

Infrequent Churchgoers

AN ANALYSIS FROM A COLLECTION OF SURVEYS

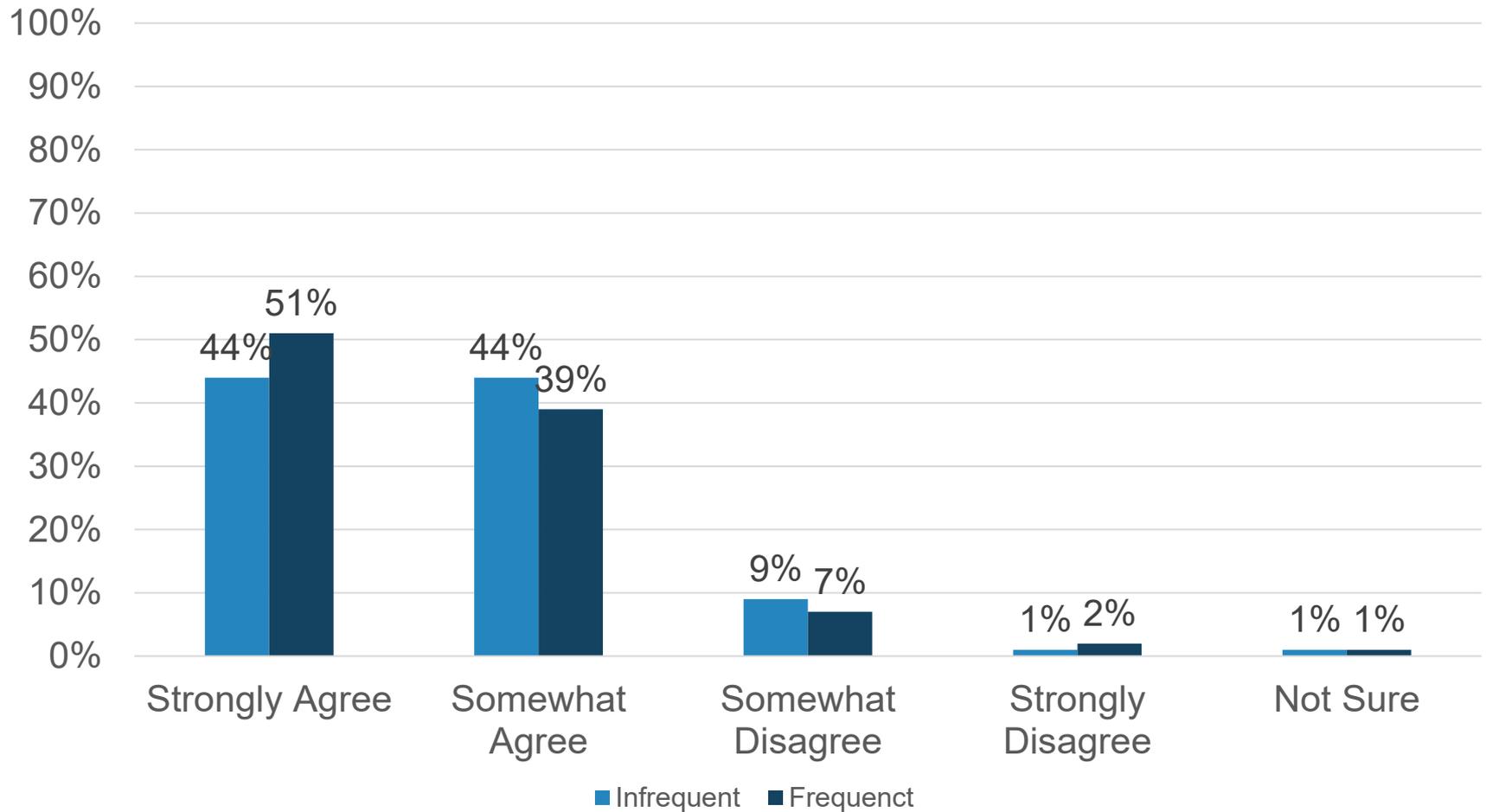
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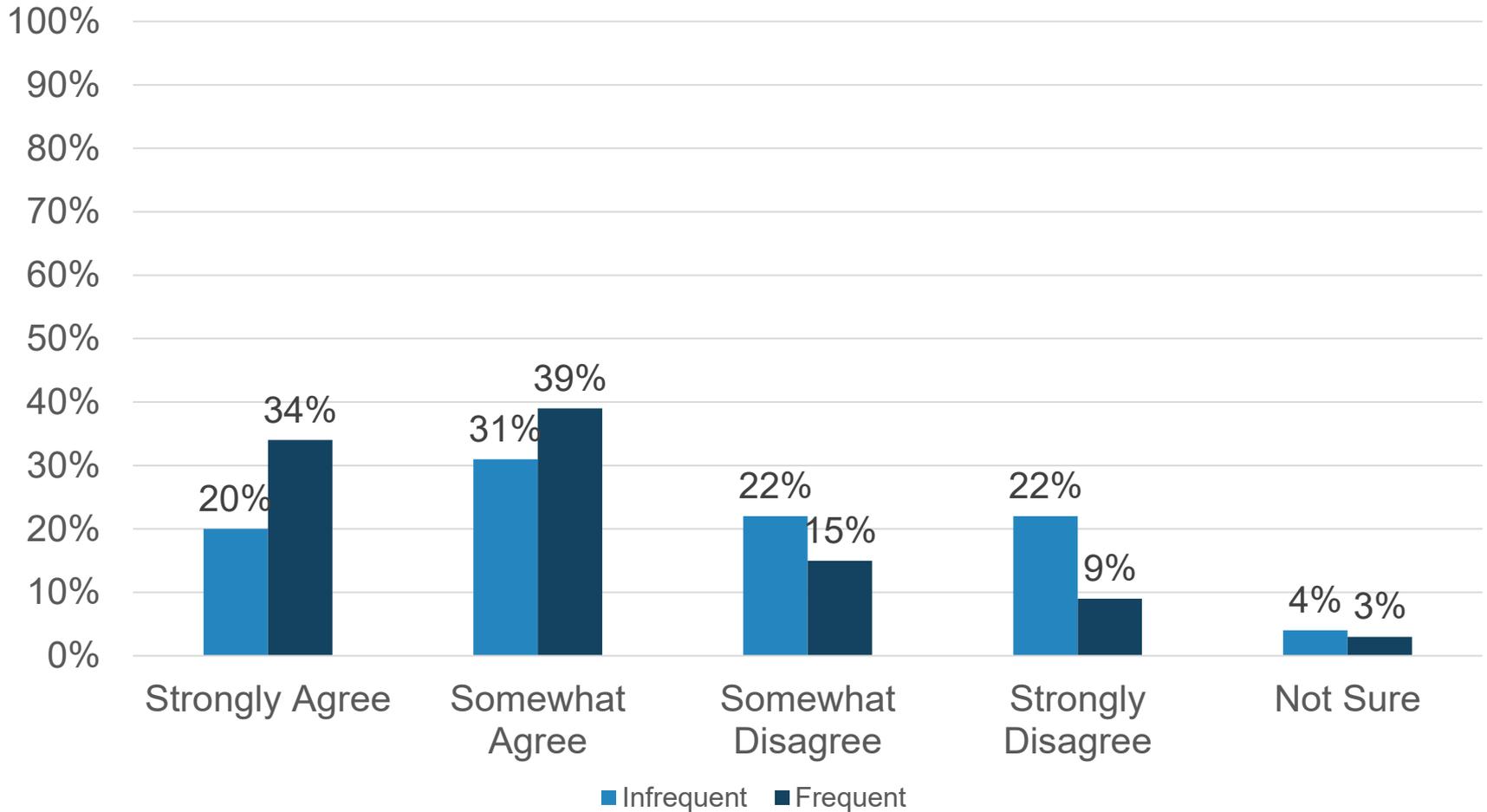
American Protestant Churchgoers

