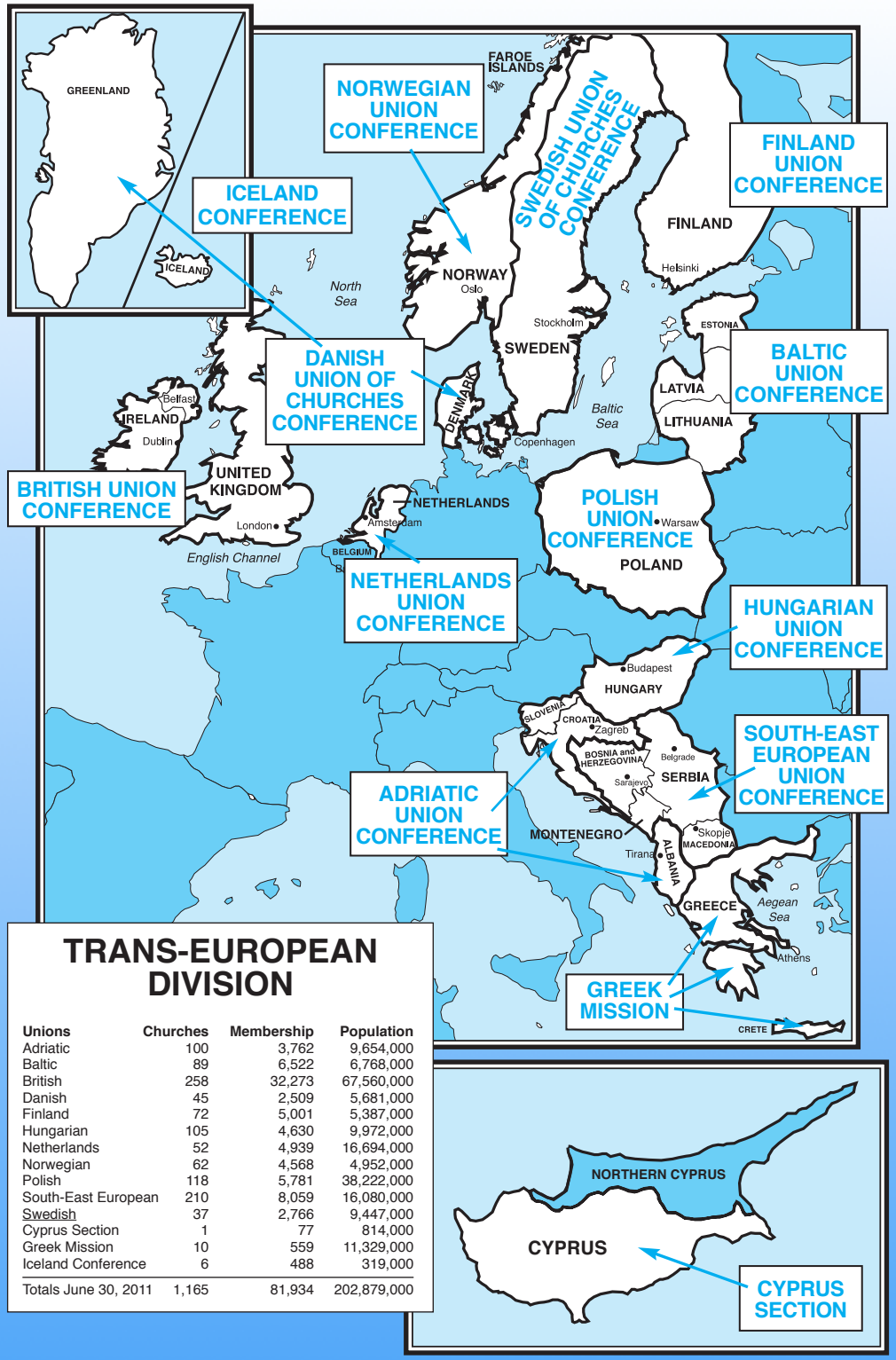
# Church Member Survey 2017–2018

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




# TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

| Unions | Churches | Membership | Population |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adriatic | 100 | 3,762 | 9,654,000 |
| Baltic | 89 | 6,522 | 6,768,000 |
| British | 258 | 32,273 | 67,560,000 |
| Danish | 45 | 2,509 | 5,681,000 |
| Finland | 72 | 5,001 | 5,387,000 |
| Hungarian | 105 | 4,630 | 9,972,000 |
| Netherlands | 52 | 4,939 | 16,694,000 |
| Norwegian | 62 | 4,568 | 4,952,000 |
| Polish | 118 | 5,781 | 38,222,000 |
| South-East European | 210 | 8,059 | 16,080,000 |
| 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%

REACH THE WORLD

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
TRANS-EUROPEAN DIVISION

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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# Thank you!

## Collection could not have taken place without your assistance

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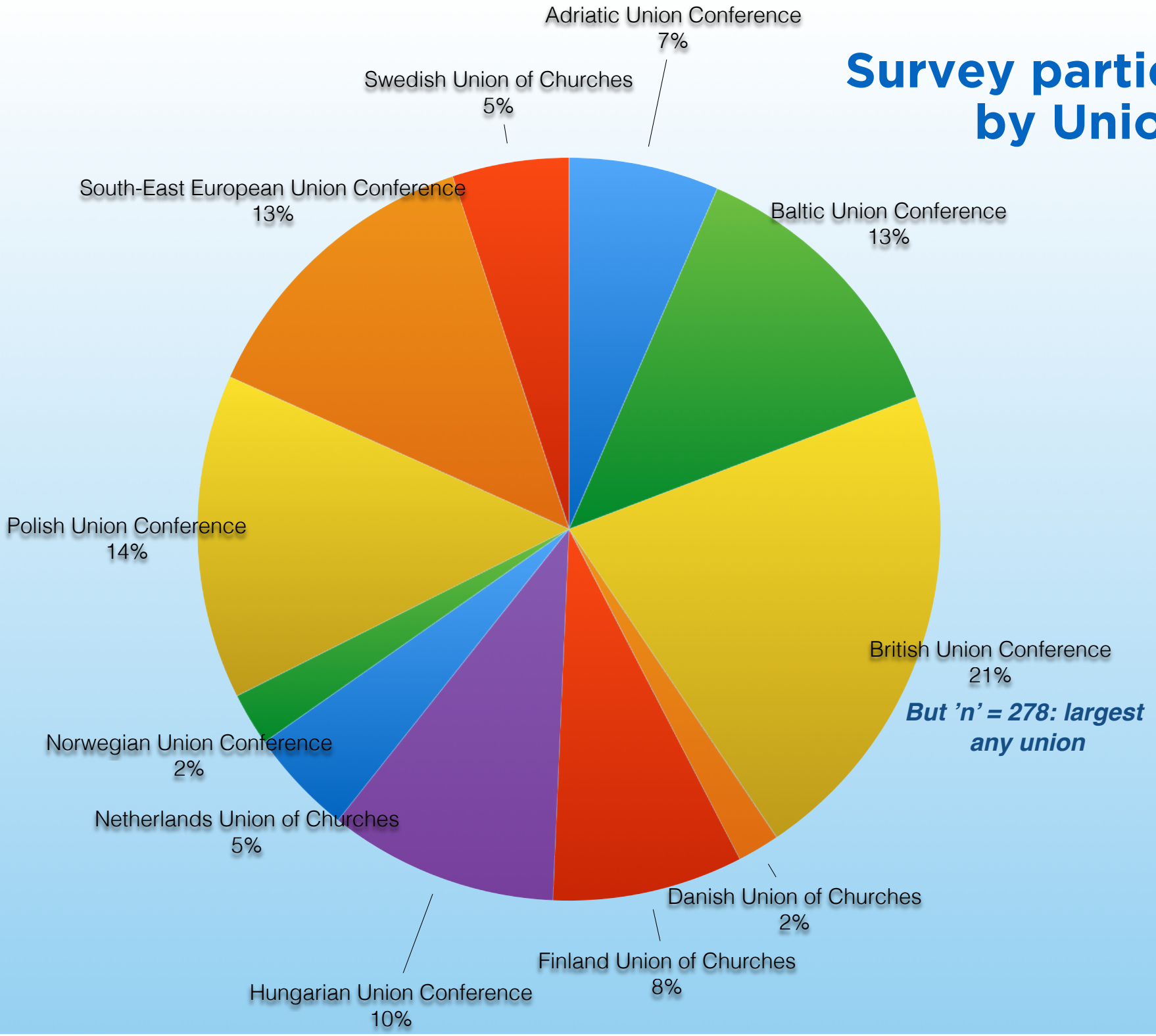
# Survey participation by Unions




