

# Church Member Survey 2017–2018



***Trans-European Division***  
in the context of the  
and the ***world Church***





Swedish	37	2,766	9,447,000
Cyprus Section	1	77	814,000
Greek Mission	10	559	11,329,000
Iceland Conference	6	488	319,000
Totals June 30, 2011	1,165	81,934	202,879,000





World n = 63,756 in 13 divisions

**TED n = 1,331**

Margin of Error: +/- 3%



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Survey translated into 16 languages  
Administered in **every** union  
Collected from 403 local churches



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Today: Just sharing  
**Key** Findings from the **TED**  
Giving some **global context**



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**Lots** of data  
**Union** reports are available



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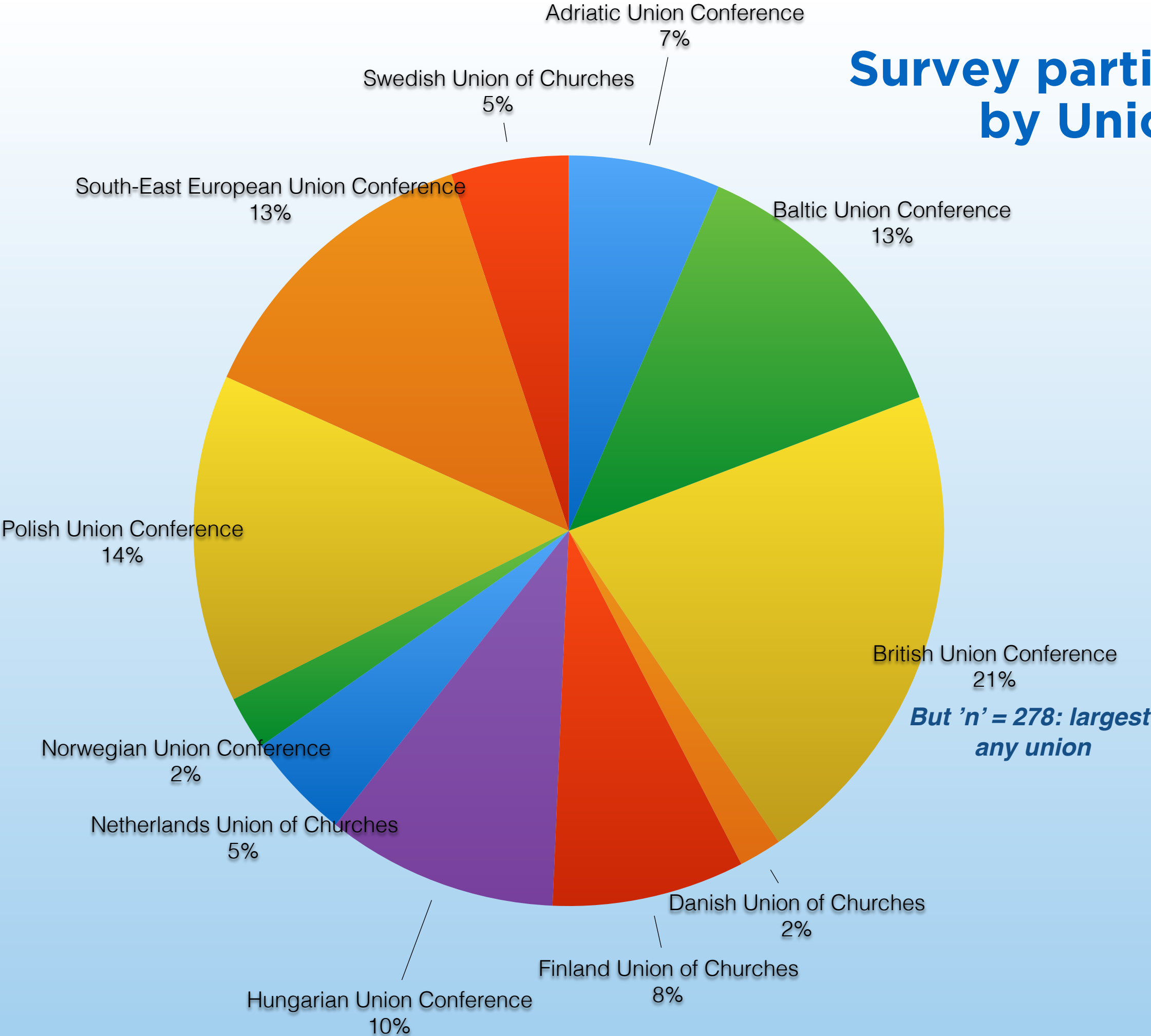
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# Survey participation by Unions

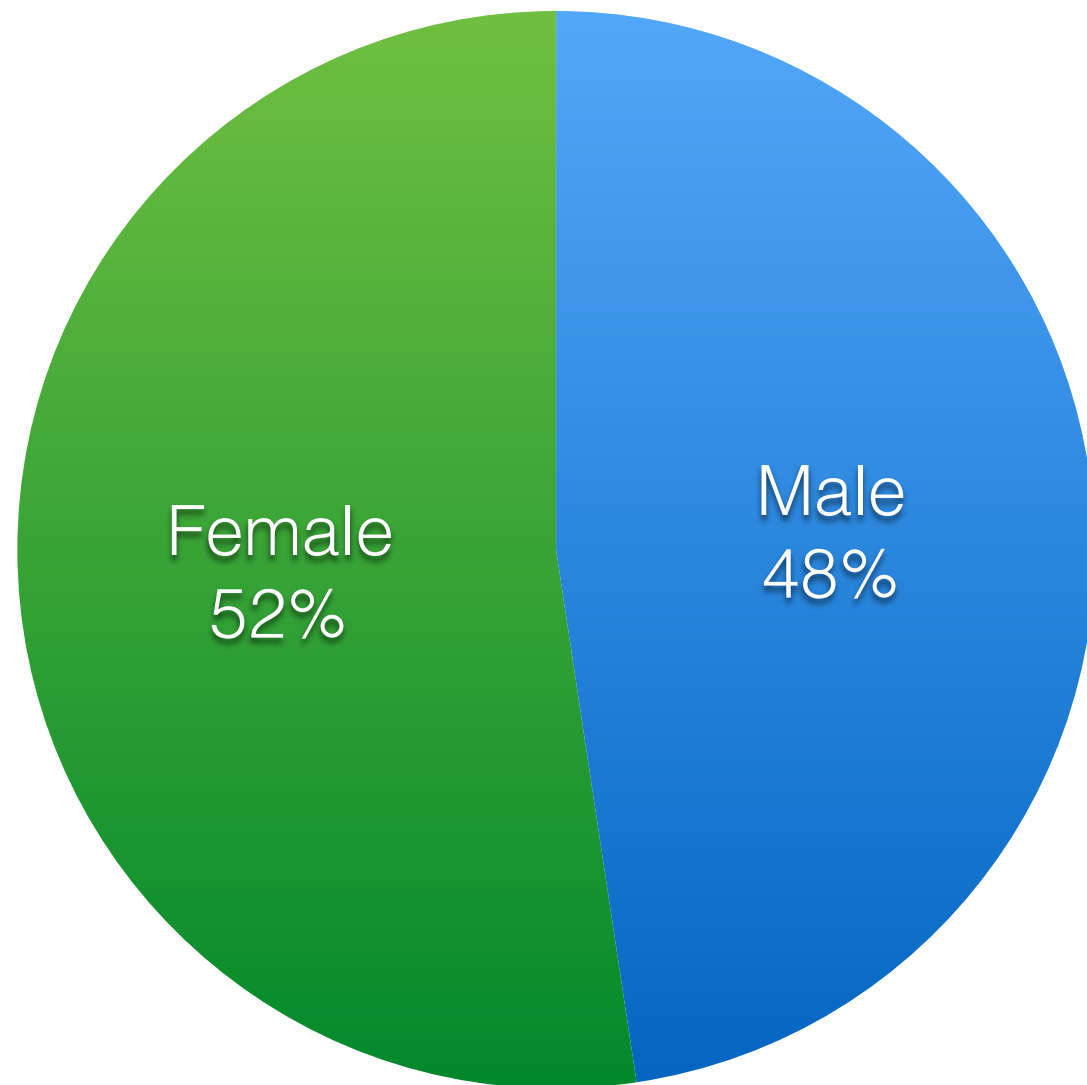


***But 'n' = 278: largest  
any union***

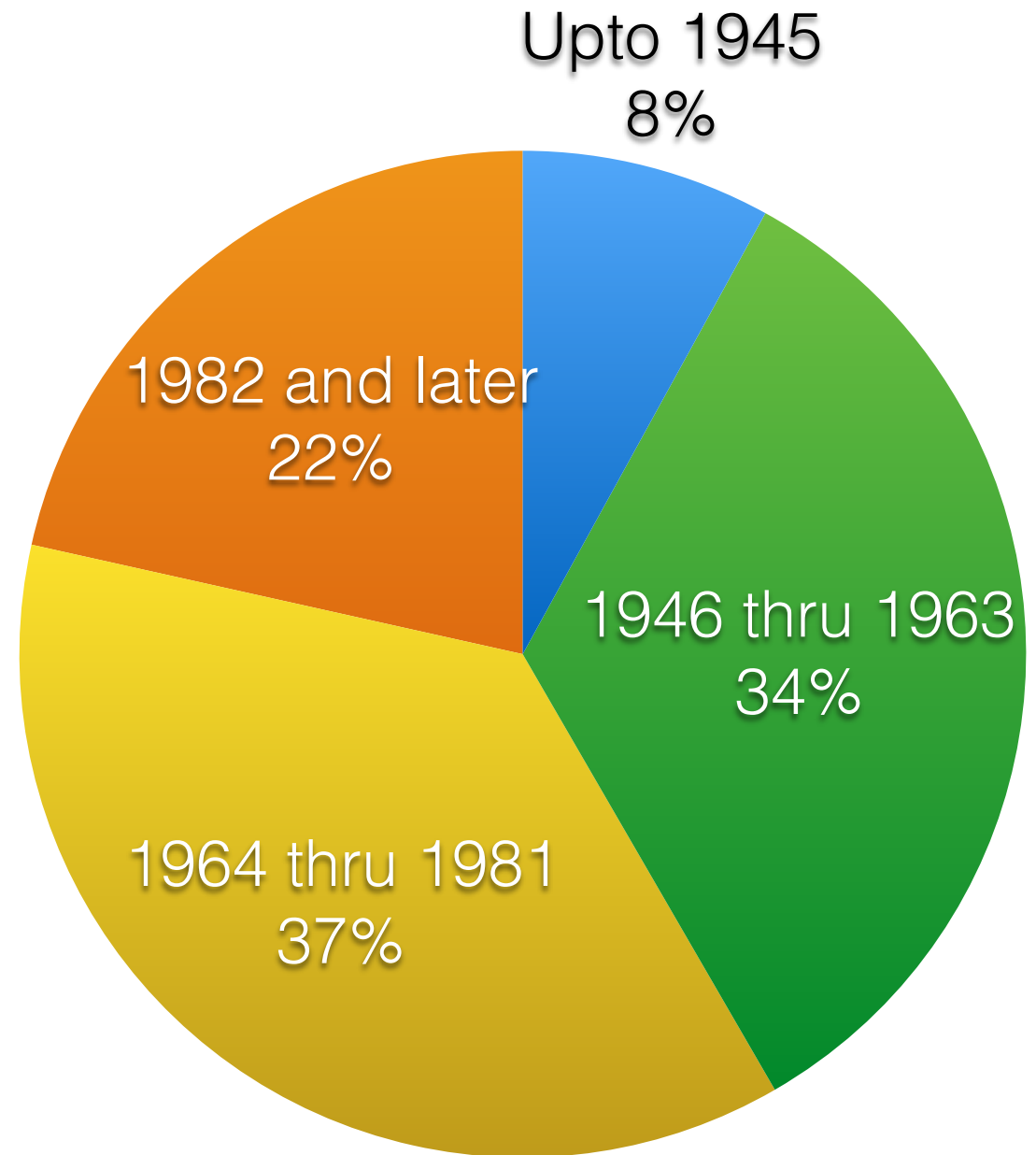
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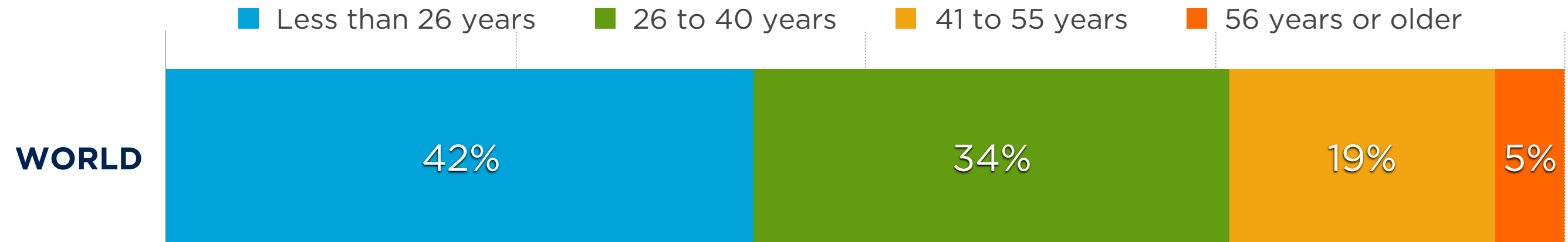
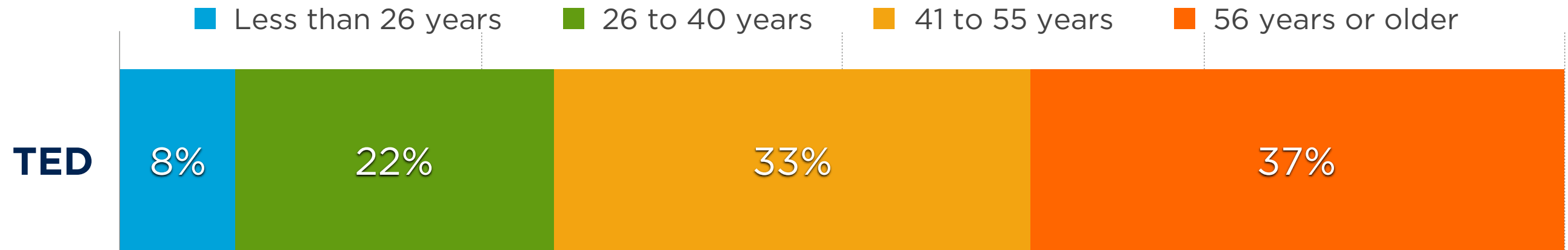
# Gender



# Year of Birth



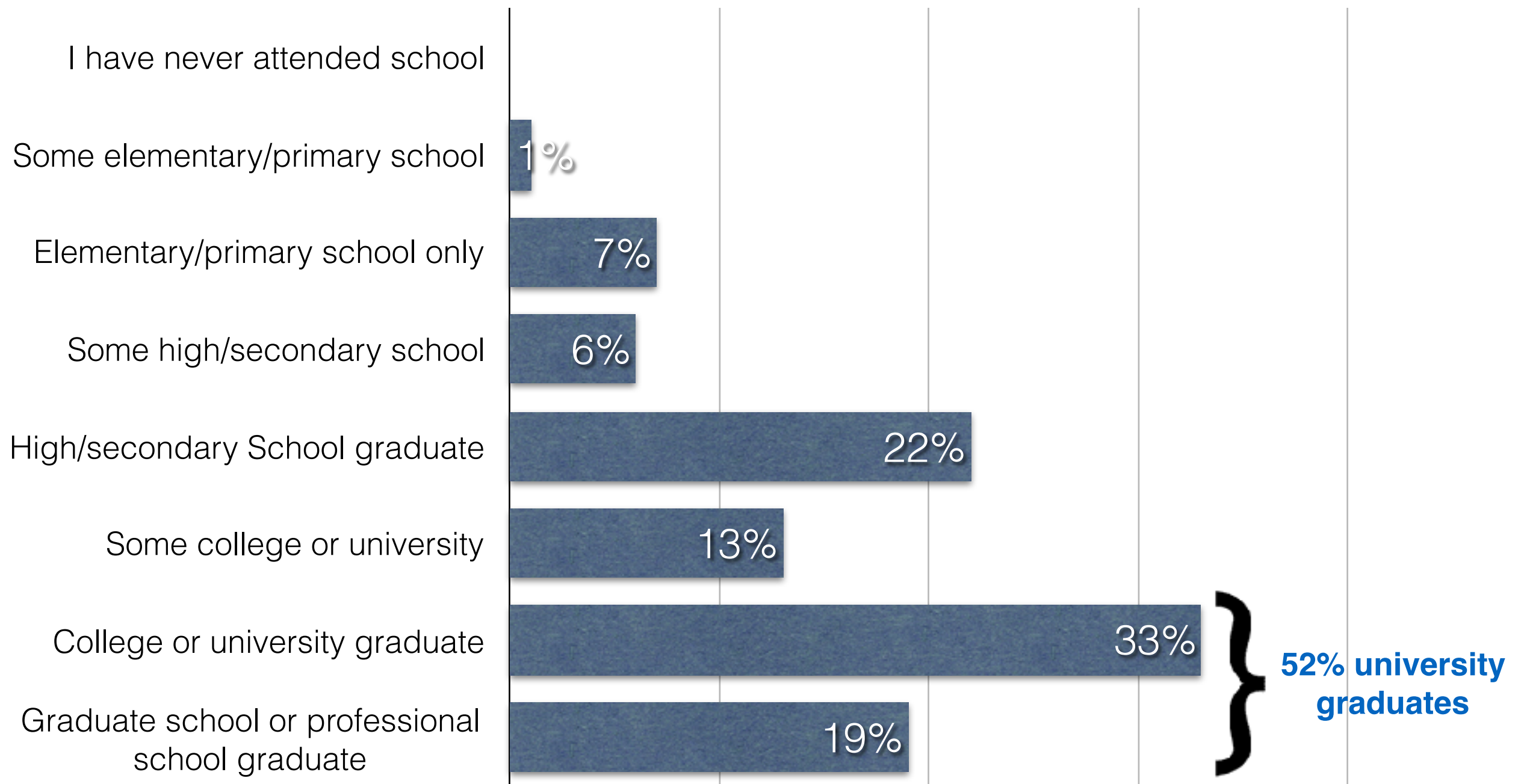
# AGE





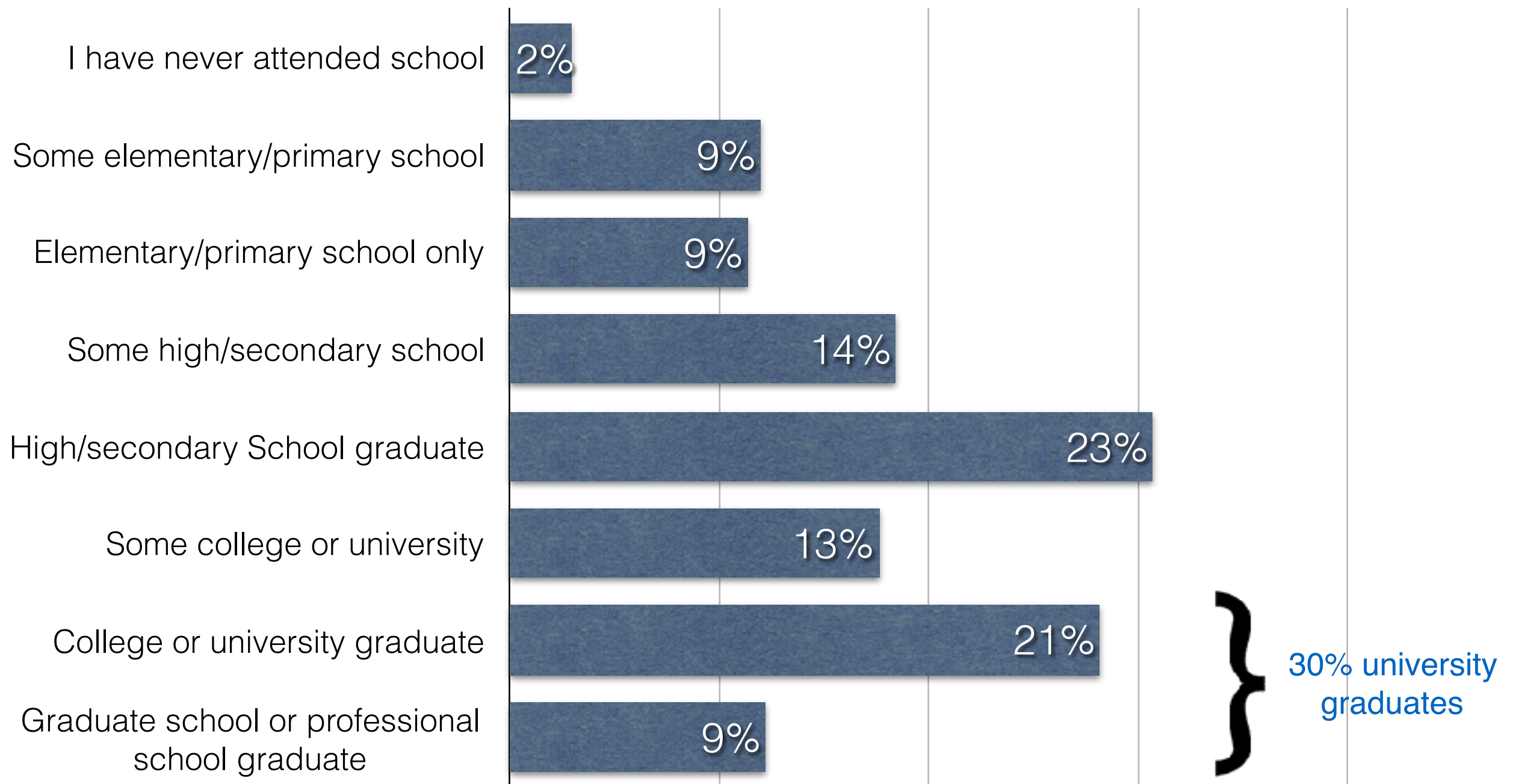
# Highest level of school completed (Only one response)