- The online survey of 1,200 American Protestant churchgoers was conducted September 2-7, 2025, 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 1,200 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
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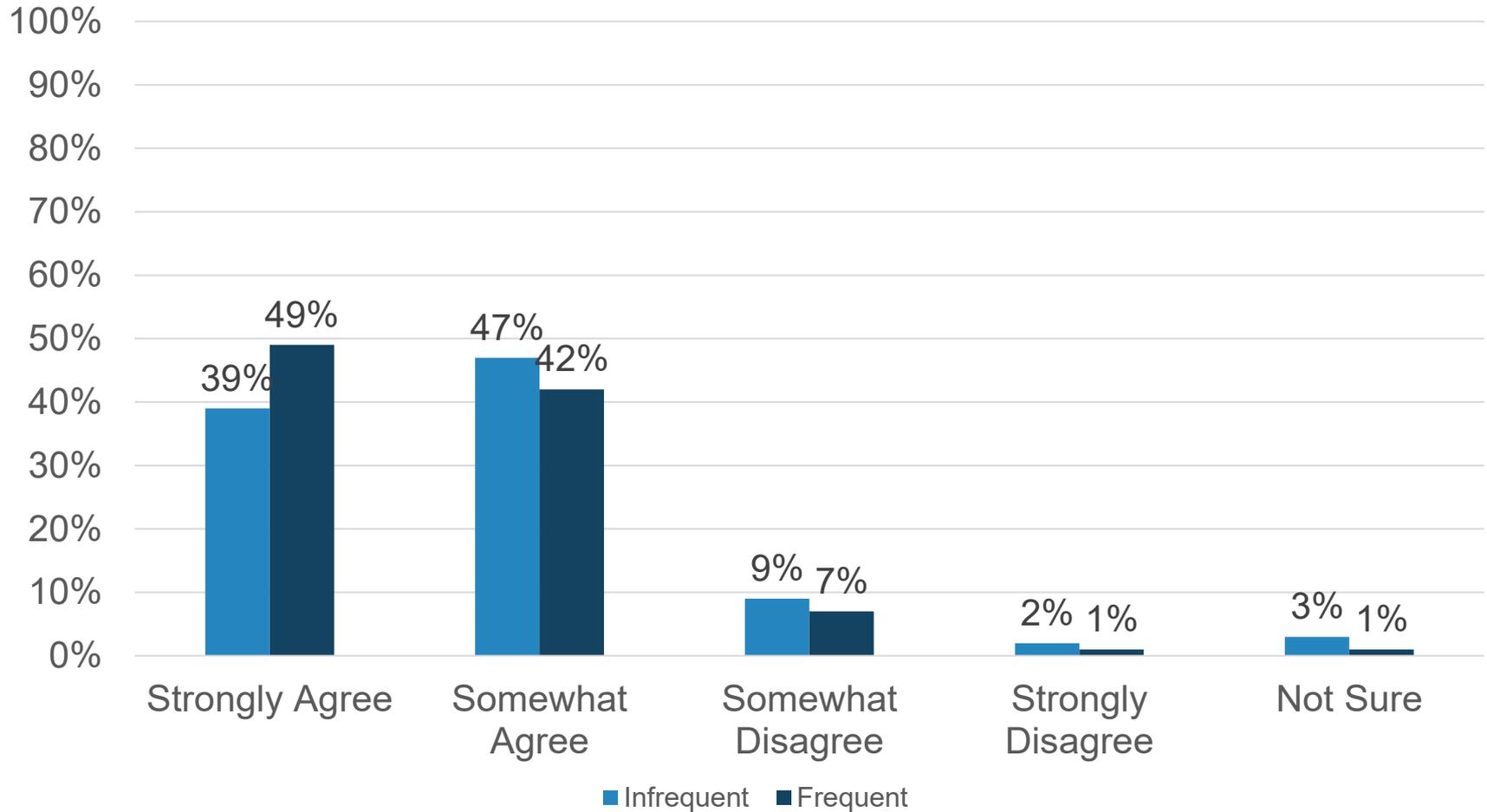
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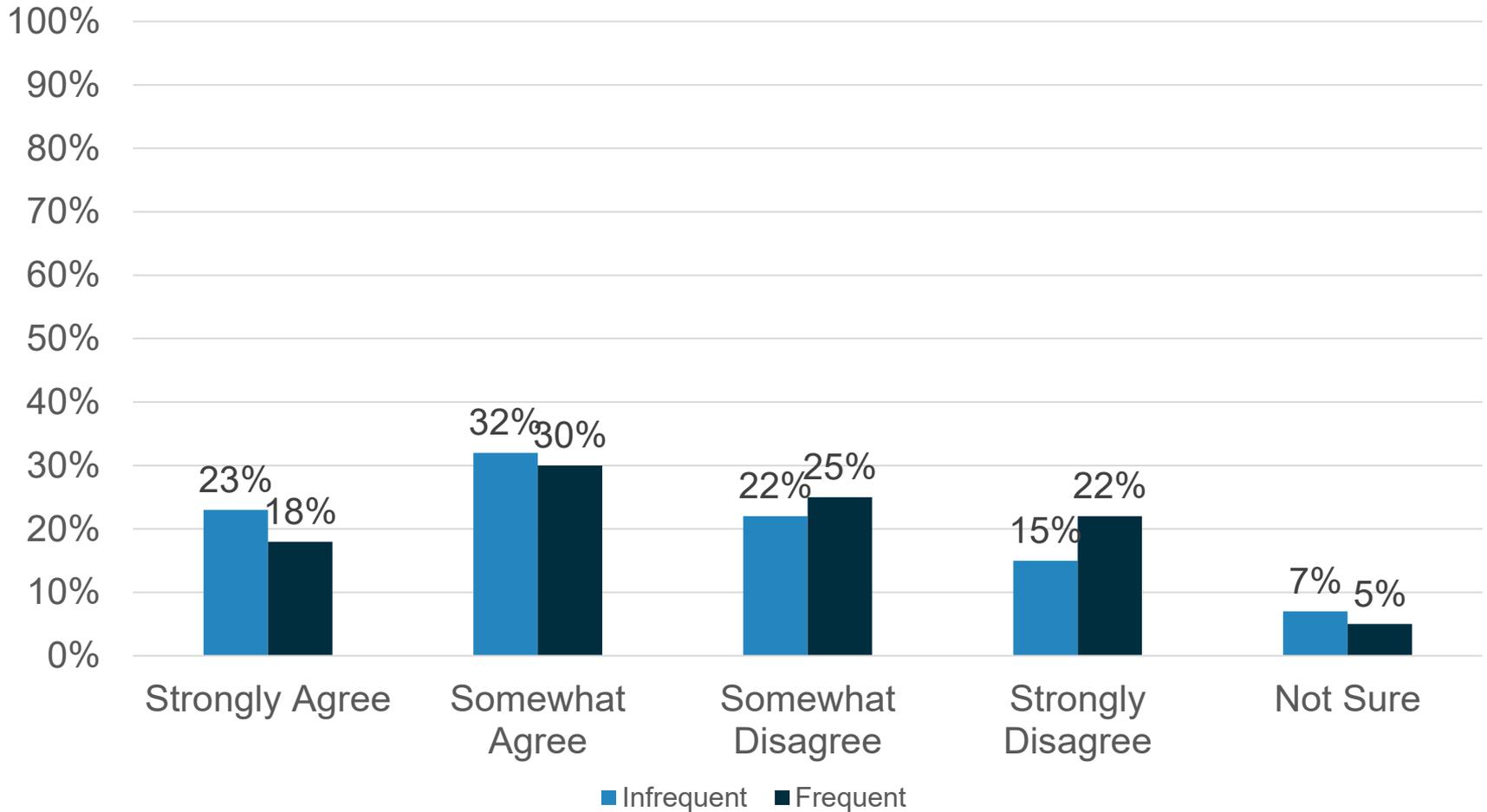
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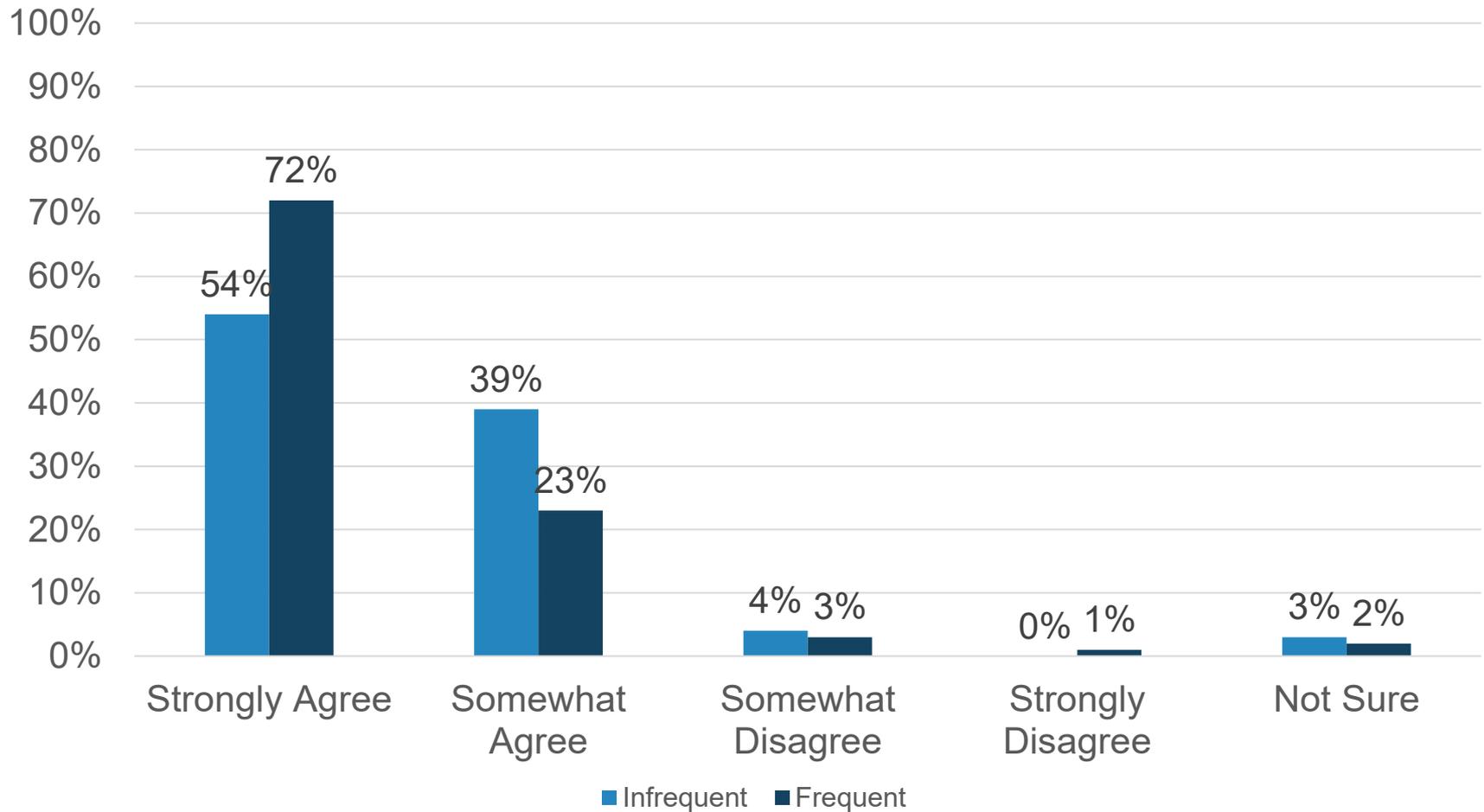
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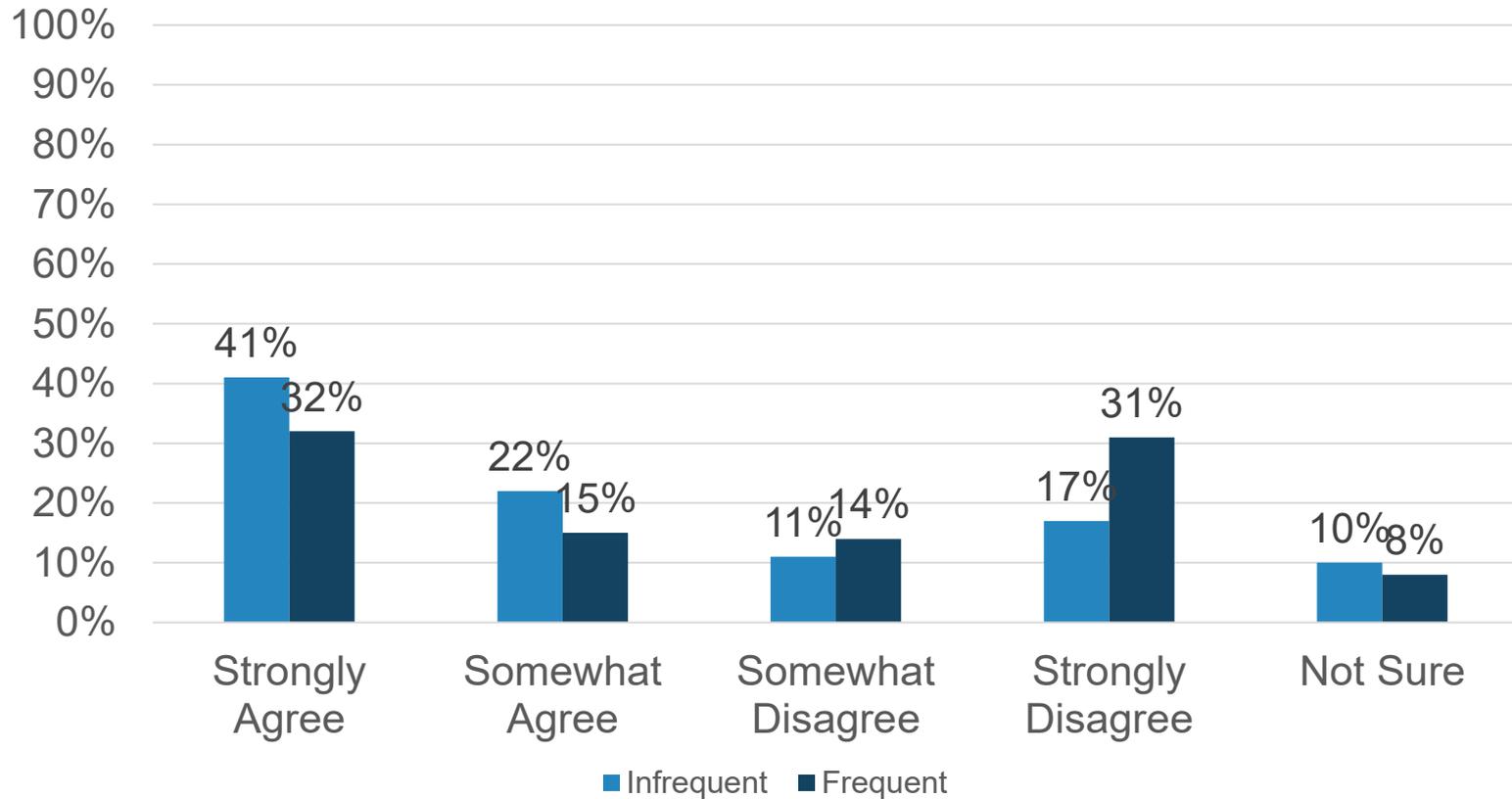
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State of Theology

