

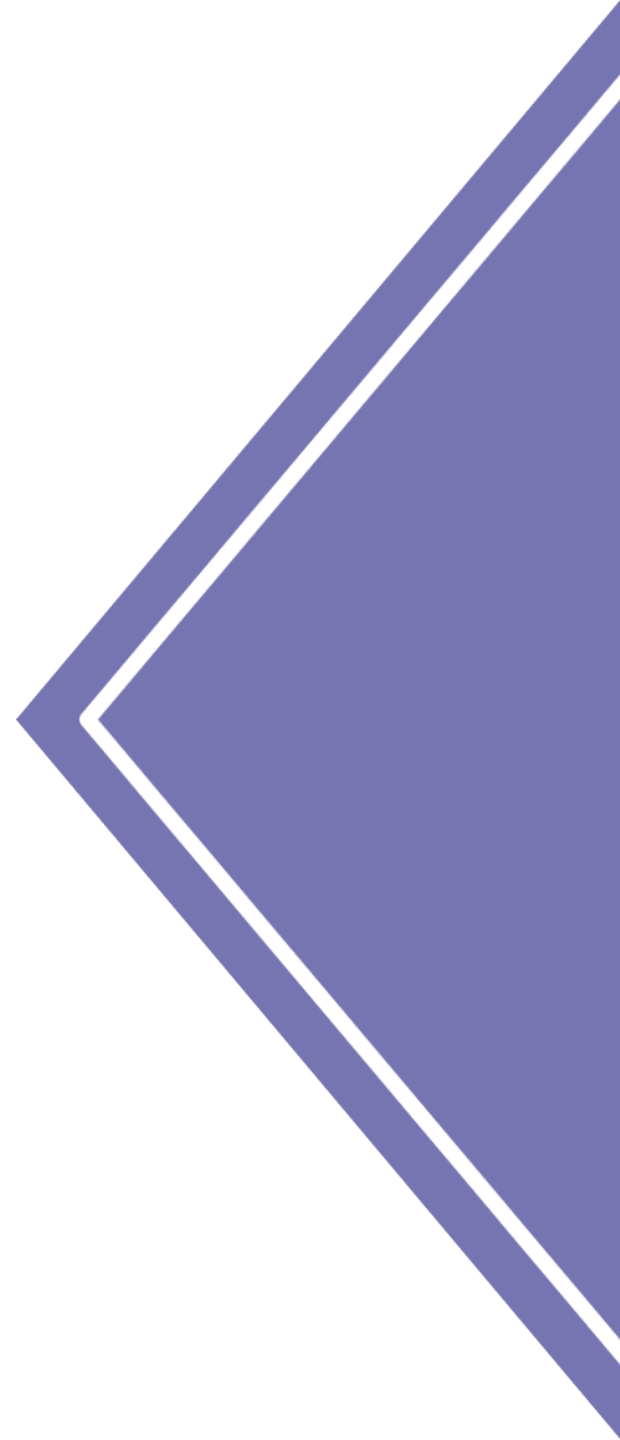
Pastors' Views on the Return of Christ

Survey of American Protestant Pastors

Methodology

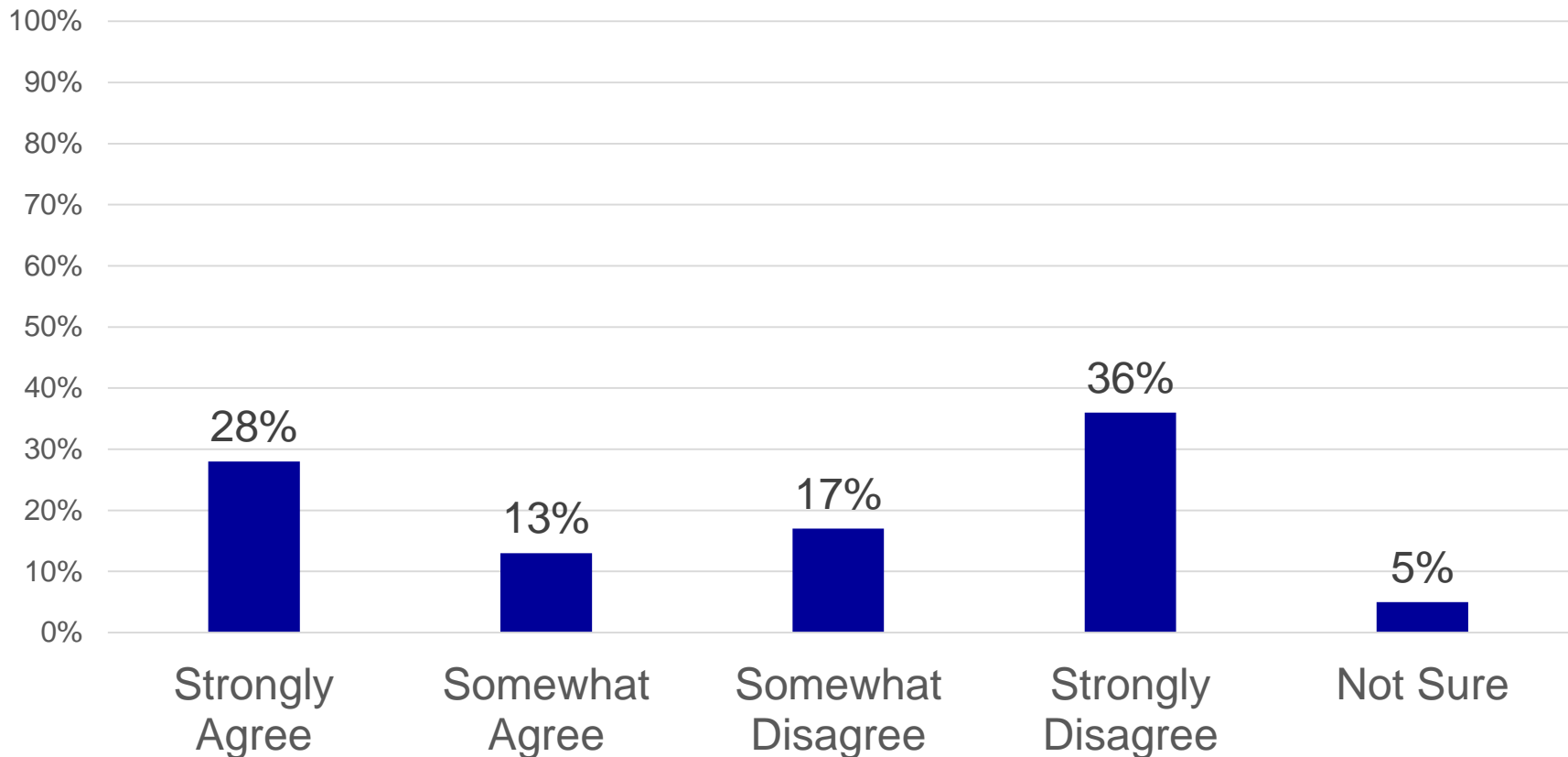
- The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted August 30 -- September 24, 2019
- The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the 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 $\pm 3.3\%$
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Survey Responses