**TED**



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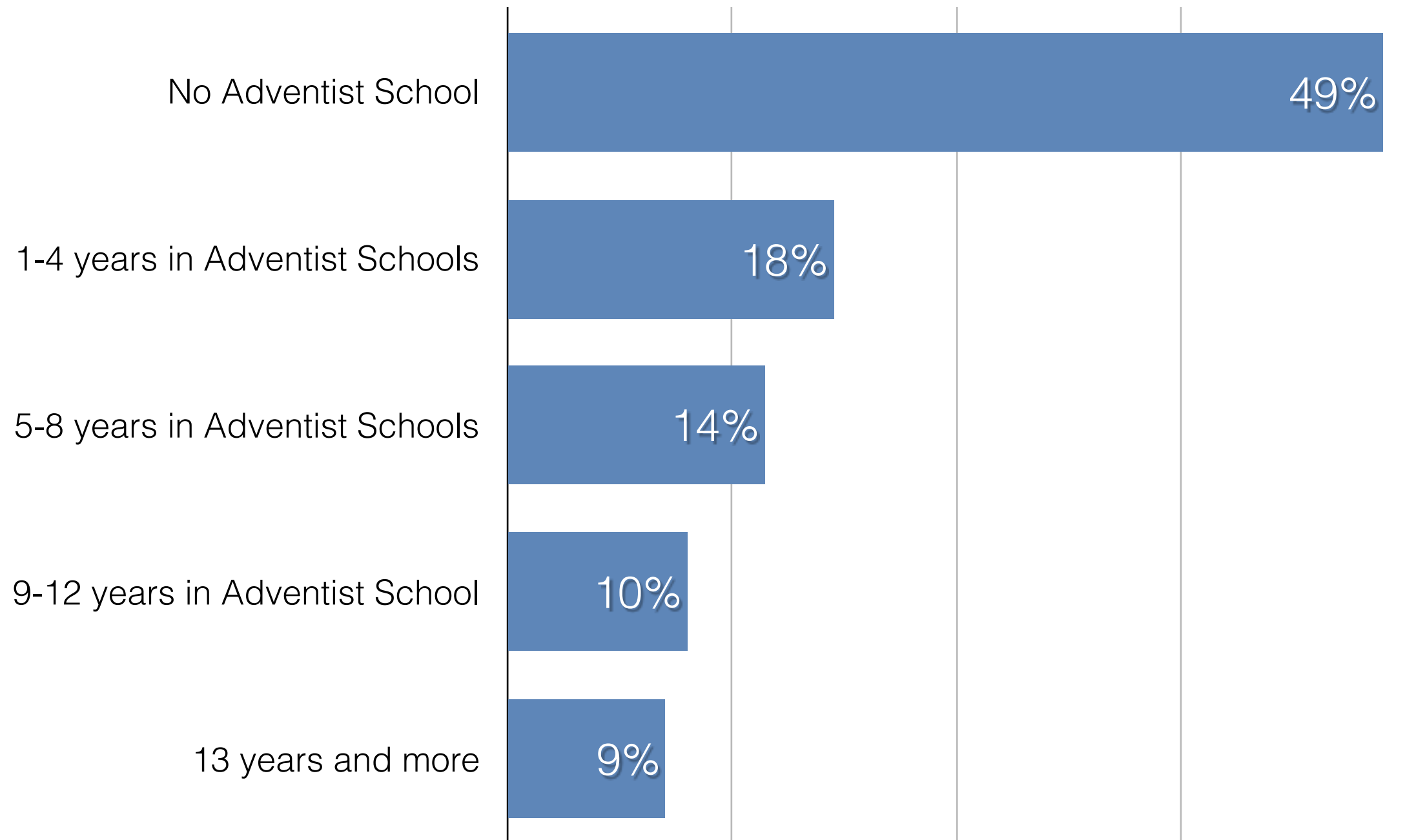
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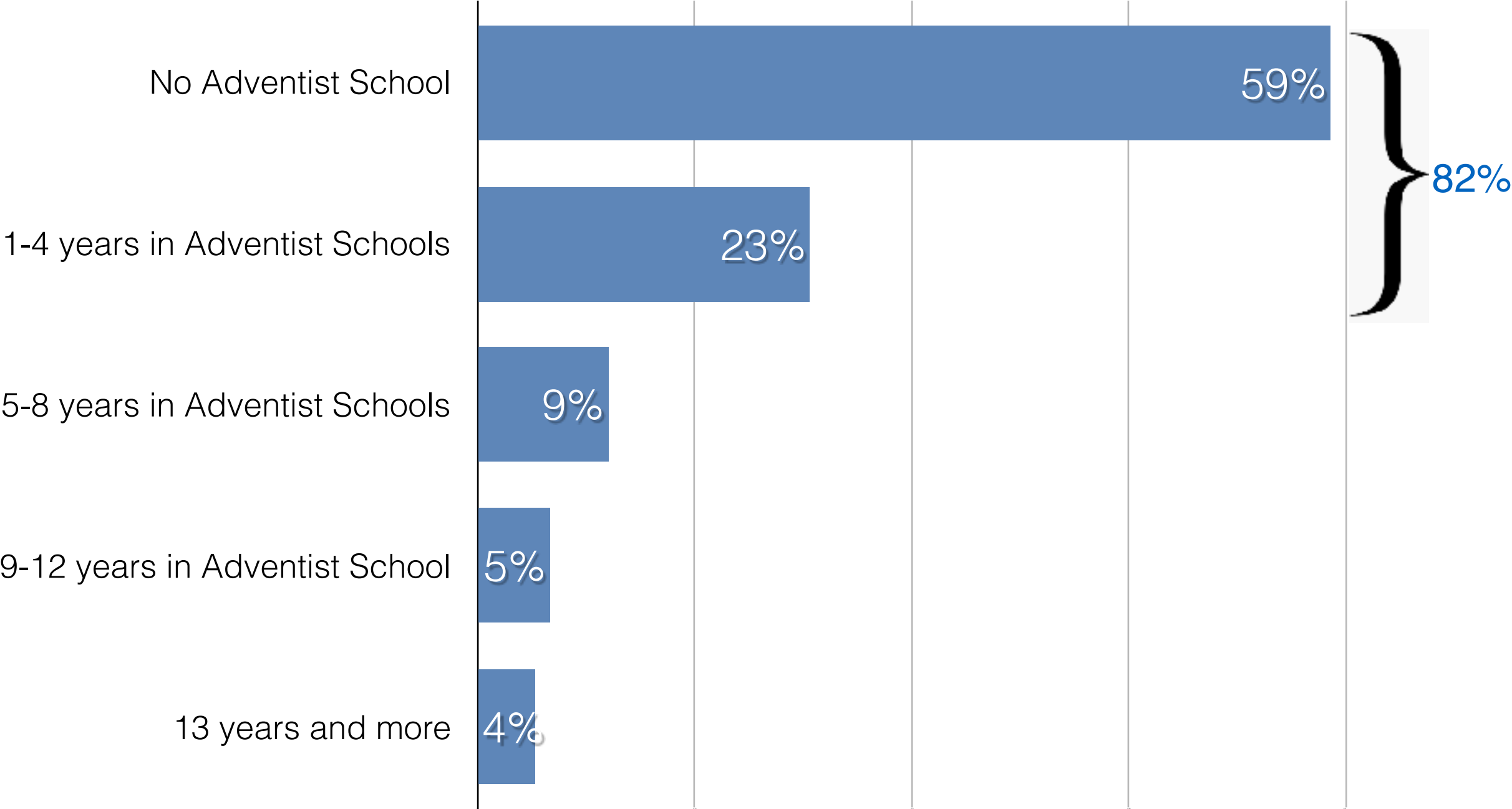
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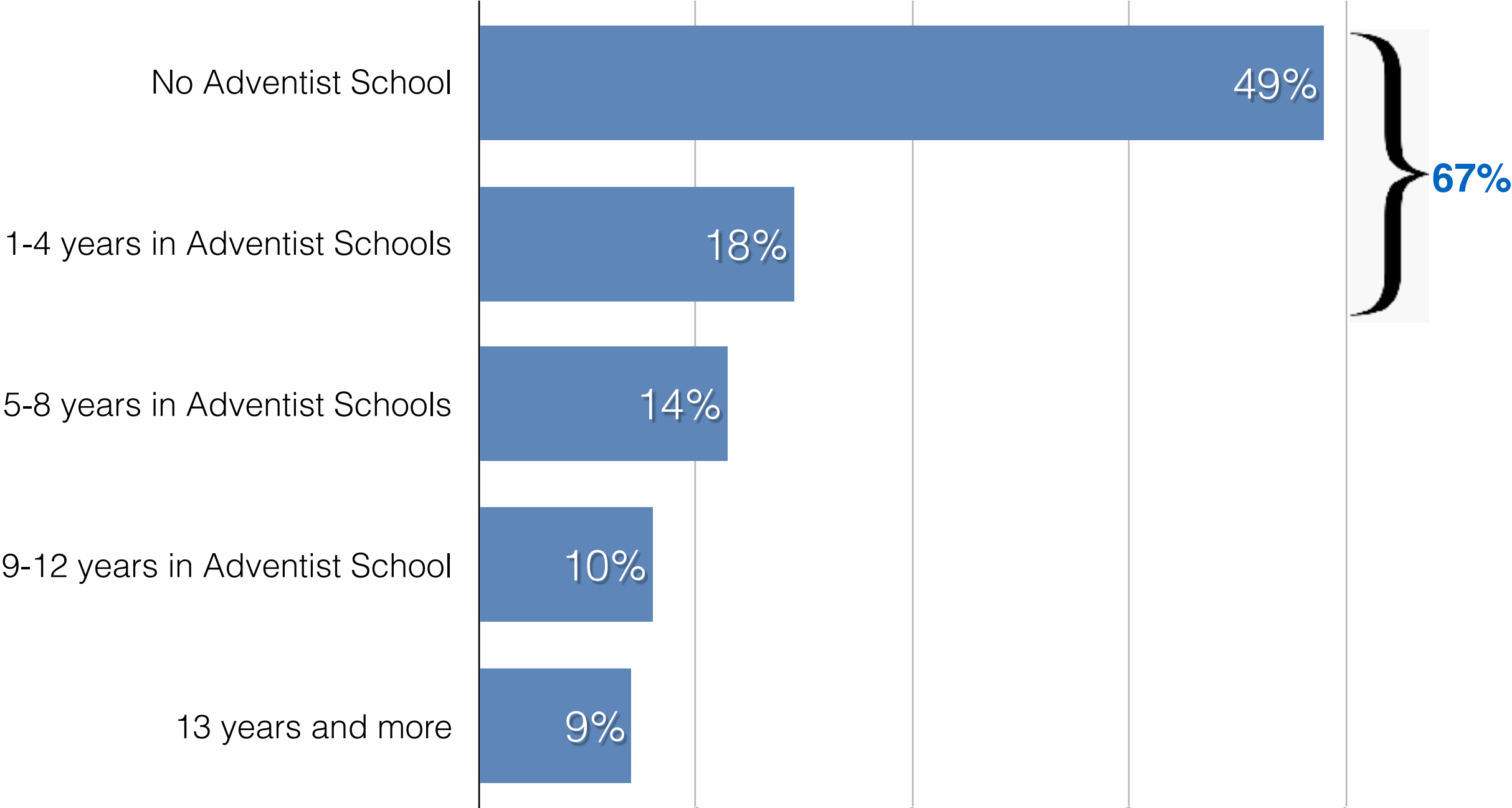
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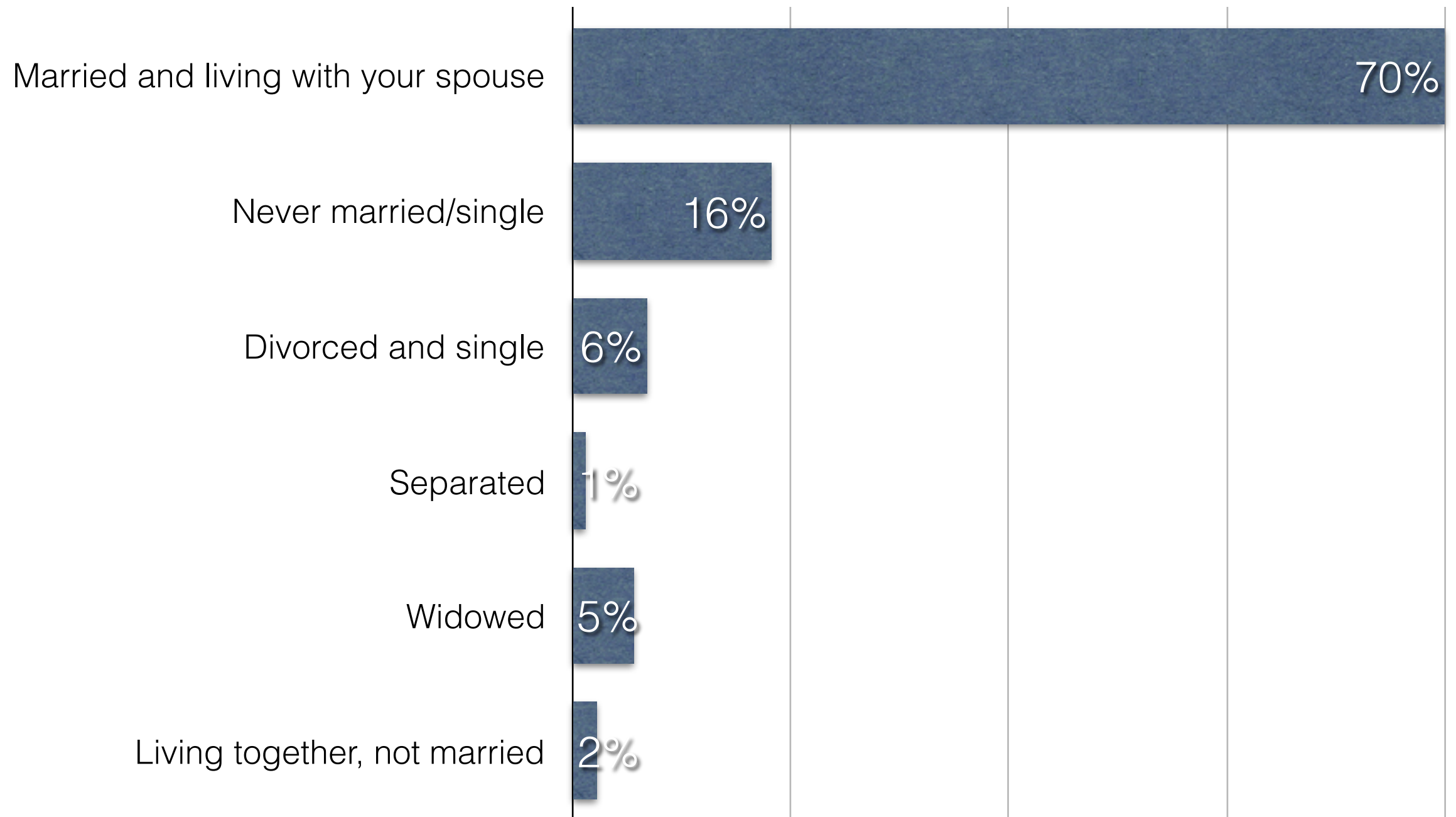


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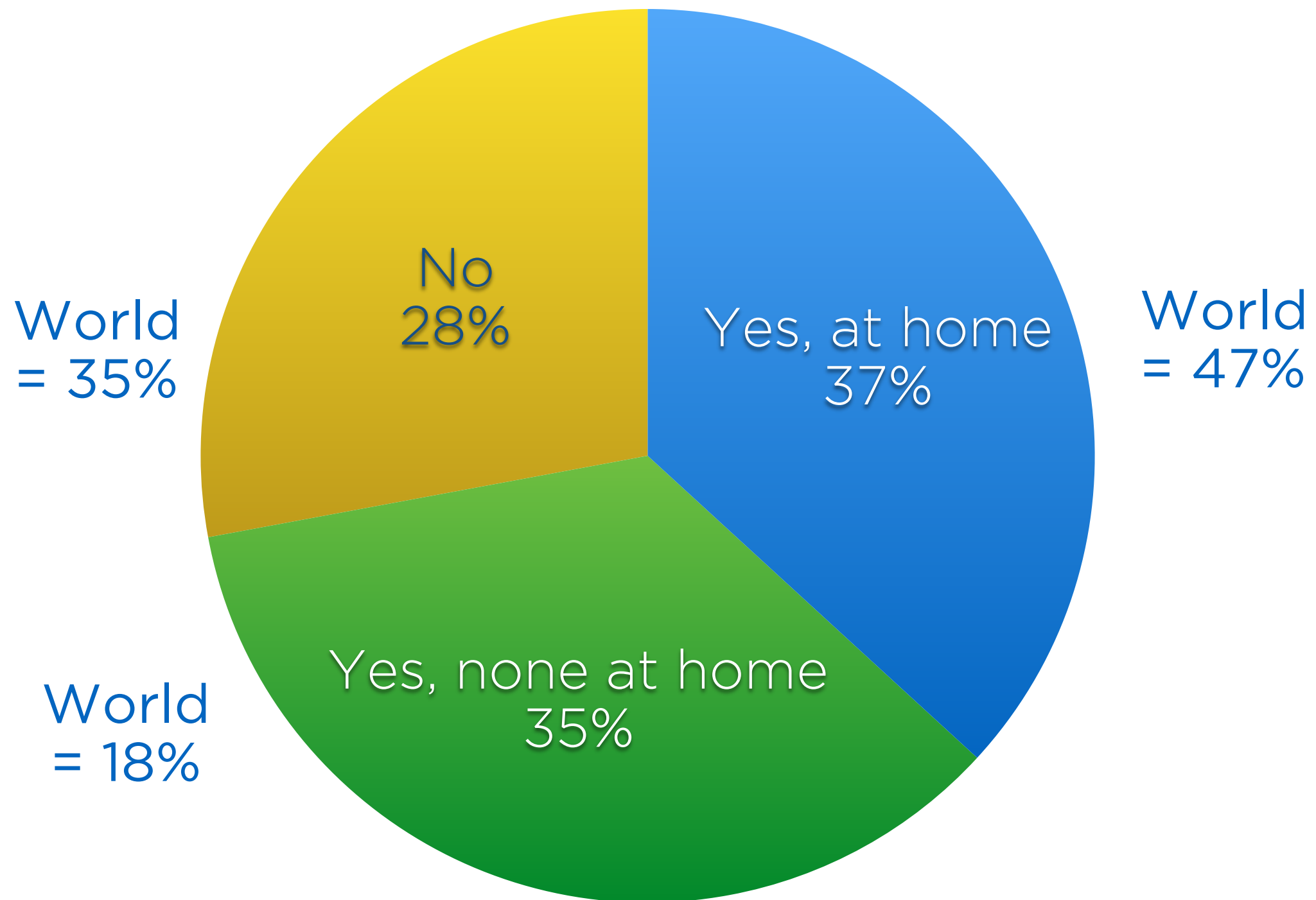
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# Marital status



