

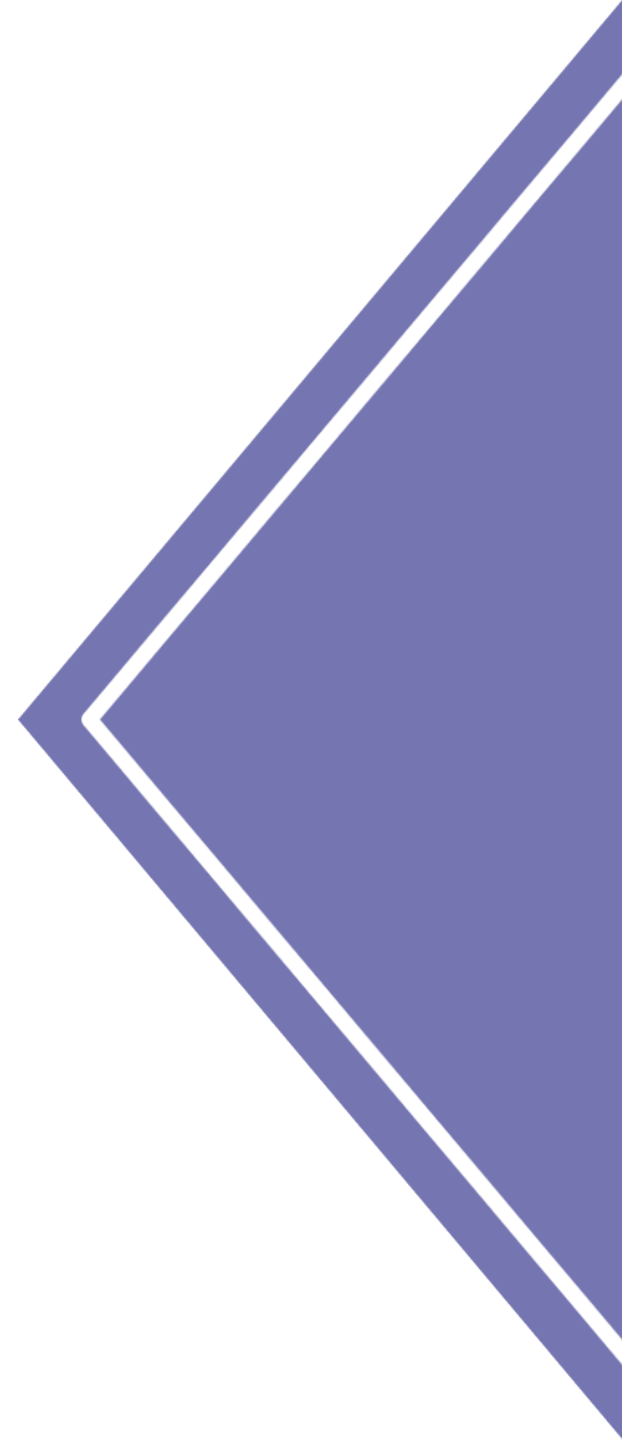
Pastors' Views on Racial Reconciliation

Survey of American Protestant Pastors

Methodology

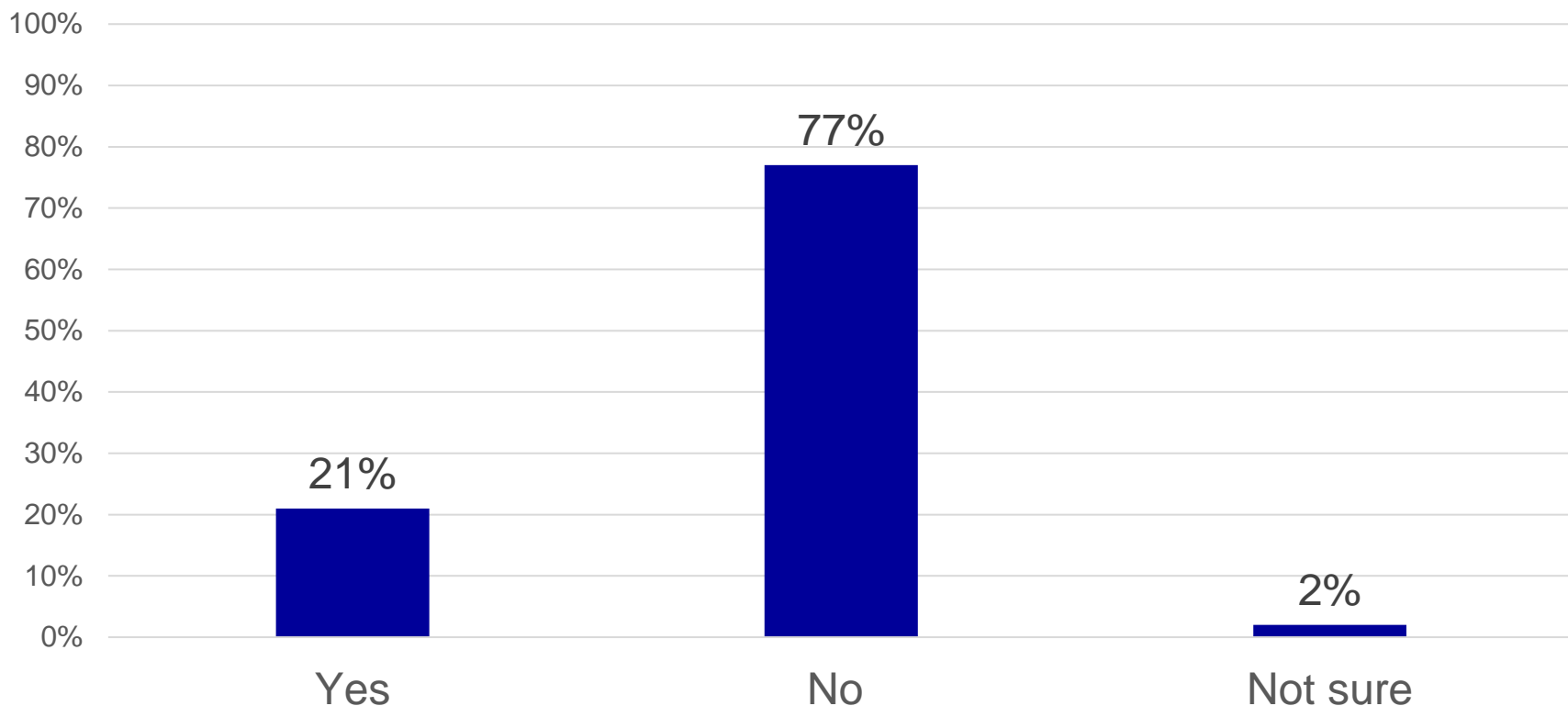
- The mixed mode survey of 1,007 Protestant pastors was conducted September 2–October 1, 2020 using both phone and online interviews
- Phone: The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- Online: Invitations were emailed to the LifeWay Research Pastor Panel followed by three reminders. This probability sample of Protestant churches was created by phone recruiting by LifeWay Research using random samples selected from all Protestant churches. Pastors who agree to be contacted by email for future surveys make up this LifeWay Research Pastor Panel.
- Each survey was completed by the senior or sole pastor or a minister at the church
- Responses were weighted by region and church size to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,007 surveys (502 by phone, 505 online)
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.4\%$. This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
- Comparisons are also made to a telephone surveys of 1,000 Protestant pastors using random sampling conducted August 22 - September 16, 2016

