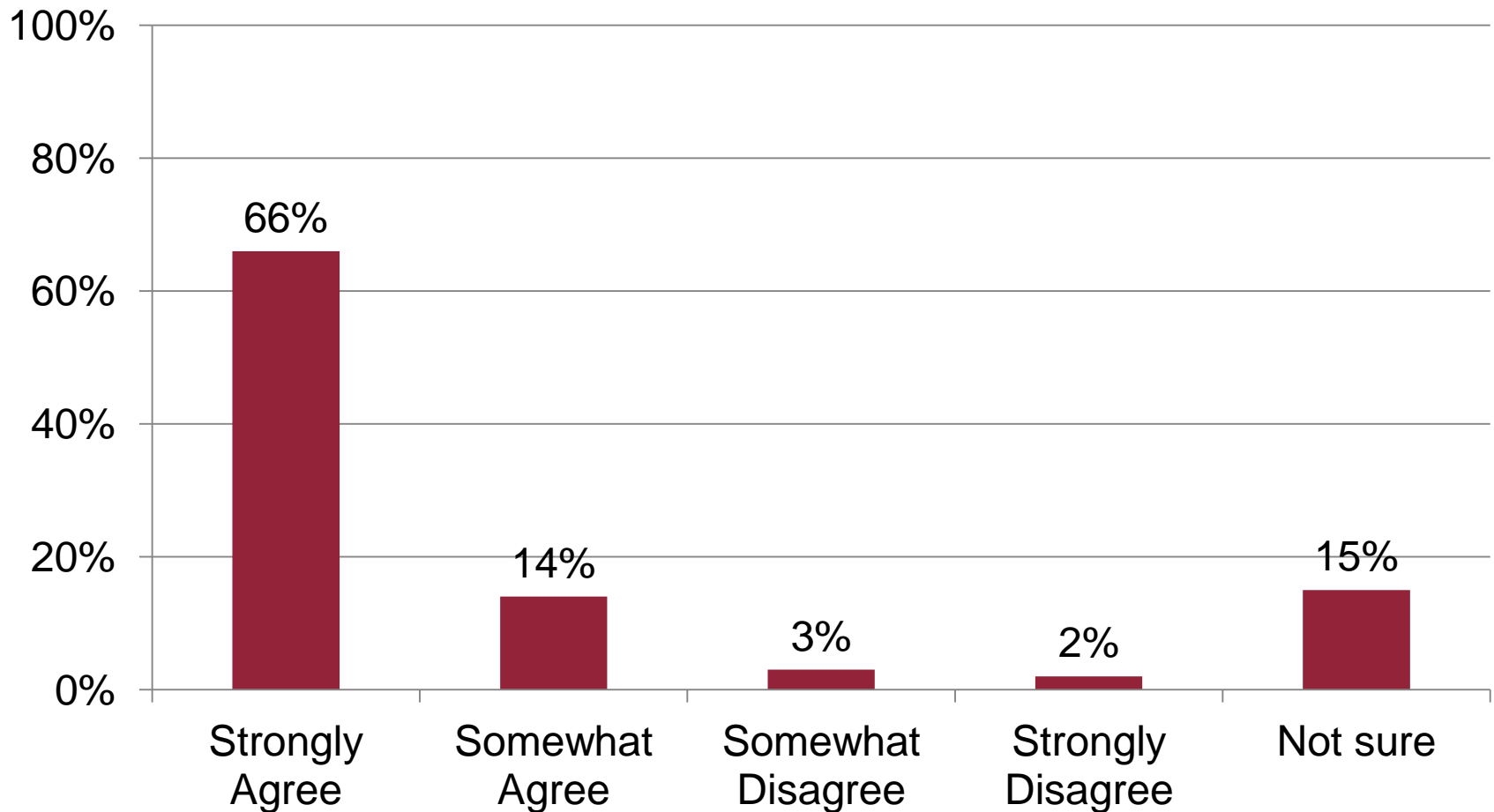


Q21: "Which of the following best represents your personal views? My support for the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel has" n=1970

63% disagree that biblical passages about Jewish people having a right to the land of Israel no longer apply today

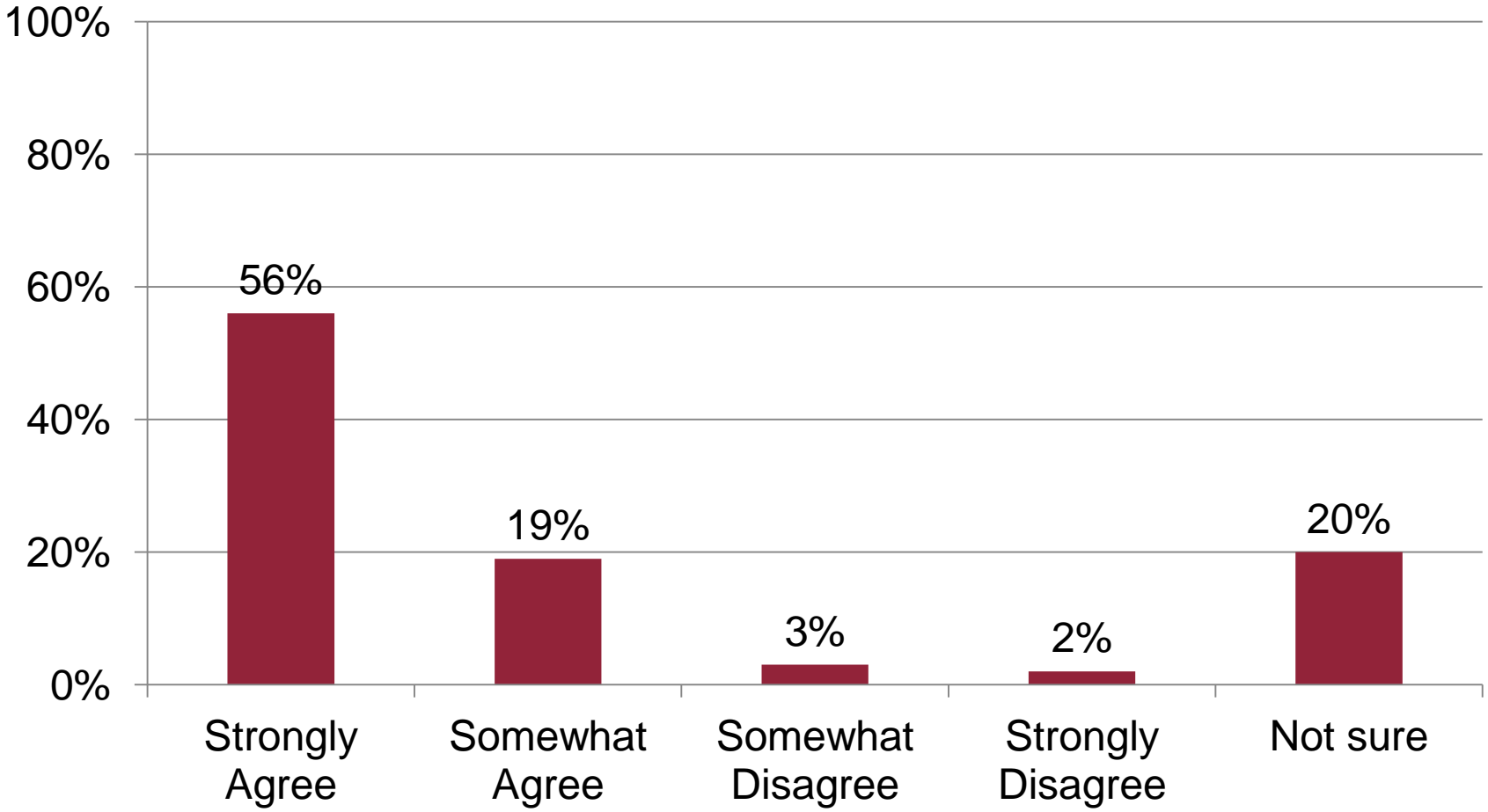


80% agree that God's promise to Abraham and his descendants was for all time



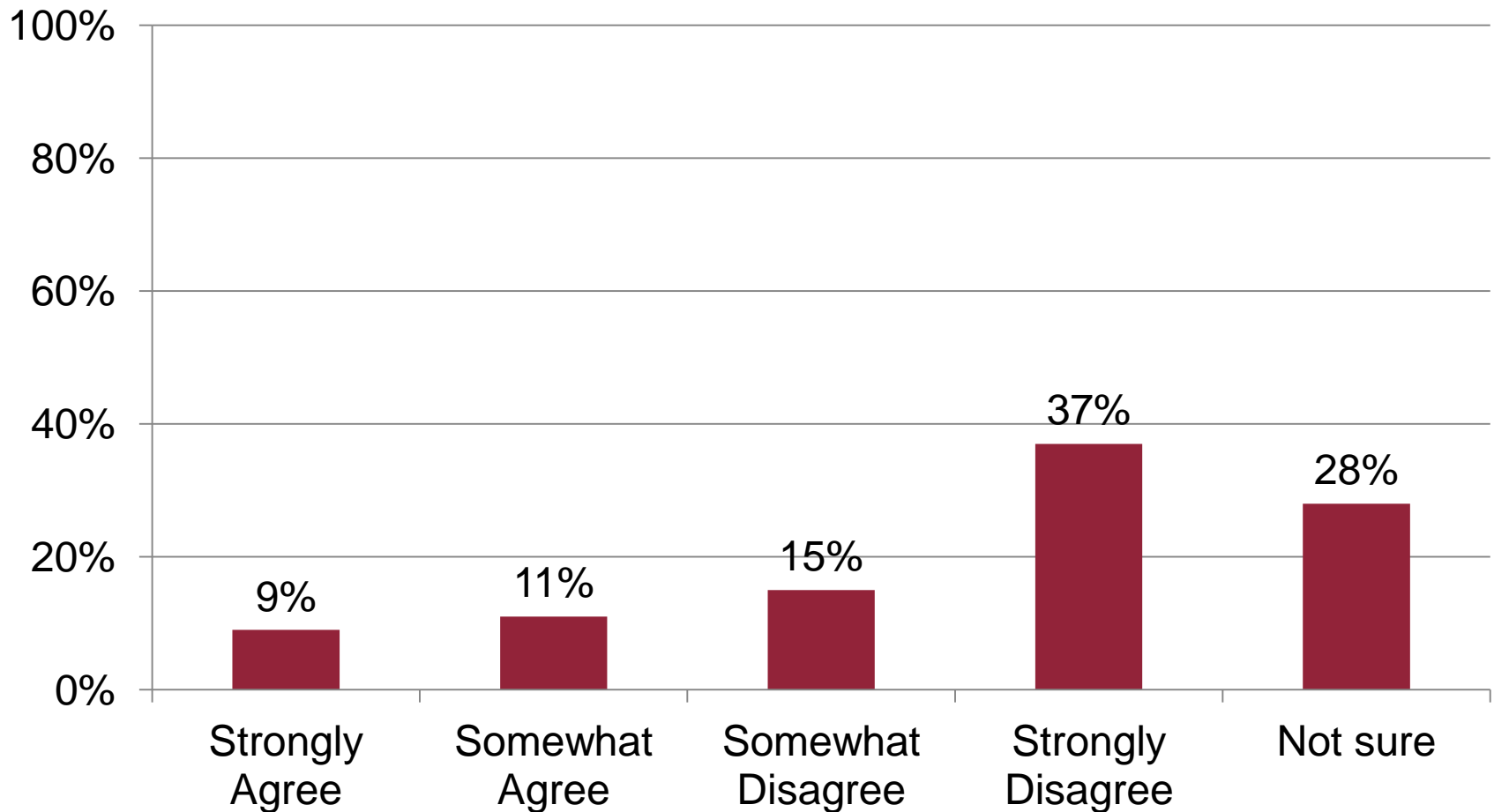
Q23: "When God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel, the promise was for all time." n=1980

76% agree that Christians should support Jewish people's right to live in the sovereign state of Israel

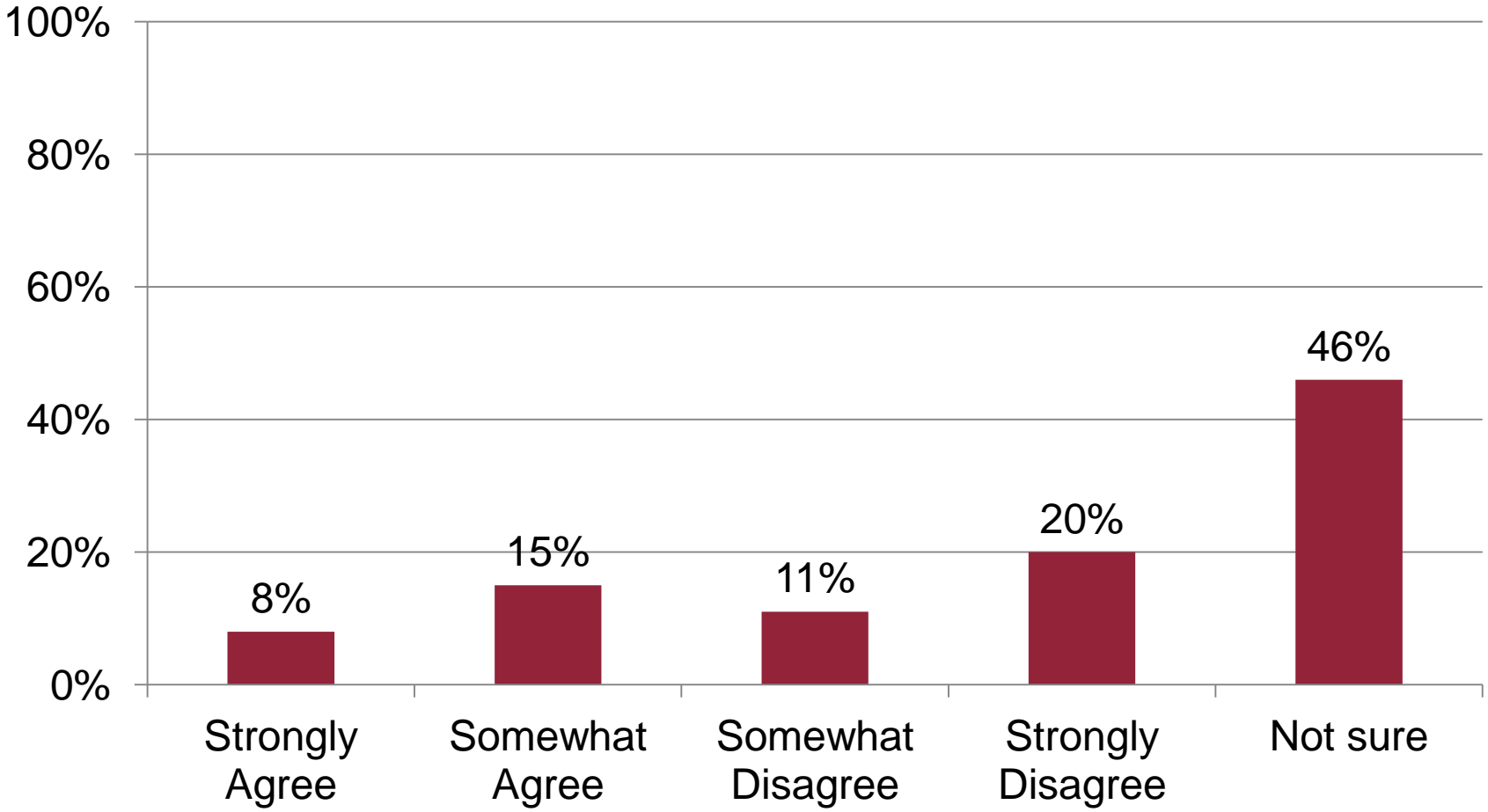


Q24: "Christians should support the right of the Jewish people to live in the sovereign state of Israel." n=1983