- A demographically balanced online panel was used for interviewing American adults
- 3,001 surveys were completed January 6-January 15, 2025
- The sample provides 95% confidence that the sampling error from the online panel does not exceed $\pm 1.9\%$
- Margins of error are higher in sub-groups
- Slight weights were used to balance gender, age, ethnicity, income, region, and religion

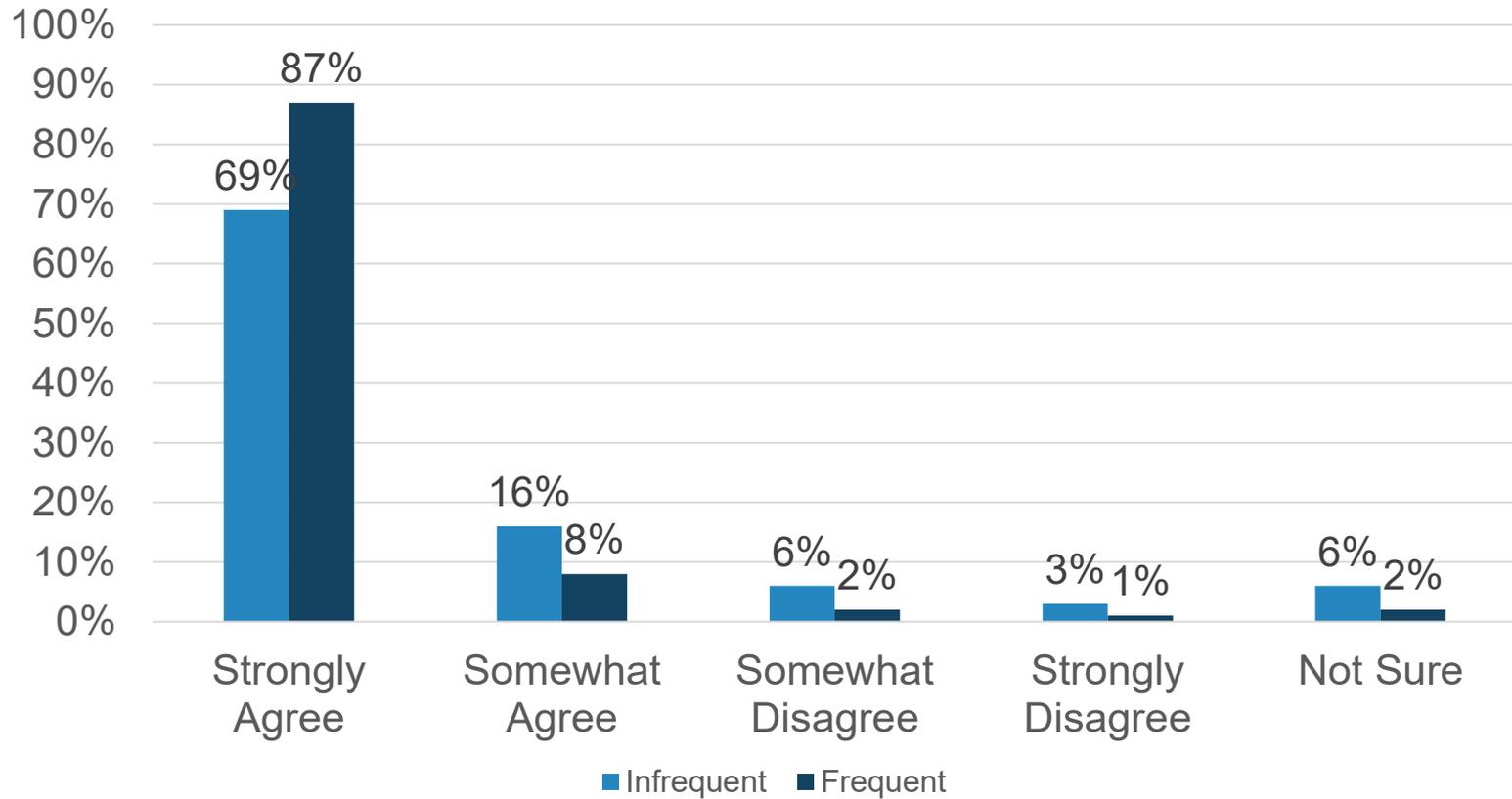
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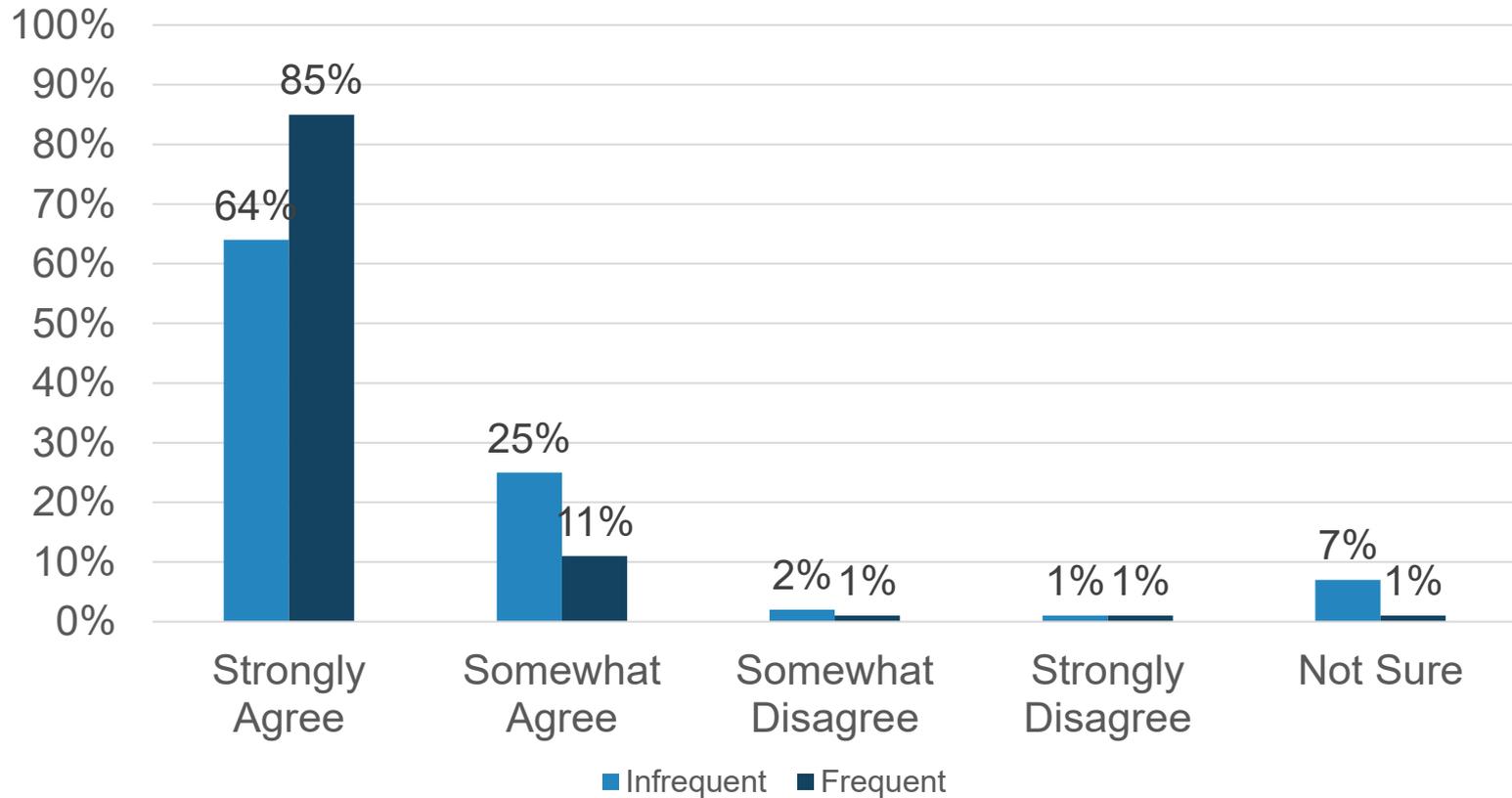
Q21_3: "For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement. **God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.**"

God is unchanging.