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

# DEMOGRAPHICS

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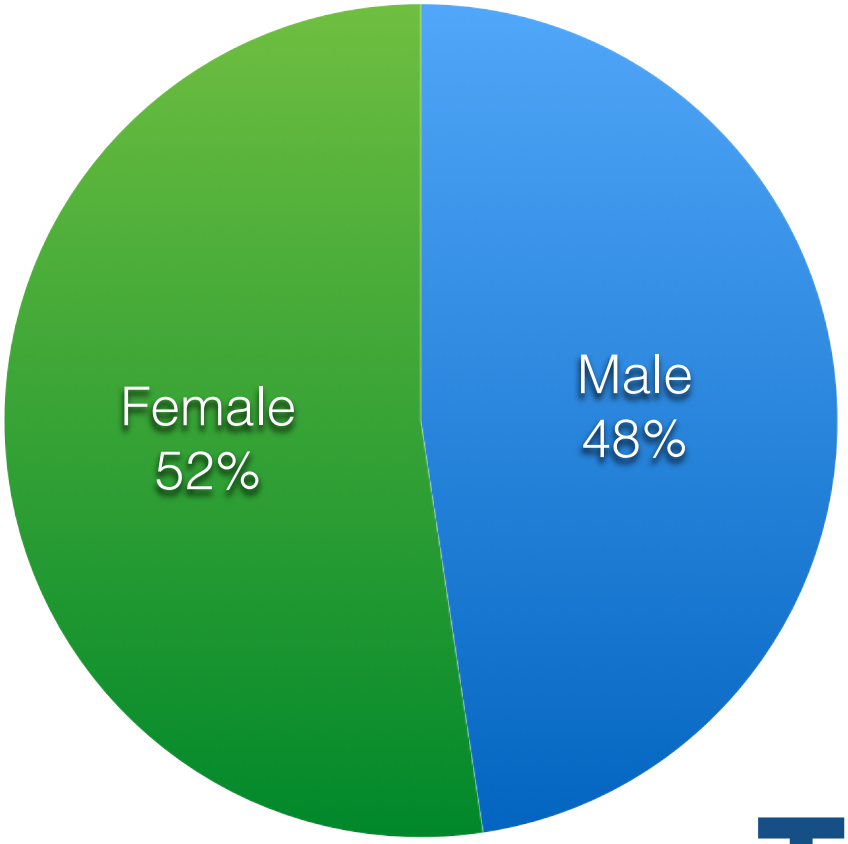


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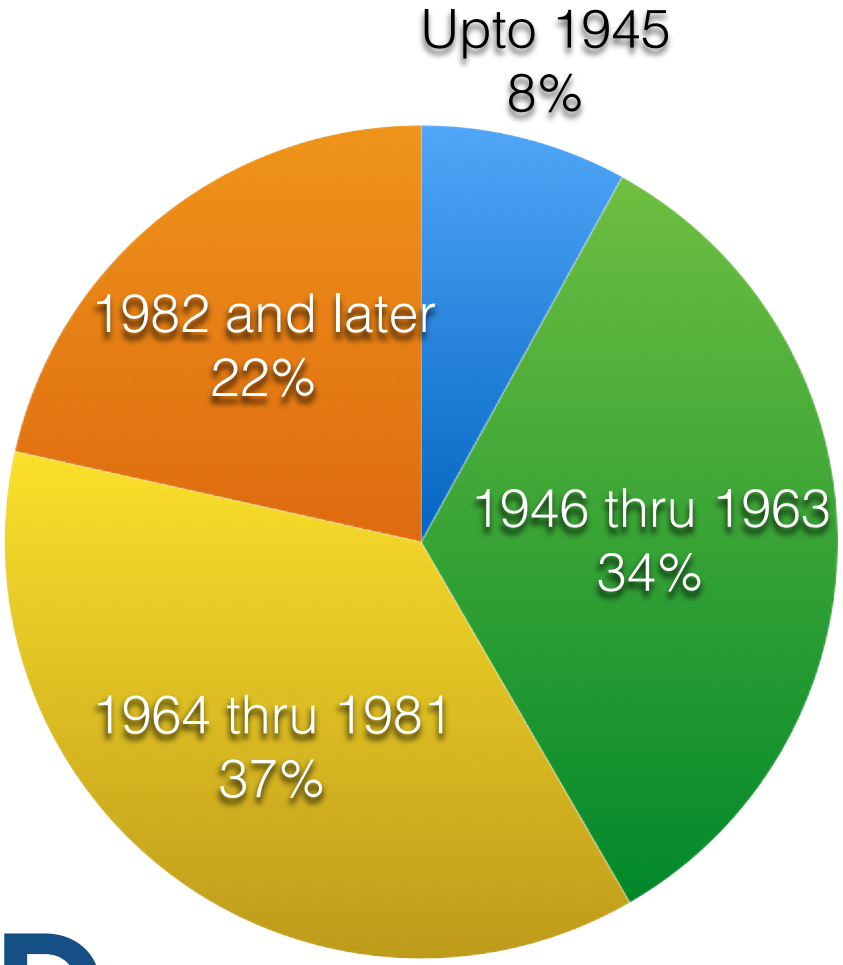


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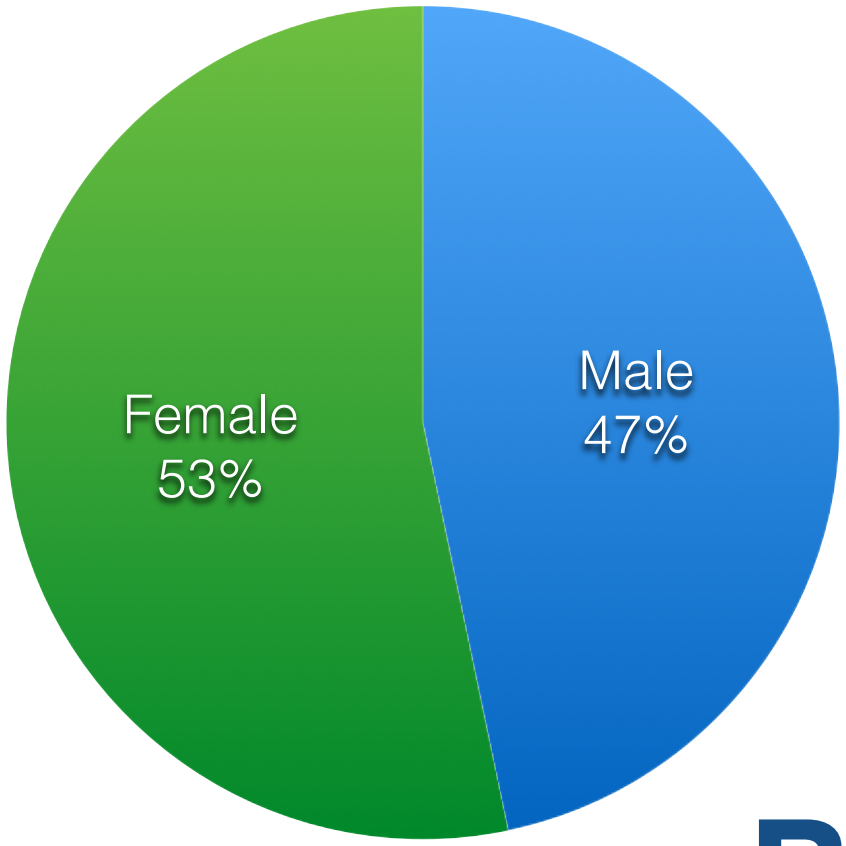


