

# Sexual Misconduct and Churchgoers

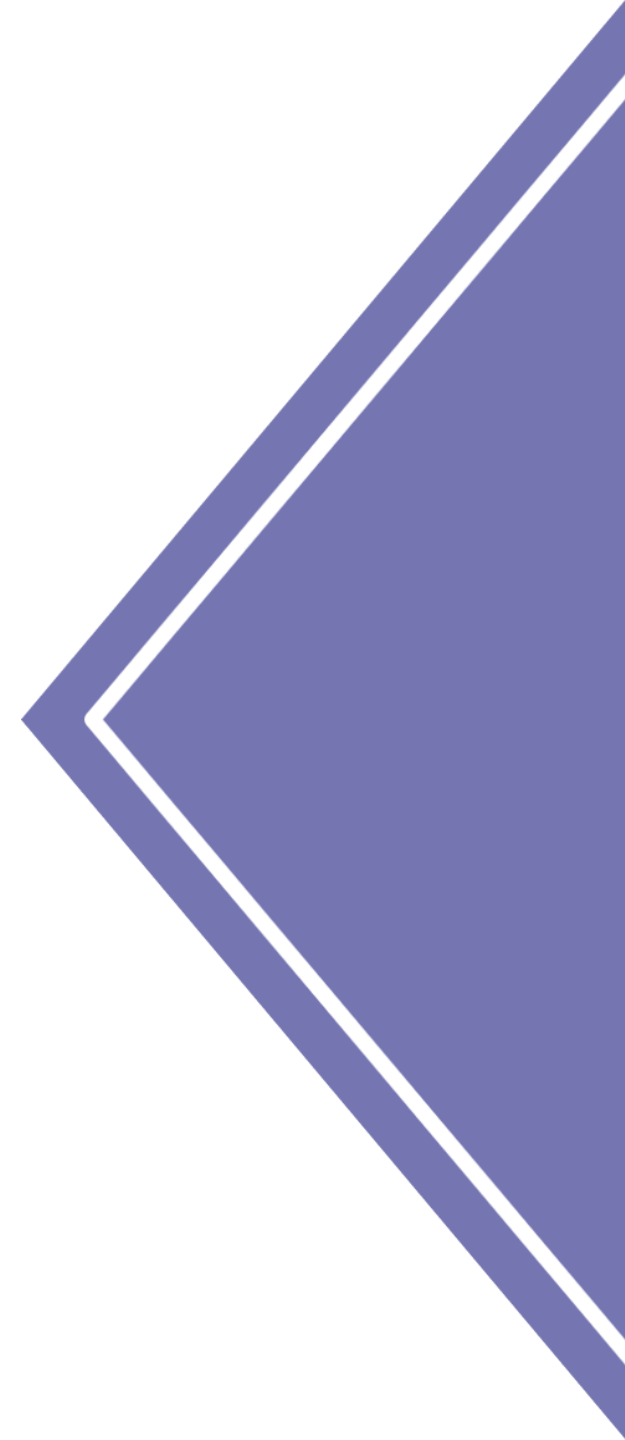
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National Survey of Protestant  
Churchgoers

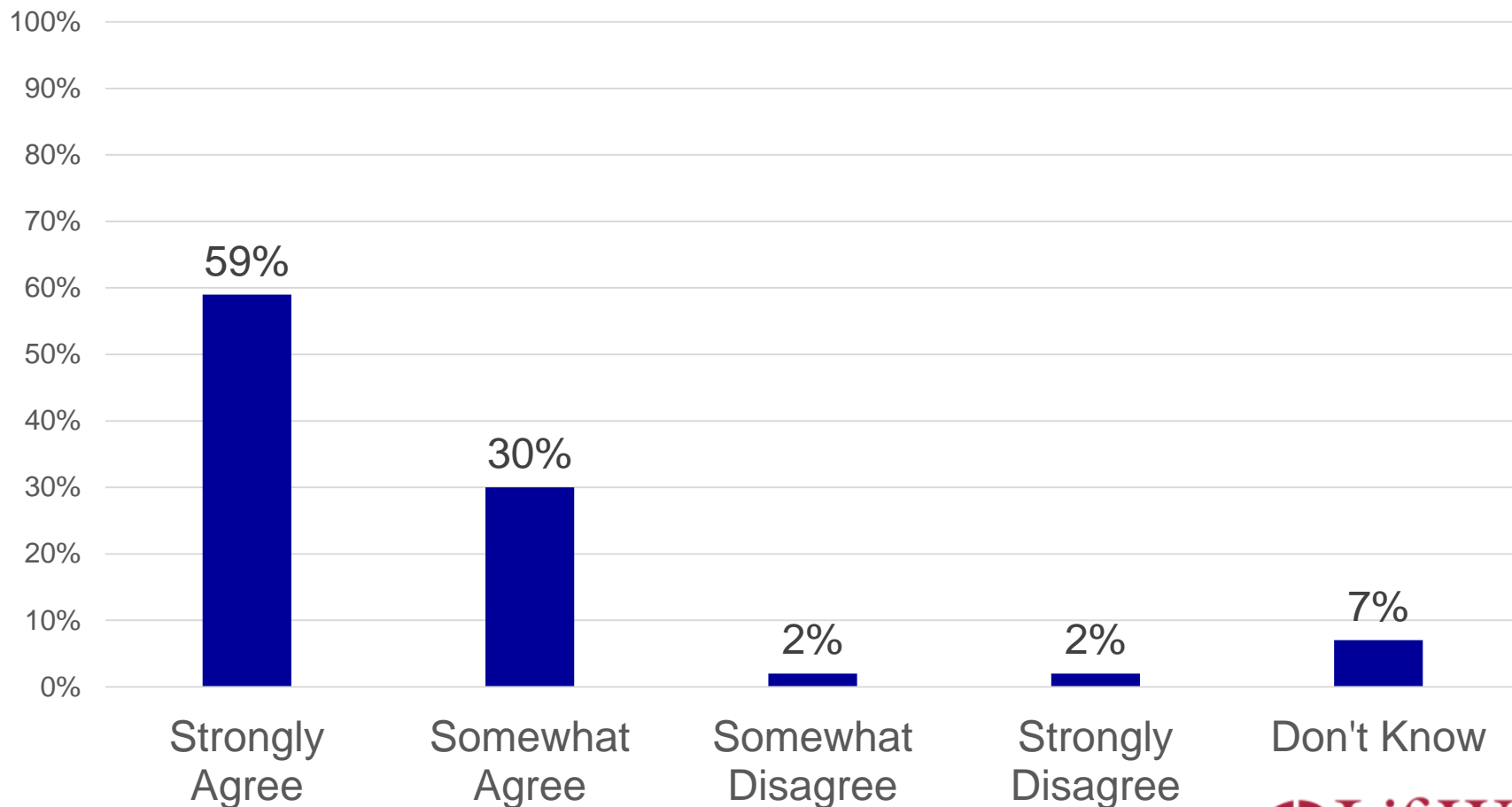
# Methodology

- The online survey of 1,815 Americans was conducted February 27 – April 8, 2019
- Respondents were invited to participate from a large national panel
- Respondents were screened to only include adults whose religious preference is Protestant and who attend once a month or more
- Southern Baptists were oversampled (457 completes) to provide reliable estimates for this subgroup, and subsequently downweighted
- Maximum quotas and slight weights were used for gender, region, age, ethnicity, education, and Southern Baptist affiliation to more accurately reflect Protestant churchgoers using statistics published by Pew Research
- The completed sample is 1,815 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed  $\pm 2.9\%$
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
- Due to mandatory reporting requirements, respondents could not be asked if they personally had been a victim of child sexual abuse or sexual assault

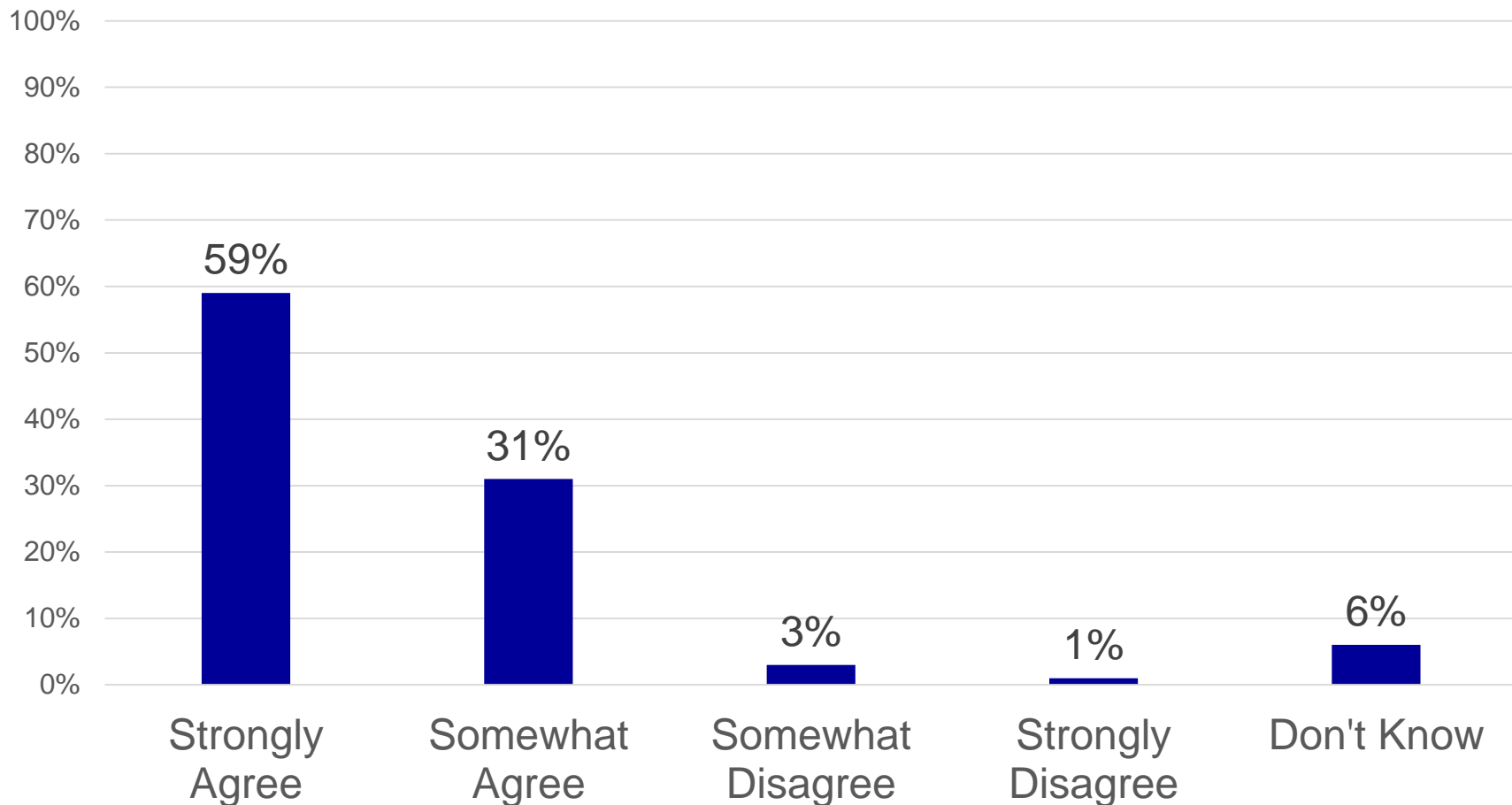
# Survey Responses



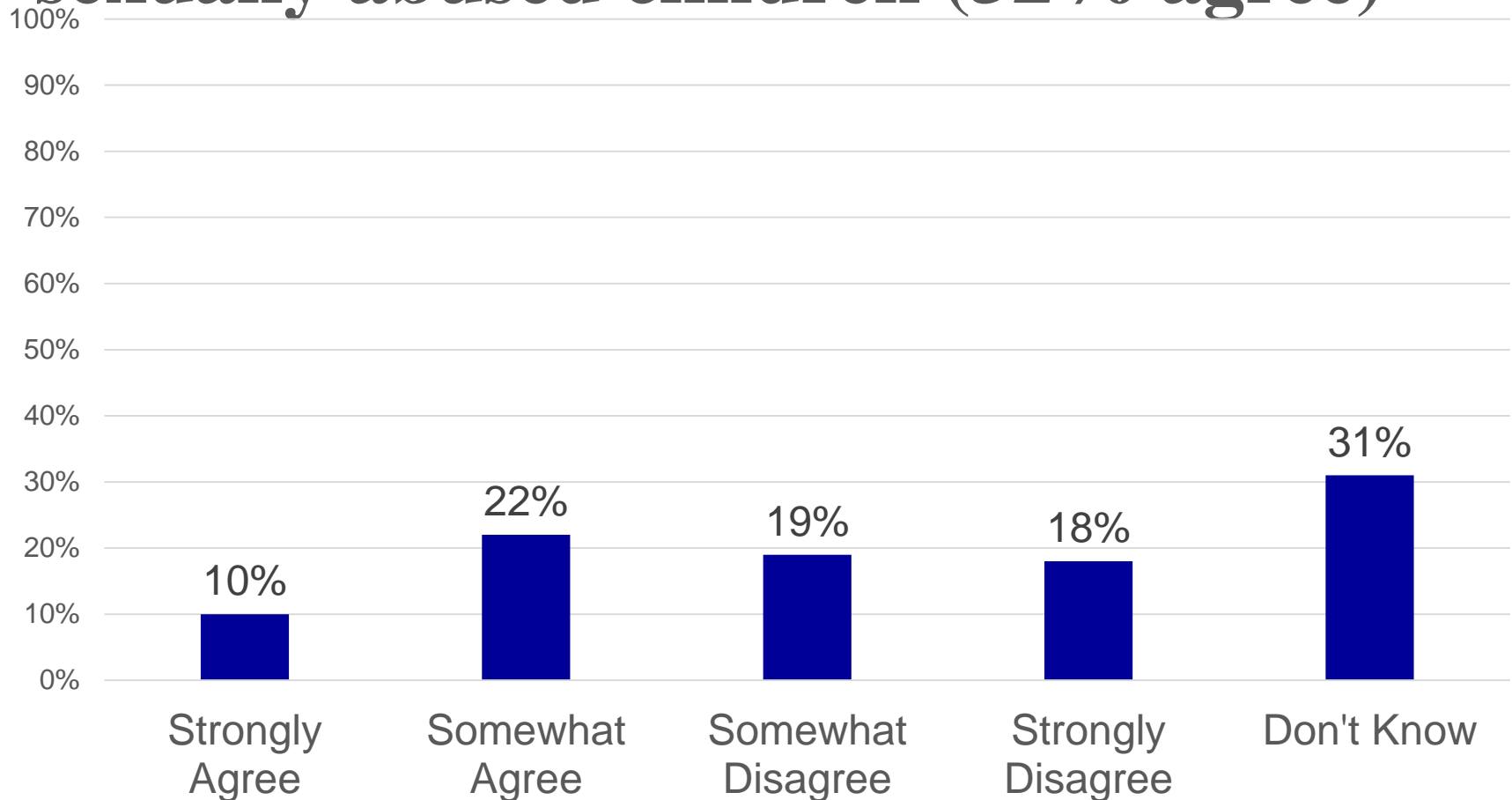
# 89% of church attendees agree someone who experienced abuse as a child/teen would find healing at their church



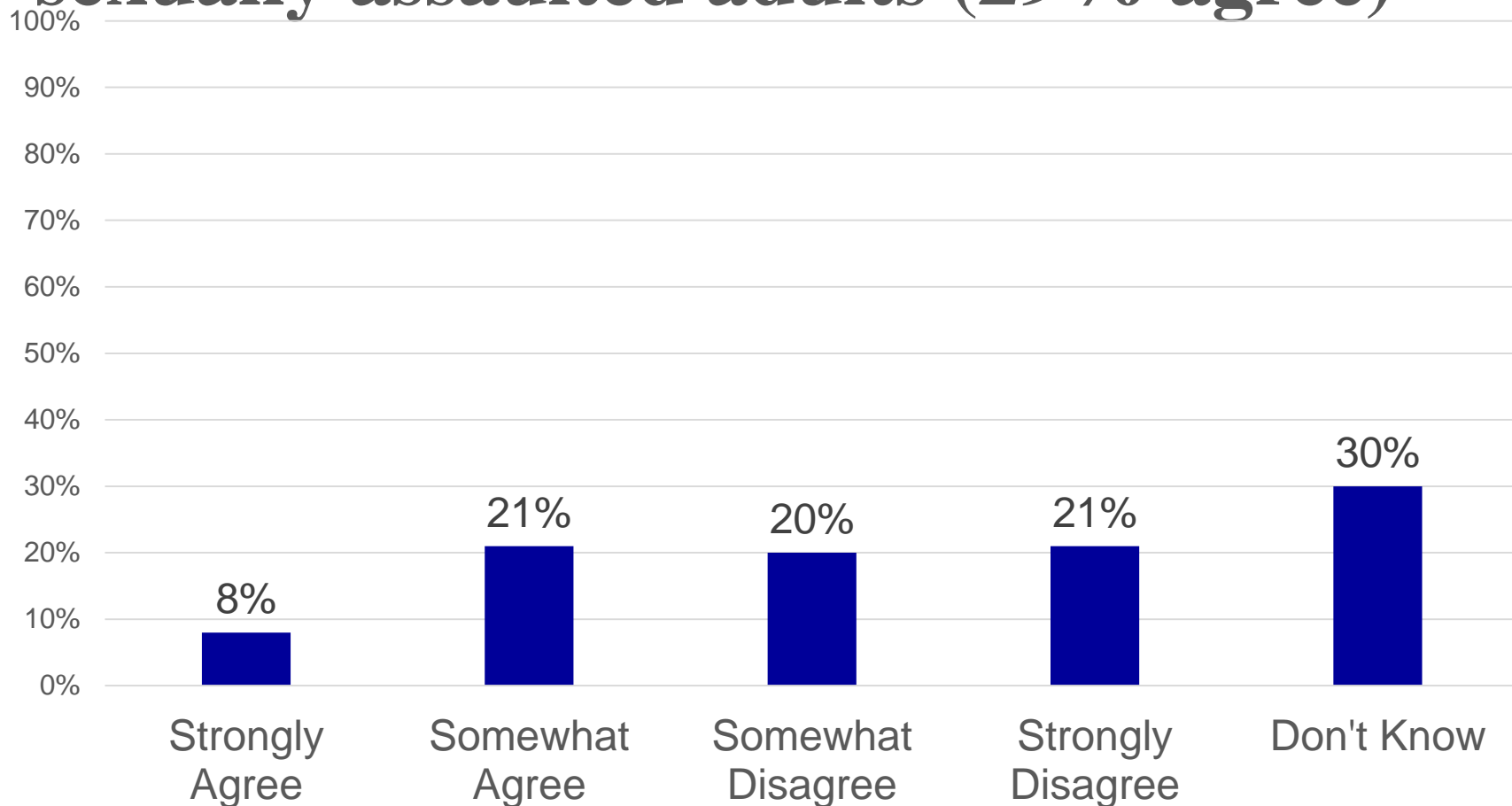
# 90% agree someone who experienced sexual assault as an adult would find healing at their church



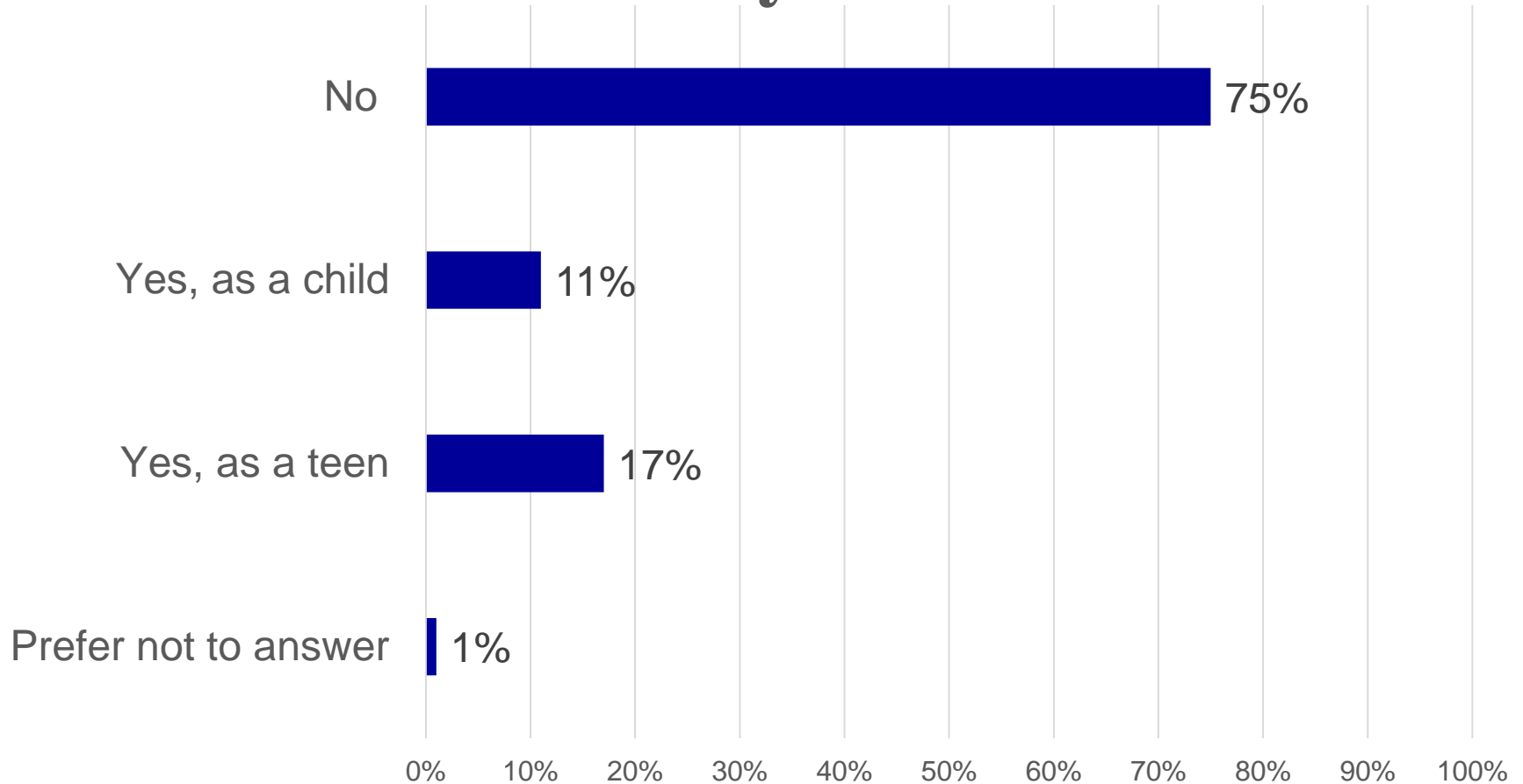
# Churchgoers are split on whether many more Protestant pastors have sexually abused children (32% agree)