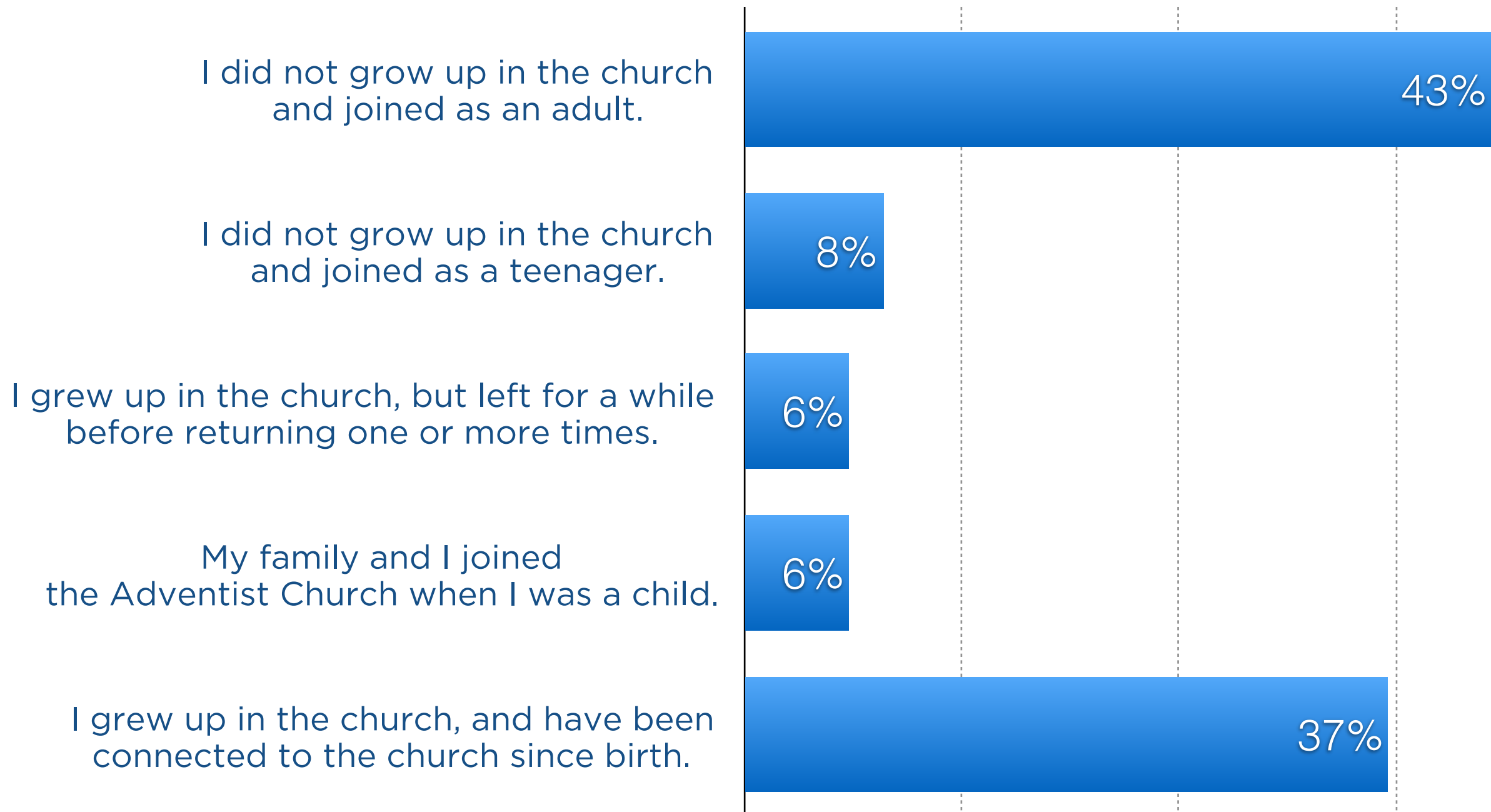
# Do you have any children?





# Which of the following statements best describes your personal history with the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

(Mark only one response)



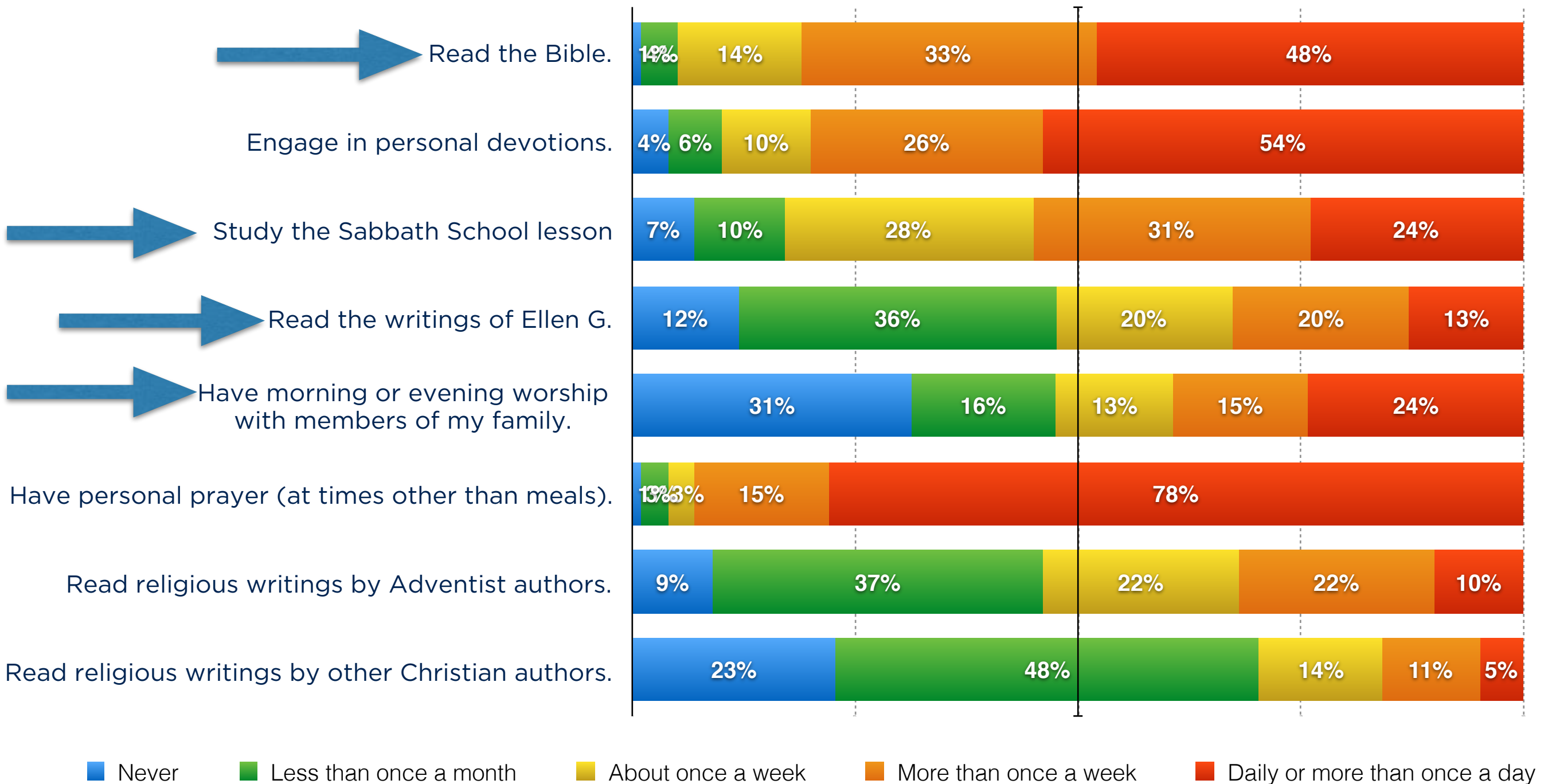


REACH UP TO GOD

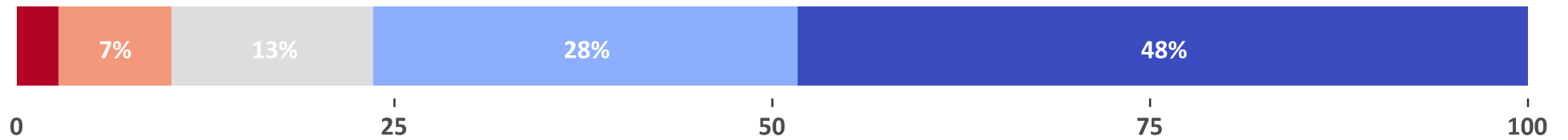
# VITAL SPIRITUAL-LIFE PRACTICES



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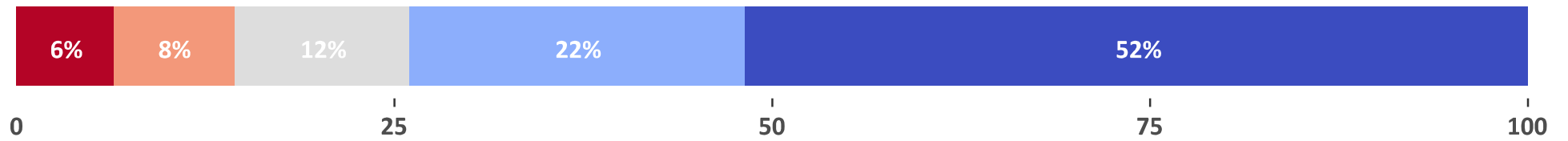


## Bible Reading



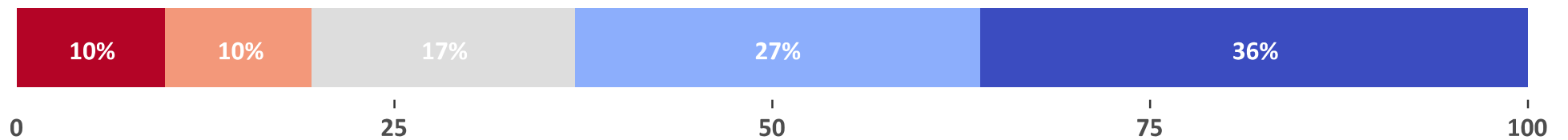
(Q26.01) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Read the Bible

## Personal Devotions



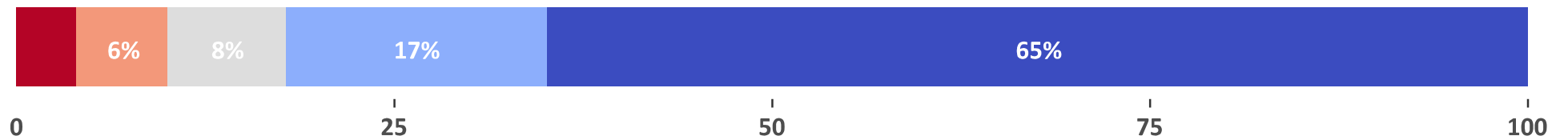
(Q26.02) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Engage in personal devotions

## Sabbath School Lesson



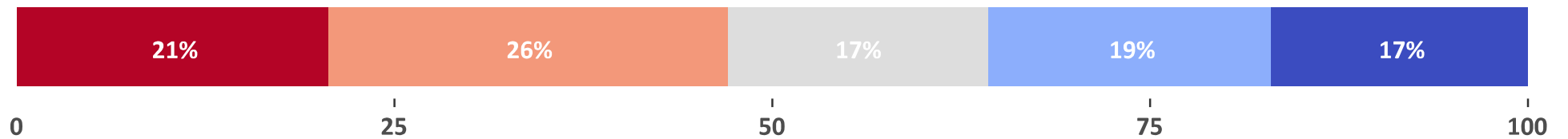
(Q26.03) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Study the Sabbath School lesson

## Personal Prayer



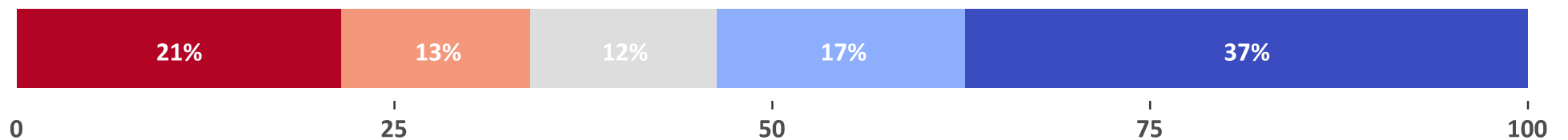
(Q26.06) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Have personal prayer

## Read the Writings of Ellen White



(Q26.04) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Read the writings of Ellen G. White

## Family Worship

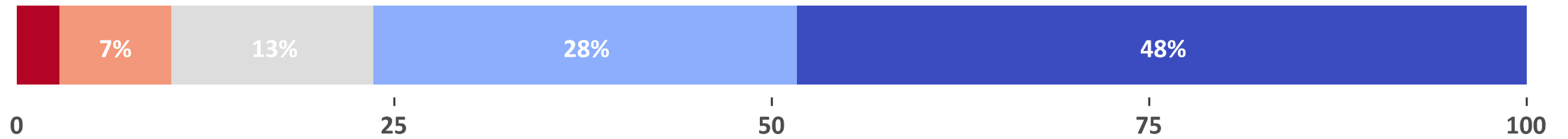


(Q26.05) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Have morning or evening worship with members of my family



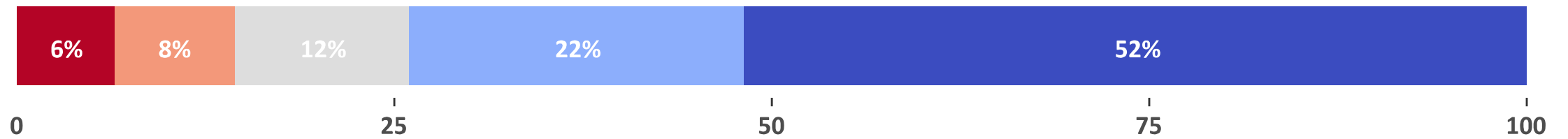


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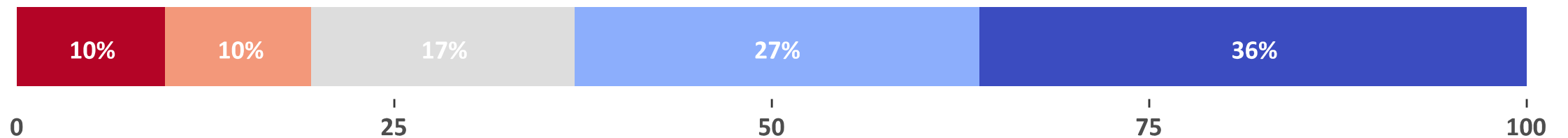
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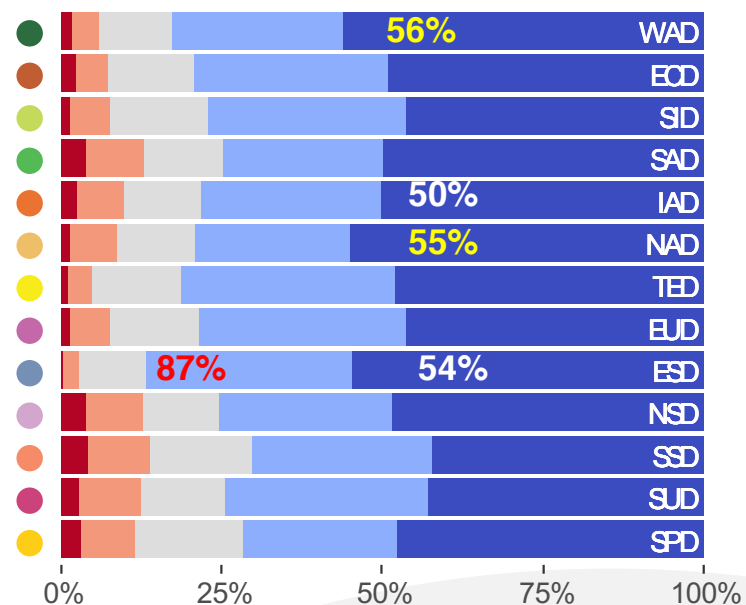


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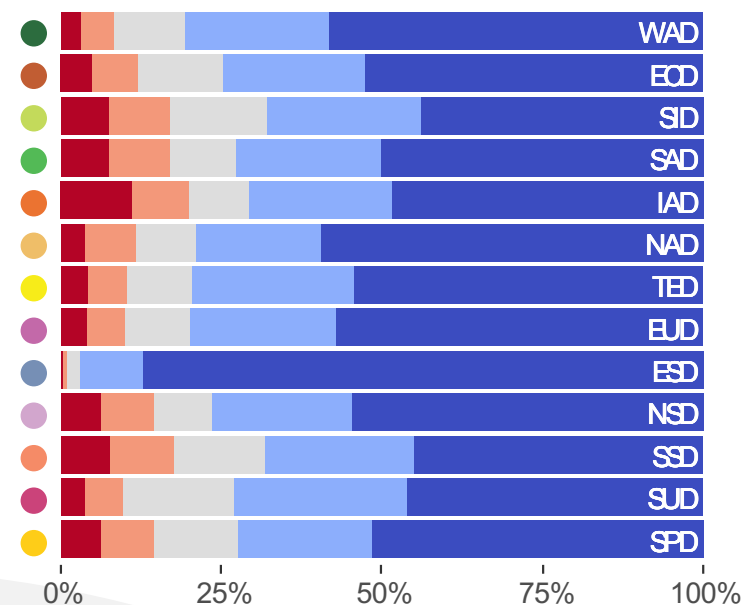
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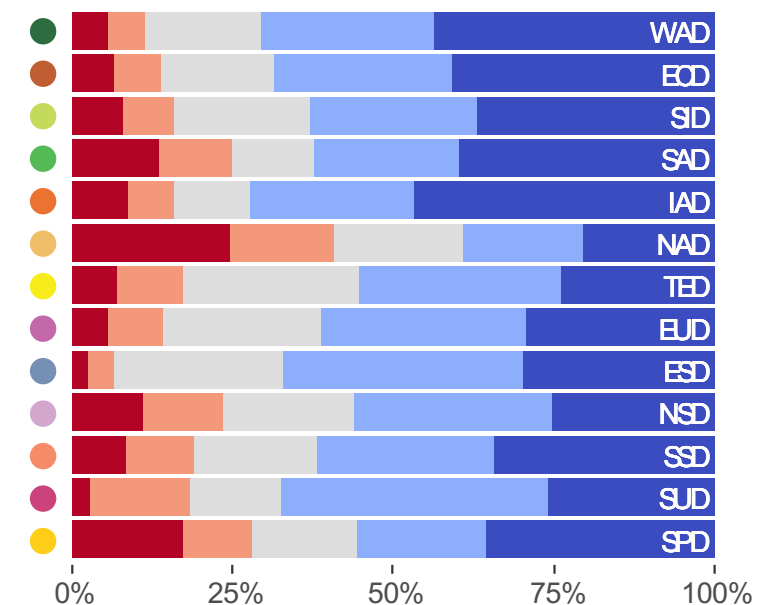
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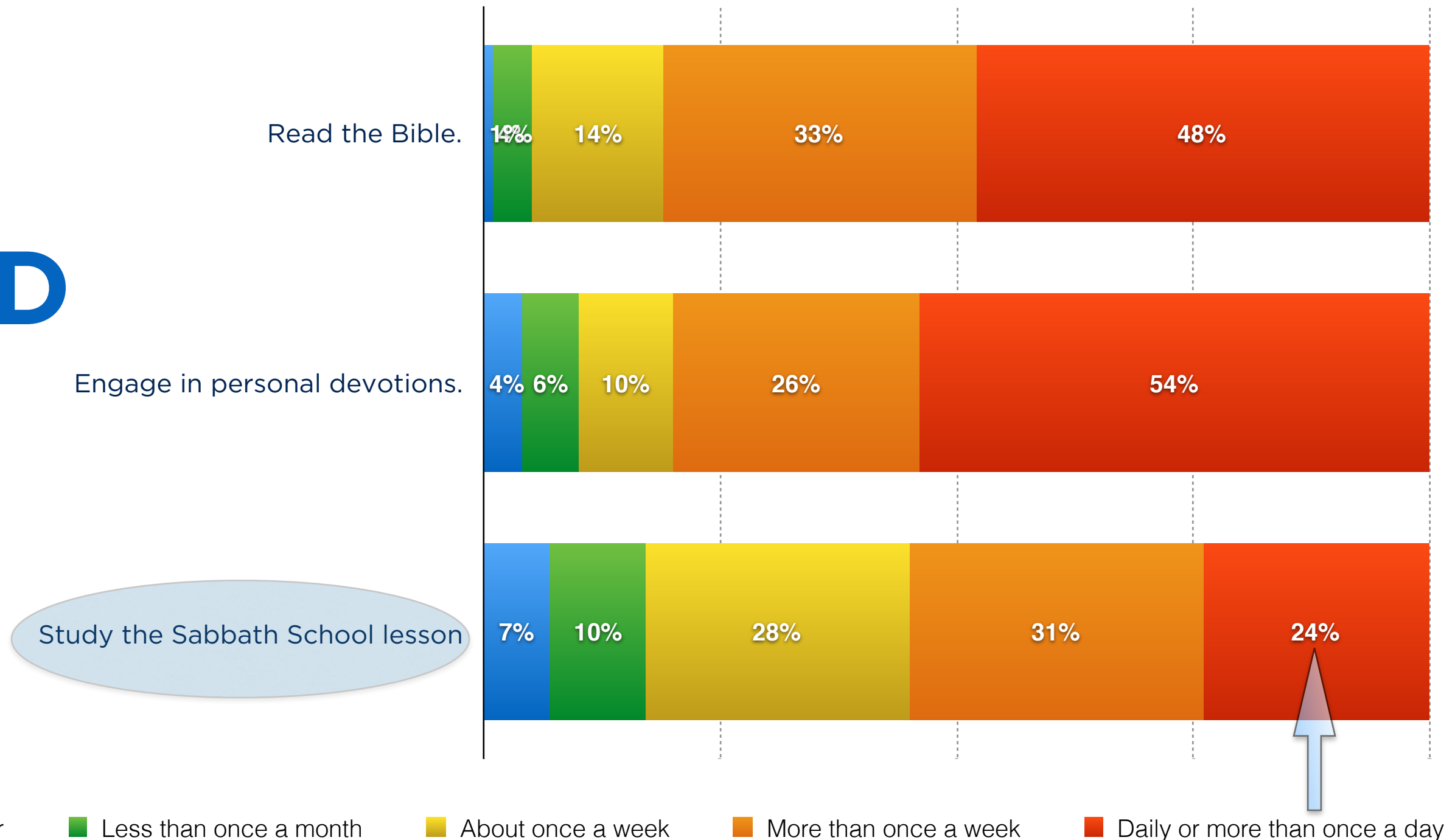