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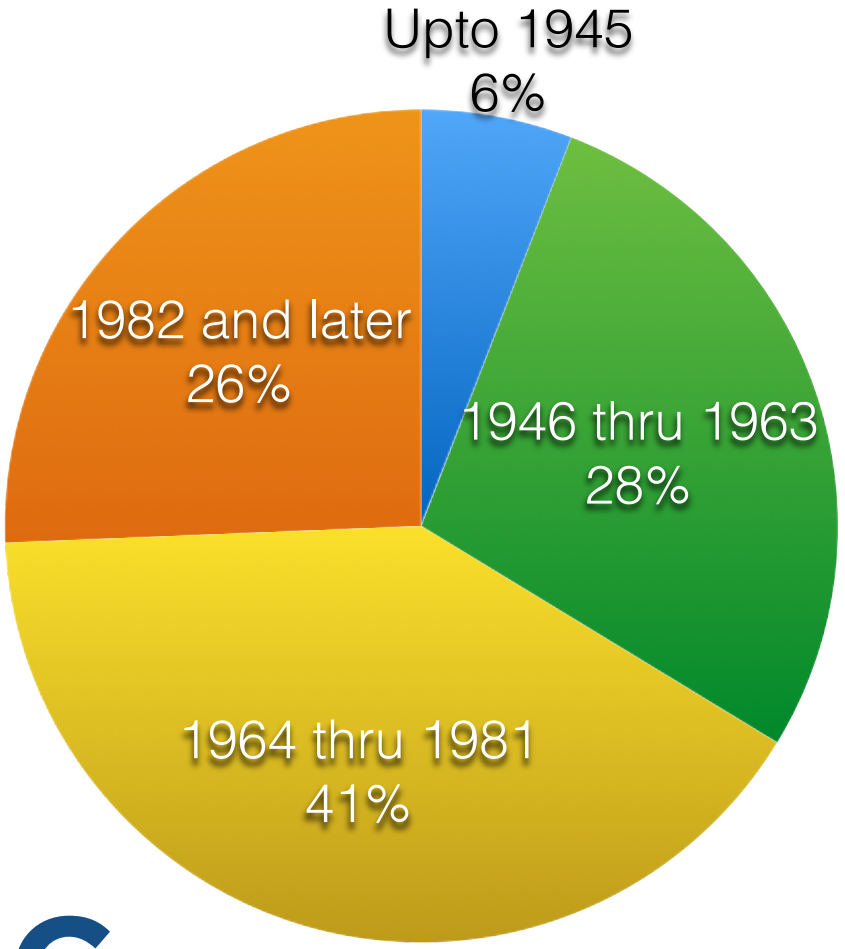


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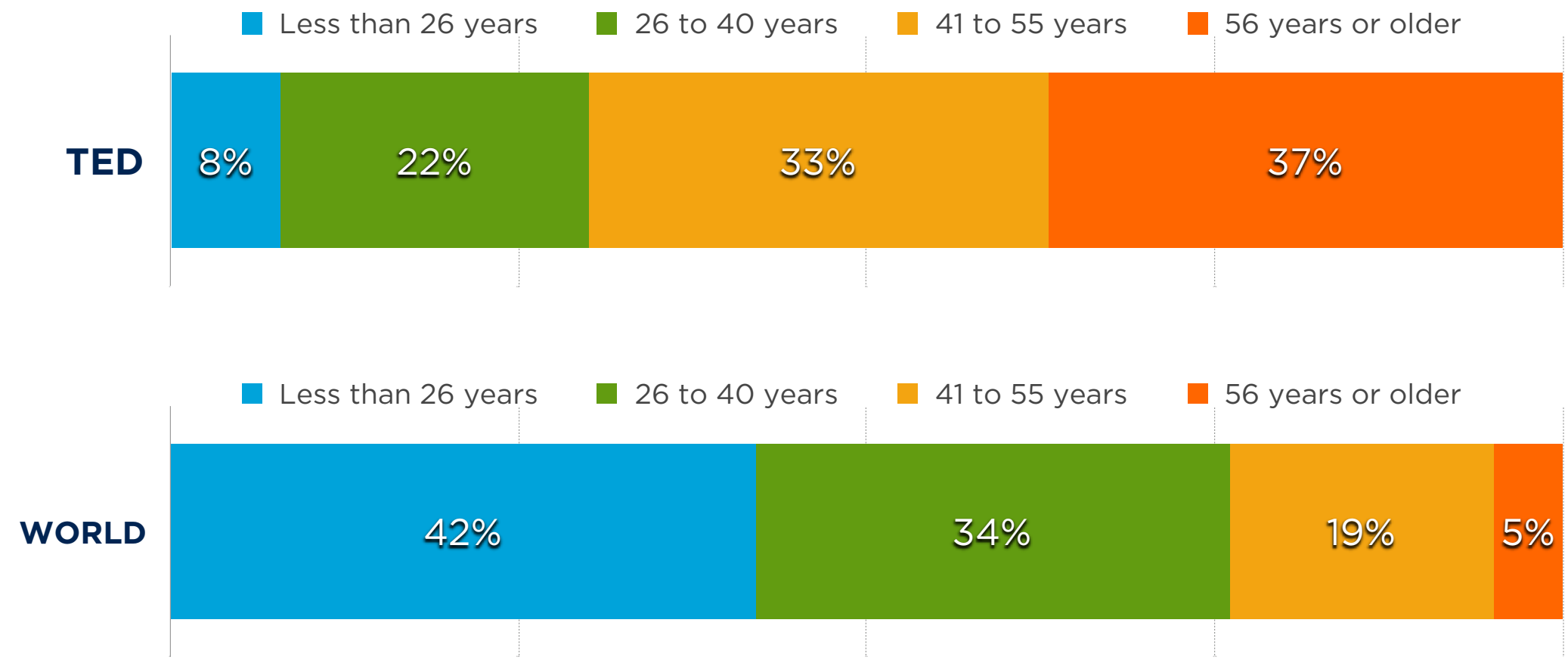
# AGE-TED


Less than 26 years
26 to 40 years
41 to 55 years
56 years or older
TED
8%
22%
33%
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WORLD
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34%
19%
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# Highest level of school completed (Only one response)

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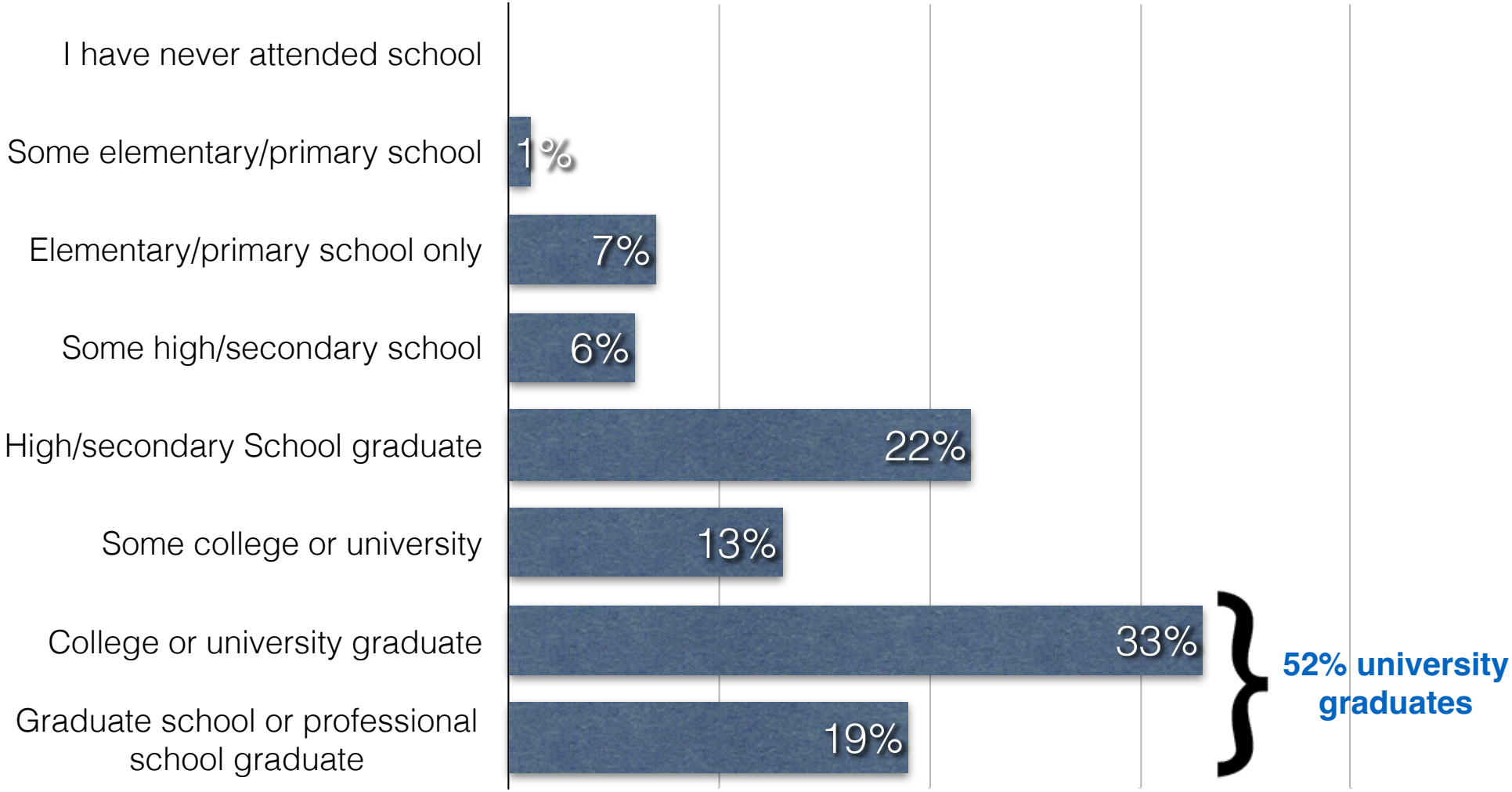