# Churchgoers are split on whether many more Protestant pastors have sexually assaulted adults (29% agree)



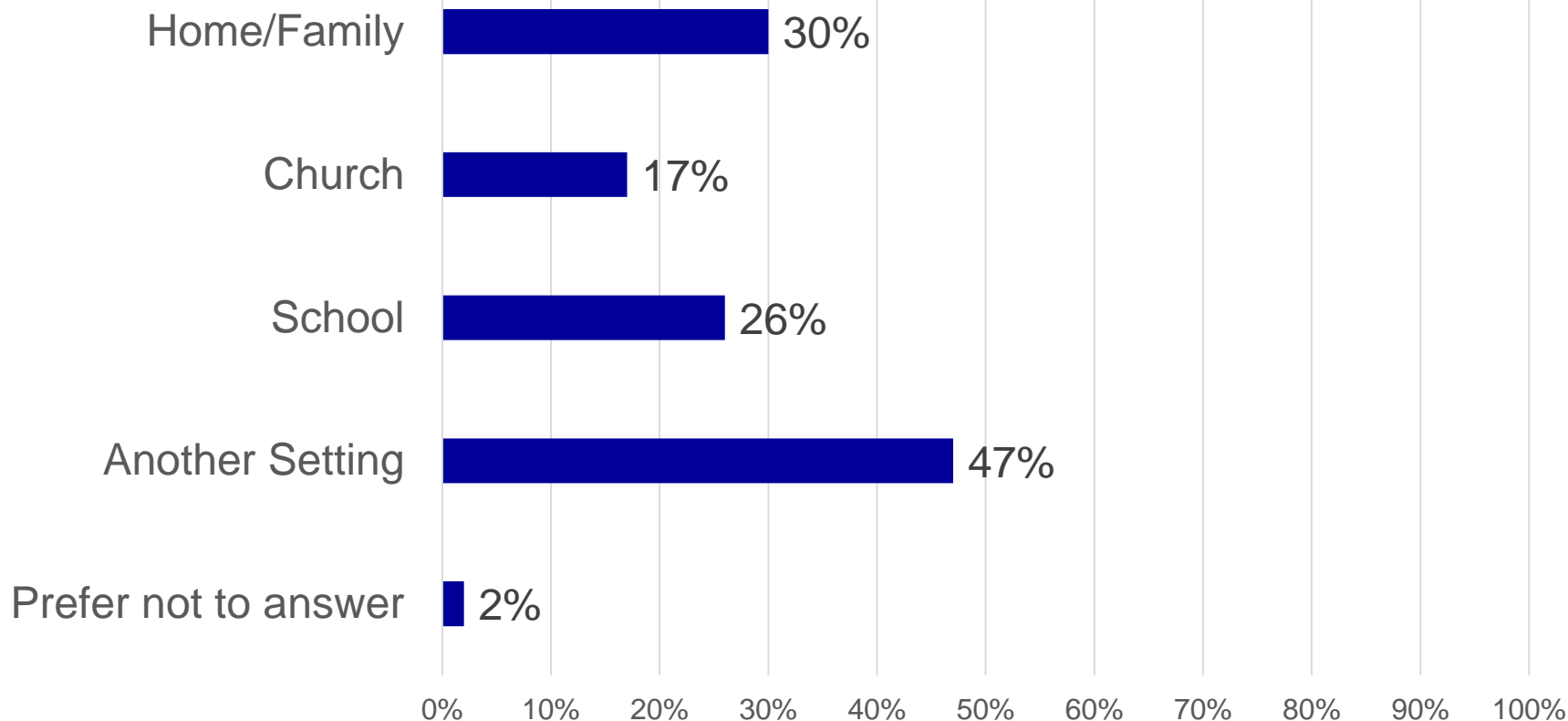
# As a child or teen, most did not receive compliments that implied the adult viewed them sexually



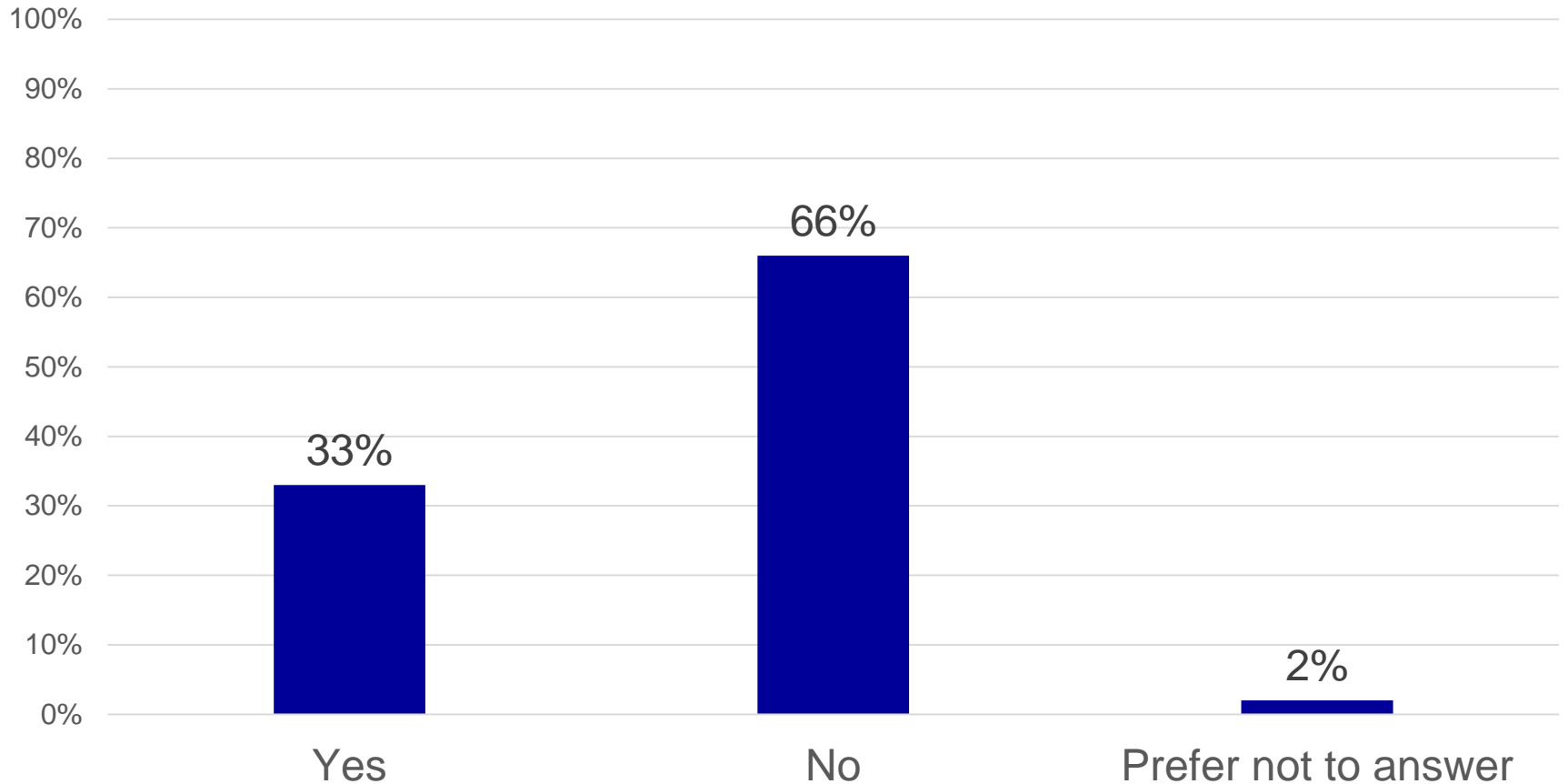


# Among those complimented, 47% knew the person from somewhere other than home, school, or church

Among those who experienced this behavior,  
Knew the person who did this from:

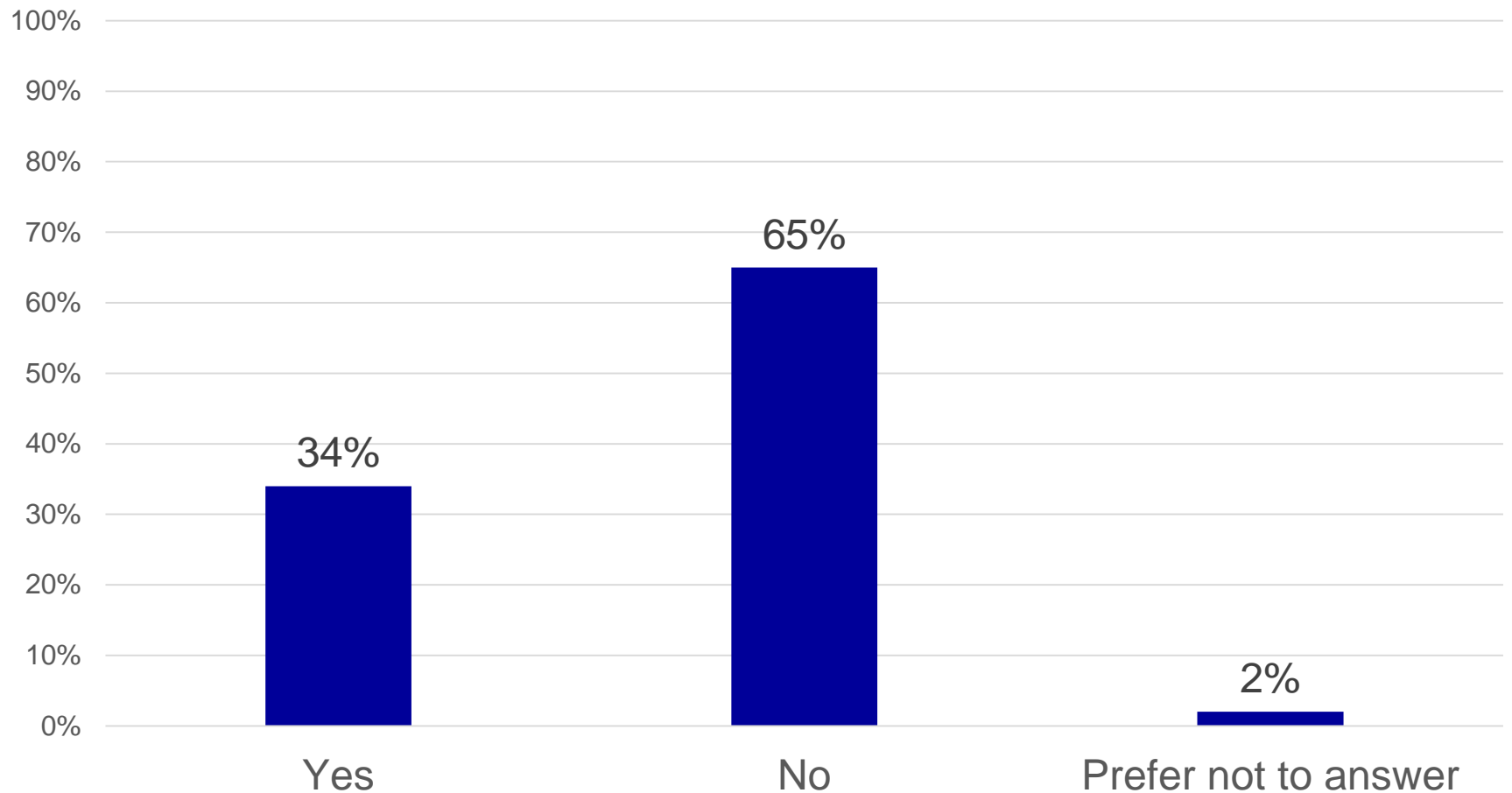


# Recipient of sexual misconduct as an adult: Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature



Q20-1: "Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult? (Select one response in each row)  
Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature"

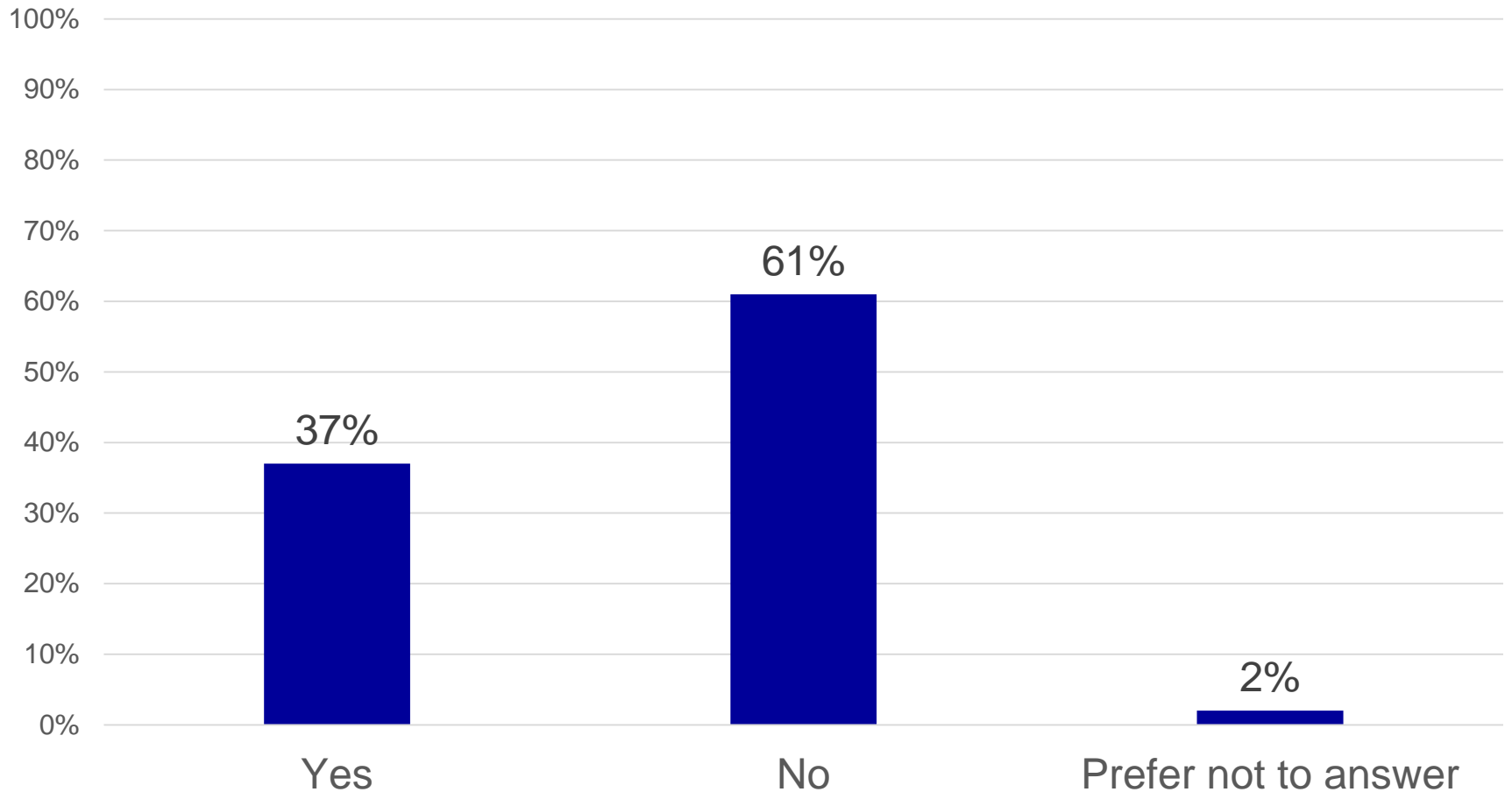
# Recipient of sexual misconduct as an adult: Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually



Q20-2: "Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct **as an adult**? (Select one response in each row)  
**Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually**"

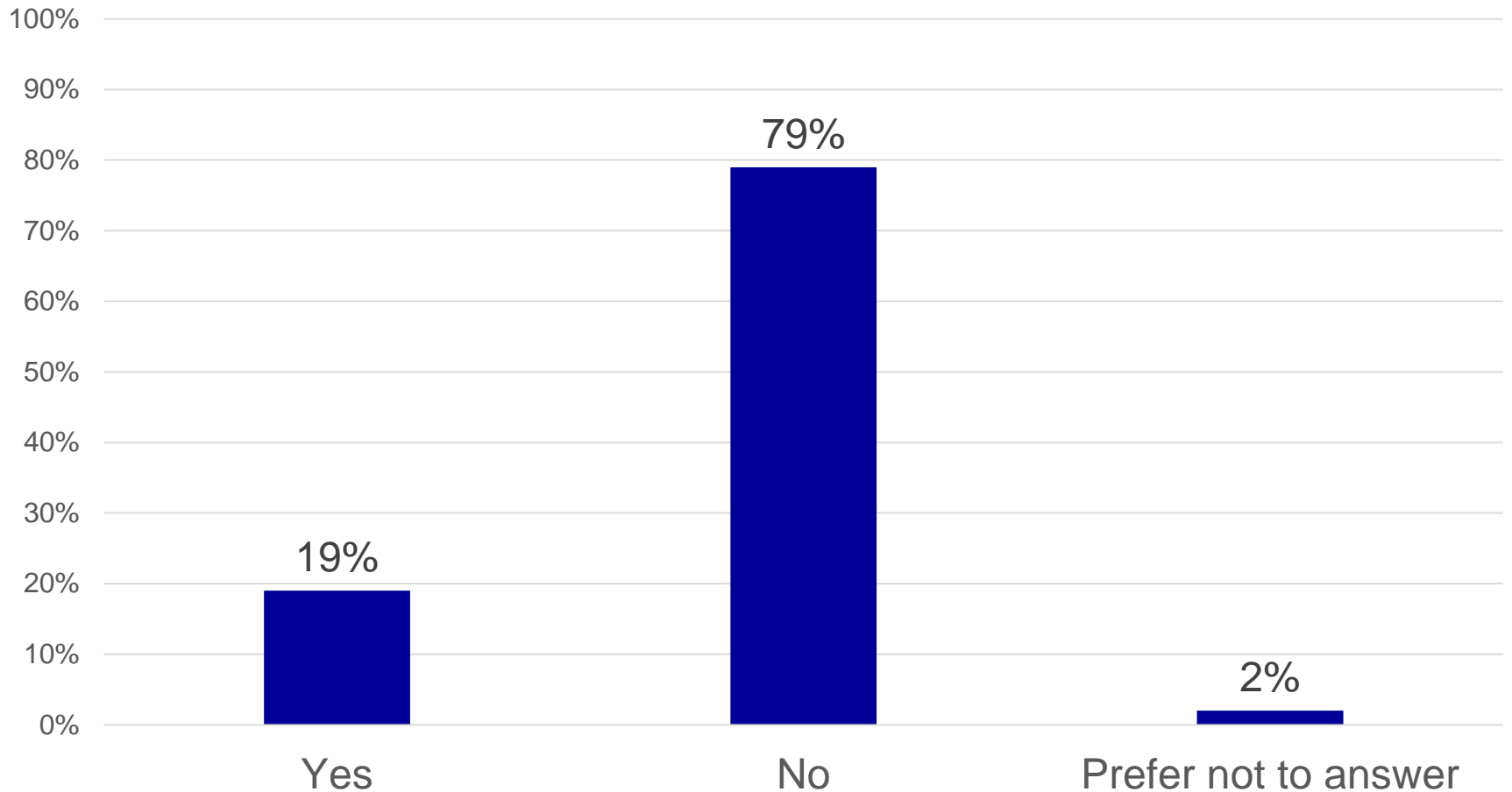
# Recipient of sexual misconduct as an adult: Prolonged glances or staring at your chest

Among females



Q20-3: "Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct **as an adult**? (Select one response in each row)  
**Prolonged glances or staring at your chest**" n=1155 Asked of women.