Survey Responses



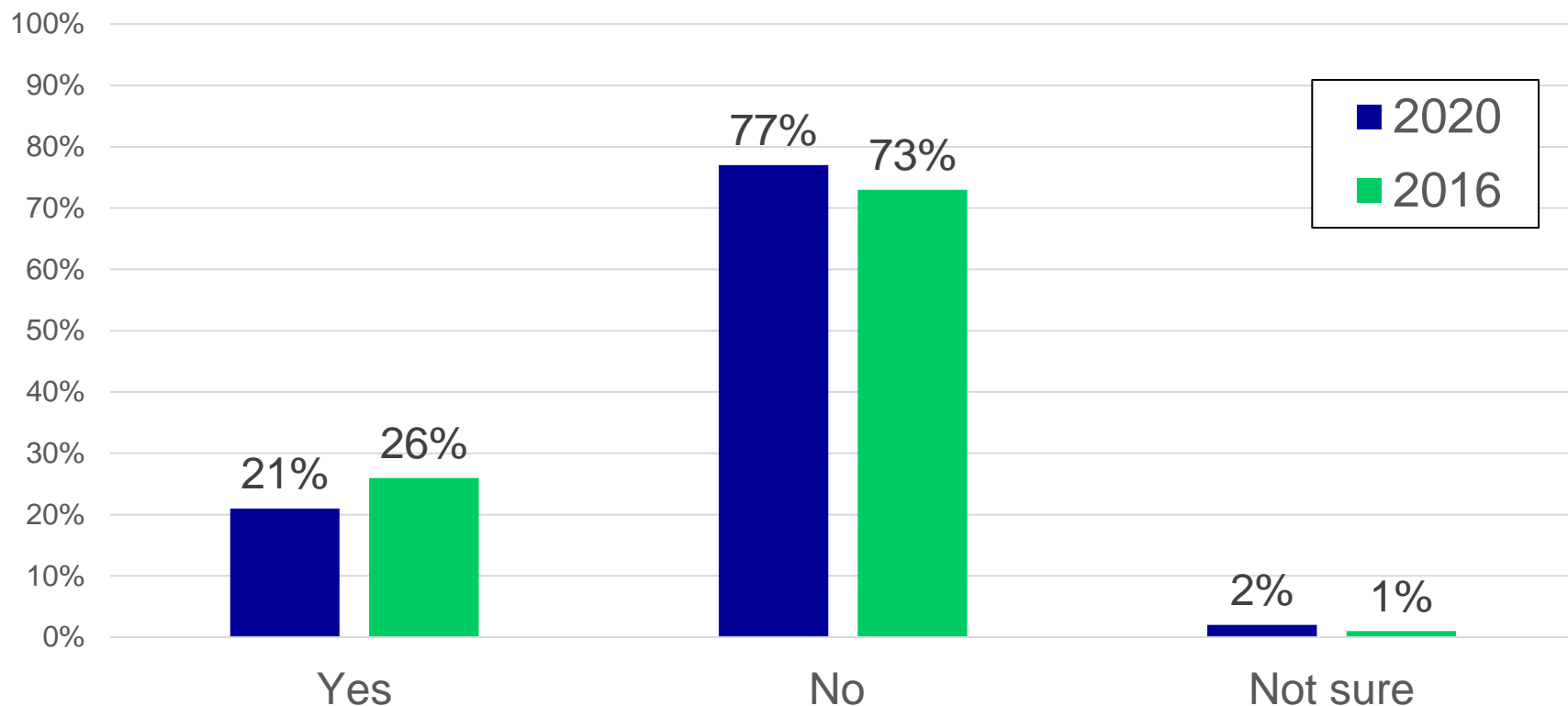
3 out of 4 pastors have not had leaders in their church urge them to preach on racial reconciliation