51% disagree that the Jewish people lost the promise of the land because they rejected Jesus



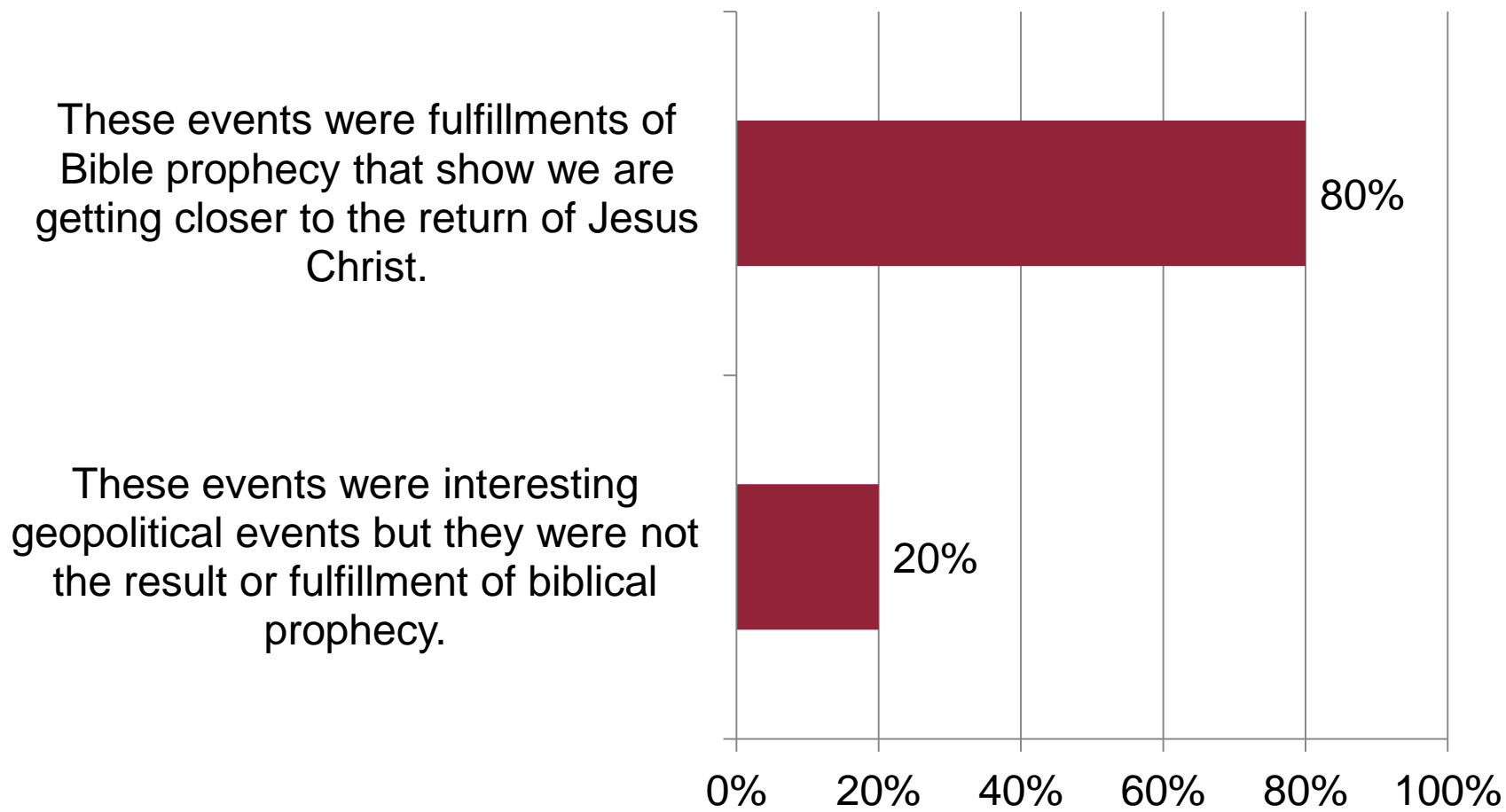
23% agree and 46% are not sure that the state of Israel should sign a peace treaty that allows Palestinians to create their own sovereign state



Q26: "The state of Israel should sign a peace treaty that allows the Palestinians to create their own sovereign state in the West Bank and Gaza." n=1978

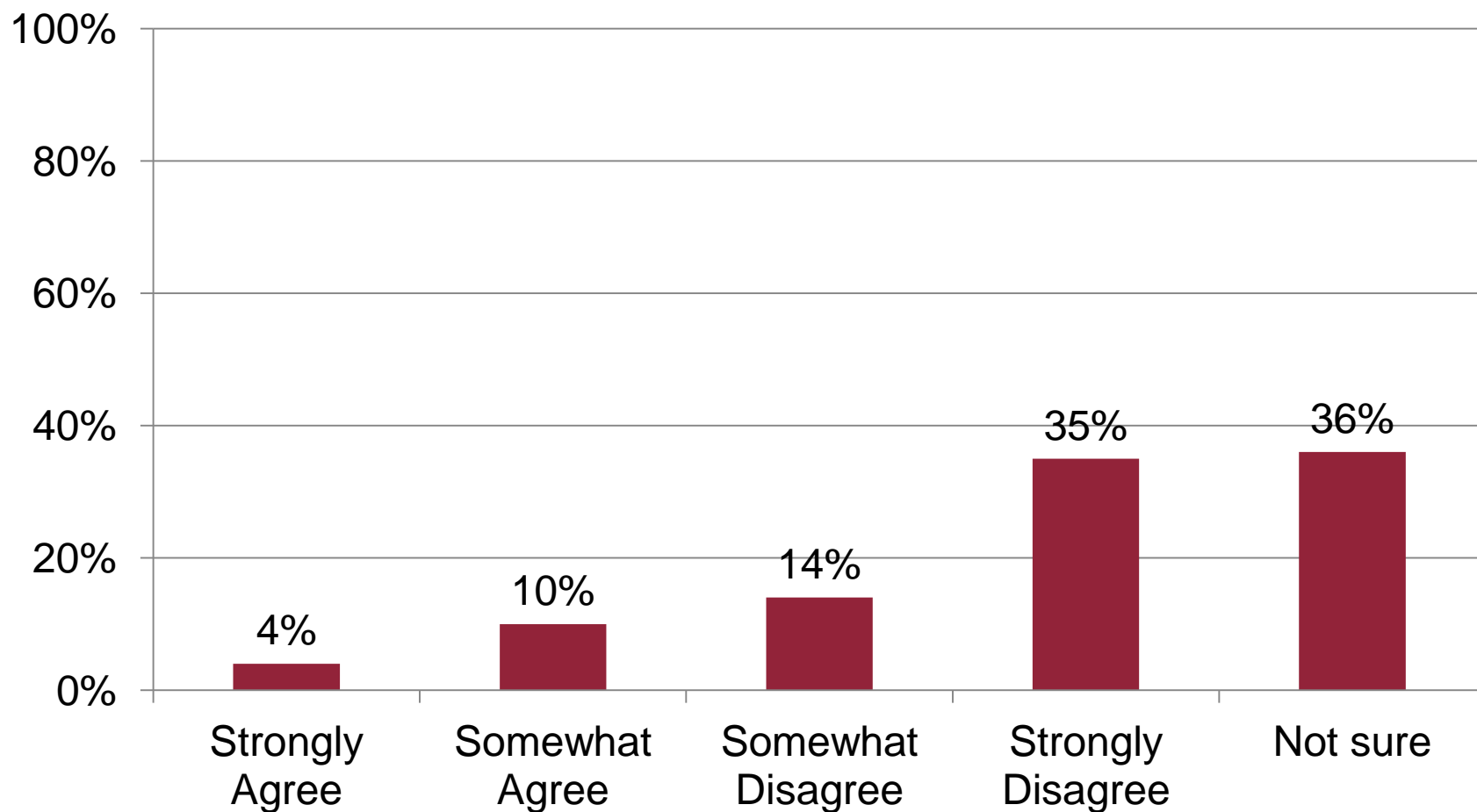


Personal views on the modern rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948

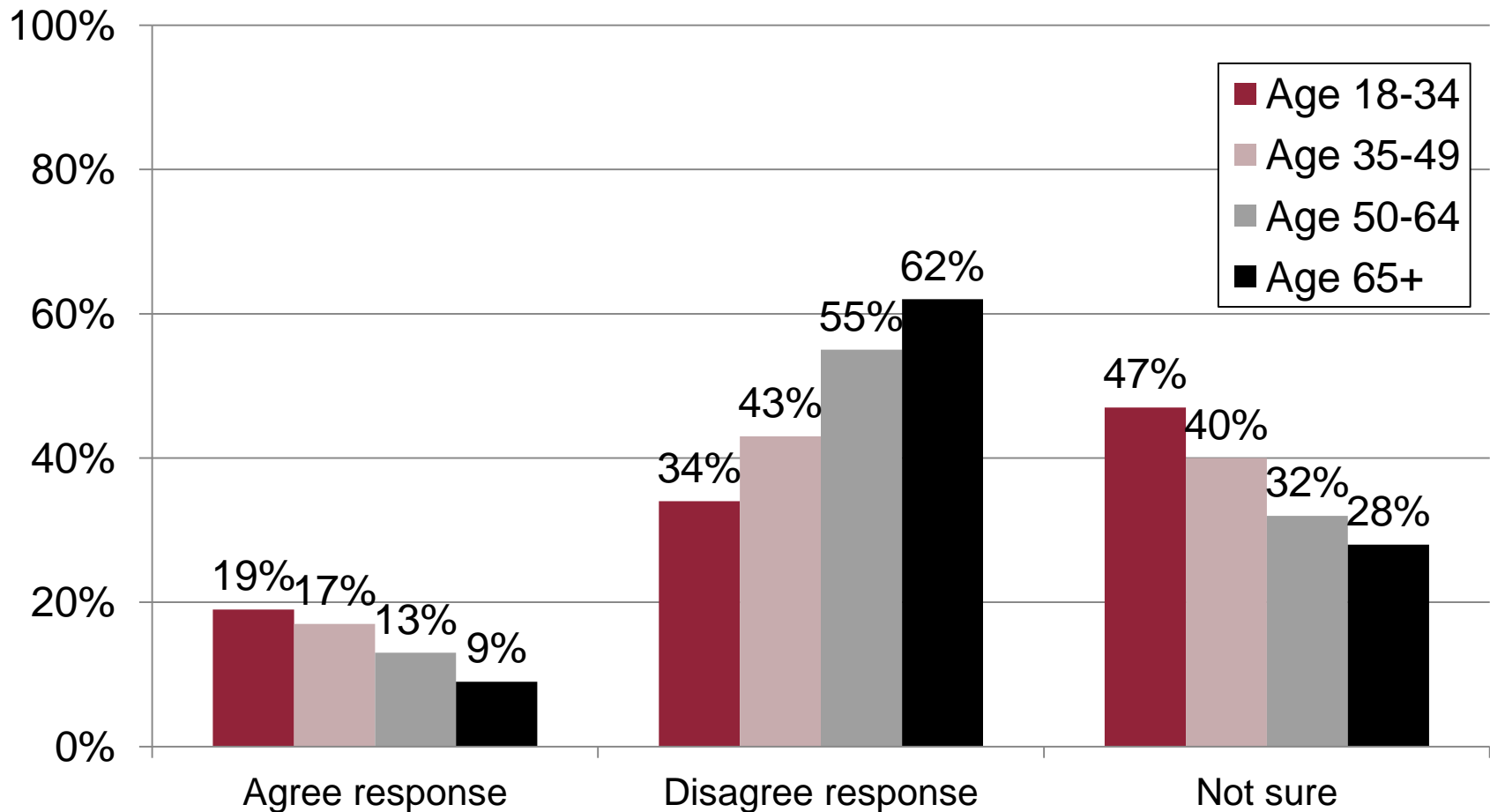


Q27: "When you think of the modern rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948 and the re-gathering of millions of Jewish people to Israel, which of the following statements best represents your personal views?" n=1893