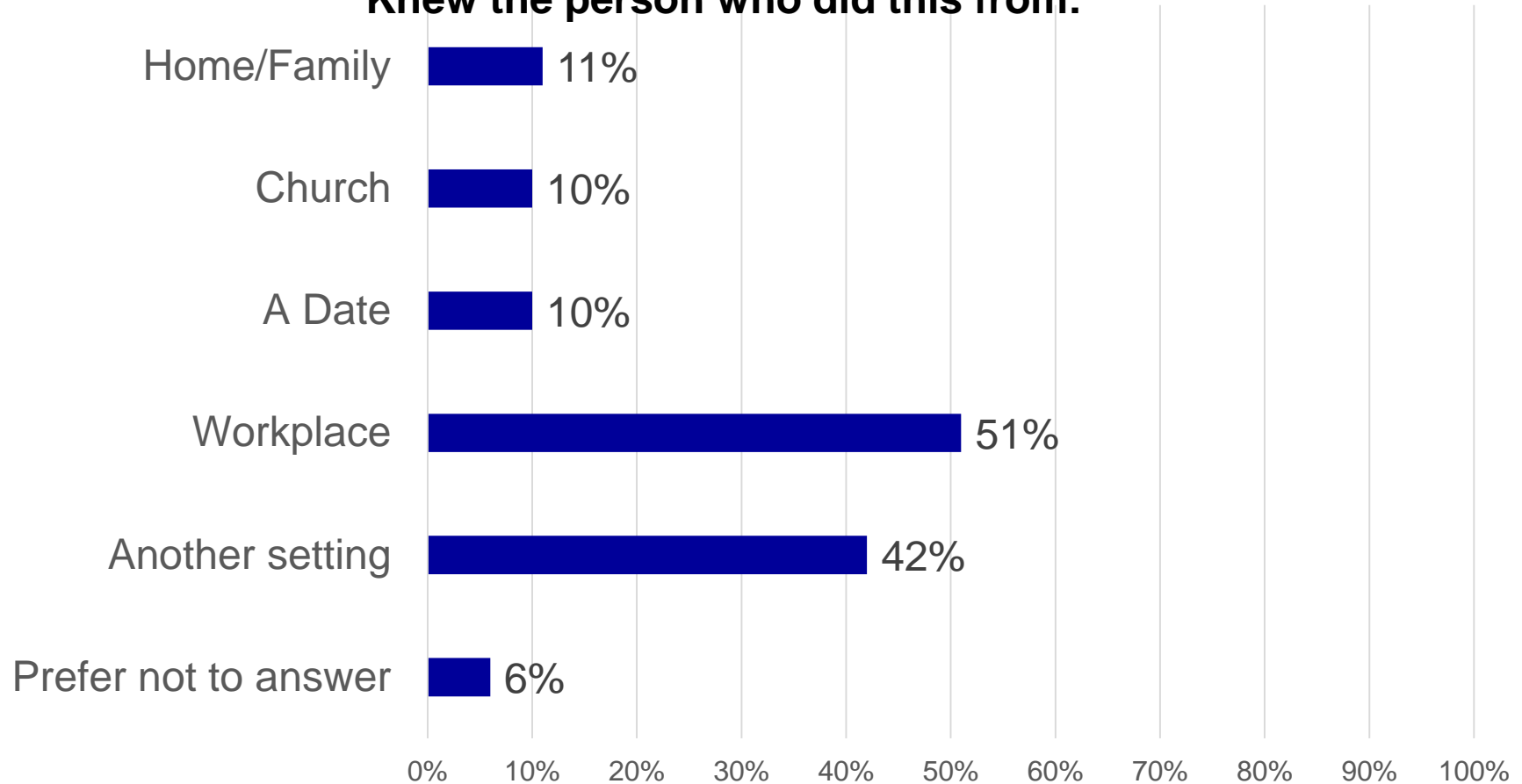
# Recipient of unwanted sexual comments/ pictures/ sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you



Q20-4: "Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult? (Select one response in each row)  
Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you"

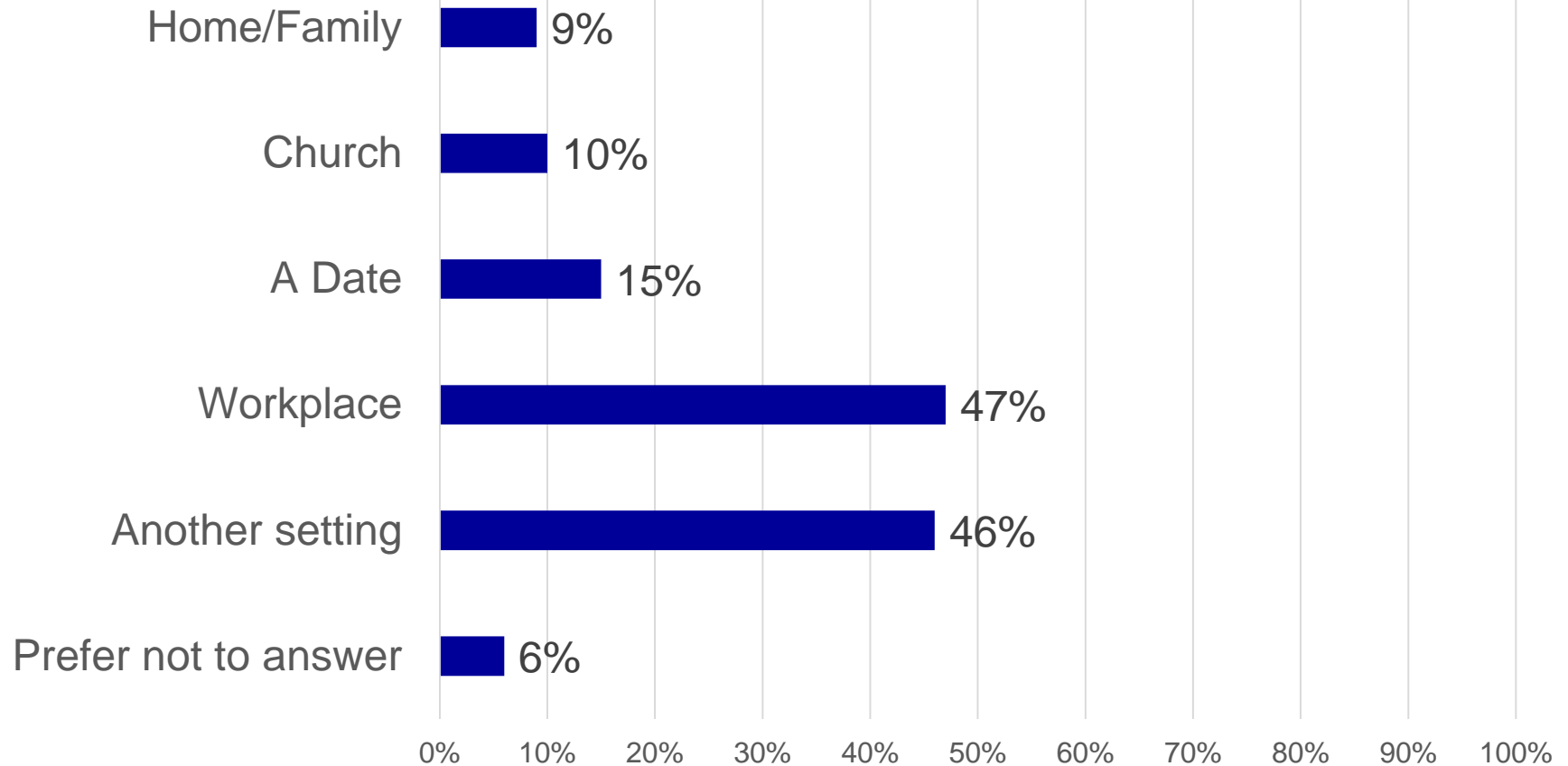
# Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature

Among those who experienced this behavior,  
Knew the person who did this from:



# Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually

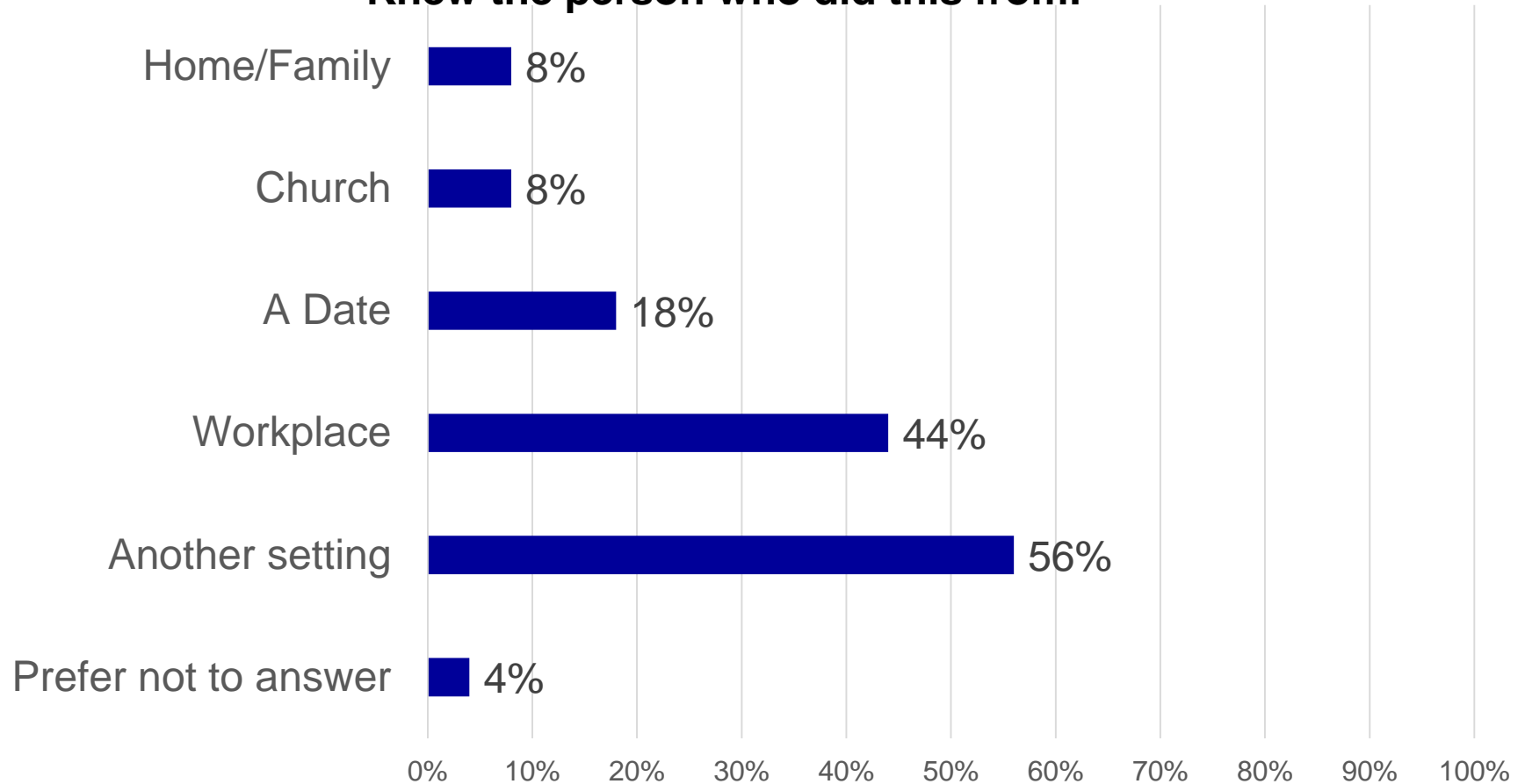
Among those who experienced this behavior,  
Knew the person who did this from:



Q21-2: "For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this. (Select one or more responses in each row) **Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually**" n= 607 Asked of those receiving unwanted compliments in Q20

# Prolonged glances or staring at your chest

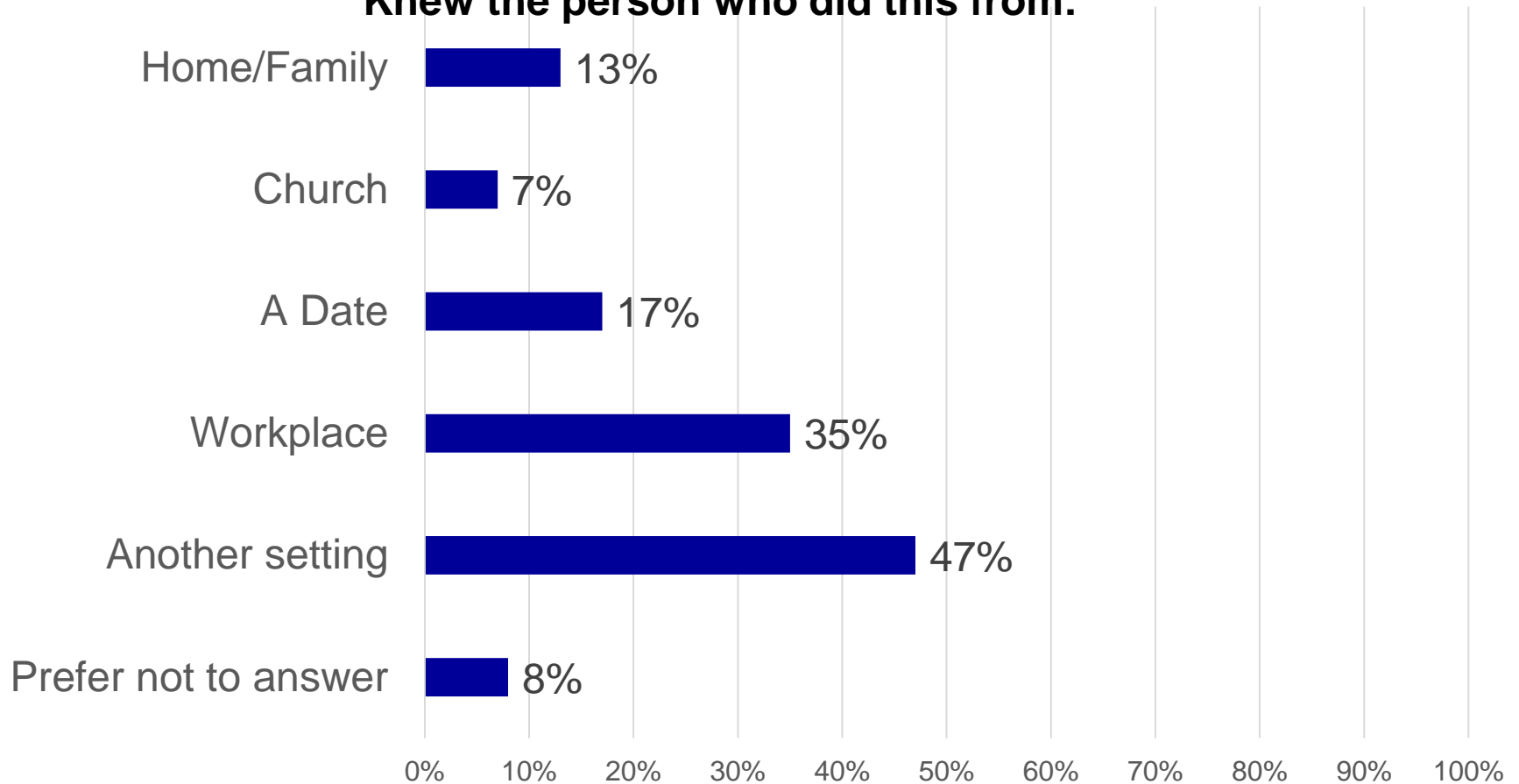
Among females who experienced this behavior,  
Knew the person who did this from:





# Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you

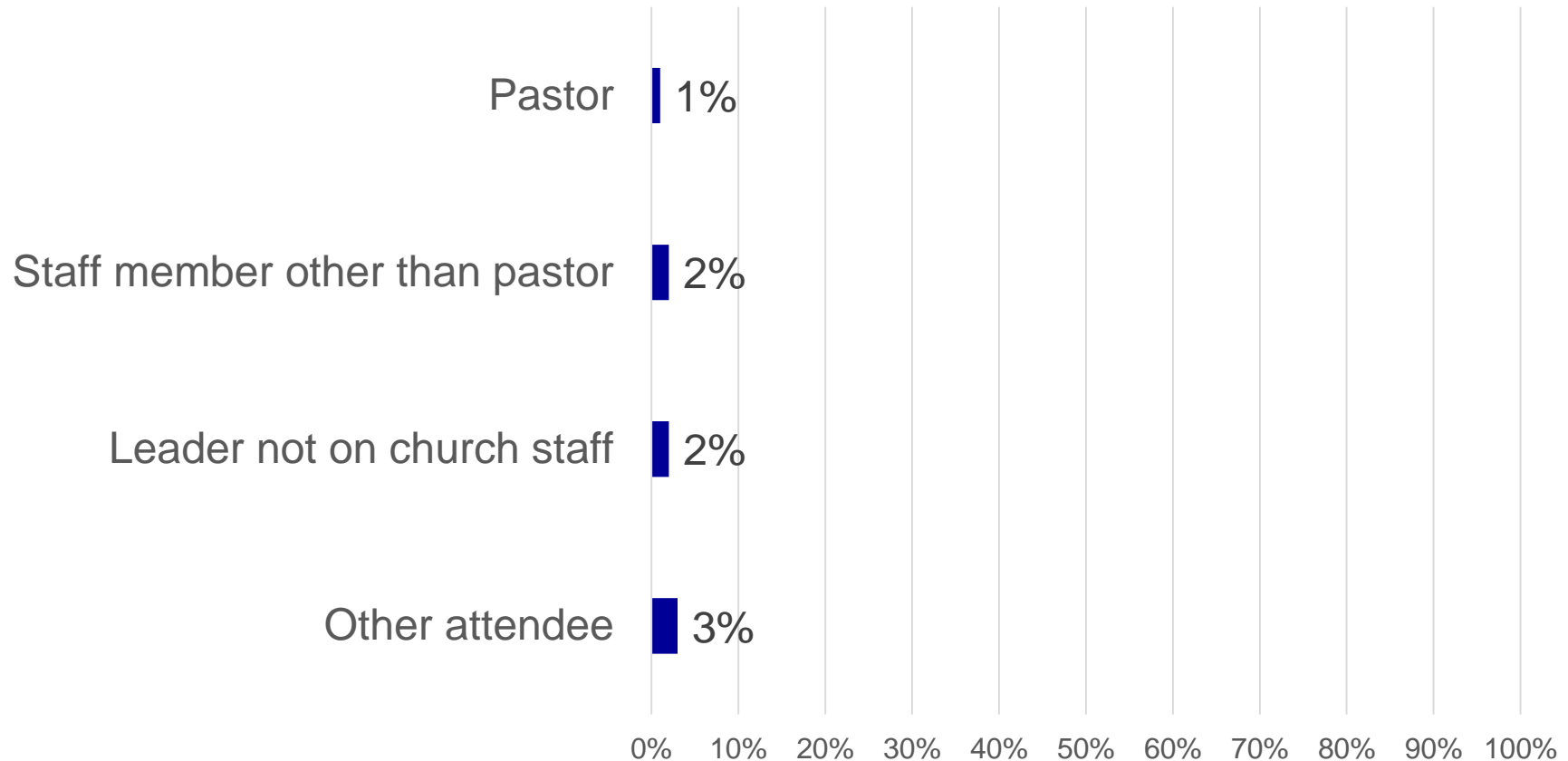
Among those who experienced this behavior,  
Knew the person who did this from:



Q21-4: "For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this. (Select one or more responses in each row) **Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you**" n=305 Asked of those receiving unwanted sexual comments/pictures/advances in Q20

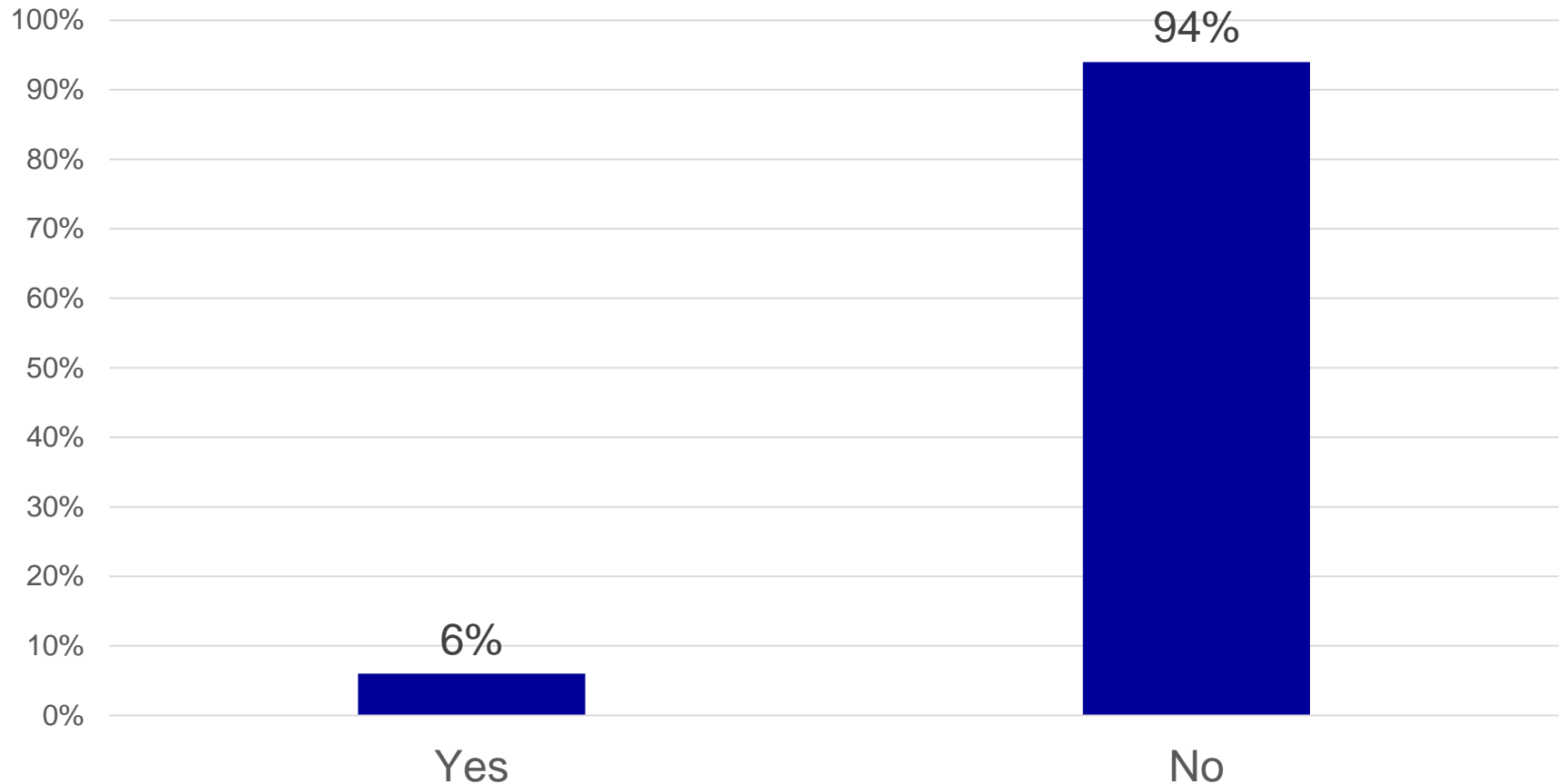
# Combined responses to role of person if any misconduct was done by someone known from church:

## Percentage of all Protestant churchgoers



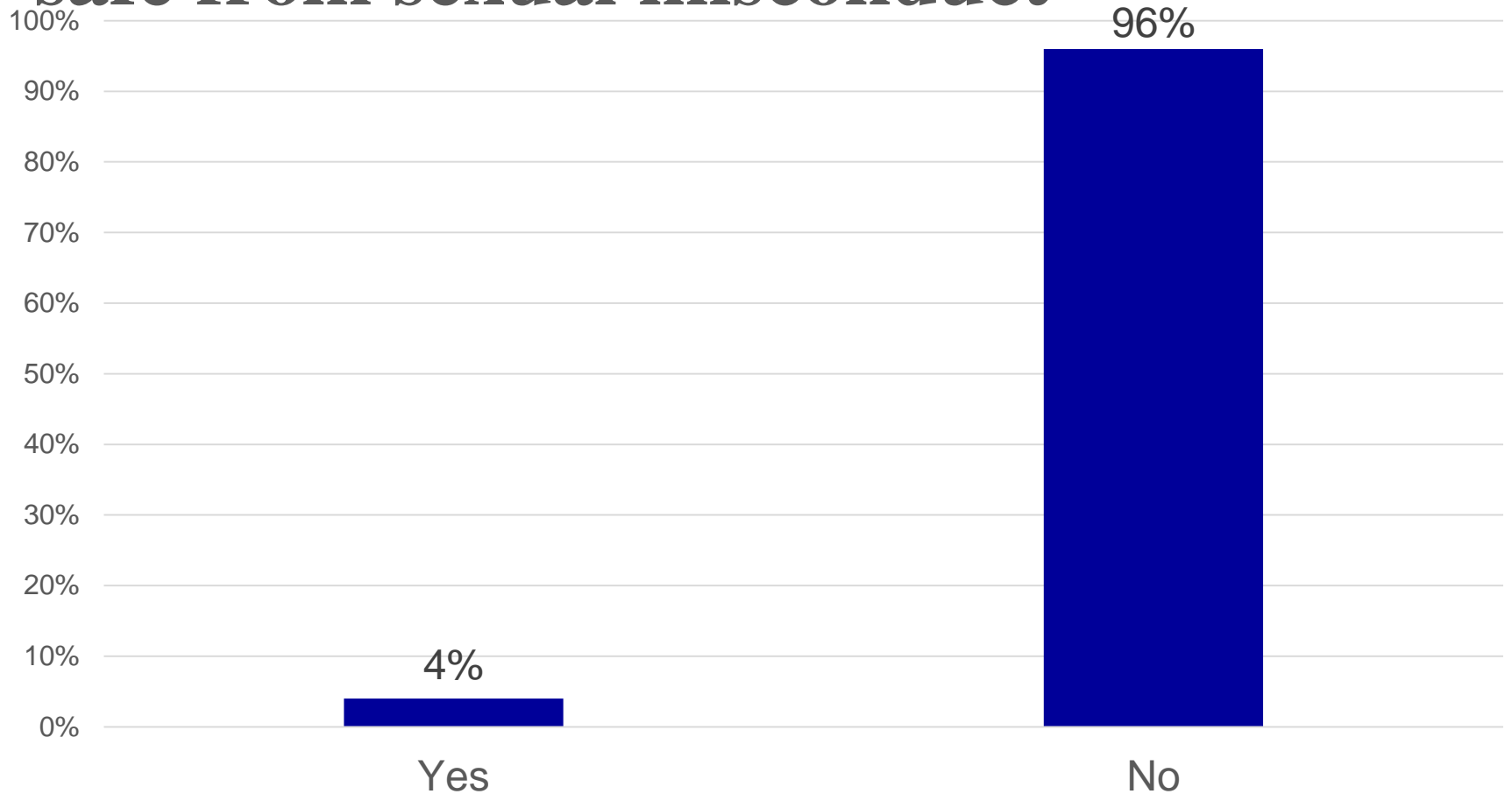
Q22-1,2,3,4: "What role did the person(s) **from Church** who did this to you have at that time when you were an adult? (Select one or more responses in each row) *Combined Responses: Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature; Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually; Prolonged glances or staring at your chest; Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you*" n= 60 Asked of those receiving sexual misconduct in Q20 and knew the person from church in Q21