Among Protestant Pastors



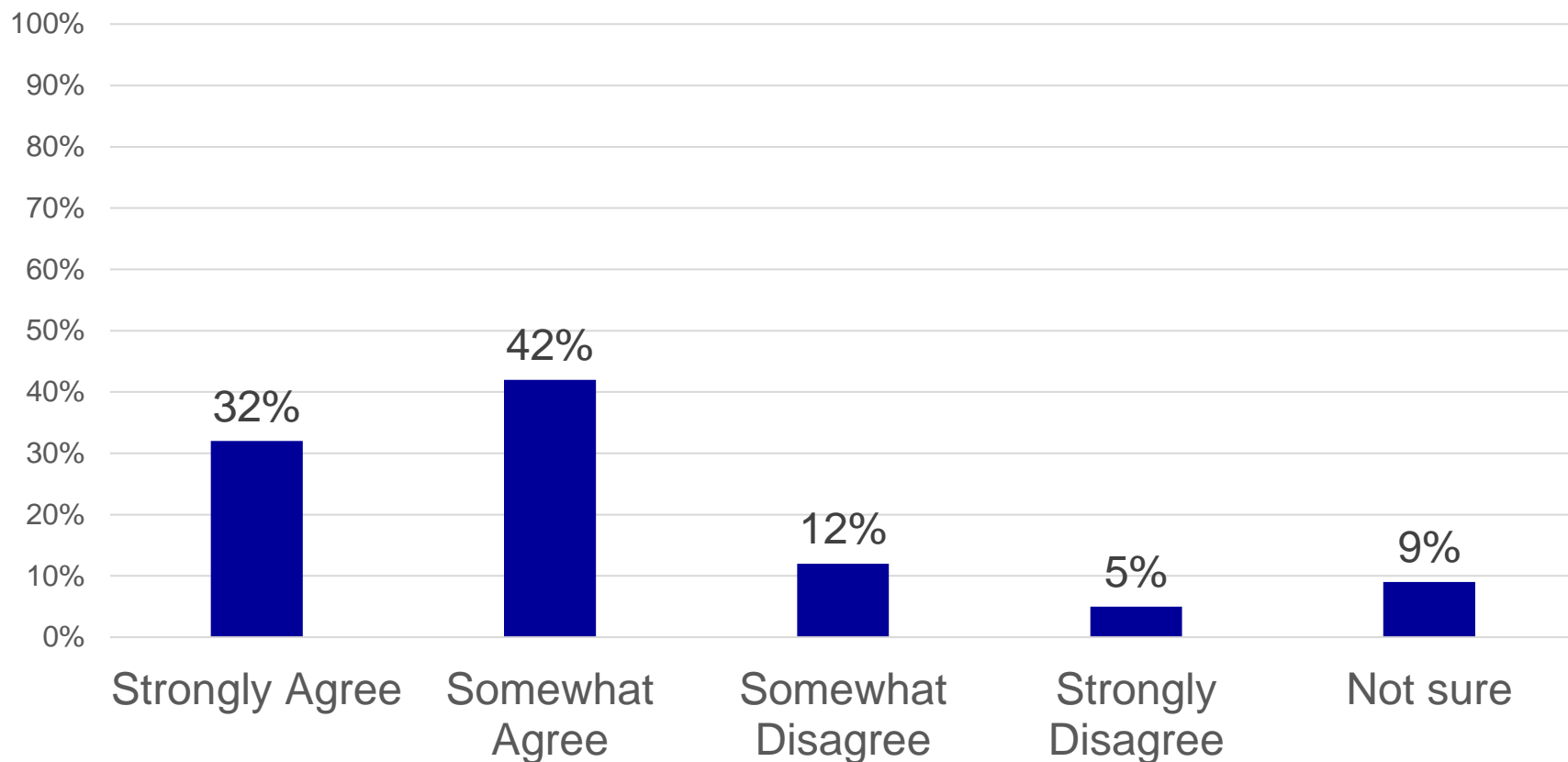
Fewer pastors have not had leaders in their church urge them to preach on racial reconciliation than in 2016