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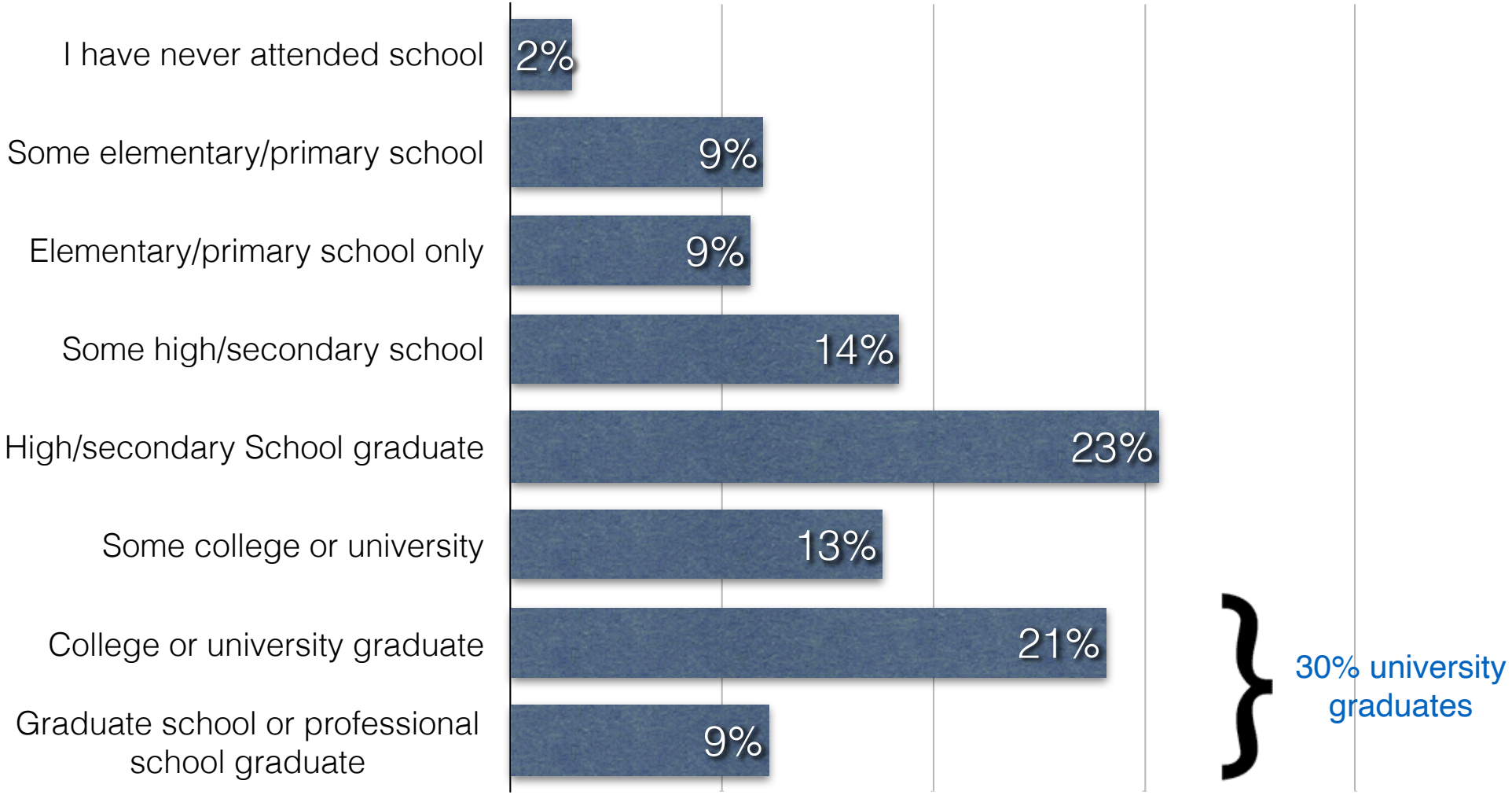

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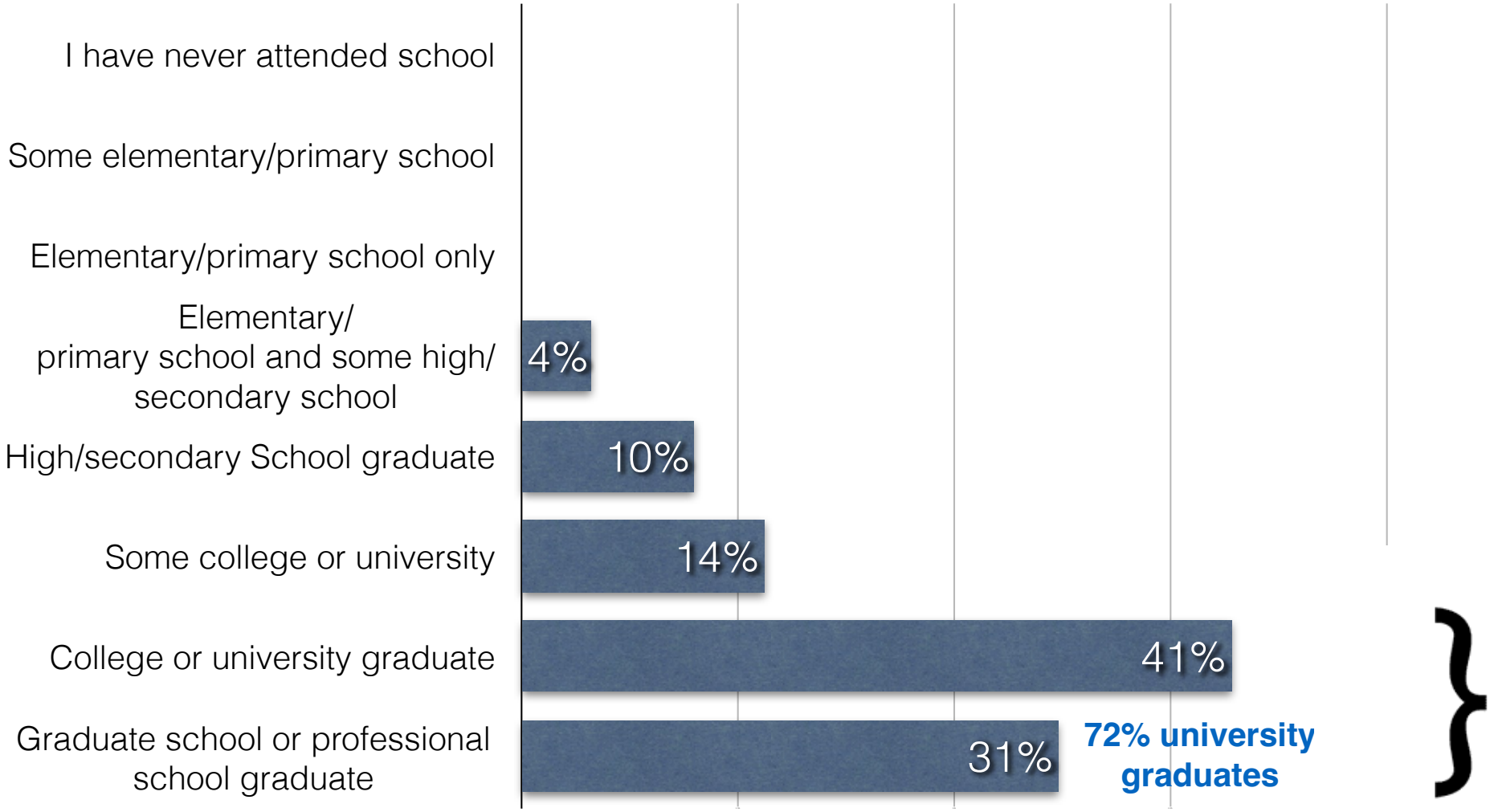

