

Pastors' Approval of the President

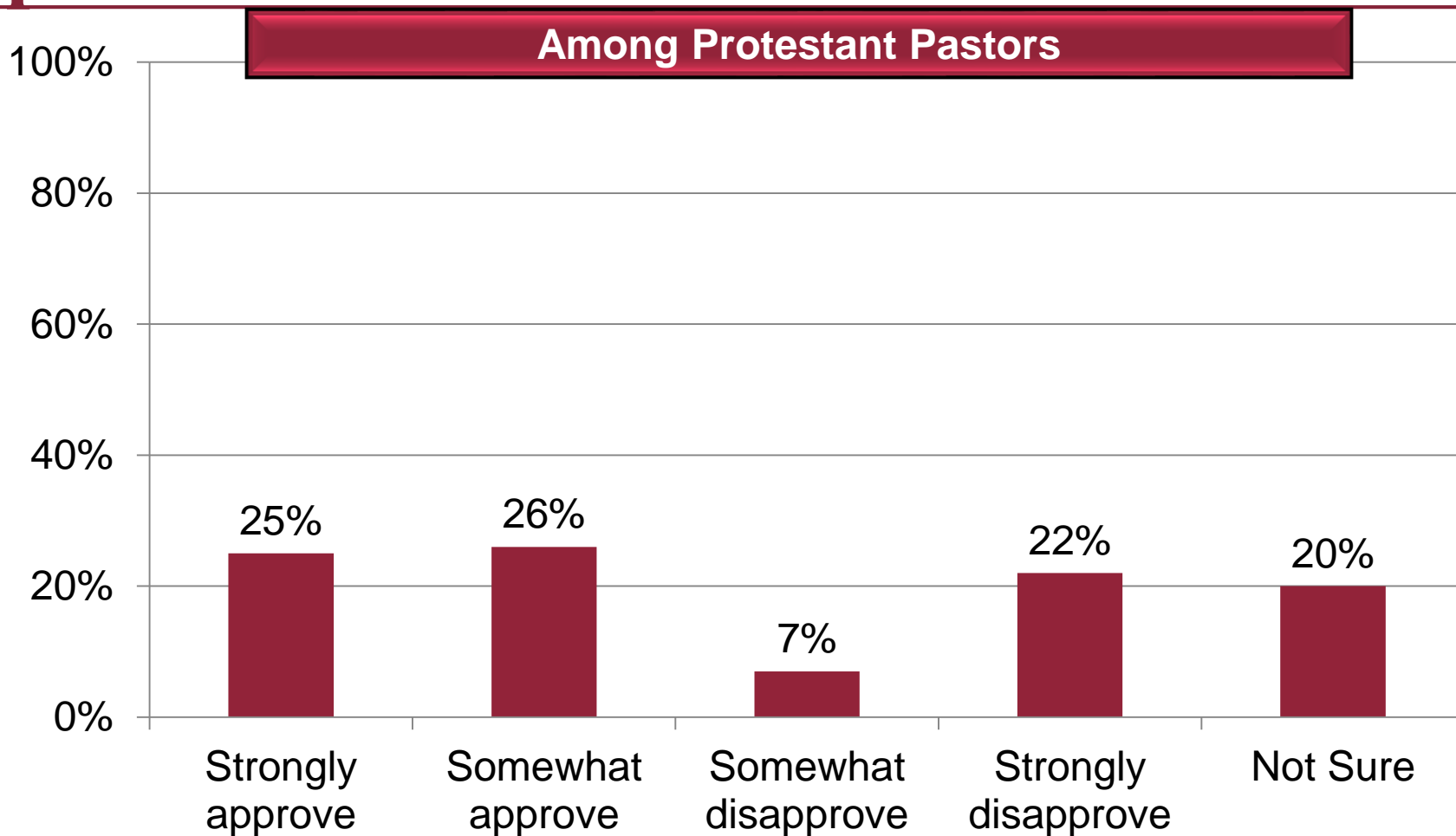
Survey of Protestant Pastors

Methodology

- ❑ The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted August 29 – September 11, 2018
- ❑ 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

51% approve of President Trump's job performance



Q: "Overall, how would you rate the job performance of President Trump?" n=1,000

Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Education Level

Self-identified Evangelical/Mainline

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 gender, age and ethnicity.

Attendance	Region	Pastor's Gender	Pastor's Age	Pastor's Ethnicity
0-49	Northeast	Male	18-44	White
50-99	Midwest	Female	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 education level, the self-identified Evangelical or Mainline, and denomination.

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

“Overall, how would you rate the job performance of President Trump?”

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 0-49 are the least likely to Approve (42%)
- Pastors in the South (55%) and West (57%) are more likely to Approve than those in the Northeast (40%)
- Males pastors are more likely to Approve than Females (56% v. 30%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are least likely to Approve (41%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are more likely to be Not Sure (25%) than pastors age 55-64 (18%) and 65+ (16%)
- African-American pastors are the least likely to Approve (4%) and most likely to Disapprove (85%)
- Pastors with no college degree (71%) or a Bachelor's degree (67%) are more likely to Approve than those with a Master's degree (41%) or a Doctoral degree (52%)

“Overall, how would you rate the job performance of President Trump?”

- Evangelical pastors are more likely to Approve than Mainline pastors (63% v. 41%)
- Pentecostals are most likely to approve (86%), followed by Baptists (68%)
- Lutherans (41%) and Christian/COC (55%) are more likely to approve than Presbyterian/Reformed (28%) and Methodists (25%)

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