Among Protestant Pastors



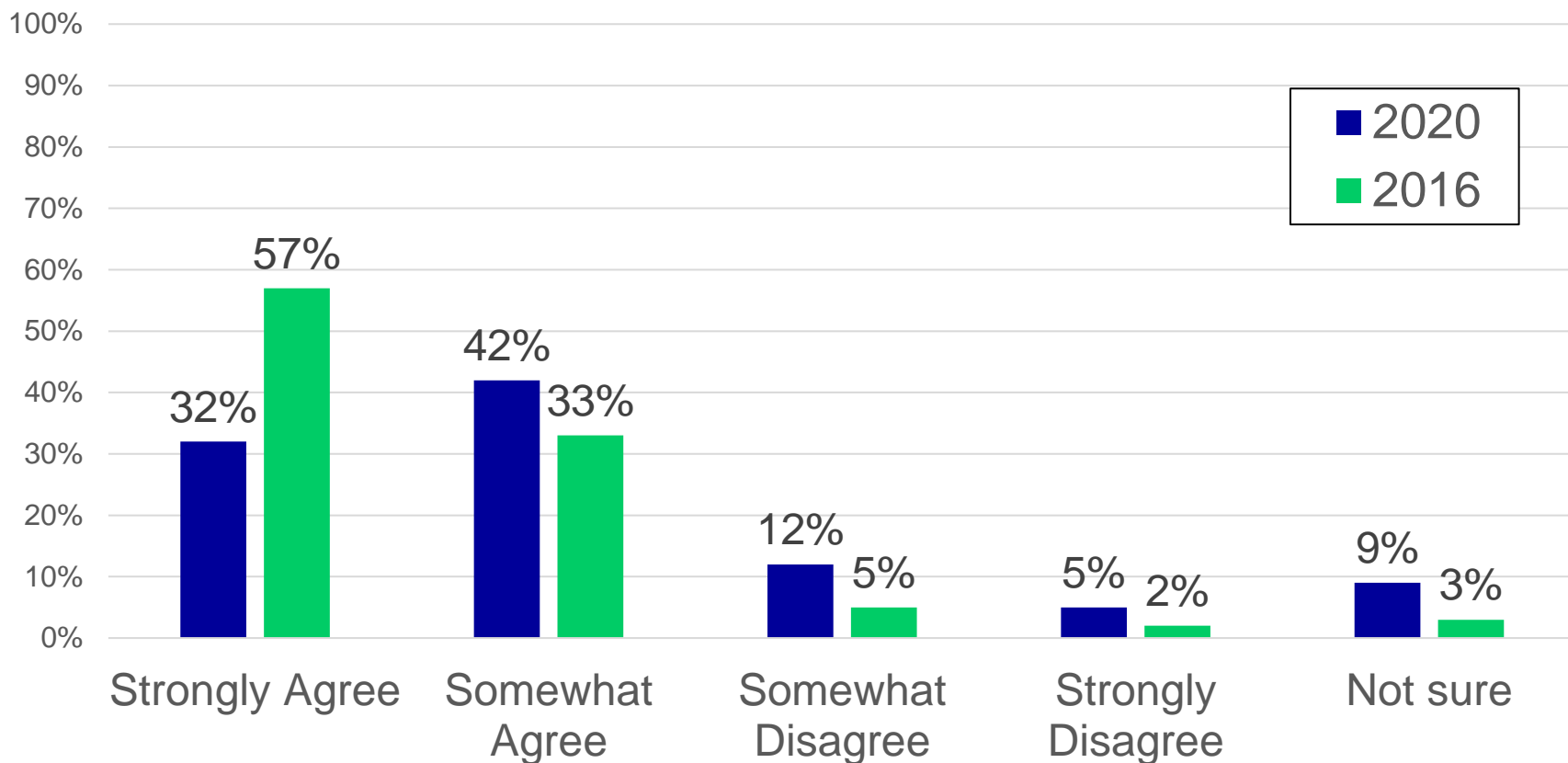
74% of pastors say their congregation would welcome a sermon on racial reconciliation