# 6% of churchgoers have ever attended less frequently because of sexual advances from other attendees

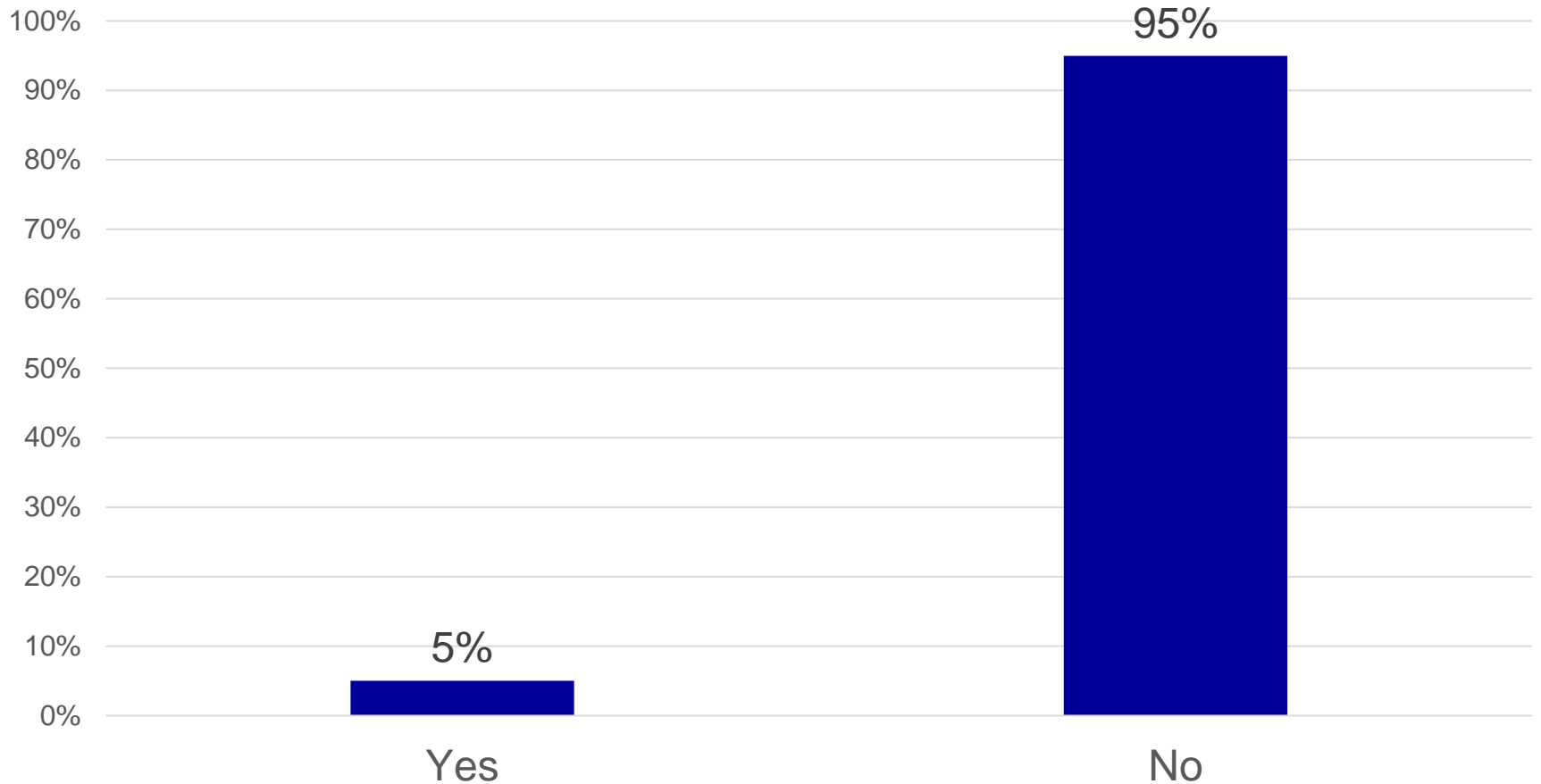


Q23: "Have you ever attended a church less frequently because other attendees made you feel uncomfortable with their advances or interest in having a sexual relationship?"

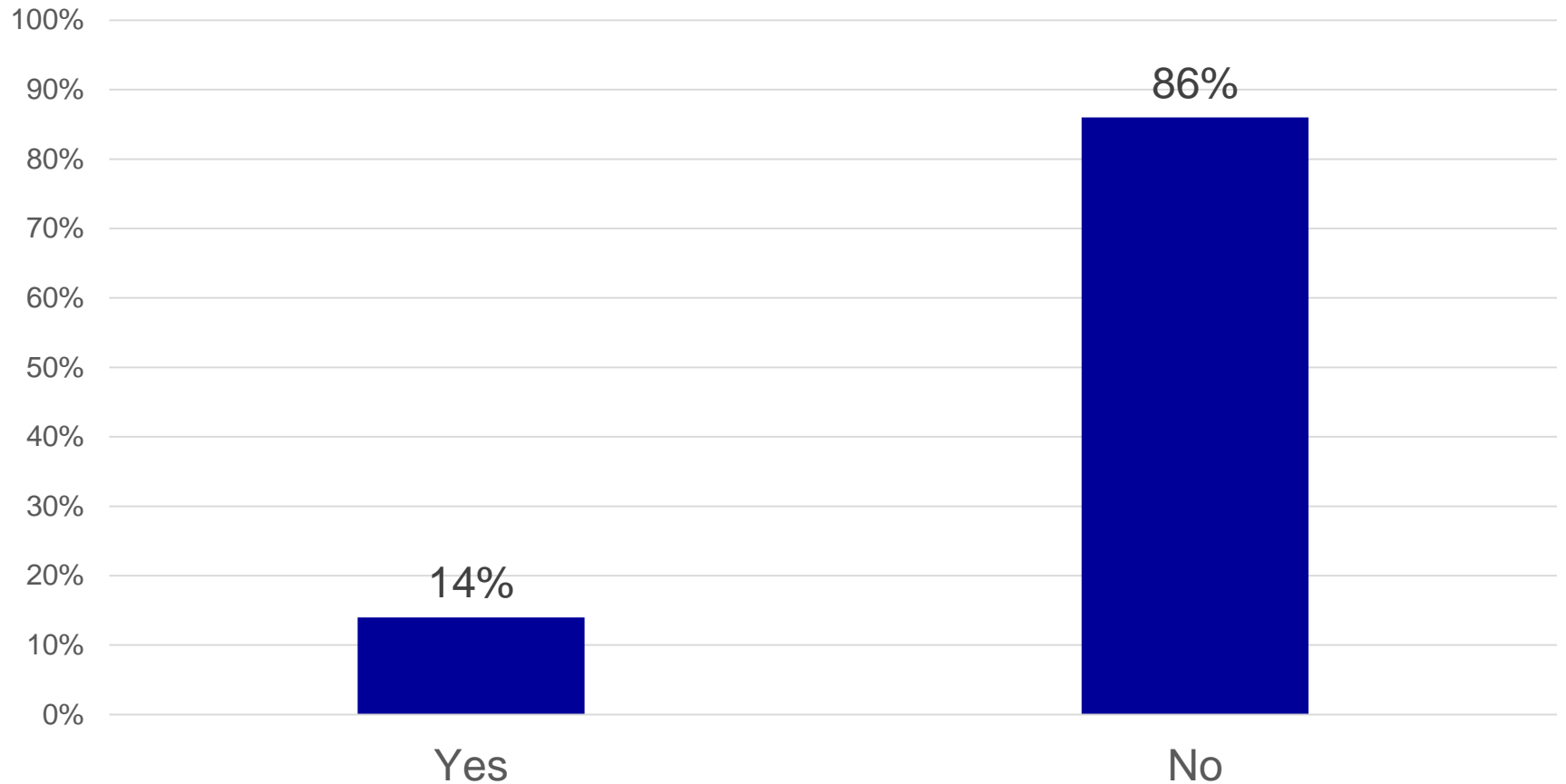
# 4% of churchgoers have ever stopped attending because they did not feel safe from sexual misconduct



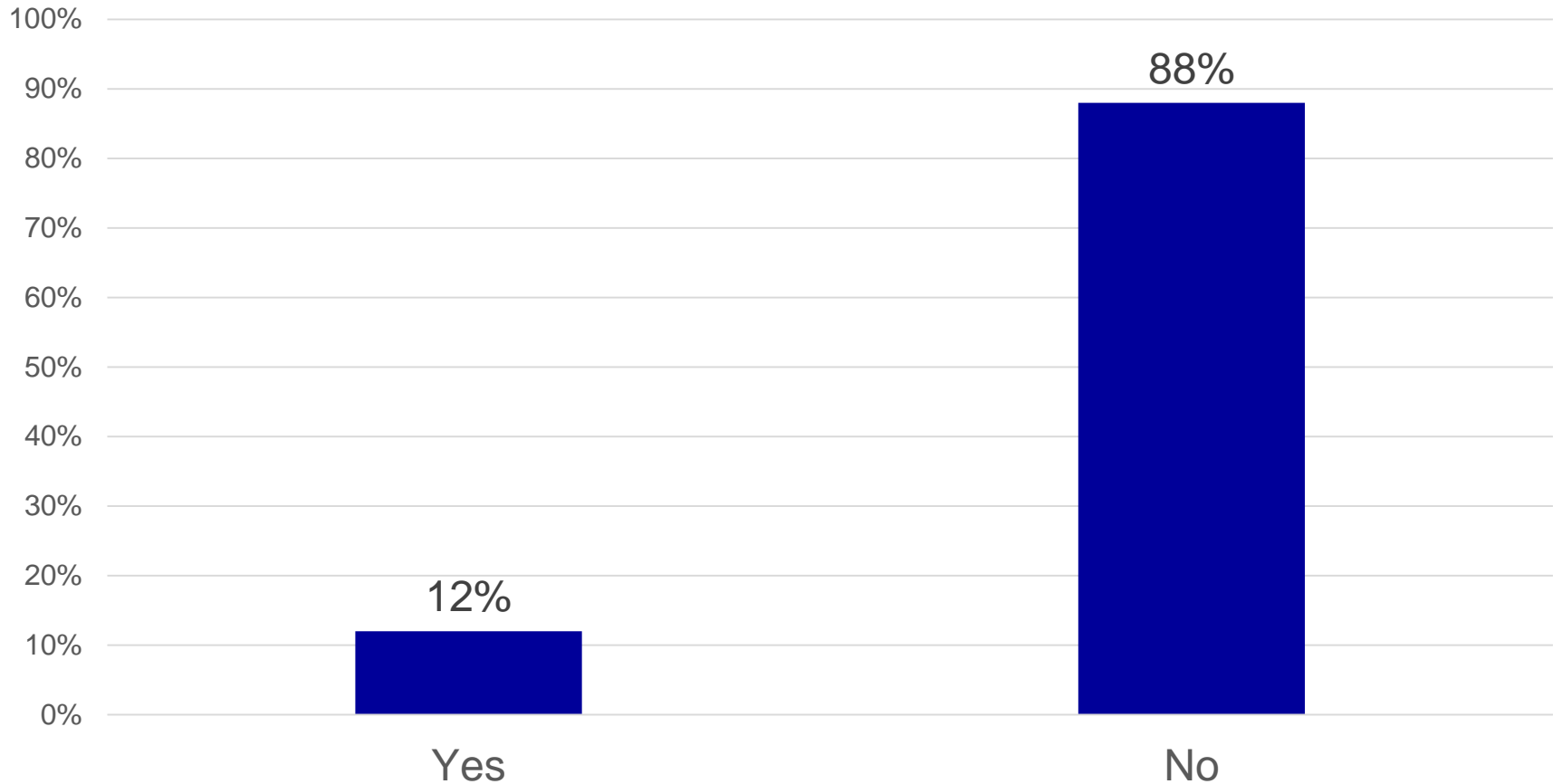
# 5% of churchgoers have stopped attending a church because sexual misconduct was not taken seriously



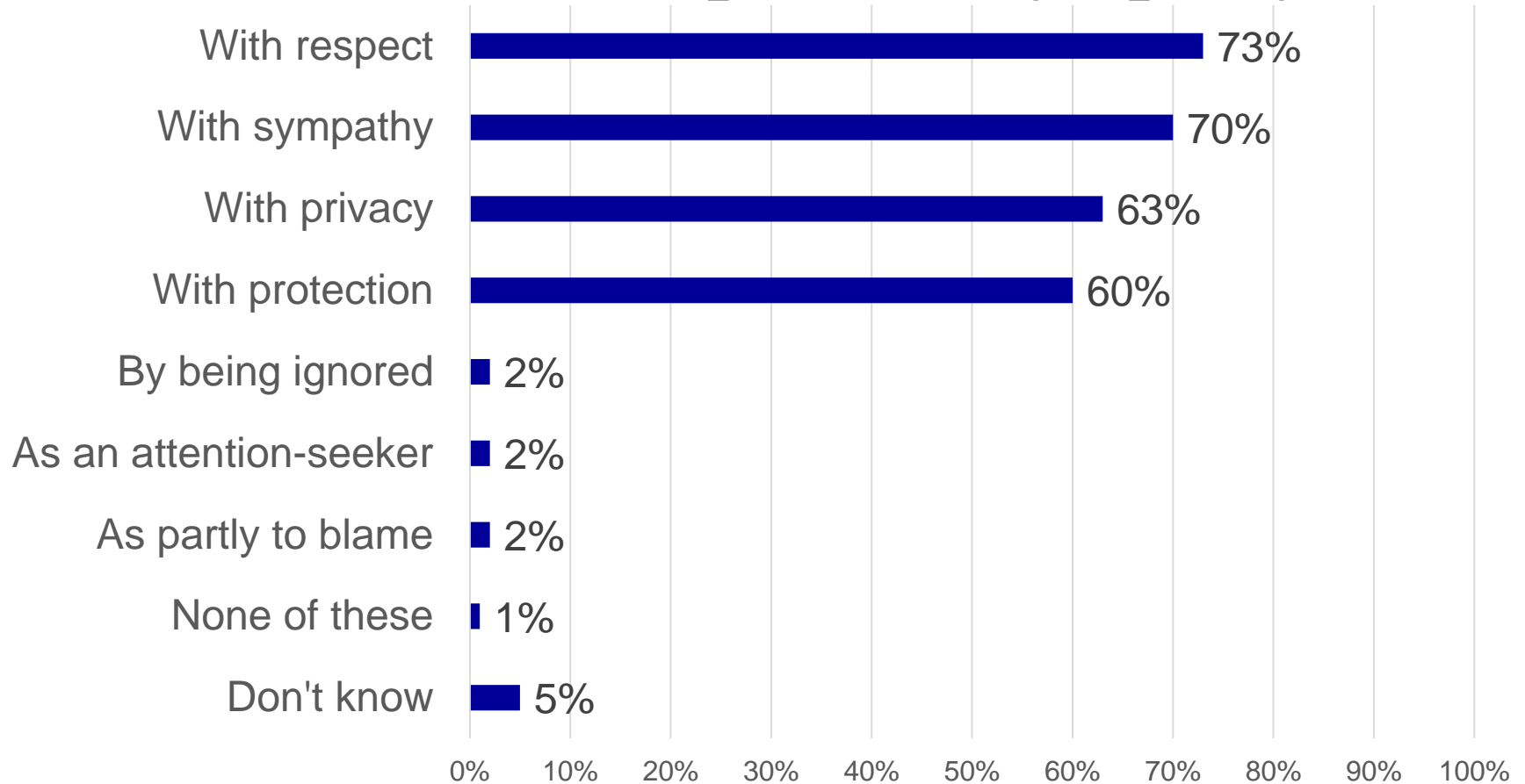
# 14% of churchgoers know someone at their church who has experienced sexual assault as an adult



# 12% of churchgoers know someone at their church who has experienced rape/ attempted rape as an adult

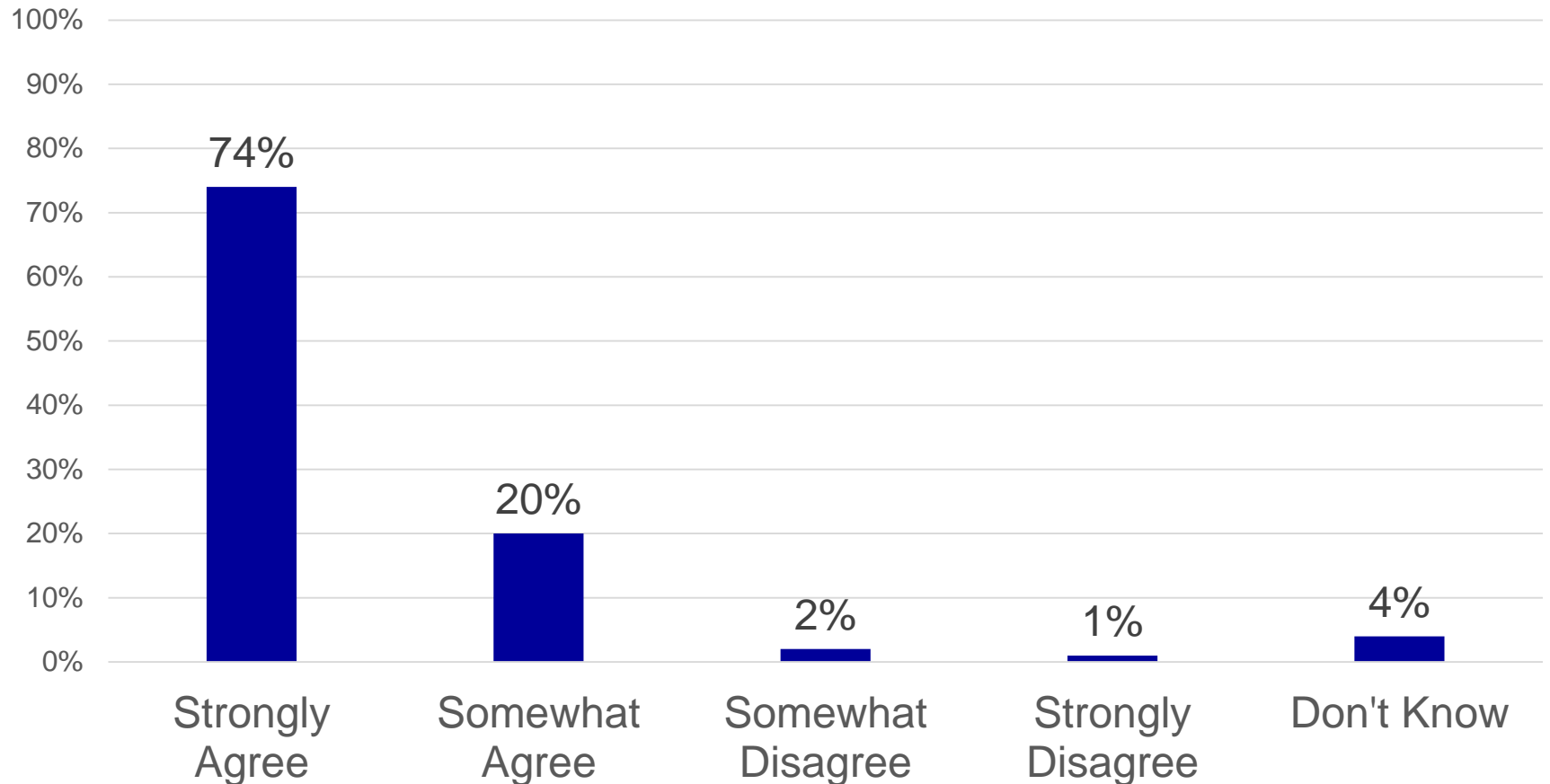


# Most churchgoers think someone sharing that they had experienced child sexual abuse or sexual assault would be treated by their church with respect and sympathy

