

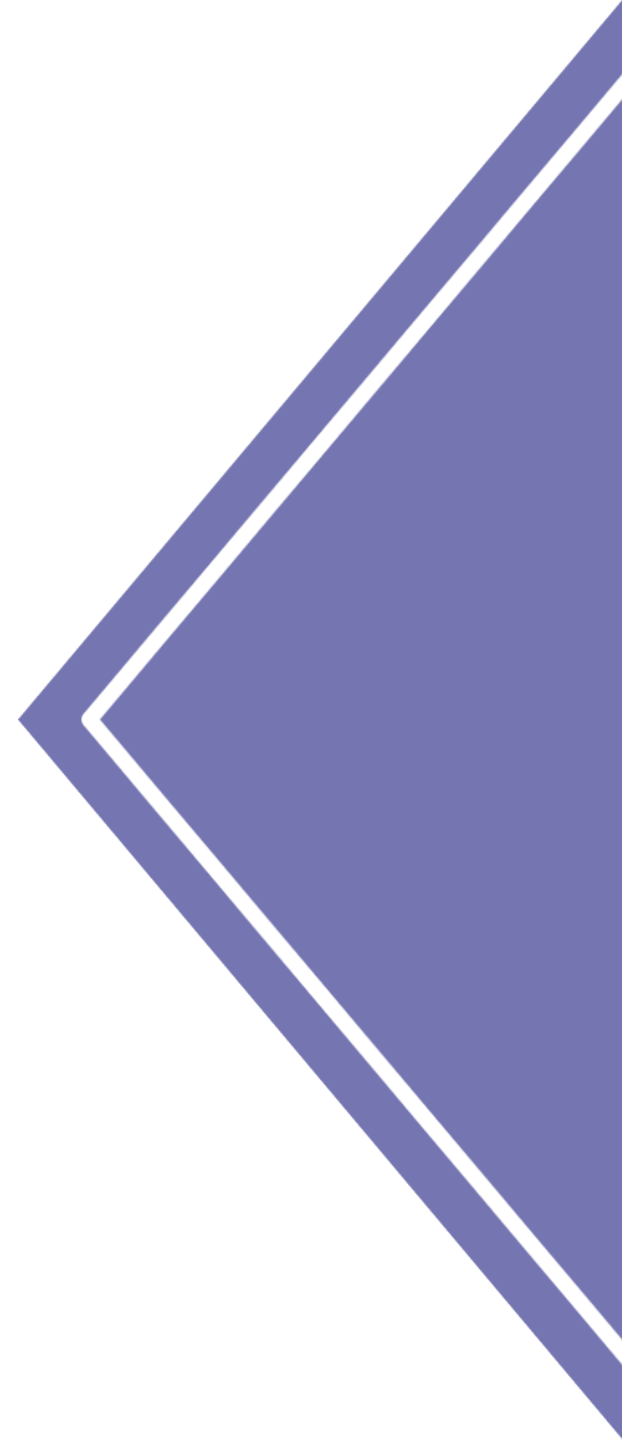
Pastors' Views on Sports Betting

Survey of American Protestant Pastors

Methodology

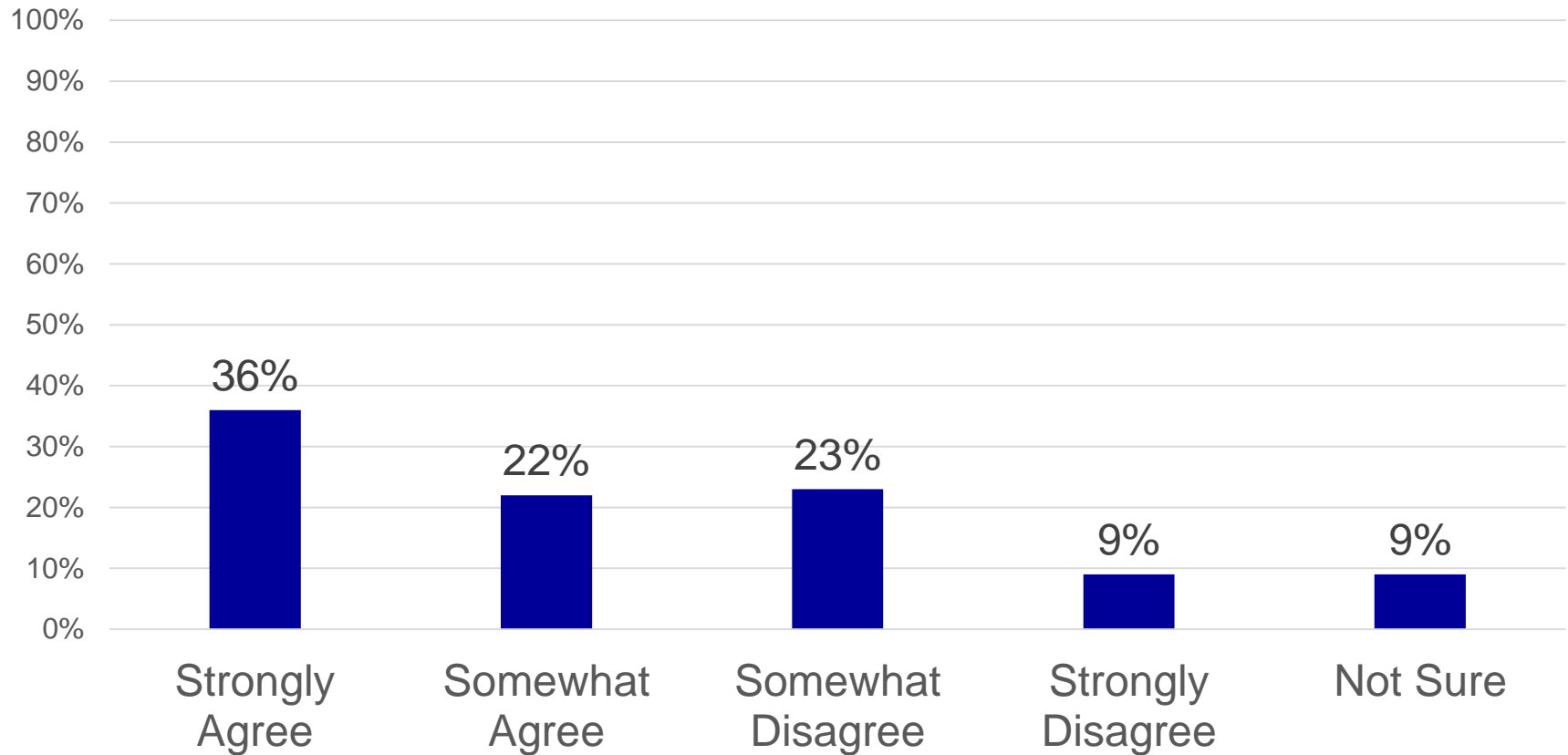
- The phone survey of 1,000 Protestant pastors was conducted August 29 – September 11, 2018
- The calling list was a stratified random