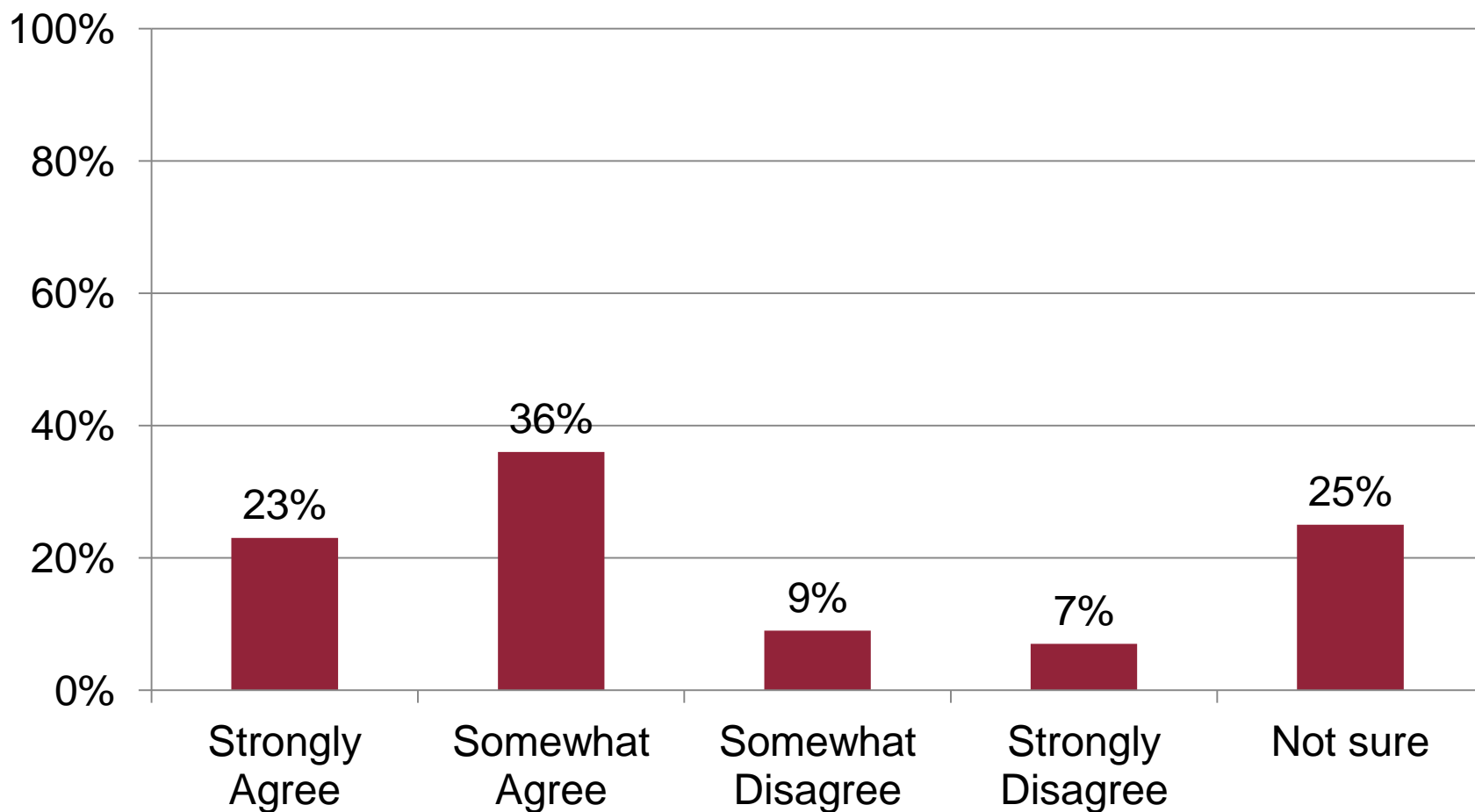
50% disagree that the modern rebirth of the State of Israel has been an injustice to the Arab people



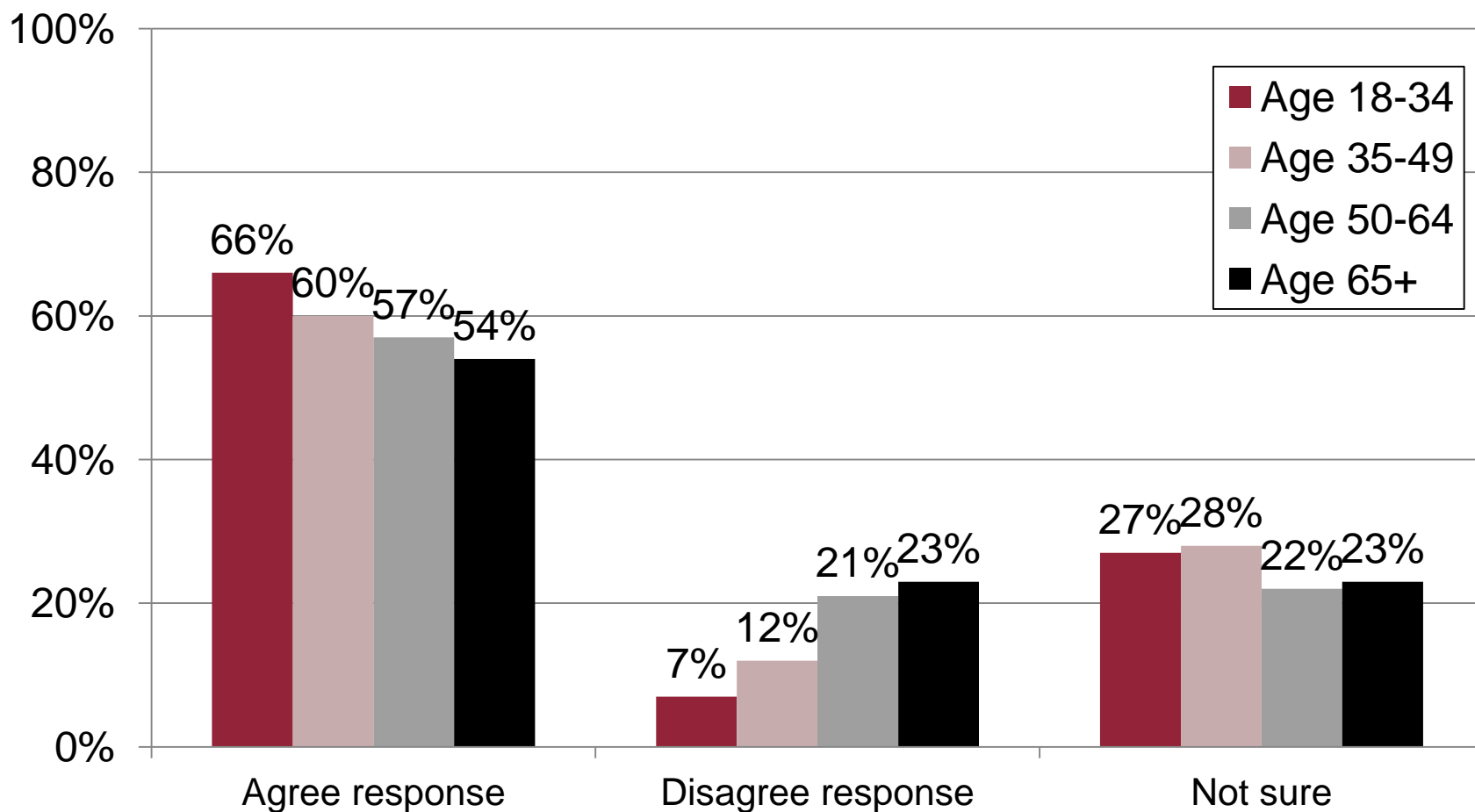
Younger evangelicals are more likely to agree than those age 50+ the rebirth of the State of Israel has been a terrible injustice to the Arab people of the Middle East



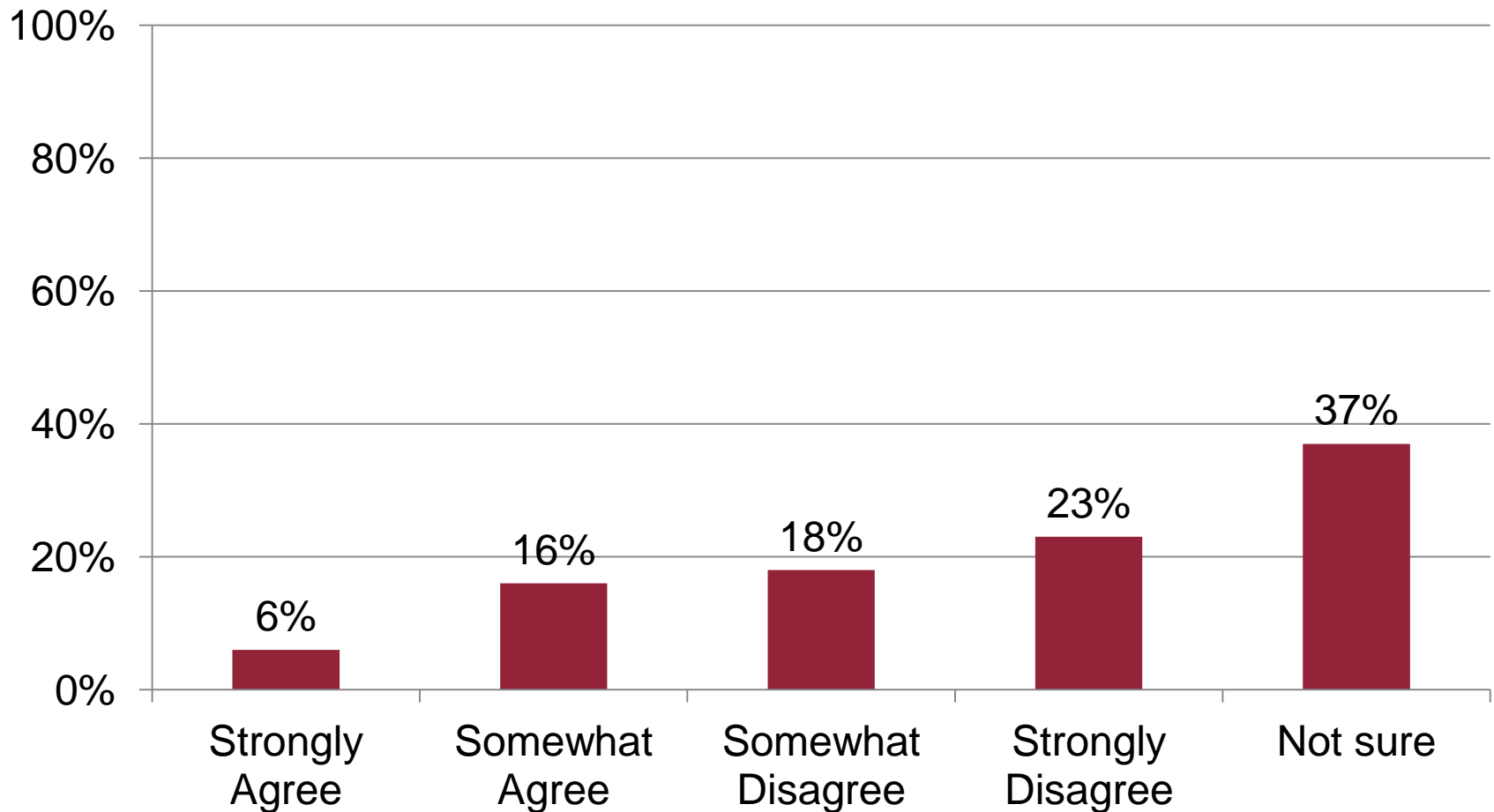
59% agree that Christians should do more to love and care for Palestinian people



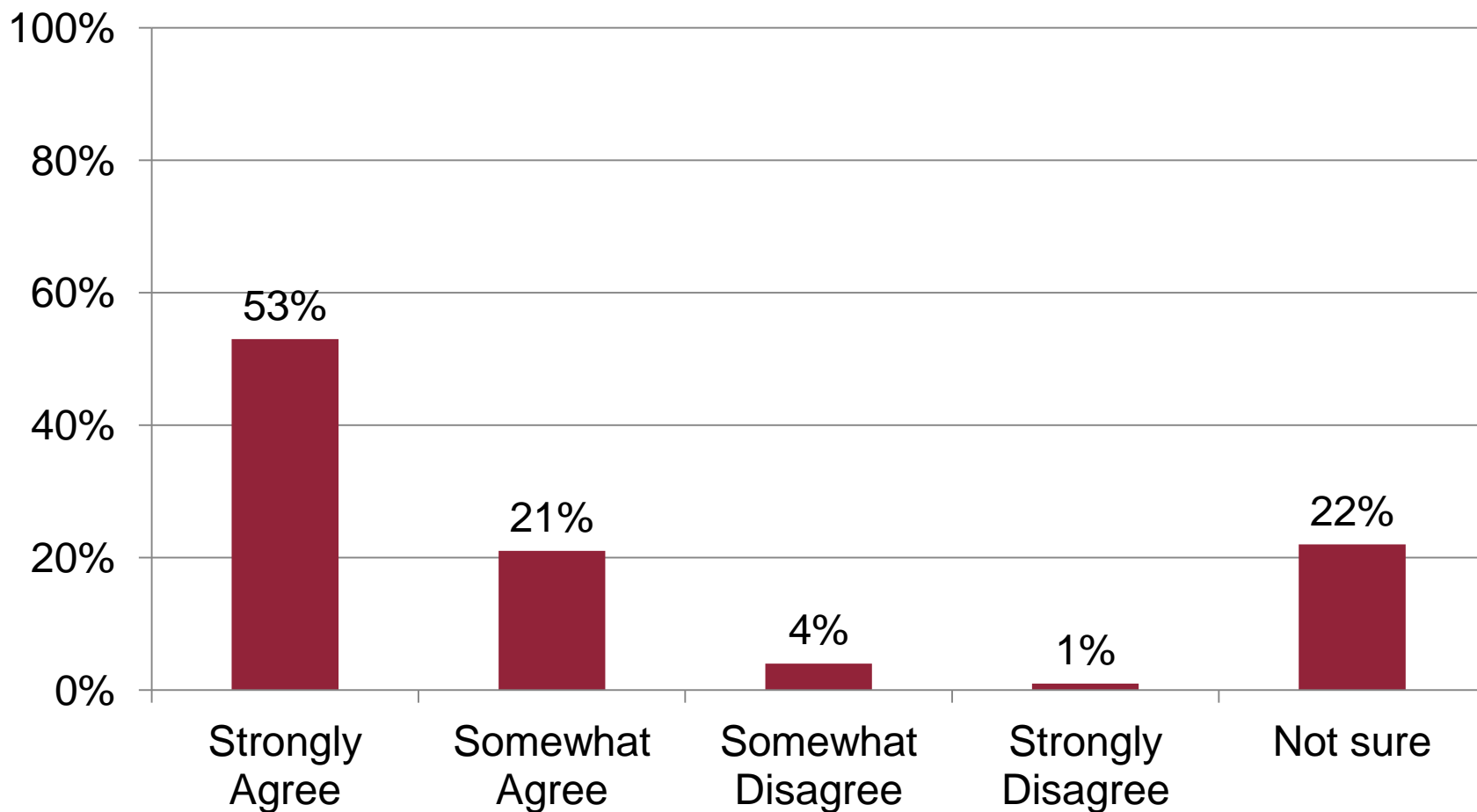
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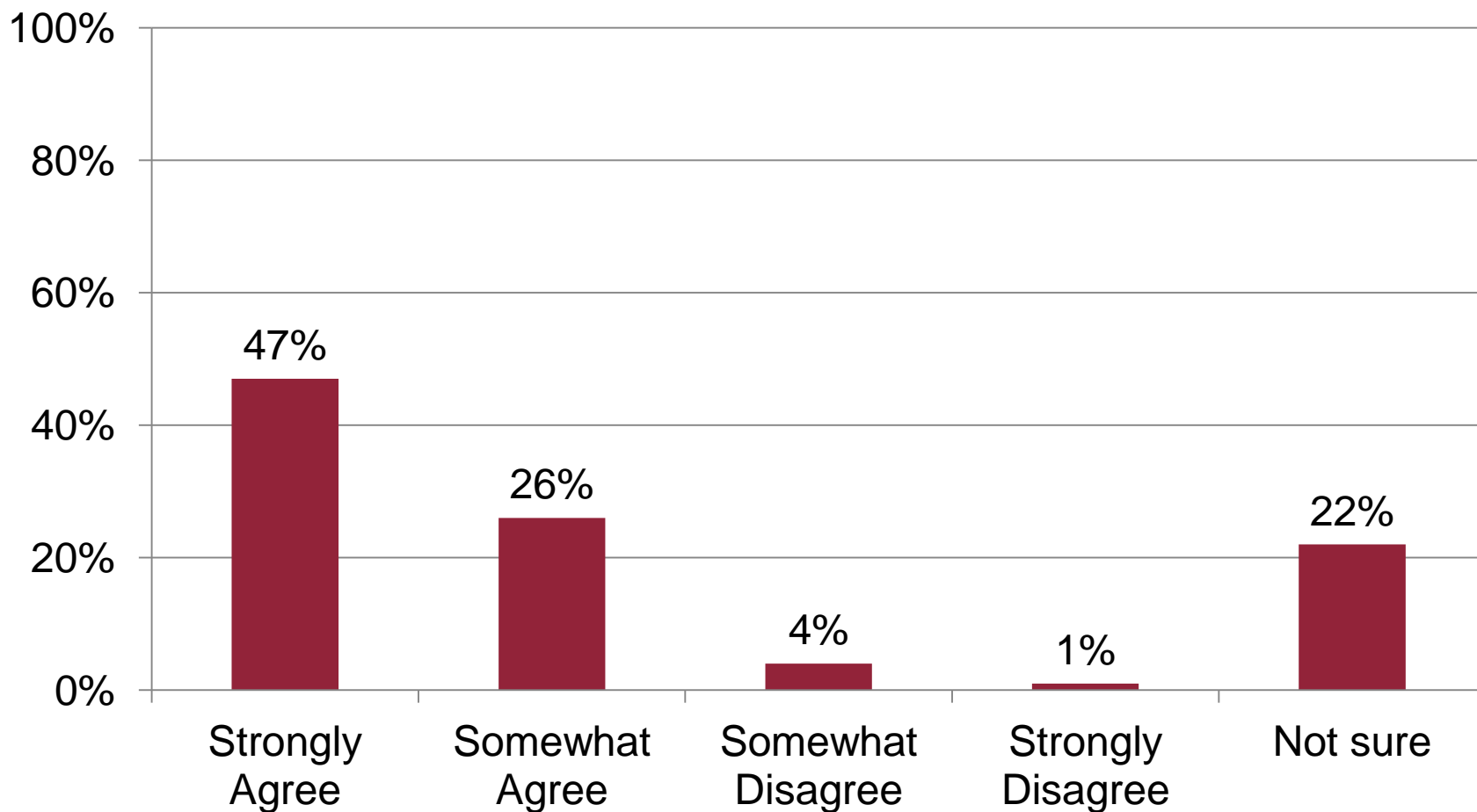
22% agree and 37% are not sure modern Israel has been unfair to the Palestinian people