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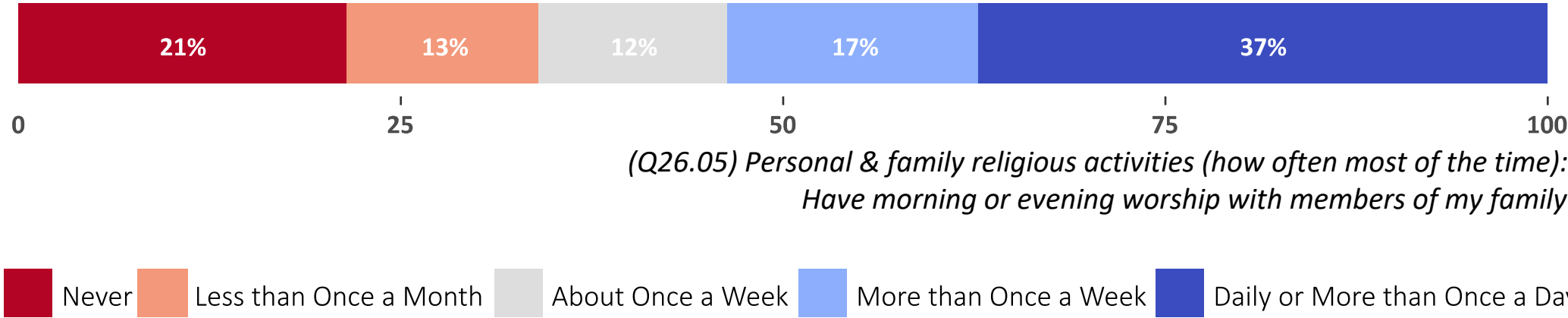


# Most of the time, this is how often I:

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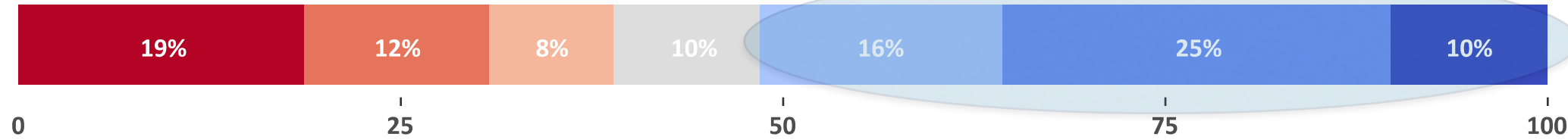
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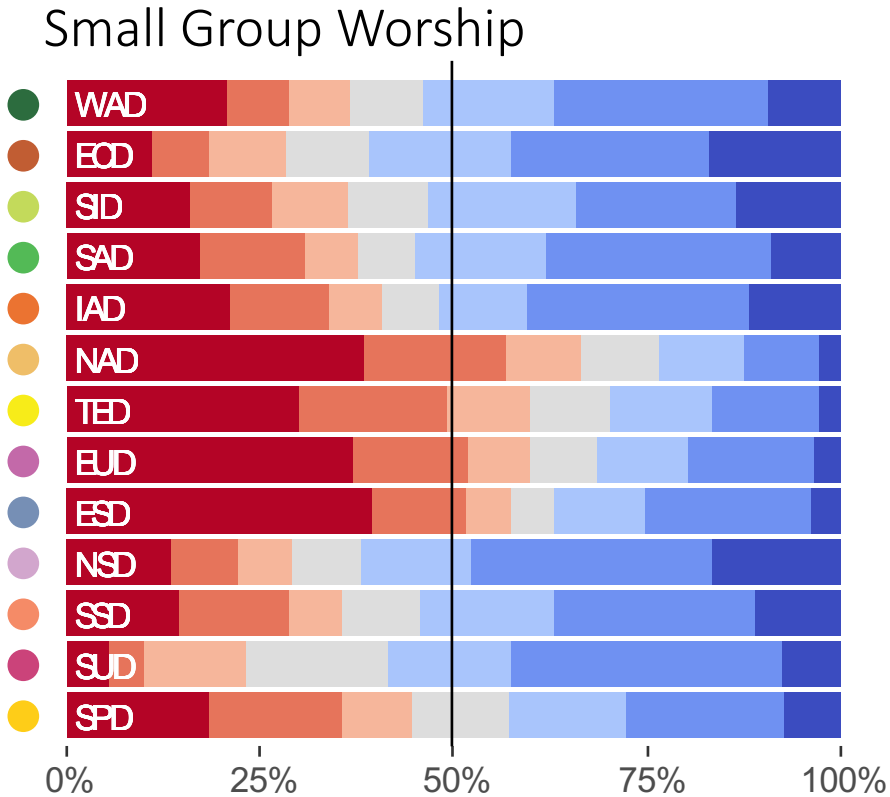
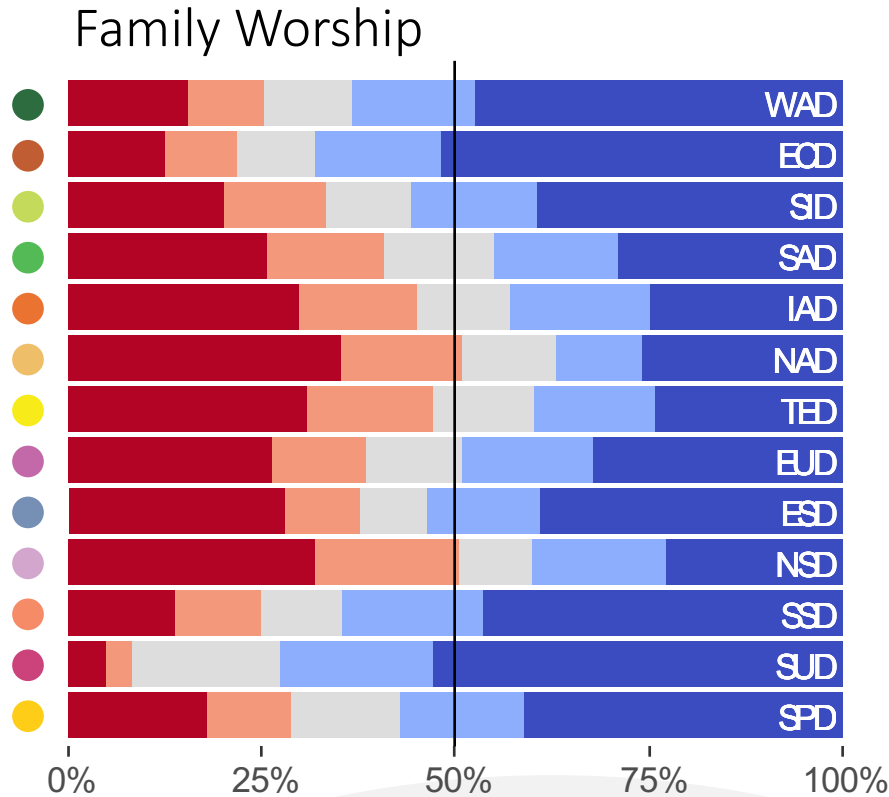
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# Small Group Worship

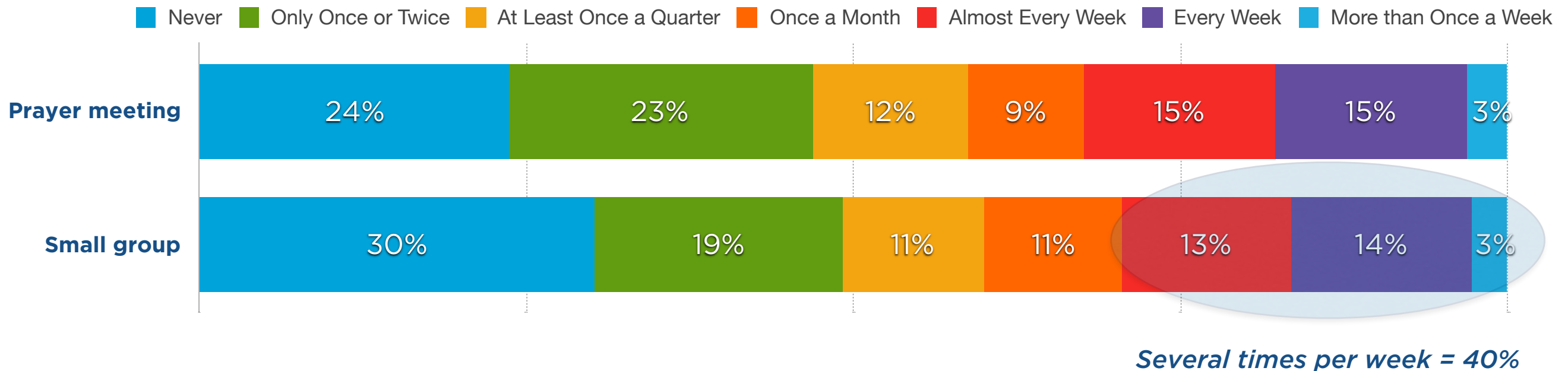
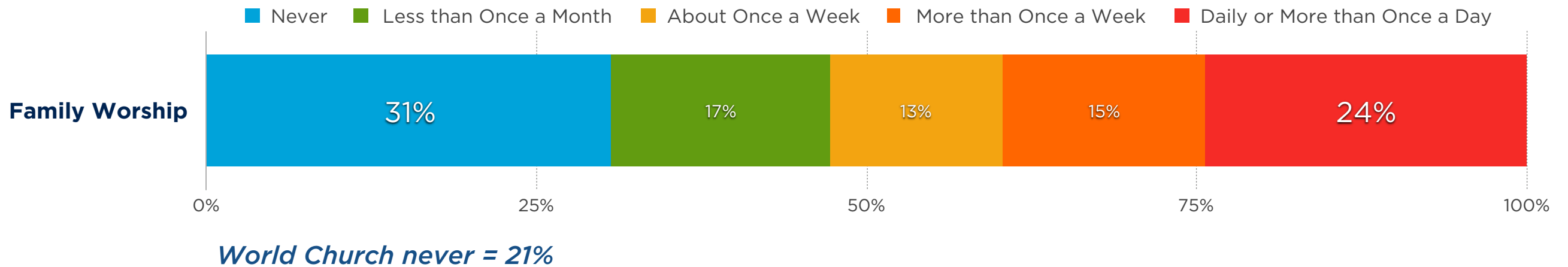


Several times per week = 51%

(Q25.03) Social religious activities (how often last 12 months): Attended a small group organized through my church



# Family Worship / Small Groups

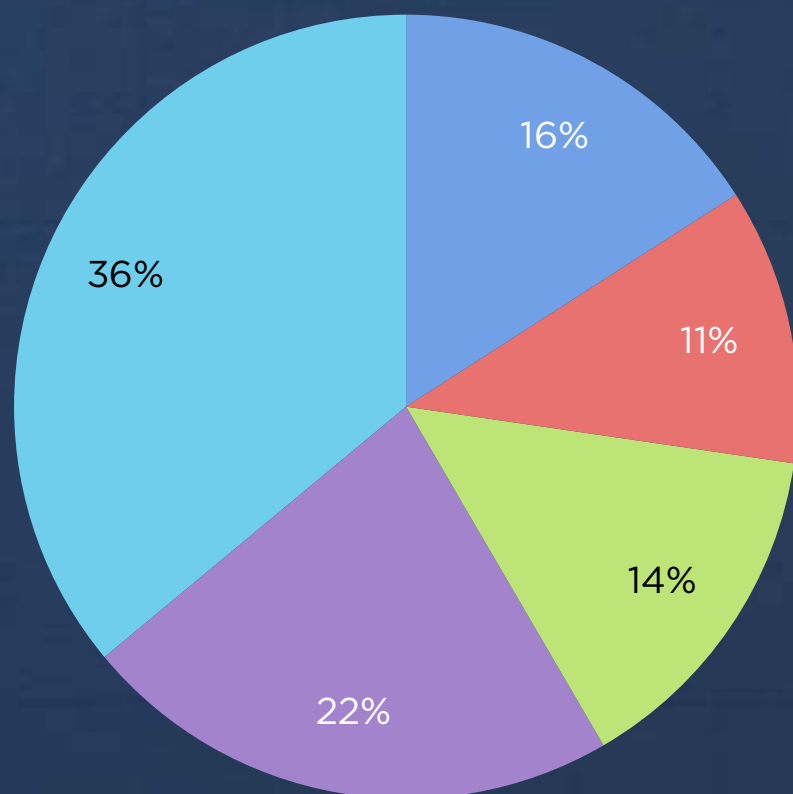




# World: Family Worship

Decline in last quinquennium:  
Multiple times per week down  
from 58% to 54%

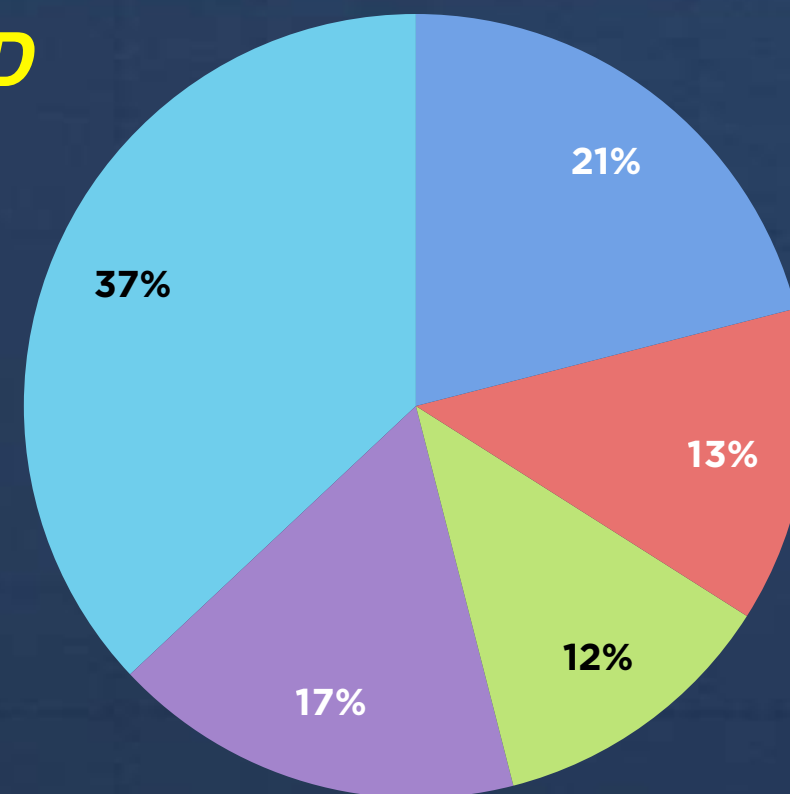
**2013**



- never
- less than once a month
- about once a week
- not daily, but more than once a week
- daily or more than once a day

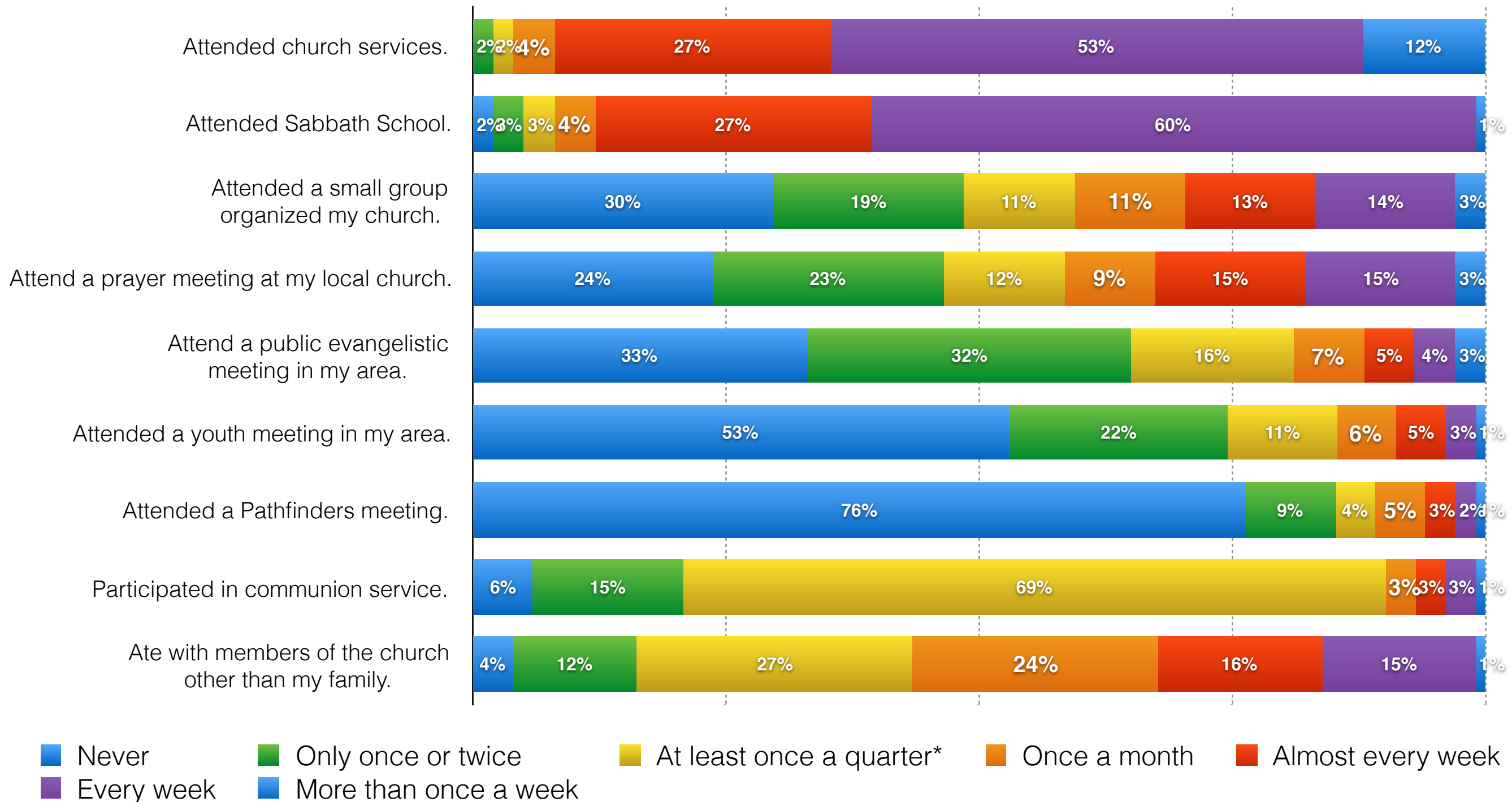
**52% in TED**

**2018**

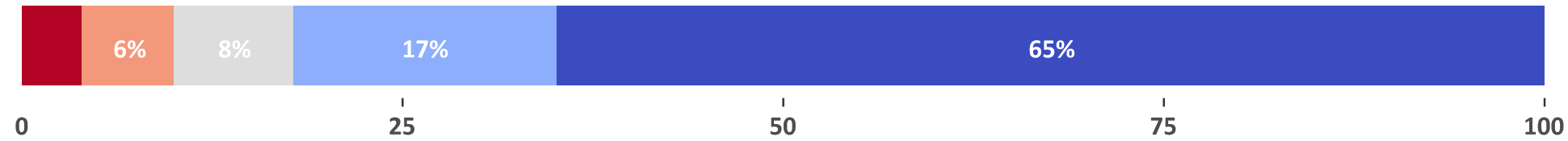


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# In the last twelve months, frequency of engaging in following activities:

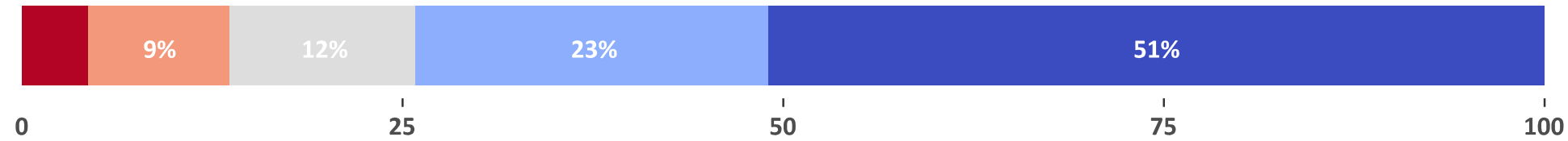


Personal Prayer



(Q26.06) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Have personal prayer

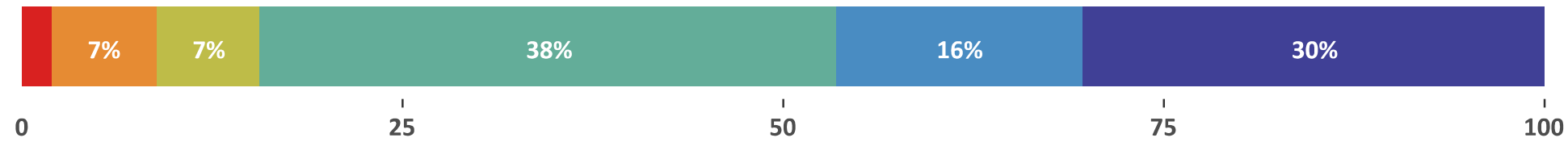
Think About Jesus' Life



(Q26.22) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Spend time thinking about Jesus' life

Never    Less than Once a Month    About Once a Week    More than Once a Week    Daily or More than Once a Day

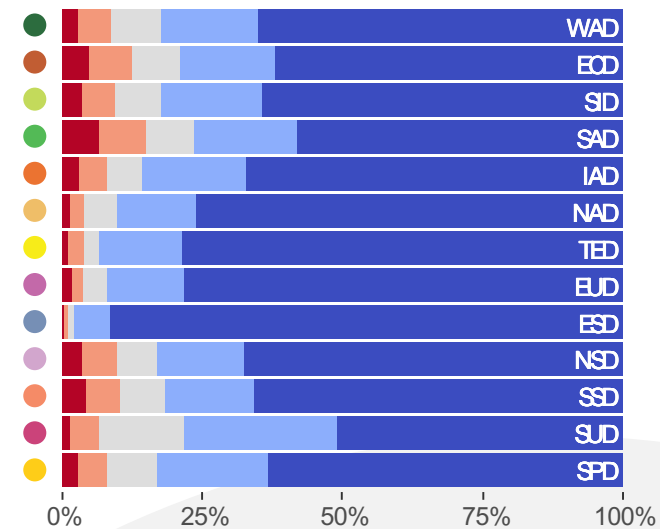
Commitment to Christ



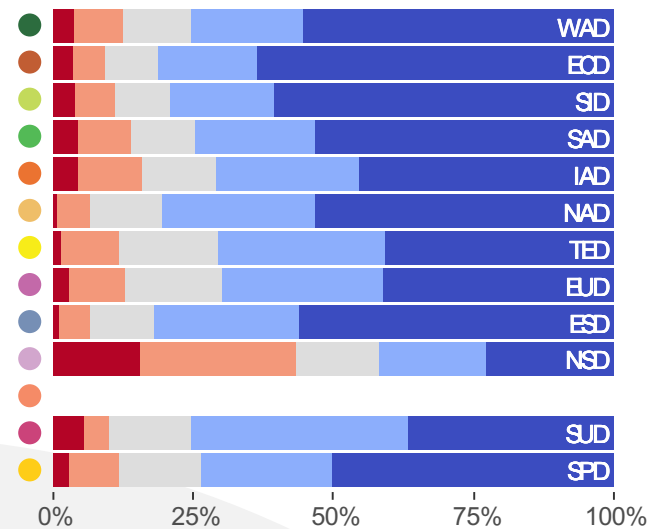
(Q32) Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ?

I am not committed to Christ    My commitment to Christ has developed gradually  
I am not sure if I am committed to Christ    My commitment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed  
I committed my life to Christ... but it didn't last    I've been committed to Christ since I was a young child

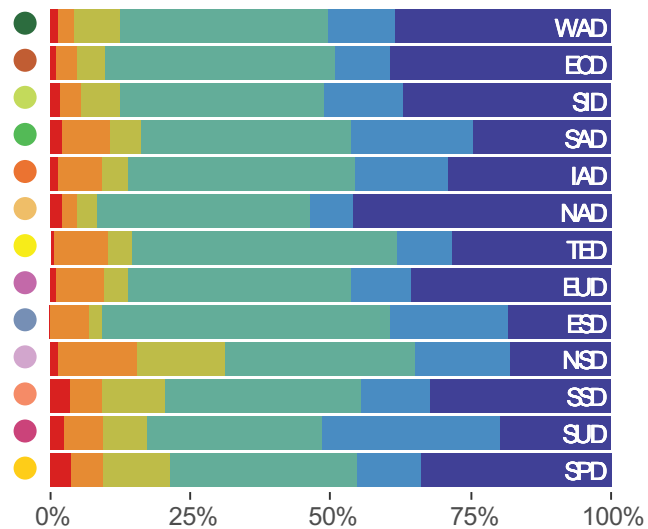
Personal Prayer



Think About Jesus' Life



Commitment to Christ

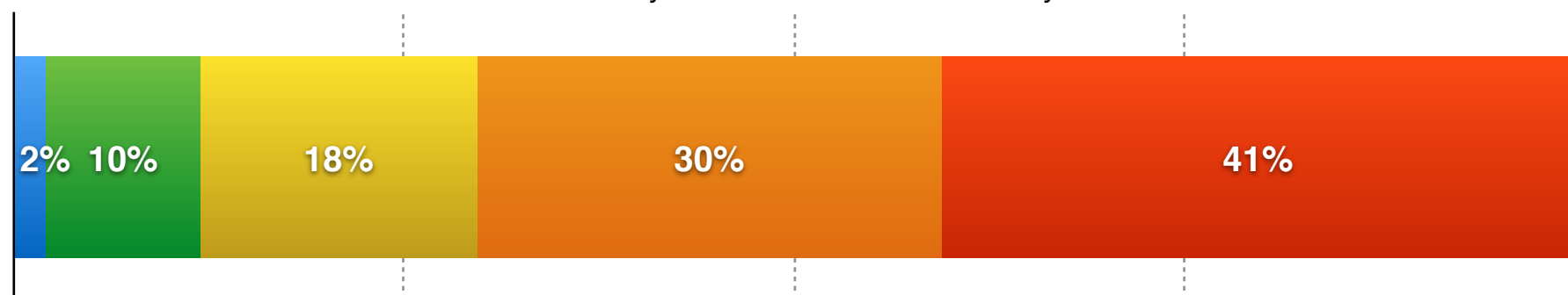


Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).



Never Less than once a month About once a week  
More than once a week Daily or more than once a day

Spend time thinking about Jesus' life.



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Commitment to Christ

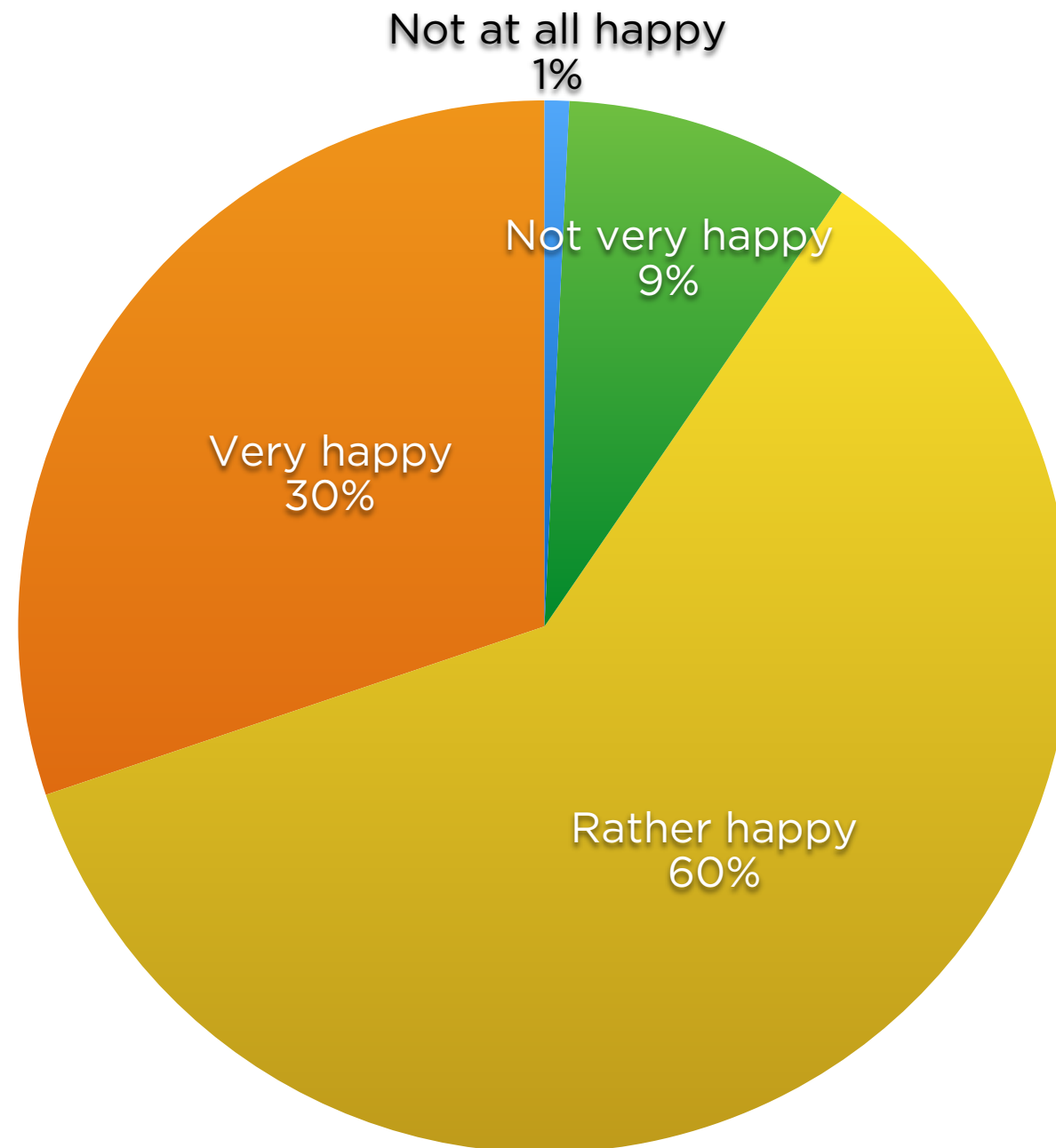


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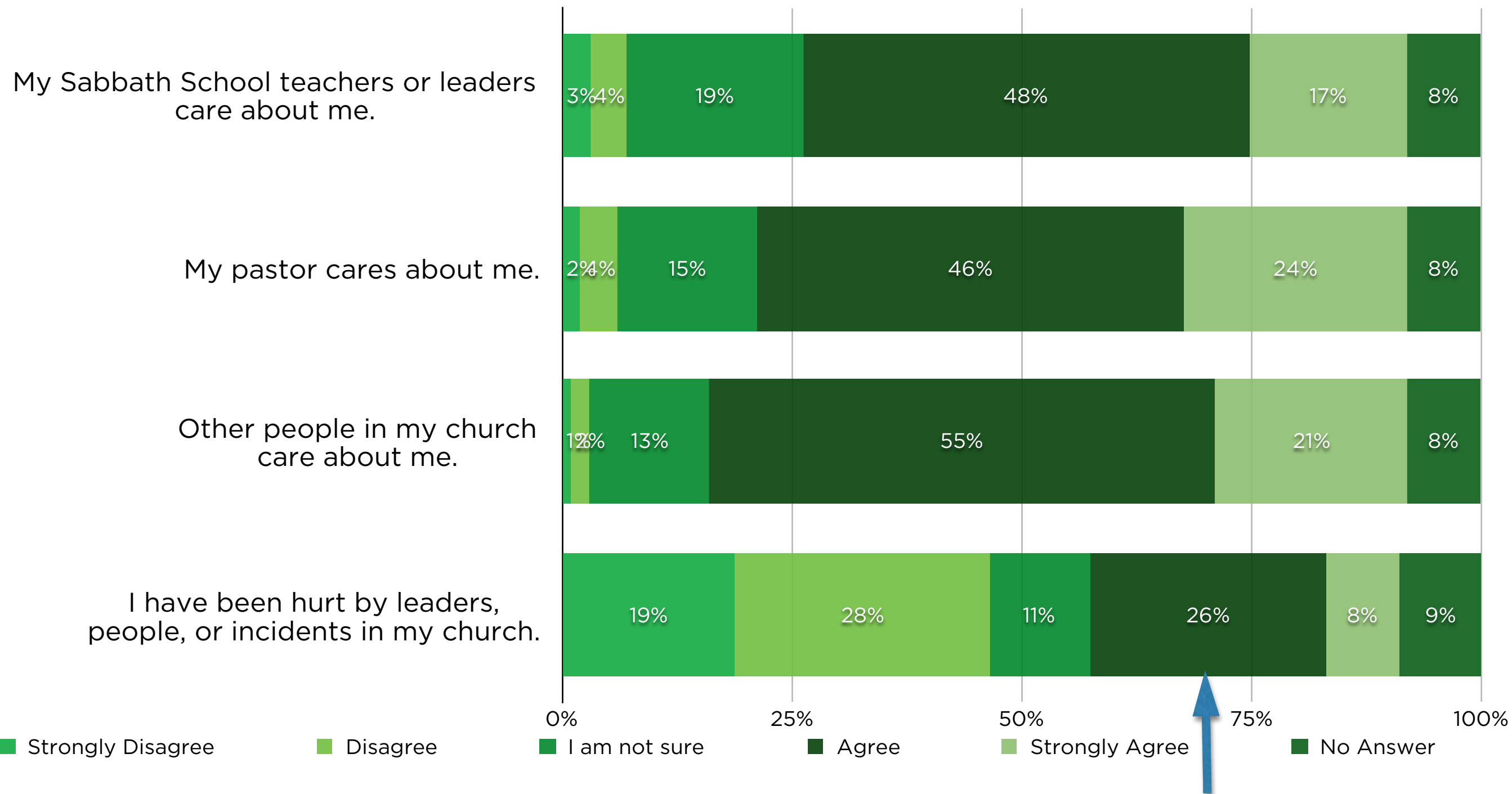


**ATTITUDES**  
*and*  
**PERSPECTIVES**

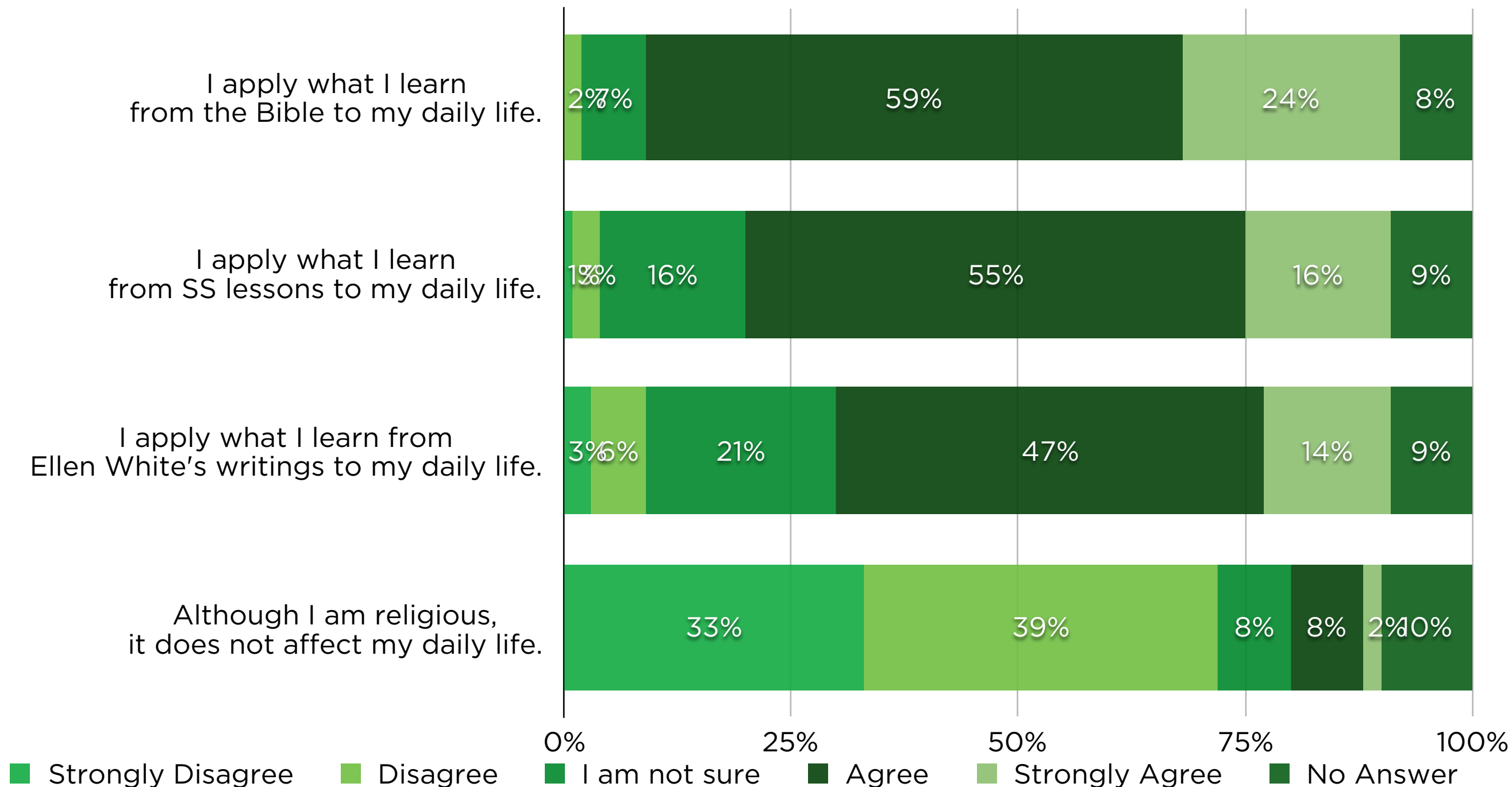
# TED: How happy are Church members?



