

Protestant Churchgoer Views On Volunteering

A SURVEY OF 1,002 AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHGOERS

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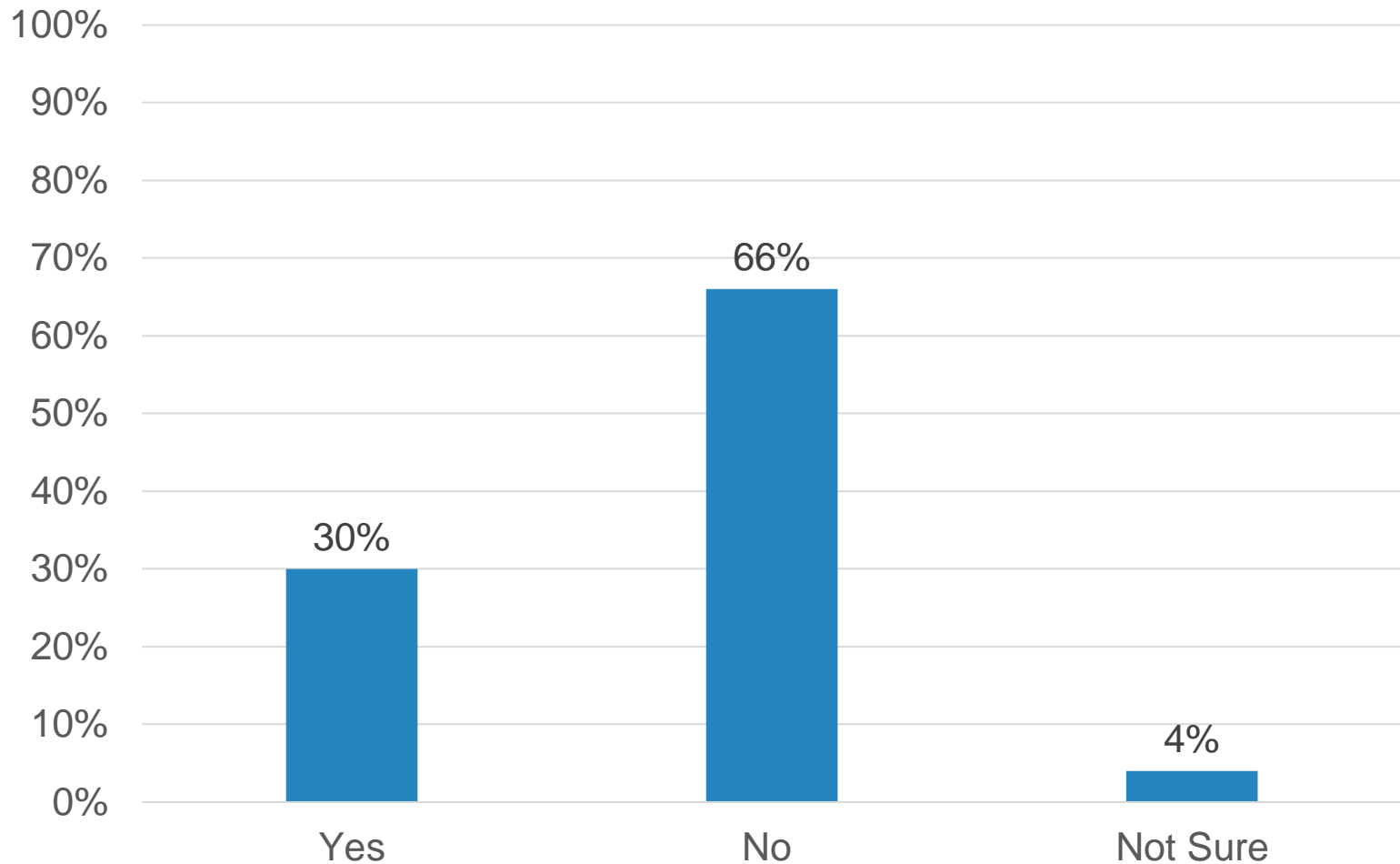
Methodology