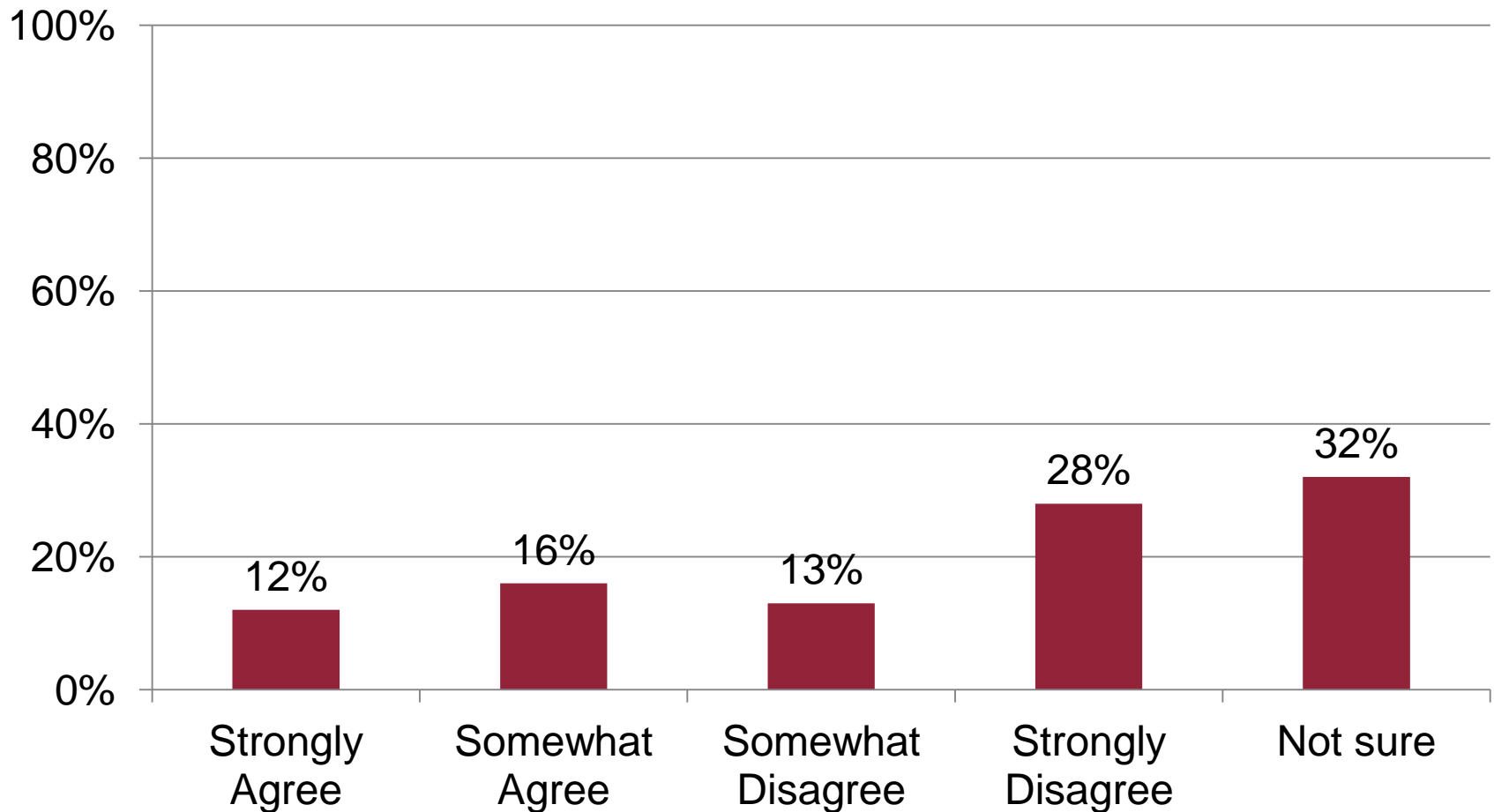
73% agree that Christians should support Israel's defense of itself from terrorist and foreign enemies



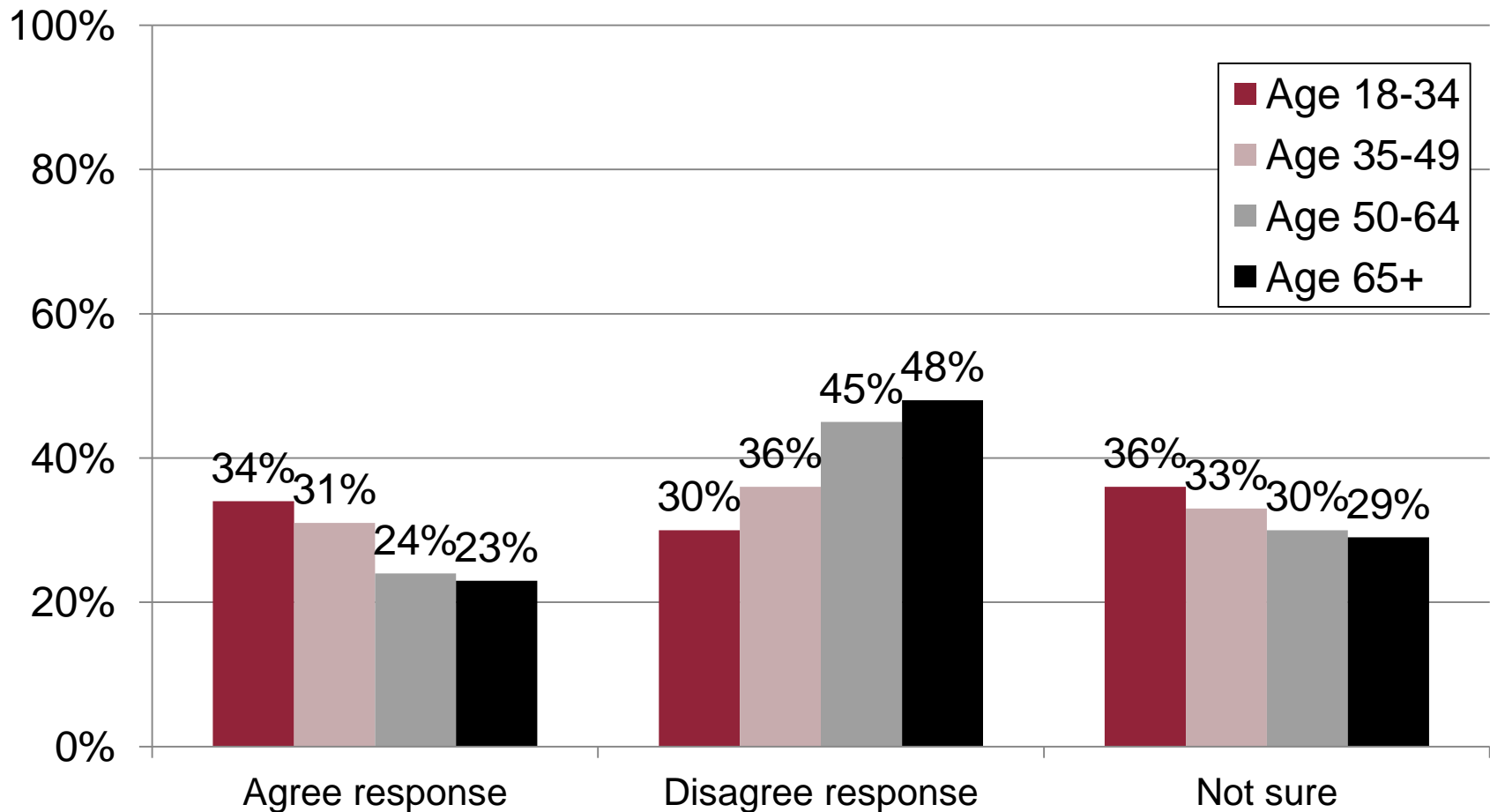
73% are concerned for the safety of Christians in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority



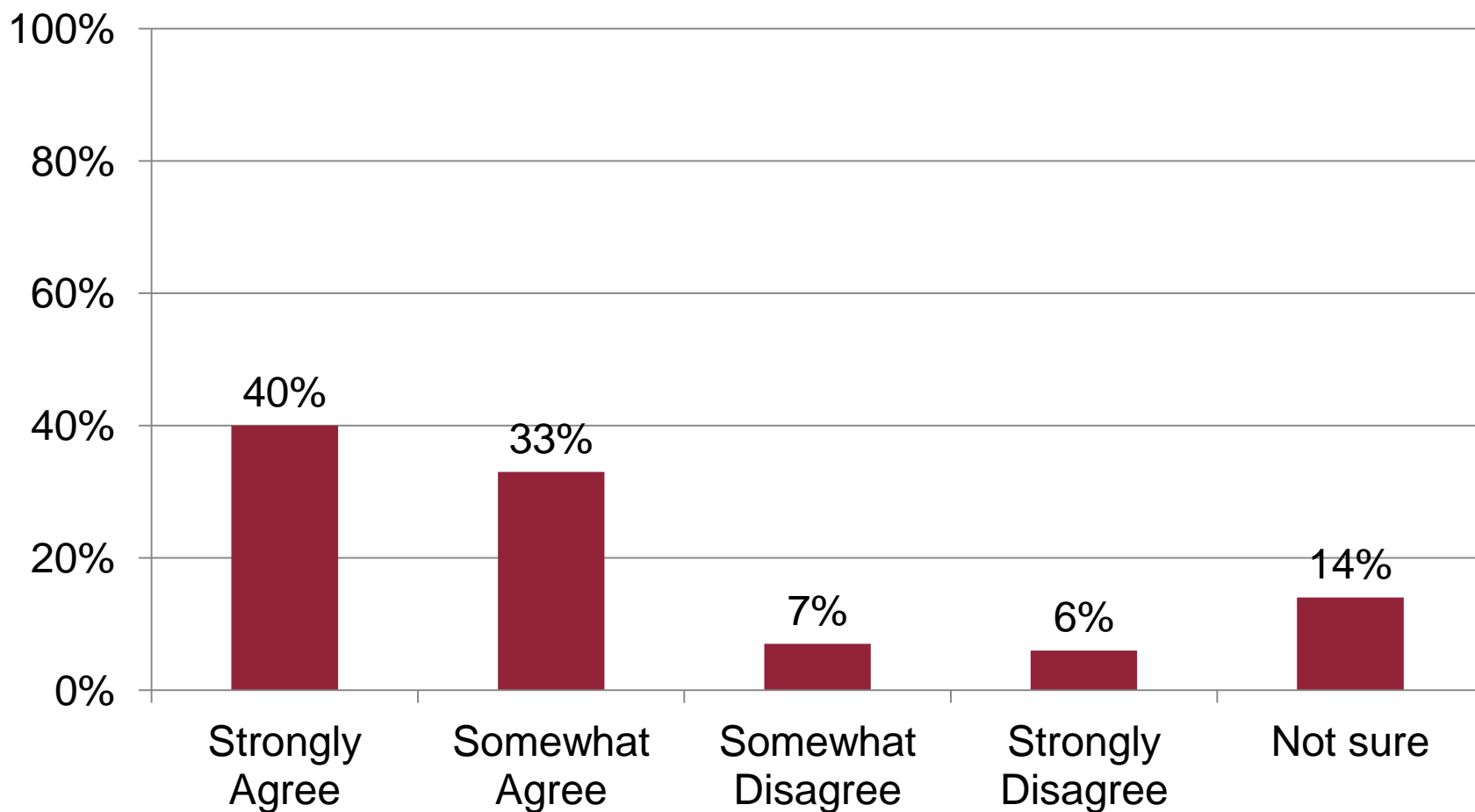
41% disagree that the Christian church has fulfilled or replaced the nation of Israel