# Total number of years attending an Adventist school

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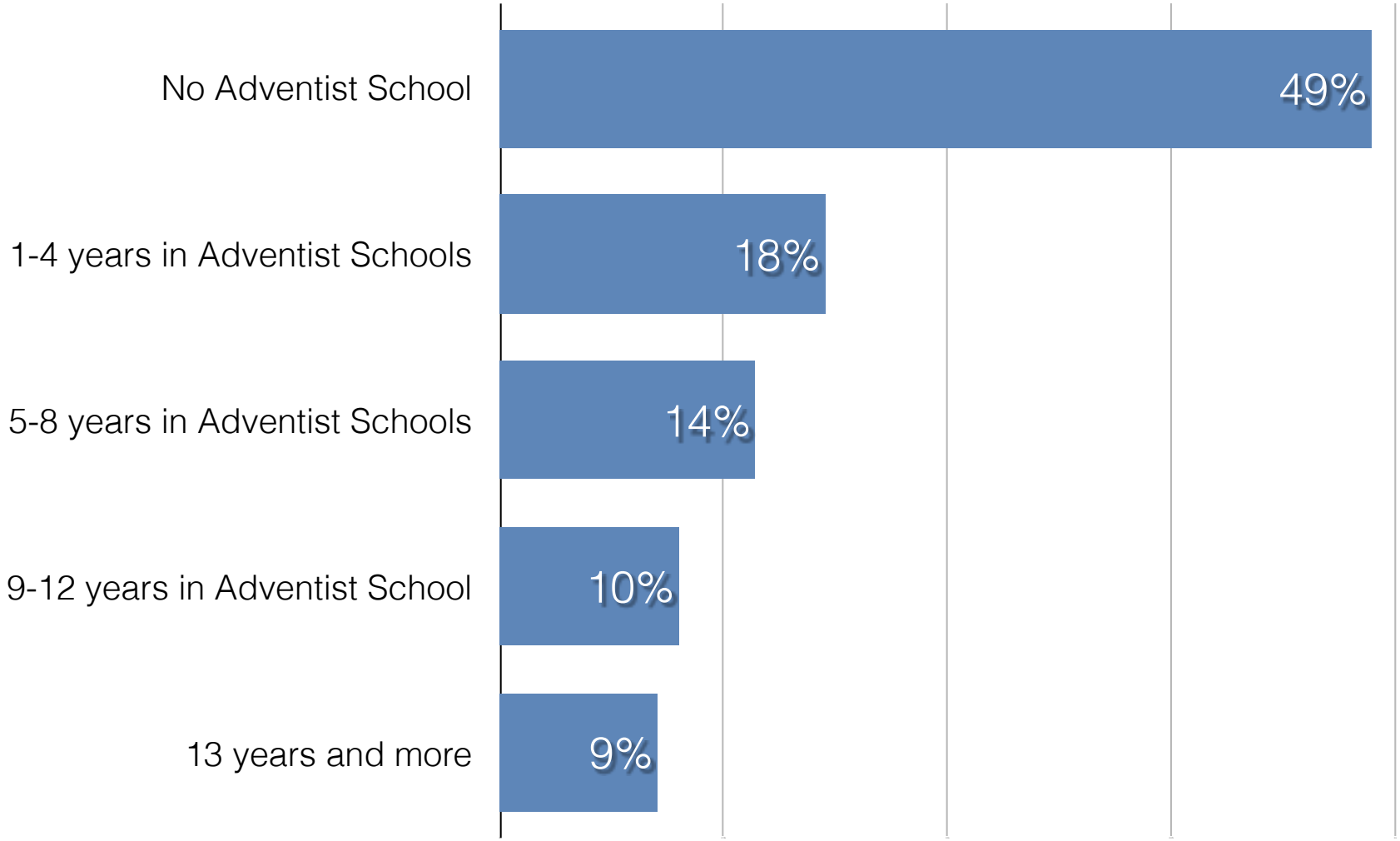

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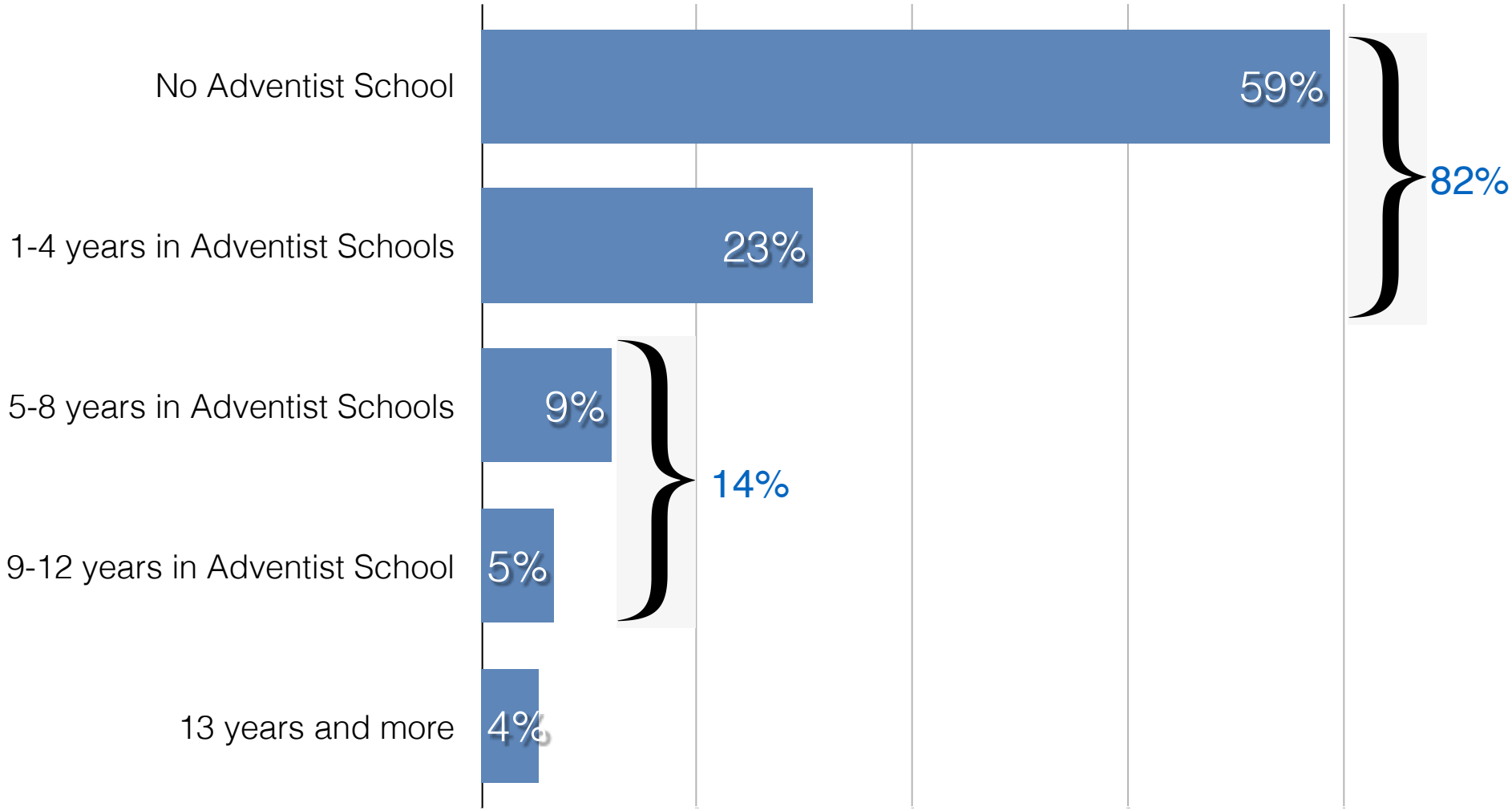