sample, drawn from a list of all Protestant churches. Quotas were used for church size
- Each interview was conducted with the senior pastor, minister or priest of the 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



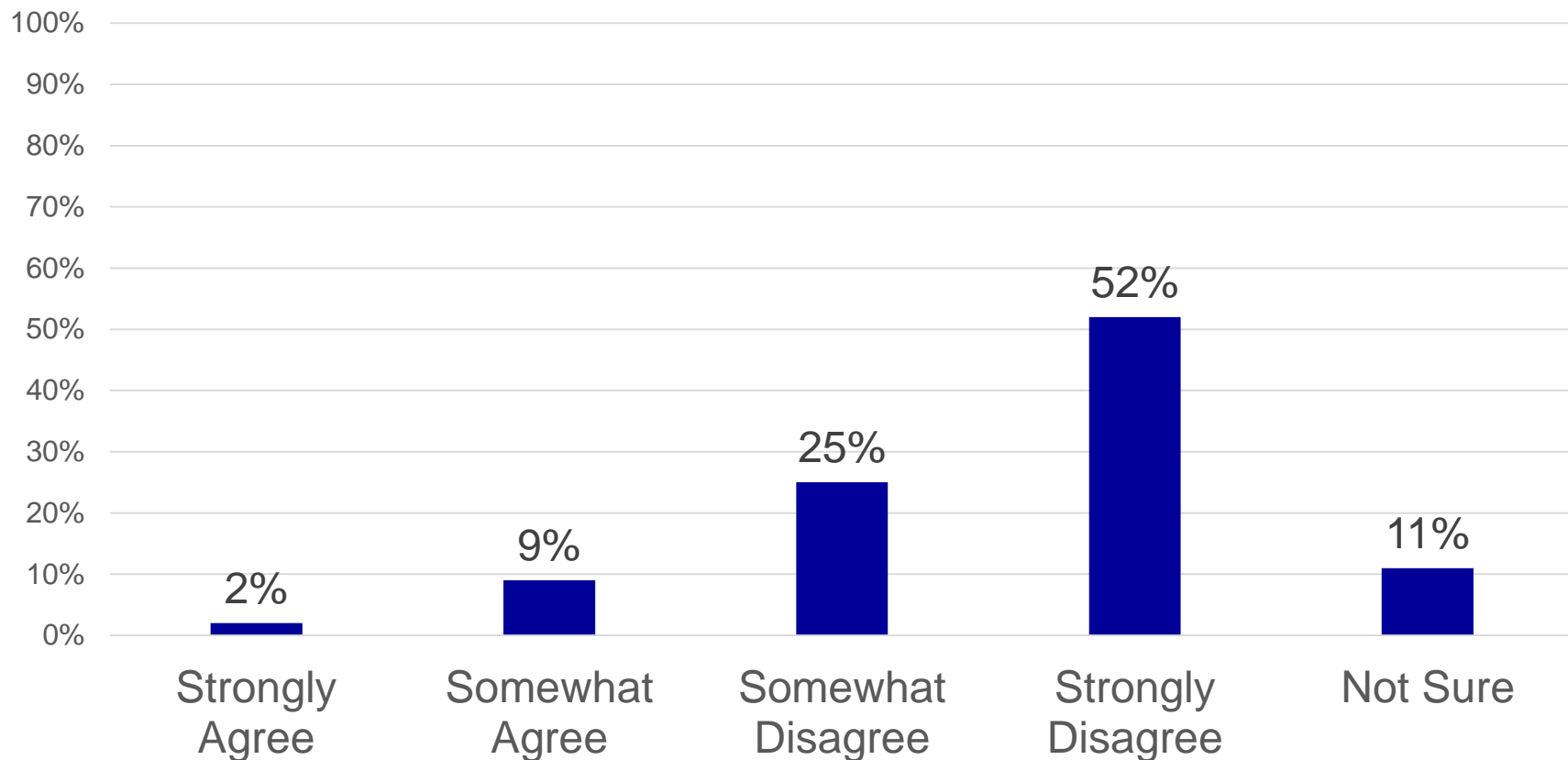
59% agree that it is morally wrong to bet on sports

