



# Care Net Study of American Men whose Partner has had an Abortion

A SURVEY OF 1,000 AMERICAN MEN

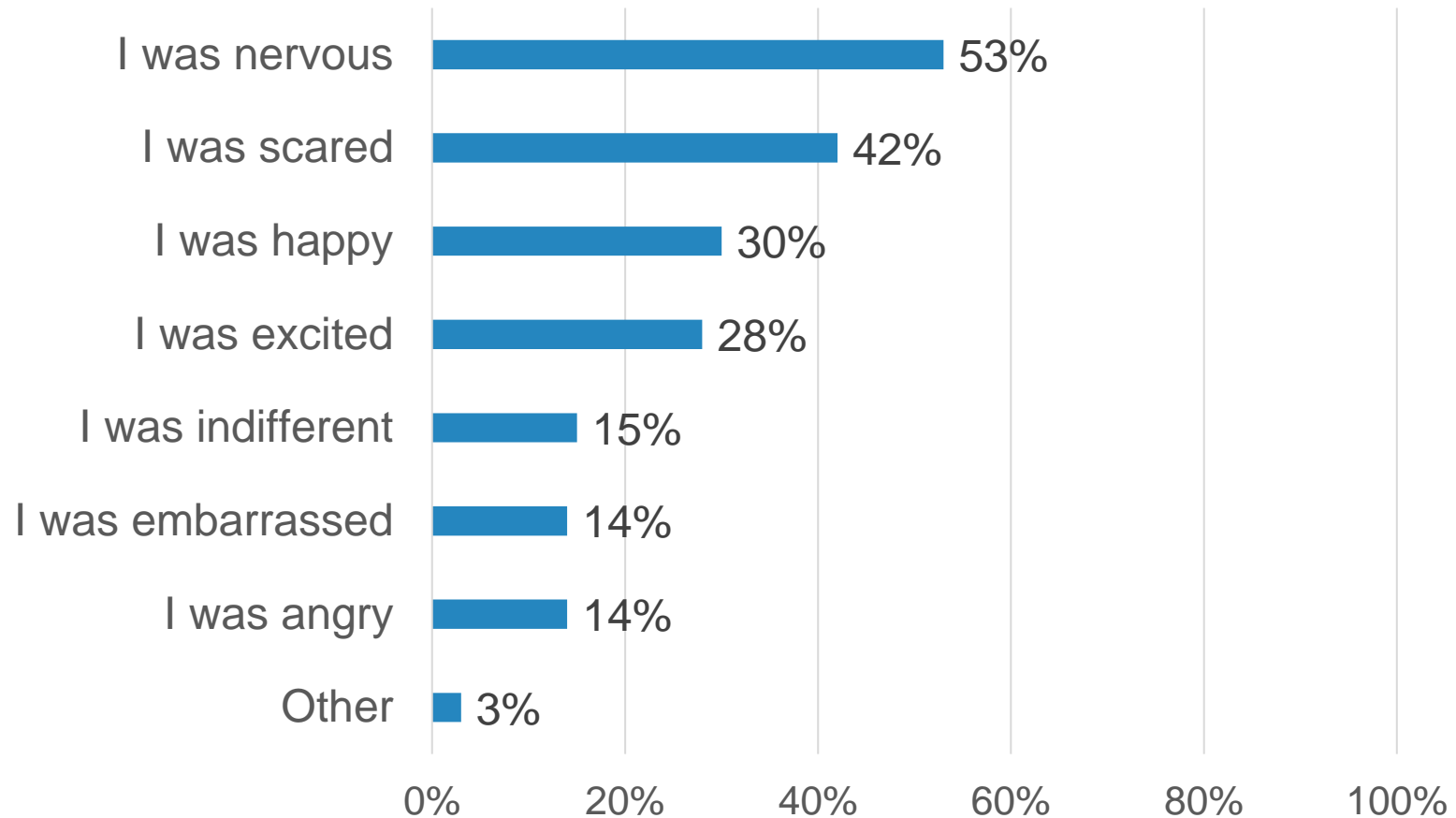
Lifeway research

# Methodology

- The study was originated and commissioned by Care Net
- The online survey of 1,000 American men was conducted by Lifeway Research February 25-March 26, 2021 using a national pre-recruited panel
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance age, region, ethnicity, and education to more accurately reflect the population
- The nationally balanced sample was screened to only include men whose partner/spouse has had an abortion after he had made her pregnant and he knew about the pregnancy before she had the abortion
- The completed sample is 1,000 surveys

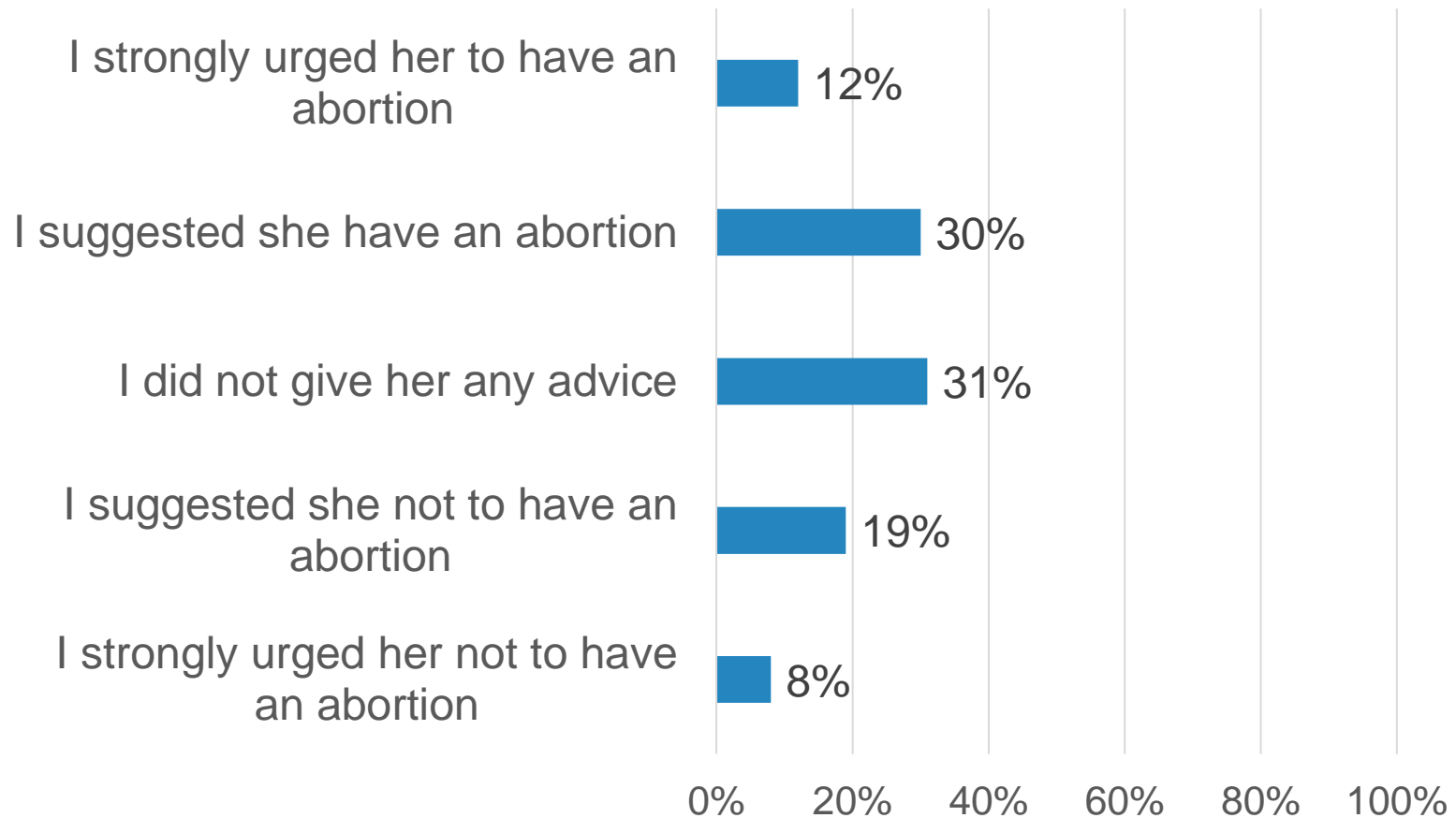
# Men whose partner later has an abortion often have varying reactions when they find out their partner is pregnant

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



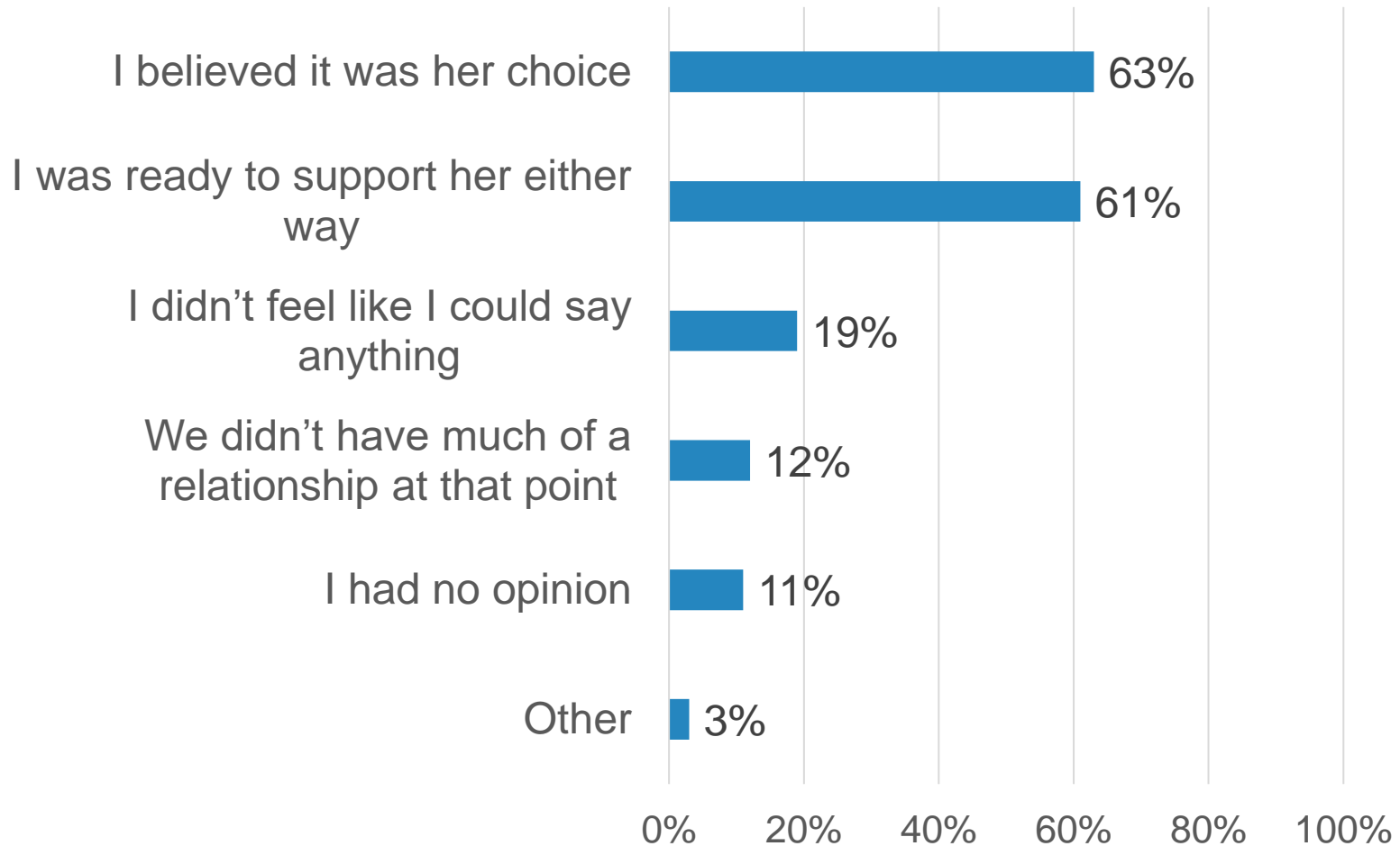
# Men more often respond by influencing their partner to have an abortion than not to have one

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



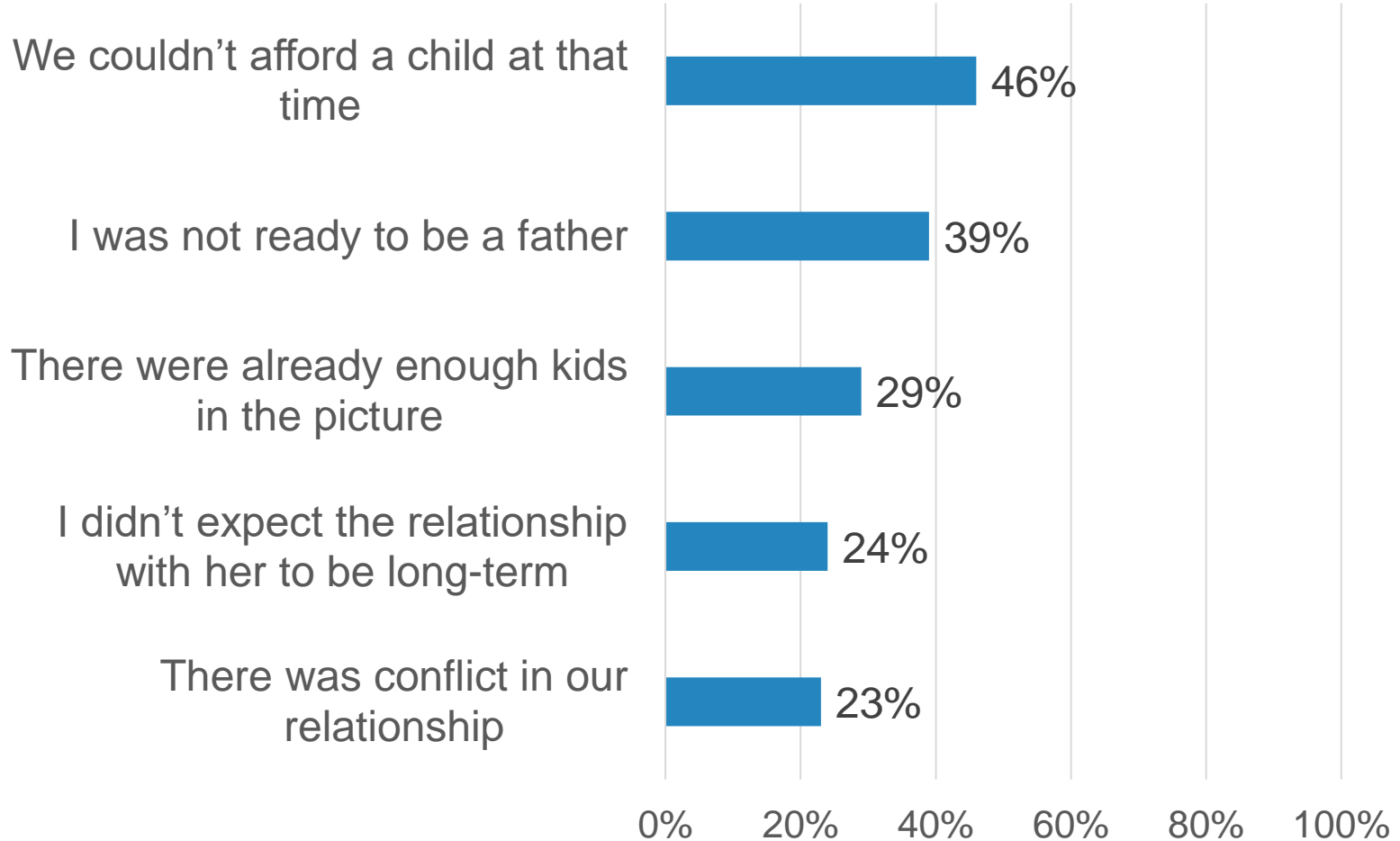
# Men who stay silent about the abortion decision primarily believed it was their partner's choice or were ready to support her either way

Among men who gave their partner no advice regarding her abortion



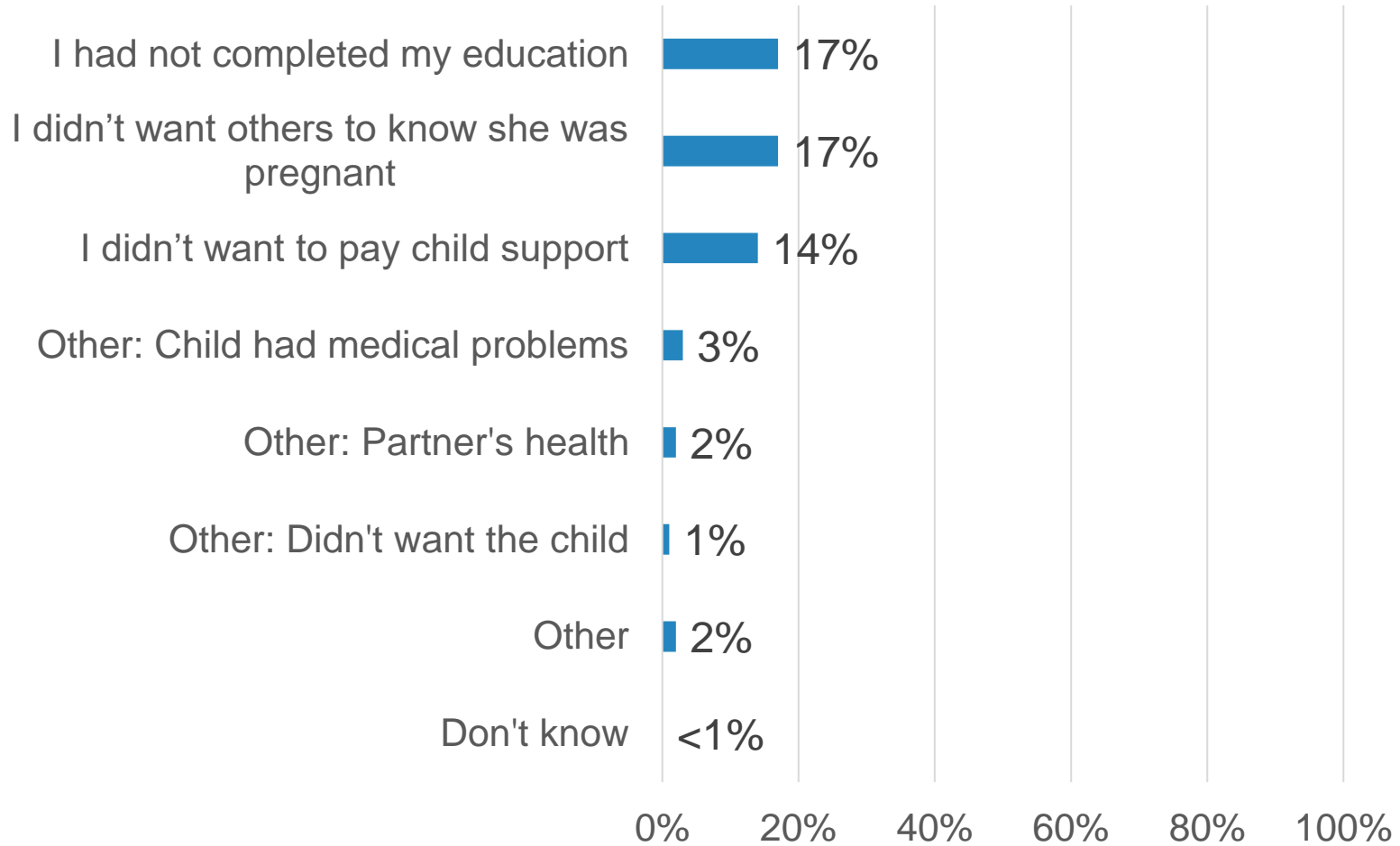
# Top reasons men suggested their partner have an abortion

Among men who suggested/urged their partner to have an abortion



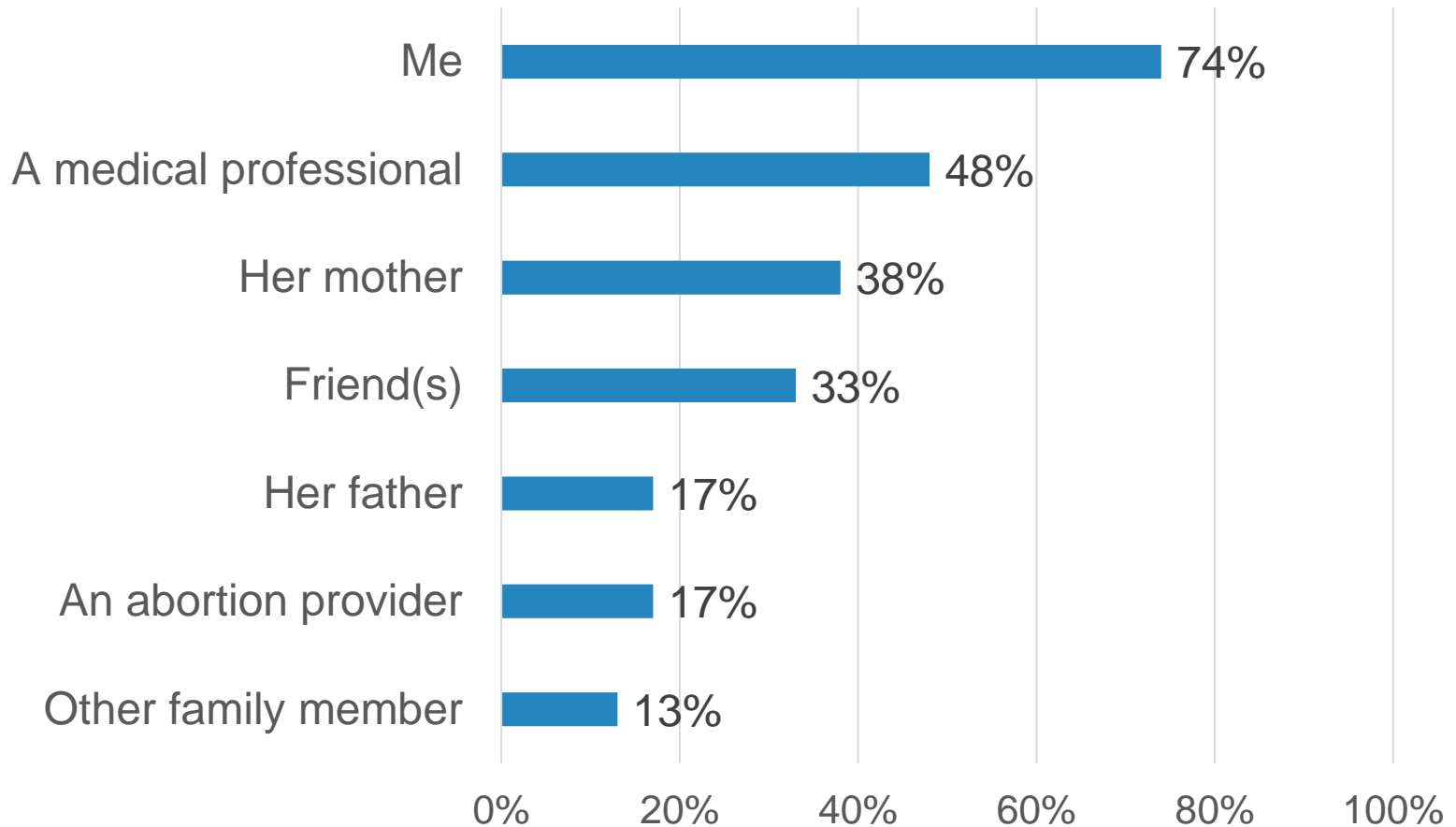
# Additional reasons men suggested their partners have an abortion