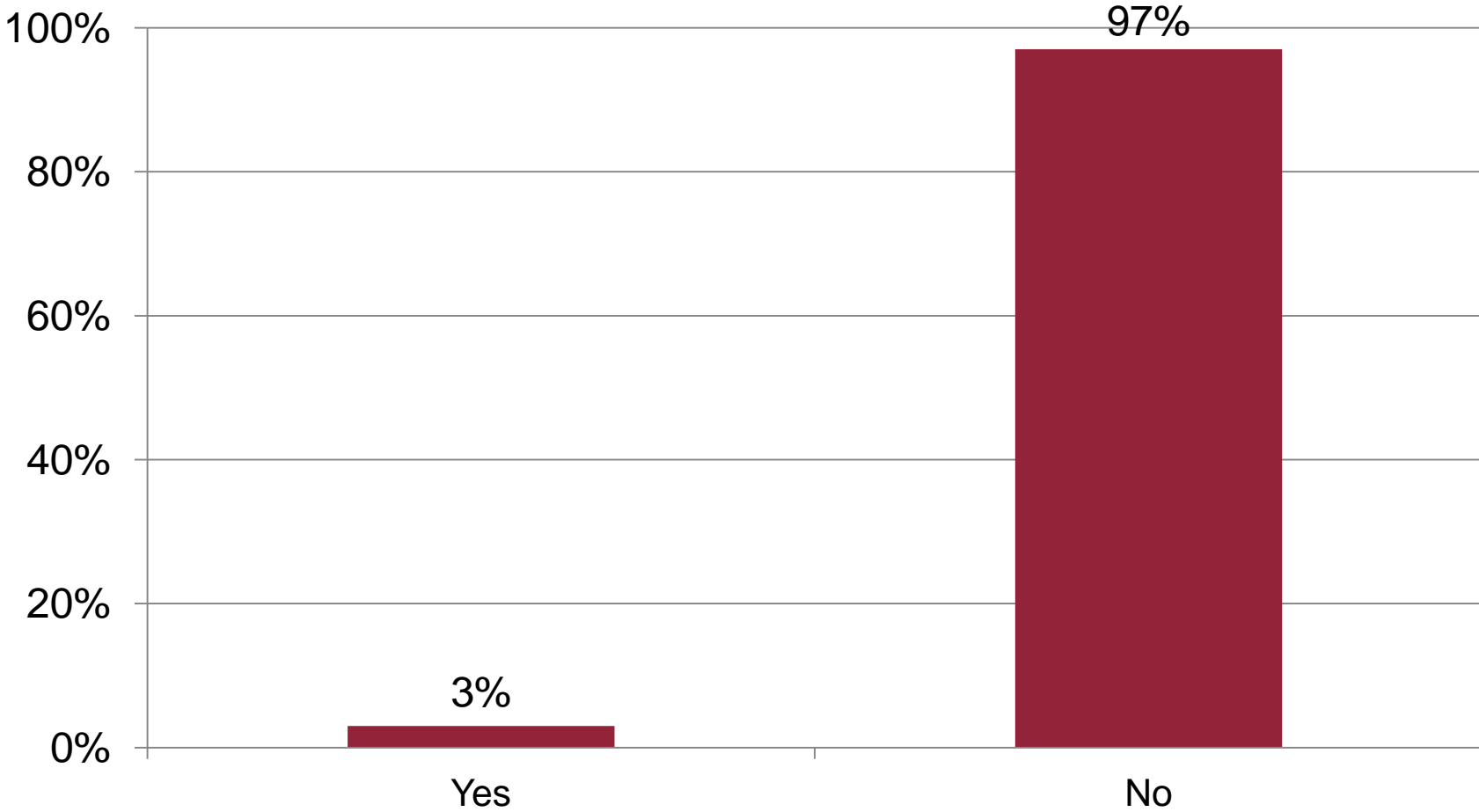
Younger evangelicals are more likely to agree the Christian church has fulfilled or replaced the nation of Israel



72% wish they knew more about what the Bible teaches about Israel's future



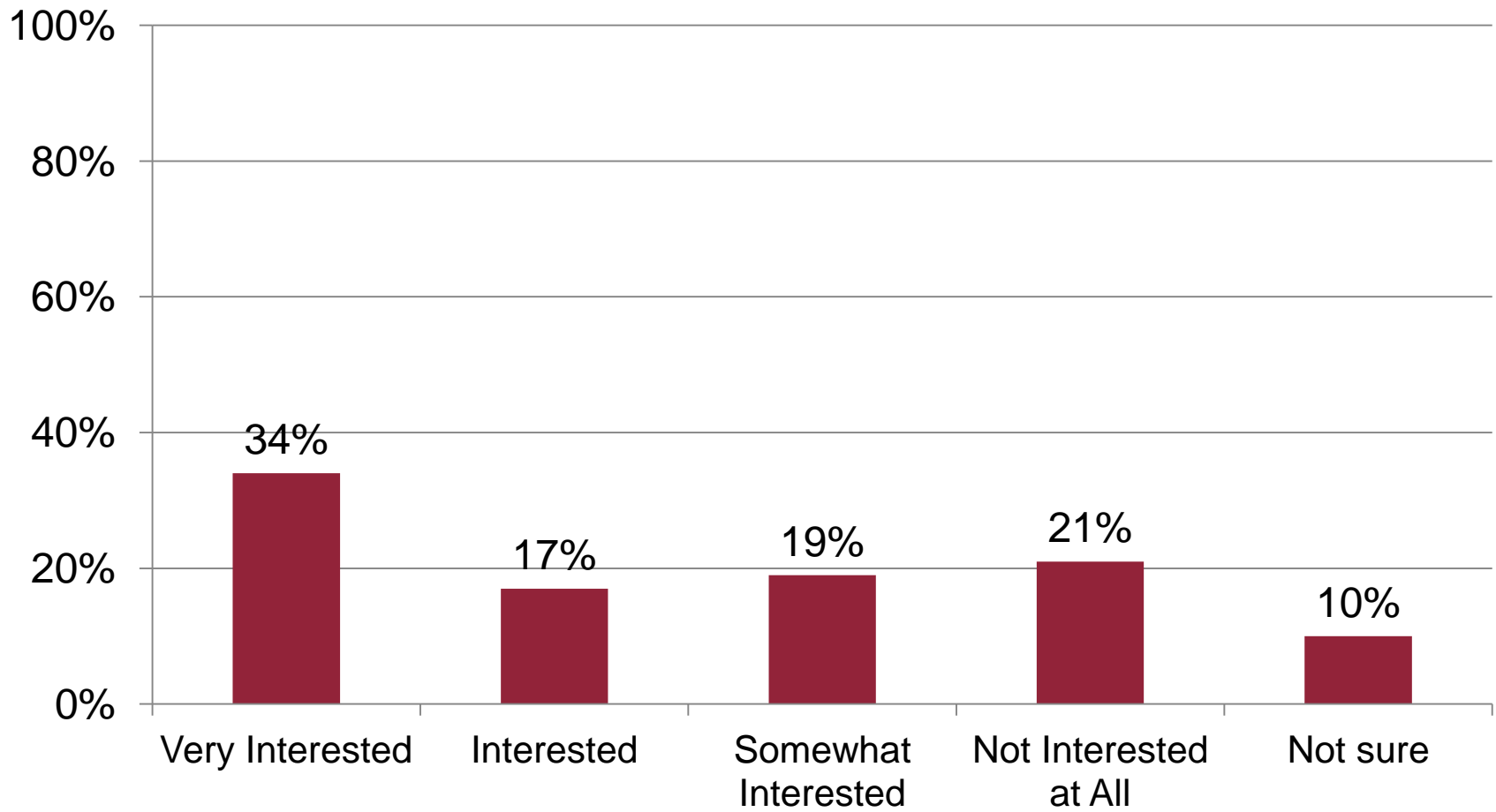
97% have not traveled to Israel



Q38: "Have you ever traveled to Israel?" n=1998

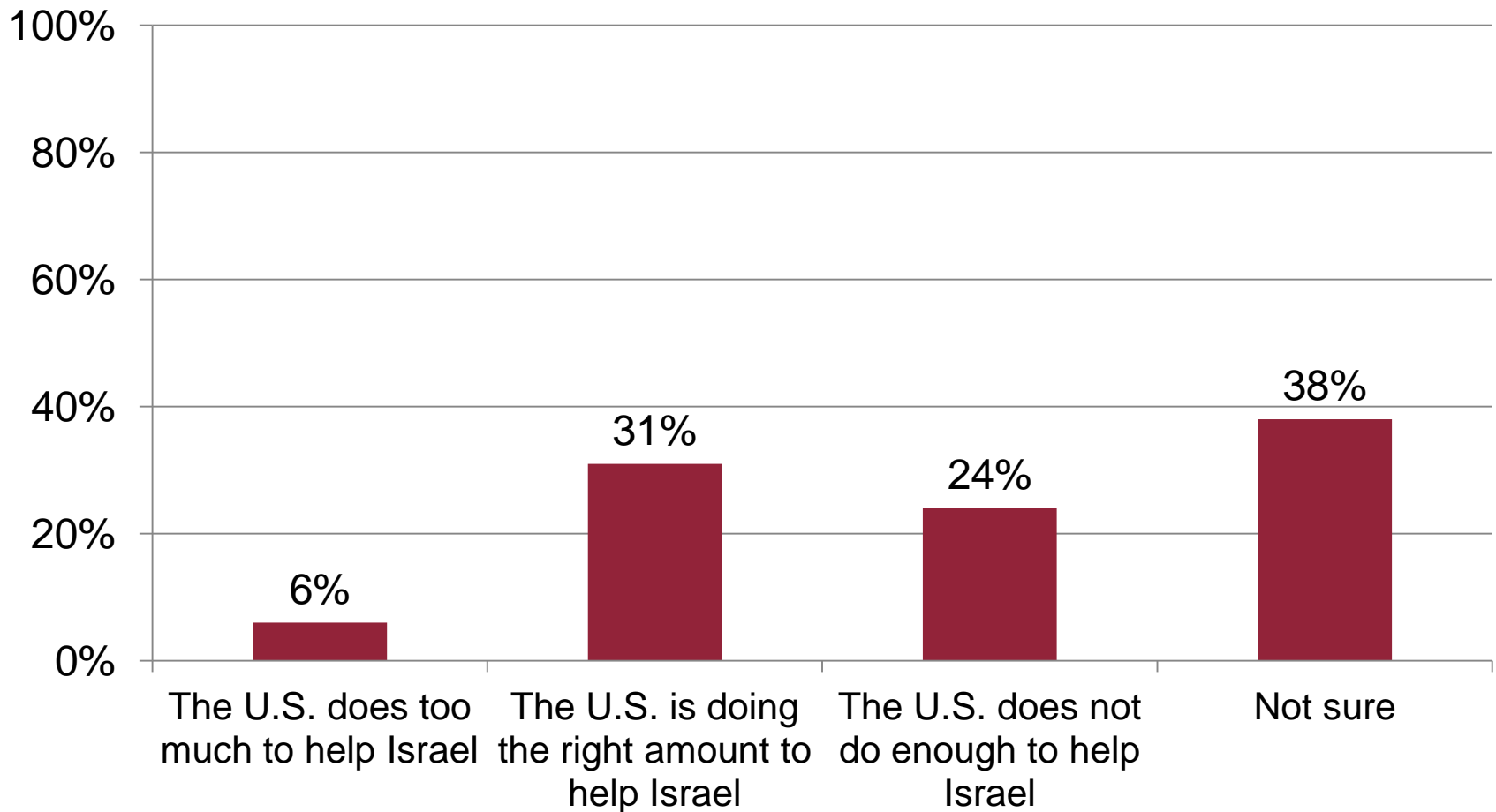


51% of those who have never been to Israel are interested or very interested in traveling to Israel



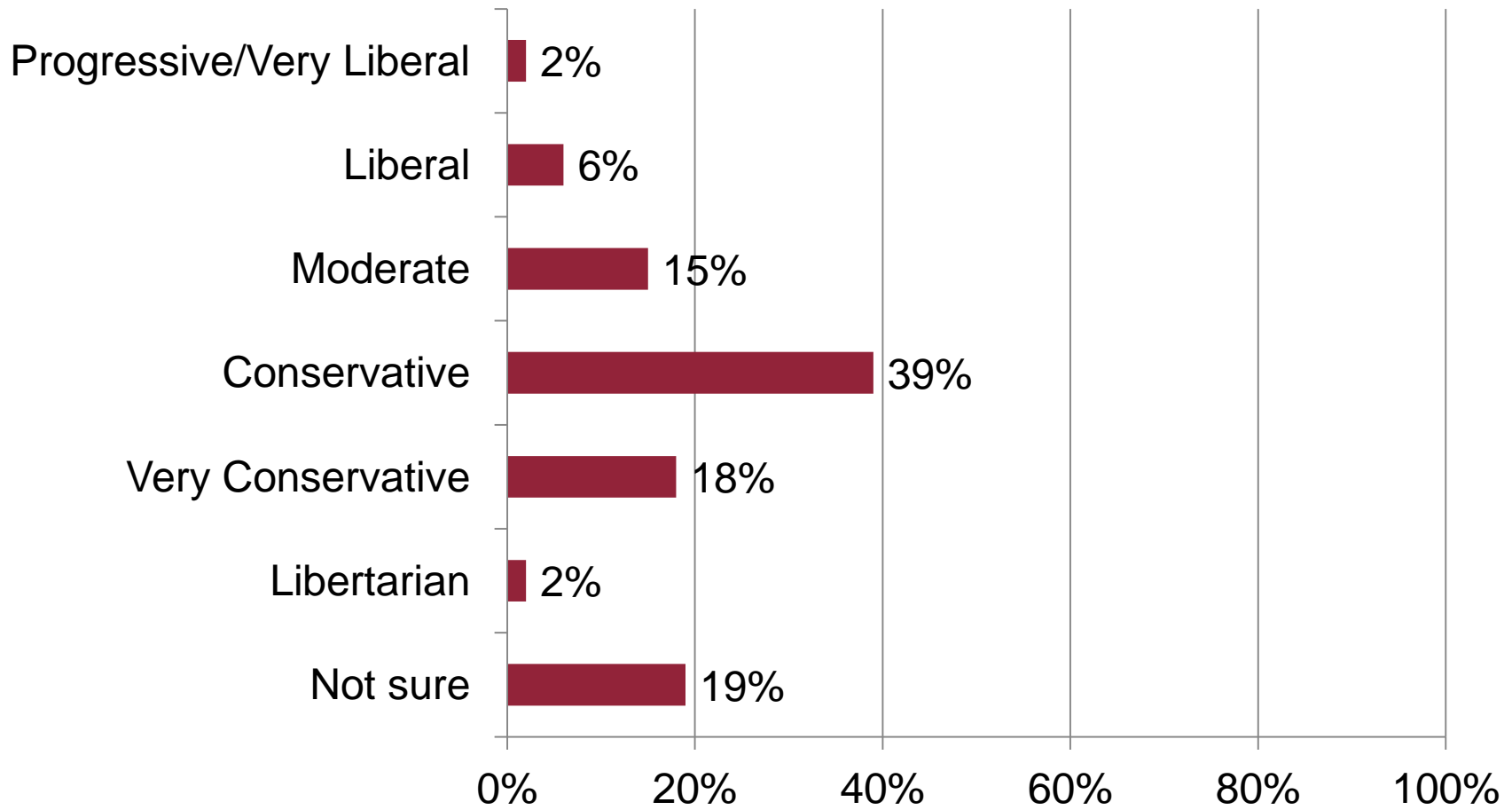
Q39: "How interested would you be to travel to Israel if it was financially possible?" Asked of those who have not traveled to Israel. n=1925