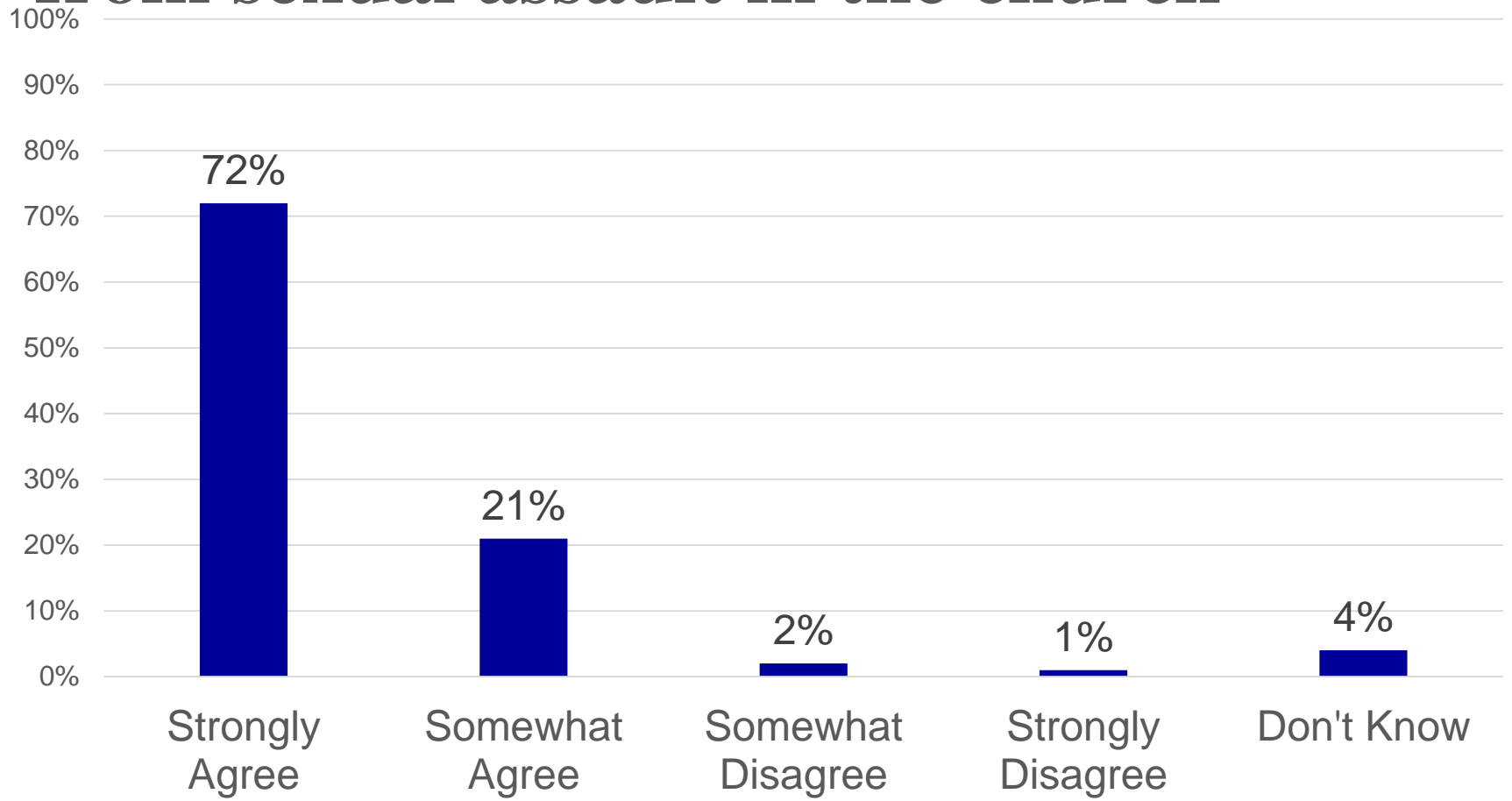




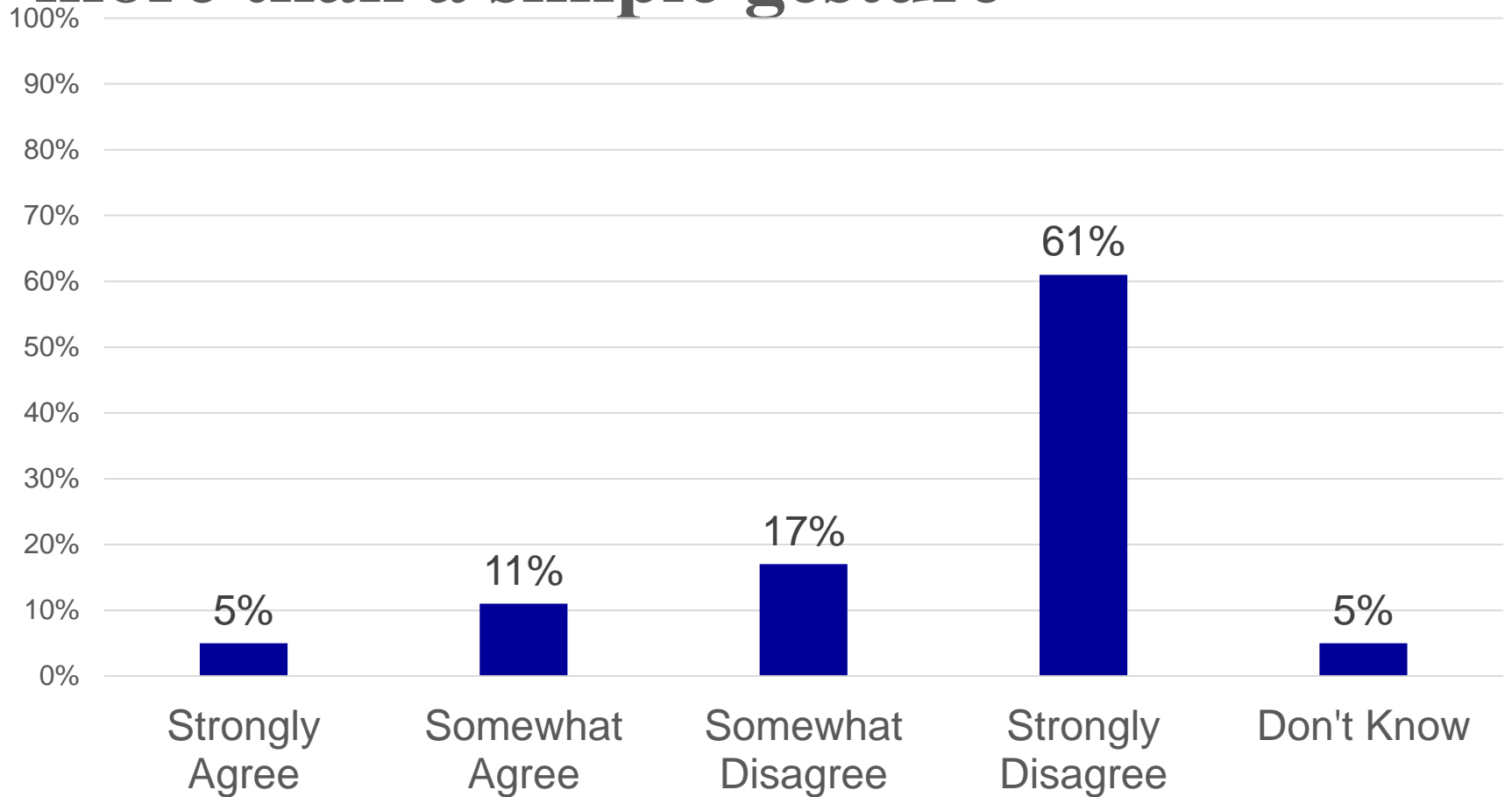
# 94% agree their church is a safe place where children and teens are protected from child sexual abuse in church



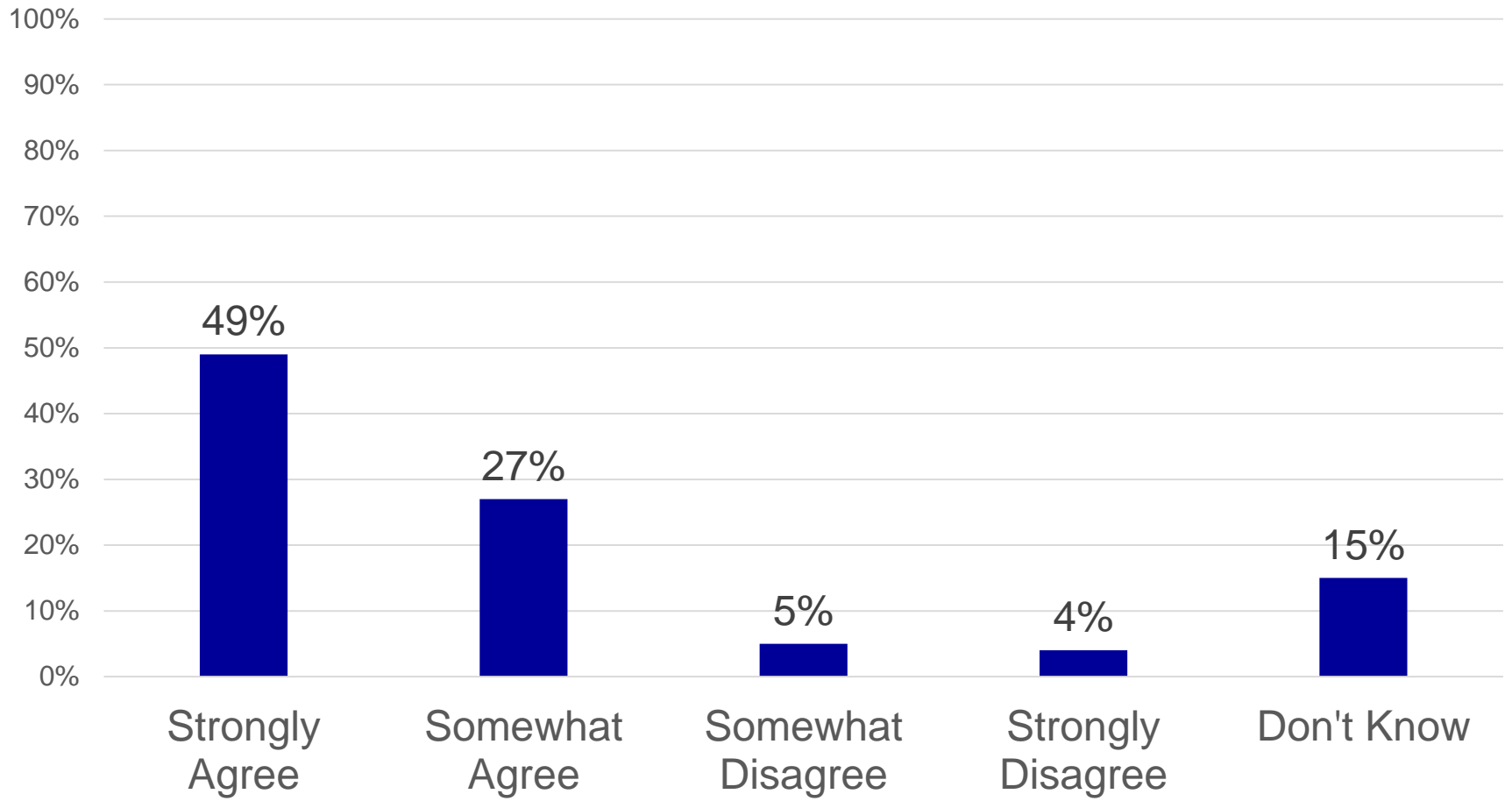
# 93% agree their church is a safe place where adults are actively protected from sexual assault in the church



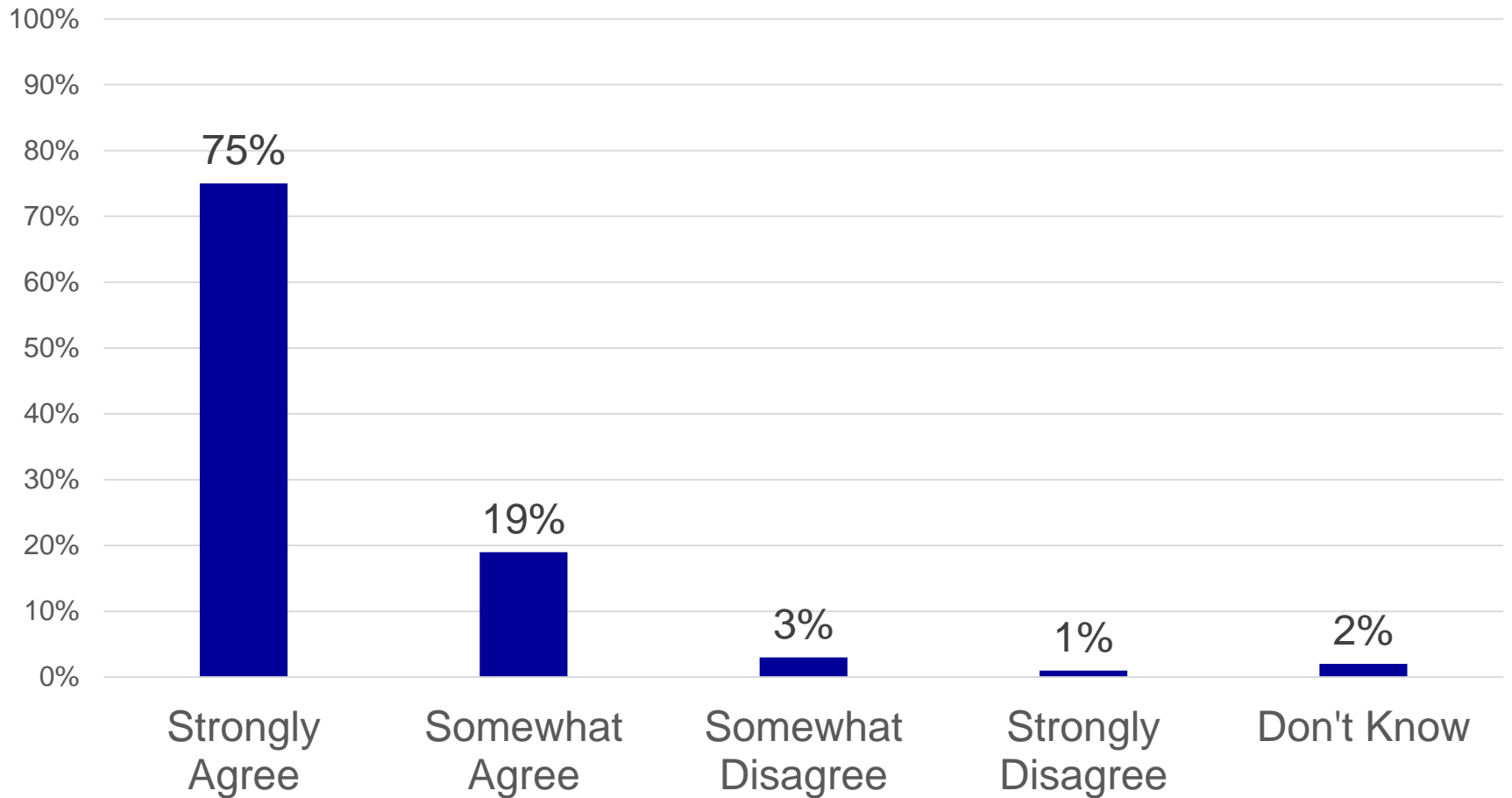
# 17% agree some attendees express physical greetings in ways that seem more than a simple gesture



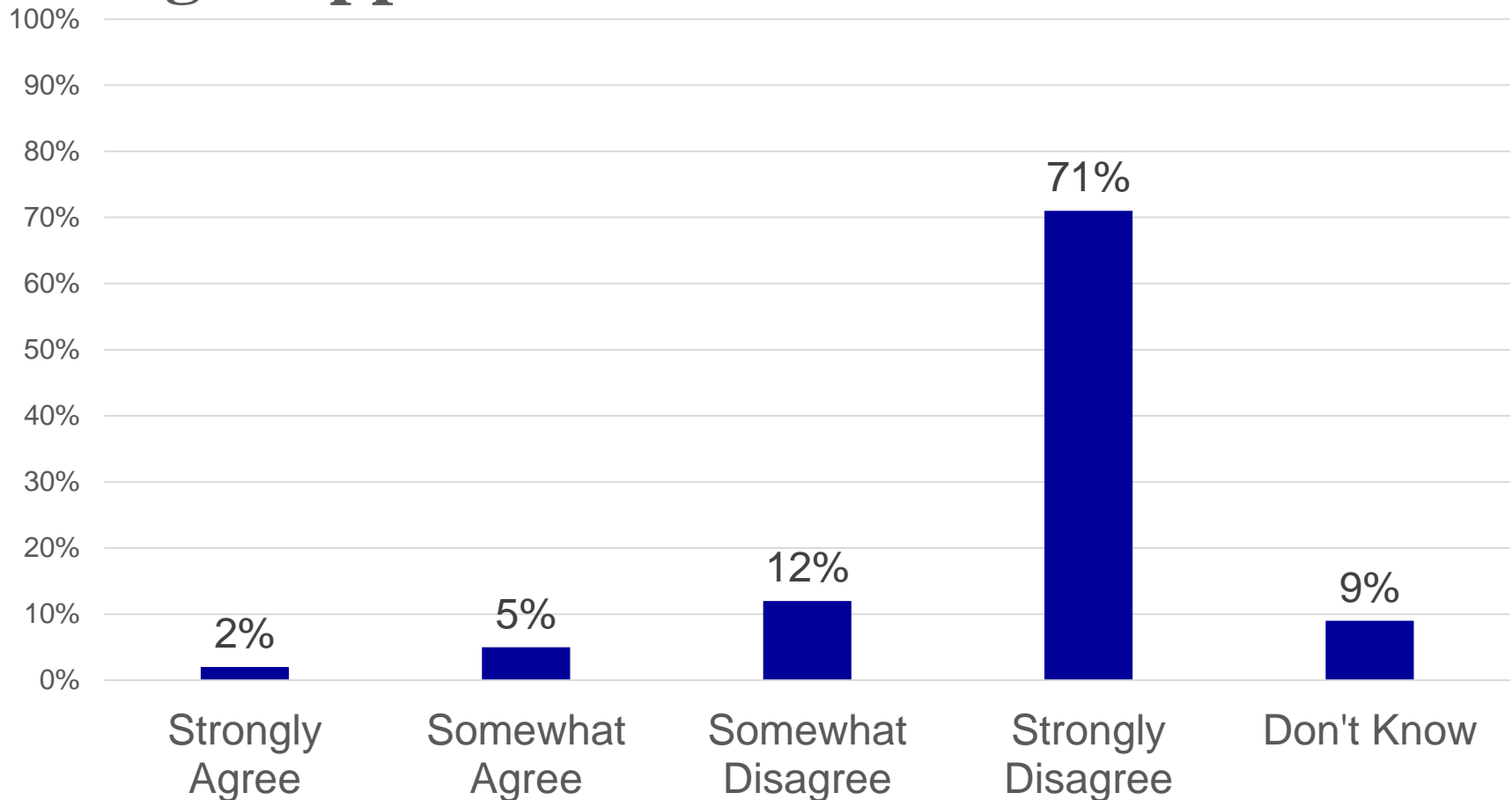
# 76% agree someone attending their church can share that they have experienced sexual assault and be believed



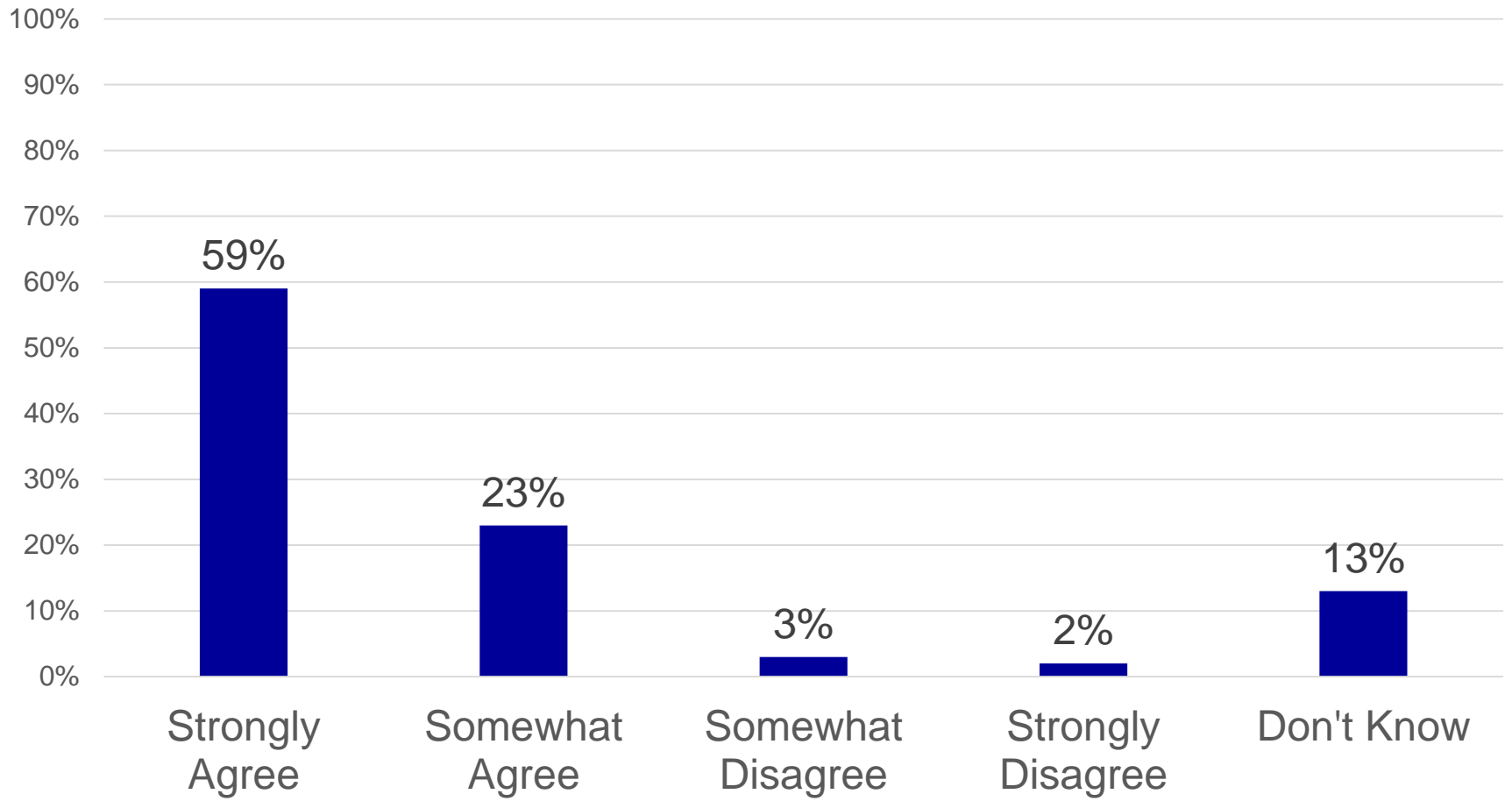
# 94% agree leaders at their church communicate that women are valued