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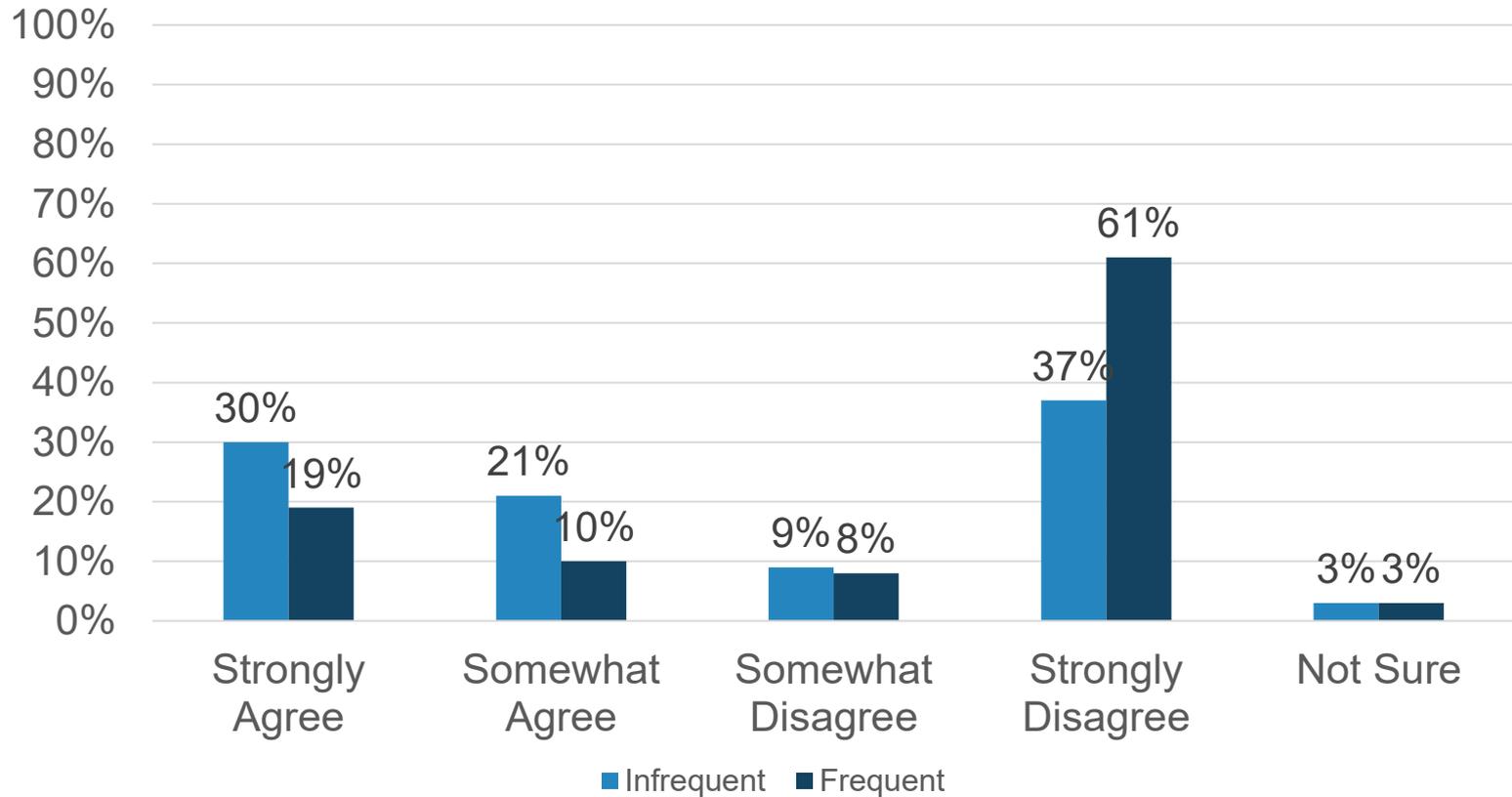
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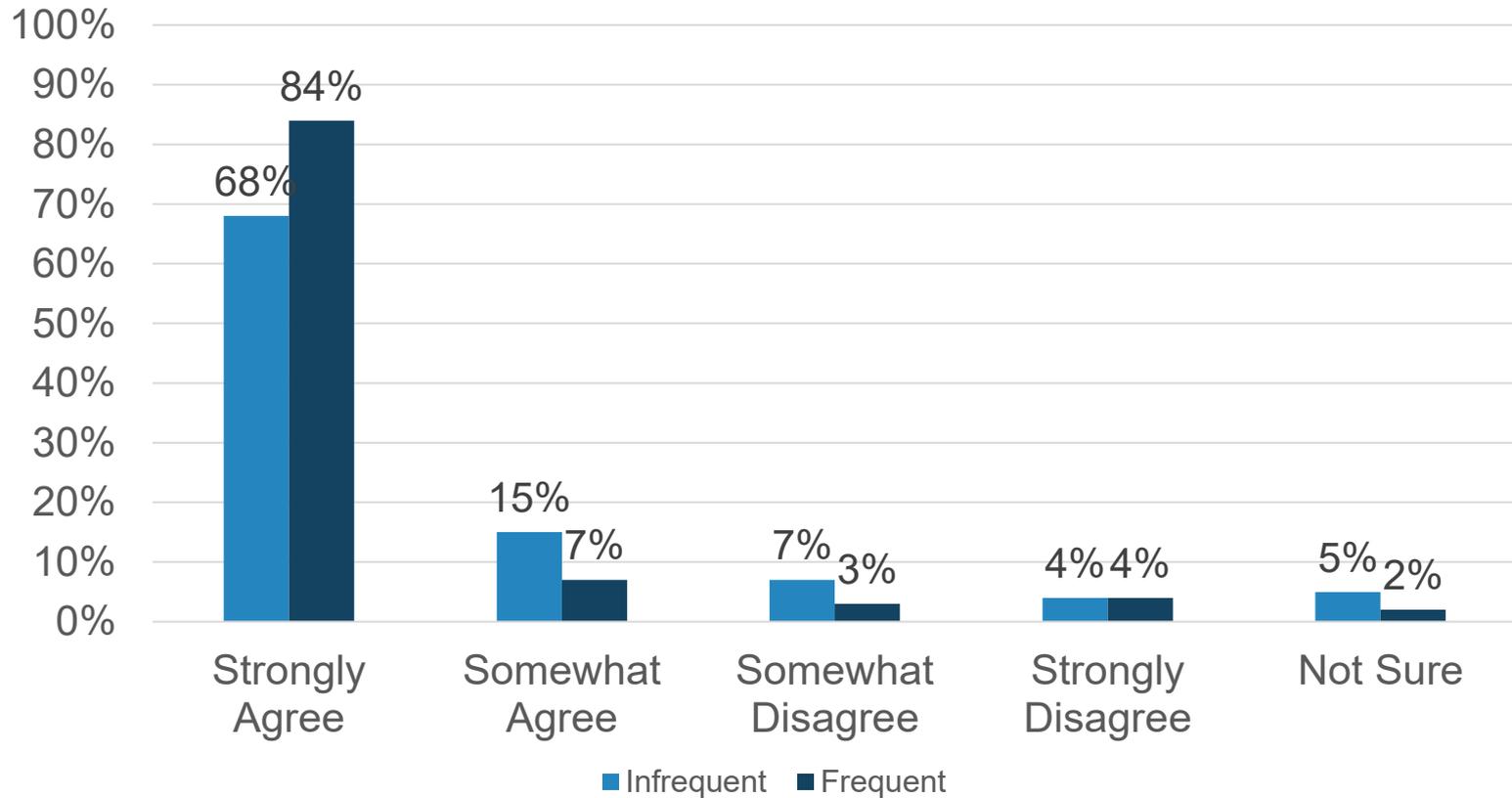
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Jesus was a great teacher, but he was not God.



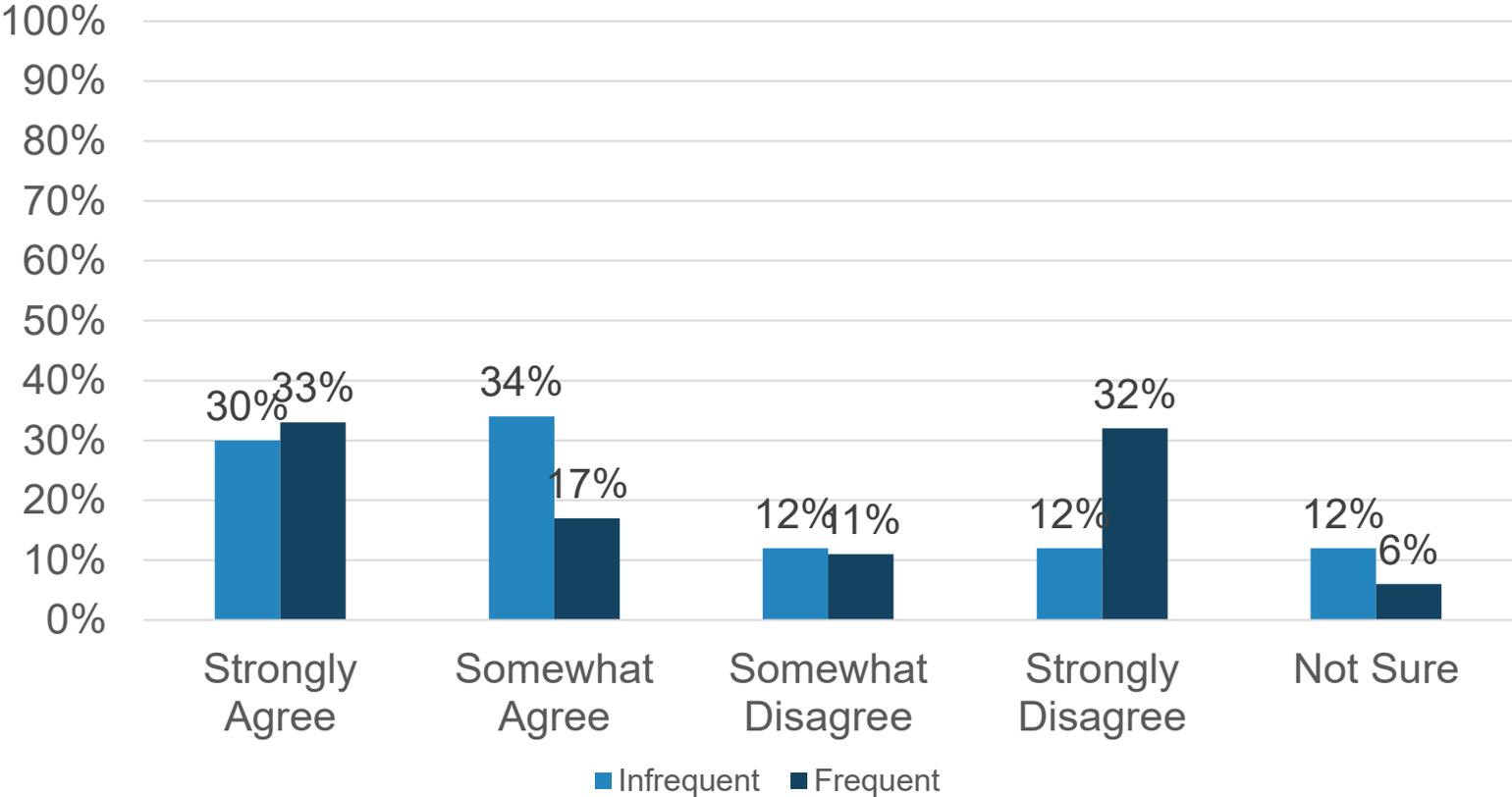
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God created marriage to be between one man and one woman.