31% believe the U.S. does the right amount to help Israel



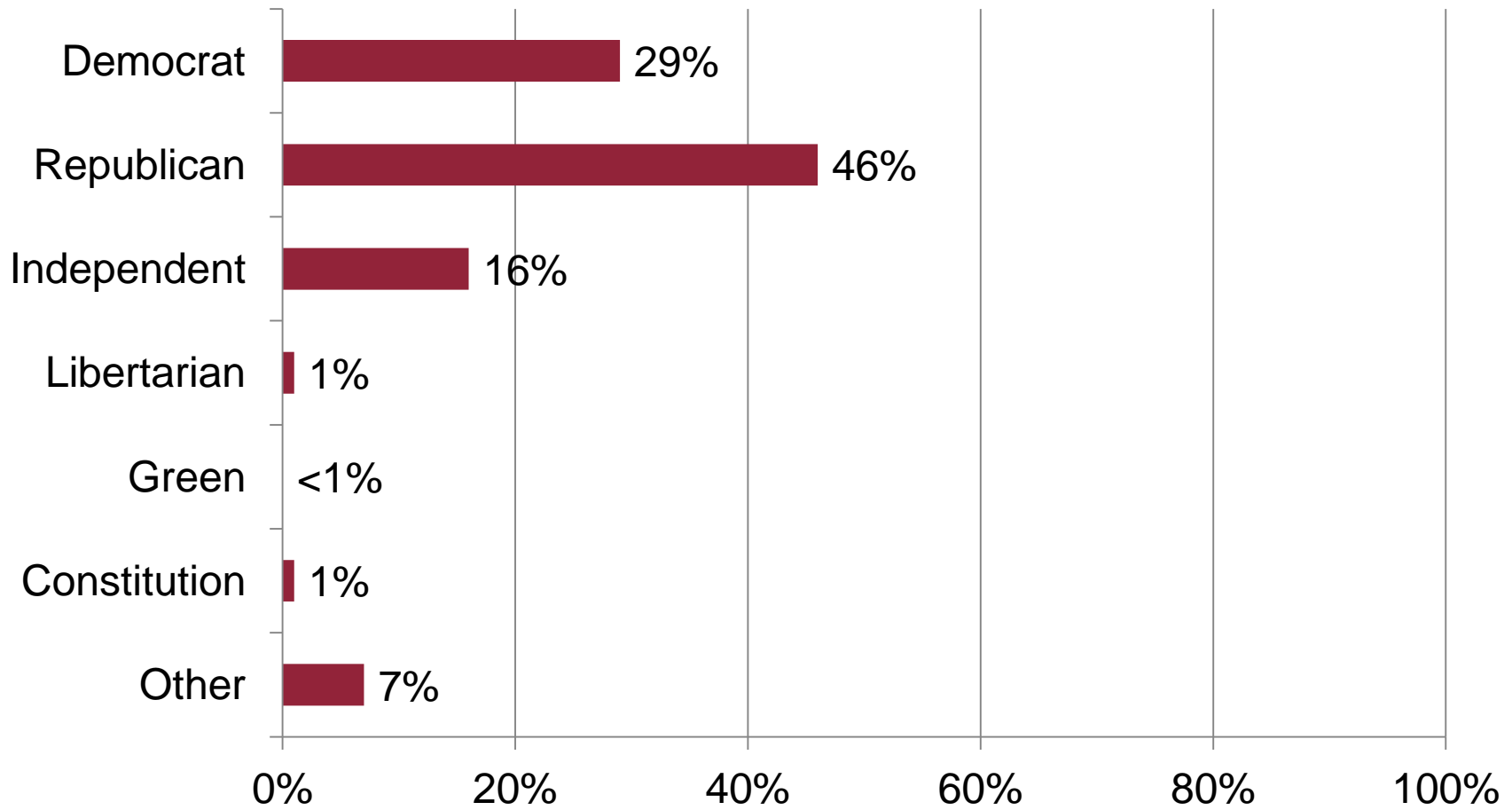
Demographics

Political ideology of participants

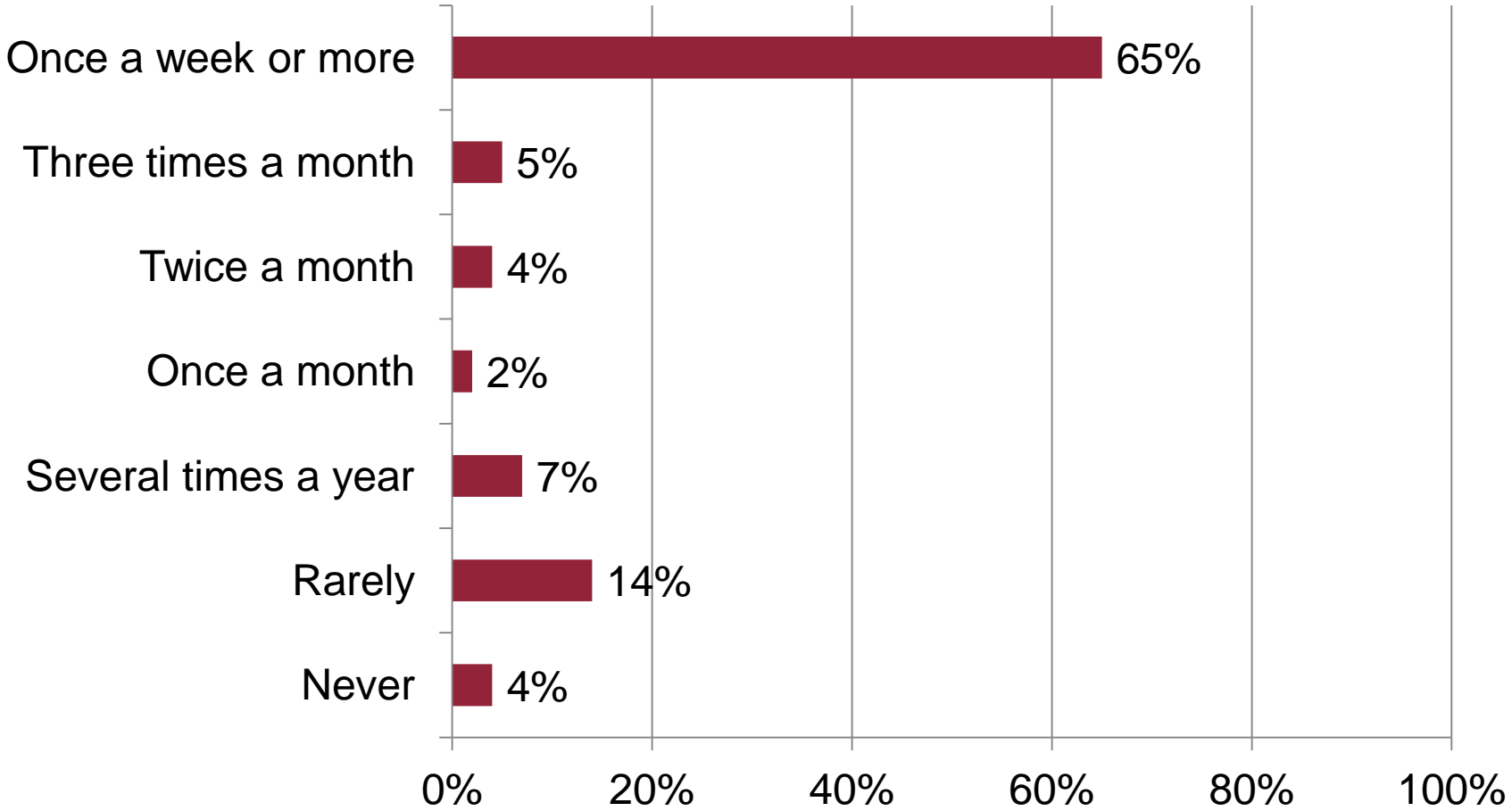


Q44: "Which description best represents your political ideology?" n=1989

Political affiliation of participants

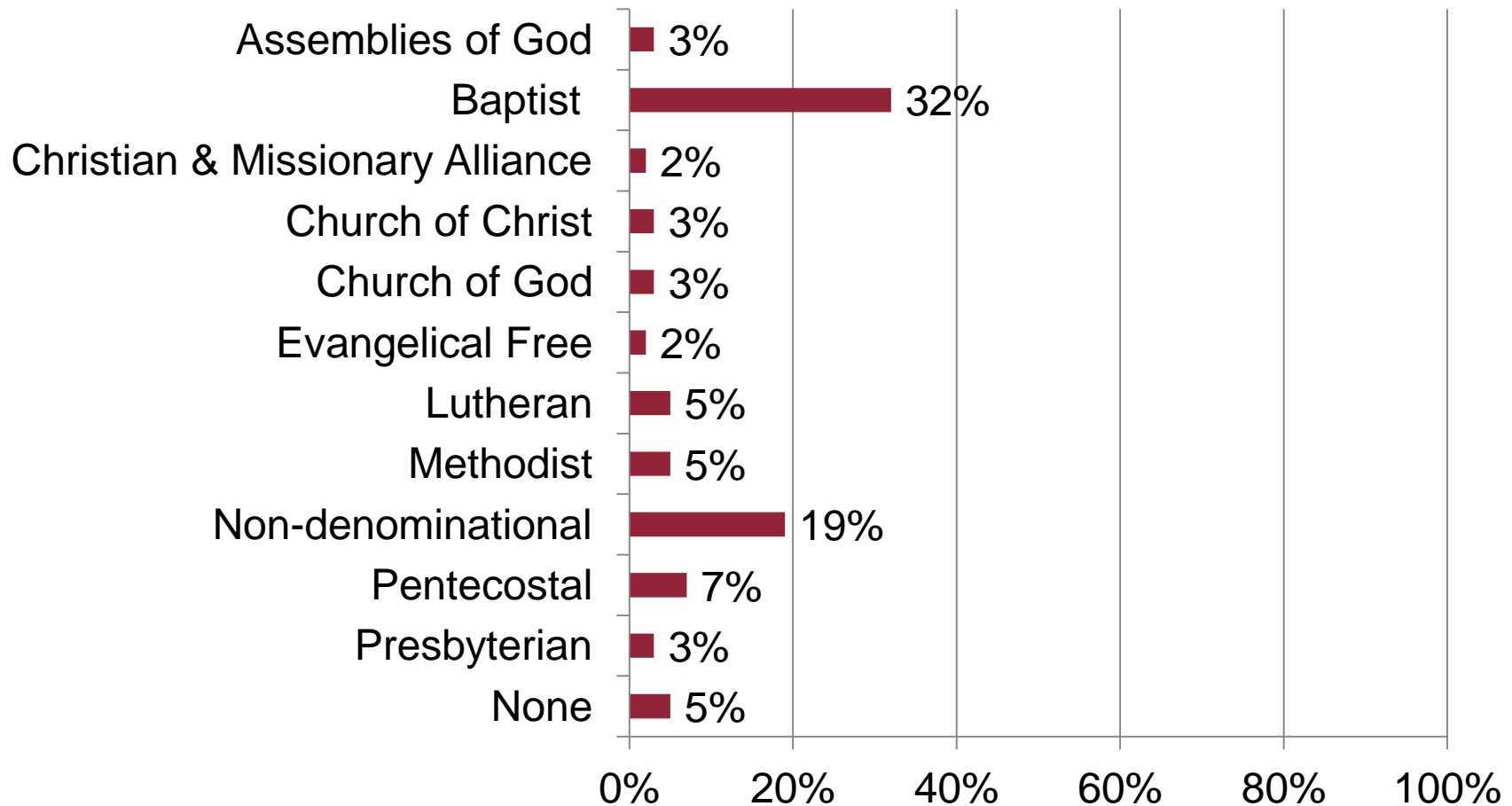


Worship service attendance



Q47: "How often do you attend worship services at a church?" n=1976

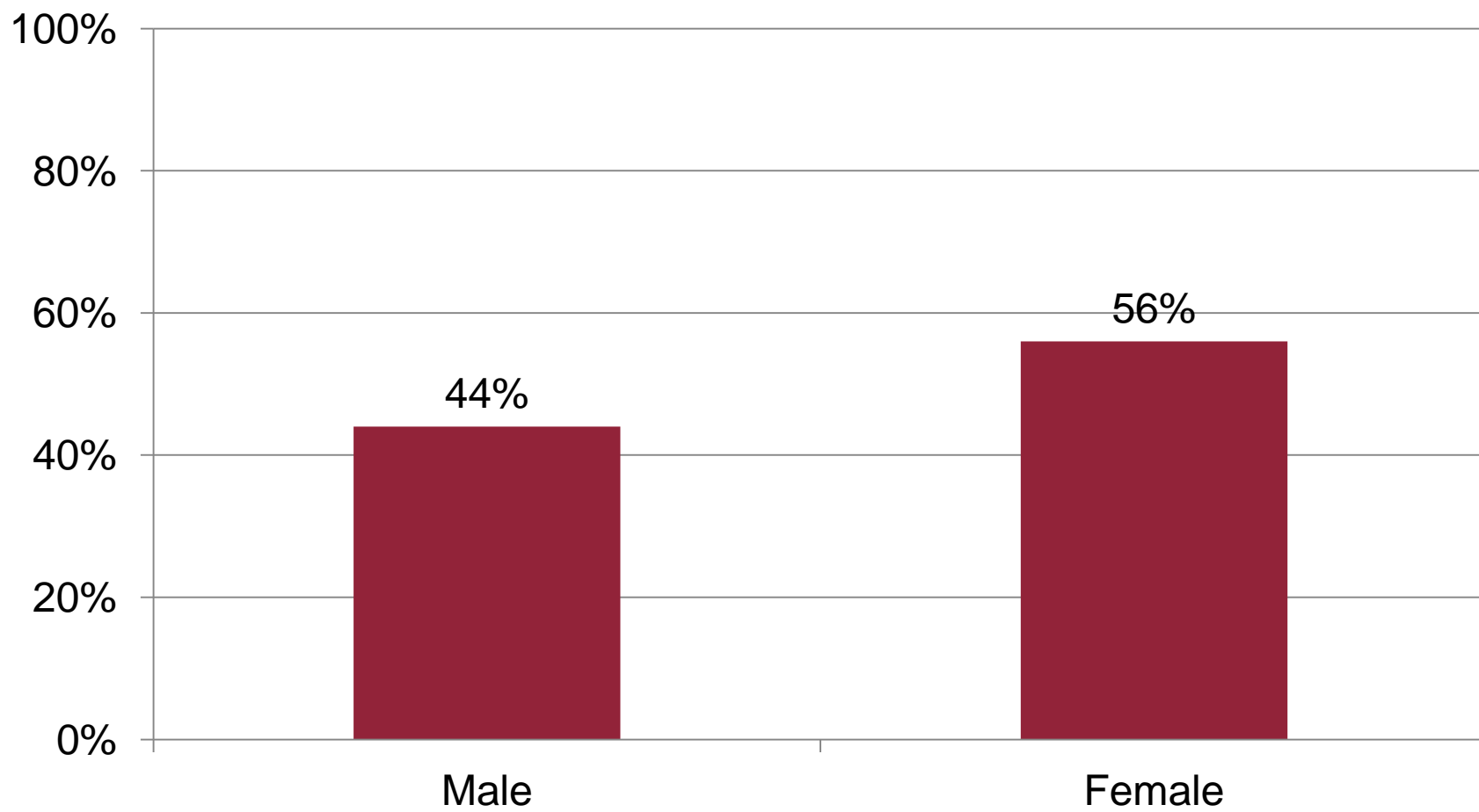
Denomination of Protestant and non-denominational participants