Among men who suggested/urged their partner to have an abortion



# “To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”

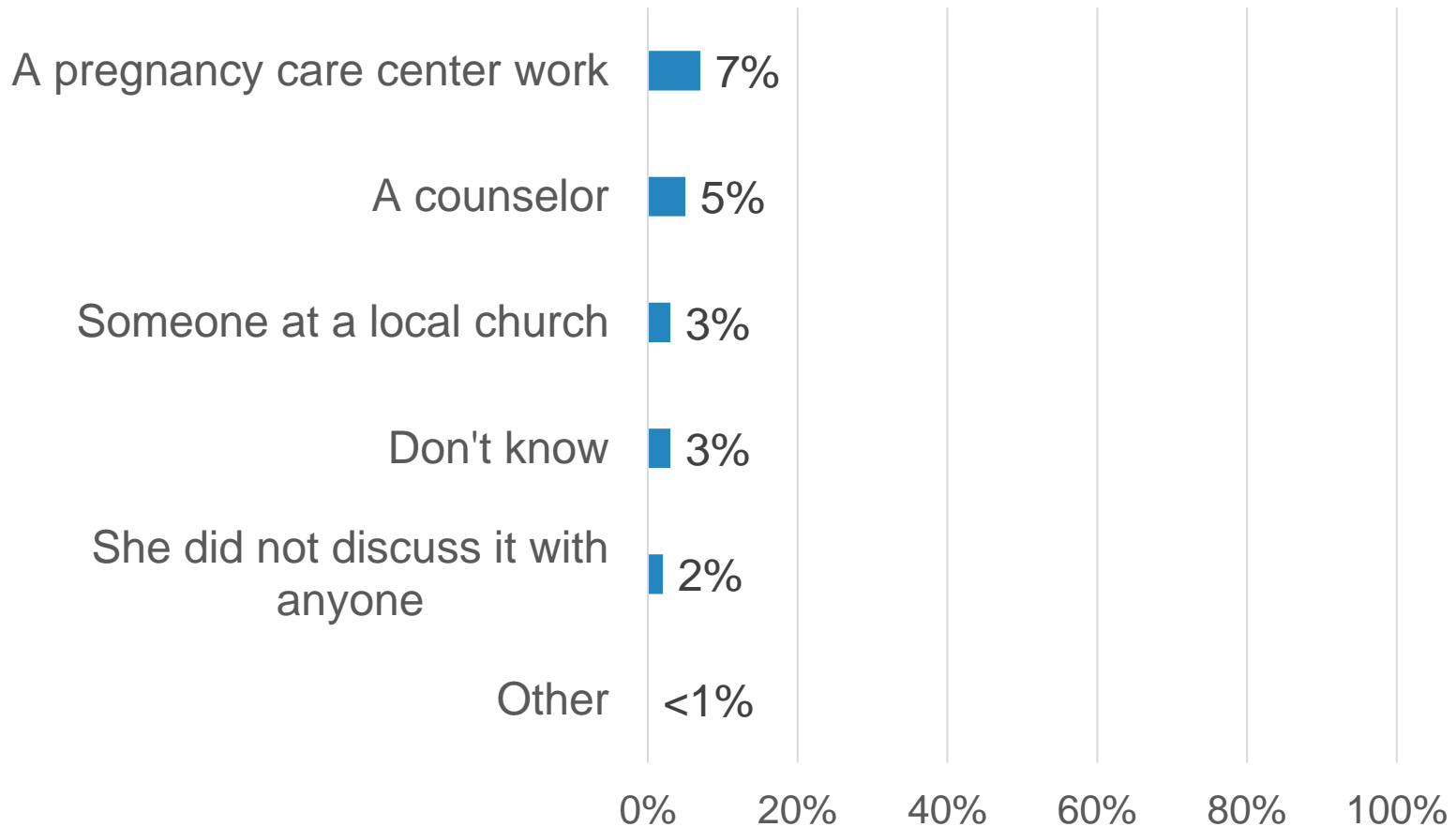
Among men whose partner has had an abortion



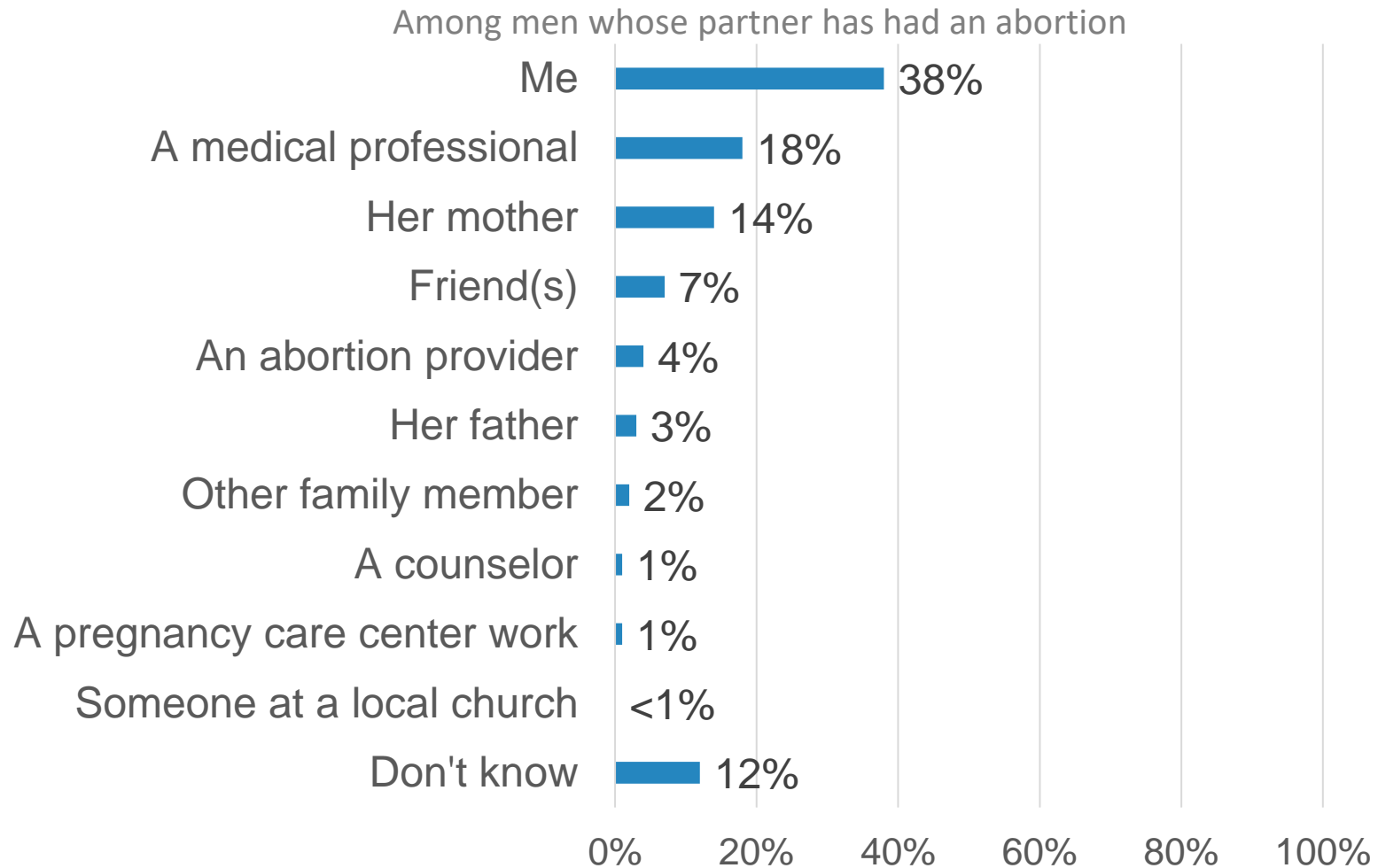


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Among men whose partner has had an abortion

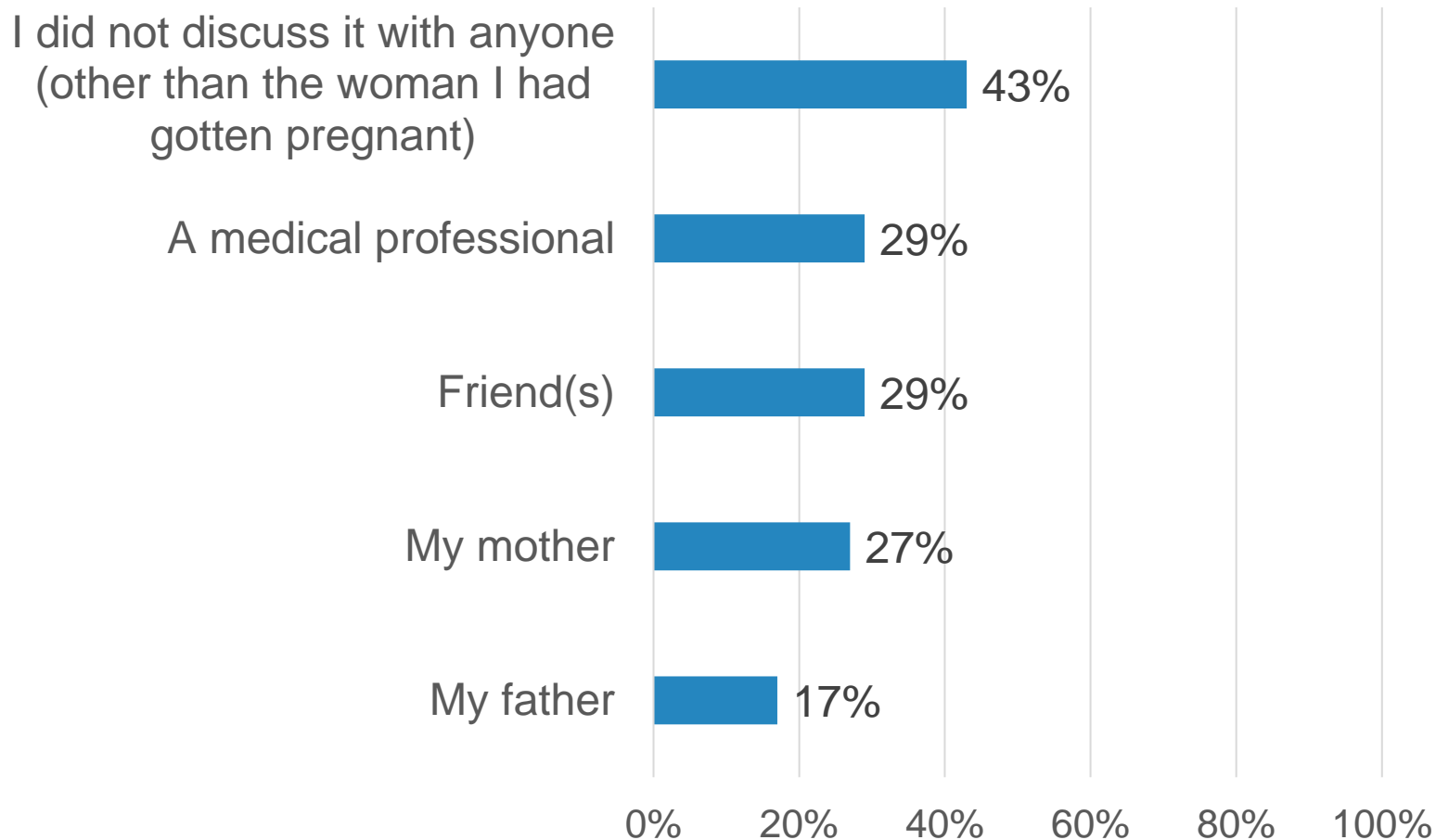


# 38% of men whose partner later has an abortion say that they were the most influential on her decision



# “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

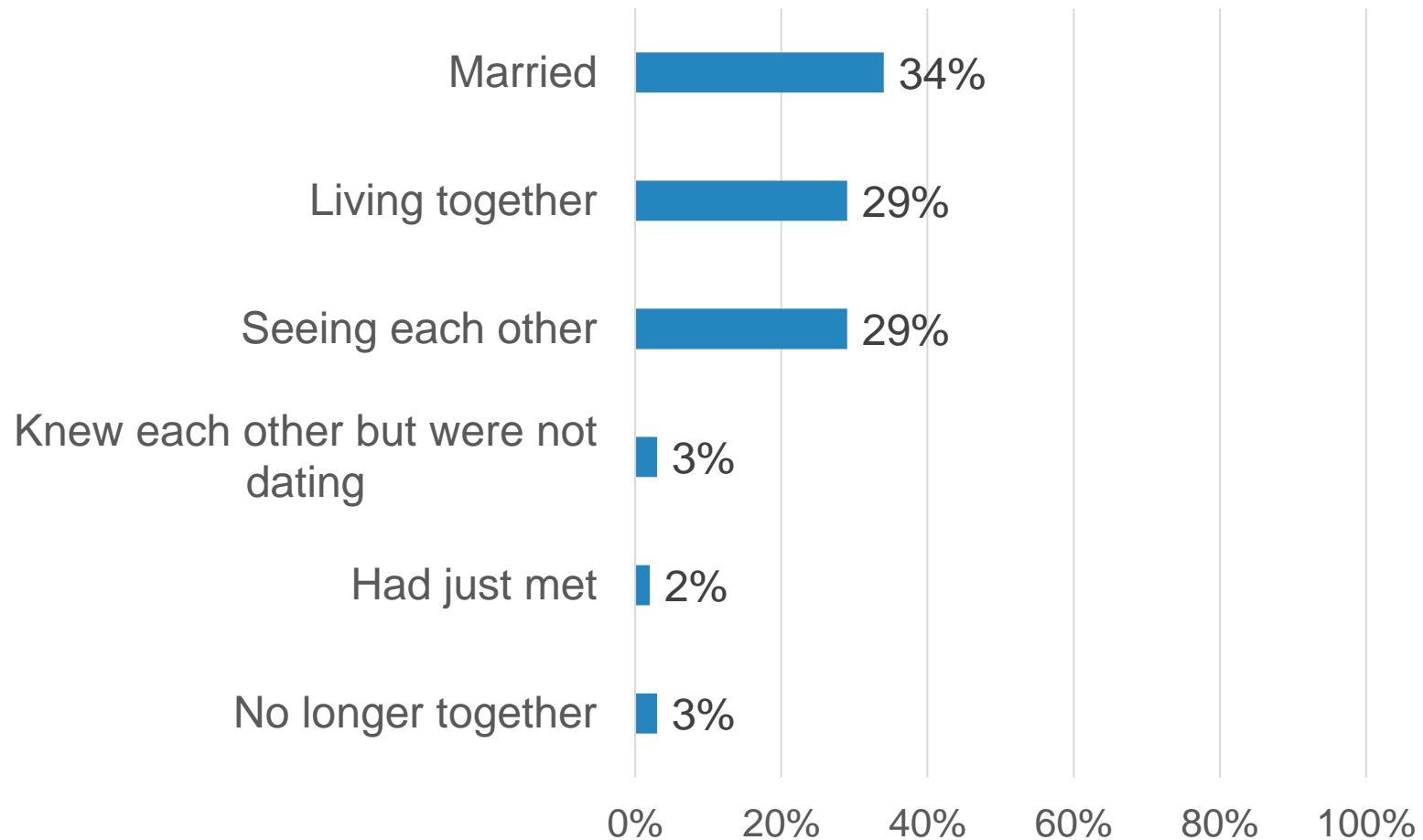


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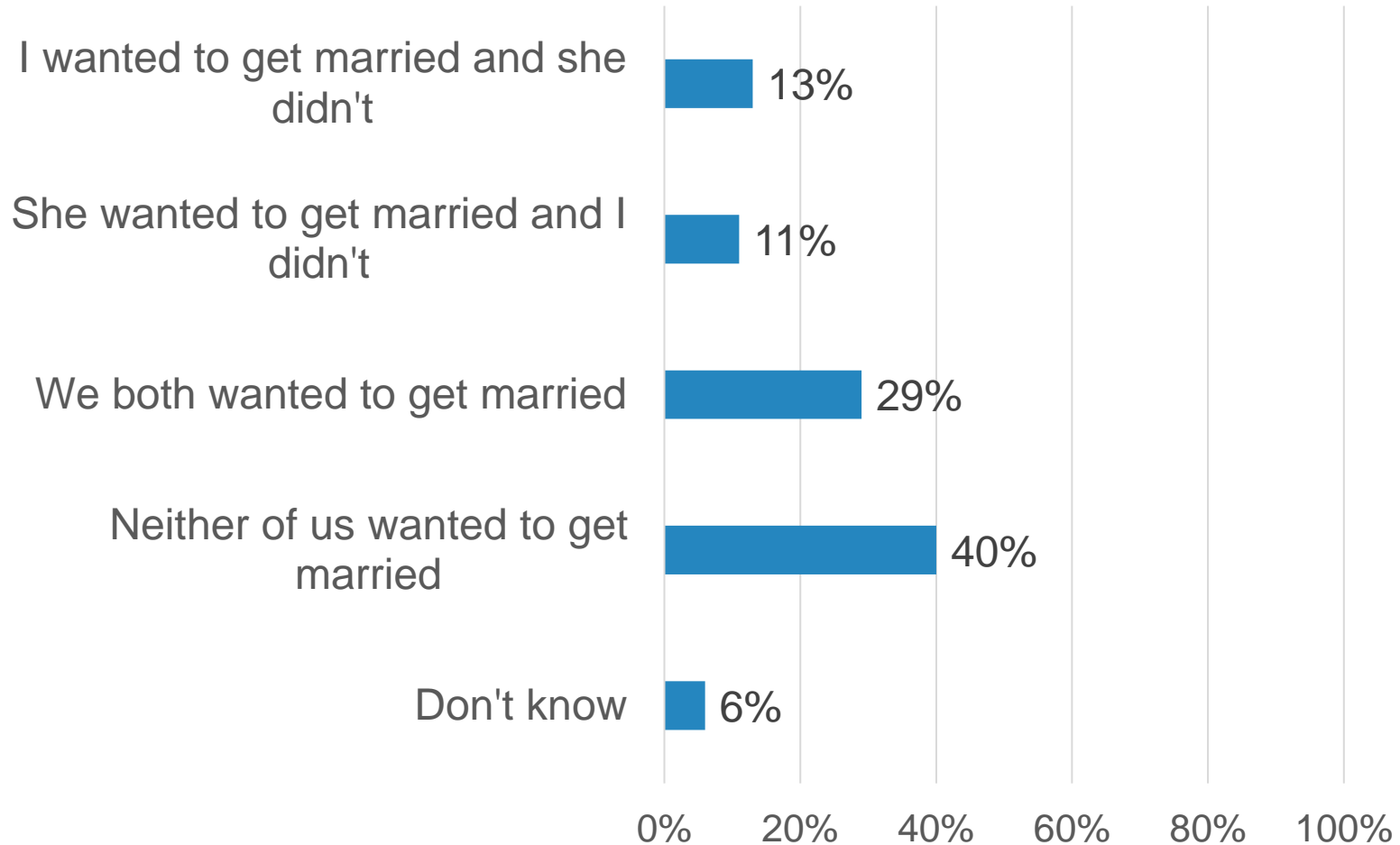
# 34% were married to the woman and 29% were living together at the time of the abortion

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



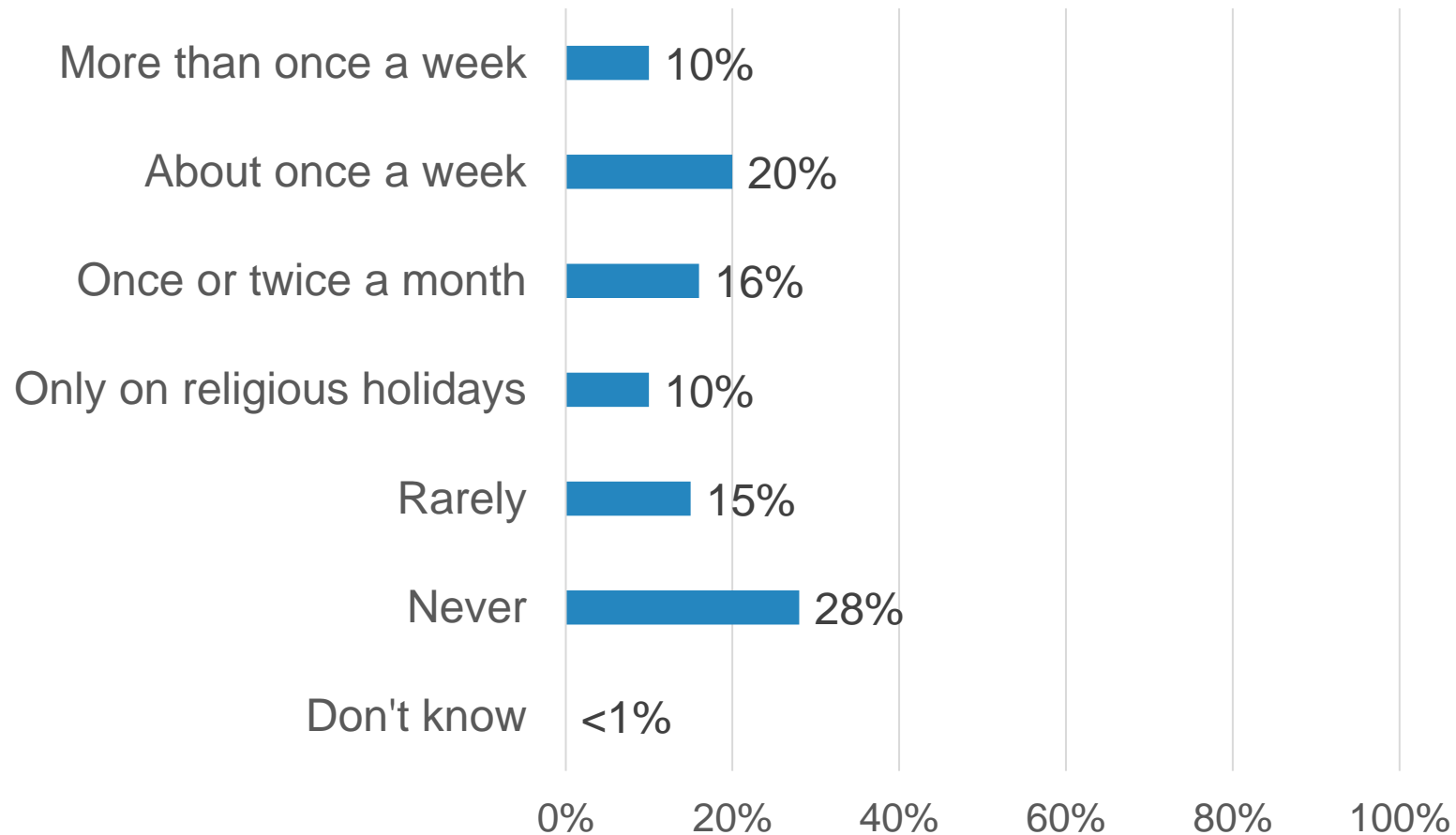
# 4 out of 10 of unmarried men say that neither they nor their partner wanted to get married