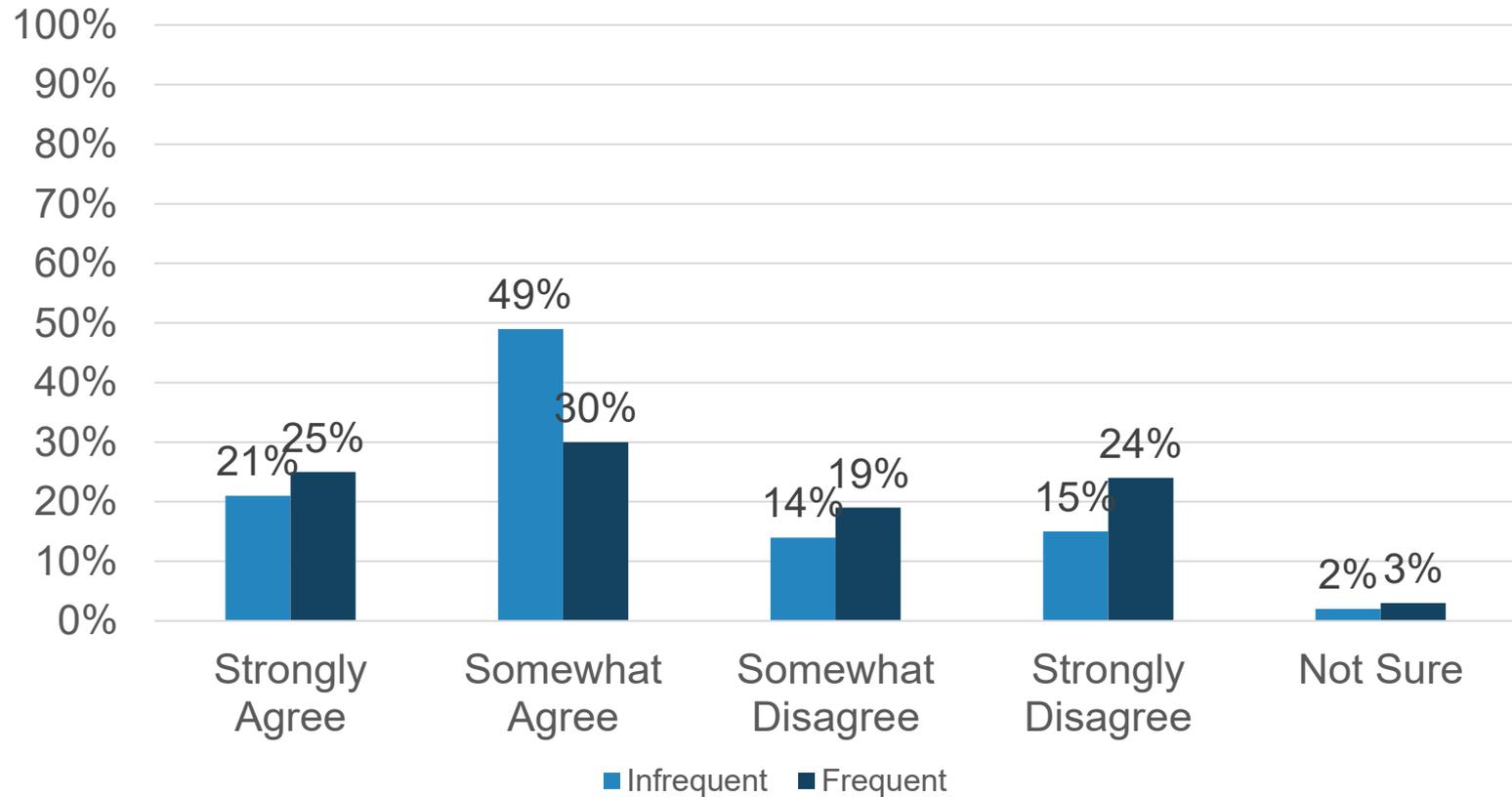


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The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.

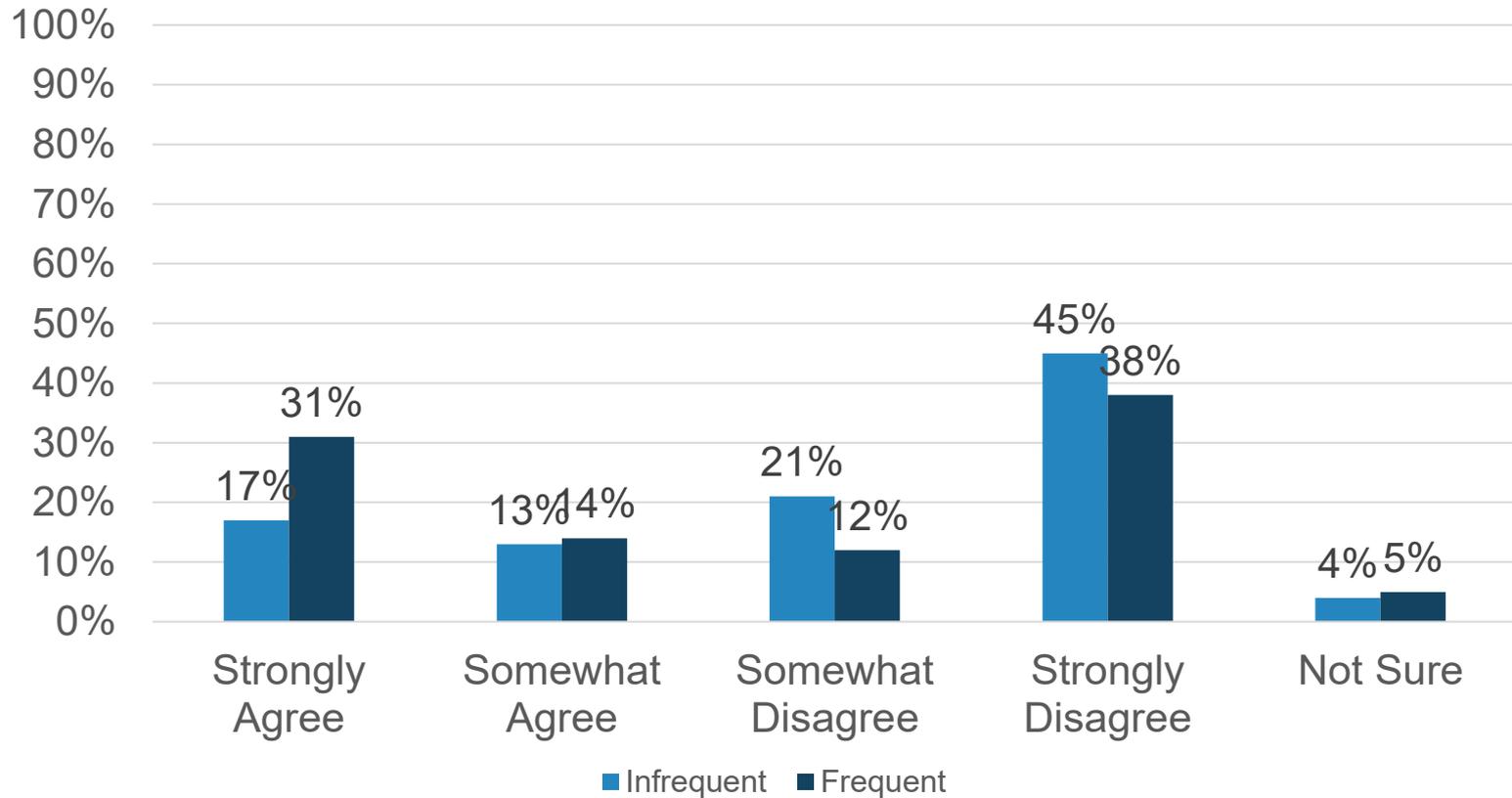


Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature.



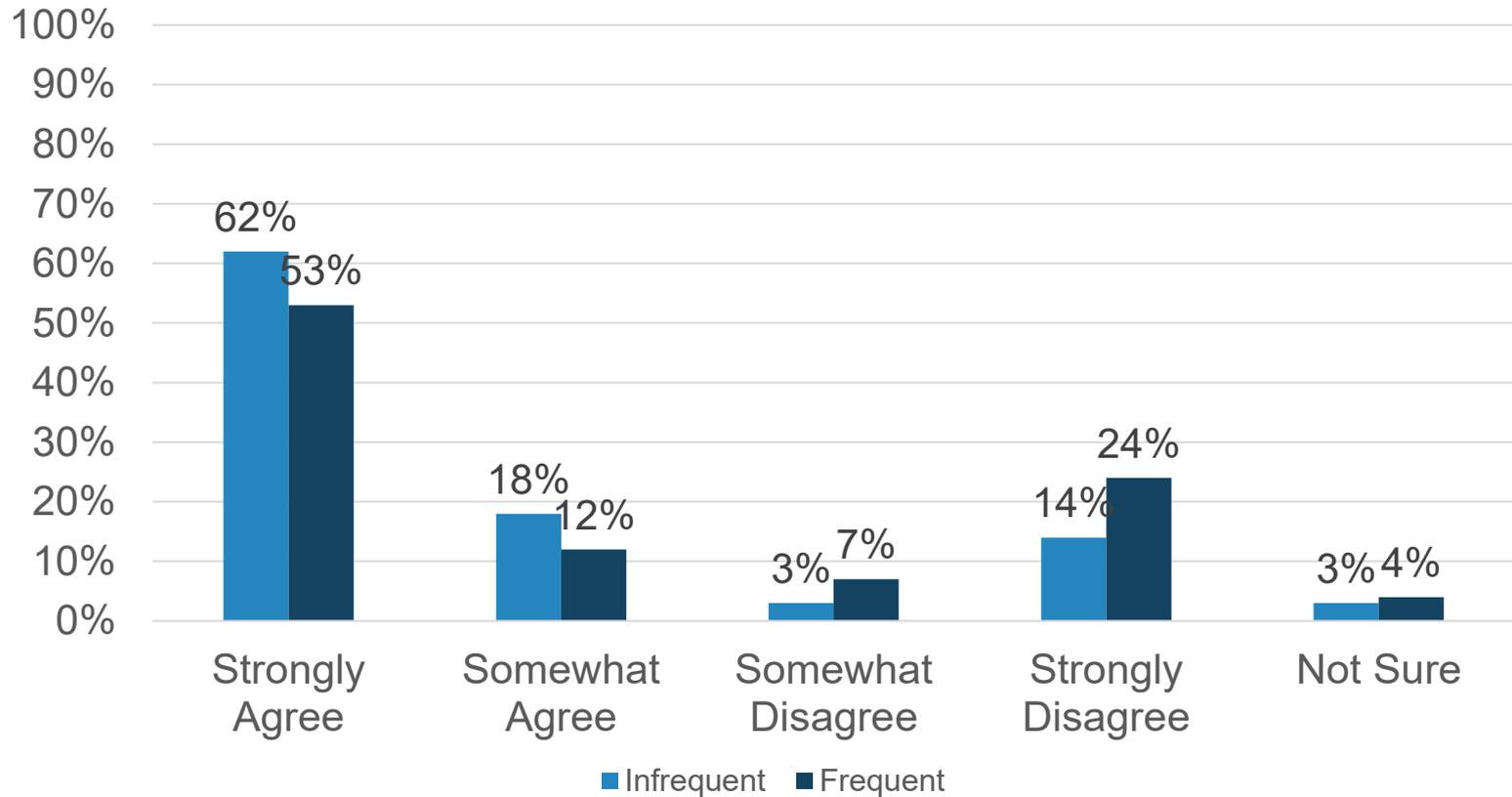
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Even the smallest sin deserves eternal damnation.

