

Protestant Churchgoer Views On Church Actions since Roe v. Wade was overturned

A SURVEY OF 1,008 AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHURCHGOERS

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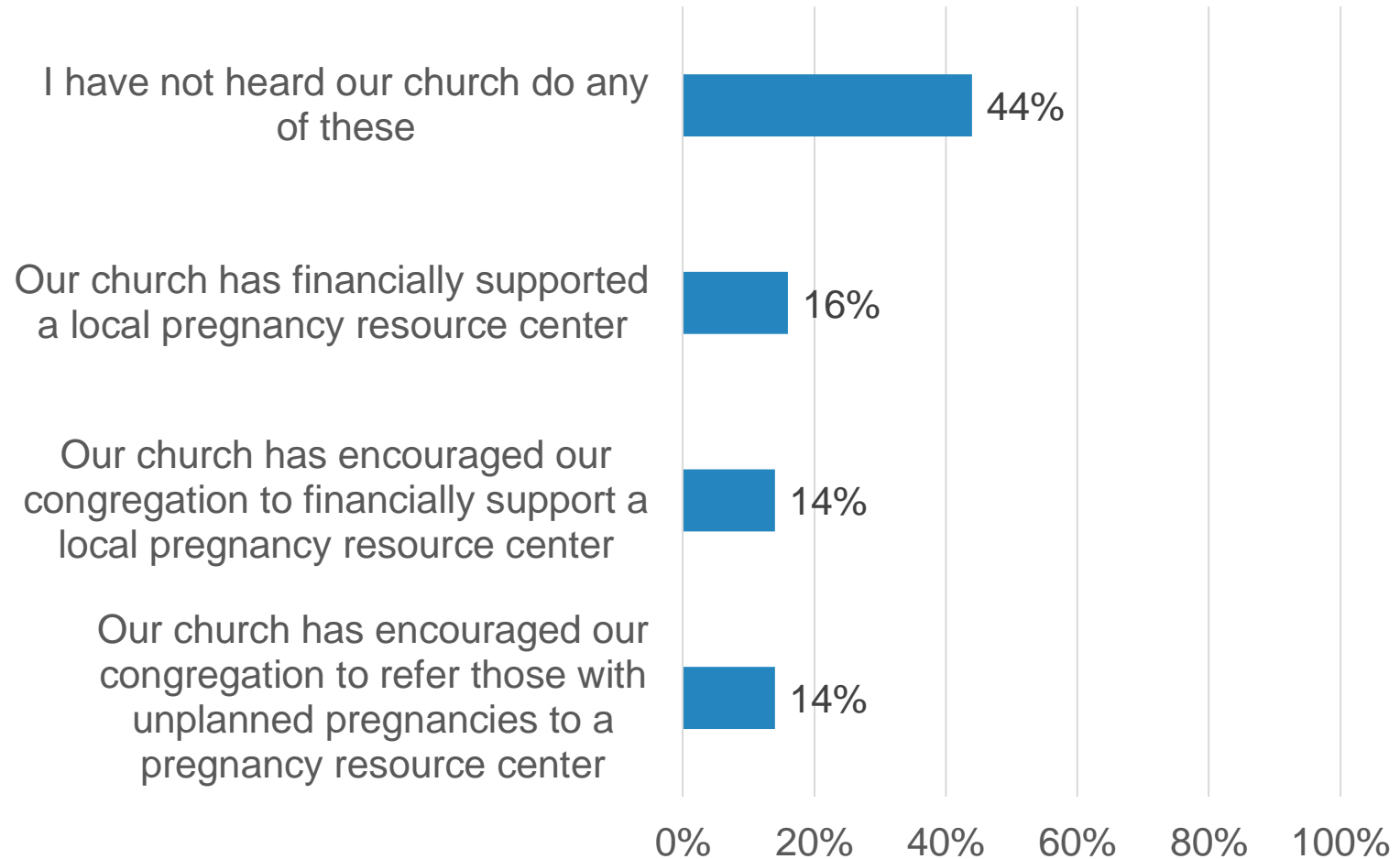
Methodology