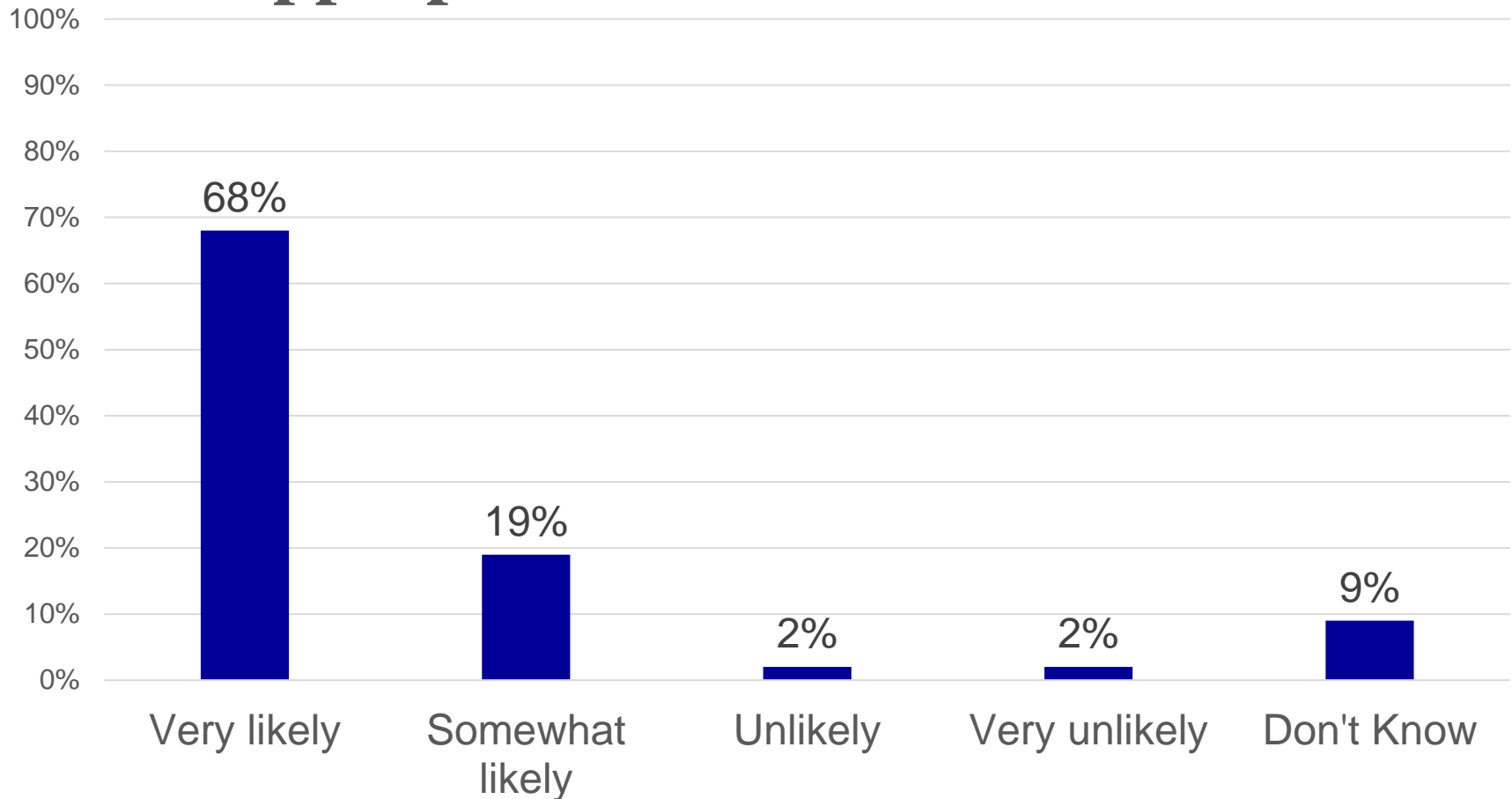
# 83% *disagree* that church leaders would try to cover it up if sexually inappropriate things happen at their church



# 82% agree their church is willing to correctly address sexual misconduct that may occur in church even if it is costly

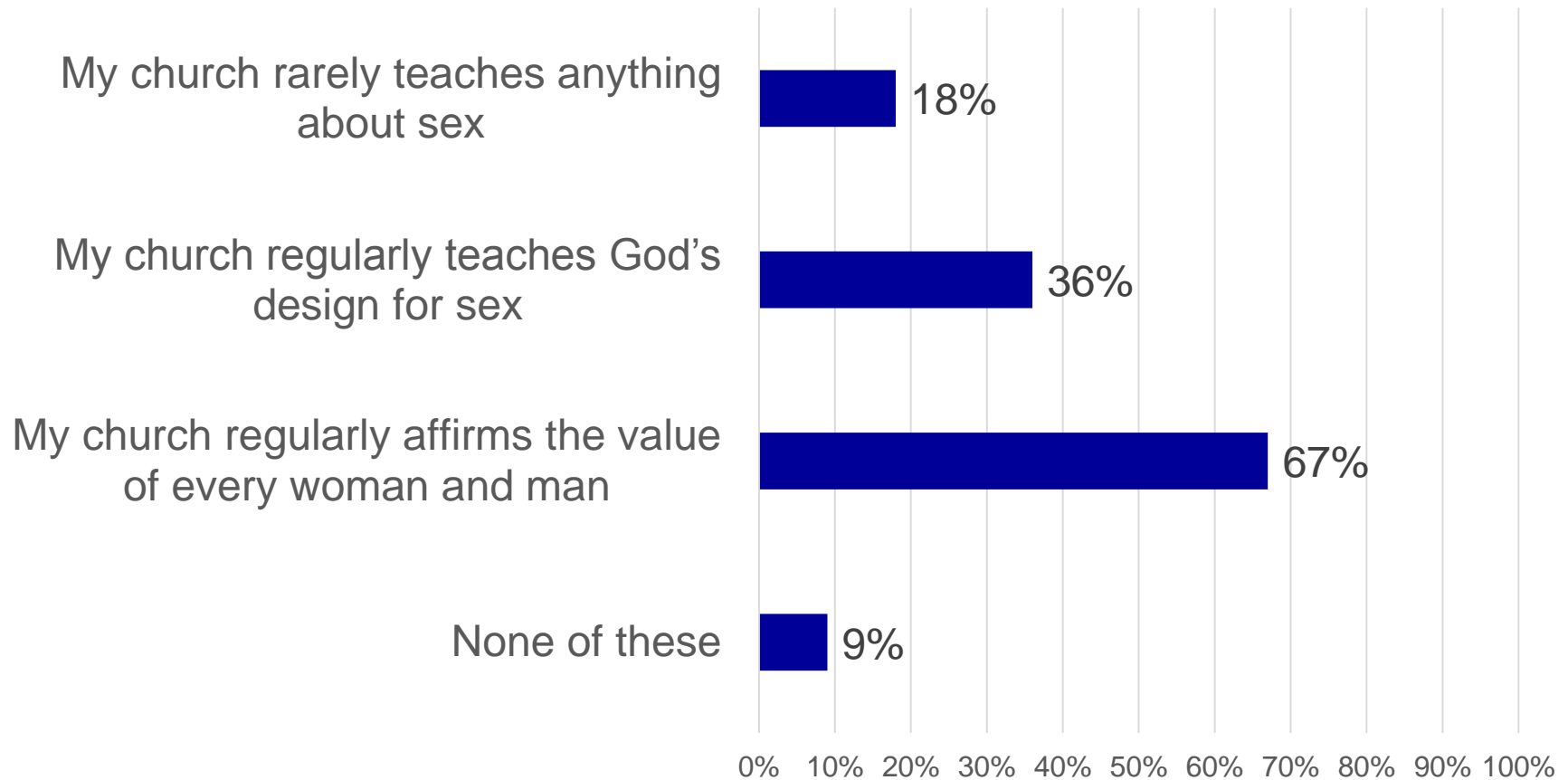


# 87% say their church is likely (68% very likely) to report suspicions of abuse/neglect to the appropriate authorities

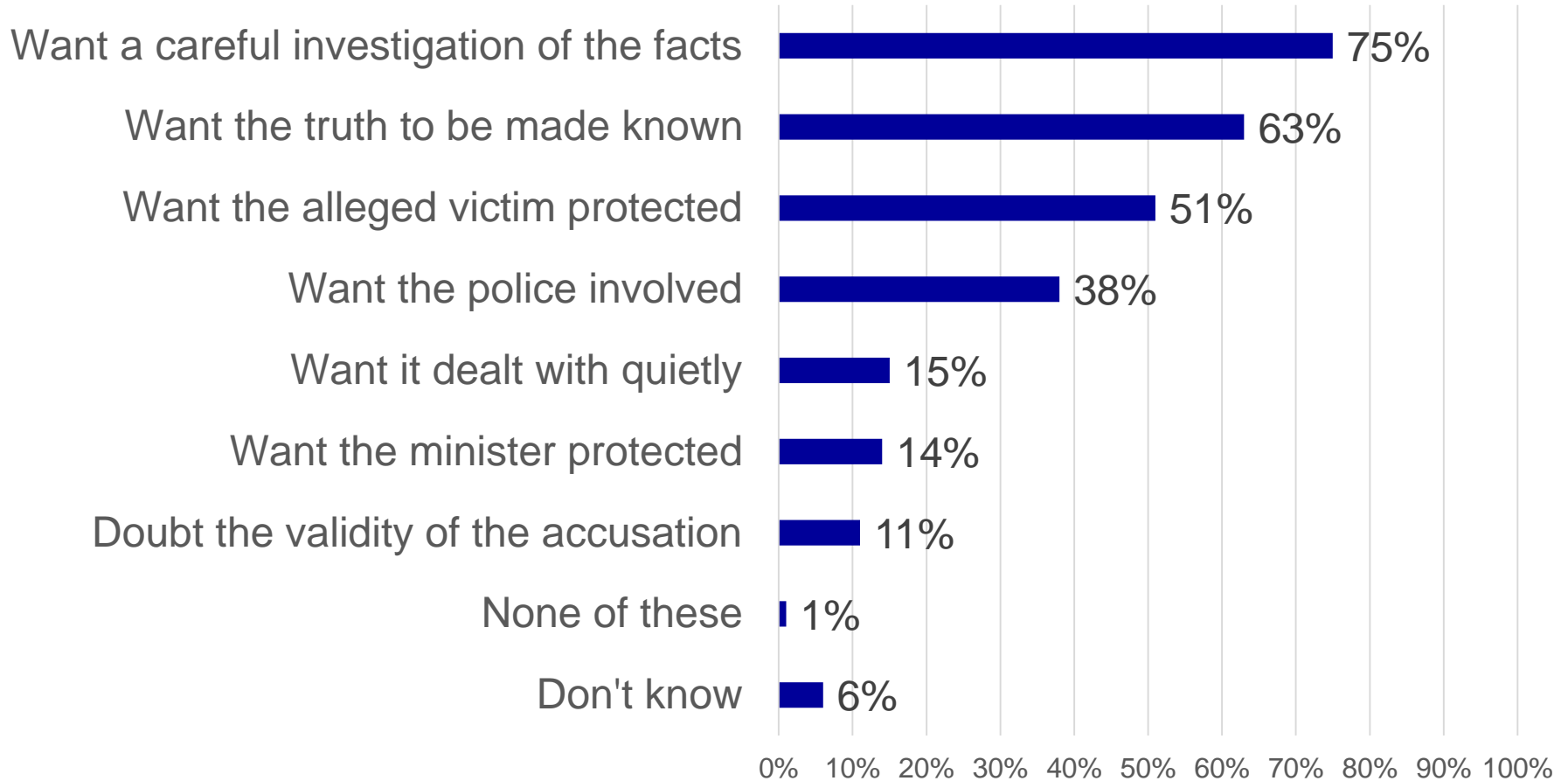




# 67% say their church teaches about sexuality by regularly affirming the value of every woman and man

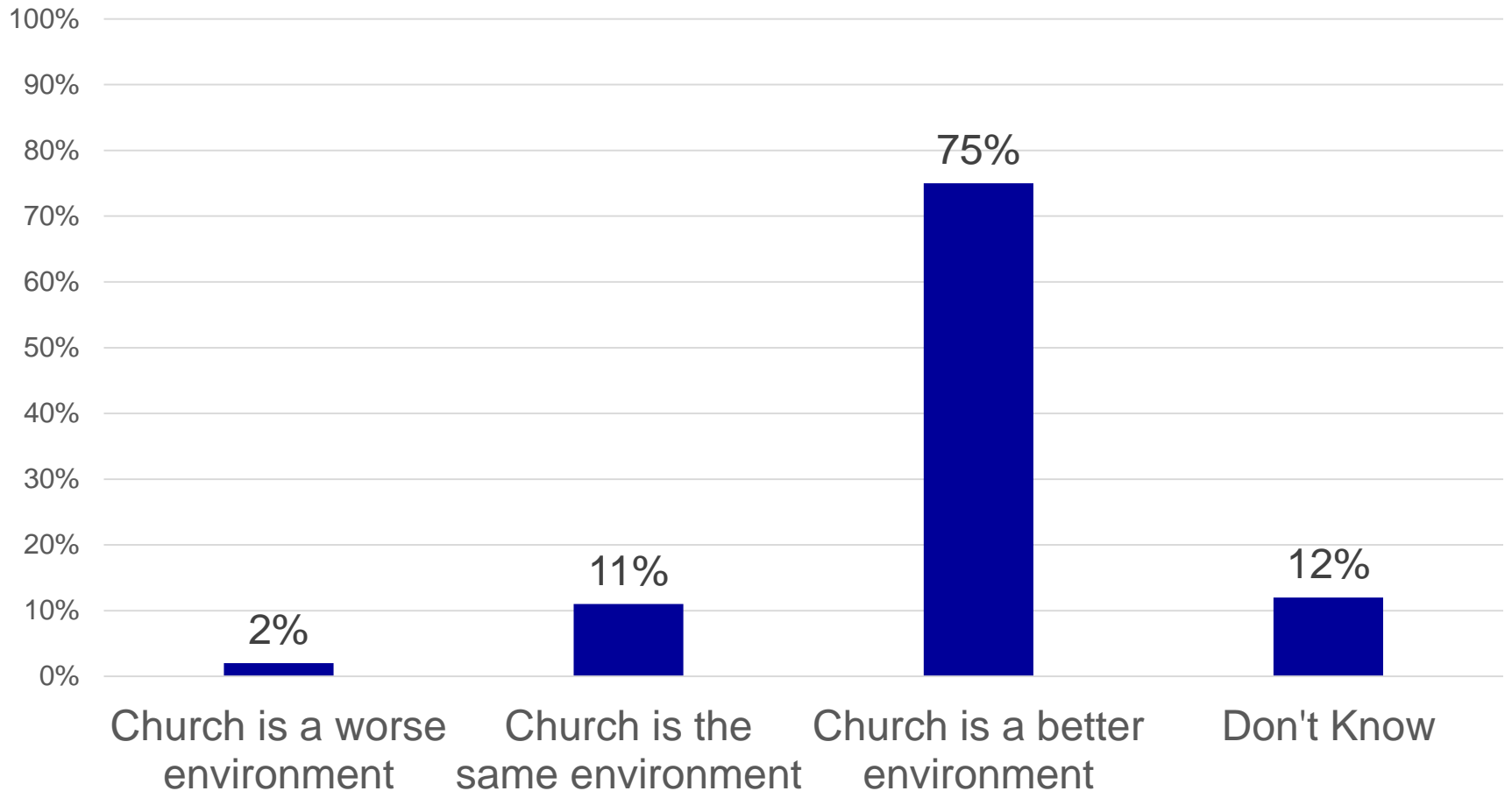


# If a pastor at their church was accused of sexual misconduct 75% would want a careful investigation

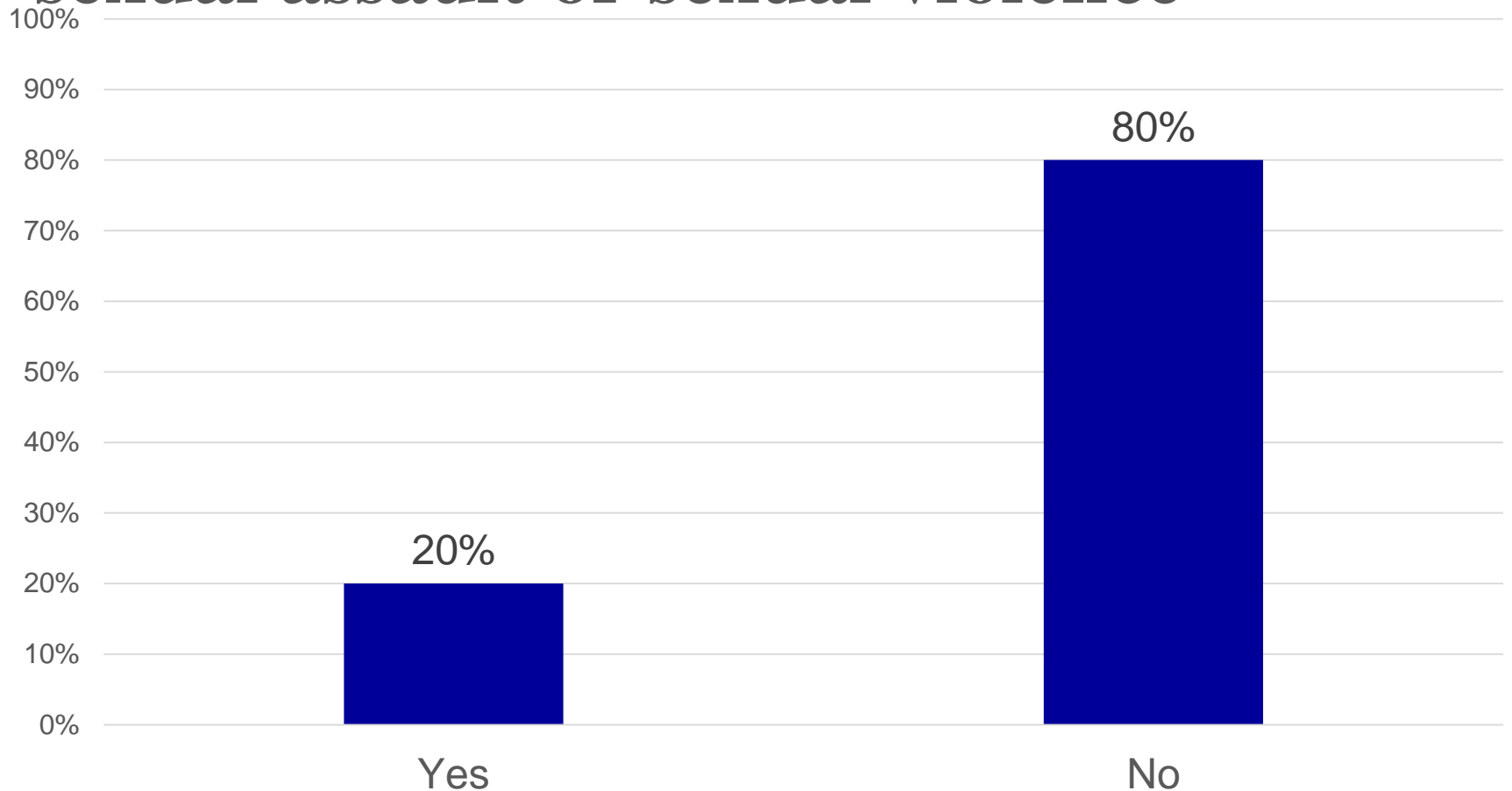


Q38: "Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would... (Select all that apply)"

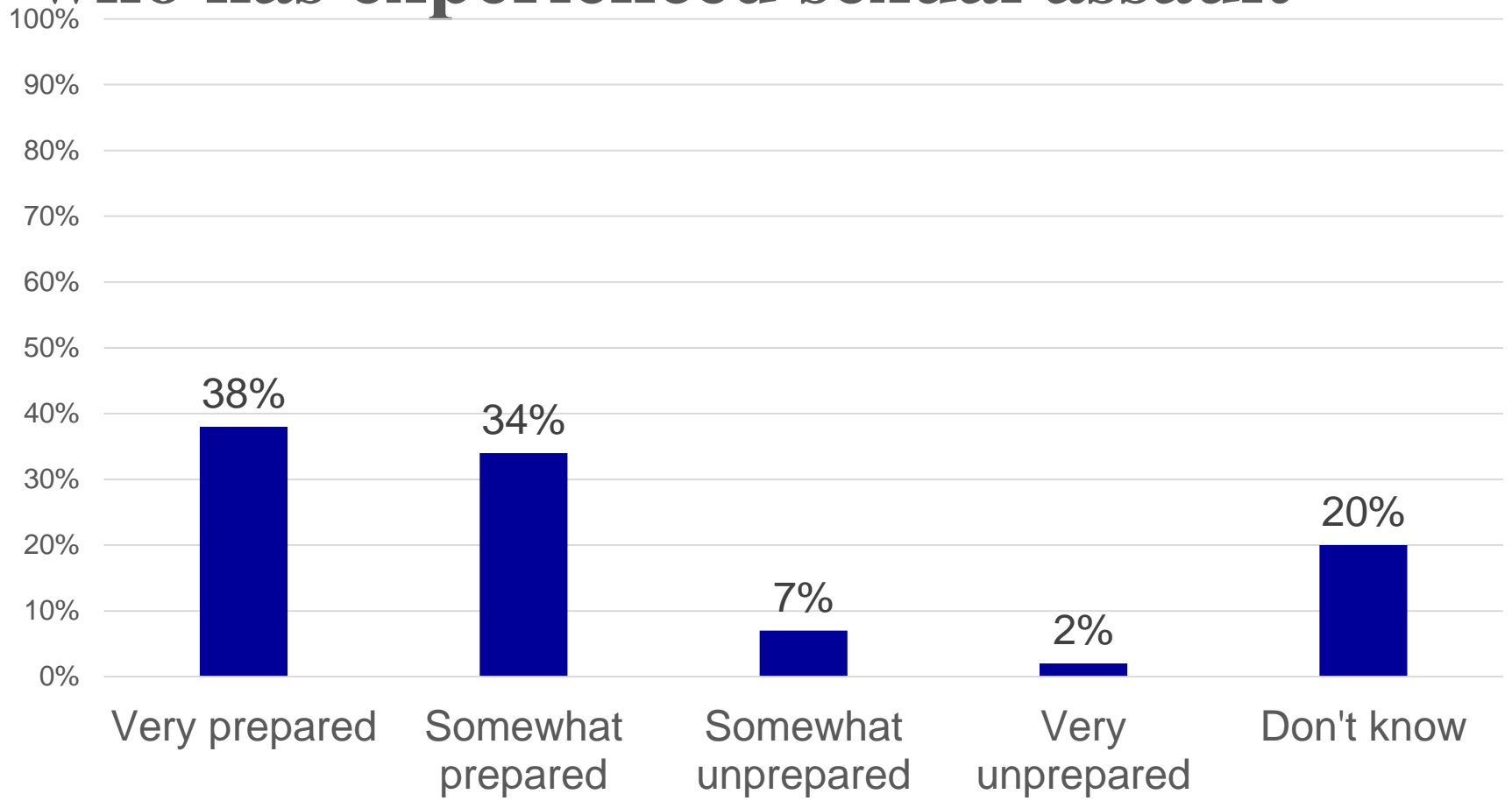
# When it comes to sexually inappropriate comments, 75% say church is better and 2% say worse