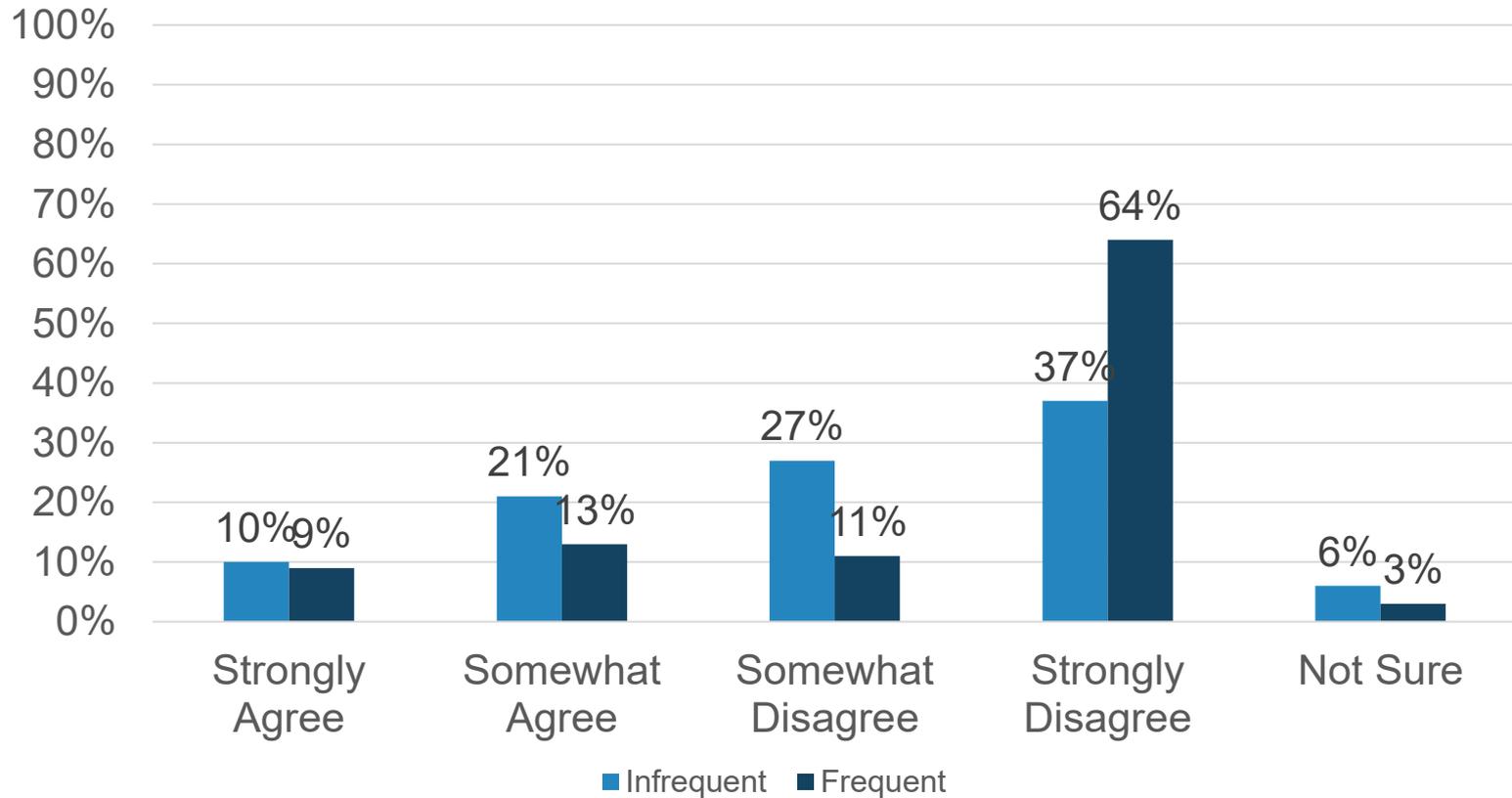


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Everyone is born innocent in the eyes of God.

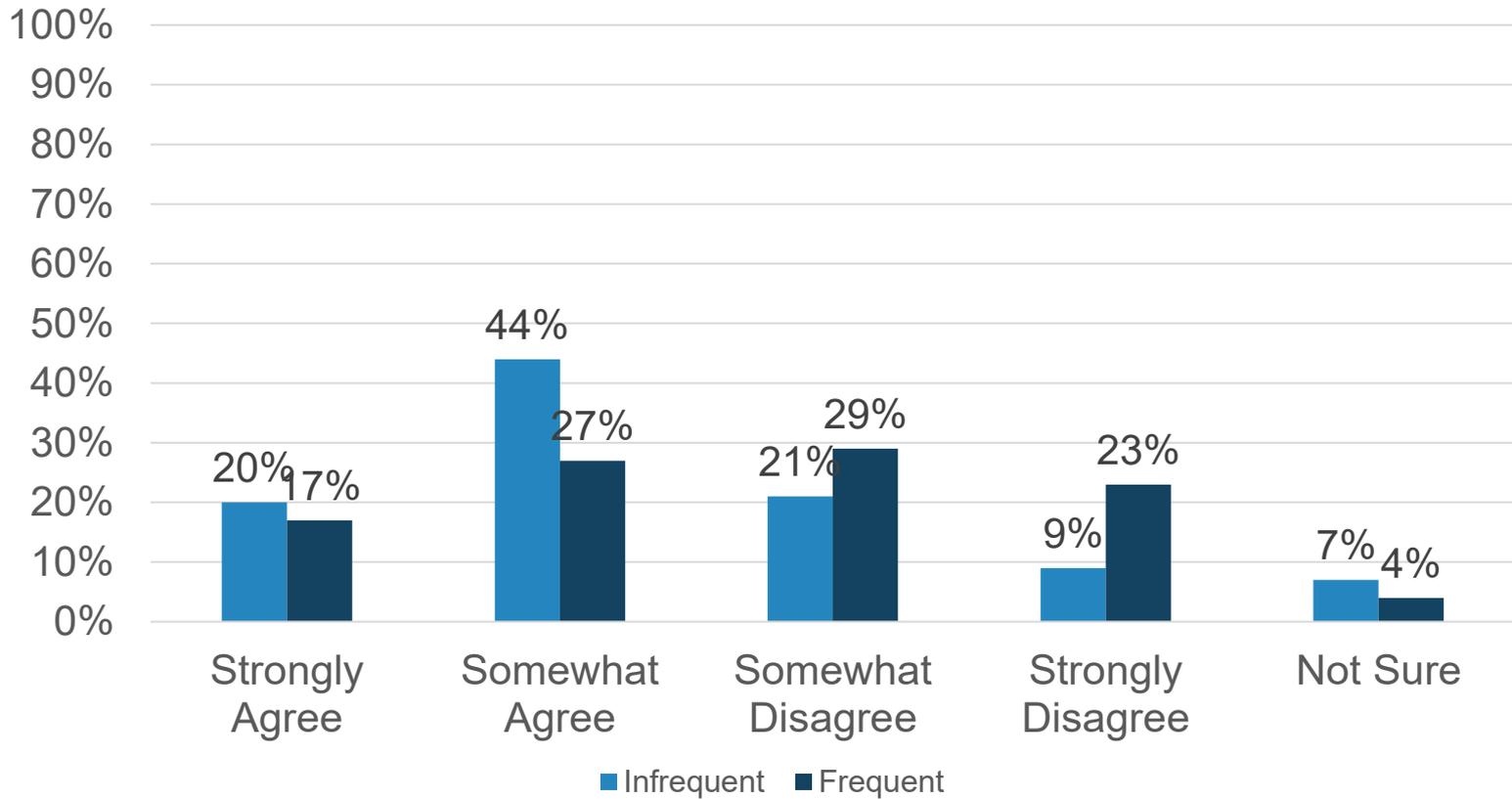


The Bible, like all sacred writings, contains helpful accounts of ancient myths but is not literally true.



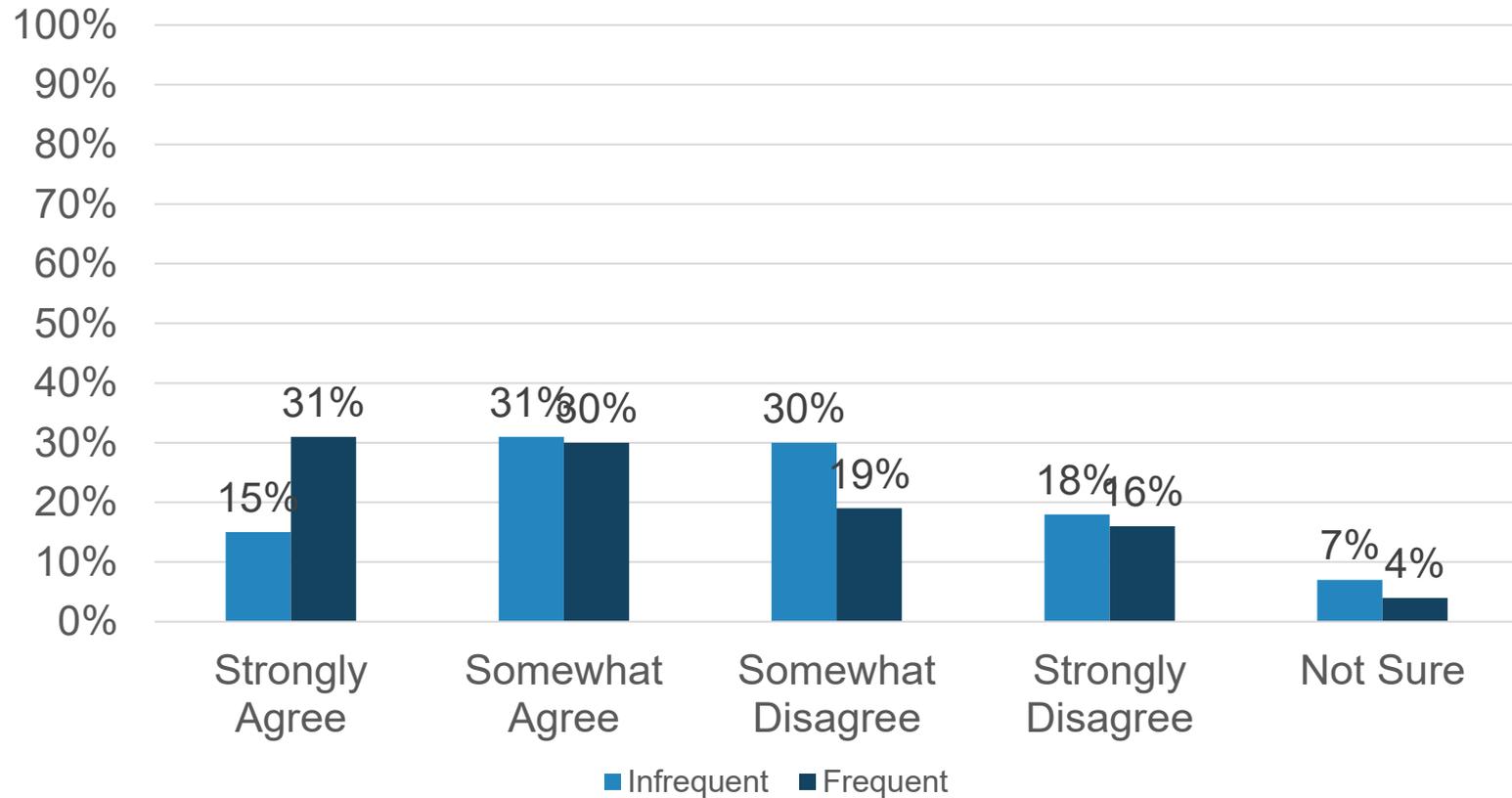
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Worshiping alone or with one's family is a valid replacement for regularly attending church.