- The online survey of 1,008 American Protestant churchgoers was conducted September 19-29, 2023, 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 1,008 surveys
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the panel does not exceed $\pm 3.2\%$ 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

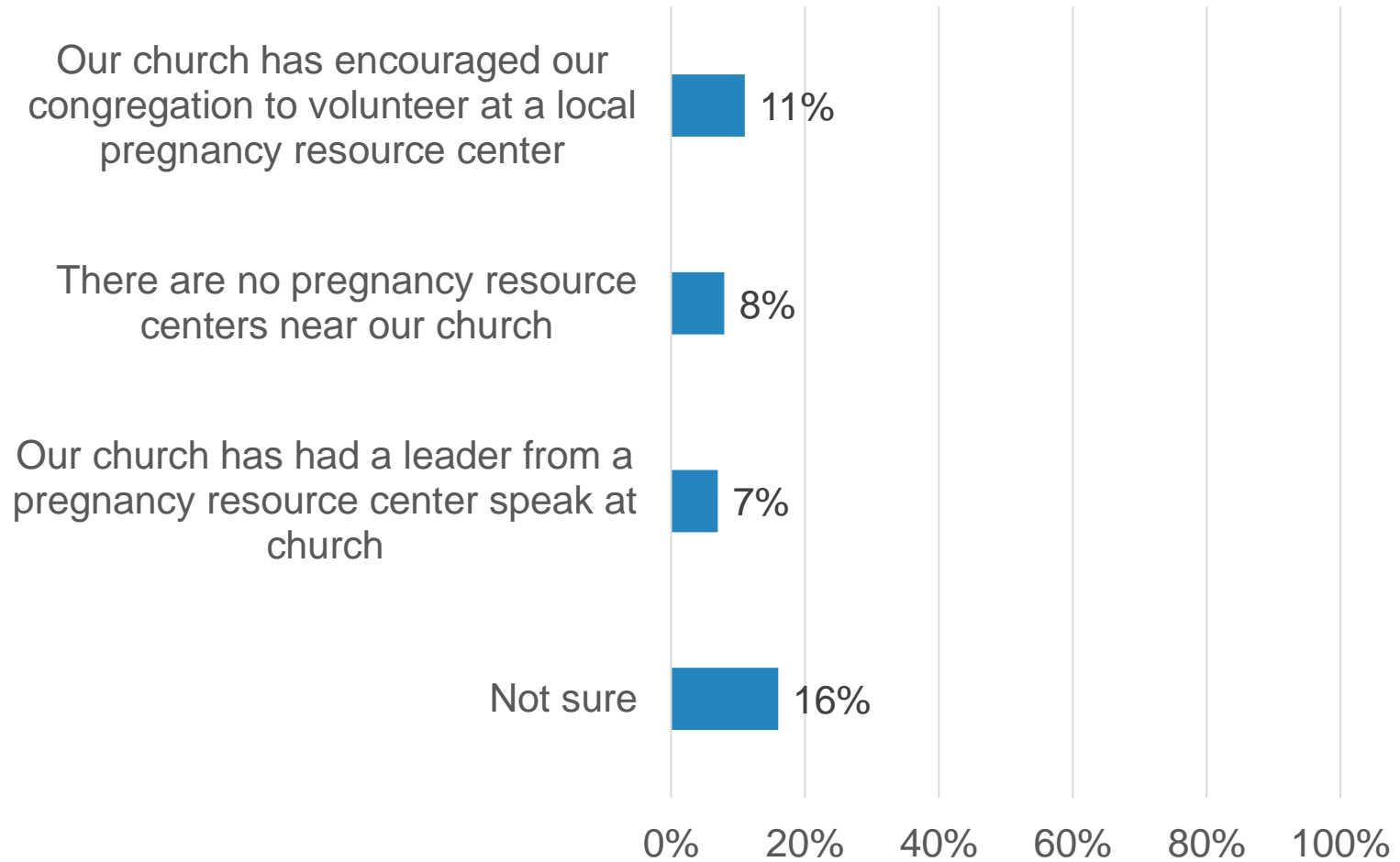
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Significant Differences