Among Protestant Pastors



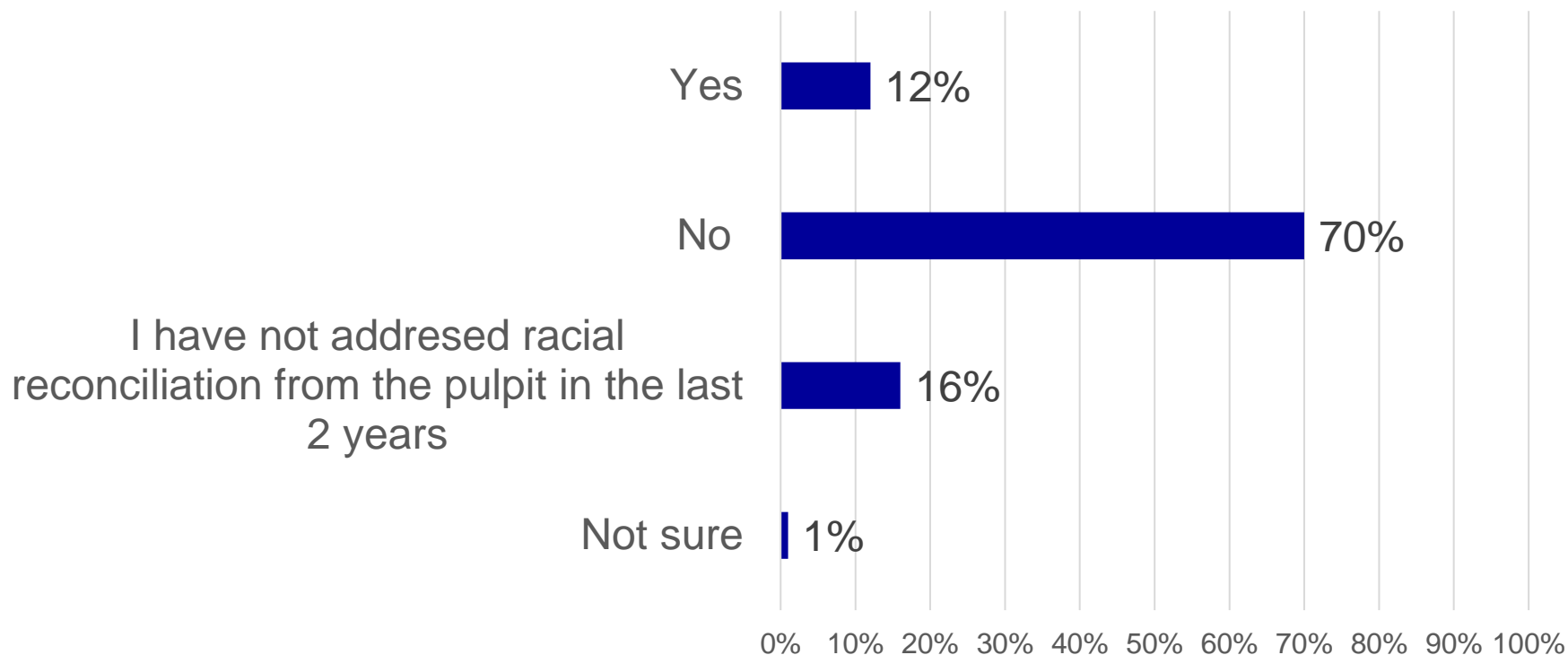
16% fewer pastors agree (-25% strongly agree) their congregations would welcome a sermon on racial reconciliation than in 2016

Among Protestant Pastors



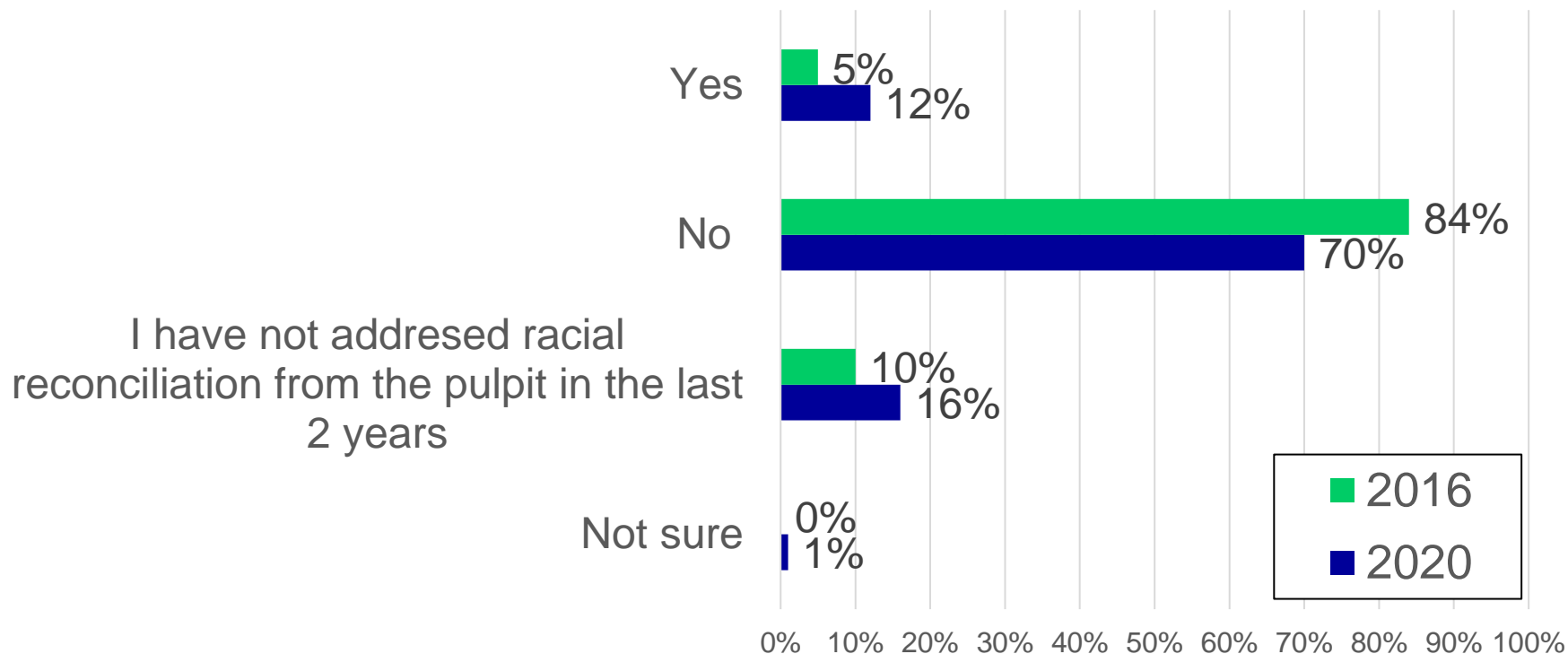
12% of pastors have received negative feedback for addressing racial reconciliation in the last 2 years