# TED: To what extent do you agree or disagree



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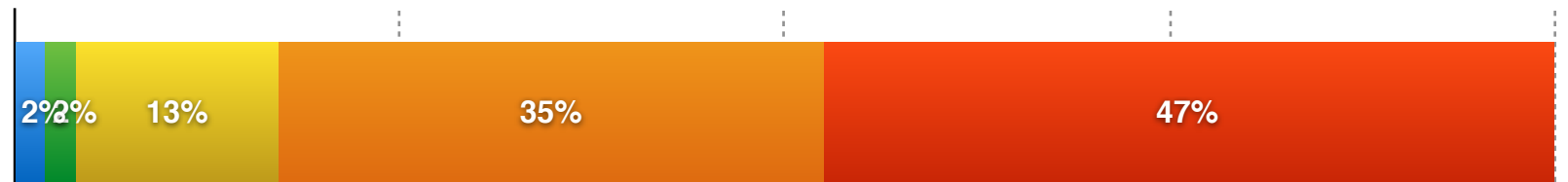


# **ADHERENCE to DOCTRINES**

**(in principle, plus some in practice)**

# Church Members' Perspectives on Sabbath-keeping

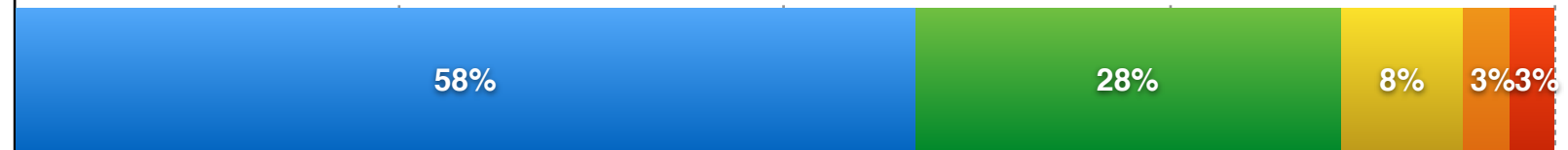
When I keep the Sabbath faithfully, I cope better with the stresses of the week.



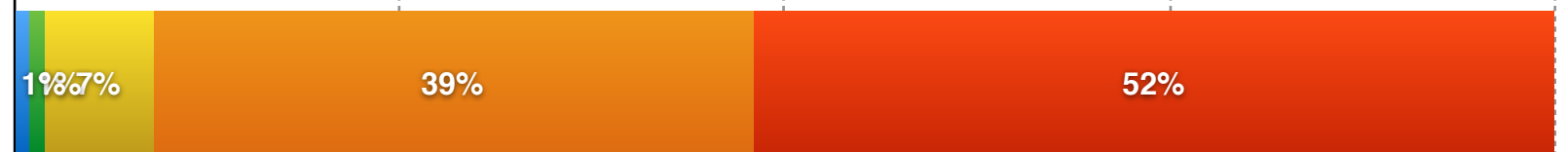
Keeping the Sabbath is part of who I am, not something that I do because I have to.



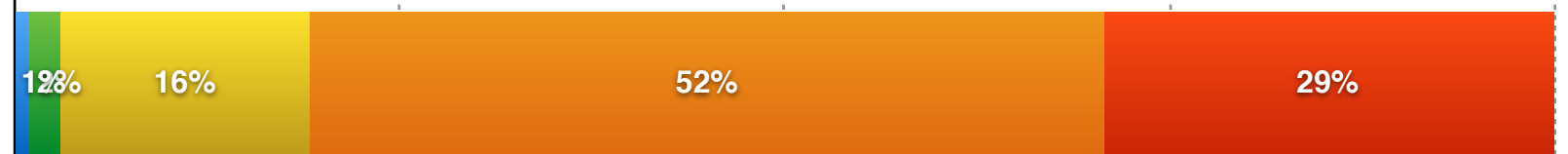
If I didn't keep the Sabbath, I would get a lot more done.



Keeping the Sabbath helps me understand what is important to me.



I apply what I learn on Sabbath to how I live the rest of the week.



I find it stressful to be forced to take a break on Sabbath from what I need to get done.



Strongly disagree

Disagree

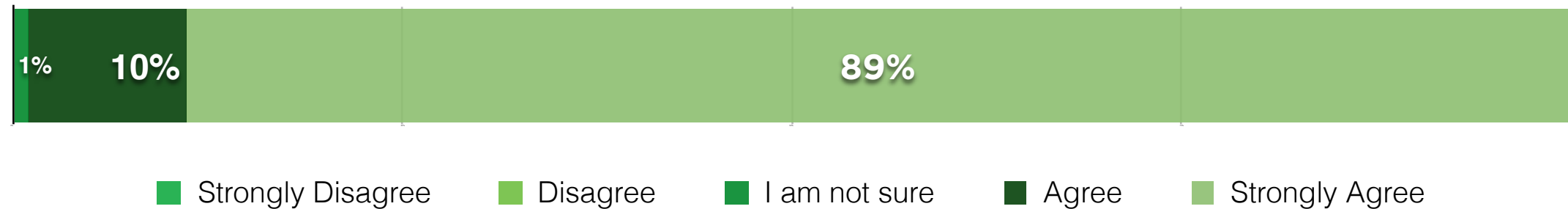
I'm not sure

Agree

Strongly agree

# Please indicate the extent to which you agree: The true Sabbath is the seventh-day (Saturday)

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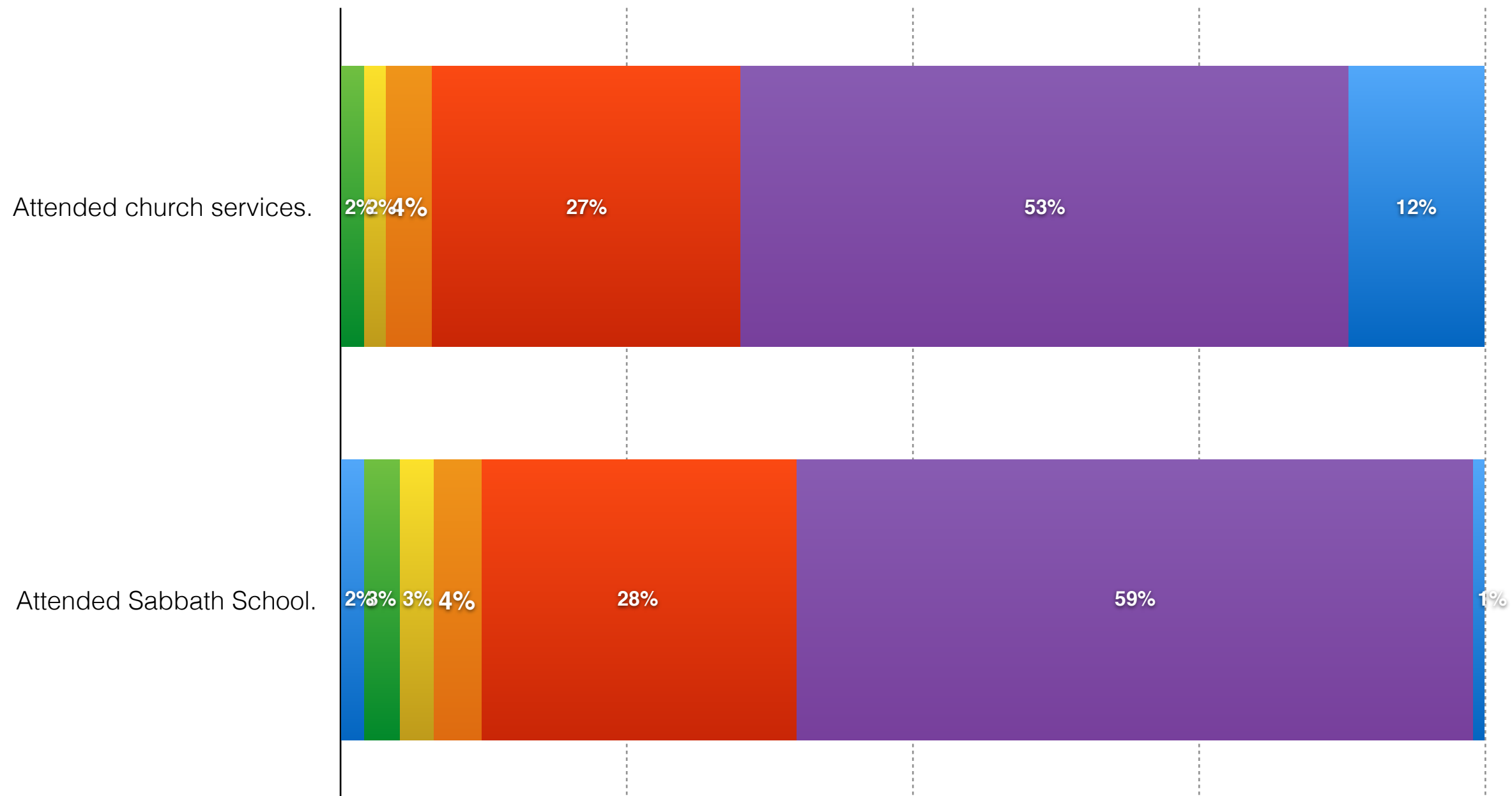


Strongly Disagree	Disagree	I'm Not Sure	Agree	Strongly Agree
0.8%	0.4%	2.2%	13.6%	83.0%

**World**

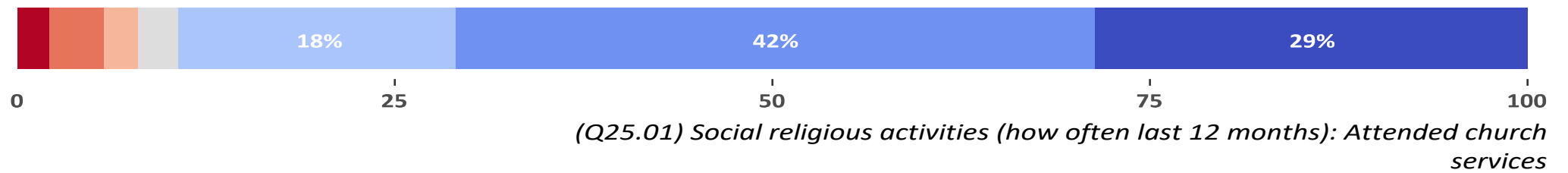


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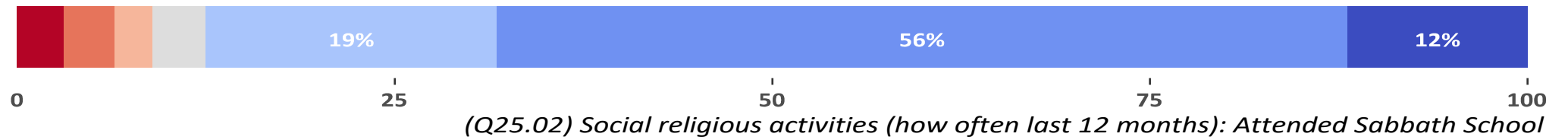


■ Never    ■ Only once or twice    ■ At least once a quarter\*    ■ Once a month    ■ Almost every week  
■ Every week    ■ More than once a week

# Church Attendance



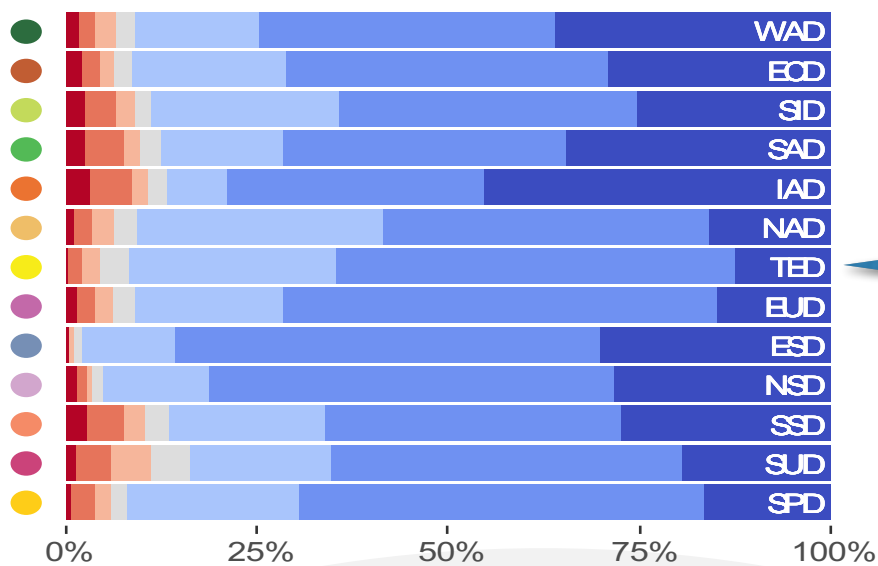
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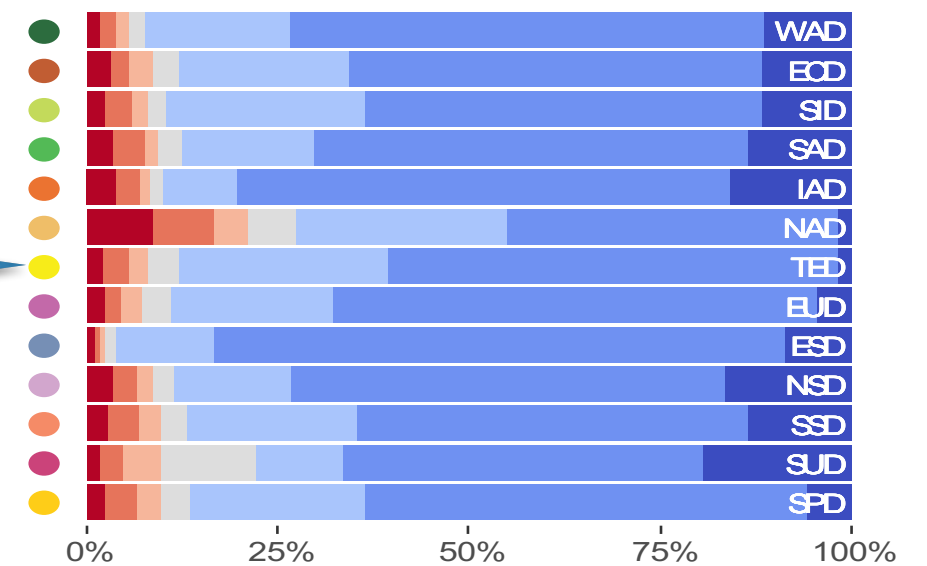
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## Church Attendance



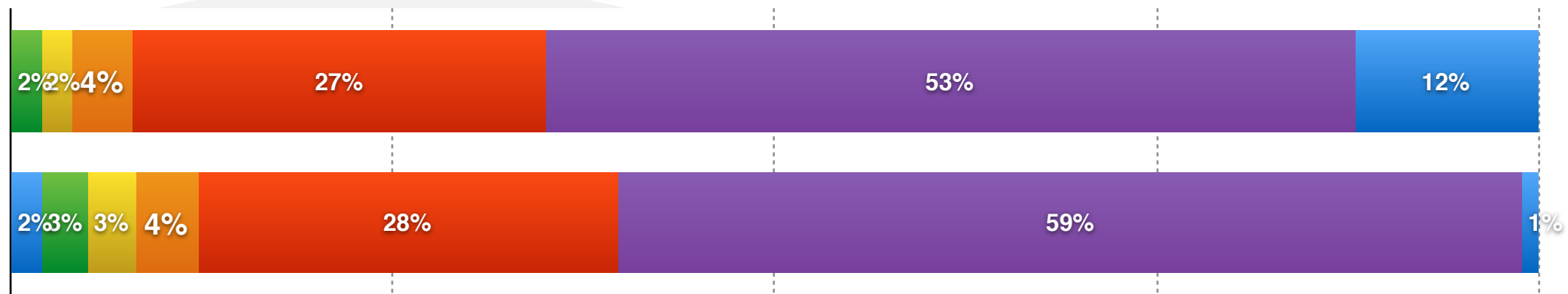
## Sabbath School Attendance



Attended church services.

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Attended Sabbath School.



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# Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the beliefs listed.

The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs are the teaching of Holy Scripture and Holy Scripture

I believe in a personal God who seeks a relationship with human beings

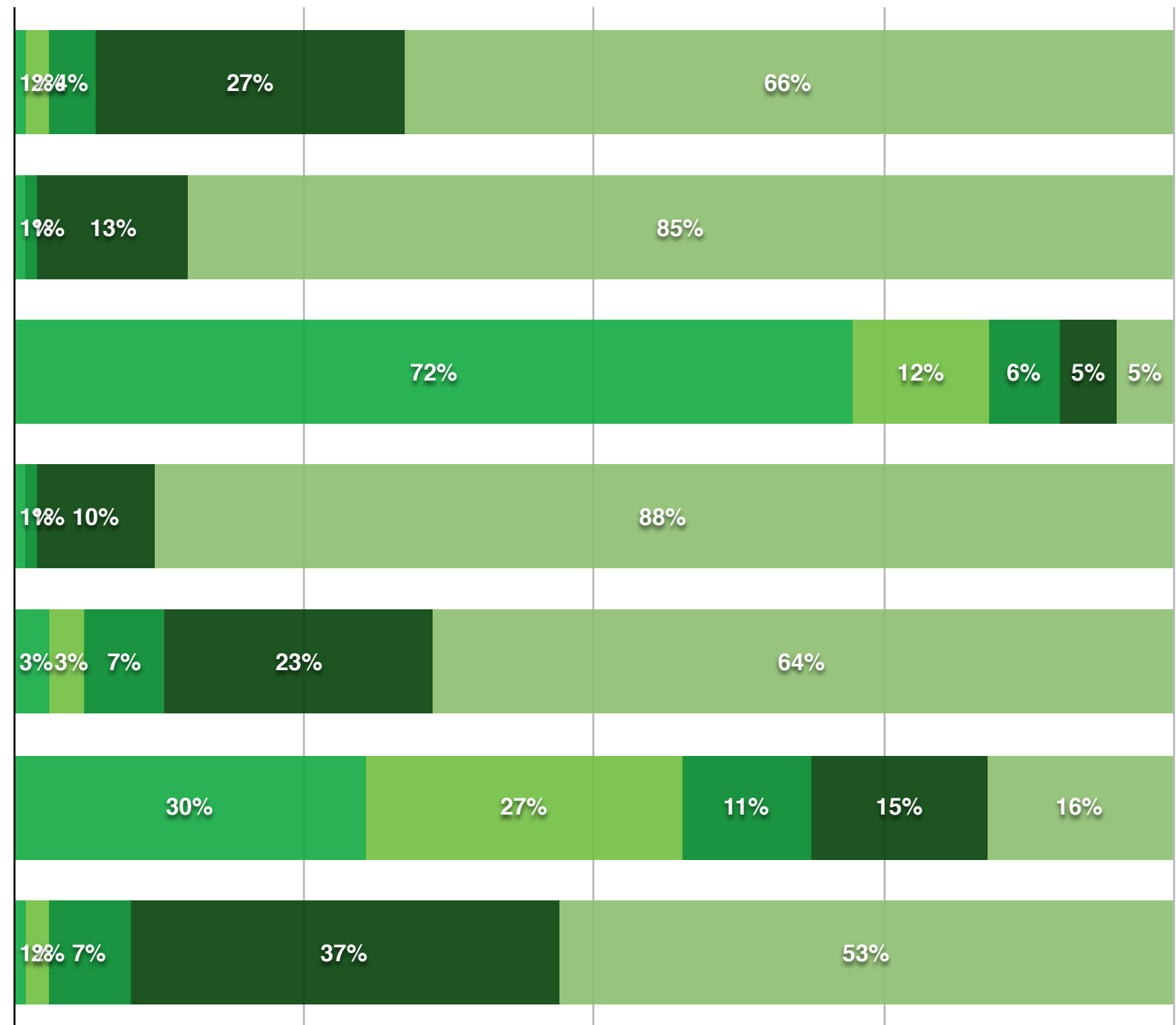
→ The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person that lives on after death

→ Salvation is through Jesus Christ alone

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is God's true last-day church with a message to prepare the world for the Second Coming of Christ.