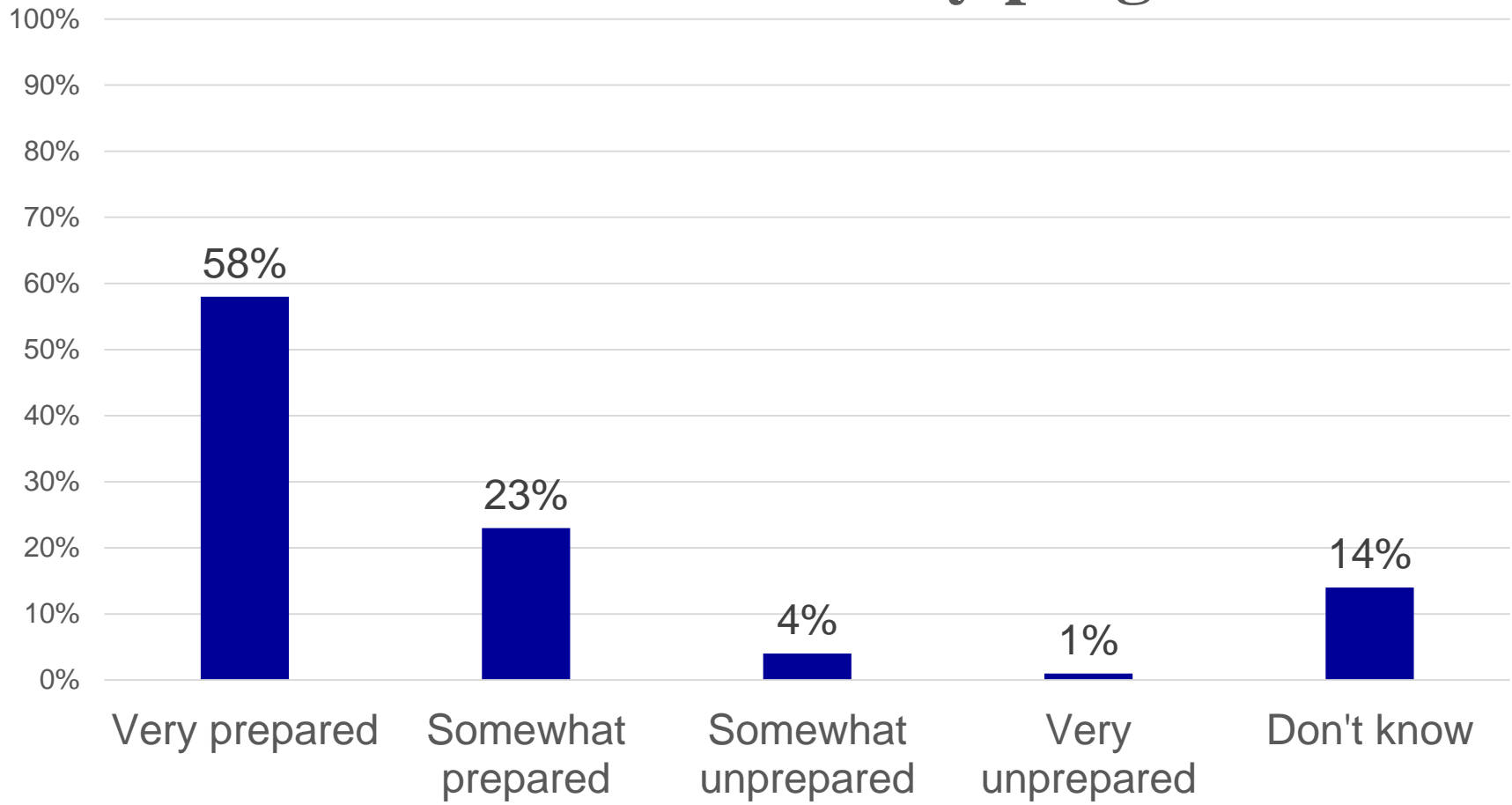
# 80% of churchgoers have not heard a sermon in the last year addressing sexual assault or sexual violence



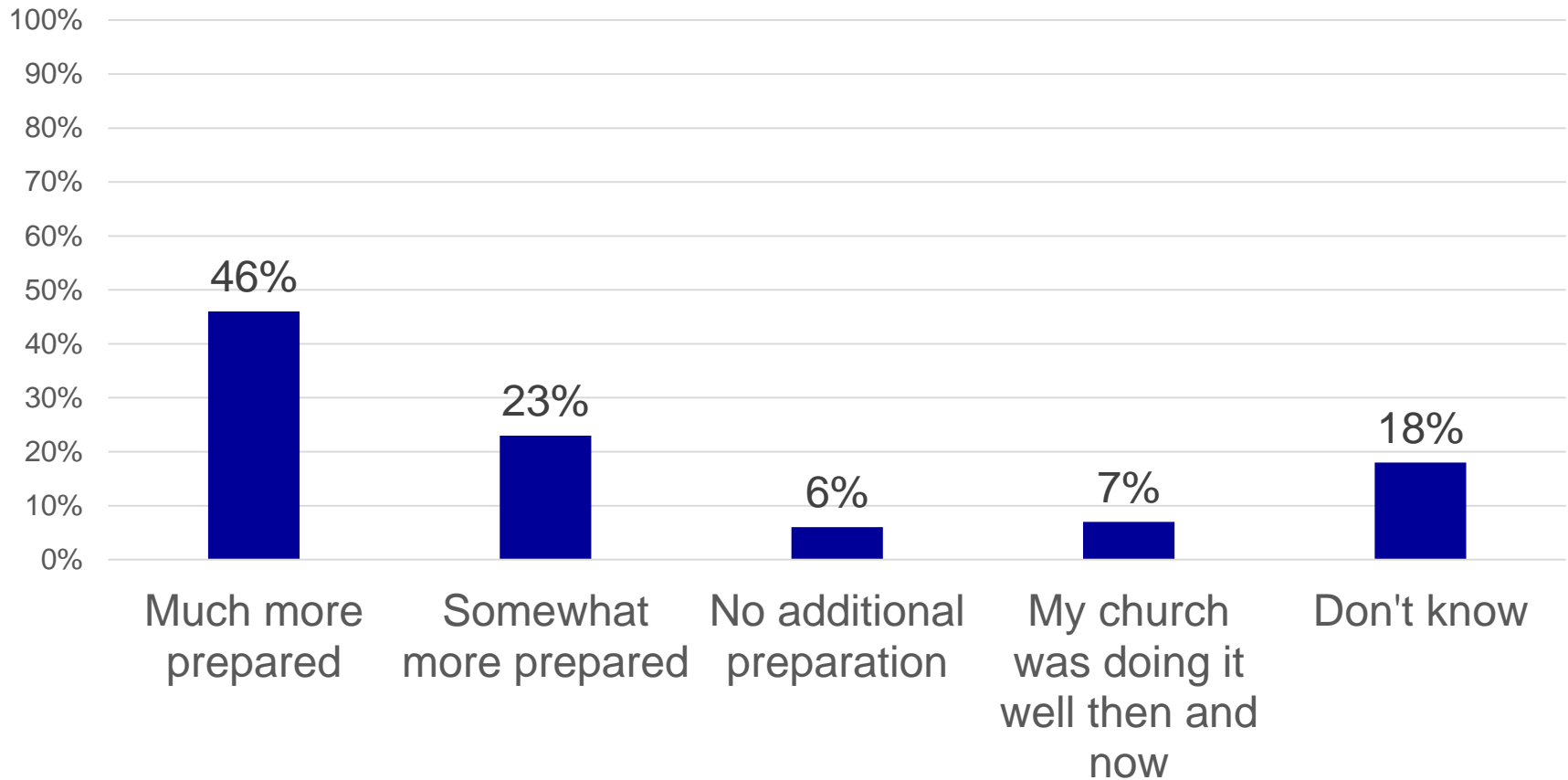
# 72% consider their church at least somewhat prepared to help someone who has experienced sexual assault



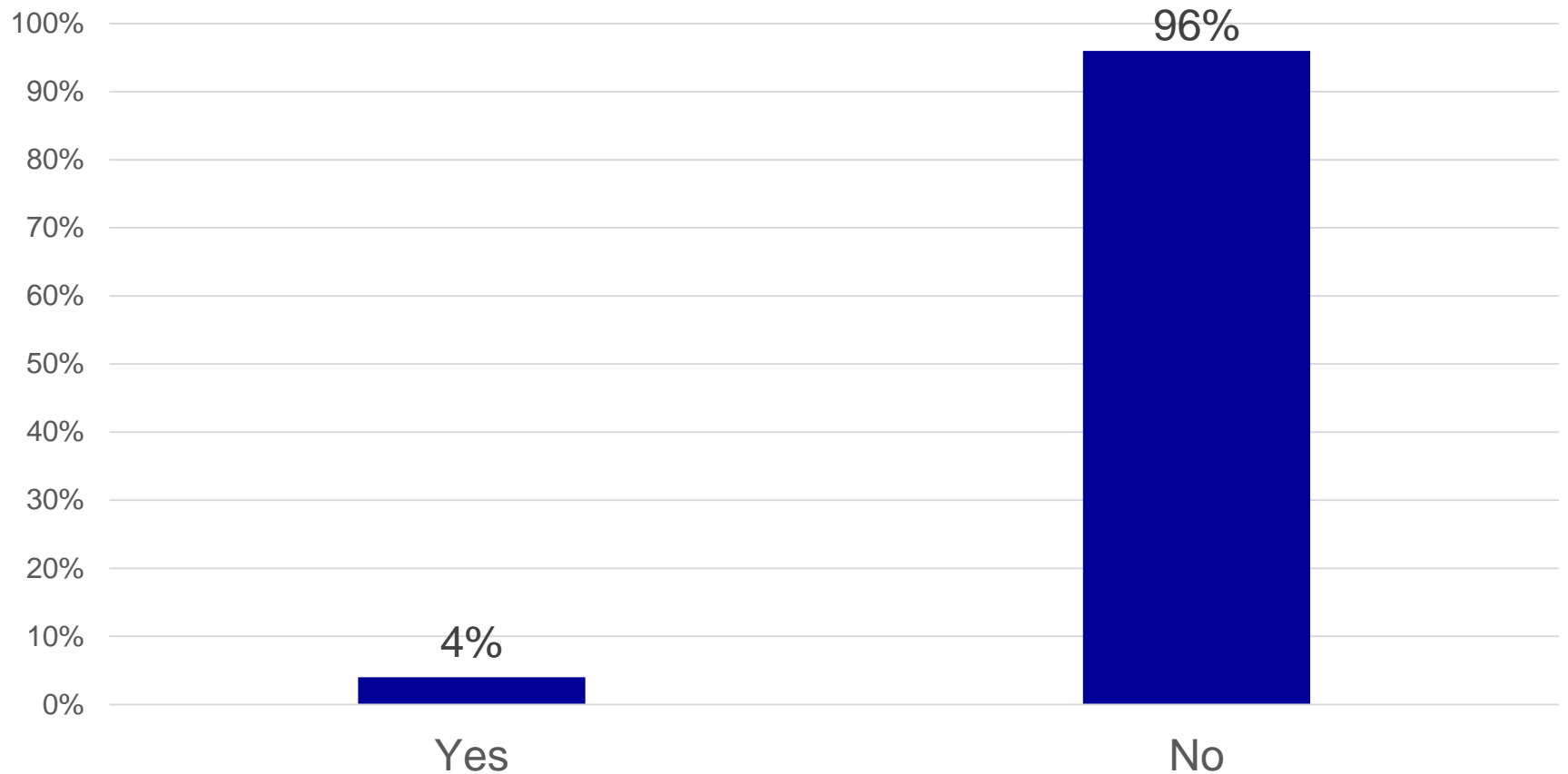
# 81% consider their church at least somewhat prepared to protect children from sexual abuse in ministry programs



# 69% believe their church is more prepared to protect children from sexual abuse than 10 years ago

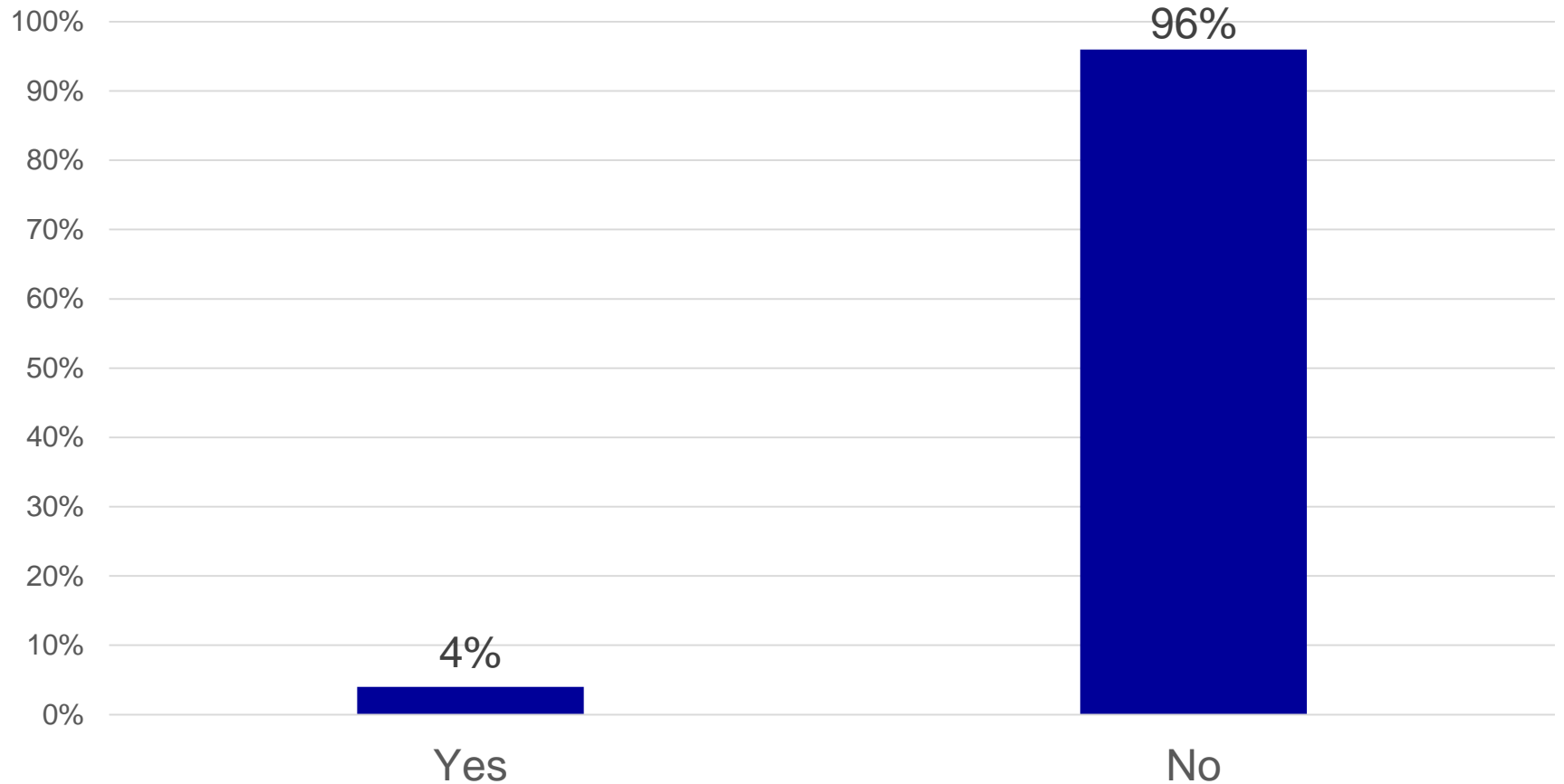


# 4% know of someone attending their church who has sexually assaulted someone but it has not come to light





# 4% know of someone attending their church who has sexually abused a child but it has not come to light



# Significant Differences

Gender

Region

Age

Ethnicity

Education Level

Denominational Group

Attendance

Self-Identified

Marital Status

# 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	High School graduate or less
Female	Midwest	35-49	African American	Some college
	South	50-64	Hispanic	Bachelor's Degree
	West	65+	Other Ethnicities	Graduate Degree

Note: Region is defined by US Census locations

# Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among denomination, attendance, self-identified evangelical, and marital status.

Denomination	Attendance	Self-Identified	Marital Status
Baptist	Once a week or more	Evangelical	Married
Presbyterian/ Reformed	Once or twice a month	Not Evangelical	Single
Pentecostal/ Assemblies of God			Divorced/ Separated
Lutheran			Widowed
Methodist			
Non-denominational			

# My church would be a good place for someone who experienced sexual abuse as a child or teen to find healing.

- Females are more likely to Strongly agree than males (63% v. 54%)
- Those in the Northeast are least likely to Strongly agree (49%)
- Those age 18-34 (64%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those 50-64 (58%) and 65+ (53%)
- Hispanics are most likely to Strongly agree (81%) while those of Other Ethnicities are least likely (36%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (65%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those with a Bachelor's (58%) or Graduate Degree (55%)
- Pentecostals/AG (80%), Non-denominational (70%), and Baptists (60%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Lutherans (47%), Methodists (47%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (38%)
- Those who attend once a week or more are more likely to Strongly agree than those who attend once or twice a month (64% v 43%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (67% v 48%)

# My church would be a good place for someone who experienced sexual assault or rape as an adult to find healing.

- Those in the Northeast are least likely to Strongly agree (47%)
- Those age 35-49 (64%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those 65+ (53%)
- Hispanics are most likely to Strongly agree (72%) while those of Other Ethnicities are least likely (38%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (63%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those with a Graduate Degree (57%)
- Pentecostals/AG (77%), Non-denominational (67%), and Baptists (62%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Lutherans (47%), Methodists (44%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (43%)
- Those who attend once a week or more are more likely to Strongly agree than those who attend once or twice a month (64% v 43%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (68% v 47%)

# **I believe many more Protestant pastors have sexually abused children or teens than we have heard about.**

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (43% v. 33%)
- Those in the Midwest (44%) and West (43%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the Northeast (31%) and South (35%)
- Those age 65+ are most likely to Disagree (46%)
- African Americans are most likely to Agree (45%)
- Those with a Bachelor's (41%) or Graduate Degree (40%) are more likely to Disagree than those who are High School Graduates or less (32%)
- Non-denominational are least likely to Disagree (29%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Disagree than other attendees (40% v 33%)
- Married attendees (40%) are more likely to Disagree than Single attendees (32%)

# **I believe many more Protestant pastors have sexually assaulted adults in their churches than we have heard about.**

- Males are more likely to Disagree than females (46% v. 38%)
- Those in the Midwest (45%) are more likely to Disagree than those in the South (39%)
- Those age 18-34 (32%) and 35-49 (31%) are most likely to Agree than those age 65+ (24%)
- African Americans are most likely to Agree (41%)
- Those with a Bachelor's (44%) or Graduate Degree (46%) are more likely to Disagree than those who are High School Graduates or less (36%)
- Non-denominational are least likely to Disagree (33%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Disagree than other attendees (45% v 36%)
- Married attendees (44%) are more likely to Disagree than Single attendees (35%)



# As a child or teen were you ever given compliments by an adult that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually?

## Yes, as a child

- Females are more likely to select than males (14% v. 6%)
- Those in the West (15%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (6%) and Midwest (9%)
- Those age 18-34 (18%) and 35-49 (11%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (7%) and 65+ (6%)
- African Americans (15%) and Hispanics (24%) are more likely to select than Whites (7%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are least likely to select (7%)
- Pentecostals/AG (16%) and Non-denominational (15%) are more likely to select than Baptists (8%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (<1%)
- Single (18%) and Divorced/separated attendees (15%) are more likely to select than Married (8%) and Widowed (6%) attendees

# As a child or teen were you ever given compliments by an adult that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually?

## Yes, as a teen

- Females are more likely to select than males (23% v. 9%)
- Those in the Northeast are most likely to select (24%)
- Those age 18-34 (22%) and 35-49 (20%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (14%) and 65+ (11%)
- African Americans (22%) are more likely to select than Whites (15%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are least likely to select (11%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (26%) are more likely to select than those attending once a week or more (14%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (15% v 20%)
- Single (22%) and Divorced/separated attendees (25%) are more likely to select than Married (14%) and Widowed (12%) attendees

# From where did you know or first encounter the person(s) who gave these compliments when you were a child/teen. Someone from...

## Home/Family

- Females are more likely to select than males (35% v. 16%)
- Whites (33%) and Hispanics (41%) are more likely to select than African Americans (22%)
- Those attending once a week or more (34%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (22%)

# From where did you know or first encounter the person(s) who gave these compliments when you were a child/teen. Someone from...

## Church

- Males are more likely to select than females (24% v. 15%)
- Those in the West (28%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (13%) and South (13%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select (27%)
- Hispanics (36%) are more likely to select than Whites (11%) and African Americans (20%)
- Those with a Bachelor's (24%) or Graduate Degree (28%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (10%) or with Some College (9%)
- Non-denominational (26%) are more likely to select than Baptists (12%)
- Single attendees (26%) are more likely to select than married attendees (14%)

# From where did you know or first encounter the person(s) who gave these compliments when you were a child/teen. Someone from...

## School

- Those in the West are least likely to select (14%)
- Those age 18-34 (32%) and 35-49 (28%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (13%)
- African Americans (42%) are more likely to select than Whites (21%) and Hispanics (14%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (35%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (18%)
- Single attendees (35%) are more likely to select than married attendees (21%)

# From where did you know or first encounter the person(s) who gave these compliments when you were a child/teen. Someone from...

## Another Setting

- Hispanics are least likely to select (17%)
- Those with Some College (57%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's Degree (41%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (57%) are more likely to select than those attending once a week or more (42%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (41% v 54%)

# Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult?

## Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (42% v. 20%)
- Those in the West (37%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (30%)
- Those age 18-34 (44%) and 35-49 (36%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 50-64 (28%) and 65+ (24%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (36%) and Some College (38%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with a Graduate Degree (29%)
- Non-denominational (36%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (30%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (43%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those attending once a week or more (30%)
- Single (39%) and Divorced/separated attendees (43%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (30%) and Widowed (23%) attendees

# Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult?

## Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (46% v. 17%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (46%), while those 65+ are least likely (22%)
- Non-denominational (38%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (32%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (41%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those attending once a week or more (31%)
- Single (40%) and Divorced/separated attendees (47%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married attendees (30%)



# Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult?