- The online survey of 1,002 American Protestant churchgoers was conducted September 19-29, 2022, using a national pre-recruited panel
- Respondents were screened to include those who identified as Protestant/non-denominational and attend religious services at least once a month
- Quotas and slight weights were used to balance gender, age, region, ethnicity, education, and religion to more accurately reflect the population
- The completed sample is 1,002 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed $\pm 3.3\%$ This margin of error accounts for the effect of weighting
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups

Definitions

- **Evangelical Beliefs** are defined using the NAE Lifeway Research Evangelical Beliefs Research Definition based on respondent beliefs
- Respondents are asked their level of agreement with four separate statements using a four-point, forced choice scale (strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, strongly disagree). Those who strongly agree with all four statements are categorized as having Evangelical Beliefs
 - 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

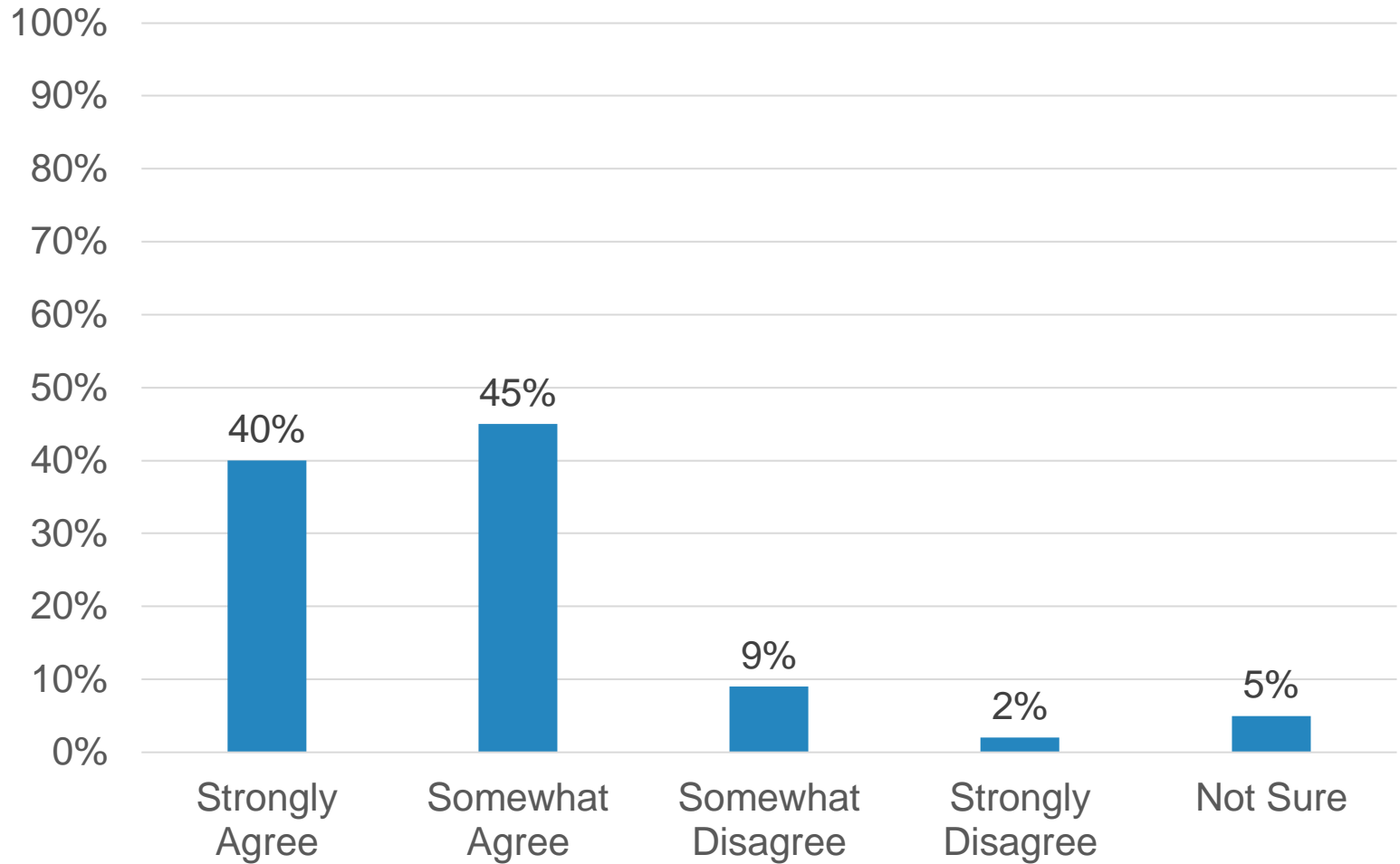
66% say they did not volunteer for a charity (ministry, church, or non-ministry) in the previous year



