

NAE LifeWay Research Evangelical Beliefs Definition

Definition adopted by the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) board of directors October 15, 2015:

Evangelical Beliefs = “strongly agree” response to all 4 statements:

- ❑ 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 Methodology

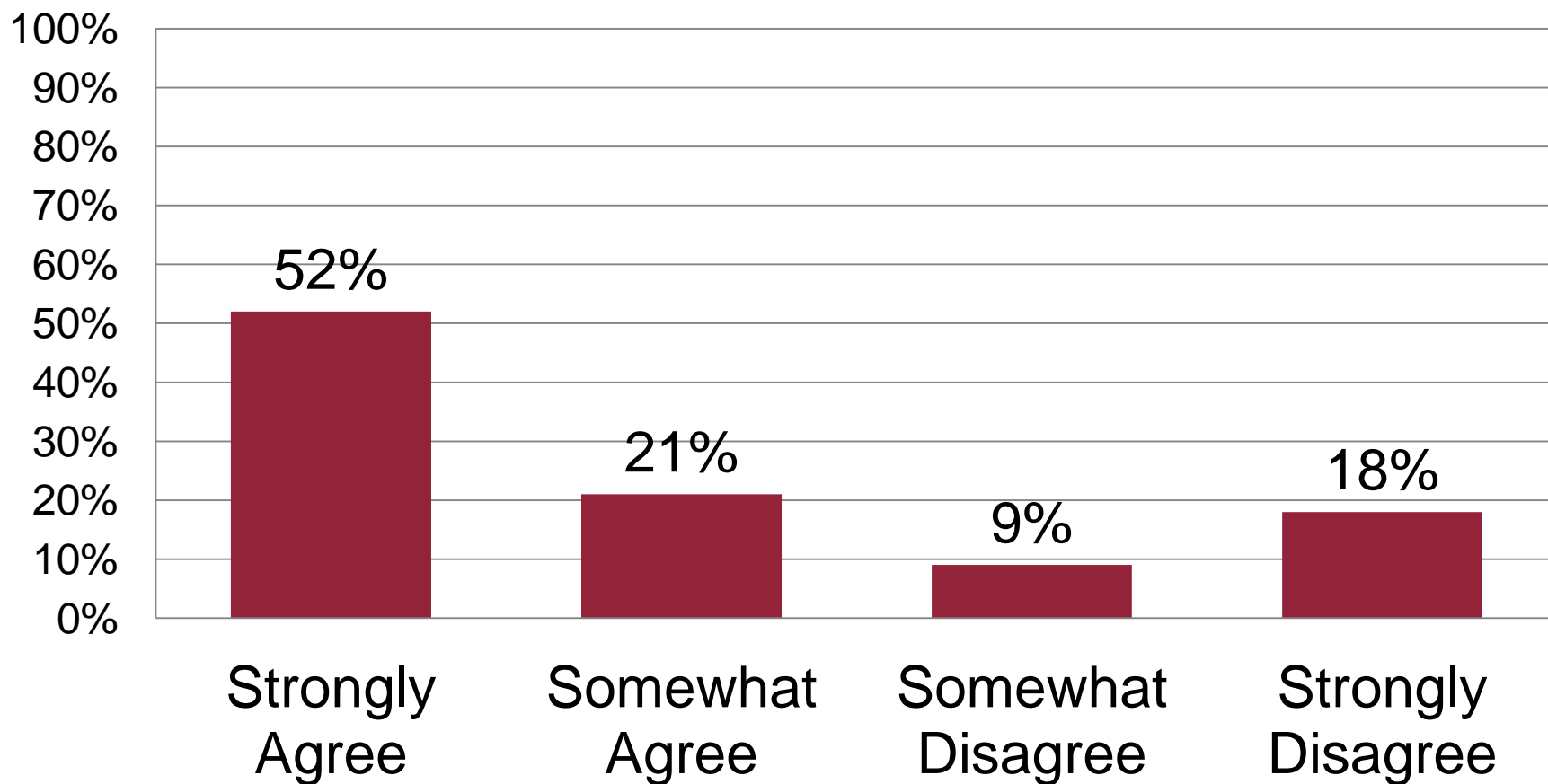
- ❑ The 4 questions that emerged from theologian validation and statistical analysis were tested at the beginning of a phone survey of 1,000 Americans (50% landline and 50% cell phones) conducted Sept. 8-21, 2015
- ❑ The calling utilized random digit dialing.
- ❑ Maximum quotas and slight weights were used for gender, region, age, ethnicity, education and religious preference to more accurately reflect the population
- ❑ The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error does not exceed $\pm 3.7\%$ (including weight effects)
- ❑ Margins of error are higher in subgroups