I will not get to heaven unless I obey God's law perfectly

The most effective method for reaching people for Christ is to mingle with them, meet their needs, win their confidence, and then bid them to follow Christ



Strongly Disagree

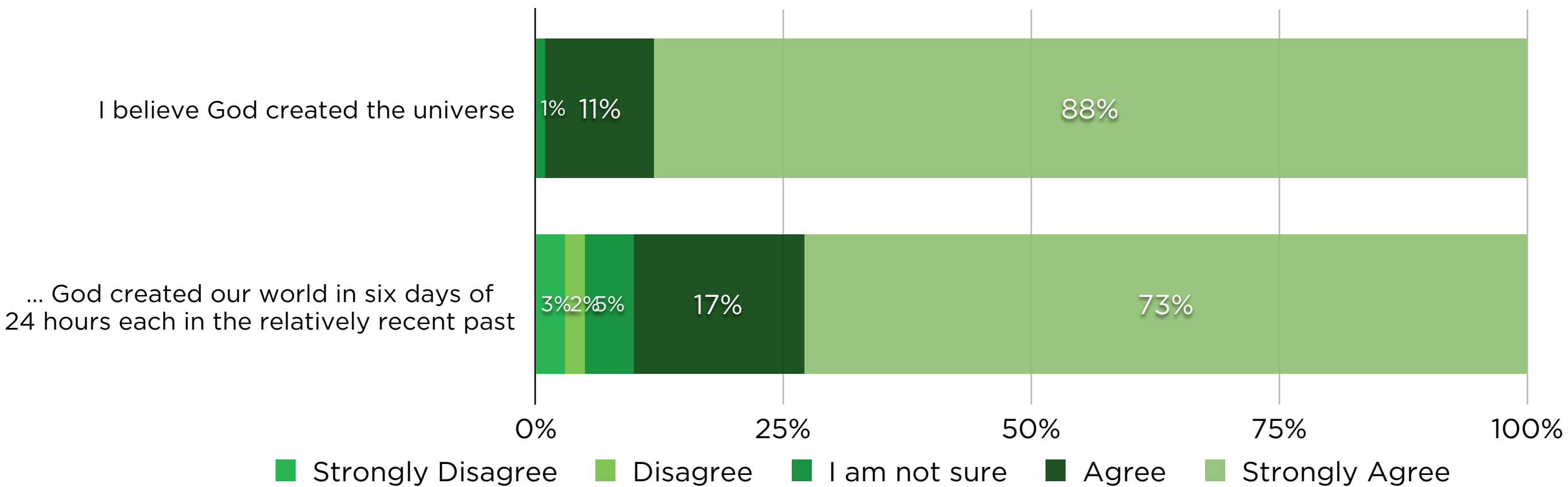
Disagree

I am not sure

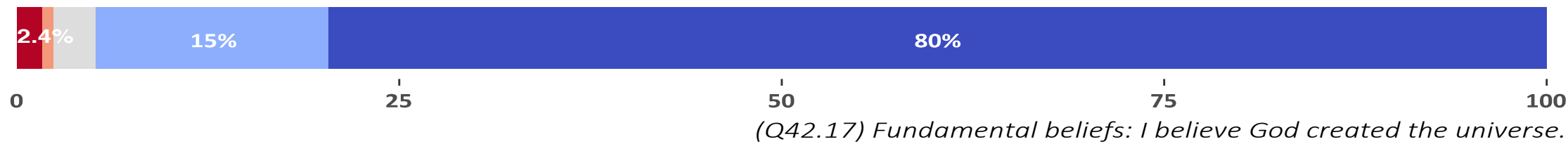
Agree

Strongly Agree

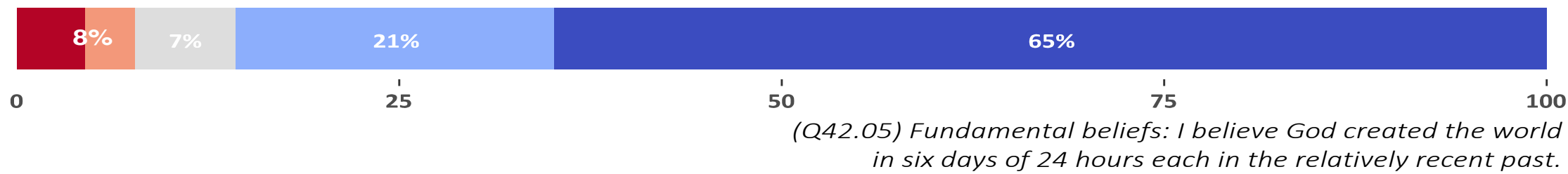
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## God is Creator

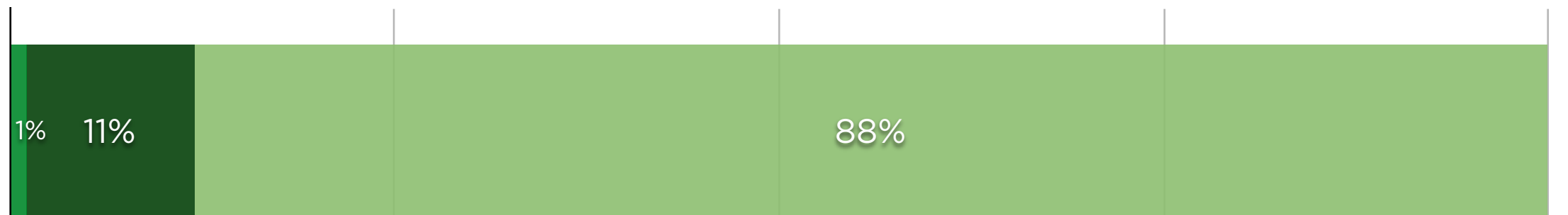


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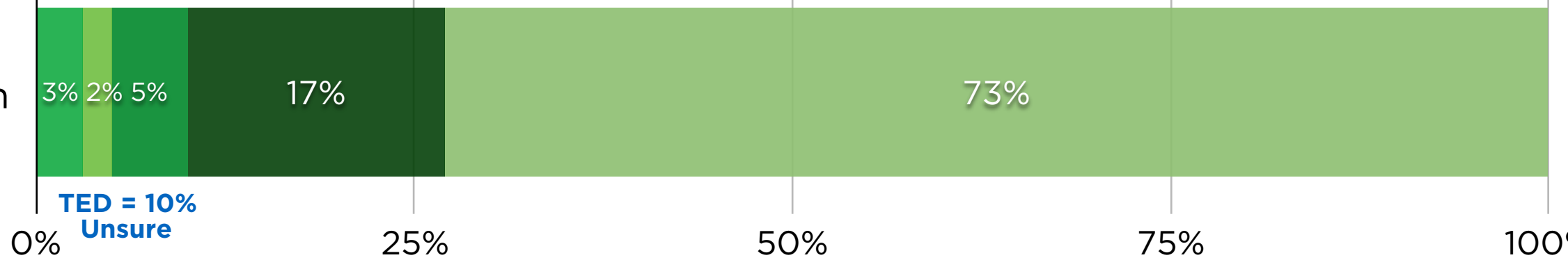


Strongly Disagree Disagree I'm Not Sure Agree Strongly Agree

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# Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the beliefs listed.



Church unity means uniformity in more than doctrinal belief

Different regions of the world should be allowed to set their own policies in order to meet differing needs

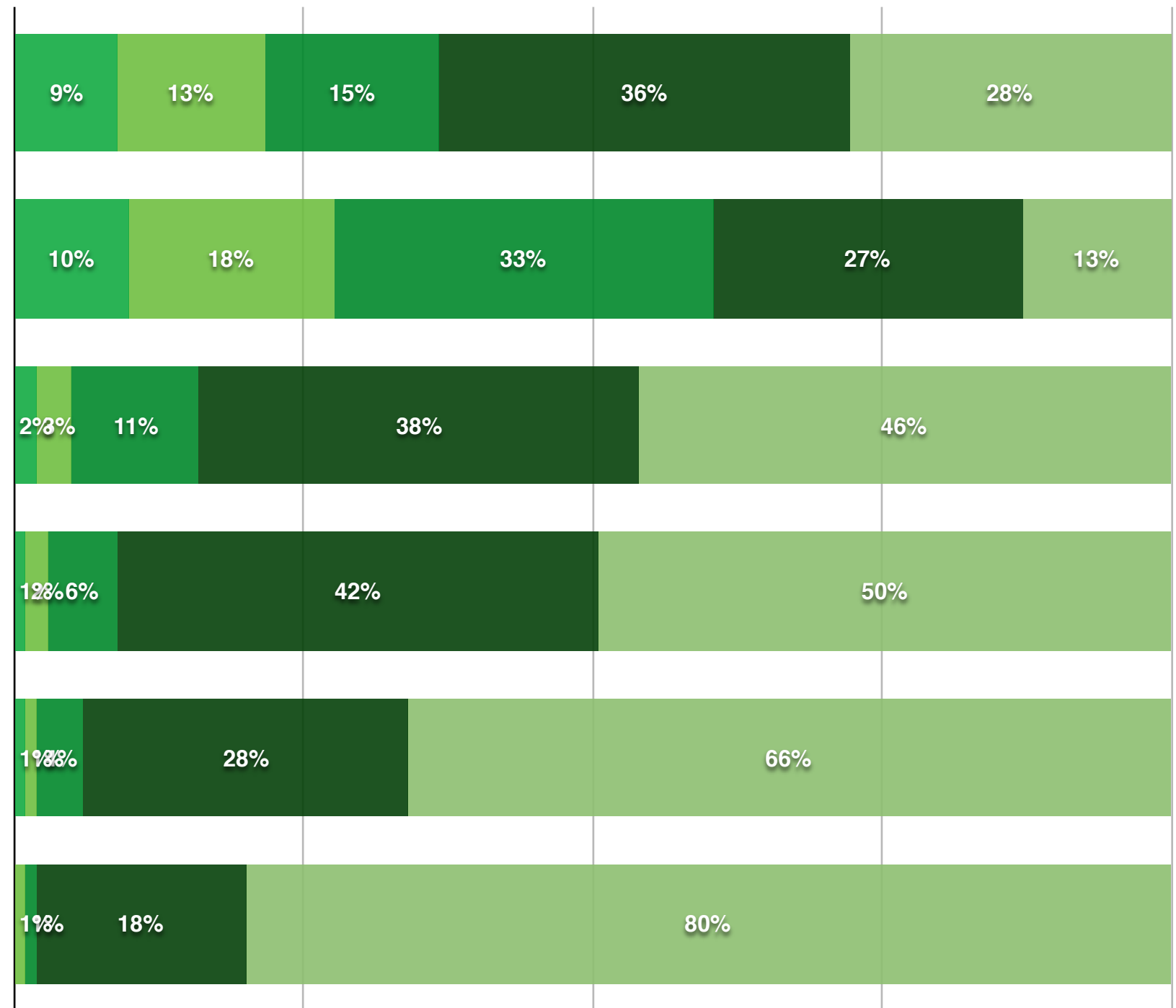
The sanctuary doctrine is vital to Adventist theology

The Seventh-day Adventist Fundamental Beliefs as a whole reflect the loving and gracious character of God



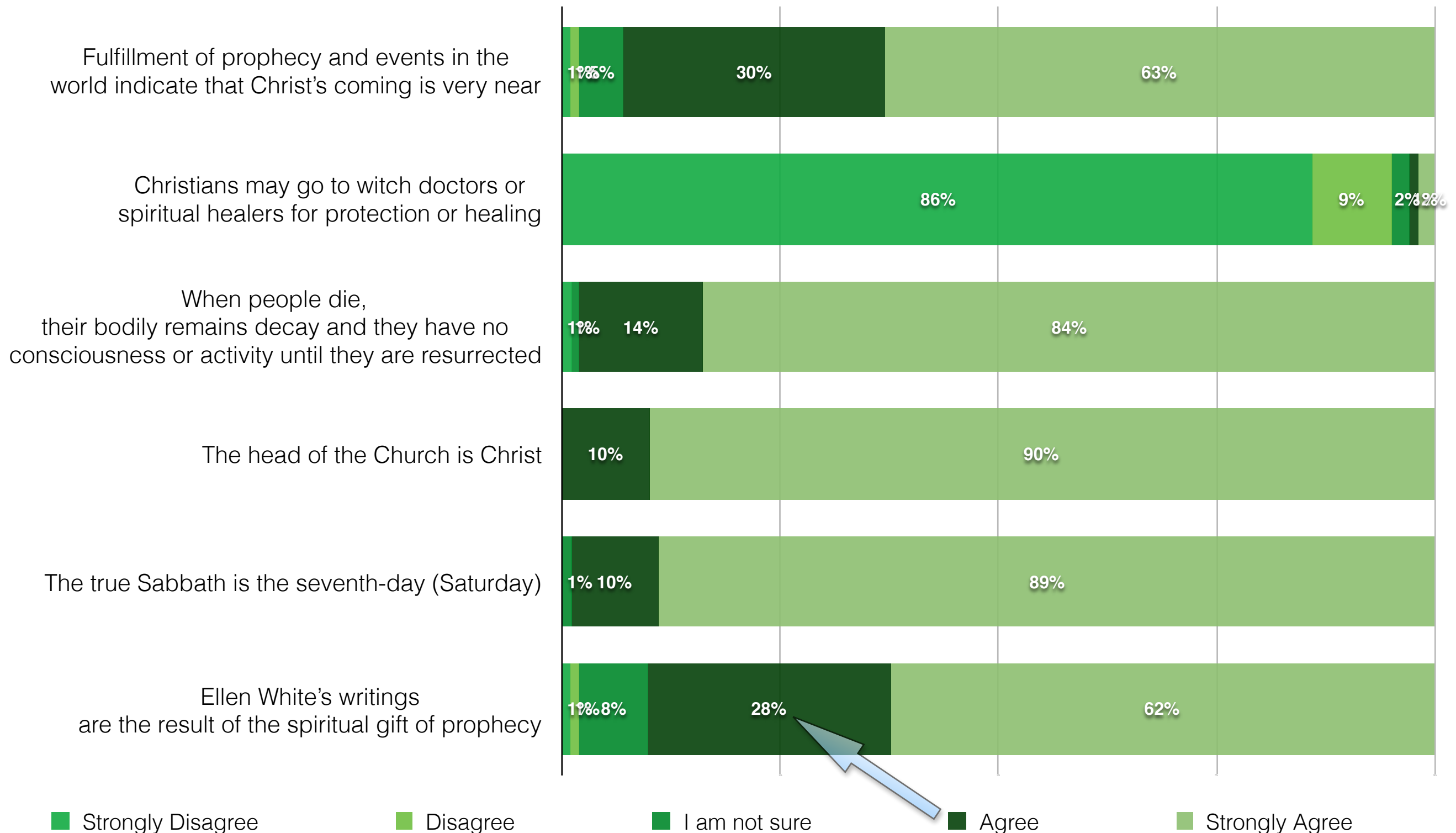
The Bible teaches that sexual intercourse should be exclusively reserved for marriage

The Bible teaches that marriage is a union between man and a woman



■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
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 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

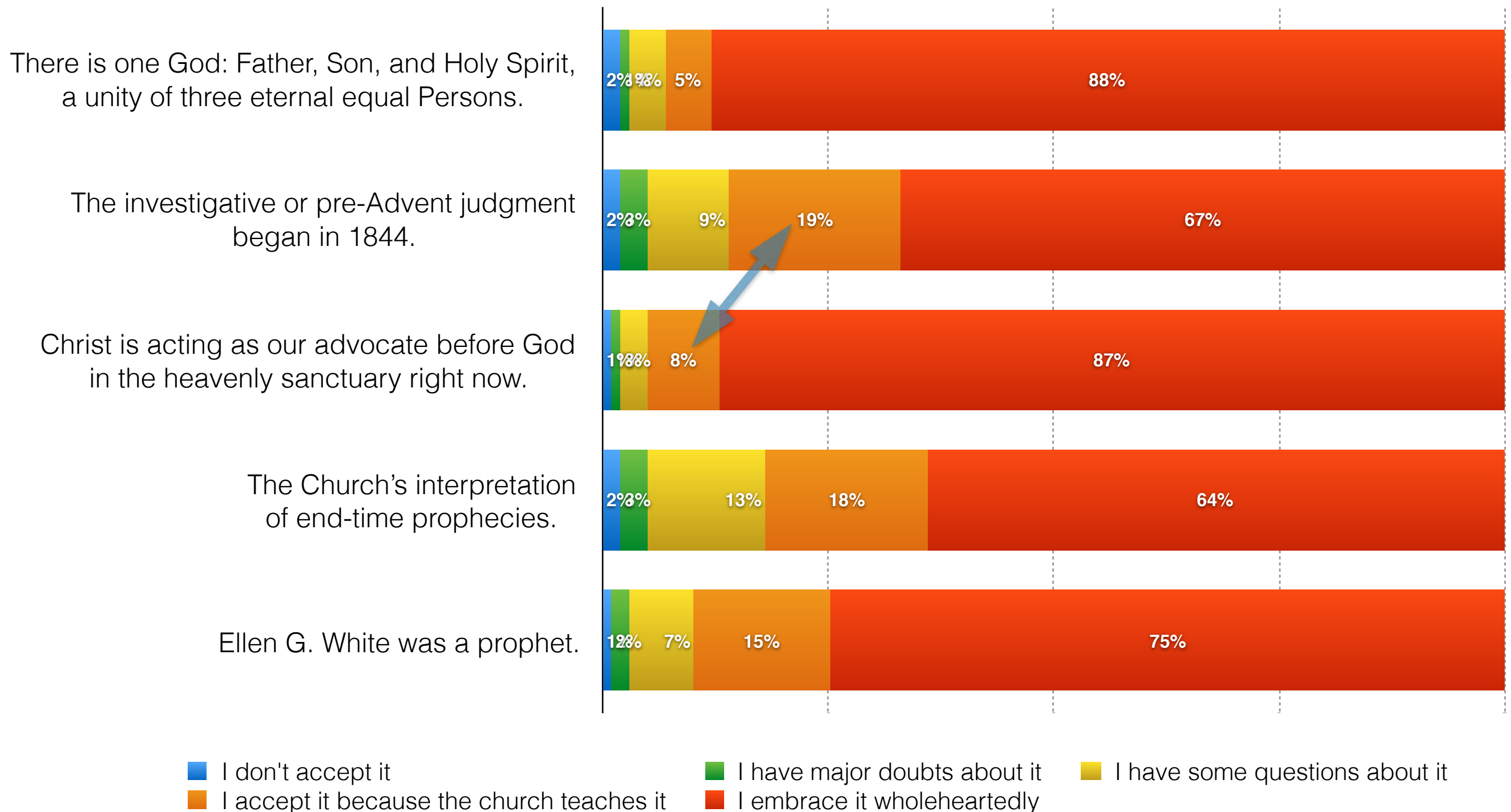
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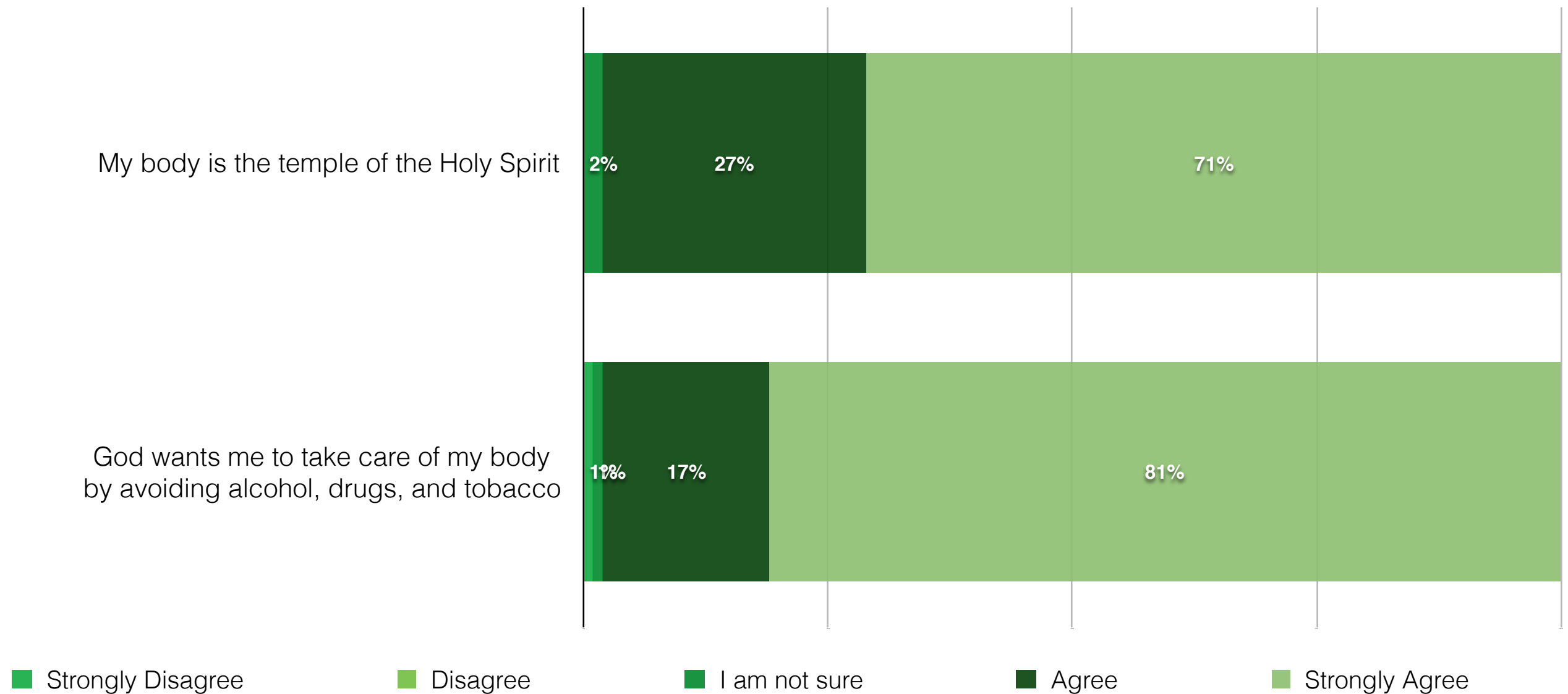