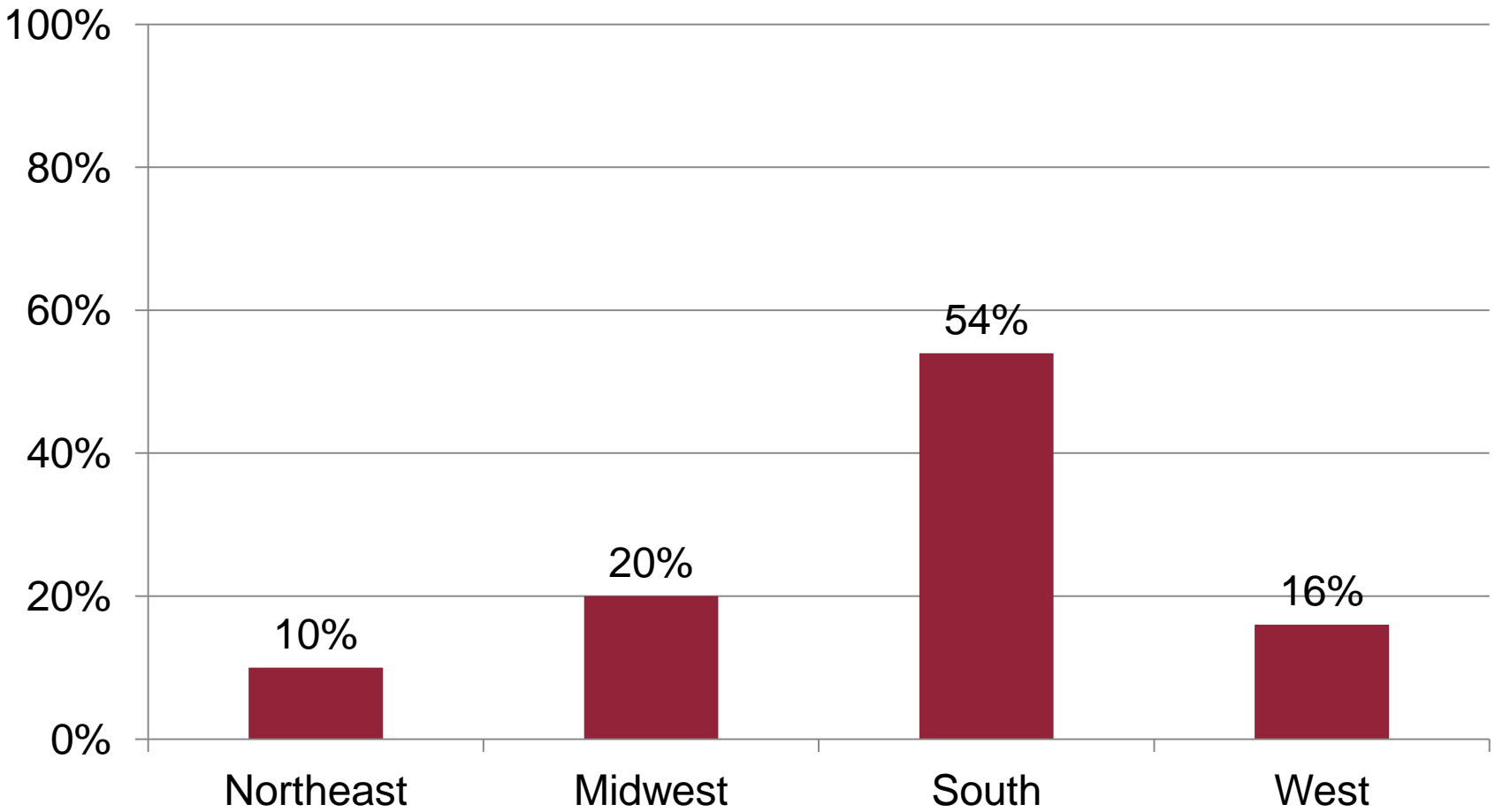
Denominations receiving 1% or less: African Methodist Episcopal (AME), Anglican, Apostolic, Brethren, Calvary Chapel, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, Disciples of Christ, Episcopal, Evangelical Covenant Church, Foursquare Gospel, Mennonite, Messianic Jewish, Nazarene, Reformed, Seventh Day Adventist, Vineyard Church, Wesleyan, Other

Q48: "What specific religious group or denomination type do you prefer?" n=1740

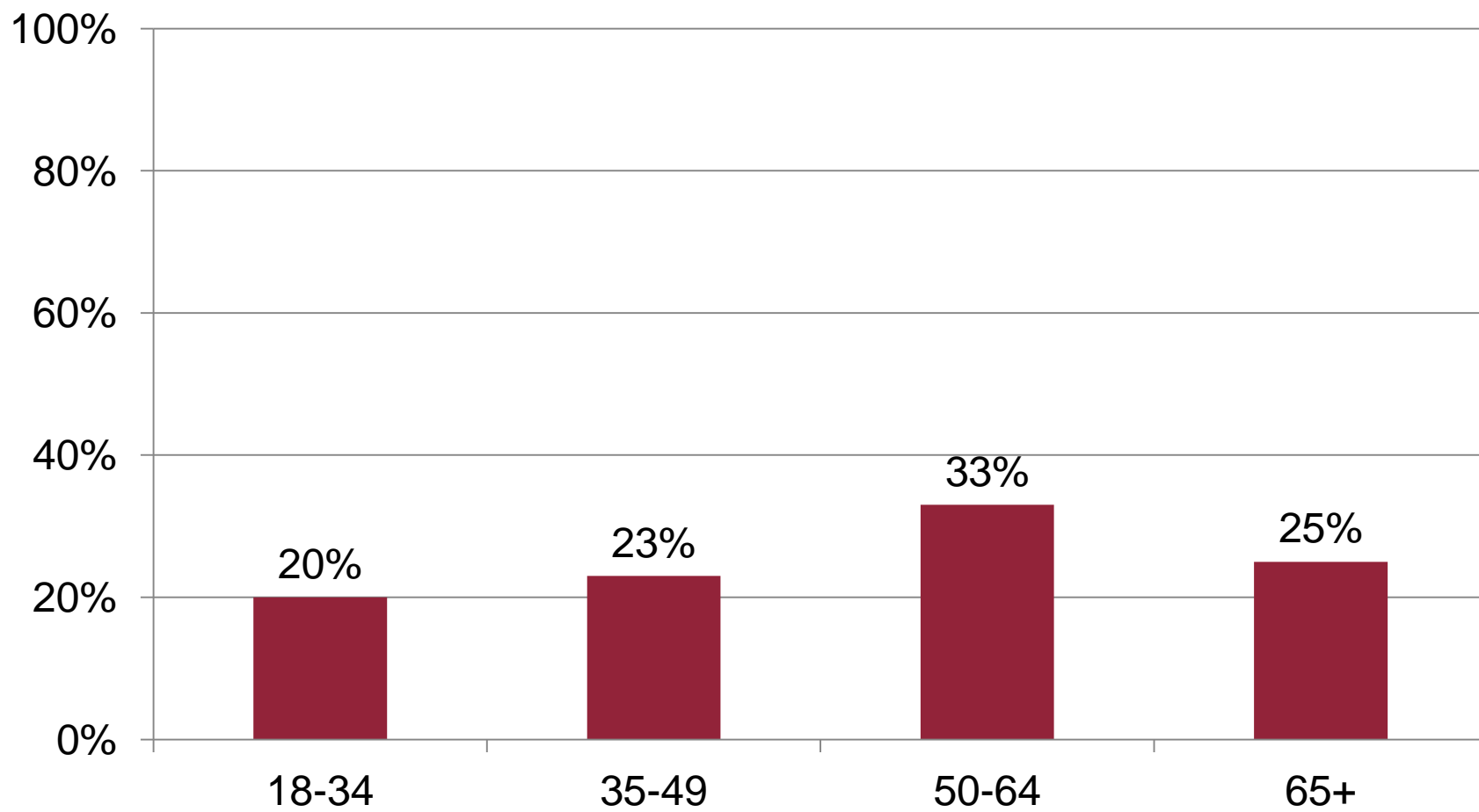
Gender of participants



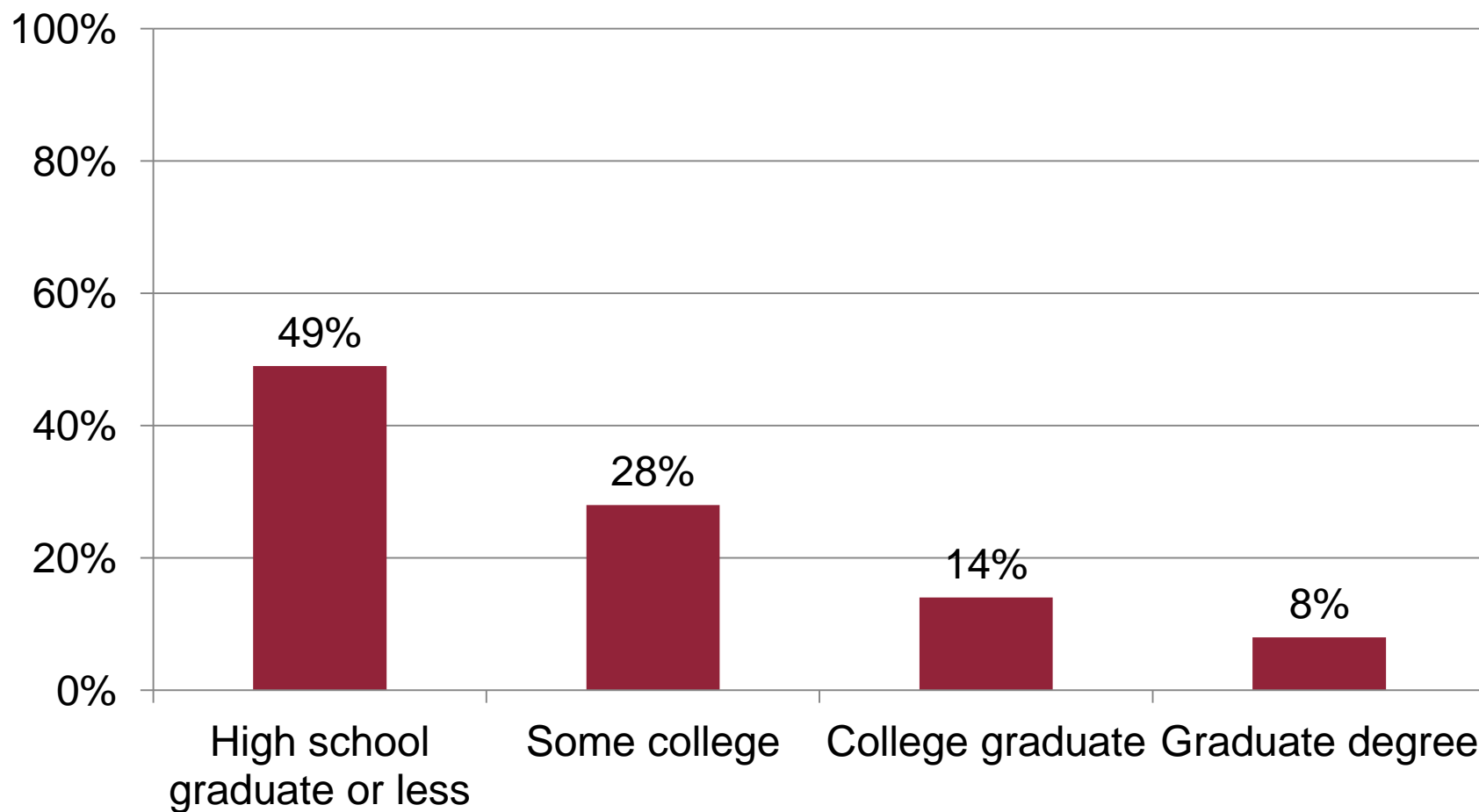
Region of participants



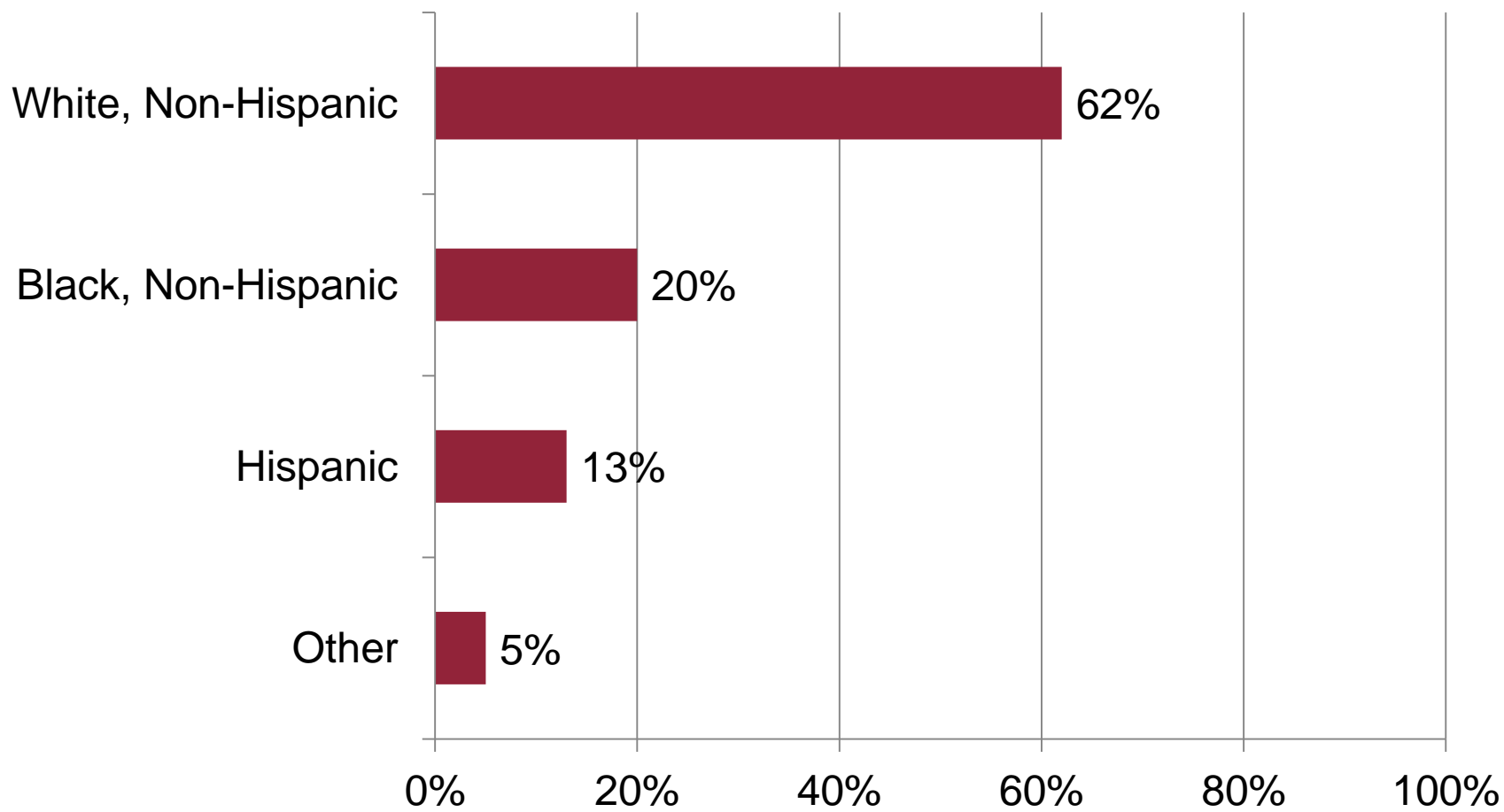
Age of participants



Education level of participants



Ethnicity of participants



Significant Differences

Gender
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Significant Statistical Differences