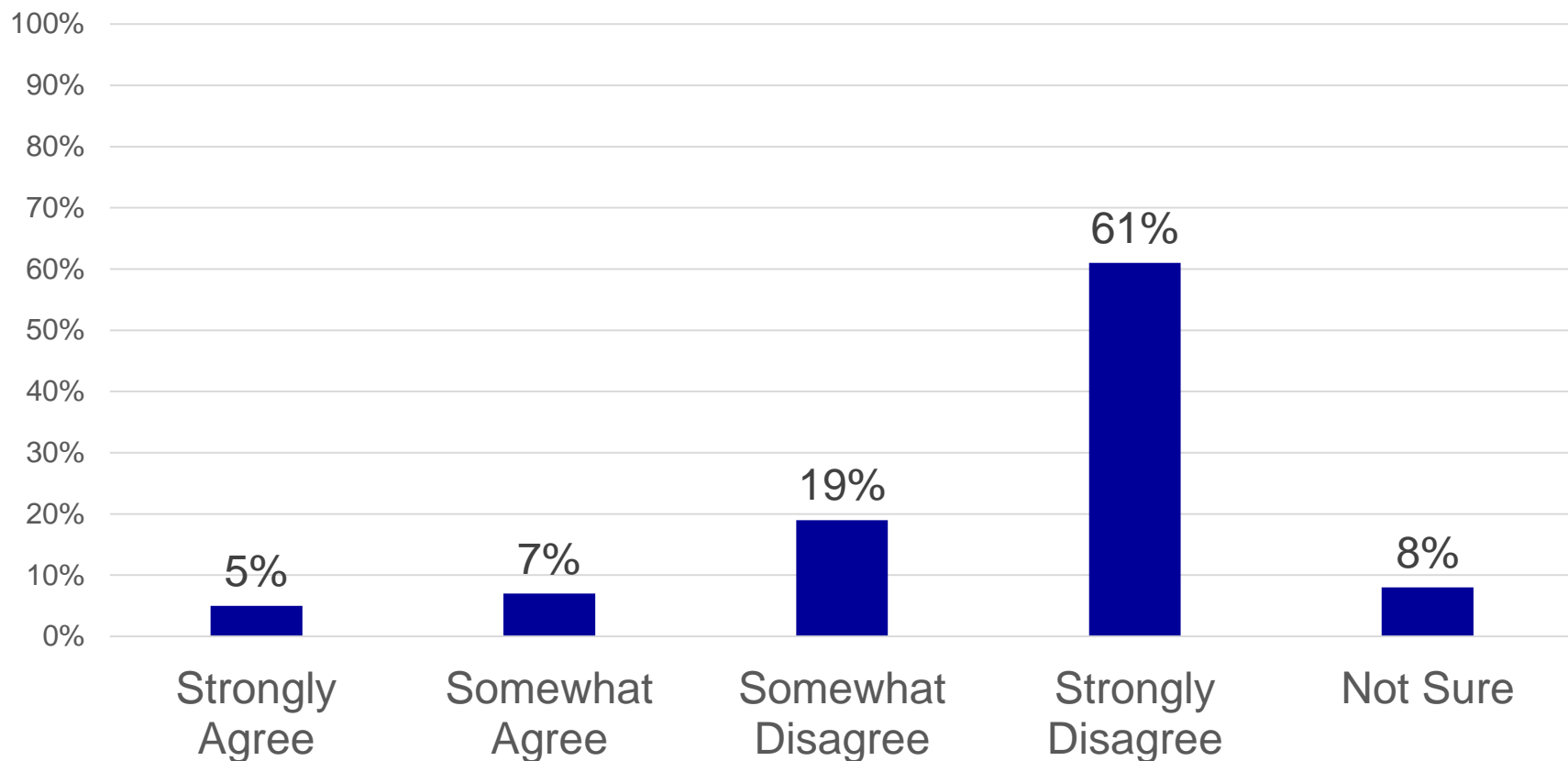
41% say that Christians can speed up the return of Christ by sharing the gospel with all people groups

Among Protestant Pastors