Survey Responses



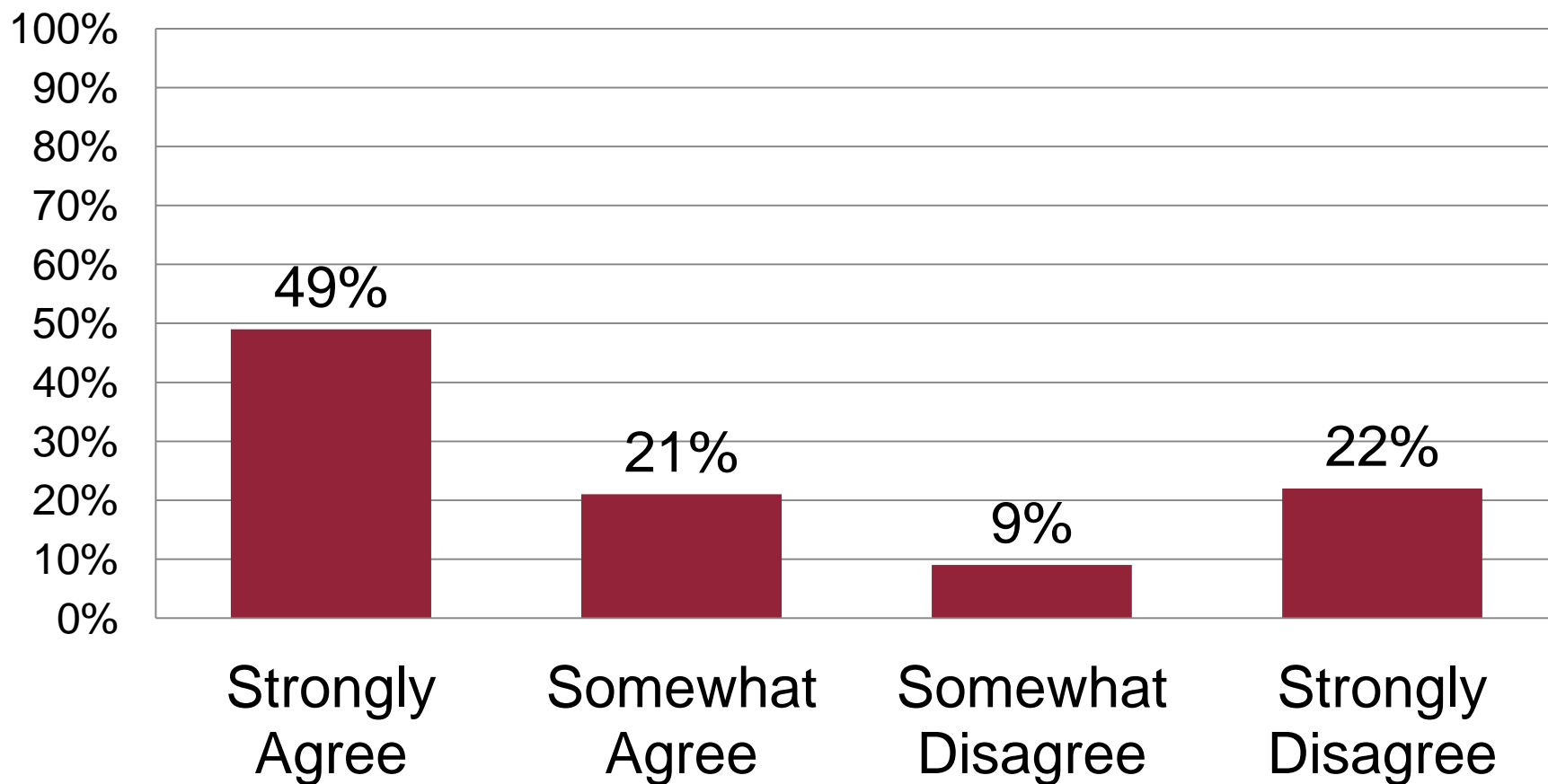
Phone Survey of 1,000 Americans
September 2015