Among Protestant Pastors



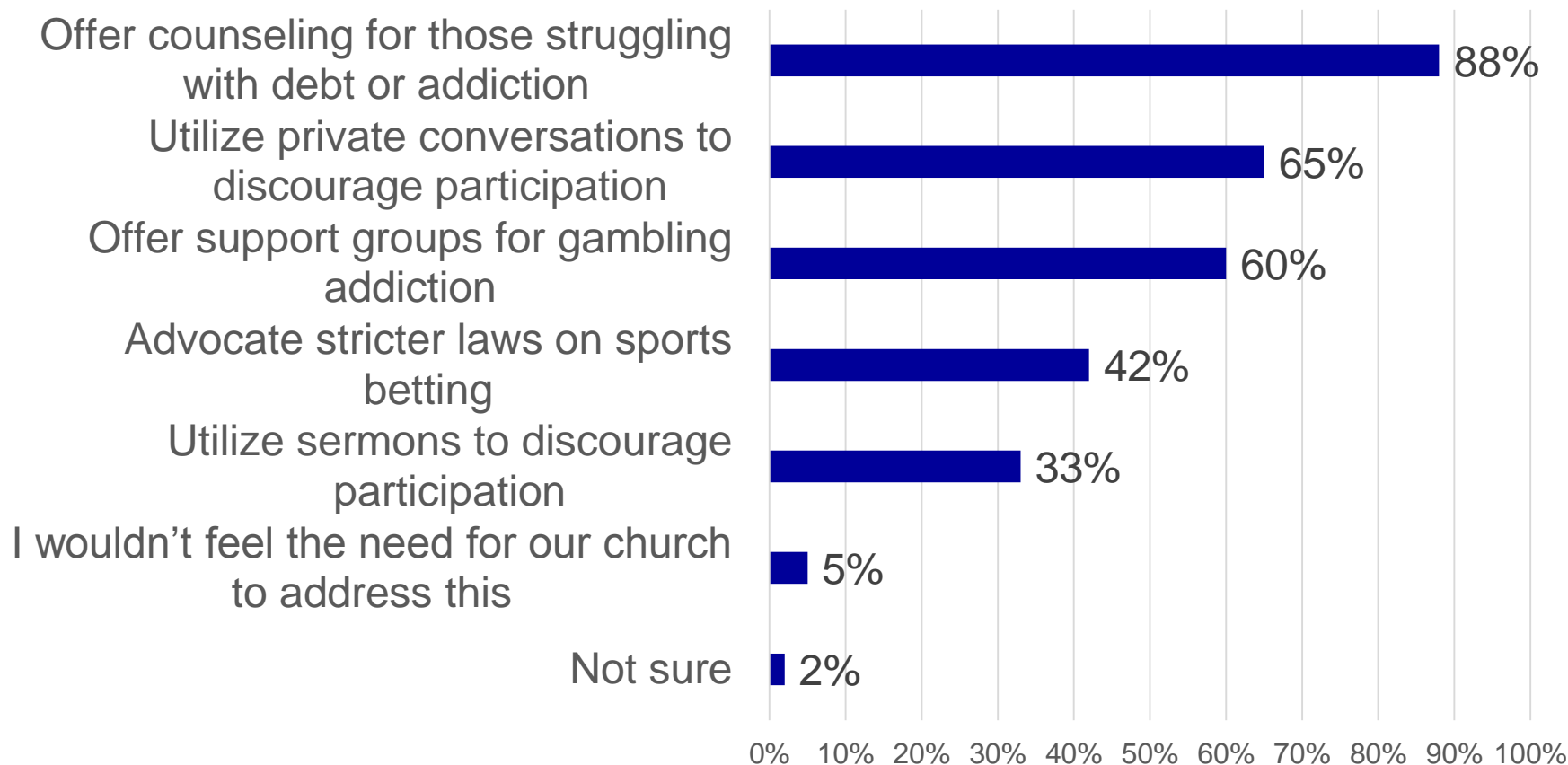
Only 12% agree that sports betting should be legalized nationwide