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Q: "Did you participate in any type of volunteer work for a charity (ministry, church, or non-ministry) in 2021?" n=1,002

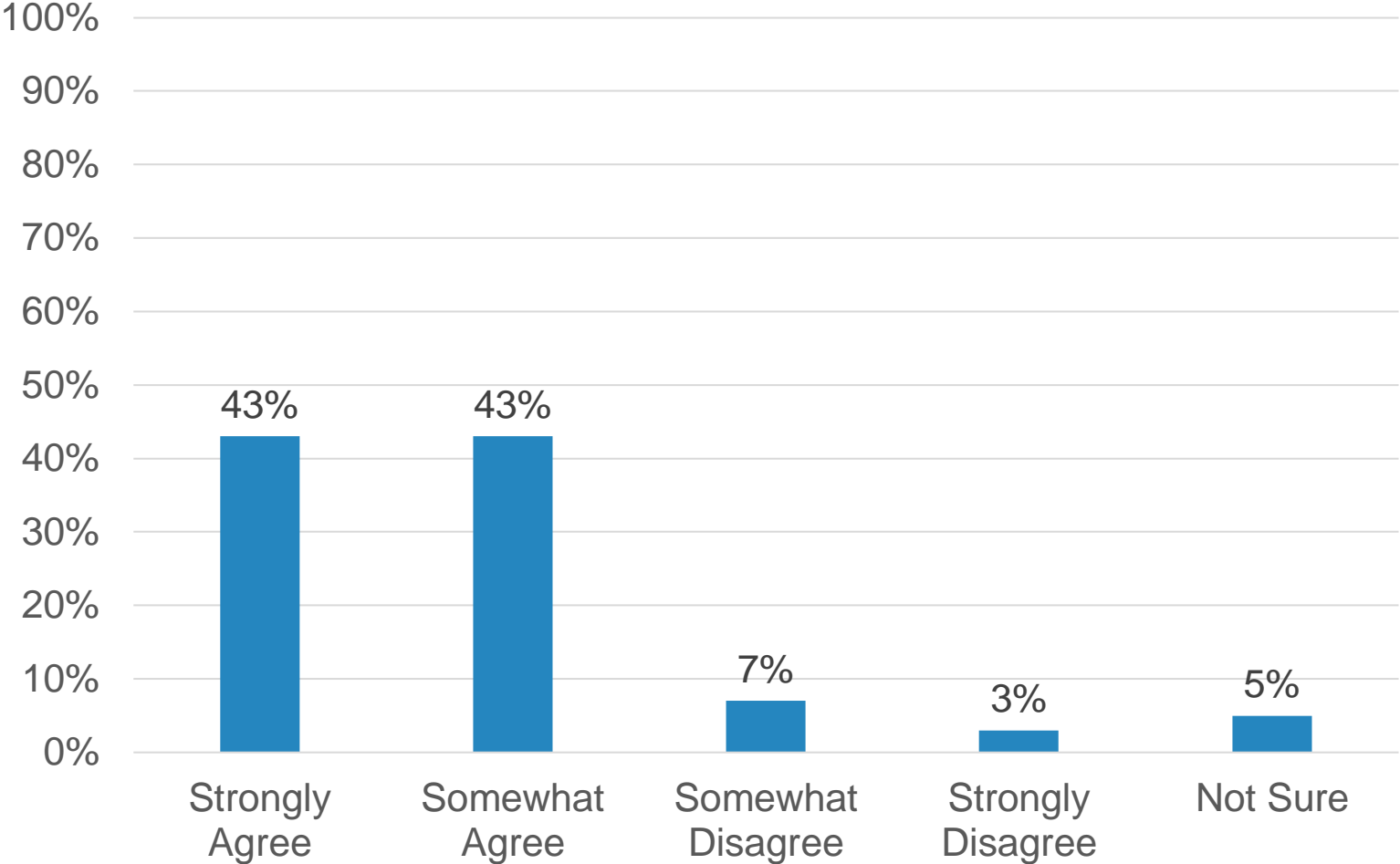
84% say their church encourages every adult to serve people not affiliated with their church