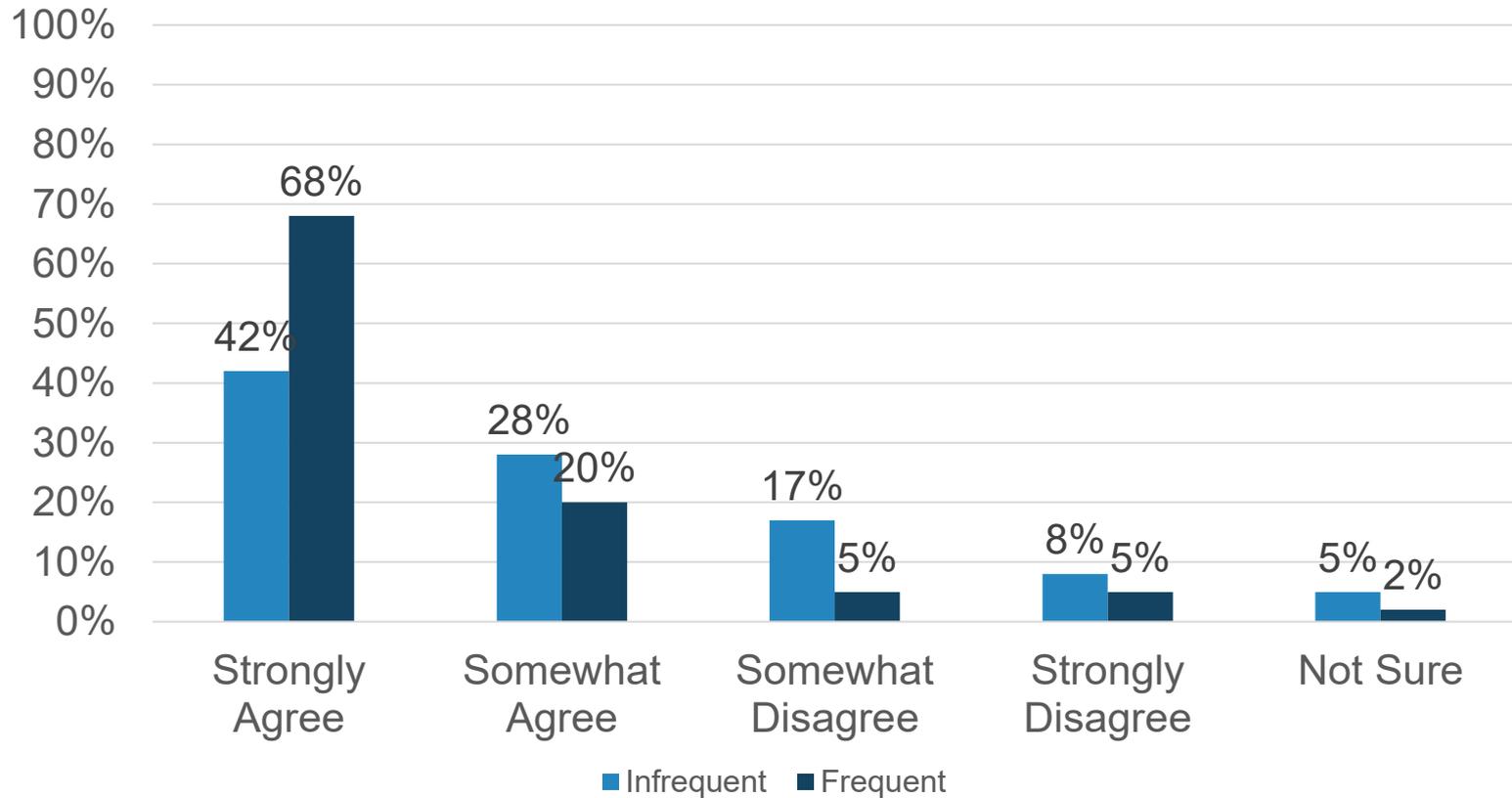
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Every Christian has an obligation to join a local church.



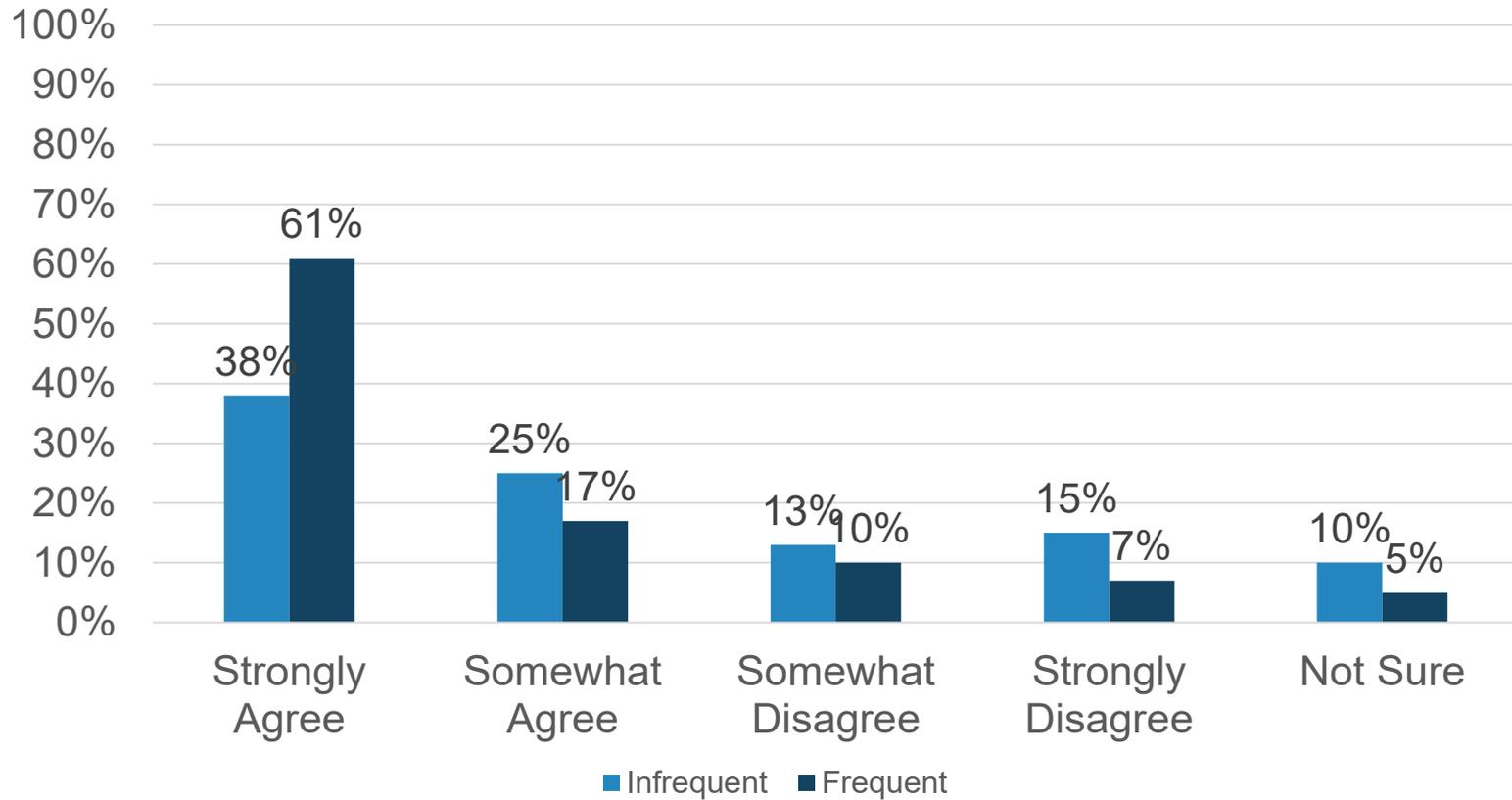
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Sex outside of traditional marriage is a sin.