Among Protestant Pastors



“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?”

Among Protestant Pastors



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 the church's attendance and region, the pastor's gender, age and ethnicity.

Attendance	Region	Pastor's Gender	Pastor's Age	Ethnicity
0-49	Northeast	Male	18-44	White
50-99	Midwest	Female	45-54	African-American
100-249	South		55-64	Other Ethnicity
250+	West		65+	

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among the church's denomination and the pastor's education level and identification as evangelical or mainline.

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

“It is morally wrong to bet on sports.”

- Pastors in the South (62%) and Midwest (60%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (49%)
- Male pastors are more likely to Agree than females (62% v. 44%)
- Pastors age 45-54 (63%) and 55-64 (63%) are more likely to Agree than those 18-44 (52%)
- Pastors with a Bachelor’s degree (67%) or a Doctoral degree (62%) are more likely to Agree than those with no college degree (49%)
- Mainline pastors are more likely to Disagree than Evangelical pastors (35% v. 28%)
- Baptists (71%), Methodists (63%), and Pentecostals (69%) are more likely to Agree than Lutherans (38%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (46%)

“Sports betting should be legalized throughout the country.”

- Male pastors are more likely to Disagree than females (80% v. 68%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are the least likely to Disagree (68%)
- Pastors with no college degree (83%) or a Bachelor’s degree (84%) are more likely to Disagree than those with a Master’s degree (74%)
- Evangelical pastors are more likely to Disagree than Mainline pastors (83% v. 74%)
- Baptists (86%) and Pentecostals (93%) are more likely to Disagree than Lutherans (67%), Methodists (77%), Presbyterian/Reformed (62%), and Christian/Church of Christ (70%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?”

Utilize sermons to discourage participation

- Pastors in the South (37%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (25%) and Midwest (29%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select than females (37% v. 15%)
- Pastors age 55-64 (40%) are more likely to select than those 18-44 (25%) and 45-54 (30%)
- White pastors (34%) are more likely to select than African-American pastors (14%)
- Pastors with no college degree (38%) are more likely to select than those with a Master's degree (29%)
- Baptists (47%), Methodists (30%), Pentecostals (39%), and Christian/Church of Christ (38%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (16%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (10%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?” (continued)

Utilize private conversations to discourage participation

- Male pastors are more likely to select than females (70% v. 46%)
- Pastors age 55-64 (71%) are more likely to select than those 18-44 (59%)
- White pastors (67%) are more likely to select than pastors of Other ethnicities (55%)
- Pastors with a Bachelor’s degree (73%) or a Doctoral degree (73%) are more likely to select than those with a no college degree (58%)
- Baptists (76%), Methodists (67%), and Pentecostals (71%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (48%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (50%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?” (continued)

Offer support groups for gambling addiction

- African-American pastors (80%) are more likely to select than White pastors (59%)
- Methodists (74%) are more likely to select than Baptists (56%), Lutherans (61%), Presbyterian/Reformed (52%), and Christian/Church of Christ (52%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?” (continued)

Advocate stricter laws on sports betting

- Pastors in the South (47%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (38%) and West (35%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select than females (44% v. 33%)
- Pastors age 18-44 are the least likely to select (29%)
- Pastors with no college degree (49%) are more likely to select than those with a Master’s degree (39%)
- Baptists (52%), Methodists (53%), and Pentecostals (53%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (29%), Presbyterian/Reformed (29%), and Christian/Church of Christ (31%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?” (continued)

Offer counseling for those struggling with debt or addiction

- Pastors of churches with attendance of 250+ (94%) are more likely to select than those at churches of 0-49 (85%)
- Pastors in the South (90%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (85%)
- Male pastors are more likely to select than females (89% v. 83%)
- Pentecostals (97%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (88%), Methodists (87%), Presbyterian/Reformed (80%), and Christian/Church of Christ (83%)

“If sports betting is legal or soon becomes legal in your state, which of the following will you do?” (continued)

I wouldn't feel the need for our church to address this

- Presbyterian/Reformed (10%) are more likely to select than Pentecostals (1%)

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