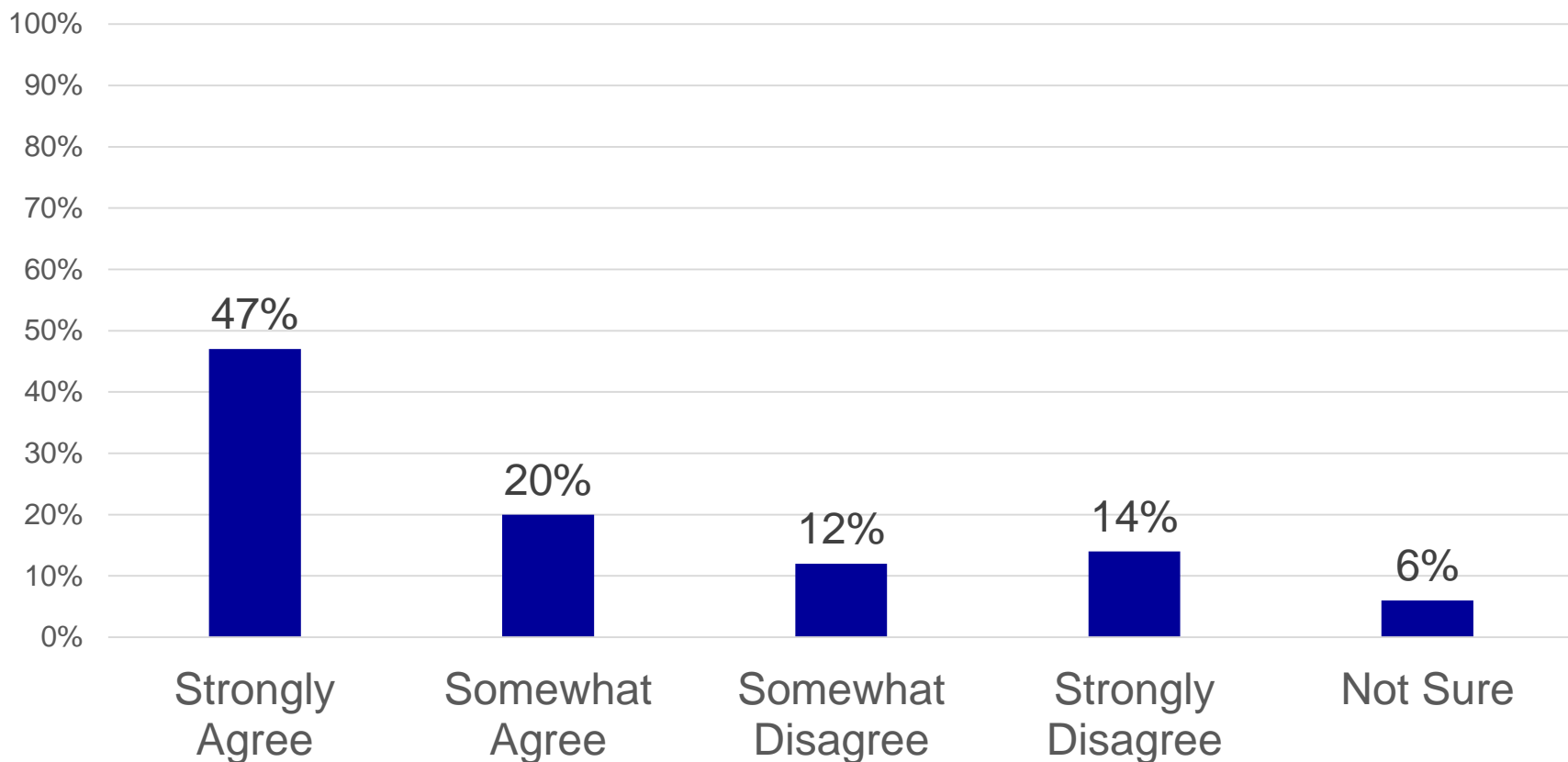
12% say that Christians can speed up the return of Christ by supporting geo-political changes mentioned in the Bible