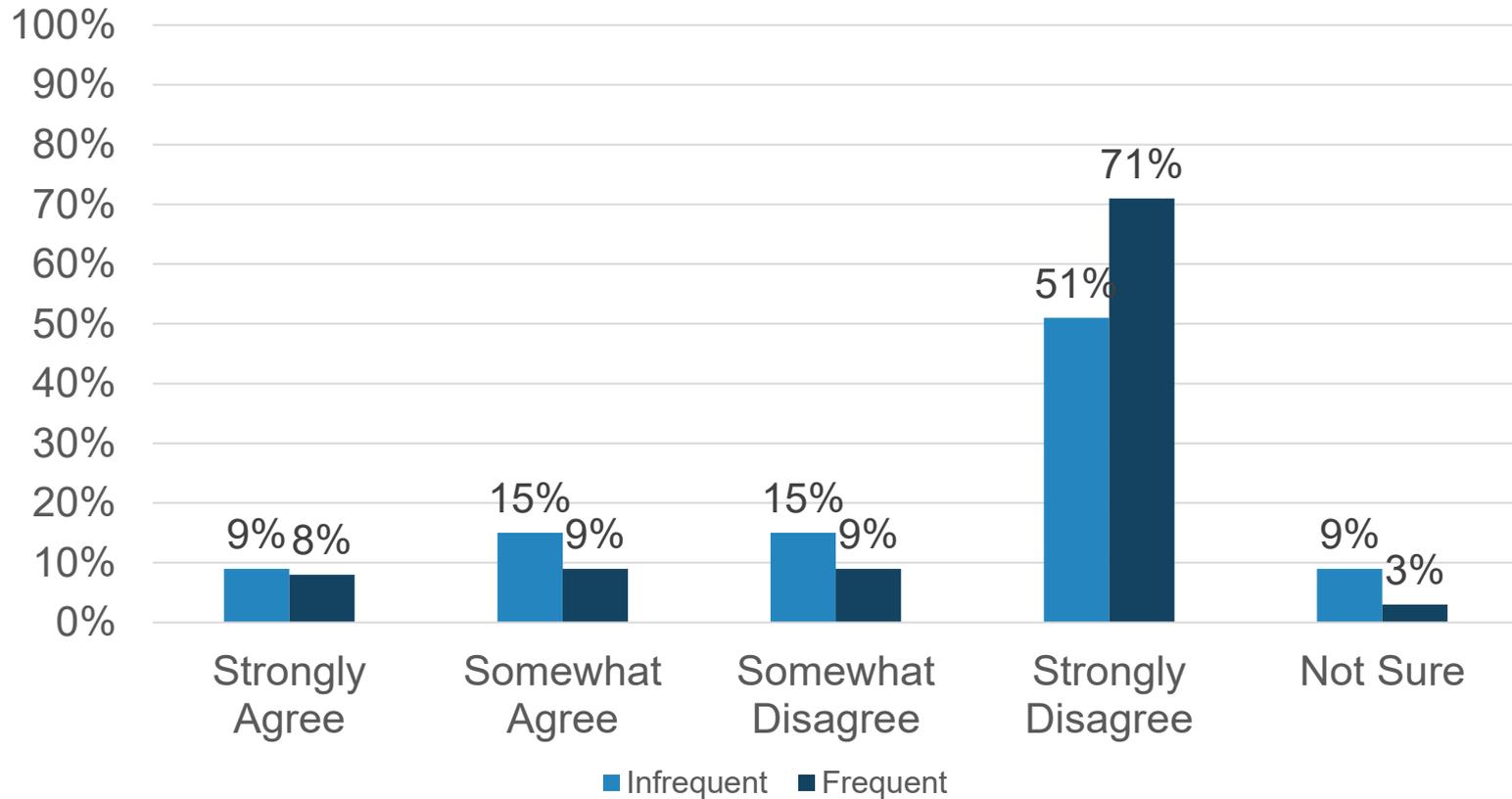
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Abortion is a sin.



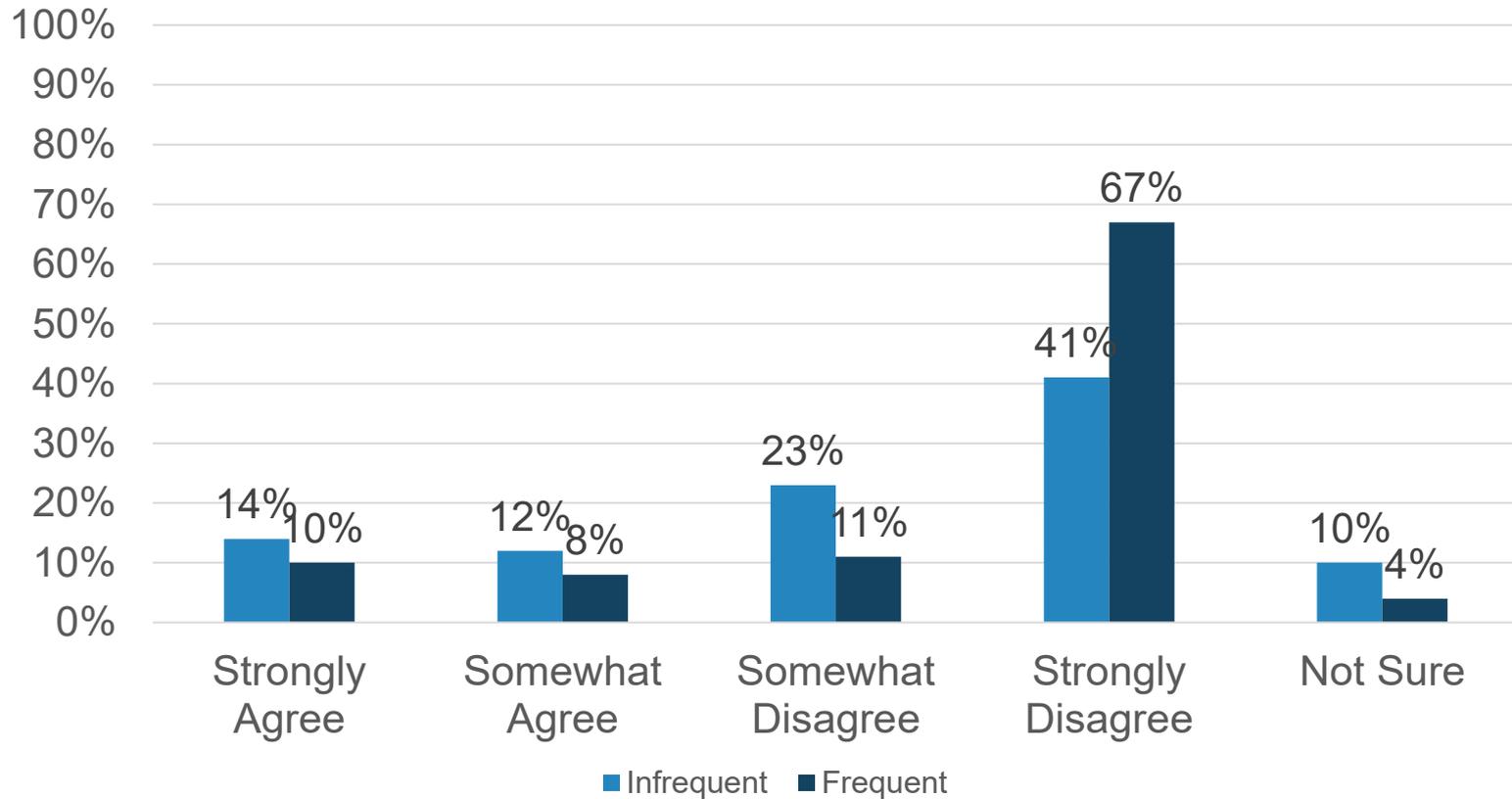
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People should be able to choose their gender regardless of their biological sex.



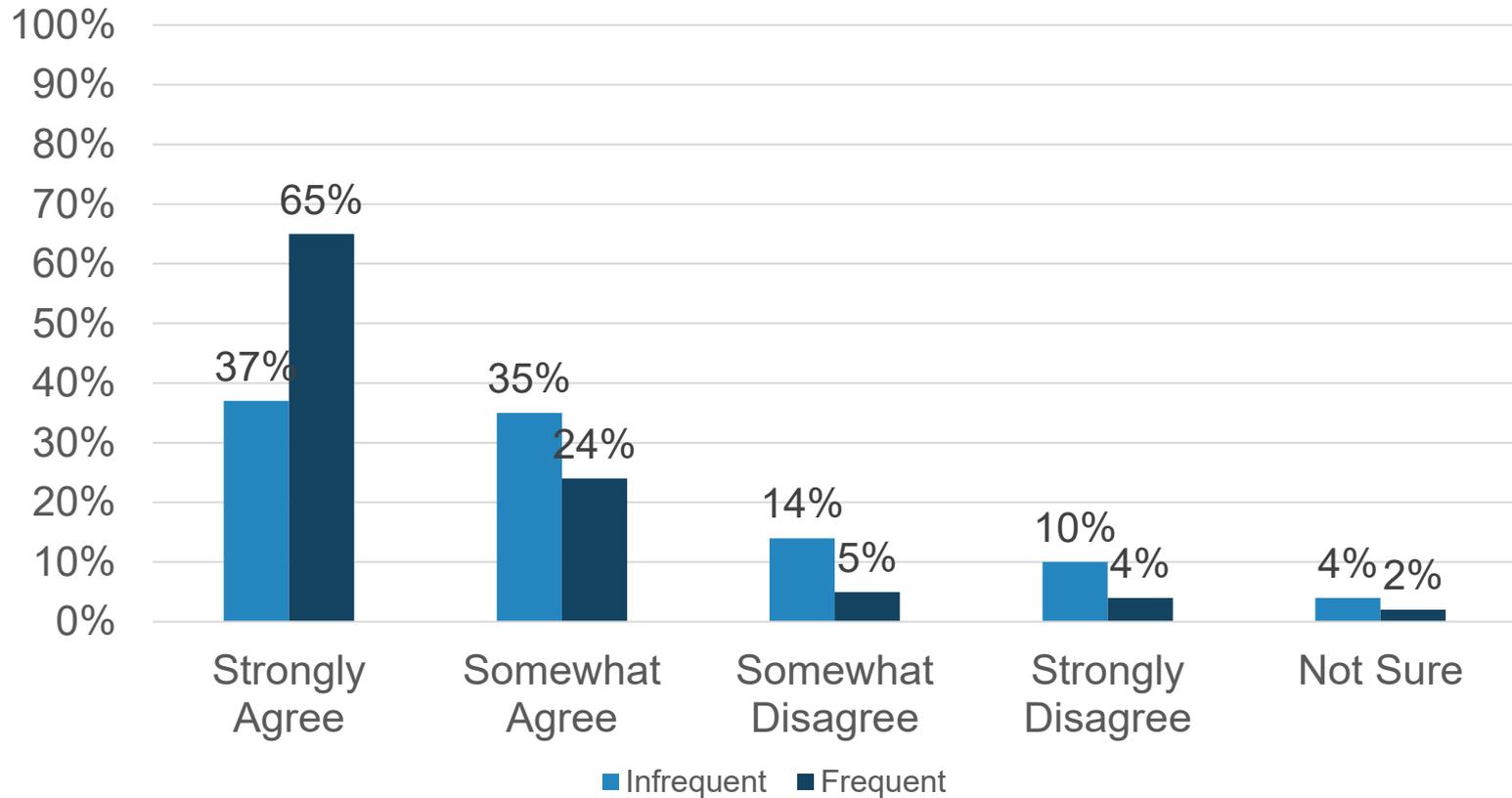
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The Bible's condemnation of homosexual behavior doesn't apply today.



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The Bible has the authority to tell us what we must do.



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