Among those not married at the time of this pregnancy



# 47% say they were attending a Christian church at least once a month at the time of the first abortion

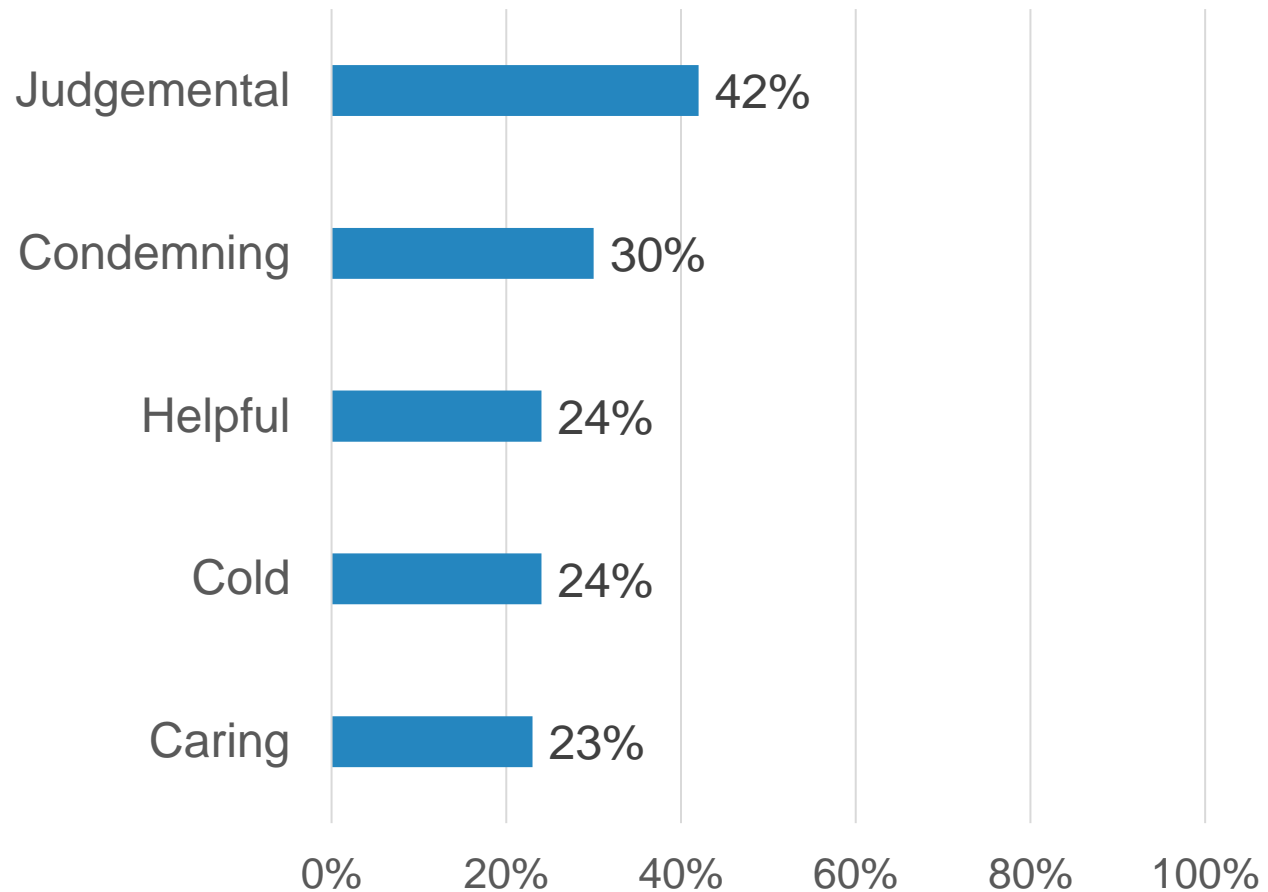
Among men whose partner has had an abortion



**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

**The reaction I would have expected:**

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

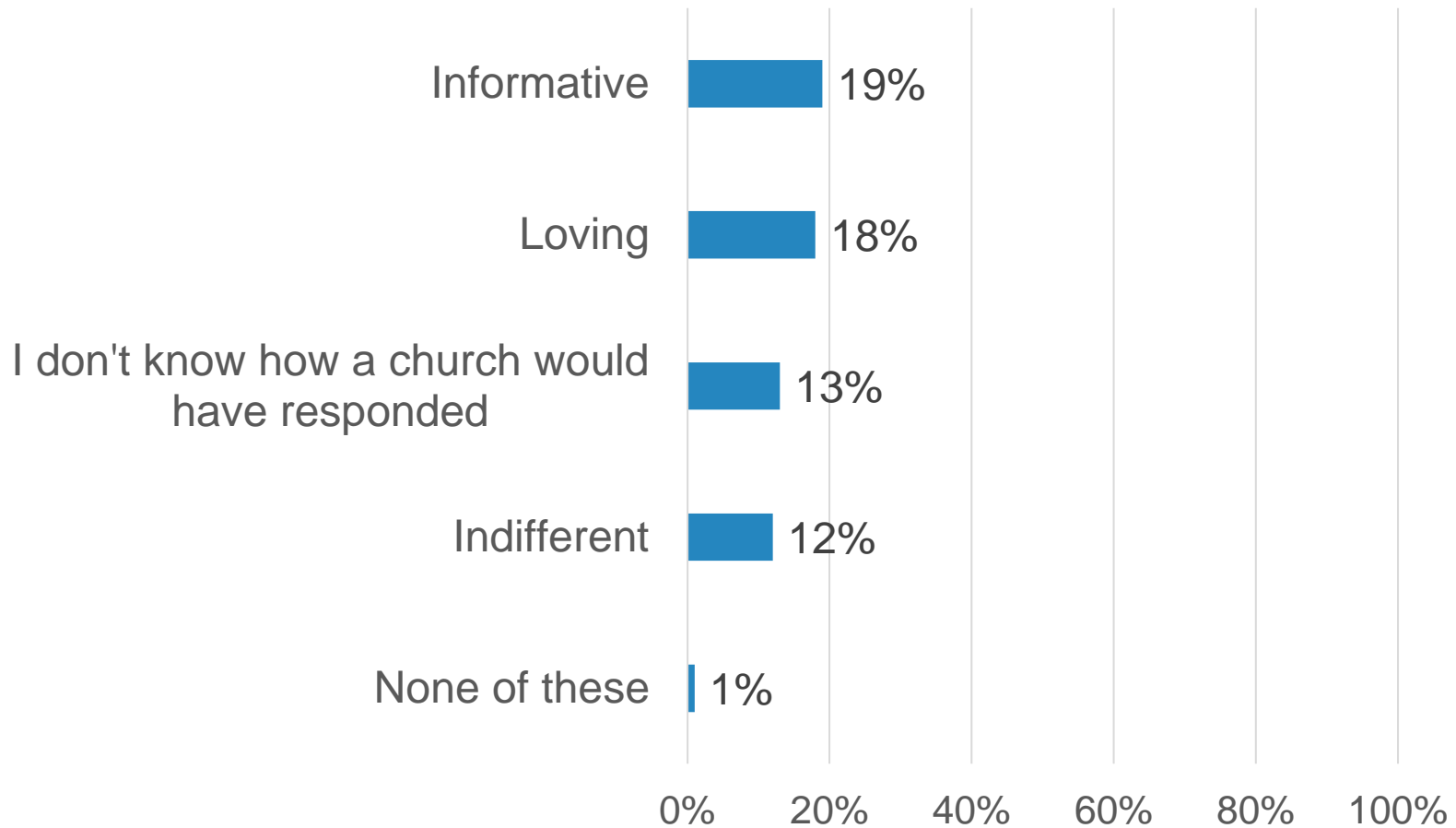




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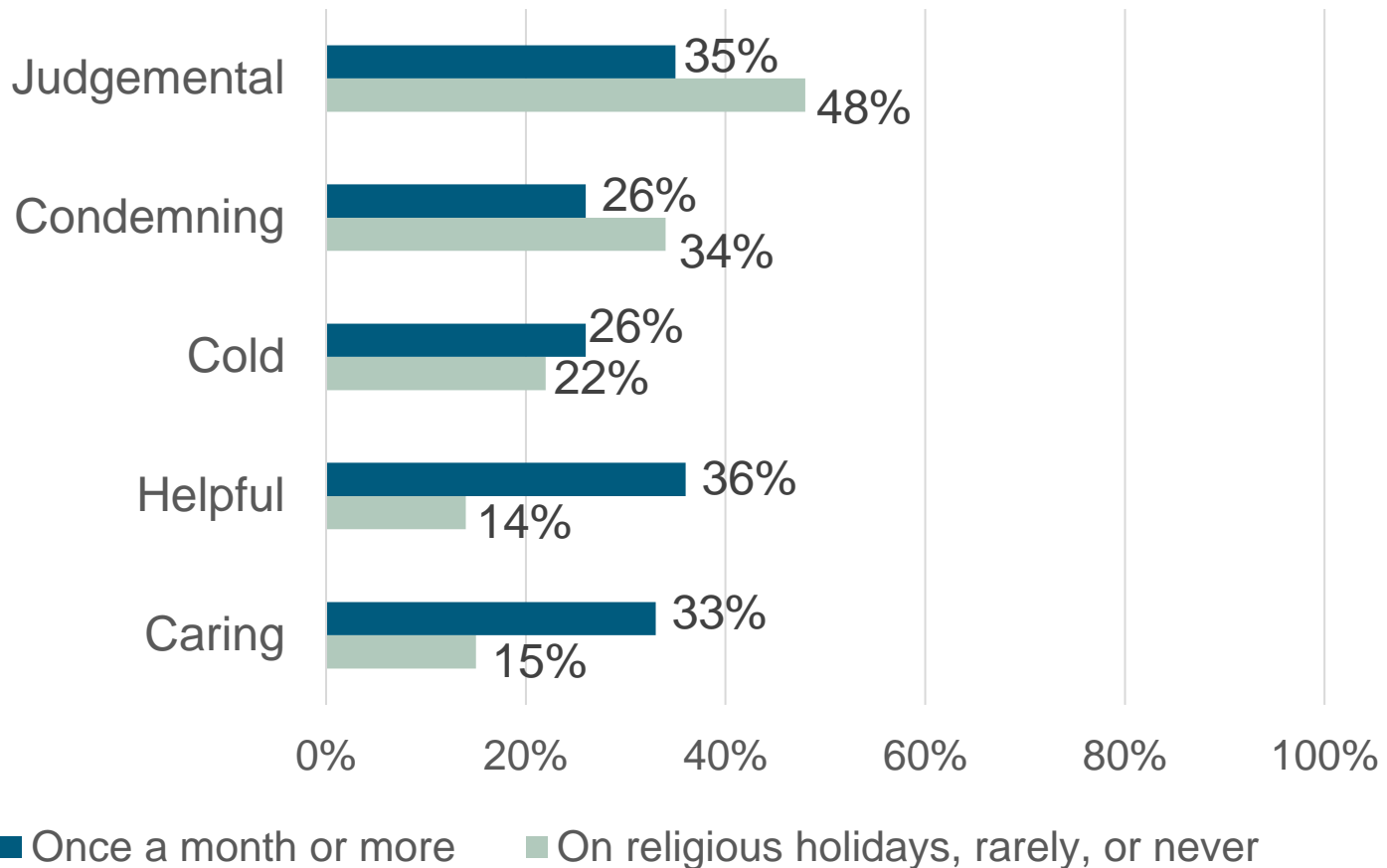
Among men whose partner has had an abortion



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## The reaction I would have expected:

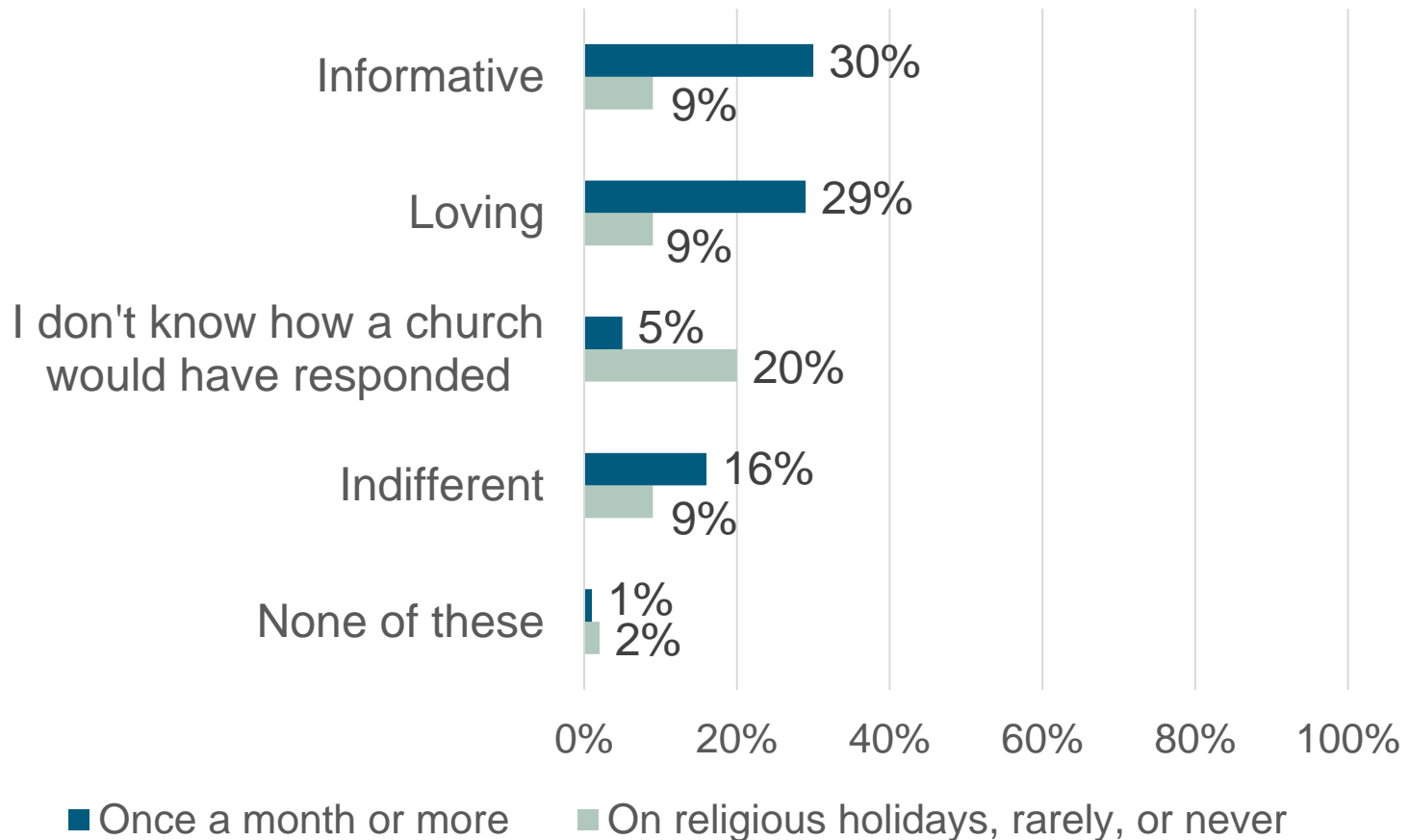
Among men whose partner has had an abortion



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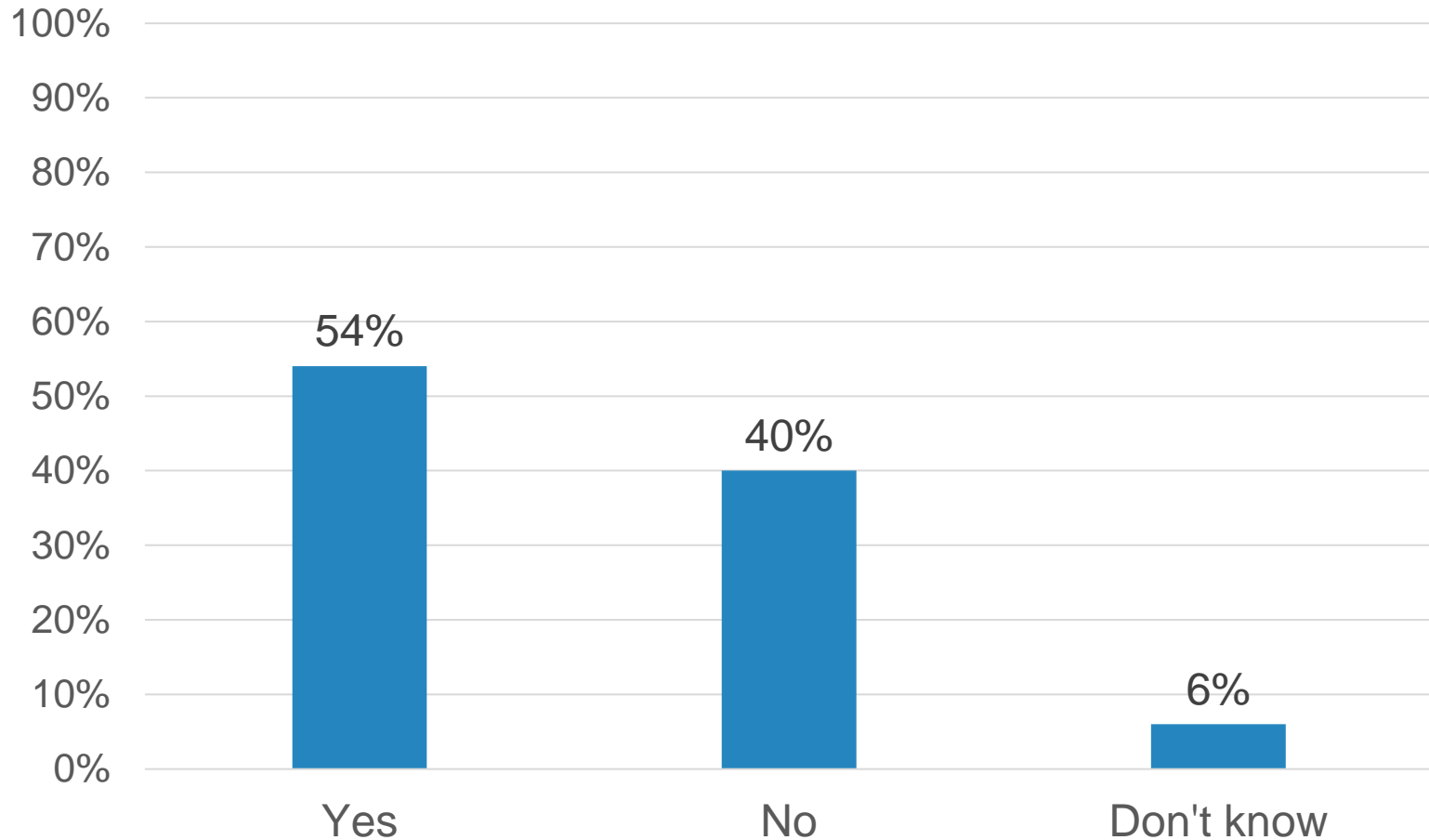
## The reaction I would have expected: *continued*