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Q: "My church encourages every adult to be involved in ministries or projects that serve people in our community not affiliated with our church." n=1,002

86% say they want to serve people not affiliated with their church in hopes of sharing the Gospel



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Q: "I want to serve people in my community not affiliated with my church to hopefully have opportunities to tell them about the Gospel." n=1,002

Significant Differences

Gender

Age

Ethnicity

Region

Education Level

Denomination

Worship Service Attendance

Evangelical Beliefs

Significant Differences

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

GENDER	AGE	ETHNICITY	REGION	EDUCATION
Male	18-34	White	Northeast	High School graduate or less
Female	35-49	African American	Midwest	Some college
	50-64	Hispanic	South	Bachelor's Degree
	65+	Other Ethnicities	West	Graduate Degree

Note: Region is defined by the US Census locations

Significant Statistical Differences

Comparisons were made to determine if there are any significant statistical differences among denomination, worship service attendance, and evangelical beliefs.

DENOMINATION	WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE	EVANGELICAL BELIEFS
Baptist	1 to 3 times a month	Yes
Methodist	4 or more times a month	No
Lutheran	Not sure	
Presbyterian/Reformed		
Christian/Church of Christ		
Non-denominational		

“Did you participate in any type of volunteer work for a charity (ministry, church, or non-ministry) in 2021?”

- Males are more likely to select “Yes” than females (35% v. 27%)
- Those age 65+ are the more likely to select “Yes” (40%)
- Whites (34%) and Other Ethnicities (42%) are more likely to select “Yes” than African Americans (22%) and Hispanics (21%)
- Those with Graduate degrees are the most likely to select “Yes” (50%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select “No” (77%)
- Lutherans (53%) are more likely to select “Yes” than Baptists (29%), Methodists (7%), Christian/Church of Christ (28%), and Non-denominational (28%)
- Methodists are the most likely to select “No” (88%)

“Did you participate in any type of volunteer work for a charity (ministry, church, or non-ministry) in 2021?” *continued*

- Those who attend a worship service 1 to 3 times a month (73%) are more likely to select “No” than those who attend 4 or more times a month (60%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month are the most likely to select “Yes” (37%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select “Yes” than those without evangelical beliefs (37% v. 25%)

“My church encourages every adult to be involved in ministries or projects that serve people in our community not affiliated with our church.”

- Those age 35-49 (89%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (82%) and 65+ (81%)
- Hispanics are the most likely to Agree (93%)
- Methodists are the most likely to Agree (98%)

“I want to serve people in my community not affiliated with my church to hopefully have opportunities to tell them about the Gospel.”

- Those age 18-34 (91%) and 35-49 (91%) are more likely to Agree than those 50-64 (84%) and 65+ (79%)
- African Americans (91%) and Other Ethnicities (94%) are more likely to Agree than Whites (83%)
- Those in the Northeast (89%) and South (88%) are more likely to Agree than those in the West (78%)
- Baptists (88%) and Methodists (95%) are more likely to Agree than Lutherans (77%) and Presbyterian/Reformed (78%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (88%) are more likely to Agree than those who 1 to 3 times a month (82%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to Agree than those without evangelical beliefs (90% v. 83%)

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