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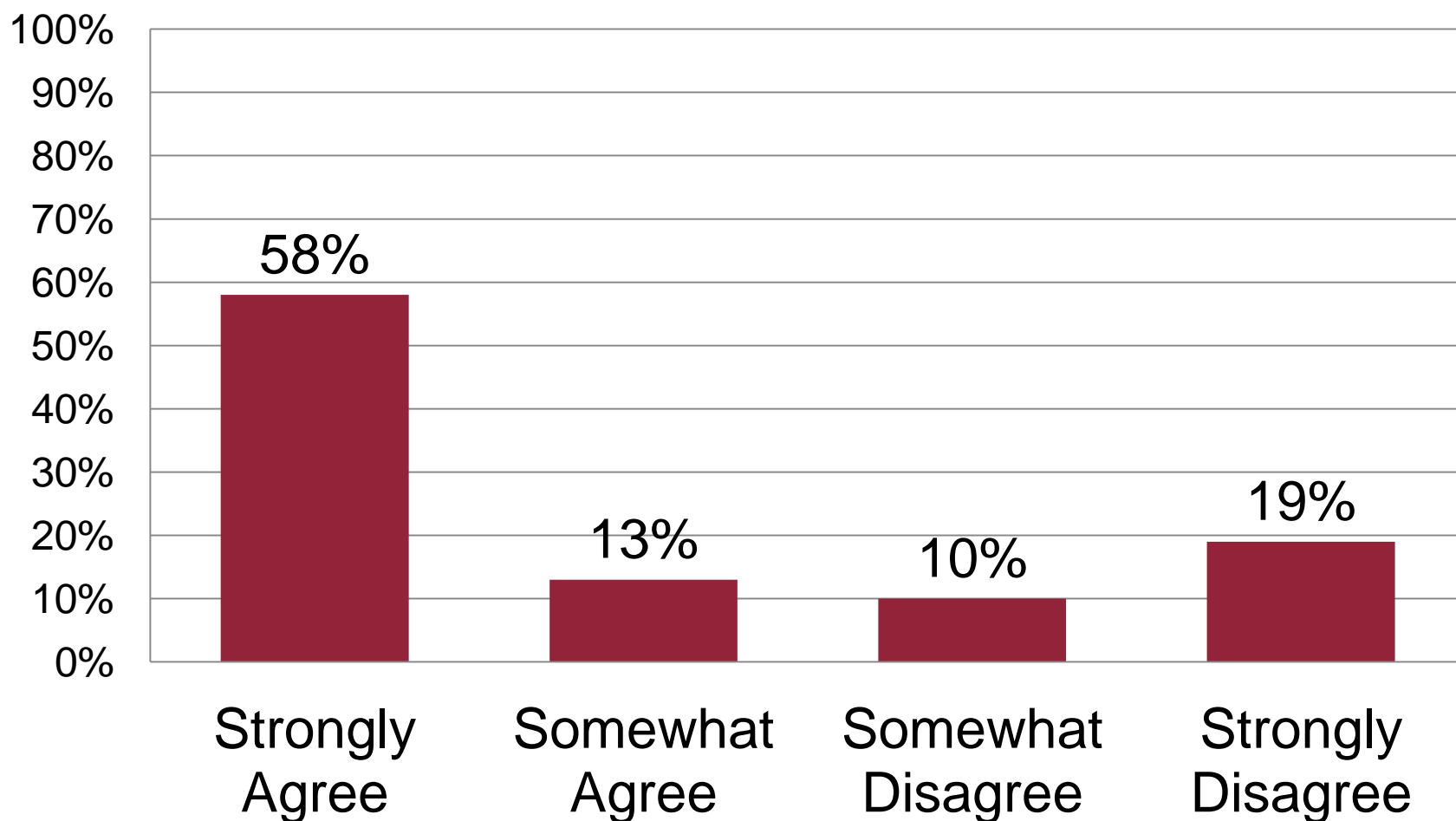
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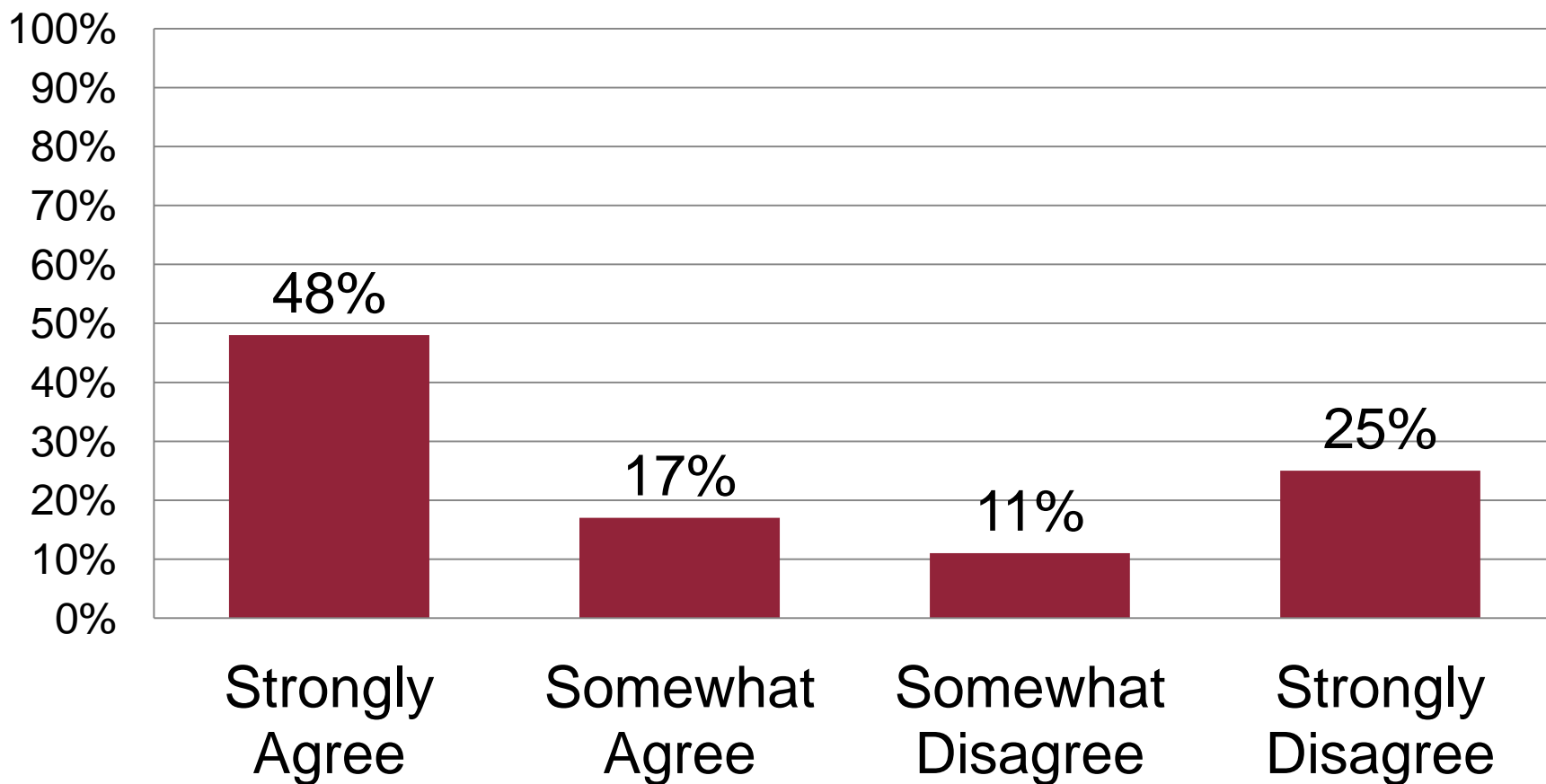


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Americans with Evangelical Beliefs

- Respondents indicating “strongly agree” for all four questions have Evangelical Beliefs
- Among all Americans, 30% have Evangelical Beliefs
- 26% of Americans have a Christian religious preference and have Evangelical Beliefs

Evangelical Beliefs and Ethnicity by Self Identification

- ❑ Among Hispanics that have Evangelical Beliefs, 79% self-identify as Evangelical
- ❑ Among Whites that have Evangelical Beliefs, 62% self-identify as Evangelical
- ❑ Among African Americans that have Evangelical Beliefs, 25% self-identify as Evangelical

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