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

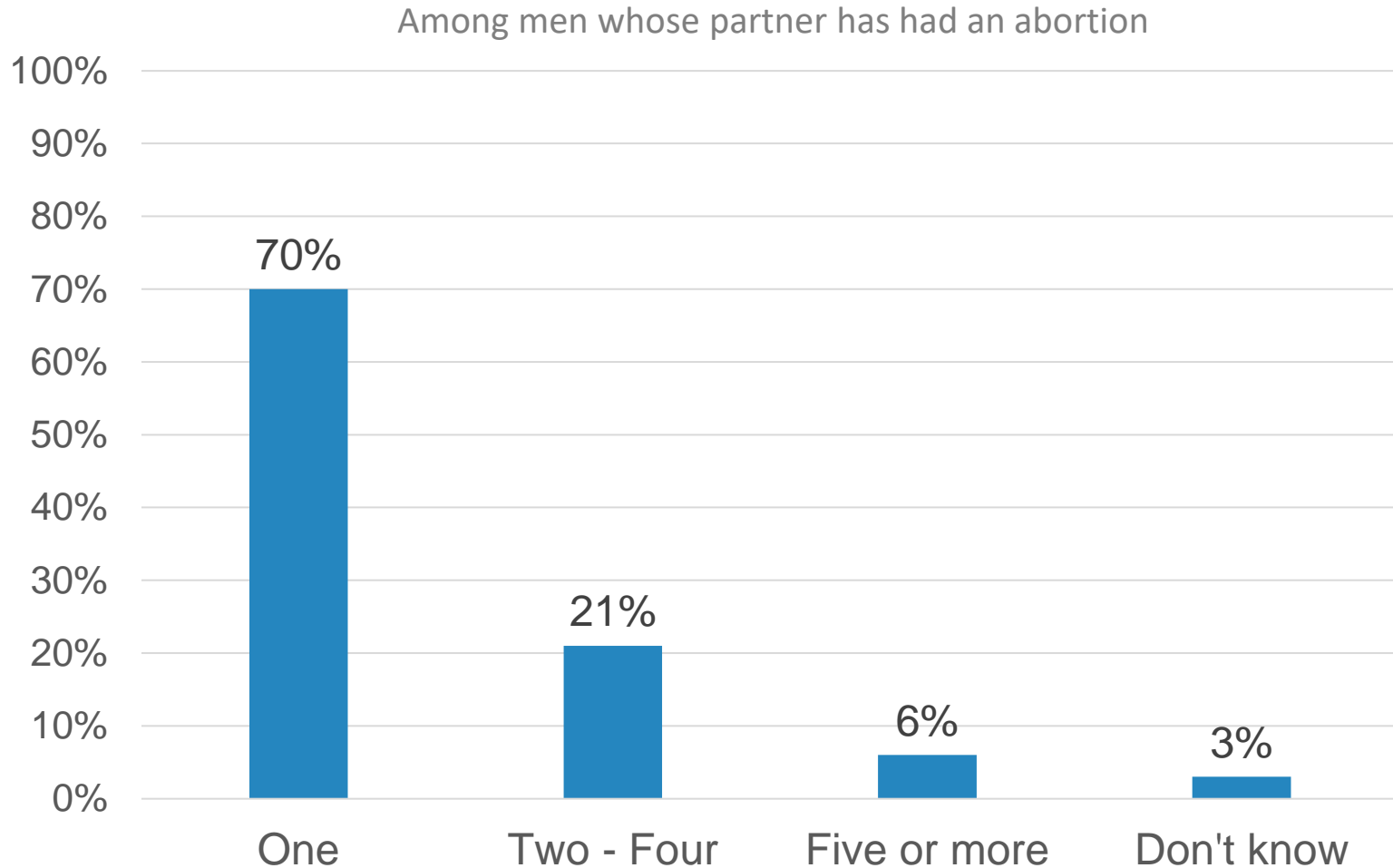


# 54% say they were aware of local pregnancy centers that offered help at the time of the first abortion

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

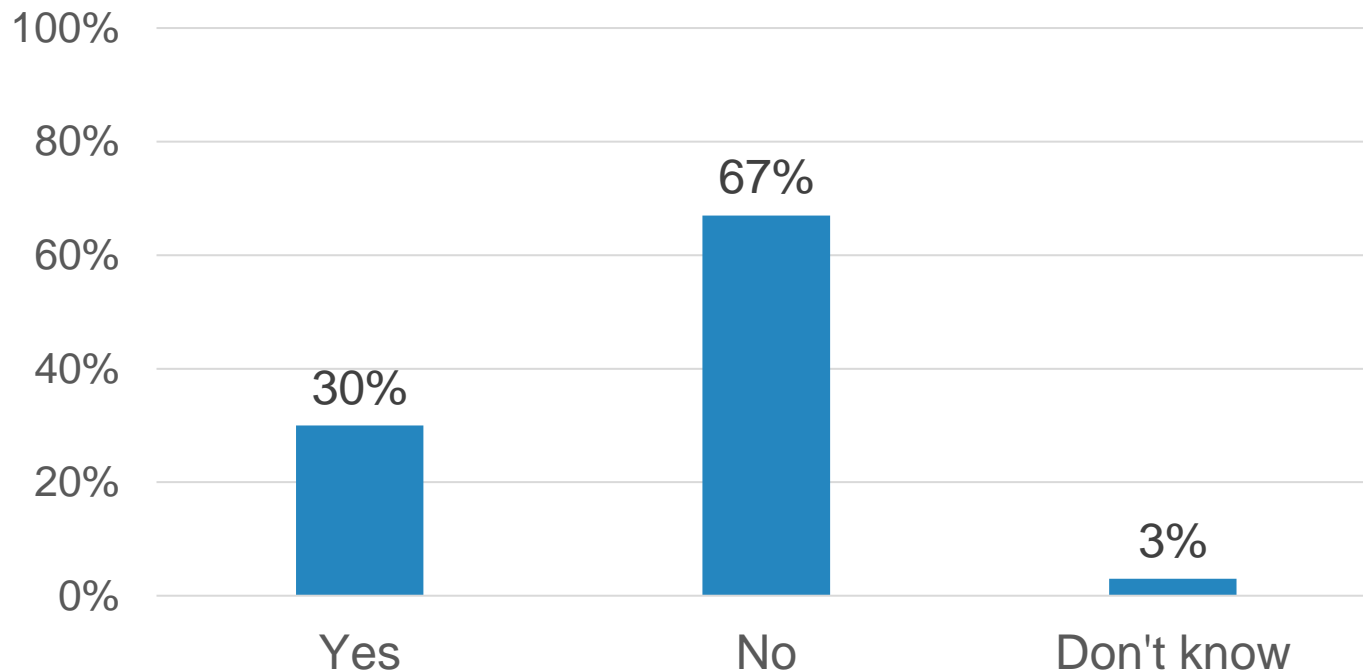


# 70% say that their partner or spouse has had only one abortion



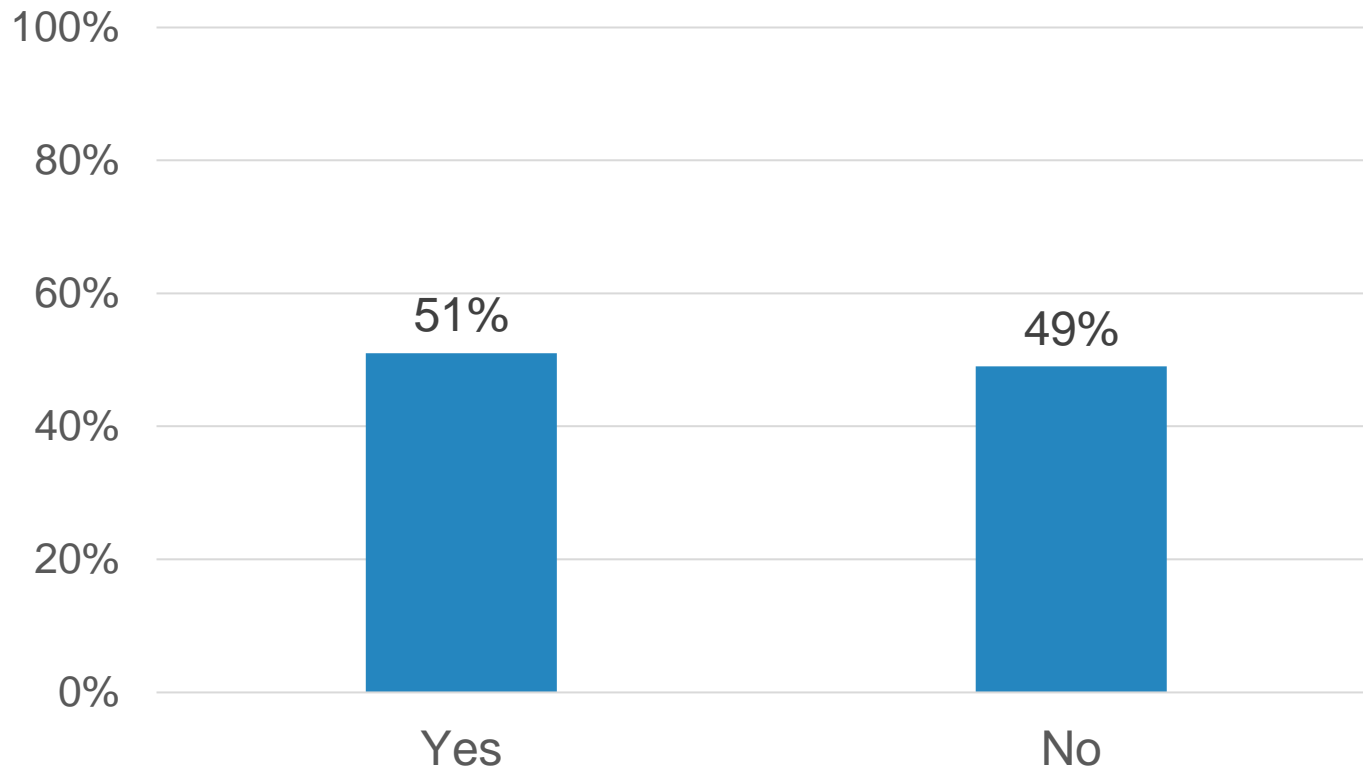
# Among men that were not attending church at the first abortion and whose partner(s) had additional abortions, 30% say they were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of a subsequent abortion

Among men who attended church less than once a month at the time of the first abortion and whose partner(s) have had more than one abortion



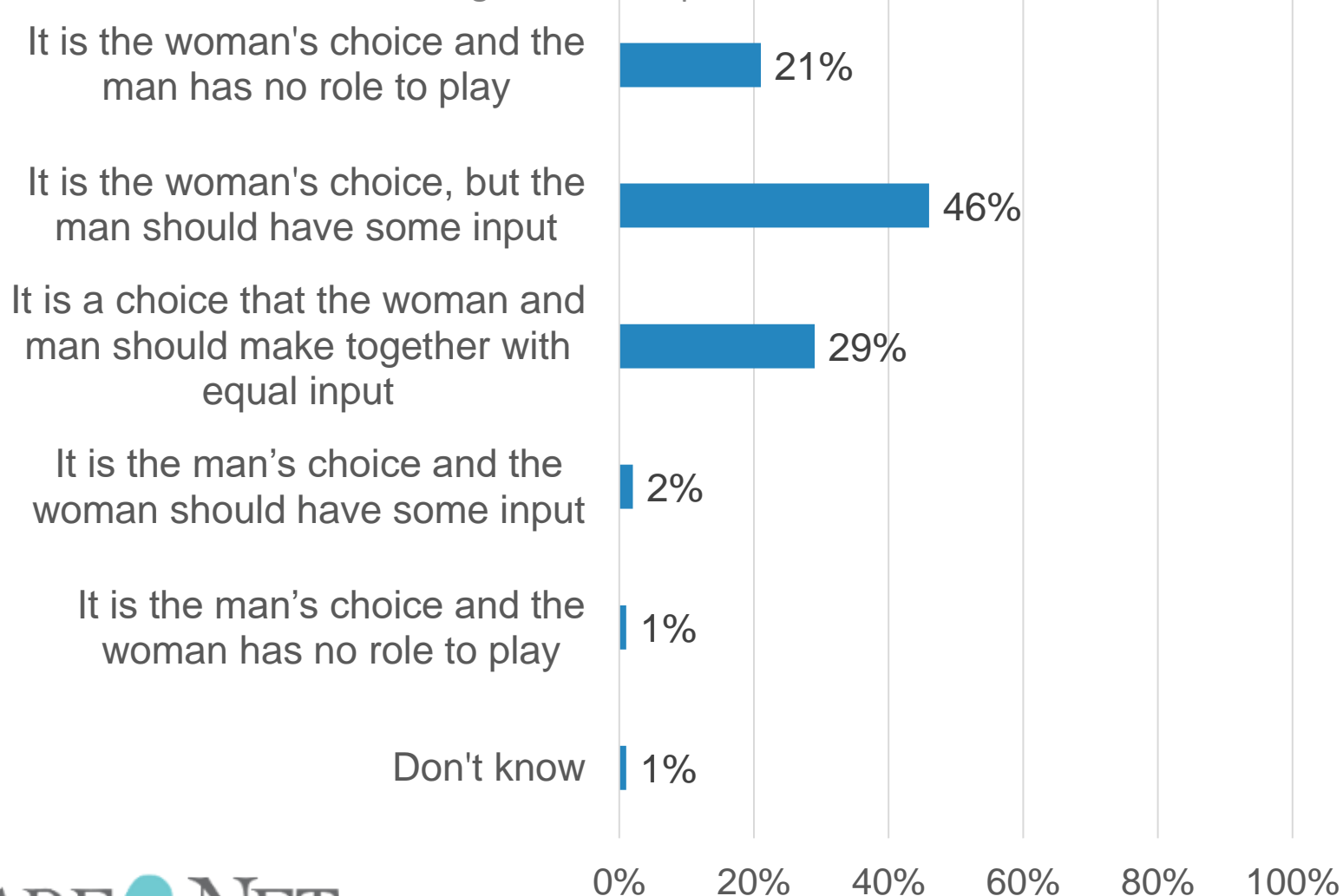
# A total of 51% of men were attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of at least one of their partner's abortions

Among men whose partner(s) has had an abortion



# 67% say than an abortion is the woman's choice, with 46% saying the man should have some input

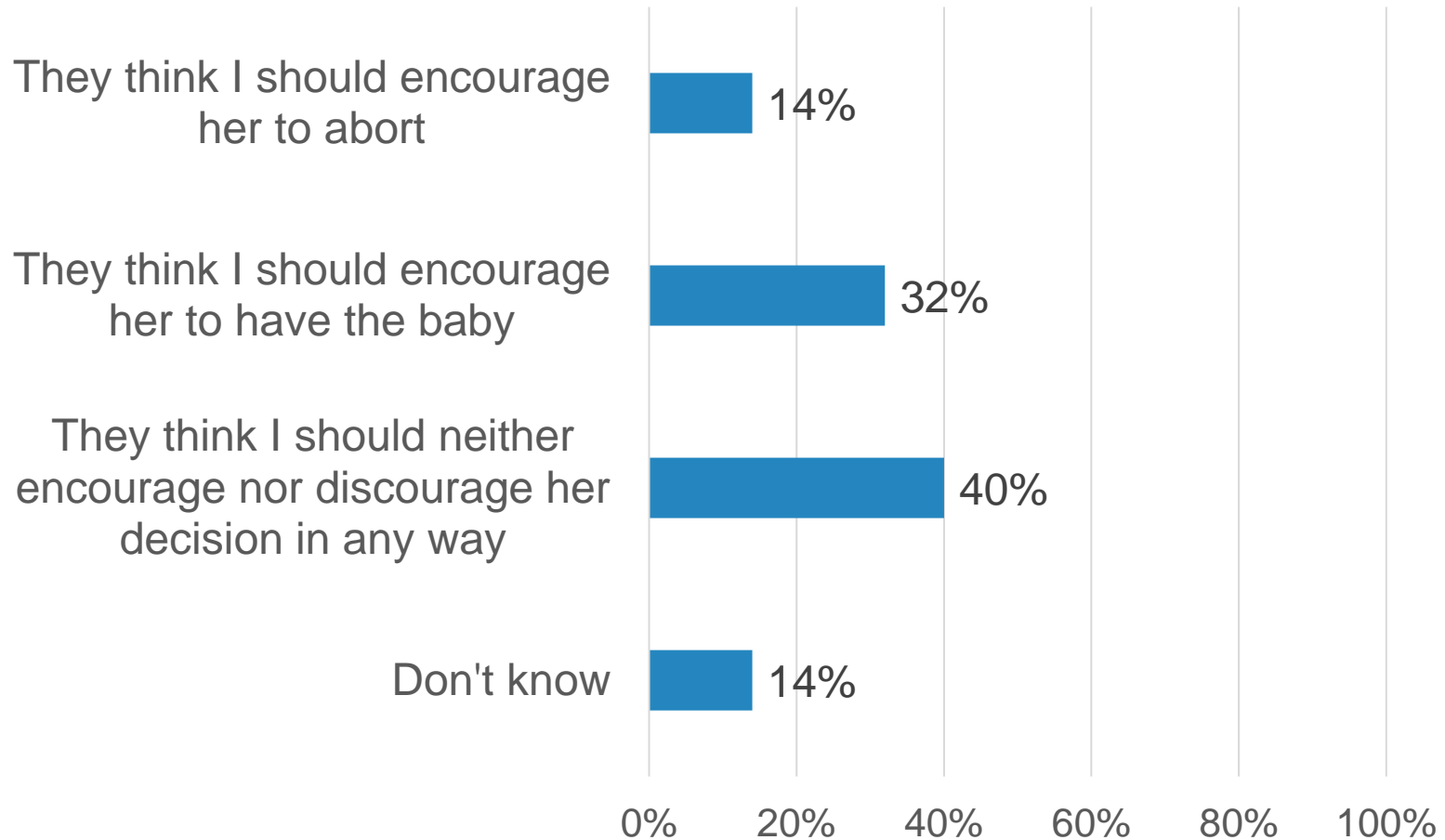
Among men whose partner has had an abortion





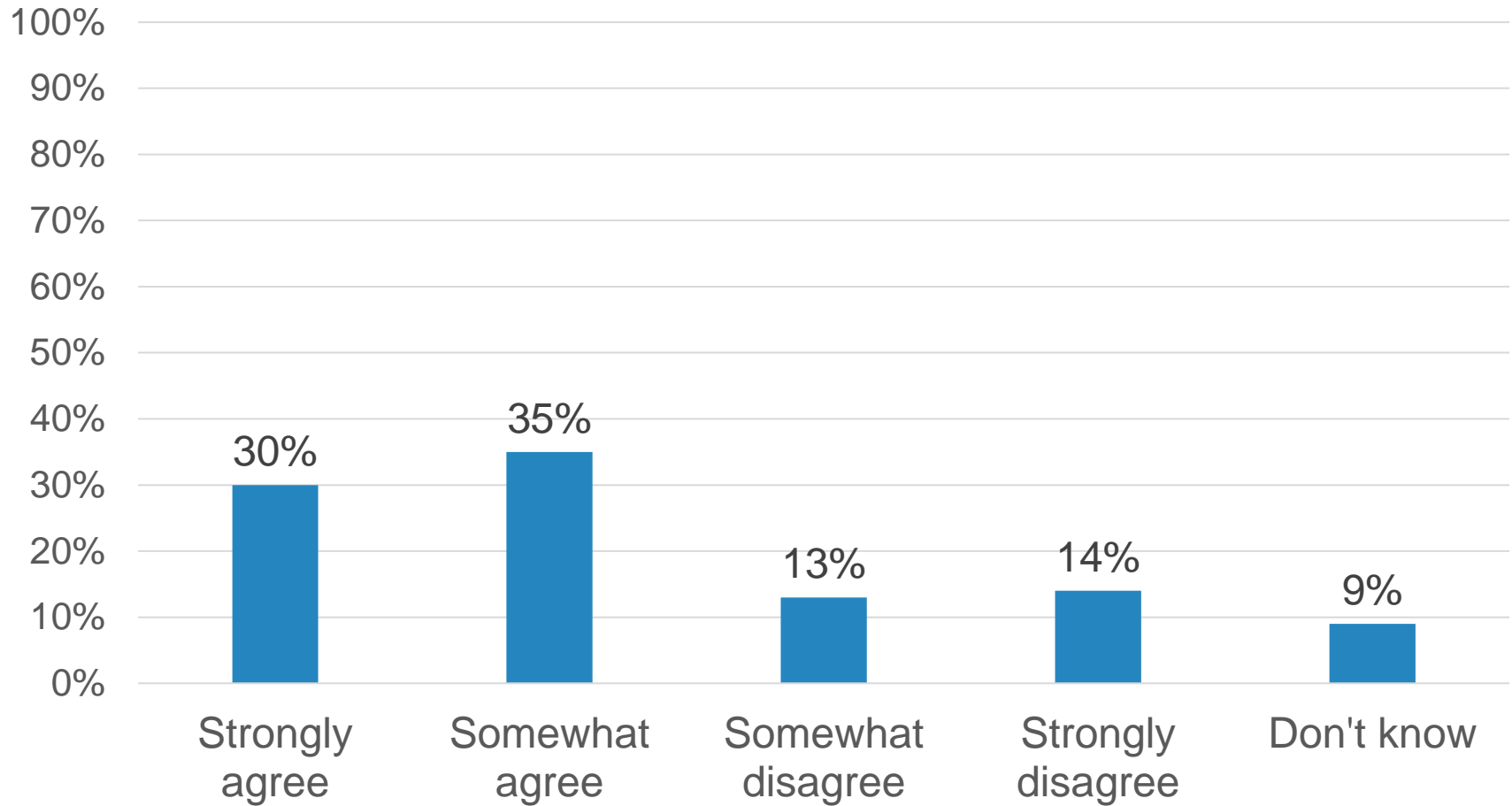
# 40% say that society thinks men should neither encourage nor discourage their partner's decision in any way

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



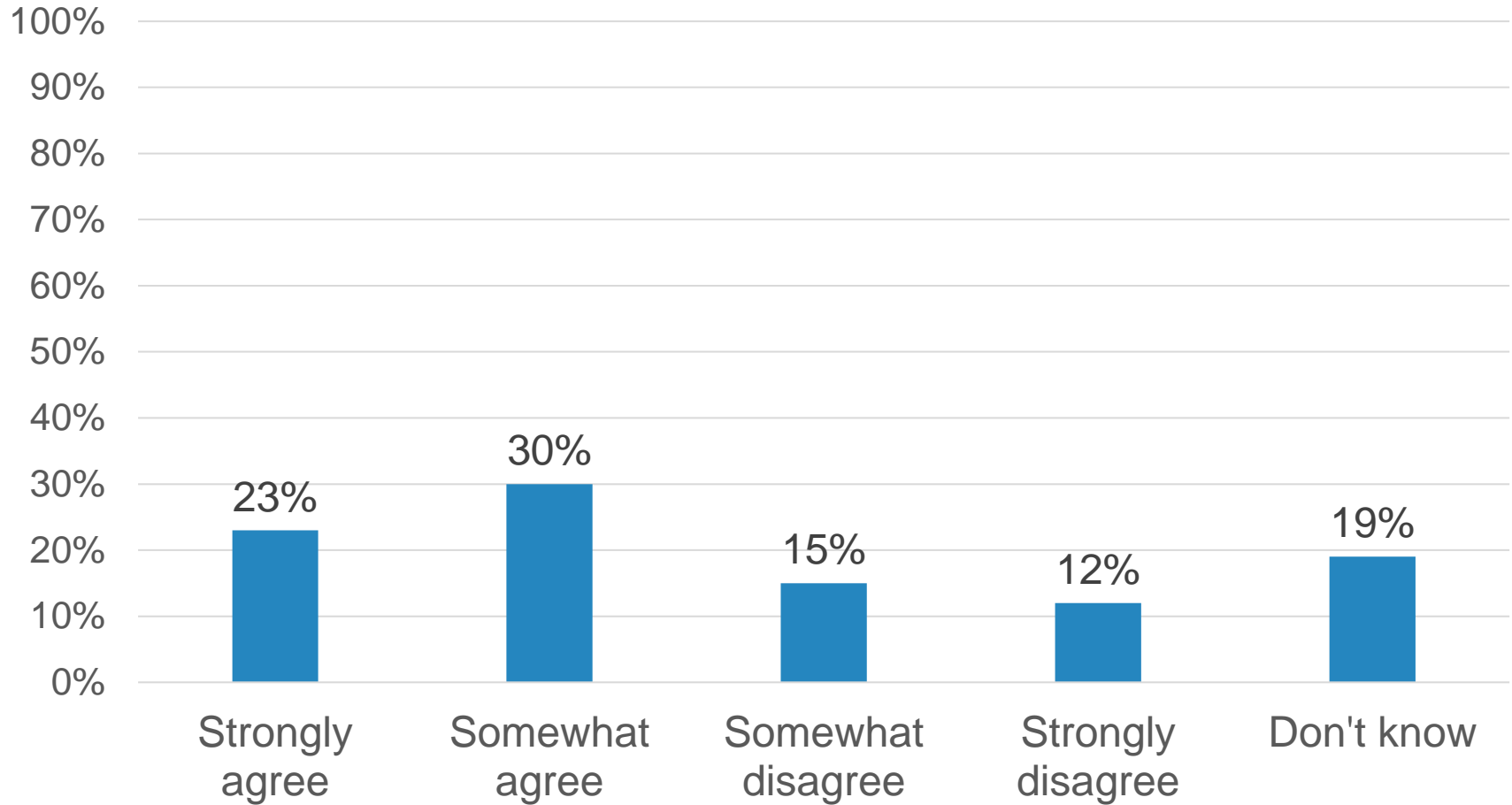
# 64% believe someone can talk to a pastor about abortion confidentially