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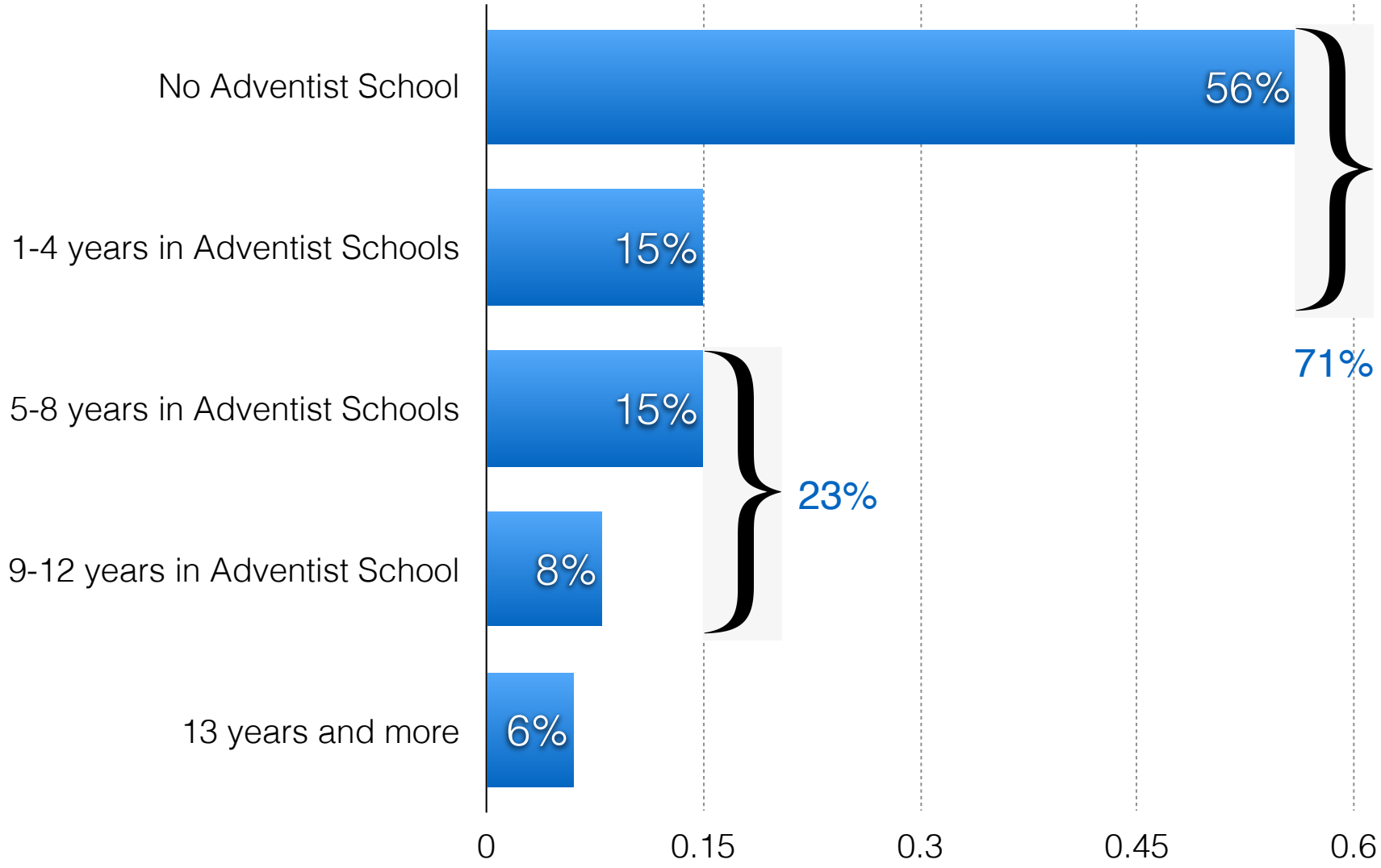

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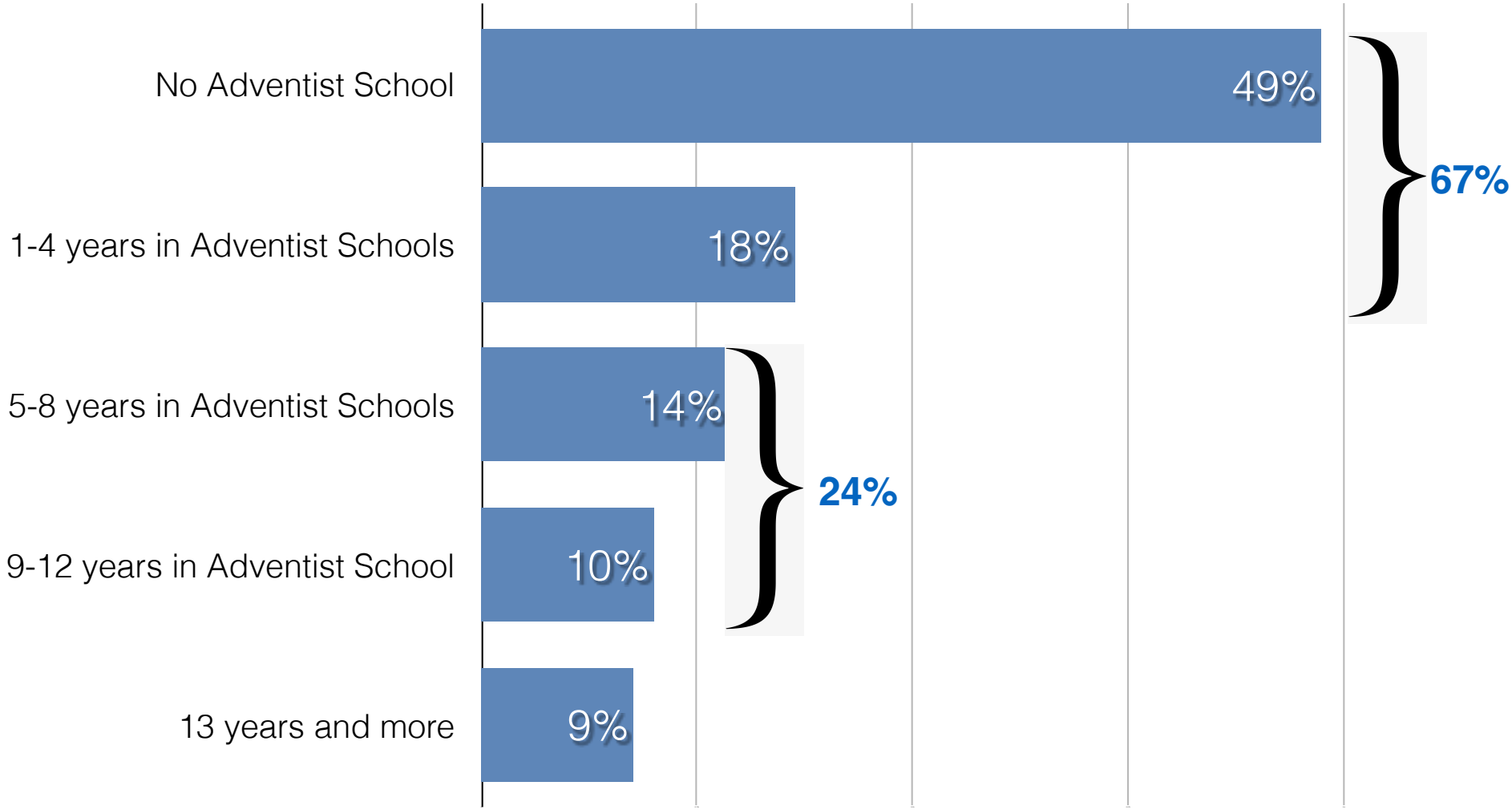
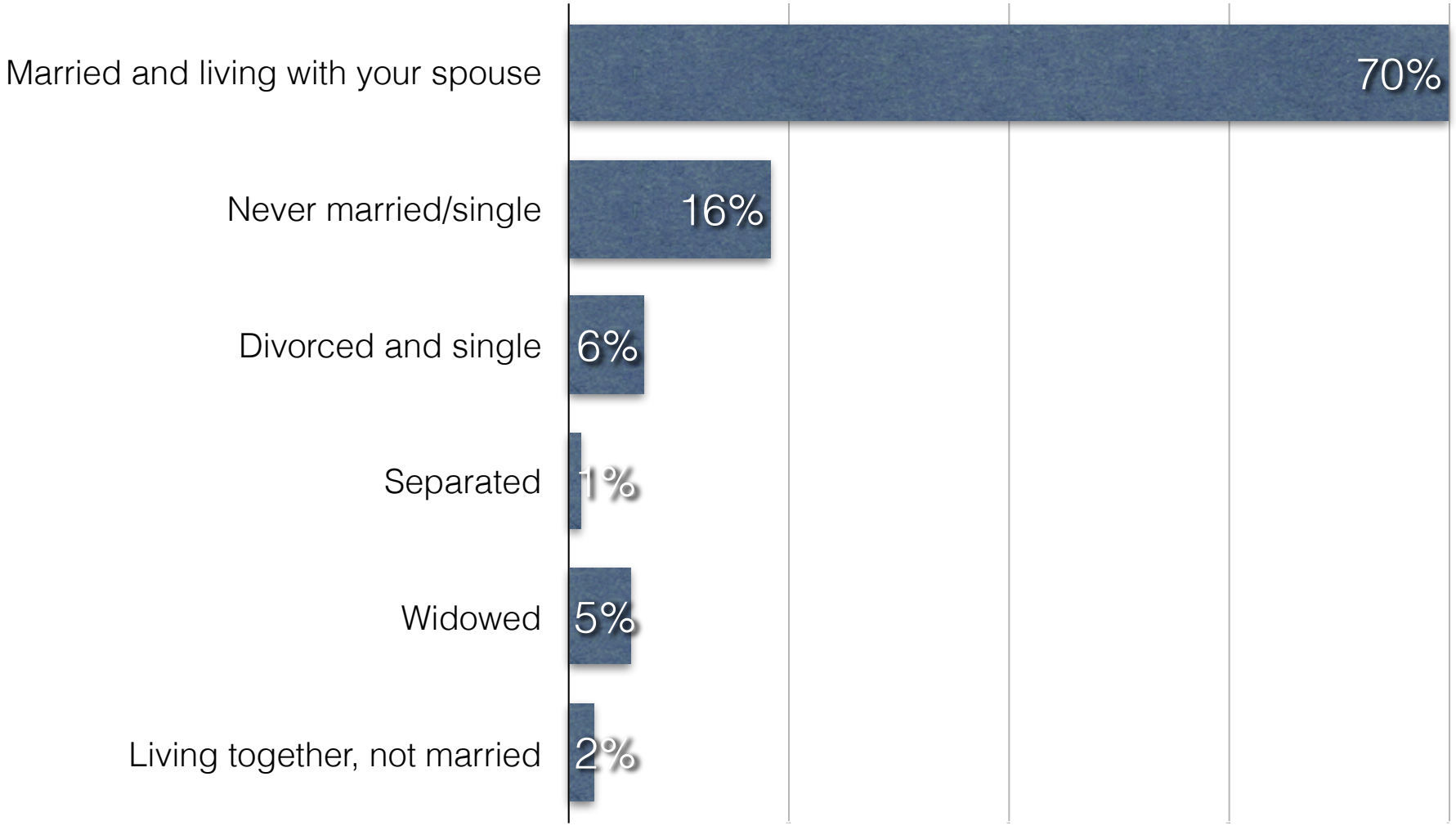
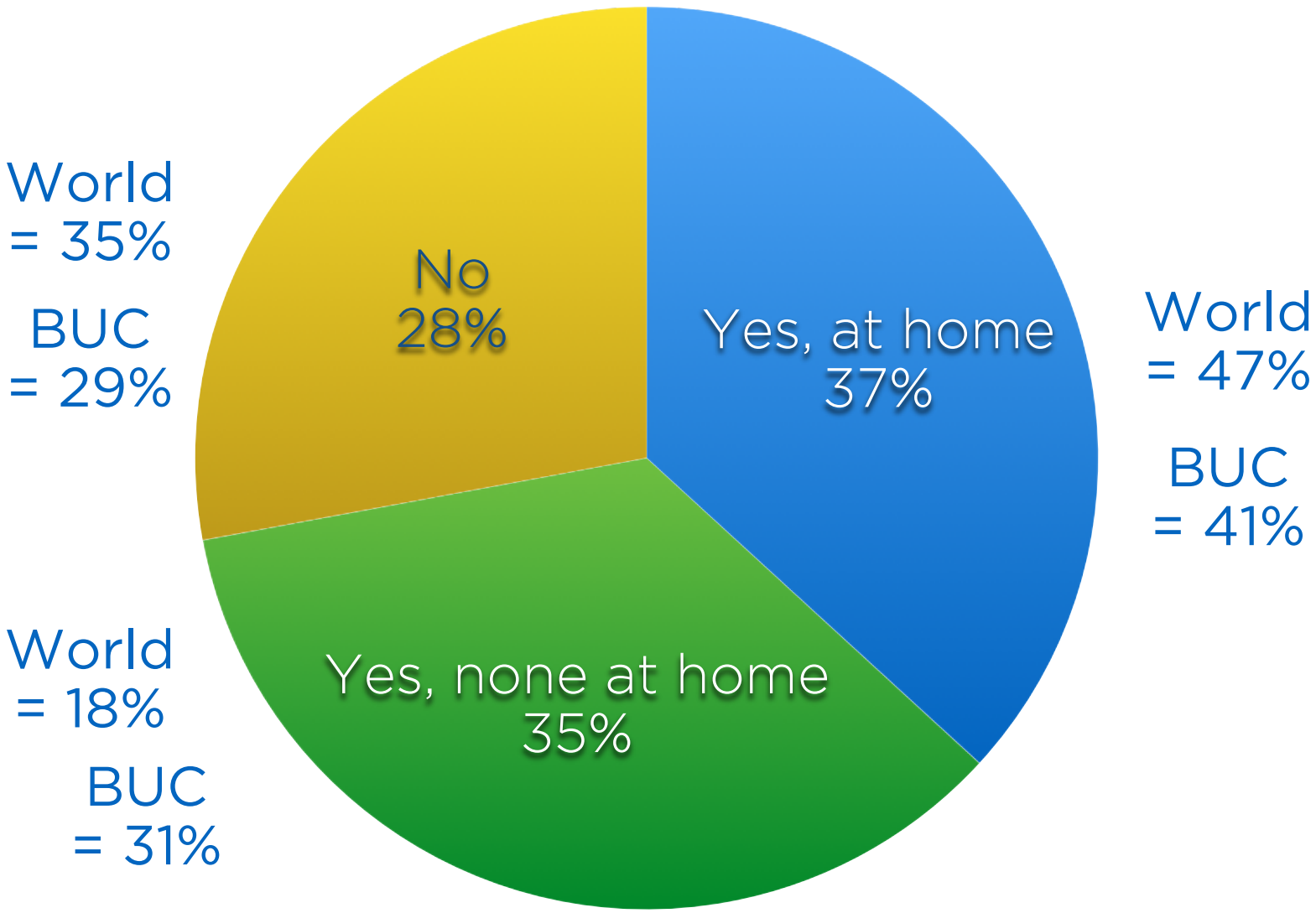