Among Protestant Pastors



More pastors have received negative feedback and more have not addressed racial reconciliation than in 2016

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

“Have leaders in your church urged you to preach about racial reconciliation?”

- White pastors (79%) and pastors of Other Ethnicities (77%) are more likely to select “No” than African American pastors (56%)
- Pastors age 65+ are the least likely to select “Yes” (14%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select “No” than females (79% v. 57%)
- Pastors with no college degree (85%) or a Bachelor’s degree (85%) are more likely to select “No” than those with a Master’s degree (75%) or a Doctoral degree (73%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to select “No” than Mainline pastors (81% v. 63%)
- Pastors in the South (79%) are more likely to select “No” than those in the West (70%)
- Baptists (86%) and Lutherans (90%) are more likely to select than Methodists (63%), Pentecostals (77%), Presbyterian/Reformed (68%), and Christian/Church of Christ (70%)

“Our congregation would welcome a sermon on racial reconciliation.”

- African American pastors (93%) are more likely to Agree than White pastors (73%) and pastors of Other Ethnicities (74%)
- Pastors age 45-54 (79%) are more likely to Agree than pastors age 18-44 (70%)
- Female pastors are more likely to Agree than males (83% v. 73%)
- Baptists (74%), Methodists (83%), Pentecostals (78%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (79%) are more likely to Agree than Lutherans (59%)
- Pastors of churches with attendance of 250+ are the most likely to Agree (83%)

“In the last two years, have you received negative feedback for addressing racial reconciliation from the pulpit?”

- White pastors (17%) and pastors of Other Ethnicities (18%) are more likely to select “I have not addressed racial reconciliation from the pulpit in the last 2 years” than African American pastors (6%)
- White pastors (14%) are more likely to select “Yes” than pastors of Other Ethnicities (3%)
- Pastors age 65+ (20%) are more likely to select “I have not addressed racial reconciliation from the pulpit in the last 2 years” than pastors age 45-54 (13%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are most likely to select “Yes” (21%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select “I have not addressed racial reconciliation from the pulpit in the last 2 years” than females (18% v. 3%)
- Female pastors (27%) are more likely to select “Yes” than males (11%)

“In the last two years, have you received negative feedback for addressing racial reconciliation from the pulpit?” (continued)

- Pastors with a Bachelor’s degree (22%) or a Master’s degree (17%) are more likely to select “I have not addressed racial reconciliation from the pulpit in the last 2 years” than those with a Doctoral degree (11%)
- Pastors with a Master’s degree (15%) or a Doctoral degree (17%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with No College degree (3%) or a Bachelor’s degree (5%)
- Mainline pastors are more likely to select “Yes” than Evangelical pastors (23% v. 11%)
- Lutherans (27%) are more likely to select “I have not addressed racial reconciliation from the pulpit in the last 2 years” than Baptists (13%), Pentecostals (12%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (13%)
- Pastors of churches with attendance of 100-249 (16%) and 250+ (16%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with attendance of 0-49 (5%)

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