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

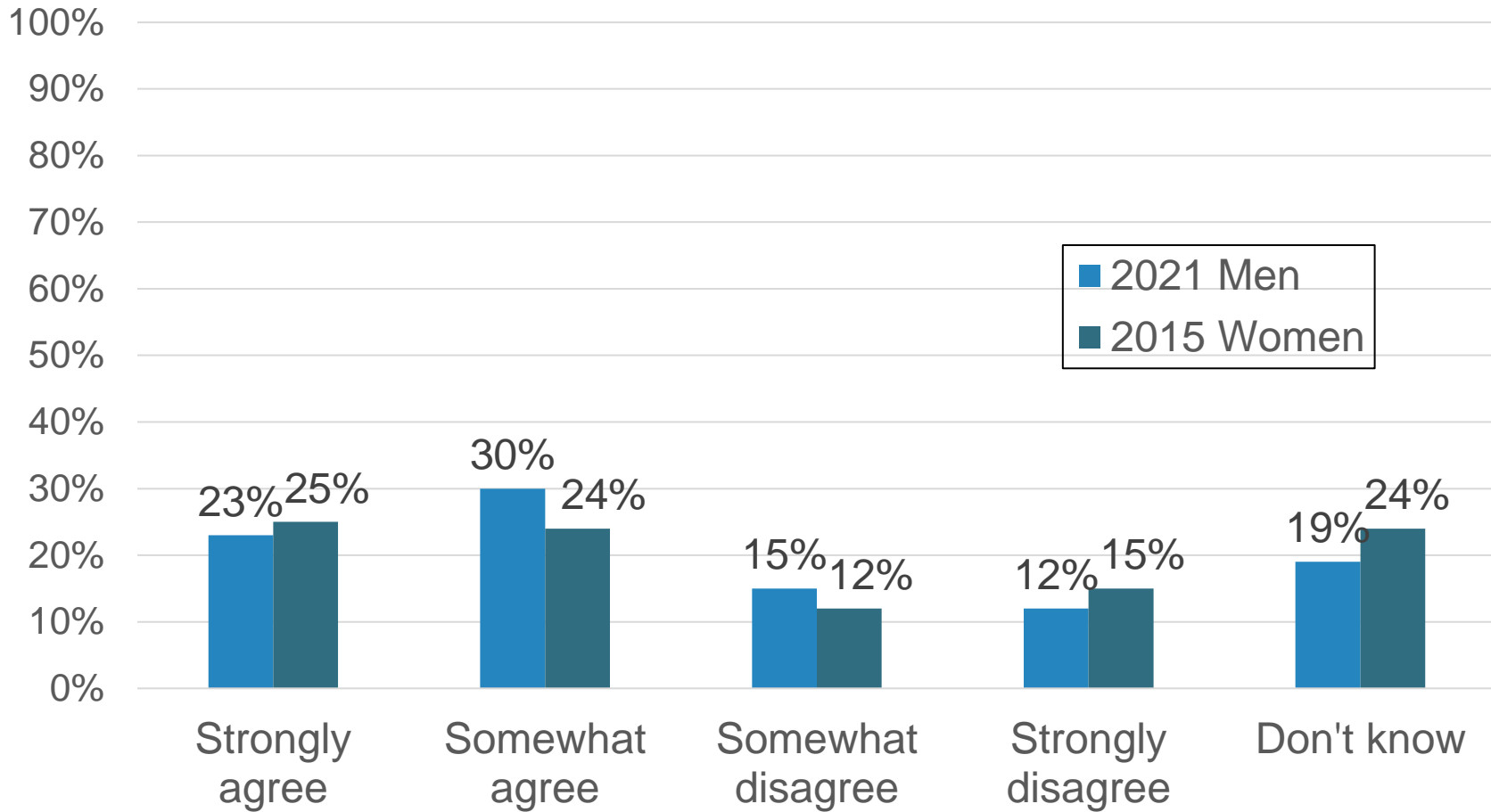


# 54% believe that pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies/abortion

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

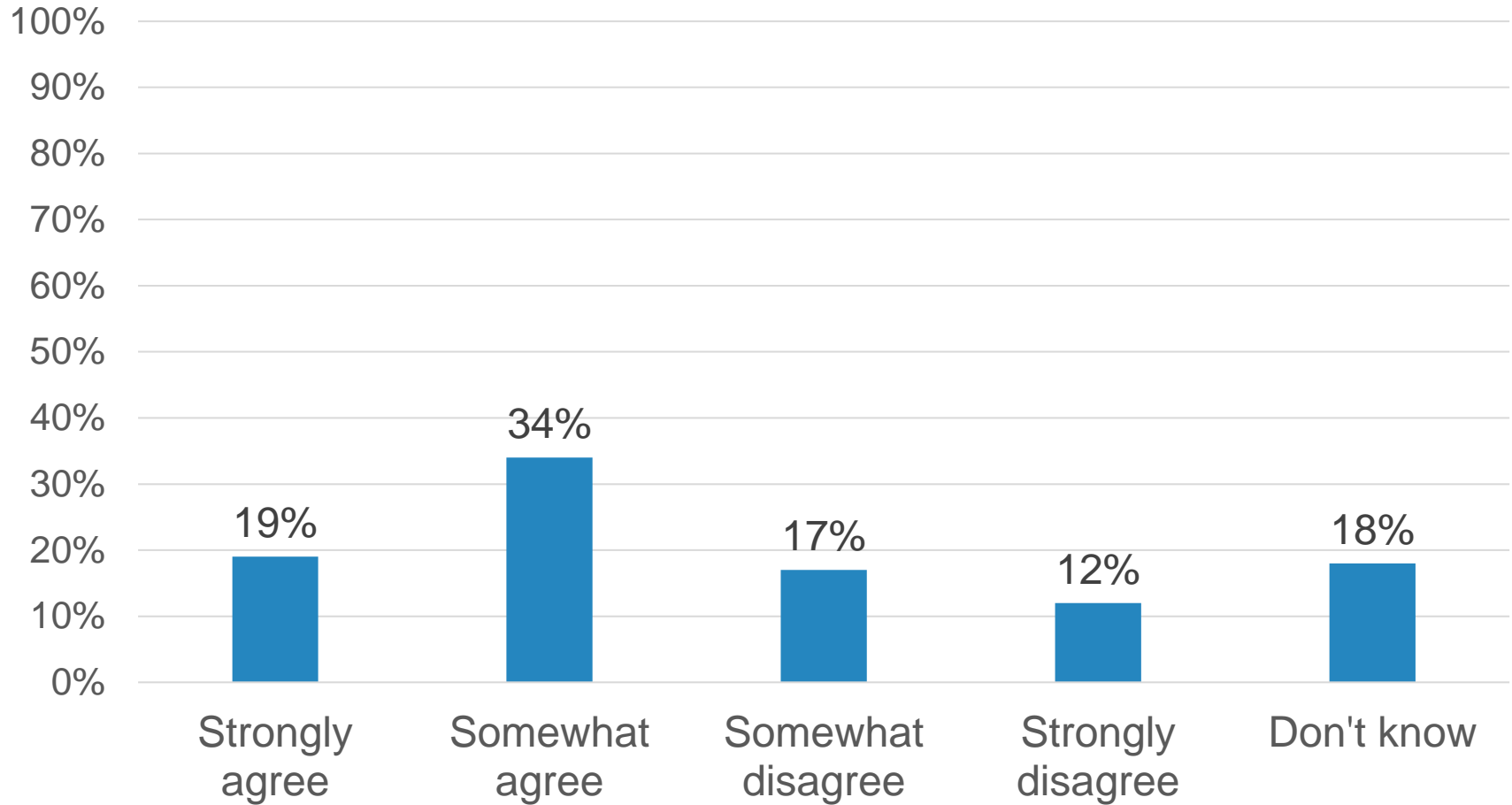


# Slightly more men than women who have had an abortion agree that Pastors' teachings on forgiveness don't seem to apply to terminated pregnancies/abortion

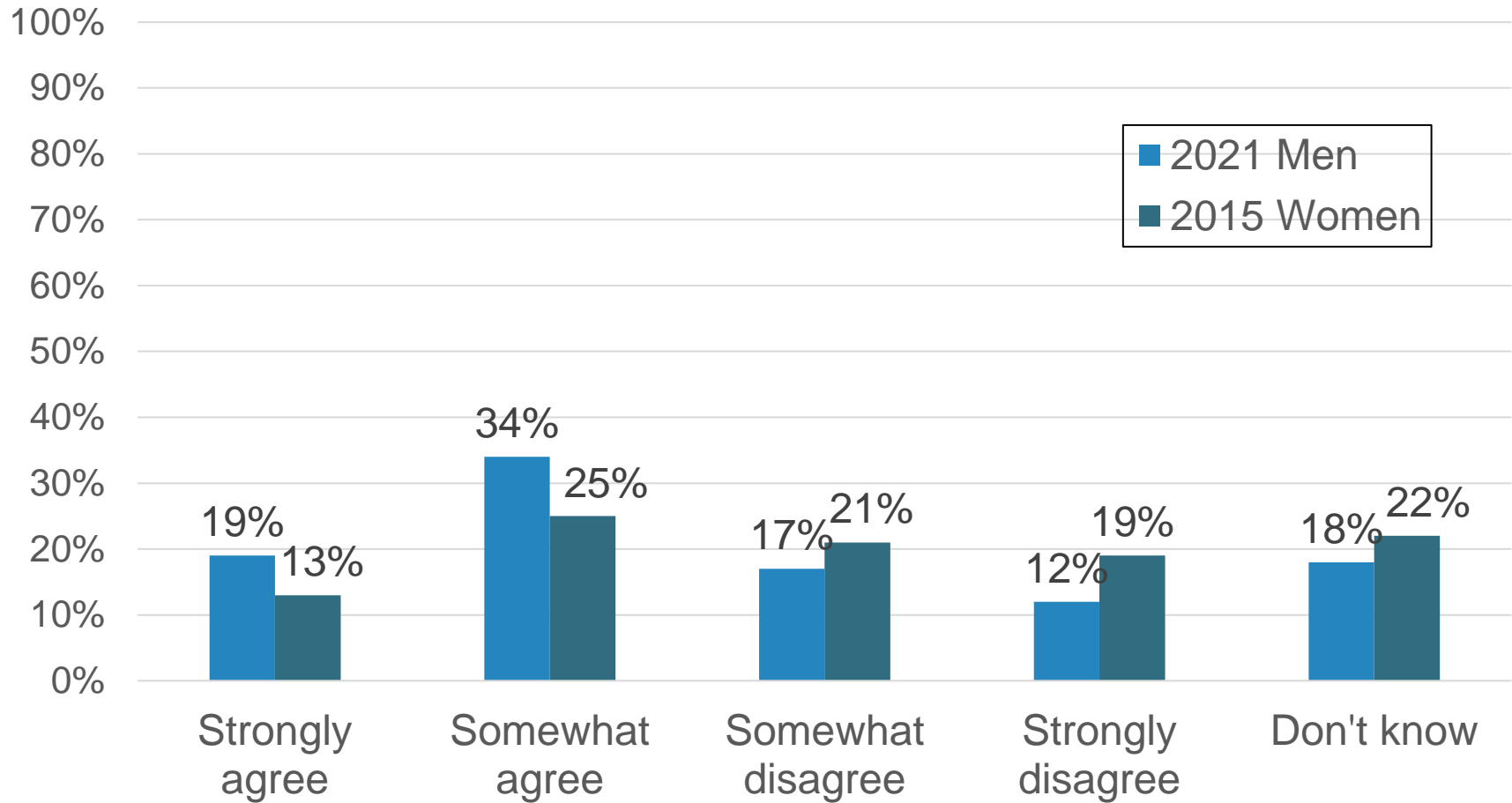


# 53% say that pastors are sensitive to the pressures a man faces with an unplanned pregnancy

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

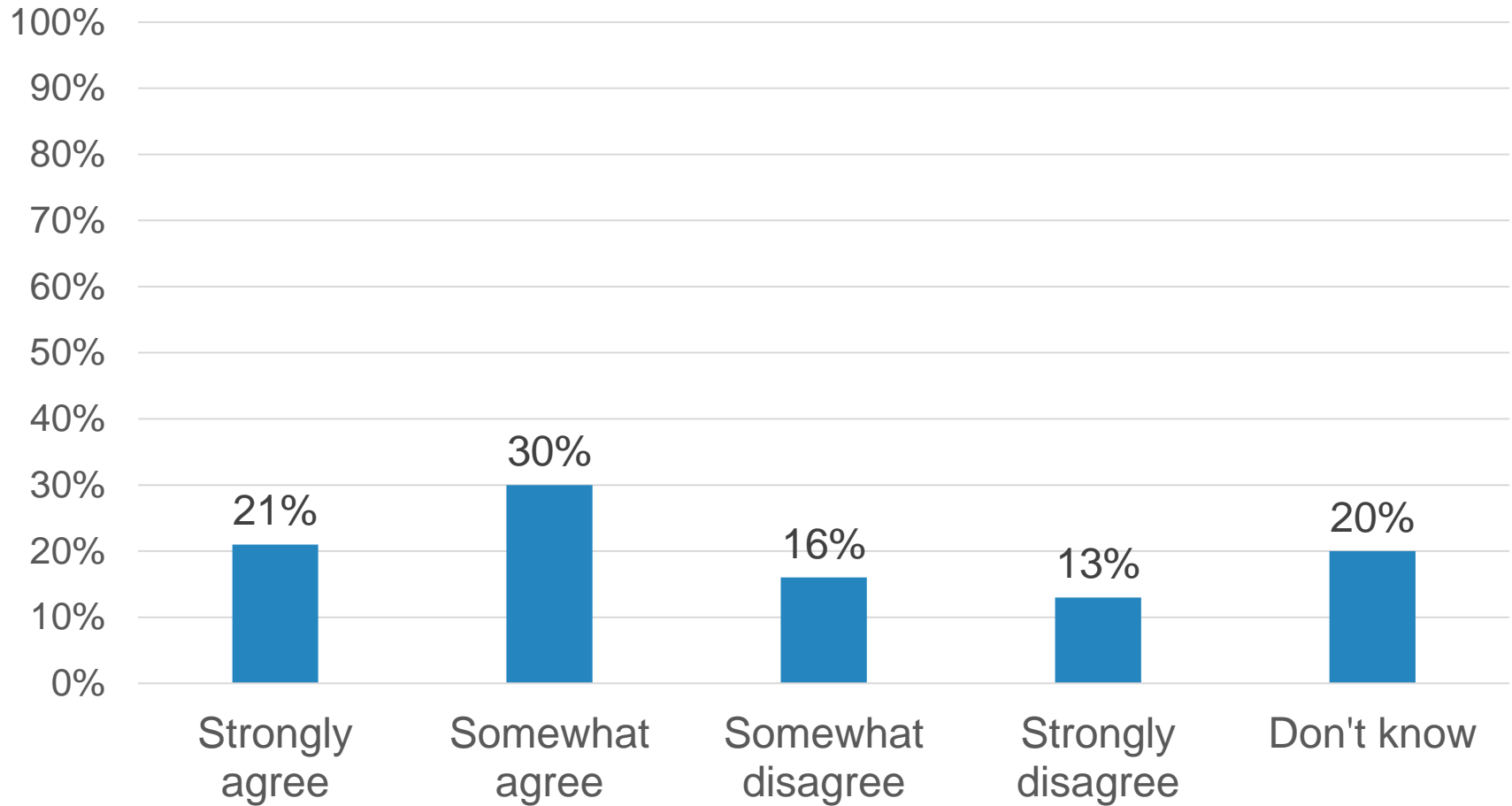


# More men than women who have had an abortion agree Pastors are sensitive to the pressures a man/woman faces with an unplanned pregnancy

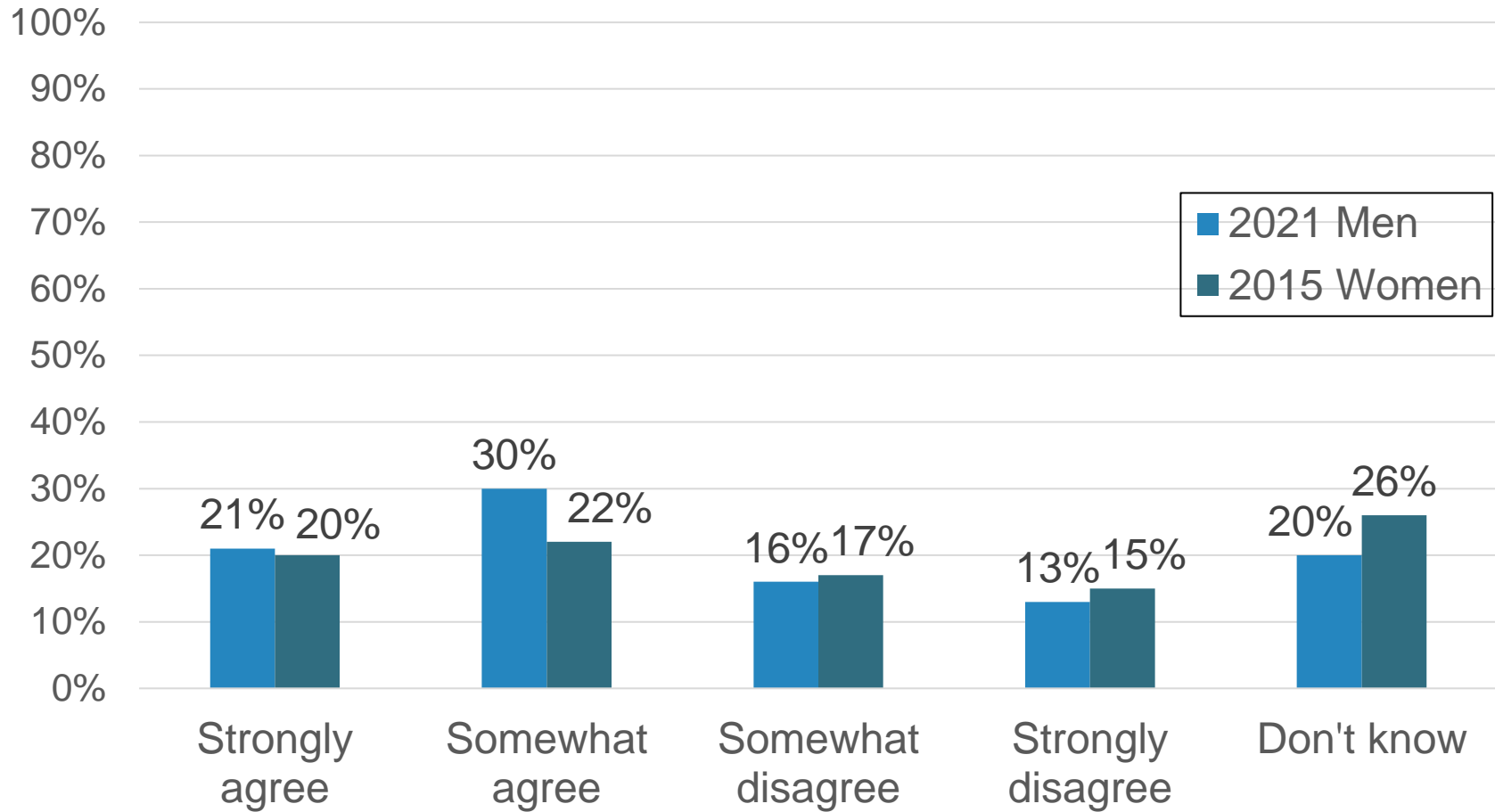


# 51% believe that pastors teach that God is willing to forgive past abortion decisions

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



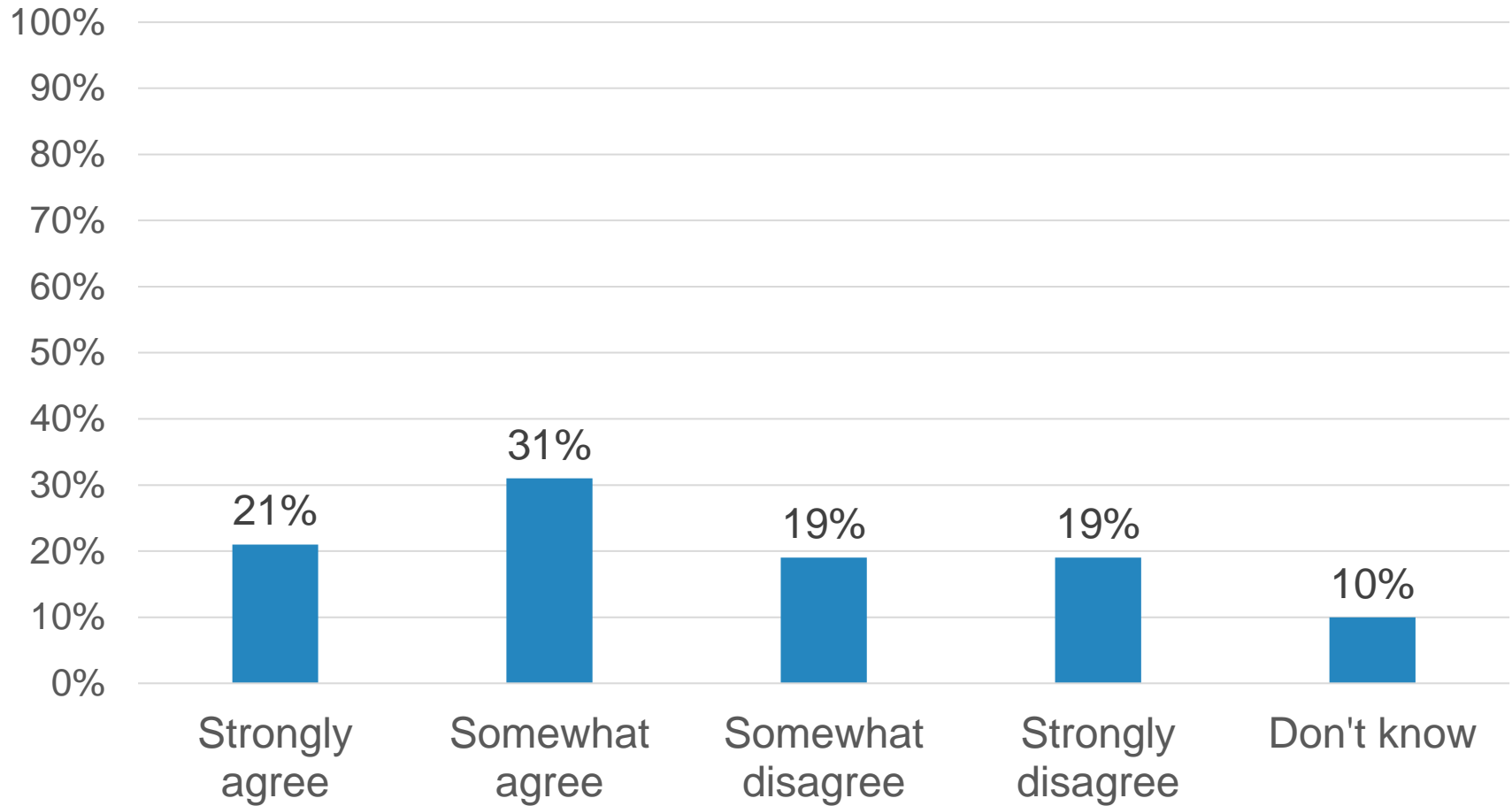
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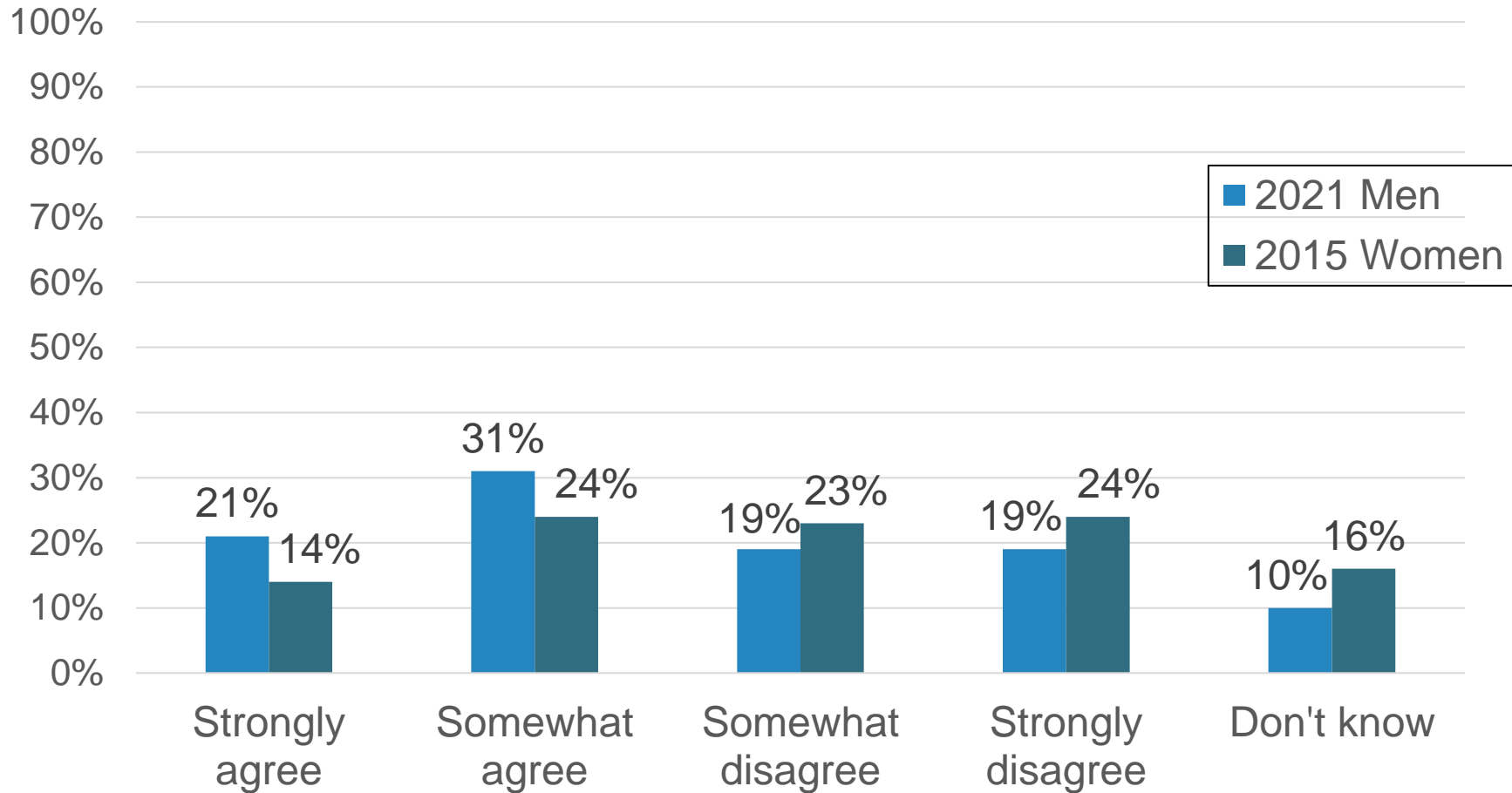