## **Prolonged glances or staring at your chest**

- Those in the South (41%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (32%)
- Those age 18-34 (47%) and 35-49 (40%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 65+ (26%)
- Pentecostals/AG (50%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Methodists (34%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (25%)
- Divorced/separated attendees (46%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (36%) and Widowed (23%) attendees

# Have you ever personally been the recipient or victim of any of the following types of sexual misconduct as an adult?

## Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (23% v. 13%)
- Those age 18-34 (34%) and 35-49 (21%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 50-64 (13%) and 65+ (9%)
- African Americans (22%) and Hispanics (25%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (17%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (22%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those with a Graduate Degree (16%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (27%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those attending once a week or more (16%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select “Yes” than other attendees (17% v 21%)
- Single (28%) and Divorced/separated attendees (24%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (16%) and Widowed (10%) attendees

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature***

### **Home/Family**

- African Americans (15%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (4%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (18%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's (10%) or Graduate Degree (5%)
- Single attendees (19%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (8%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature***

## **Church**

- Those in the West are most likely to select (20%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select (22%)
- Whites are least likely to select (4%)
- Those with Some College (13%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's Degree (6%)
- Pentecostals/AG (19%) and Non-denominational (17%) are more likely to select than Baptists (6%) and Methodists (<1%)
- Single attendees (19%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (7%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature***

### **A Date**

- Females are more likely to select than males (13% v. 4%)
- Those age 65+ (14%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (6%)
- Divorced/separated attendees (19%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (8%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature***

### **Workplace**

- Those in the Midwest (57%) are more likely to select than those in the West (43%)
- Whites (56%) are more likely to select than African Americans (43%) and Hispanics (39%)
- Married attendees (54%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (43%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature***

### **Another Setting**

- Females are more likely to select than males (46% v. 33%)
- Those age 35-49 (52%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (34%) and 50-64 (41%)
- Those with Some College (47%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (35%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (49%) are more likely to select than those attending once a week or more (39%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (37% v 50%)
- Divorced/separated attendees (54%) are more likely to select than Married (41%) and Single (40%) attendees

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually***

### **Home/Family**

- Females are more likely to select than males (10% v. 3%)
- Those age 35-49 (12%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (5%)
- Single (13%) and Divorced/separated attendees (18%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (6%)



**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually***

## **Church**

- Males are more likely to select than females (17% v. 7%)
- Those in the Midwest (12%) and West (17%) are more likely to select than those in the South (5%)
- Those age 18-34 (15%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (8%) and 65+ (4%)
- Whites are least likely to select (4%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (15%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (7%) or with Some College (4%)
- Single attendees (13%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (7%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

*Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually*

### **A Date**

- Females are more likely to select than males (17% v. 8%)
- Those age 35-49 (19%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (10%)
- Non-denominational (18%) are more likely to select than Methodists (6%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually***

### **Workplace**

- Females are more likely to select than males (50% v. 37%)
- Those age 35-49 (54%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (41%)
- Whites (50%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (35%)
- Lutherans (65%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational (47%)
- Married attendees (52%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (39%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

*Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually*

### **Another Setting**

- Those in the South (51%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (38%)
- Whites (48%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (32%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (55%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a week (43%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (42% v 53%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult,  
please indicate from where you knew or first  
encountered the person(s) who did this.**  
*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

### **Home/Family**

- Those in the Midwest (14%) and South (9%) are more likely to select than those in the West (1%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (10%) or with a Bachelor's Degree (11%) are more likely to select than those with a Graduate Degree (2%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult,  
please indicate from where you knew or first  
encountered the person(s) who did this.**  
*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

## **Church**

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select (18%)
- African Americans (18%) are more likely to select than Whites (3%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree are most likely to select (17%)
- Single attendees (16%) are more likely to select than Married (6%) and Divorced/separated attendees (5%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult,  
please indicate from where you knew or first  
encountered the person(s) who did this.**  
*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

### **A Date**

- Divorced/separated attendees (28%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (14%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult,  
please indicate from where you knew or first  
encountered the person(s) who did this.**  
*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

## **Workplace**

- No significant differences



**For each of the types you experienced as an adult,  
please indicate from where you knew or first  
encountered the person(s) who did this.**  
*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

### **Another Setting**

- Those with a Graduate Degree (69%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (52%) or with a Bachelor's Degree (50%)
- Those who attend once or twice a month (65%) are more likely to select than those who attend once a week or more (53%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (51% v 63%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

*Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you*

### **Home/Family**

- Those in the Midwest (23%) are more likely to select than those in the South (11%) and West (9%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you***

## **Church**

- Males are more likely to select than females (15% v. 4%)
- Those in the West are most likely to select (21%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (14%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (2%) or with Some College (3%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you***

### **A Date**

- Females are more likely to select than males (20% v. 11%)
- Those in the Northeast are most likely to select (38%)
- Those age 18-34 (21%) and 35-49 (21%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (8%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree are most likely to select (27%)
- Non-denominational (23%) are more likely to select than Baptists (12%)
- Single (22%) and Divorced/separated attendees (28%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (13%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you***

### **Workplace**

- Those age 35-49 (47%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (27%)
- Whites (39%) are more likely to select than African Americans (22%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (49%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (28%) or with Some College (25%)
- Married attendees (39%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (26%)

**For each of the types you experienced as an adult, please indicate from where you knew or first encountered the person(s) who did this.**

***Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you***

### **Another Setting**

- Those in the South (52%) are more likely to select than those in the West (34%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (56%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's (37%) or Graduate Degree (39%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (40% v 54%)
- Single attendees (54%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (40%)

**What role did the person(s) from Church who did this to you have at that time when you were an adult?**

*Unwanted joking remarks directed at you of a sexual nature*

**Sample size too small to permit significant differences**

**What role did the person(s) from Church who did this to you have at that time when you were an adult?**

*Unwanted compliments that implied the person speaking viewed you sexually*

**Sample size too small to permit significant differences**



**What role did the person(s) from Church who did this to you have at that time when you were an adult?**

*Prolonged glances or staring at your chest*

**Sample size too small to permit significant differences**

**What role did the person(s) from Church who did this to you have at that time when you were an adult?**

*Unwanted sexual comments or pictures or sexual advances texted or direct messaged to you*

**Sample size too small to permit significant differences**

# Have you ever attended a church less frequently because other attendees made you feel uncomfortable with their advances or interest in having a sexual relationship?

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (7% v. 5%)
- Those in the West (10%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (5%) and South (5%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (14%), while those age 65+ are least likely (1%)
- African Americans (12%) and Hispanics (12%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (3%) and Other Ethnicities (3%)
- Non-denominational (9%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (4%), Methodists (4%), Presbyterians/Reformed (2%), and Lutherans (1%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (8%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those attending once a week or more (5%)
- Single (14%) and Divorced/separated attendees (9%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (3%) and Widowed (1%) attendees

# Have you ever stopped attending a church because you did not feel safe from sexual misconduct among people from the church?

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (5% v. 3%)
- Those in the Northeast (6%) and West (7%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the South (3%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (9%), followed by those 35-49 (4%)
- African Americans (7%) and Hispanics (8%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (2%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (6%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are High School Graduates or less (3%)
- Non-denominational (6%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (3%), Lutherans (1%), and Presbyterians/Reformed (<1%)
- Single (6%) and Divorced/separated attendees (6%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Widowed attendees (<1%)

# Have you ever stopped attending a church because you did not feel they took sexual misconduct seriously?

- Those in the Northeast (8%) and West (8%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the Midwest (4%) and South (4%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (10%)
- African Americans (8%) and Hispanics (8%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (4%)
- Non-denominational (9%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (4%), Lutherans (2%), and Presbyterians/Reformed (<1%)
- Single (8%) and Divorced/separated attendees (9%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (4%) and Widowed attendees (1%)

# Do you know anyone at your current church who has experienced unwanted sexual touching or sexual assault as an adult?

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (23%)
- African Americans (19%) and Hispanics (21%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (11%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (17%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are High School Graduates or less (11%)
- Non-denominational (16%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (12%) and Lutherans (7%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Yes” than other attendees (16% v 10%)
- Widowed attendees are least likely to select “Yes” (5%)

# Do you know anyone at your current church that has experienced rape/attempted rape as an adult?

- Females are more likely to select “Yes” than males (14% v. 10%)
- Those in the West are most likely to select “Yes” (18%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (22%), followed by those 35-49 (12%)
- African Americans (17%) and Hispanics (20%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (10%) and Other Ethnicities (4%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s (14%) or Graduate Degree (14%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those who are High School Graduates or less (9%)
- Non-denominational (16%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (9%) and Presbyterians/Reformed (6%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Yes” than other attendees (14% v 10%)
- Single (16%) and Divorced/separated attendees (17%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (11%) and Widowed attendees (4%)

# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## With sympathy

- Those in the Midwest (73%) are more likely to select than those in the West (66%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (75%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's Degree (67%)
- Those attending once a week or more (72%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (65%)
- Married (73%) and Widowed attendees (76%) are more likely to select than Single (64%) and Divorced/separated attendees (63%)



# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## With respect

- Those in the South (75%) are more likely to select than those in the West (69%)
- Those age 50-64 (78%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (68%) and 35-49 (70%)
- Whites (75%) are more likely to select than African Americans (69%)
- Those attending once a week or more (75%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (66%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (76% v 69%)
- Married (75%) and Widowed attendees (79%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (68%)

# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## With privacy

- Those in the Midwest (66%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (58%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select (52%)
- Whites (67%) and Other Ethnicities (66%) are more likely to select than African Americans (53%)
- Non-denominational (67%) are more likely to select than Baptists (60%)
- Those attending once a week or more (65%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (57%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (67% v 57%)
- Married (67%) and Divorced/separated attendees (65%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (52%)

**If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...**

### **With protection**

- Those attending once a week or more (62%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (53%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (62% v 56%)

# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## By being ignored

- Females are more likely to select than males (3% v. 1%)
- Those in the West (4%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (<1%) and South (2%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select (7%)
- African Americans (4%) and Hispanics (4%) are more likely to select than Whites (1%)
- Single attendees (5%) are more likely to select than Married (1%) and Widowed attendees (<1%)

# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## As an attention-seeker

- Those age 35-49 (3%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (1%) and 65+ (1%)
- African Americans (4%) are more likely to select than Whites (1%)
- Baptists (3%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational (1%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (1% v 3%)
- Single (4%) and Divorced/separated attendees (4%) are more likely to select than Married attendees (1%)

# If someone who had experienced child sexual abuse, sexual assault, or rape shared this at my church, he or she would likely be treated...

## As partly to blame

- Those age 18-34 (5%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (1%) and 65+ (1%)
- African Americans (4%) and Hispanics (5%) are more likely to select than Whites (1%)
- Those attending once or twice a month (5%) are more likely to select than those attending once a week or more (2%)
- Single attendees are most likely to select (7%)

# My church is a safe place where children and teens who attend are actively protected from child sexual abuse in the church.

- Those in the South (75%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those in the Northeast (68%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to Strongly agree (66%)
- Whites (77%) and Hispanics (80%) are more likely to Strongly agree than African Americans (65%) and Other Ethnicities (59%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (78%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those with Some College (72%) or a Bachelor's Degree (71%)
- Pentecostals/AG (81%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Lutherans (70%)
- Those attending once a week or more (78%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those attending once or twice a month (60%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (79% v 66%)
- Married (76%) and Divorced/separated attendees (75%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Single attendees (66%)

# My church is a safe place where adults are actively protected from sexual assault in the church.

- Females are more likely to Strongly agree than males (74% v. 69%)
- Those in the Midwest (74%) and South (73%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those in the Northeast (66%)
- Those age 35-49 (74%) and 50-64 (74%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those 18-34 (67%)
- Whites (74%) and Hispanics (82%) are more likely to Strongly agree than African Americans (64%) and Other Ethnicities (57%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (78%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those with a Bachelor's (68%) or Graduate Degree (69%)
- Pentecostals/AG (82%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Lutherans (68%) and Methodists (67%)
- Those attending once a week or more (76%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those attending once or twice a month (58%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (77% v 64%)
- Married attendees (75%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Single (65%) and Divorced/separated attendees (67%)



# Some attendees at my church express physical greetings in ways that seem more than a simple gesture (prolonged hugs, rubbing of the back, etc.)

- Females are more likely to Strongly disagree than males (65% v. 57%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to Strongly disagree (53%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree are least likely to Strongly disagree (55%)
- Whites (65%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than African Americans (51%)
- Those attending once a week or more (63%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than those attending once or twice a month (55%)
- Single attendees are least likely to Strongly disagree (52%)

# **An adult who has experienced sexual assault by someone attending our church can share this at my church and be believed.**

- Females are more likely to Strongly agree than males (53% v. 44%)
- Those in the South (51%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those in the West (44%)
- Those age 35-49 (54%) and 50-64 (53%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those 18-34 (43%)
- Hispanics (66%) are most likely to Strongly agree, while Other Ethnicities are least likely (33%)
- Pentecostals/AG (57%) and Non-denominational (53%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Presbyterian/Reformed (40%)
- Those attending once a week or more (53%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those attending once or twice a month (39%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (54% v 43%)
- Married attendees (52%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Single attendees (41%)

# Leaders at my church communicate with words and actions that women are valued.

- Those age 18-34 are least likely to Strongly agree (66%)
- Whites (77%) and Hispanics (84%) are more likely to Strongly agree than African Americans (68%) and Other Ethnicities (61%)
- Those attending once a week or more (79%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those attending once or twice a month (63%)
- Pentecostals/AG (82%) and Baptists (77%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Lutherans (68%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (80% v 68%)
- Married attendees (78%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Single attendees (69%)

# If sexually inappropriate things happen within our church, church leaders would try to cover it up.

- Those in the West (75%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than those in the Northeast (66%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to Strongly disagree (59%), followed by those 35-49 (69%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (73%) or with a Graduate Degree (74%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than those with a Bachelor's Degree (66%)
- Whites (75%) and Hispanics (79%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than African Americans (56%) and Other Ethnicities (63%)
- Those attending once a week or more (73%) are more likely to Strongly disagree than those attending once or twice a month (62%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly disagree than other attendees (73% v 67%)
- Single attendees are least likely to Strongly disagree (58%)

# My church is willing to correctly address sexual misconduct that may occur in the church even if it costs the church or hurts its image.

- Those in the South (62%) and West (64%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those in the Northeast (48%) and Midwest (55%)
- Those age 35-49 (64%) and 50-64 (62%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those 18-34 (54%)
- Hispanics (72%) are most likely to Strongly agree, while Other Ethnicities are least likely (43%)
- Pentecostals/AG (74%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Baptists (61%), Methodists (53%), Presbyterian/Reformed (49%), and Lutherans (45%)
- Those attending once a week or more (64%) are more likely to Strongly agree than those attending once or twice a month (44%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to Strongly agree than other attendees (65% v 52%)
- Married attendees (61%) are more likely to Strongly agree than Single attendees (55%)

# How likely is your church to report suspicions of abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities?

- Females are more likely to select "Very likely" than males (71% v. 65%)
- Those in the Midwest (71%) and South (70%) are more likely to select "Very likely" than those in the Northeast (62%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select "Very likely" (61%)
- Whites (72%) and Hispanics (70%) are more likely to select "Very likely" than African Americans (60%) and Other Ethnicities (53%)
- Those attending once a week or more (71%) are more likely to select "Very likely" than those attending once or twice a month (59%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select "Very likely" than other attendees (72% v 63%)
- Married attendees (71%) are more likely to select "Very likely" than Single attendees (61%)

# Which if any of the following describe how your church teaches about sexuality?

## My church rarely teaches anything about sex

- Those in the Northeast (23%) are more likely to select than those in the South (16%)
- Those age 18-34 (21%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (15%)
- Hispanics are least likely to select (5%)
- Lutherans (33%) are more likely to select than Methodists (20%), Baptists (17%), Non-denominational (11%), and Pentecostals/AG (10%),
- Those attending once or twice a month (25%) are more likely to select than those attending once a week or more (16%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are less likely to select than other attendees (15% v 22%)

# Which if any of the following describe how your church teaches about sexuality?

## My church regularly teaches God's design for sex

- Those in the West are most likely to select (44%) while those in the Northeast are least likely to select (23%)
- Those age 18-34 (39%) and 35-49 (38%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (30%)
- African Americans are least likely to select (31%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (39%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (33%)
- Non-denominational (47%), Baptists (43%), Presbyterian/Reformed (36%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (20%) and Methodists (16%)
- Those attending once a week or more (39%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (27%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (45% v 23%)



# Which if any of the following describe how your church teaches about sexuality?

## My church regularly affirms the value of every woman and man

- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select (59%)
- Whites (69%) are more likely to select than African Americans (63%)
- Those with a Bachelor's (70%) or Graduate Degree (71%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (63%)
- Those attending once a week or more (71%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (56%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (72% v 61%)
- Married (69%) and Widowed attendees (74%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (62%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want it dealt with quietly

- Those in the Midwest (18%) are more likely to select than those in the South (13%)
- Those age 18-34 (19%) and 65+ (19%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (14%) and 50-64 (11%)
- Married attendees are least likely to select (13%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Doubt the validity of the accusation

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select (19%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (15%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor's Degree (9%)
- Hispanics (19%) are more likely to select than Whites (11%) and African Americans (9%)
- Pentecostals/AG (14%), Non-denominational (12%), and Baptists (12%) are more likely to select than Presbyterian/Reformed (4%)
- Those attending once a week or more (12%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (8%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (13% v 9%)
- Married (12%) and Widowed attendees (14%) are more likely to select than Divorced/separated attendees (6%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want a careful investigation of the facts

- Those in the South (77%) are more likely to select than those in the West (71%)
- Those age 50-64 (81%) and 65+ (85%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (62%) and 35-49 (71%)
- Whites (79%) are more likely to select than African Americans (66%) and Hispanics (70%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are most likely to select (83%)
- Lutherans (83%), Presbyterian/Reformed (82%), and Baptists (77%) are more likely to select than Non-denominational (71%)
- Those attending once a week or more (77%) are more likely to select than those attending once or twice a month (71%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (78% v 71%)
- Single attendees are least likely to select (64%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want the police involved

- Those in the Northeast are least likely to select (30%)
- Those age 35-49 (44%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (35%) and 65+ (35%)
- Non-denominational (41%) and Baptists (41%) are more likely to select than Pentecostals/AG (30%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want the truth to be made known

- Those in the Midwest (66%) and South (65%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (57%)
- Those age 18-34 are least likely to select (55%)
- Whites (67%) are more likely to select than African Americans (60%) and Hispanics (55%)
- Those with a Bachelor's Degree (67%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (59%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select than other attendees (67% v 59%)
- Married (66%) and Widowed attendees (70%) are more likely to select than Single attendees (56%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want the minister protected

- Males are more likely to select than females (18% v. 11%)
- Those age 65+ (20%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (12%) and 35-49 (9%)
- Whites (17%) and Hispanics (11%) are more likely to select than African Americans (6%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (18%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (10%) or with a Bachelor's Degree (13%)
- Married attendees (16%) are more likely to select than Single (10%) or Divorced/separated attendees (7%)

# Which if any of the following would be your reaction(s) if someone accused a pastor at your church of sexual misconduct? I would...

## Want the alleged victim protected

- Those age 65+ are most likely to select (62%)
- Whites (53%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (44%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are least likely to select (44%)
- Methodists (57%), Lutherans (57%), and Non-denominational (53%) are more likely to select than Pentecostals/AG (42%)
- Single attendees are least likely to select (41%)



# Overall, when it comes to sexually inappropriate comments how does your church compare to other places where you socialize with others?

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Church is a worse environment” (5%) and least likely to select “Church is a better environment” (63%)
- Whites (81%) and Hispanics (78%) are more likely to select “Church is a better environment” than African Americans (57%)
- Hispanics (8%) are more likely to select “Church is a worse environment” than Whites (1%) and African Americans (3%)
- Pentecostals/AG (83%) and Baptists (79%) are more likely to select “Church is a better environment” than Non-denominational (73%)
- Those attending once a week or more (79%) are more likely to select “Church is a better environment” than those attending once or twice a month (63%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Church is a better environment” than other attendees (82% v 64%)
- Single attendees are least likely to select “Church is a better environment” (60%)

# Have you heard a sermon at your church that directly addressed sexual assault or sexual violence in the last year?

- Males are more likely to select “Yes” than females (22% v. 18%)
- Those in the Midwest (21%) and South (21%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the West (14%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (28%)
- African Americans (27%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (18%) and Other Ethnicities (10%)
- Pentecostals/AG (25%), Non-denominational (22%), and Baptists (21%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Lutherans (10%)
- Those attending once a week or more (21%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those attending once or twice a month (16%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Yes” than other attendees (22% v 18%)
- Married (20%) and Single attendees (23%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Divorced/separated attendees (12%)

# How prepared is your church to help someone who has experienced sexual assault or sexual violence?

- Females are more likely to select “Very prepared” than males (40% v. 35%)
- Those in the South (41%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than those in the Northeast (30%)
- Those age 35-49 are most likely to select “Very prepared” (45%)
- Other Ethnicities are least likely to select “Very prepared” (17%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are least likely to select “Very prepared” (30%)
- Pentecostals/AG are most likely to select “Very prepared” (58%)
- Those attending once a week or more (41%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than those attending once or twice a month (29%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Very prepared” than other attendees (41% v 33%)

# How prepared is your church to protect children from sexual abuse in ministry programs?

- Those in the South (61%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than those in the Northeast (51%) and Midwest (54%)
- Hispanics are most likely to select “Very prepared” (72%) while Other Ethnicities are least likely (37%)
- Pentecostals/AG (71%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than Presbyterian/Reformed (56%), Methodists (55%), and Lutherans (51%)
- Those attending once a week or more (62%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than those attending once or twice a month (46%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Very prepared” than other attendees (64% v 50%)
- Married attendees (60%) are more likely to select “Very prepared” than Single attendees (53%)

# How prepared is your church to protect children from sexual abuse in ministry programs today as compared to 10 years ago?

- Females are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than males (50% v. 42%)
- Those in the Northeast are least likely to select “Much more prepared” (36%)
- Those age 50-64 (50%) are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than those 65+ (43%)
- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “No additional preparation” (10%)
- Hispanics (52%) are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than Other Ethnicities (37%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (53%) are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than those with a Bachelor’s (44%) or Graduate Degree (41%)
- Pentecostals/AG (53%), Non-denominational (51%), and Baptists (50%) are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than Lutherans (35%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (38%)
- Those attending once a week or more (49%) are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than those attending once or twice a month (37%)
- Self-identified evangelicals are more likely to select “Much more prepared” than other attendees (48% v 43%)

# Do you know of someone who attends your church who has sexually assaulted someone, but it has not been found out or come to light?

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (12%), while those age 65+ are least likely (<1%)
- African Americans (10%) and Hispanics (8%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (2%)
- Pentecostals/AG (7%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Lutherans (1%), Methodists (<1%), and Presbyterian/Reformed (<1%)
- Single attendees (11%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (2%) and Divorced/separated attendees (4%)

# Do you know of someone who attends your church who has sexually abused a child, but it has not been found out or come to light?

- Those age 18-34 are most likely to select “Yes” (10%), while those age 65+ are least likely (<1%)
- African Americans (10%) and Hispanics (10%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Whites (2%)
- Single (10%) and Divorced/separated attendees (7%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Married (3%) and Widowed attendees (<1%)

# Sexual Misconduct and Churchgoers

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