# To what extent do you accept the following church teachings?

*All these TED results are within the margin of error of world Church results*



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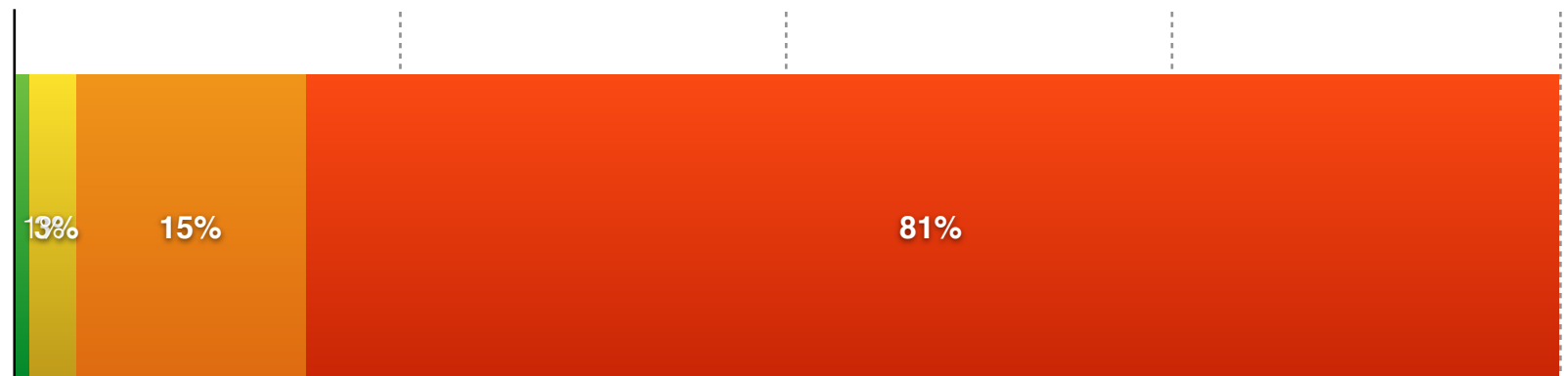


# To what extent do you accept the following church teachings?

Adventists should eat a healthful diet and abstain from unclean foods identified in Scripture.

World embrace wholeheartedly = 94%

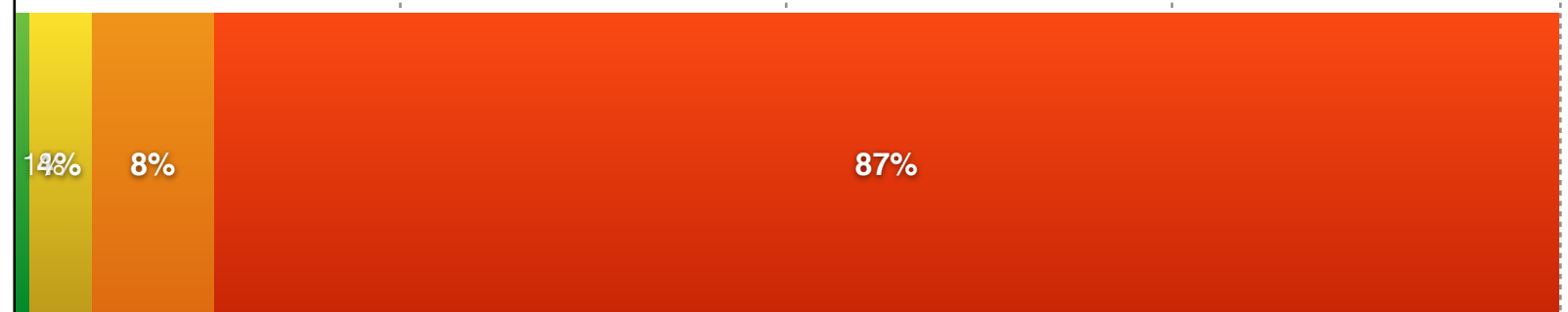
TED: Accept/Embrace = 96%



Adventists should avoid amusements and entertainments that are not in harmony with the Spirit of Christ.

World: Accept/Embrace = 91%

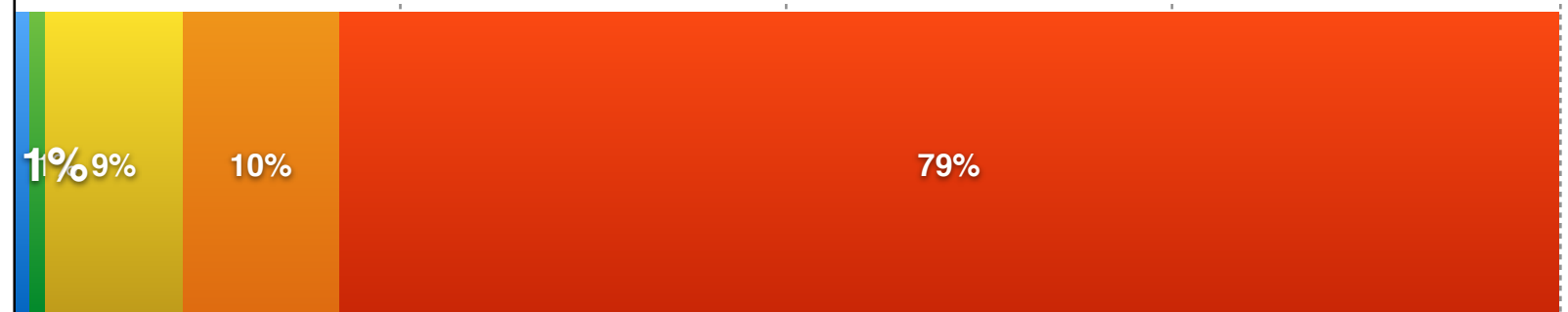
**TED: Accept/Embrace = 95%**



Adventists should abstain from alcohol, tobacco, and the irresponsible use of drugs.

**World embrace wholeheartedly = 92%**

TED: Accept/Embrace = 89%



■ I don't accept it

■ I accept it because the church teaches it

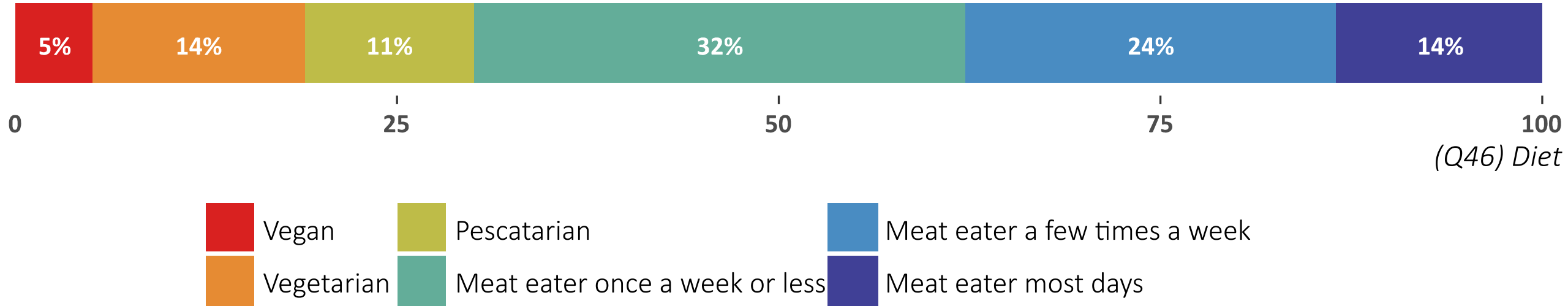
■ I have major doubts about it

■ I embrace it wholeheartedly

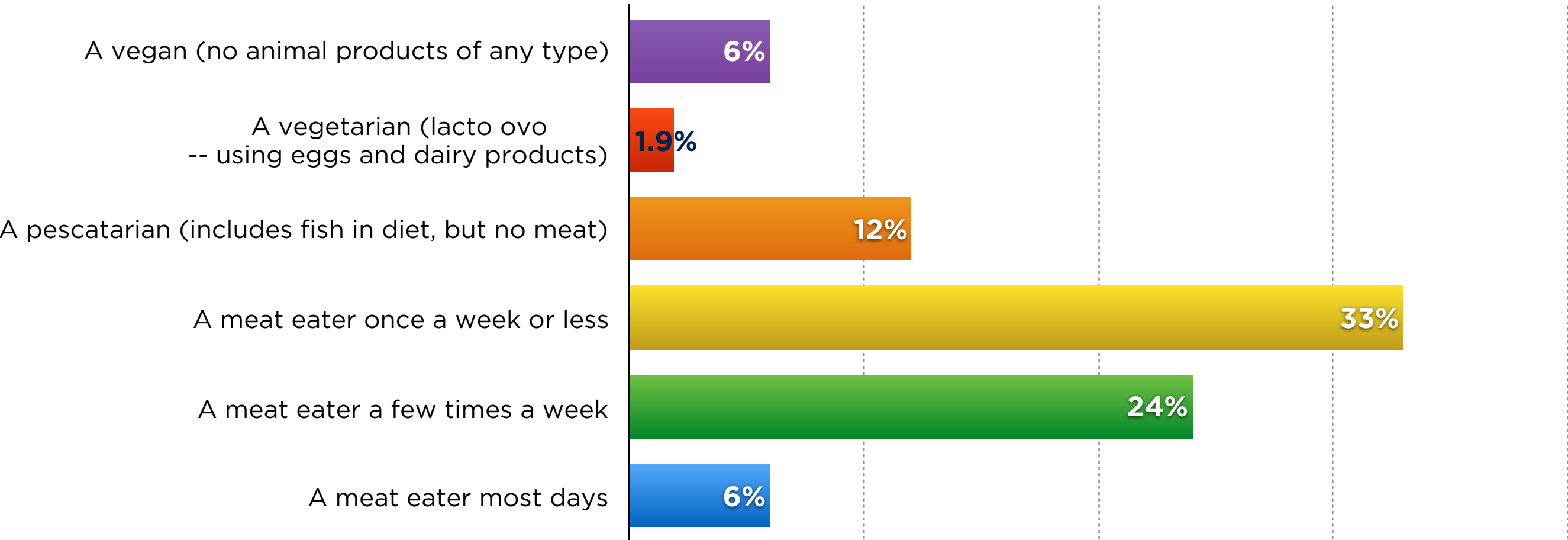
■ I have some questions about it

# World

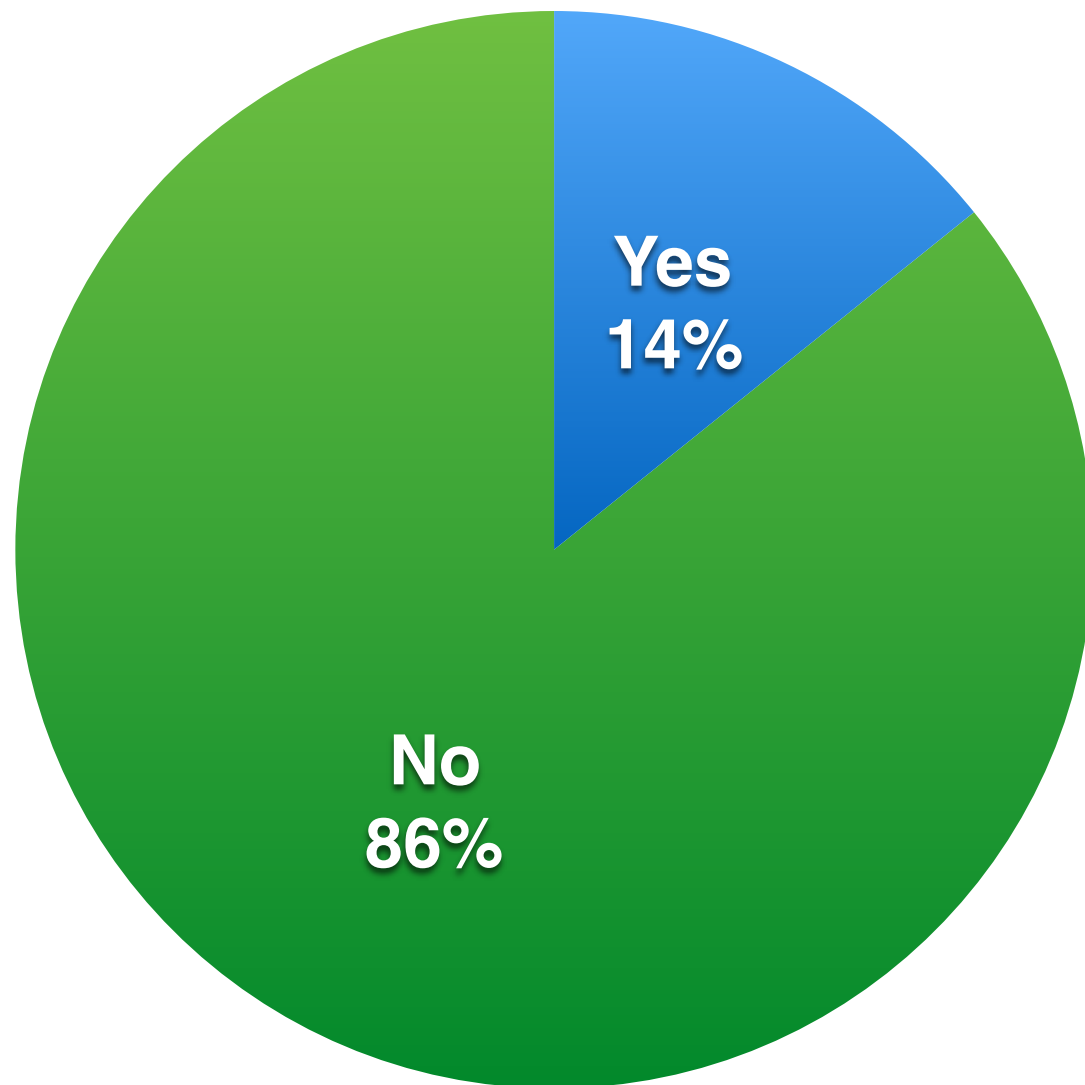
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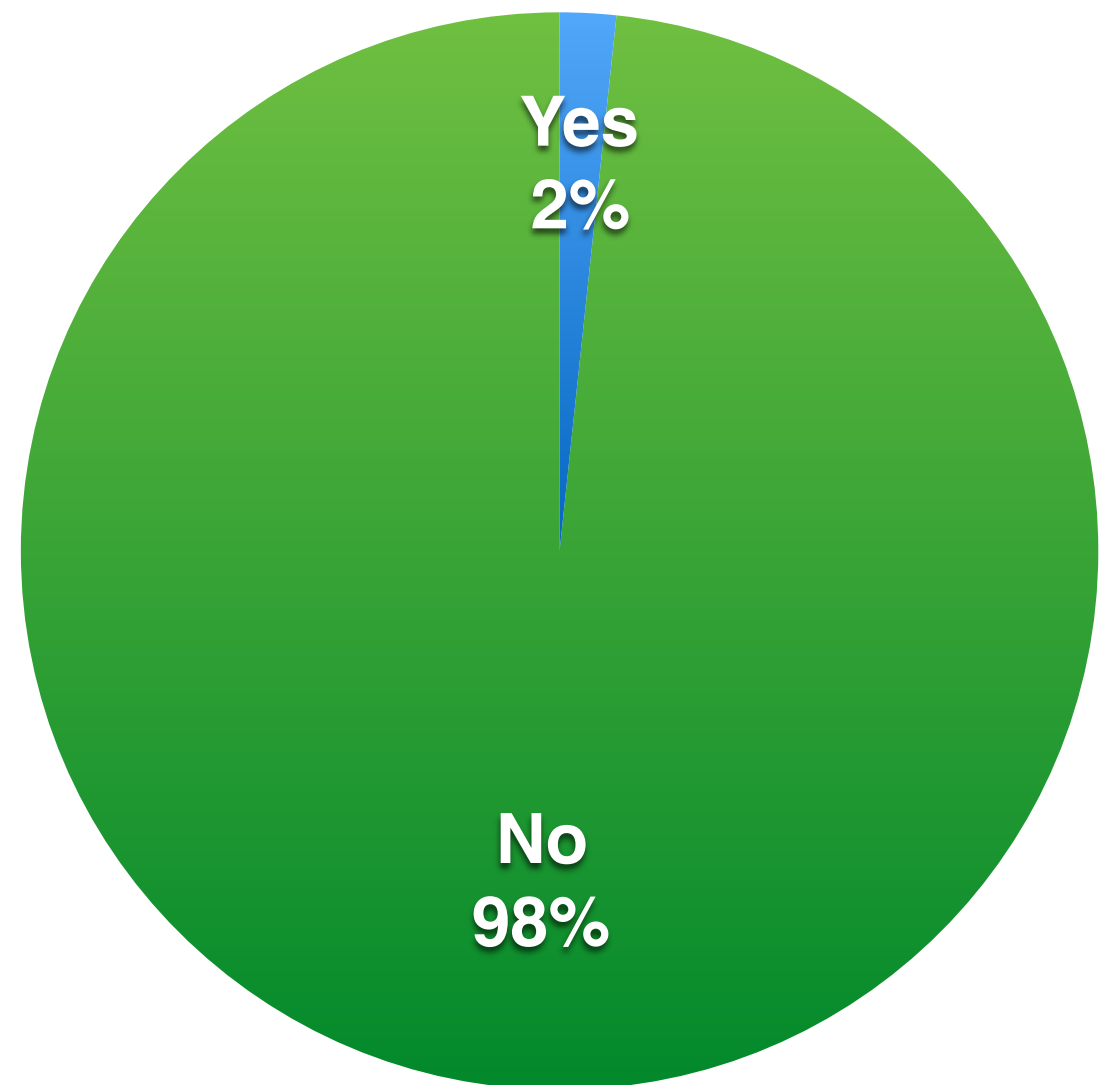
# TED



**Have you used  
alcohol within the  
last 12 months?**



**Have you used  
tobacco within the  
last 12 months?**





# Conclusion

**There is good news and  
some not-so-good news**

**On most doctrinal metrics, church  
members in the TED are where the  
church would like them to be, and  
more so than in many divisions.**

**When it comes to practices, there is  
still work to be done in some areas.**