# 52% say that churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion, and adoption

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

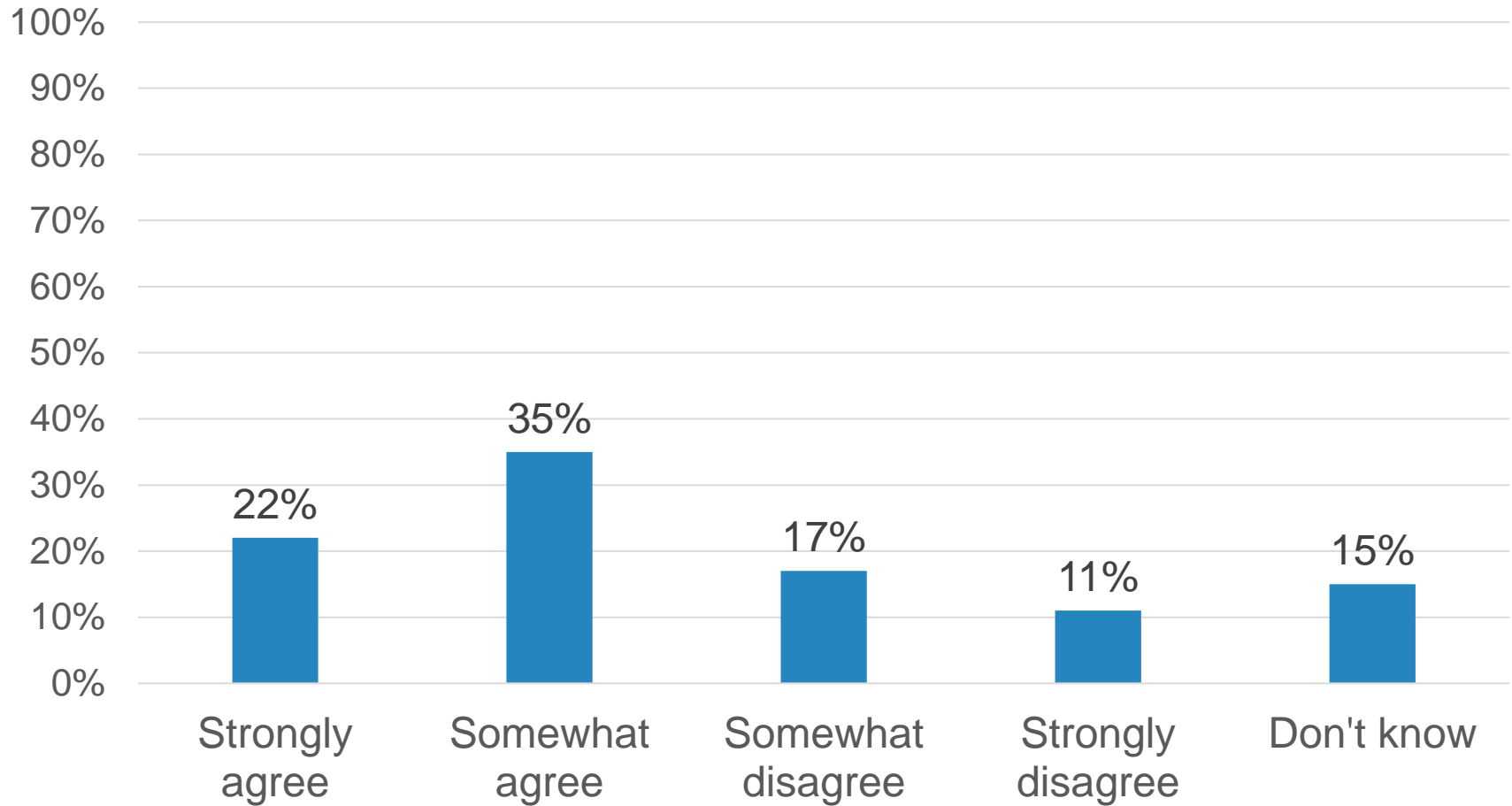


# More men than women who have had an abortion agree Churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion, and adoption

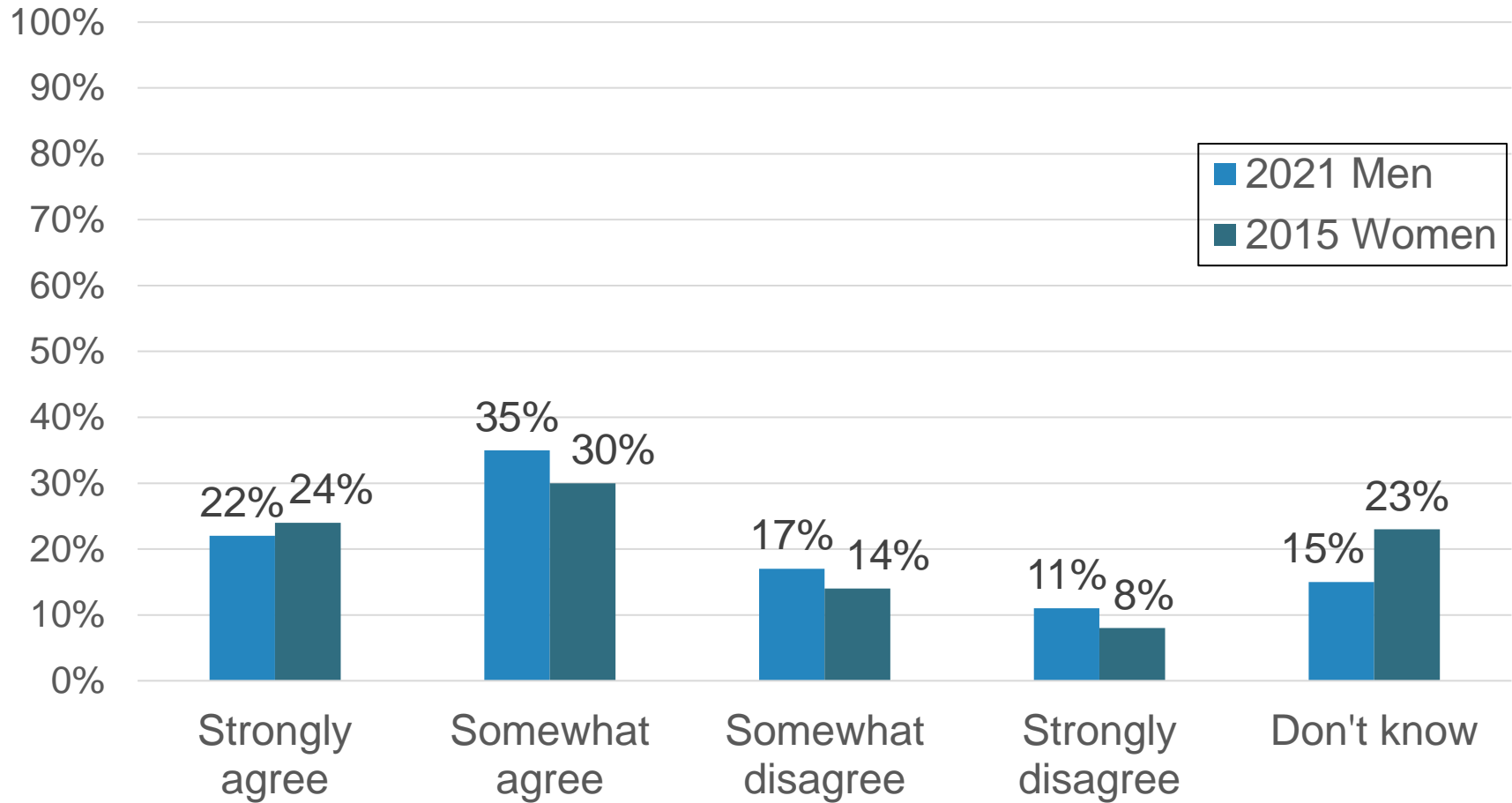


# 57% say that churches over simplify decisions about pregnancy options

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

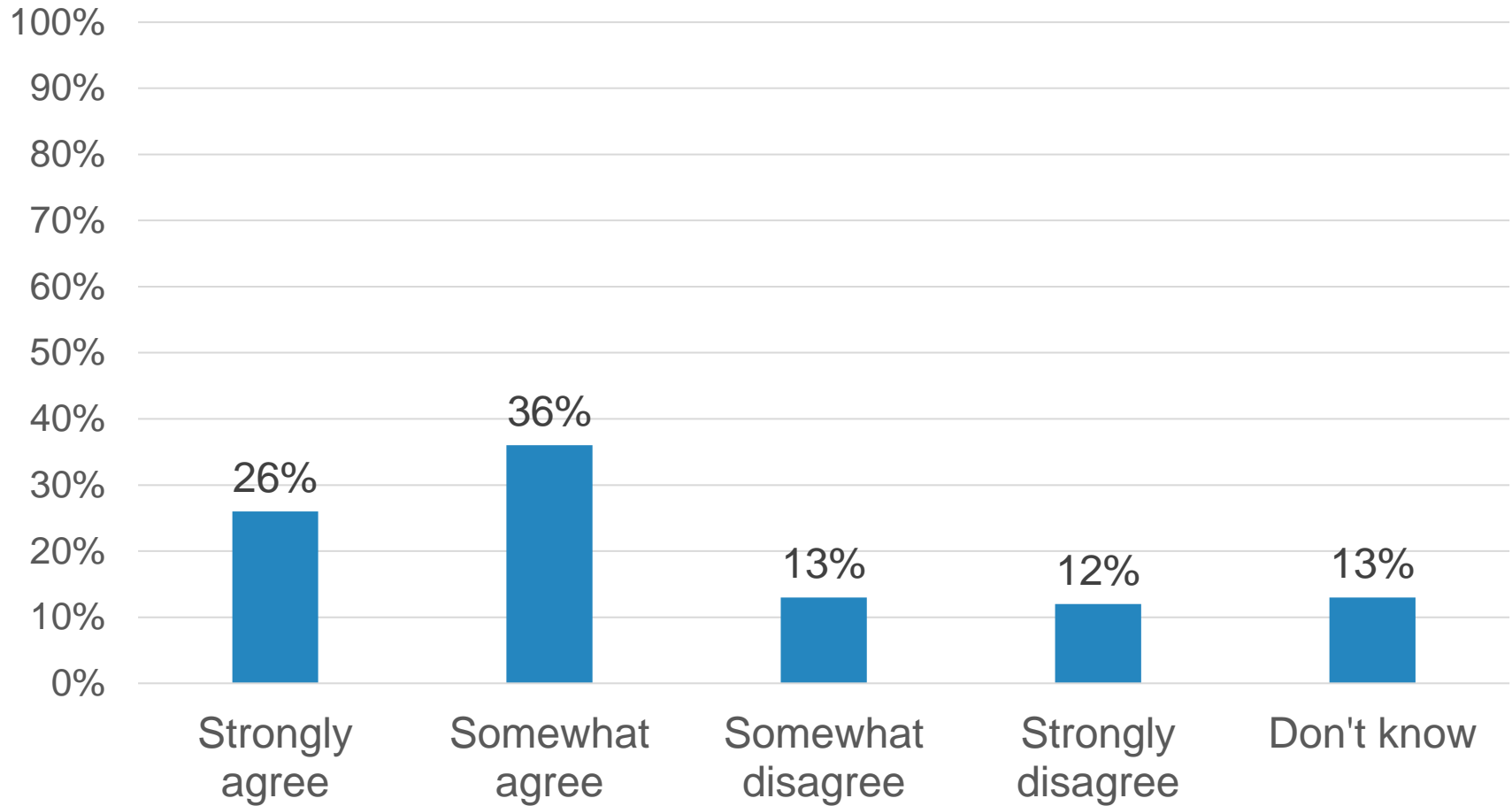


# Overall agreement is similar between men and women who have had an abortion that churches over-simplify decisions about pregnancy options

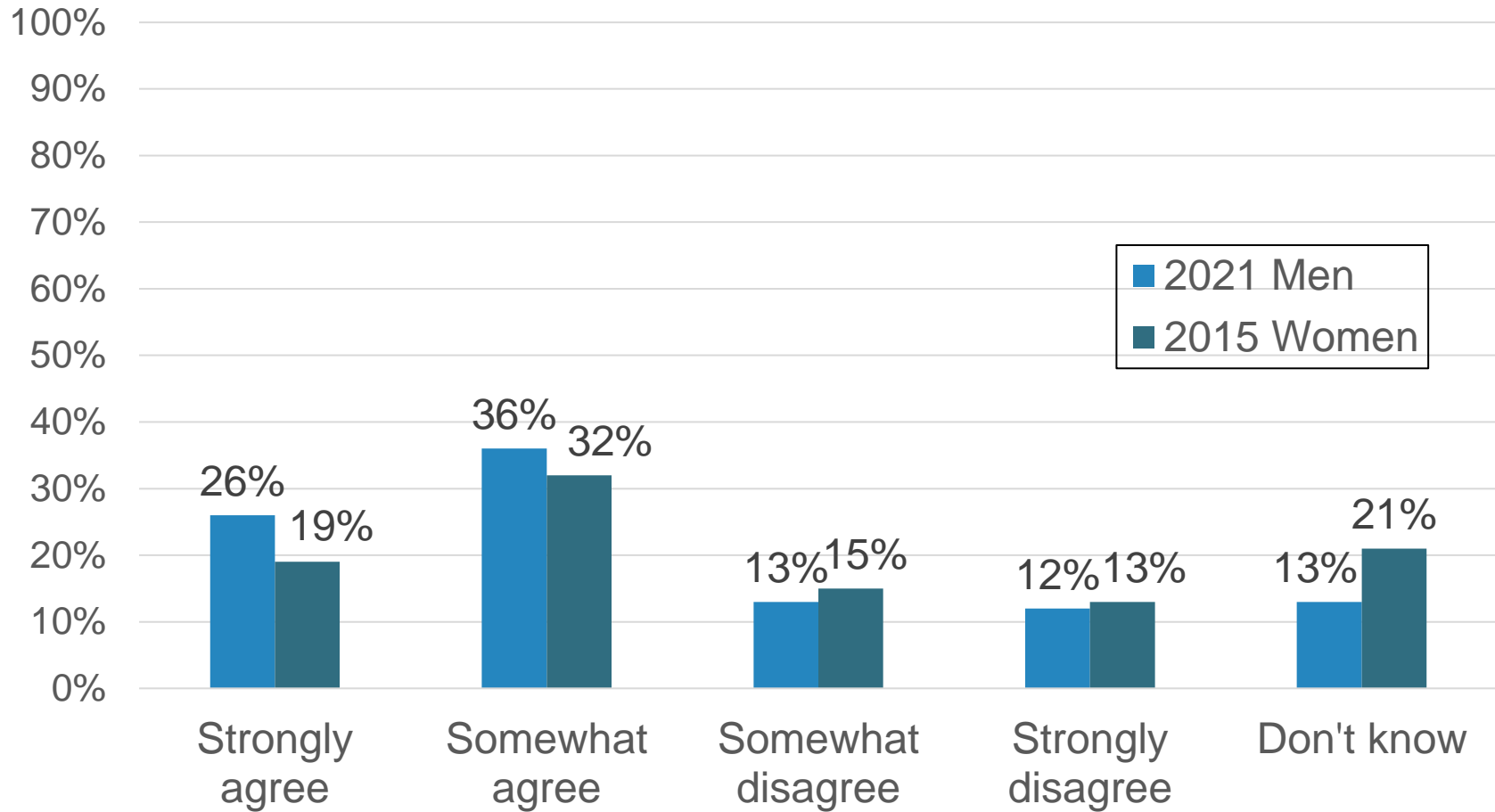


# 62% believe that churches are prepared to provide support to couples who choose to keep a child resulting from an unplanned pregnancy

Among men whose partner has had an abortion

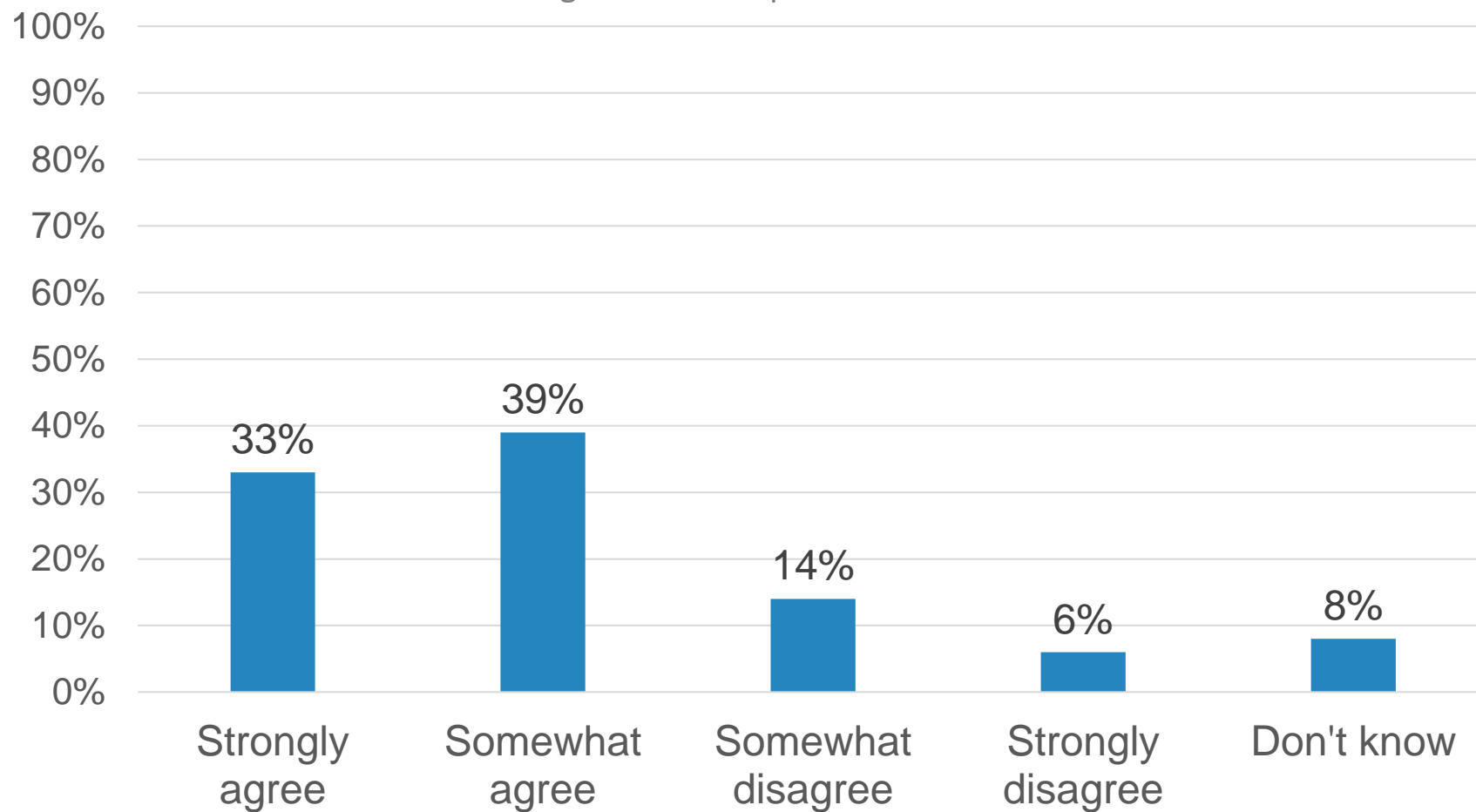


# More men than women who have had an abortion agree that churches are prepared to provide support to couples/women who choose to keep a child resulting from an unplanned pregnancy