# Marital status (TED/BUC)



# Do you have any children?



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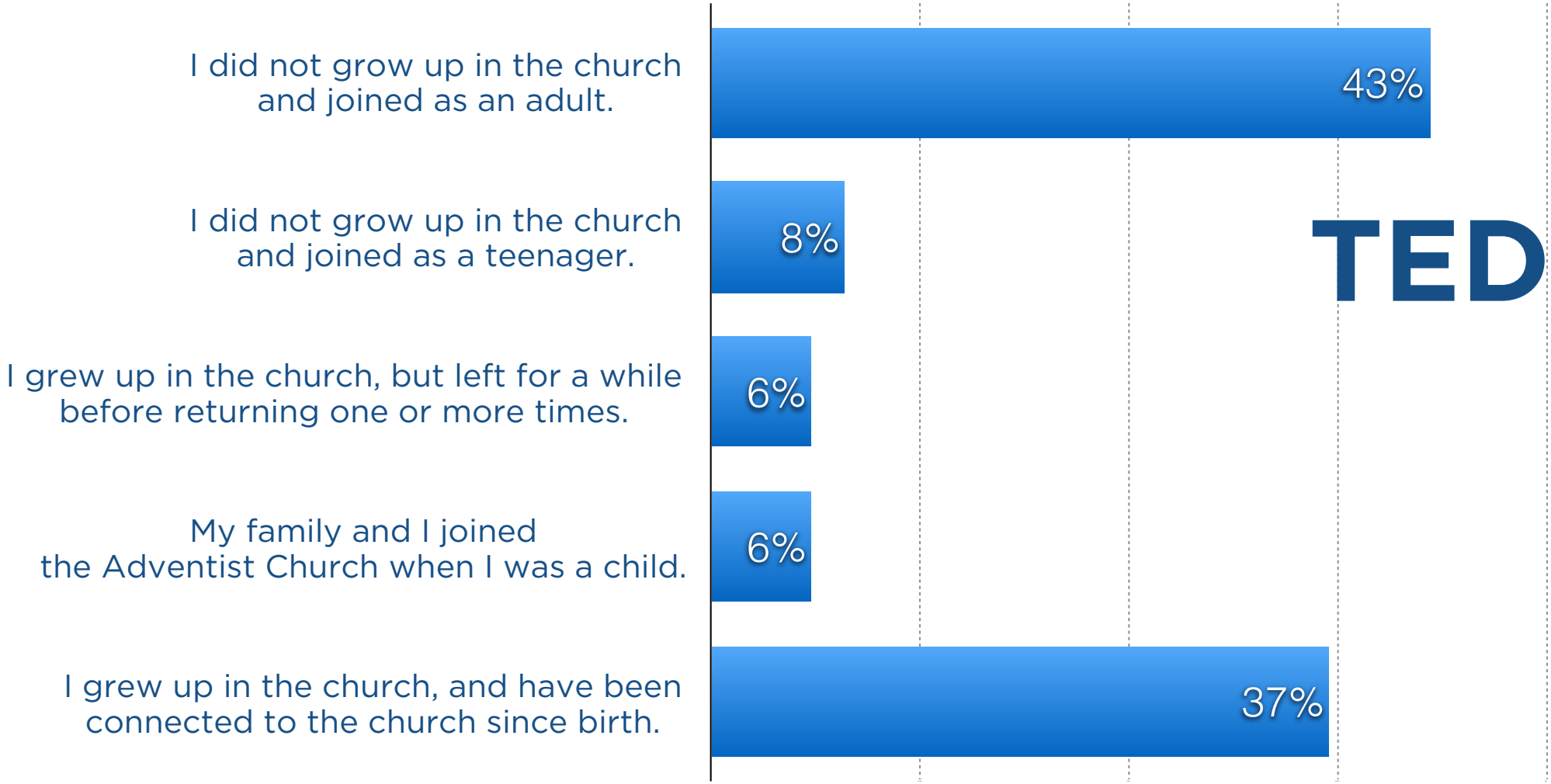