Among Protestant Pastors



68% say that culture will increasingly get less moral until Jesus Christ returns

Among Protestant Pastors



Significant Differences

Pastor

Ethnicity

Age

Gender

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 pastor's ethnicity, age, gender, education, and self-identified Evangelical or Mainline.

Ethnicity	Age	Gender	Education	Self-Identified
White	18-44	Male	No College Degree	Evangelical
African-American	45-54	Female	Bachelor's Degree	Mainline
Other Ethnicity	55-64		Master's Degree	
	65+		Doctoral Degree	

Significant Statistical Differences

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

Region	Denomination	Attendance
Northeast	Baptist	0-49
South	Lutheran	50-99
Midwest	Methodist	100-249
West	Pentecostal	250+
	Presbyterian/Reformed	
	Christian/ Church of Christ	

“Christians can speed up the return of Jesus Christ by helping to share the Gospel with all people groups.”

- White pastors (55%) are more likely to Disagree than African American pastors (43%)
- Pastors age 65+ are the most likely to Agree (52%)
- Pastors with no college degree (56%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Bachelor’s degree (35%) or a Master’s degree (38%)
- Pentecostals are the most likely to Agree (66%)

“Christians can speed up the return of Jesus Christ by supporting geo-political changes mentioned in the Bible.”

- African American pastors (20%) and pastors of Other ethnicities (22%) are more likely to Agree than White pastors (11%)
- Pastors age 65+ (16%) are more likely to Agree than pastors age 18-44 (9%)
- Male pastors are more likely to Disagree than female pastors (81% v. 74%)
- Pastors with no college degree (22%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Bachelor's degree (10%) or a Master's degree (10%)
- Lutherans are the most likely to Disagree (92%)

“Culture will increasingly get less moral until Jesus Christ returns.”

- Pastors of Other Ethnicities (79%) are more likely to Agree than White pastors (67%)
- Pastors age 45-54 (73%) and 65+ (73%) are more likely to Agree than pastors age 18-44 (62%)
- Male pastors are more likely to Agree than female pastors (72% v. 44%)
- Pastors with no college degree (90%) or a Bachelor's degree (81%) are more likely to Agree than those with a Master's degree (61%) or a Doctoral degree (63%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to Agree than Mainline pastors (80% v. 51%)
- Pastors in the Northeast are the least likely to Agree (58%)
- Baptists (86%) and Pentecostals (84%) are more likely to Agree than Lutherans (59%), Methodists (48%), Presbyterian/Reformed (45%), and Christian/Church of Christ (67%)
- Pastors of churches with attendance of 100-249 (72%) and 250+ (74%) are more likely to Agree than those with attendance of 0-49 (59%)

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