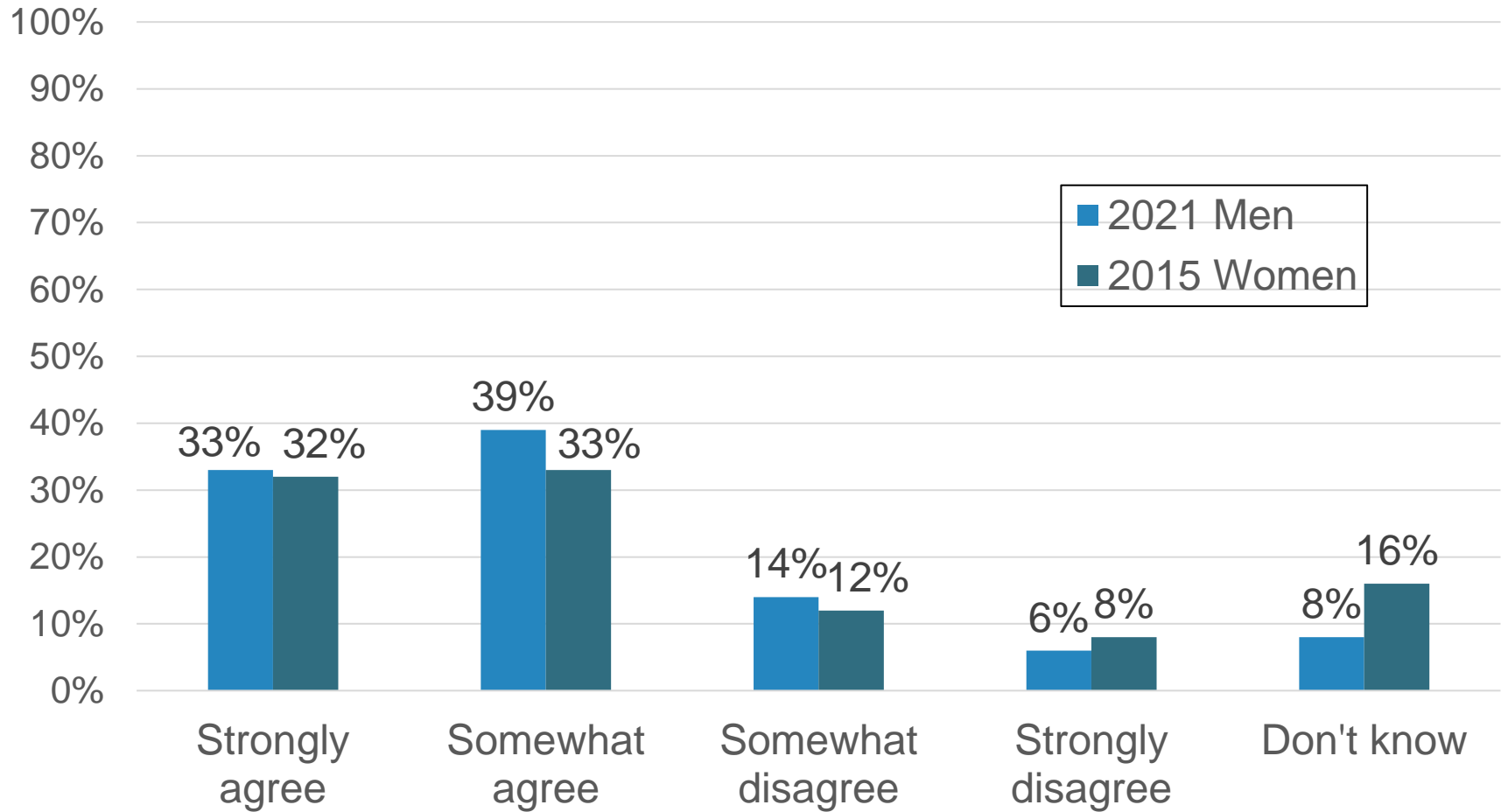


# 72% believe church members judge unmarried couples who are pregnant

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



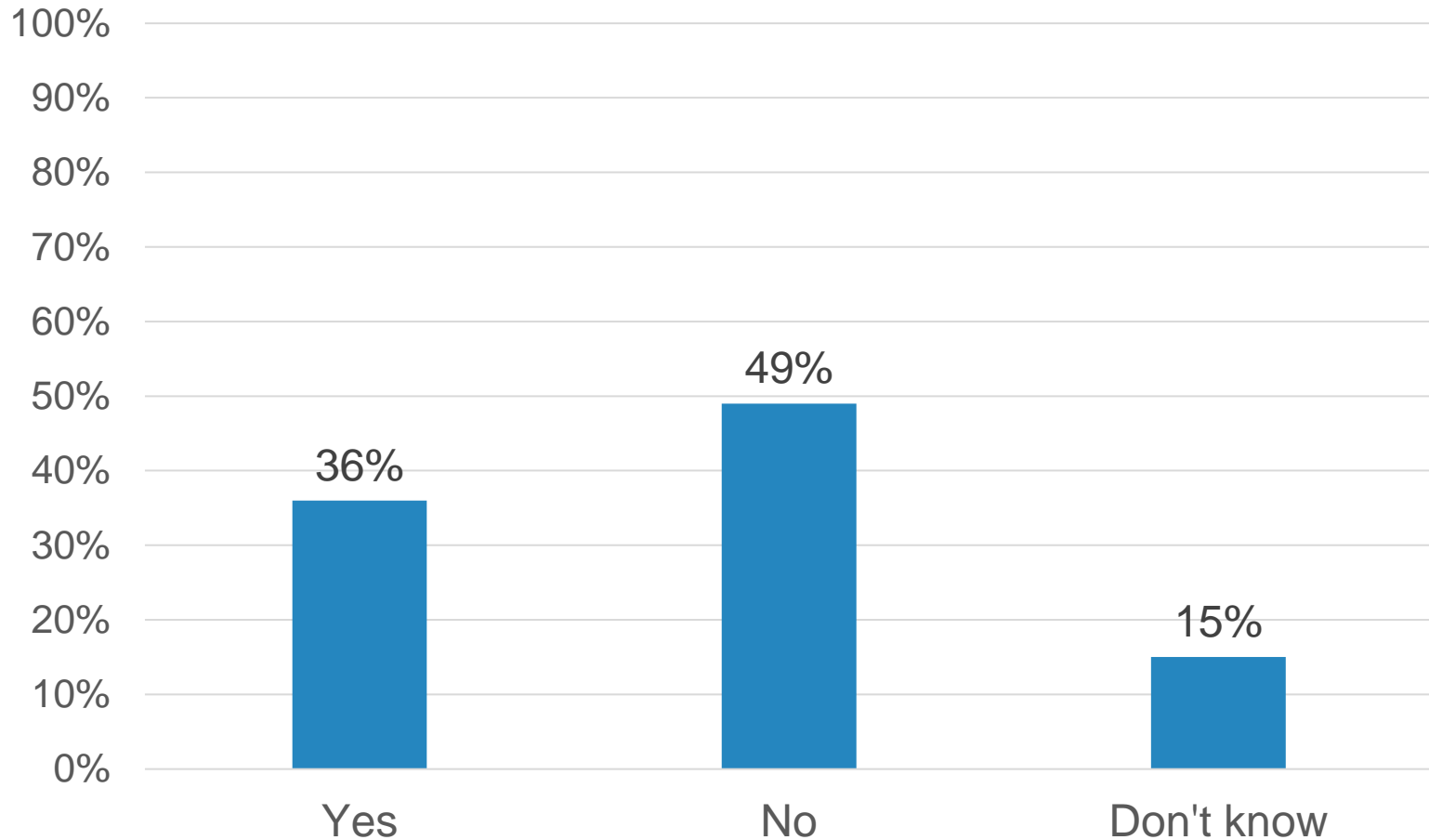
# More men than women who have had an abortion agree that Church members judge unmarried couples/single women who are pregnant





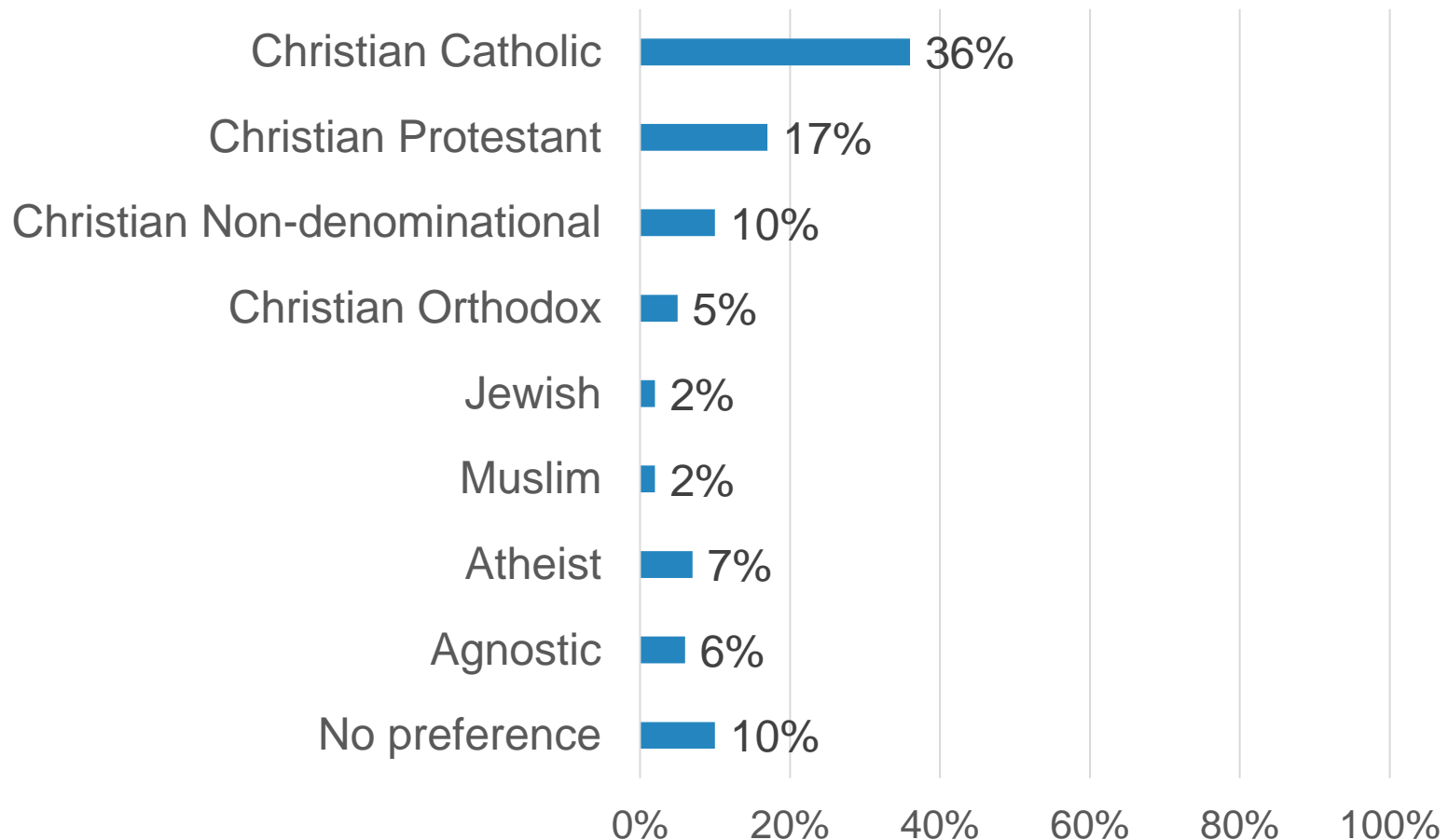
# 49% say they would not recommend someone discuss an unplanned pregnancy decision with someone at a local church

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



# 68% of men whose partner/ spouse has had an abortion indicate their religious preference is Christian

Among men whose partner has had an abortion



Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Scientist, Jehovah's Witnesses, Other 1%. Latter Day Saints, Unity/Unitarian <1%

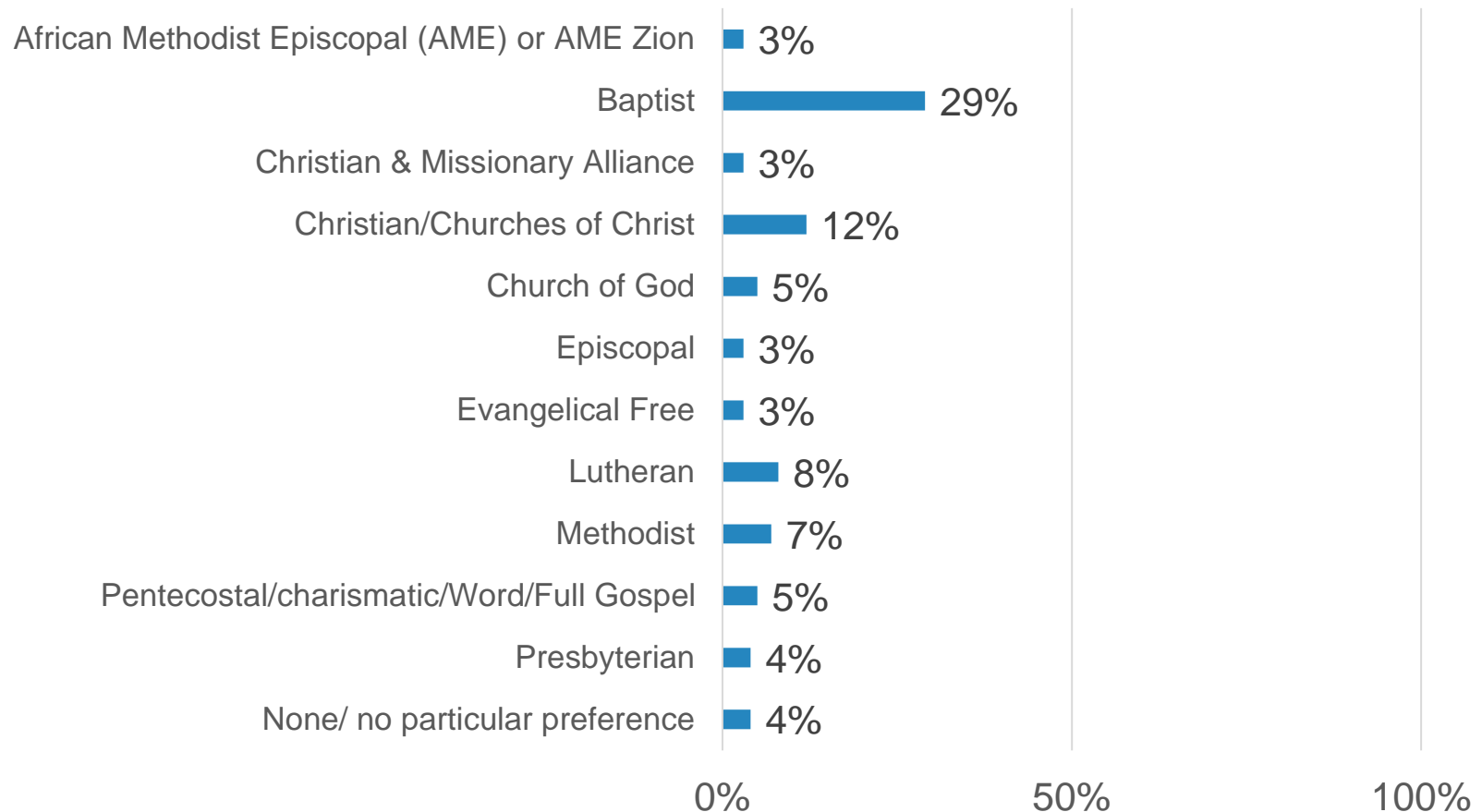


Lifeway research

Q33: "What is your religious preference? Select one" n=1,000

# 29% of Protestant men whose partner/ spouse has had an abortion indicate they are Baptist

Among men whose religious preference is Protestant (including Adventist, Baptist, Church of Christ, Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc.)



Anglican, Apostolic, Seventh Day Adventist 2%. Assemblies of God, Calvary Chapel, Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of God in Christ, Nazarene, Reformed/Dutch Reformed/Christian Reformed 1%. Foursquare Gospel <1%

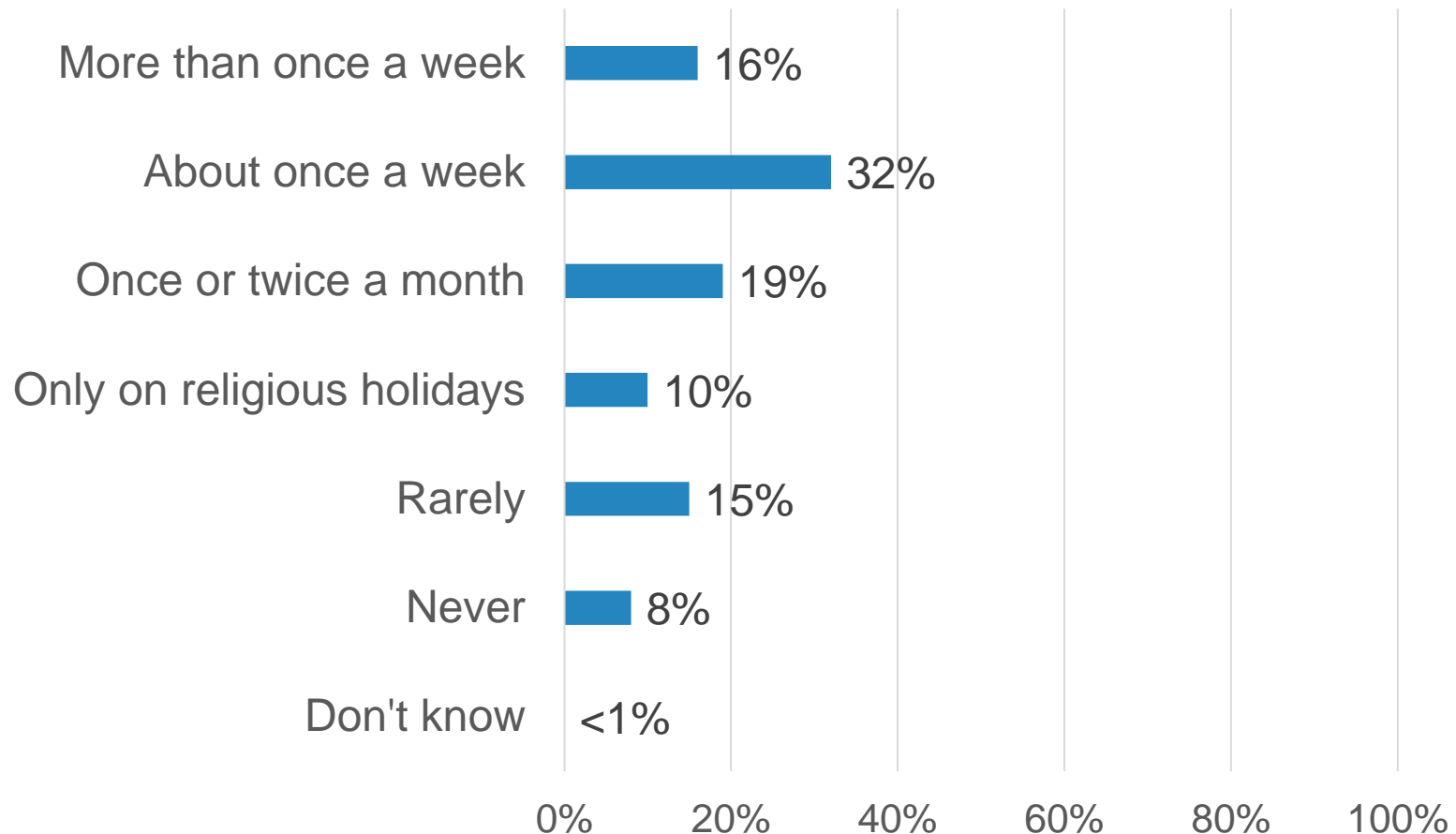


Lifeway research

Q33: "What specific denomination or affiliation do you prefer? Select one" n=172

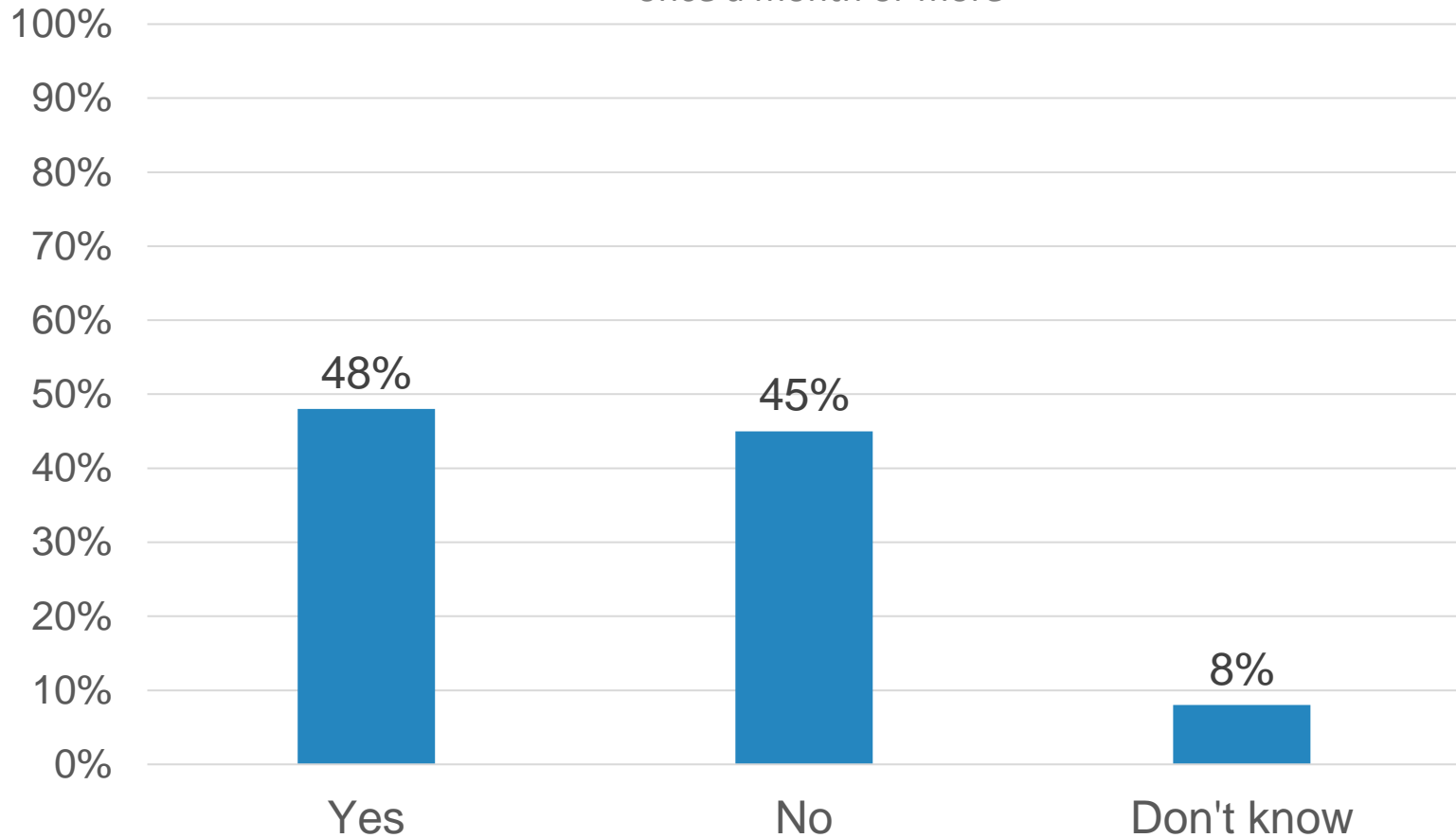
# 66% of Christian men whose partner has had an abortion say they currently attend religious services at a Christian church at least once a month

Among men whose partner has had an abortion and whose religious preference is Christian



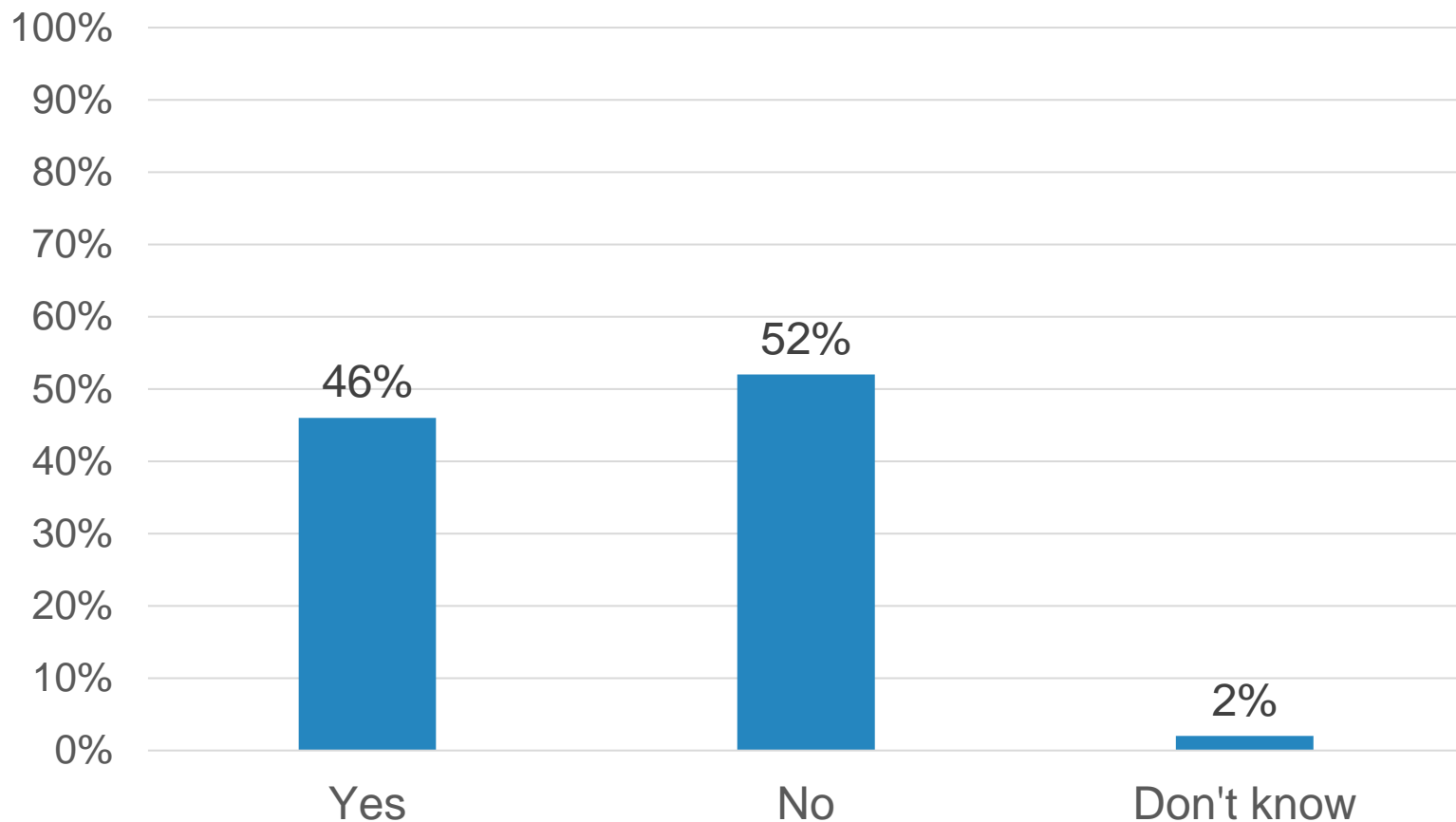
# 45% of churchgoers say nobody at their church knows their partner/spouse had an abortion

Among men whose partner has had an abortion and who attend a Christian church once a month or more



# 46% of men whose partner/spouse has had an abortion indicate they are an evangelical or born-again Christian

Among men whose religious preference is Christian and whose partner has had an abortion



# Significant Differences

Region

Age

Education Level

Ethnicity

Religion

Denomination

Evangelical or Born-Again Christian

# Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among region, age, education, and ethnicity.