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

Gender	Region	Age	Ethnicity	Education
Male	Northeast	18-34	White, Non-Hispanic	High School graduate or less
Female	Midwest	35-49	Black, Non-Hispanic	Some college
	South	50-64	Hispanic	Bachelor's Degree
	West	45-54	Other Ethnicities	Graduate Degree
		65+		

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

“Overall what is your perception of the country of Israel today?”

- Males (76%) are more likely to select “Positive” than females (61%)
- Those in the South (69%) and West (72%) are more likely to select “Positive” than those in the Northeast (61%) and Midwest (61%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely age group to select “Positive” (76%)
- Black , Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to select “Positive” (50%)
- Those who have a Bachelor’s (75%) or a Graduate Degree (76%) are more likely to select “Positive” than those who are high school graduates or less (64%) or have some college (67%)

“Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?”

The media

- Those age 65+ are the least likely age group to select (22%)
- Those with some college (29%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (35%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (24%)

Friends and family

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely age group to select (26%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to select (5%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree are most likely education group to select (32%)

Positions of elected officials

- Those age 50-64 (9%) and 65+ (9%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (4%)

“Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?” (continued)

Your local church

- Those age 35-49 are the least likely age group to select (18%)
- Black , Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to select (13%)

The Bible

- Those in the South (58%) and West (60%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (48%) and Midwest (50%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely age group to select (65%), followed by those age 50-64 (58%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (60%) and Hispanics (55%) are more likely to select than Black, Non-Hispanics (45%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (64%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (52%) or with some college (56%)

National Christian leaders

- Those age 35-49 are the least likely age group to select (10%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (18%) are more likely to select than Black, Non-Hispanics (9%) and Hispanics (13%)

“Which of the following have influenced your opinions about Israel?” (continued)

Personal experiences with Jewish people

- Those age 65+ (13%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (8%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to select (6%), followed by those with some college (10%)

Personal experiences with Muslim people

- Those age 18-34 (5%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (2%) and 65+ (2%)

Teachers or professors

- No significant differences

“Which one of the following has influenced your opinions about Israel the most?”

- Those age 65+ are the least likely age group to select “The media” (11%)
- Those age 50-64 (49%) and 65+ (56%) are more likely age group to select “The Bible” than those 18-34 (35%) and 35-49 (39%)
- Hispanics (20%) and Other Ethnicities (24%) are more likely to select “The media” than White, Non-Hispanics (12%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (49%) are more likely to select “The Bible” than Black, Non-Hispanics (36%) and Hispanics (42%)

“Palestinian people have a historic right to the land of Israel.”

- Males (53%) are more likely to Disagree than females (41%)
- Those in the West are most likely to Disagree (58%)
- Those age 50-64 (48%) and 65+ (53%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (41%) and 35-49 (41%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (53%) and Other Ethnicities (58%) are more likely to Disagree than Black, Non-Hispanics (28%) and Hispanics (40%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (53%) or a Graduate degree (54%) are more likely to Disagree than those who are high school graduates or less (44%) or with some college (45%)

“Jewish people have a historic right to the land of Israel.”

- Males (74%) are more likely to agree than females (66%)
- Westerners (75%) are more likely to agree than Midwesterners (67%) and Southerners (68%)
- Those age 50-64 (72%) and 65+ (80%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (61%) and 35-49 (62%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (54%)

“Jewish people have a biblical right to the land of Israel, but also have a responsibility to share the land with Palestinian Arabs.”

- Those age 65+ (48%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (37%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (38%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (49%) are more likely to Agree than those who are high school graduates or less (40%) or with some college (39%)

“Which of the following statements best represents your personal views?”

- Females (39%) are more likely to select “I have no strong views about the State of Israel” than males (25%)
- Those in the West (49%) are more likely to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel but don’t feel the need to support everything Israel does” than those in the Northeast (38%) and South (39%)
- Those age 65+ (29%) are more likely to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel no matter what Israel does” than those 18-34 (22%) and 35-49 (22%)
- Those age 65+ are the most likely age group to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel but don’t feel the need to support everything Israel does” (48%)
- Those age 18-34 (41%) are more likely to select “I have no strong views about the State of Israel” than those 50-64 (33%) and 65+ (22%)

“Which of the following statements best represents your personal views?” (continued)

- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least ethnic group likely to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel no matter what Israel does” (14%) and the most likely to select “I have no strong views about the State of Israel” (52%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (46%) are more likely to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel but don’t feel the need to support everything Israel does” than Black, Non-Hispanics (32%) and Hispanics (38%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s (57%) or a Graduate Degree (56%) are more likely to select “I support the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel but don’t feel the need to support everything Israel does” than those who are high school graduates or less (34%) or with some college (43%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the most likely education group to select “I have no strong views about the State of Israel” (39%)

“Which of the following reasons, if any, contribute to your support for the modern State of Israel?”

Every nation has a right to exist

- Those in the Northeast (58%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the South (46%)
- Those age 18-34 (54%) and 50-64 (51%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 35-49 (43%)
- Hispanics (58%) and Other Ethnicities (59%) are more likely to select “Yes” than White, Non-Hispanics (46%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s (53%) or a Graduate Degree (55%) are more likely to select than those who are high school graduates or less (45%)

Jesus was a Jewish person

- Those age 35-49 are the least likely age group to select “Yes” (28%)
- Hispanics (43%) are more likely to select “Yes” than White, Non-Hispanics (33%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the most likely education group to select “Yes” (41%)

“Which of the following reasons, if any, contribute to your support for the modern State of Israel?” (continued)

Israel is the historic Jewish homeland

- Those in the West (67%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Northeast (56%) and South (58%)
- Those age 35-49 are the least likely age group to select (50%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (62%) and Other Ethnicities (72%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Black, Non-Hispanics (48%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (69%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are high school graduates or less (56%) or have a Graduate Degree (58%)

Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region

- Males (50%) are more likely to select “Yes” than females (36%)
- Those age 65+ (49%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 35-49 (39%) and 50-64 (41%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to select “Yes” (27%), followed by Hispanics (37%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (49%) or a Graduate Degree (49%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are high school graduates or less (40%)

“Which of the following reasons, if any, contribute to your support for the modern State of Israel?” (continued)

The Bible says Christians should support Israel

- Those age 18-34 (45%) and 50-64 (47%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 35-49 (37%)
- Other Ethnicities (51%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Black, Non-Hispanics (36%) and Hispanics (38%)

The Bible says God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people

- Those age 50-64 (66%) and 65+ (68%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 35-49 (55%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (66%) and Other Ethnicities (68%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Black, Non-Hispanics (52%)

Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy

- Those age 65+ (60%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 18-34 (47%) and 35-49 (42%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (53%) and Other Ethnicities (61%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Black, Non-Hispanics (43%)

“Which of the following reasons is the most important reason for your support for the modern State of Israel?”

- Those in the Northeast are most likely to select “Every nation has a right to exist” (30%)
- Those in the South (35%) and West (37%) are more likely to select “The Bible says God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people” than those in the Midwest (26%)
- Those age 35-49 (20%) are more likely to select “Every nation has a right to exist” than those 65+ (13%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely age group to select “The Bible says Christians should support Israel” (24%)
- Those age 50-64 (36%) and 65+ (37%) are more likely to select “The Bible says God gave the land of Israel to the Jewish people” than those 35-49 (26%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely age group to select “Israel is important for fulfilling biblical prophecy” (6%)
- Hispanics (21%) and Other Ethnicities (24%) are more likely to select “Every nation has a right to exist” than White, Non-Hispanics (14%)
- Those with a Graduate degree (14%) are most likely to select “Israel is the United States’ closest ally in an unstable region”

“Which of the following best represents your personal views? My support for the existence, security, and prosperity of the State of Israel has”

- Those age 65+ (29%) are more likely “Increased over the last 5 years” to select than those 18-34 (19%) and 50-64 (23%)
- Those age 18-34 (75%) are more likely to select “Stayed the same over the last 5 years” than those 65+ (67%)

“Biblical passages about Jewish people having a right to the land of Israel no longer apply today.”

- Those in the Northeast (22%) are more likely to Agree than those in the South (13%) and West (14%)
- Those age 50-64 (65%) and 65+ (72%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (58%) and 35-49 (55%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics (20%) and Other Ethnicities (23%) are more likely to Agree than White, Non-Hispanics (13%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are most likely to Disagree (70%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to Disagree (57%)

“When God promised Abraham and his descendants the land of Israel, the promise was for all time.”

- Those age 50-64 (83%) and 65+ (86%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (72%) and 35-49 (75%)

“Christians should support the right of the Jewish people to live in the sovereign state of Israel.”

- Those age 50-64 (77%) and 65+ (86%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (68%) and 35-49 (68%)
- Other Ethnicities are the most likely ethnic group to Agree (90%), followed by White, Non-Hispanics (78%)

“The Jewish people lost the promise of the land because they rejected Jesus.”

- Those in the Northeast (27%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (18%) and South (20%)
- Those age 35-49 are the most likely age group to Agree (27%)
- Those age 50-64 (56%) and 65+ (61%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (45%) and 35-49 (40%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the least likely to Agree (16%)

“The state of Israel should sign a peace treaty that allows the Palestinians to create their own sovereign state in the West Bank and Gaza.”

- Those in the Northeast (32%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (23%) and South (21%)
- Those in the West are most likely to Disagree (42%)
- Those age 50-64 (36%) and 65+ (34%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (25%) and 35-49 (27%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (20%)

“When you think of the modern rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948 and the re-gathering of millions of Jewish people to Israel, which of the following statements best represents your personal views?”

- Those age 50-64 (82%) are more likely to select “These events were fulfillments of Bible prophecy that show we are getting closer to the return of Jesus Christ” than those 35-49 (76%)
- Other Ethnicities are the most likely ethnic group to select “These events were fulfillments of Bible prophecy that show we are getting closer to the return of Jesus Christ” (91%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less (82%) or with some college (81%) are more likely to select “These events were fulfillments of Bible prophecy that show we are getting closer to the return of Jesus Christ” than those with a Graduate Degree (73%)

“The modern rebirth of the State of Israel has been a terrible injustice to the Arab people in the Middle East.”

- Males (58%) are more likely to Disagree than females (43%)
- Those in the West (57%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Northeast (43%) and South (48%)
- Those age 55-64 (55%) and 65+ (62%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (34%) and 35-49 (43%)
- White, Non-Hispanics (59%) and Other Ethnicities (55%) are more likely to Disagree than Black, Non-Hispanics (22%) and Hispanics (43%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to Disagree (43%)

“Christians should do more to love and care for Palestinian people.”

- Those in the Northeast (66%) and the West (66%) are more likely to Agree than those in the South (55%)
- Those age 18-34 (66%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (57%) and 65+ (54%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Disagree (7%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to Agree (53%)

“Modern Israel has been unfair to the Palestinian people.”

- Males (48%) are more likely to Disagree than females (35%)
- Those in the West (50%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Northeast (34%) and South (39%)
- Those age 50-64 (45%) and 65+ (49%) are more likely to Disagree than those 18-34 (32%) and 35-49 (35%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (17%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Disagree (18%)
- Those who are high school graduates or less are the least likely education group to Disagree (36%)

“Christians should support Israel’s defense of itself from terrorists and foreign enemies.”

- Males (81%) are more likely to Agree than females (67%)
- Those in the West are most likely to Agree (82%)
- Those age 50-64 (74%) and 65+ (83%) are more likely to Agree than those 19-34 (66%) and 35-49 (67%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (57%)
- Those a Bachelor’s (83%) or a Graduate Degree (86%) are more likely to Agree than those who are high school graduates or less (69%) or with some college (72%)

“I am concerned for the safety of Christians in areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority.”

- Males (80%) are more likely to Agree than females (68%)
- Those in the West (80%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (71%) and South (70%)
- Those age 50-64 (76%) and 65+ (75%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-34 (68%)
- Black, Non-Hispanics are the least likely ethnic group to Agree (59%)
- Those a Bachelor's (84%) or a Graduate Degree (81%) are more likely to Agree than those who are high school graduates or less (68%) or with some college (73%)

“The Christian church has fulfilled or replaced the nation of Israel in God’s plan.”

- Those in the Northeast are the most likely to Agree (39%)
- Those age 18-34 (34%) and 35-49 (31%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-49 (24%) and 65+ (23%)
- White, Non-Hispanics are the most likely ethnic group to Disagree (45%)
- Those a Bachelor’s (46%) or a Graduate Degree (55%) are more likely to Disagree than those who are high school graduates or less (37%)

“I wish I knew more about what the Bible teaches about Israel’s future.”

- Those age 65+ are the most likely age group to Agree (79%)
- Other Ethnicities are the most likely ethnic group to Agree (87%)

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