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	CHURCH WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	EVANGELICAL BELIEFS
Baptist	1 to 3 times a month	Less than 50	Yes
Methodist	4 or more times a month	50 to 99	No
Lutheran		100 to 249	
Presbyterian/Reformed		250 to 499	
Christian/Church of Christ		500 or more	
Non-denominational			

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

Our church has financially supported a local pregnancy resource center

- Those age 18-34 (21%) and 35-49 (21%) are more likely to select than those 65+ (11%)
- Baptists (19%), Christian/Church of Christ (22%), and Non-denominational (16%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (7%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (20%) are more likely to select than those who 1 to 3 times a month (11%)
- Those with evangelical beliefs are more likely to select than those without evangelical beliefs (19% v. 12%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of 500 or more (23%) are more likely to select than those with less than 50 (13%) and 50 to 99 (12%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

Our church has encouraged our congregation to financially support a local pregnancy resource center

- Those age 18-34 (23%) and 35-49 (21%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (13%) and 65+ (6%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (18%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (11%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of 100 to 249 (17%) and 500 or more (19%) are more likely to select than those with less than 50 (8%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

Our church has had a leader from a pregnancy resource center speak at church

- Those age 18-34 (14%) and 35-49 (10%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (5%) and 65+ (4%)
- African Americans (10%) and Hispanics (11%) are more likely to select than Whites (5%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (9%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (5%)
- Baptists (10%), Christian/Church of Christ (12%), and Non-denominational (6%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (1%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (10%) are more likely to select than those who 1 to 3 times a month (3%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of 500 or more (10%) are more likely to select than those with less than 50 (4%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

Our church has encouraged our congregation to volunteer at a local pregnancy resource center

- Those age 18-34 (19%) and 35-49 (20%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (8%) and 65+ (5%)
- Hispanics (21%) are more likely to select than Whites (9%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (14%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (9%)
- Baptists (13%) and Non-denominational (12%) are more likely to select than Lutherans (4%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (13%) are more likely to select than those who 1 to 3 times a month (8%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of less than 50 are the least likely to select (3%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

Our church has encouraged our congregation to refer those with unplanned pregnancies to a pregnancy resource center

- Those age 18-34 (27%) and 35-49 (22%) are more likely to select than those 50-64 (11%) and 65+ (7%)
- Hispanics (24%) are more likely to select than Whites (12%)
- Those with a Bachelor’s Degree (19%) are more likely to select than who are High School Graduates or less (11%) or a with a Graduate Degree (12%)
- Baptists (16%) and Christian/Church of Christ (22%) are more likely to select than Lutheran (8%) and Non-denominational (10%)
- Those who attend a worship service 4 or more times a month (17%) are more likely to select than those who 1 to 3 times a month (11%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of 100 to 249 (17%) are more likely to select than those with less than 50 (10%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

I have not heard our church do any of these

- Those age 50-64 (49%) and 65+ (56%) are more likely to select than those 18-34 (22%) and 35-49 (32%)
- Whites (47%) and Other Ethnicities (56%) are more likely to select than African Americans (33%) and Hispanics (32%)
- Those with a Graduate Degree are the most likely to select (55%)
- Lutherans (53%) are more likely to select than Baptists (42%) and Non-denominational (42%)

“Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, has your church done any of the following?”

There are no pregnancy resource centers near our church

- Those age 50-64 (11%) are more likely to select than those 35-49 (6%)
- Those in the Northeast (15%) are more likely to select than those in the South (7%) and West (7%)
- Those who are High School Graduates or less are the most likely to select (14%)
- Baptists (10%) and Lutherans (14%) are more likely to select than Presbyterian/Reformed (2%)
- Those who attend a worship service 1 to 3 times a month (12%) are more likely to select than those who 4 or more times a month (6%)
- Those attending churches with worship attendance of less than 50 (15%) and 50 to 99 (12%) are more likely to select than those with 100 to 249 (5%), 250 to 499 (5%), and 500 or more (3%)

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