REGION	AGE	EDUCATION	ETHNICITY
Northeast	18-34	High School graduate or less	White
Midwest	35-44	Some college	African American
South	45-54	Bachelor's Degree	Hispanic
West	55+	Graduate Degree	Other Ethnicities

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations



# Significant Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among religion, Catholic/Protestant, self-identified evangelical, worship service attendance at the time of the abortion, and current worship attendance among Christians.

RELIGION	CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION	EVANGELICAL OR BORN AGAIN	WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	CHRISTIANS WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
Christian	Catholic	Yes	Once a month or more	Once a month or more
Other Religions	Protestant	No	Holidays/Rarely	Other Americans
Unaffiliated			Never	

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was excited

- Those in the West are the most likely to select (35%)
- Those age 18-34 (30%) and 35-44 (30%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (19%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (34%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (24%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (32%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was scared

- Those age 35-44 (46%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (35%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (48%) are more likely to select than those with some college (37%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was angry

- Those age 18-34 (18%) and 35-44 (16%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (7%) and 55+ (7%)
- African Americans (20%) and Hispanics (17%) are more likely to select than Whites (12%)
- Christians (17%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (8%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (19% v. 13%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (21% v. 11%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (20%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was nervous

- Those in the South are the most likely to select (61%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (59%) are more likely to select than those with Graduate Degrees (47%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (62%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (44% v. 57%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (48%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was happy

- Those in the West (38%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (24%) and Midwest (27%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (19%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (43%)
- Other Religions are the most likely to select (41%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (35% v. 28%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (38%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was embarrassed

- Those in the Midwest (17%) and West (18%) are more likely to select than those in the South (10%)
- Those age 18-34 (18%) and 35-44 (15%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (7%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (16%) or a Graduate Degree (23%) are more likely to select than those with some college (9%)
- Christians (16%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (9%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (20% v. 12%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (19%)

# “What was your reaction when you found out your partner/spouse was pregnant?”

## I was indifferent

- Those age 18-34 (19%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (12%) and 45-54 (9%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (20%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (13%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (23% v. 12%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (17%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (11%)



## **“What was your advice to your partner/spouse regarding her abortion? If she had more than one, respond thinking of the first time.”**

- Those age 55+ are the most likely to select “I did not give her any advice” (46%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (38%) are more likely to select “I suggested she have an abortion” than those who are High School Graduates or less (23%) or with some college (26%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “I strongly urged her to have an abortion” (27%)
- Whites (32%) are more likely to select “I suggested she have an abortion” than African Americans (23%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (42%) are more likely to select “I did not give her any advice” than Christians (27%)
- Catholics are more likely to select “I strongly urged her to have an abortion” than Protestants (18% v. 8%)
- Protestants are more likely to select “I suggested she not have an abortion” than Catholics (27% v. 19%)

**“What was your advice to your partner/spouse regarding her abortion? If she had more than one, respond thinking of the first time.” *continued***

- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “I strongly urged her to have an abortion” than Other Americans (21% v. 9%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (22%) are more likely to select “I suggested she not have an abortion” than those who never attended (15%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select “I did not give her any advice” (20%) and the most likely to select “I strongly urged her to have an abortion” (17%)

# “Why did you not give her any advice on this abortion decision?”

## I had no opinion

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (21%)
- African Americans (17%) and Hispanics (18%) are more likely to select than Whites (6%)
- Christians (16%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (4%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (24% v. 7%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (17%) are more likely to select than those who attended on holidays or rarely attended (7%)

# “Why did you not give her any advice on this abortion decision?”

## I believed it was her choice

- Those in the West (72%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (56%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (49%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (73%) are more likely to select than those with some college (54%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (75% v. 50%)

## “Why did you not give her any advice on this abortion decision?”

### **I didn't feel like I could say anything**

- Christians (23%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (13%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (26%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (14%)

### **I was ready to support her either way**

- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (74%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (46% v. 65%)

## “Why did you not give her any advice on this abortion decision?”

### We didn't have much of a relationship at that point

- Other religions (23%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (8%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (16%) and never attended (15%) are more likely to select than those who attended on holidays or rarely attended (6%)

## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### **I didn't expect the relationship with her to be long-term**

- Those age 45-54 (36%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (21%)
- African Americans (41%) are more likely to select than Whites (21%) and Hispanics (24%)
- Protestants are more likely to select than Catholics (31% v. 18%)

## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### There was conflict in our relationship

- Those age 18-34 (24%) and 35-44 (26%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (12%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (32%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (20%)
- African Americans (36%) are more likely to select than Whites (21%) and Hispanics (16%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (33% v. 18%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (30%) and attended on holidays or never attended (21%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (8%)



## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### I was not ready to be a father

- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (54%)
- Protestants are more likely to select than Catholics (46% v. 32%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church on holidays or rarely attended (48%) are more likely to select than those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more (34%)

## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### I didn't want to pay child support

- Those in the West (22%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (10%) and South (12%)
- Those age 18-34 (19%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (7%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (19% v. 11%)

# “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

## I had not completed my education

- Those in the West (25%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (10%) and South (15%)
- Those age 18-34 (23%) and 45-54 (23%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (10%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church on holidays or rarely attended at the time of the abortion (22%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (11%)

## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### There were already enough kids in the picture

- Those age 35-44 (39%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (23%) and 55+ (24%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (41%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (14%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (38% v. 23%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (34%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (18%)

## “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

### We couldn't afford a child at that time

- Those with some college (57%) are more likely to select than those with a Graduate Degree (38%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (59%)
- Those who attended a at a Christian church on holidays or rarely at the time of the abortion (56%) and never attended (53%) are more likely to select than those who attended once a month or more (39%)

# “Which of the following were reasons you suggested the option of abortion?”

## I didn't want others to know she was pregnant

- Those age 18-34 (25%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (14%) and 55+ (5%)
- African Americans (32%) are more likely to select than Whites (14%) and Hispanics (12%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (25% v. 12%)
- Those who attended a s at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (21%) are more likely to select than those who attended on holidays or rarely attended (10%)

## “To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”

### Me

- Whites are the most likely to select (78%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (82%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (67% v. 77%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion (80%) are more likely to select than those who once a month or more (72%) and attended on holidays or rarely attended (71%)

**“To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”**

### **A medical professional**

- Those age 35-44 are the most likely to select (55%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (54%) or a Graduate Degree (59%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (37%) or with some college (46%)
- Other Ethnicities (62%) are more likely to select than African Americans (42%) and Hispanics (42%)



**“To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”**

**Friend(s)**

- Those in the South (35%) and West (37%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (25%)
- Those age 18-34 (37%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (26%)
- Protestants are more likely to select than Catholics (37% v. 28%)

## **“To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”**

### **Her mother**

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (13%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (46%) are more likely to select than those with some college (33%) or a Graduate Degree (31%)
- African Americans (45%) and Hispanics (43%) are more likely to select than Whites (34%)
- Christians (42%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (30%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (44%) and attended on holidays or rarely attended (38%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (29%)

## “To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”

### Her father

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (23%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (5%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (19%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (20%) are more likely to select than those with some college (12%)
- Hispanics (23%) are more likely to select than Whites (14%)
- Christians (19%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (13%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (21% v. 14%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (23% v. 14%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (22%) are more likely to select than those who attended on holidays or rarely attended (12%) and never attended (12%)

# “To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”

## Other family member

- Those in the South (16%) are more likely to select than those in the Northeast (8%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (5%)
- African Americans (20%) are more likely to select than Whites (11%)

## Someone at a local church

- Those with a Graduate Degree are most likely to select (8%)

## A counselor

- Those with a Graduate Degree (10%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (3%)

**“To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”**

### **An abortion provider**

- Those age 18-34 (18%) and 35-44 (19%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (11%)
- Those with some college (20%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (20%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (13%)
- Hispanics (22%) are more likely to select than Whites (15%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (20%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (14%)

## **“To the best of your knowledge, with whom did she discuss this with prior to making the abortion decision?”**

### **A pregnancy care worker**

- Those age 18-34 (7%) and 35-44 (8%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (3%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (10%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (5%)
- Other Ethnicities (12%) are more likely to select than Whites (5%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (8%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (4%)

### **She did not discuss it with anyone**

- No significant differences

## “To the best of your knowledge, which of these were most influential to her abortion decision?”

- Those in the West (22%) are more likely to select “A medical professional” than those in the South (14%)
- Those age 55+ are least likely to select “Her mother” (5%) and most likely to select “Don’t know” (24%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (45%) are more likely to select “Me” than those who are High School Graduates or less (35%)
- Whites (42%) are more likely to select “Me” than African Americans (32%) and Hispanics (34%)
- African Americans (20%) are more likely to select “Her mother” than Whites (13%) or Other ethnicities (7%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select “Don’t know” (22%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Me” than Other Americans (43% v. 36%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (20%) are more likely to select “A medical professional” than those who never attended (14%)

## “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

### I did not discuss it with anyone (other than the woman I had gotten pregnant)

- Those age 55+ are the most likely to select (80%)
- Those age 18-34 are the least likely to select (29%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (47%) or with some college (55%) are more likely to select than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (38%) or a Graduate Degree (28%)
- Whites (48%) and African Americans (44%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (32%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (61%)
- Protestants are more likely to select than Catholics (47% v. 36%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (30% v. 49%)



**“With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”** *continued*

**I did not discuss it with anyone (other than the woman I had gotten pregnant)**

- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (68%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (26%)

## “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

### A medical professional

- Those age 18-34 (33%) and 35-44 (37%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (15%) and 55+ (12%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (50%)
- Whites (32%) and Other Ethnicities (33%) are more likely to select than African Americans (21%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (13%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (35% v. 27%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (42% v. 23%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (41%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (13%)

## “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

### Friend(s)

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (15%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (35% v. 27%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (37%)

# “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

## My mother

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (40%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (5%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (29%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (30%) are more likely to select than those with some college (21%)
- Hispanics (39%) are more likely to select than Whites (22%) and Other Ethnicities (23%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (16%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (35% v. 24%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (36%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (14%)

# “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

## My father

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (26%)
- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (2%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (23%) are more likely to select than those with some college (13%)
- Hispanics (26%) are more likely to select than Whites (14%) and African Americans (17%)
- Christians (20%) are more likely to select than Religiously unaffiliated (10%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (23% v. 13%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (23% v. 15%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (24%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (7%)

## “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

### Other family member

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to select (5%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (16% v. 9%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (13%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (7%)

# “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

## Someone at a local church

- Those in the West (8%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (2%) and the South (3%)
- Those age 18-34 (7%) and 35-44 (5%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (1%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (8%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (3%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (1%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (10% v. 3%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (8%)

## “With whom did you discuss the abortion decision before it occurred?”

### A counselor

- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (8%) or a Graduate Degree (9%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (2%) or some college (3%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (8% v. 4%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (8%)

### A pregnancy care center worker

- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (11%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion (7%) are more likely to select than those who never attended (3%)



## **“At the time of this first abortion, which best describes your relationship with the woman you got pregnant?”**

- Those in the Northeast (37%) and Midwest (40%) are more likely to select “Married” than those in the South (29%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select “Living together” (35%)
- Those age 35-44 are the most likely to select “Married” (47%)
- Those age 45-54 (47%) and 55+ (40%) are more likely to select “Seeing each other” than those age 18-34 (26%) and 35-44 (20%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Married” (64%)
- Whites (43%) and Other Ethnicities (41%) are more likely to select “Married” than African Americans (15%) and Hispanics (27%)
- African Americans (38%) and Hispanics (33%) are more likely to select “Living together” than Whites (25%)
- Christians (38%) and Other religions (44%) are more likely to select “Married” than Religiously unaffiliated (18%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (40%) are more likely to select “Seeing each other” than Christians (26%) and Other religions (21%)

**“At the time of this first abortion, which best describes your relationship with the woman you got pregnant?” *continued***

- Catholics are more likely to select “Married” than Protestants (43% v. 29%)
- Protestants are more likely to select “Seeing each other” than Catholics (35% v. 21%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Married” than Other Americans (49% v. 28%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select “Married” (46%)

## “Were either of you interested in getting married to each other at that time?”

- Those in the South (44%) are more likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” than those in the West (33%)
- Those age 55+ (56%) are more likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” than those 18-34 (32%) and 35-44 (41%)
- Whites (45%) are more likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” than Hispanics (32%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” (51%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” than Other Americans (29% v. 43%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select “Neither of us wanted to get married” (54%)

## “At the time of this first abortion how often were you attending religious services at a Christian church?”

- Those in the West (25%) are more likely to select “About once a week” than those in the Midwest (15%) and South (18%)
- Those age 55+ are the most likely to select “Never” (57%)
- Those age 18-34 (37%) and 35-44 (37%) are more likely to select “About once a week” or “More than once a week” than those ages 45-54 (21%) and 55+ (9%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (35%) or with some college (35%) are more likely to select “Never” than those with a Bachelor’s Degree (23%) or a Graduate Degree (14%)
- Whites (33%) and Other Ethnicities (36%) are more likely to select “Never” than African Americans (21%) and Hispanics (19%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select “Never” (72%)
- Protestants are more likely to select “Never” than Catholics (16% v. 10%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select “Never” than Other Americans (7% v. 38%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

## **Loving**

- Those age 18-34 (23%) and 35-44 (20%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (7%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (33%)
- Hispanics (22%) and Other Ethnicities (27%) are more likely to select than Whites (15%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (7%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (28% v. 14%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (29%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

## **Cold**

- Those in the Northeast (27%) are more likely to select than those in the Midwest (19%)
- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to select (32%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (29%) are more likely to select than those with some college (21%)
- Hispanics (30%) are more likely to select than Whites (22%) and African Americans (19%)
- Catholics are more likely to select than Protestants (28% v. 15%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

## **Caring**

- Those age 18-34 (24%) and 35-44 (27%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (15%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (34%)
- Whites (25%) and African Americans (26%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (16%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (11%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (35% v. 18%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (33%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

### **Judgmental**

- Those age 45-54 (51%) are more likely to select than those 35-44 (39%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (46%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (45%) are more likely to select than those with a Graduate Degree (33%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select (49%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (30% v. 47%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (35%)



**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

### **Condemning**

- Whites (32%) and Hispanics (35%) are more likely to select than African Americans (22%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (35%) are more likely to select than Other Religions (22%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (26% v. 33%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (26%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

### **Helpful**

- Those age 18-34 (25%) and 35-44 (31%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (12%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (40%)
- African Americans (30%) are more likely to select than Hispanics (21%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (9%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (39% v. 18%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (36%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

### **Informative**

- Those age 18-34 (23%) and 35-44 (20%) are more likely to select than those 55+ (8%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (36%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to select (8%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (28% v. 15%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (30%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

### **Indifferent**

- Those age 18-34 (16%) and 35-44 (14%) are more likely to select than those 45-54 (7%) and 55+ (3%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (18%) are more likely to select than those who are High School Graduates or less (9%)
- Other Religions are the most likely to select (20%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select than Other Americans (18% v. 9%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the least likely to select (6%)

**“At that same time, which of the following describe the reaction you think you would have received from a local church if they knew you were considering this decision?”**

**I don't know how a church would have responded**

- Those age 55+ are the most likely to select (30%)
- Those with some college are the most likely to select (20%)
- Hispanics are the least likely to select (6%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (23%) are more likely to select than Christians (9%)
- Protestants are more likely to select than Catholics (14% v. 7%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are less likely to select than Other Americans (8% v. 16%)
- Those who never attended a religious service at a Christian church at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select (26%)

## **“At the time of this first abortion, were you aware of any local pregnancy care centers that offered help to those with unplanned pregnancies in your area?”**

- Those in the Northeast (58%) and the West (57%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those in the South (48%)
- Those age 18-34 (58%) and 35-44 (57%) are more likely to select “Yes” than those 55+ (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Yes” (68%)
- Other Religions (61%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Religiously unaffiliated (49%)
- Catholics are more likely to select “Yes” than Protestants (59% v. 48%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Yes” than Other Americans (67% v. 48%)
- Those who attended a religious service at a Christian church once a month or more at the time of the abortion are the most likely to select “Yes” (64%)

## **“In total, how many abortions has a partner or spouse of yours had in which you had made her pregnant?”**

- Those in the West (9%) are more likely to select “Five or more” than those in the Midwest (3%)
- Those age 55+ (75%) are more likely to select “One” than those 18-34 (66%)
- Those with some college (73%) or a Bachelor’s Degree (75%) are more likely to select “One” than those with a Graduate Degree (63%)
- Whites (74%) are more likely to select “One” than African Americans (65%) and Hispanics (64%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select “One” (78%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Two – Four” than Other Americans (28% v. 18%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are less likely to select “One” than Other Americans (65% v. 72%)

**“Were you attending a Christian church once a month or more at the time of any of these abortions?”**

- No significant differences



## “What roles do you believe most people you know expect women and men to play in abortion decisions?”

- Those age 18-34 (25%) are more likely to select “It is the woman’s choice and the man has no role to play” than those age 45-54 (12%) and 55+ (16%)
- Those age 55+ (56%) are more likely to select “It is the woman’s choice, but the man should have some input” than those 18-34 (44%) and 35-44 (43%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree (36%) are more likely to select “It is a choice that the woman and man should make together with equal input” than those who are High School Graduates or less (25%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (26%) are more likely to select “It is the woman’s choice, and the man has no role to play” than Christians (19%)
- Catholics are more likely to select “It is the woman’s choice, and the man has no role to play” than Protestants (24% v. 14%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are less likely to select “It is the woman’s choice, but the man should have some input” than Other Americans (41% v. 48%)

## “Which of the following statements best reflects your view of how society thinks men should handle unplanned pregnancies?”

- Those in the South (36%) are more likely to select “They think I should encourage her to have the baby” than those in the Midwest (26%)
- Those age 55+ (50%) are more likely to select “They think I should neither encourage nor discourage her decision in any way” than those 18-34 (37%) and 35-44 (36%)
- Those with some college (46%) are more likely to select “They think I should neither encourage nor discourage her decision in any way” than those who are High School Graduates or less (38%) or with a Graduate Degree (31%)
- Those with a Graduate degree are the most likely to select “They think I should encourage her to abort” (24%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to select “They think I should neither encourage nor discourage her decision in any way” (48%)

## “Which of the following statements best reflects your view of how society thinks men should handle unplanned pregnancies?” *continued*

- Catholics are more likely to select “They think I should encourage her to abort” (21% v. 9%)
- Protestants are more likely to select “They think I should neither encourage nor discourage her decision in any way” than Catholics (45% v. 35%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “They think I should encourage her to have the baby” than Other Americans (42% v. 28%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to select “They think I should encourage her to have the baby” than Other Americans (41% v. 28%)

## “One can talk with a pastor about abortion confidentially.”

- Those age 18-34 are the most likely to Disagree (32%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (80%)
- Other Ethnicities are the most likely to Disagree (45%)
- Christians are the most likely to Agree (72%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (82% v. 57%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (79% v. 58%)

## “Pastors’ teachings on forgiveness don’t seem to apply to terminated pregnancies/abortion.”

- Those in the West (57%) are more likely to Agree than those in the Midwest (48%)
- Those age 18-34 (63%) and 35-44 (53%) are the most likely to Agree than those age 45-54 (40%) and 55+ (40%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (71%)
- Christians are the most likely to Disagree (31%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to answer Not sure (30%)
- Catholics are more likely to Agree than Protestants (60% v. 44%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (60% v. 51%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (61% v. 50%)

## “Pastors are sensitive to the pressures a man faces with an unplanned pregnancy.”

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to Agree (33%) and most likely to answer Not sure (38%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (73%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to Agree (33%) and most likely to answer Not sure (36%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (72% v. 45%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (75% v. 43%)

## “Pastors teach that God is willing to forgive past abortion decisions.”

- Those age 55+ are the least likely to Agree (35%) and most likely to answer Not sure (37%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (71%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the least likely to Agree (25%) and the most likely at answer Not sure (41%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (73% v. 42%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (74% v. 41%)

## **“Churches are a safe place to talk about pregnancy options including parenting, abortion, and adoption.”**

- Those age 35-44 (56%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (43%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (70%)
- Whites (54%) and African Americans (54%) are more likely to Agree than Other Ethnicities (39%)
- Christians are the most likely to Agree (62%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are the most likely to Disagree (56%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (75% v. 42%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (72% v. 43%)



## “Churches over-simplify decisions about pregnancy options.”

- Those age 18-34 (62%) and 35-44 (60%) are more likely to Agree than those 55+ (45%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (74%)
- Those with some college are the least likely to Agree (44%)
- Hispanics (32%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (25%)
- Christians (31%) are more likely to Disagree than Religiously unaffiliated (20%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (64% v. 54%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (66% v. 53%)

**“Churches are prepared to provide material, emotional, and spiritual support to couples who choose to keep a child resulting from an unplanned pregnancy.”**

- Those age 18-34 (29%) are more likely to Disagree than those 35-44 (21%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to Agree (76%)
- Other Ethnicities (35%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (23%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (31%) are more likely to Disagree than Christians (22%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (80% v. 54%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Agree than Other Americans (79% v. 54%)

## “Church members judge unmarried couples who are pregnant.”

- Those age 18-34 (23%) and 35-44 (21%) are more likely to Disagree than those 55+ (13%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less (73%) or with a Bachelor’s Degree (75%) are more likely to Agree than those with some college (65%)
- Hispanics (26%) are more likely to Disagree than Whites (17%)
- Religiously unaffiliated (79%) are more likely to Agree than Christians (69%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to Disagree than Other Americans (26% v. 18%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to Disagree than Other Americans (25% v. 18%)

**“If someone close to you had an unplanned pregnancy, would you recommend they discuss the decision with someone at a local church?”**

- Those age 55+ (58%) are more likely to select “No” than those 18-34 (45%) and 35-44 (47%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select “Yes” (60%)
- Religiously unaffiliated are more likely to select “No” (77%)
- Catholics are more likely to select “Yes” than Protestants (48% v. 39%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Yes” than Other Americans (64% v. 24%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to select “Yes” than Other Americans (63% v. 24%)

## “Does anyone at your church know that your partner/spouse had an abortion?”

- Those age 55+ are the most likely to select “No” (68%)
- Those with Some college are the least likely to select “Yes” (31%)
- Catholics are more likely to select “Yes” than Protestants (52% v. 36%)
- Christians that consider themselves an evangelical or born again are more likely to select “Yes” than Other Americans (63% v. 29%)
- Christians who attend a worship service once a month or more are more likely to select “Yes” than those who attend less often (53% v. 34%)



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