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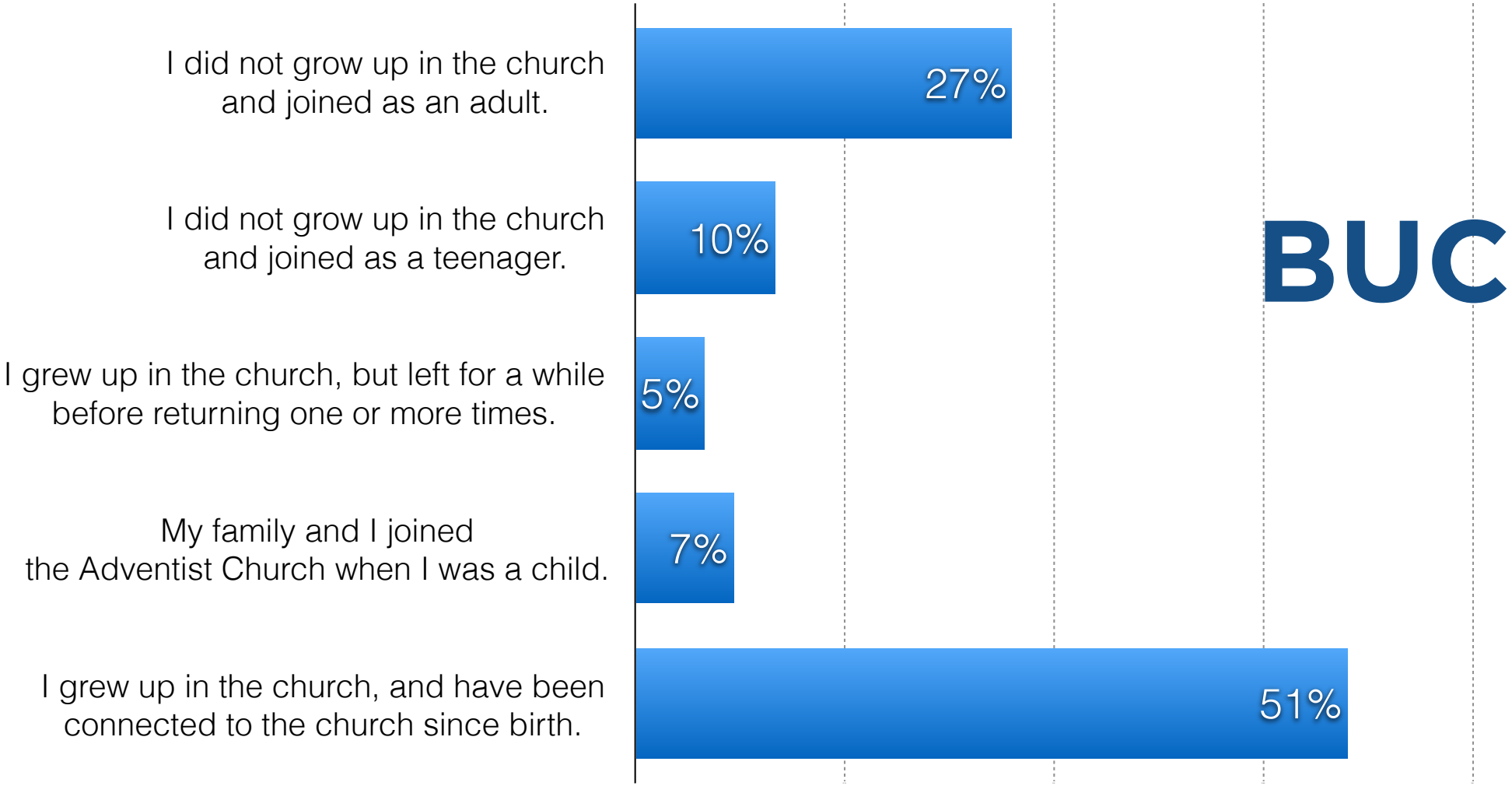


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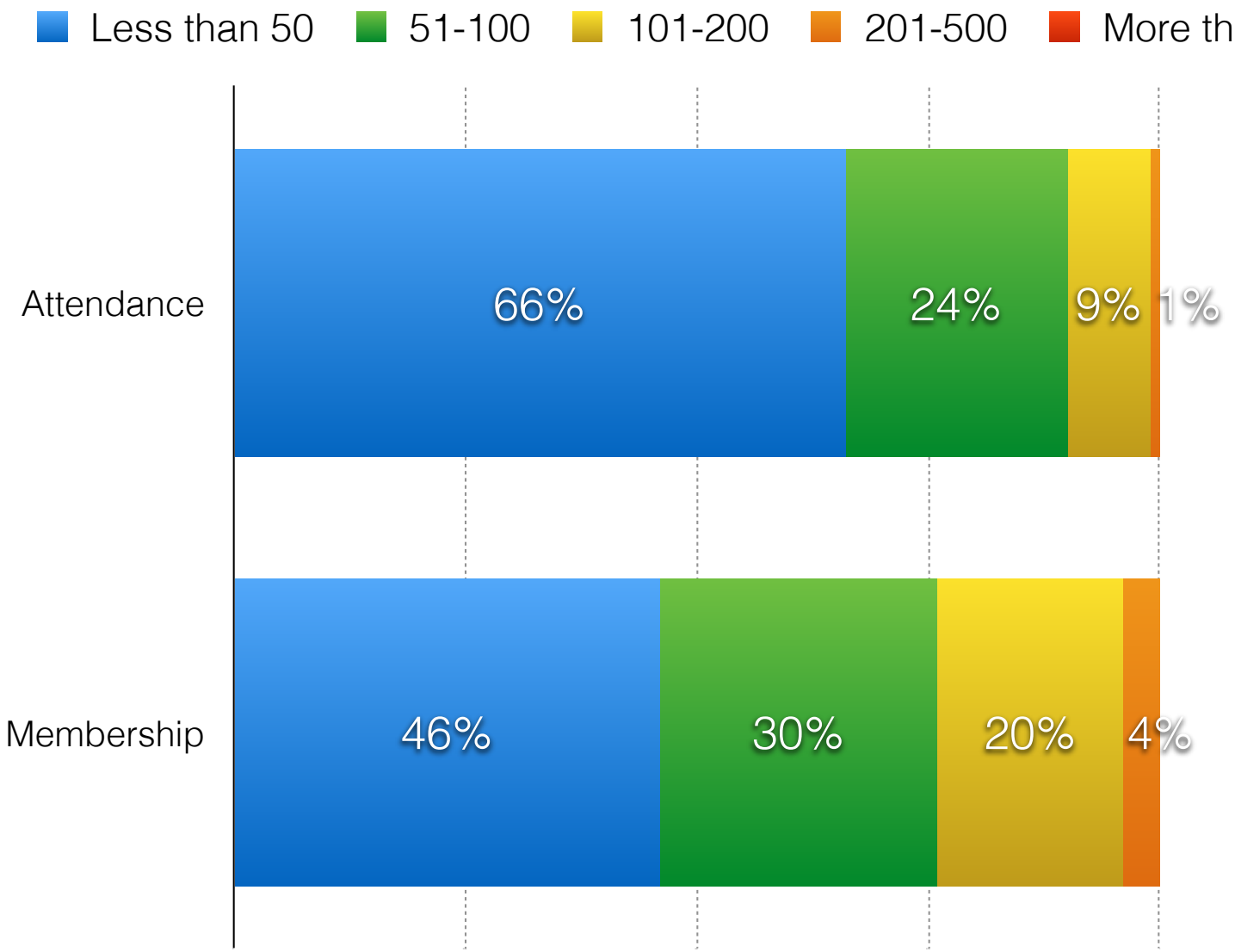
# VITAL SPIRITUAL-LIFE PRACTICES

# Church attendance and Church membership-BUC



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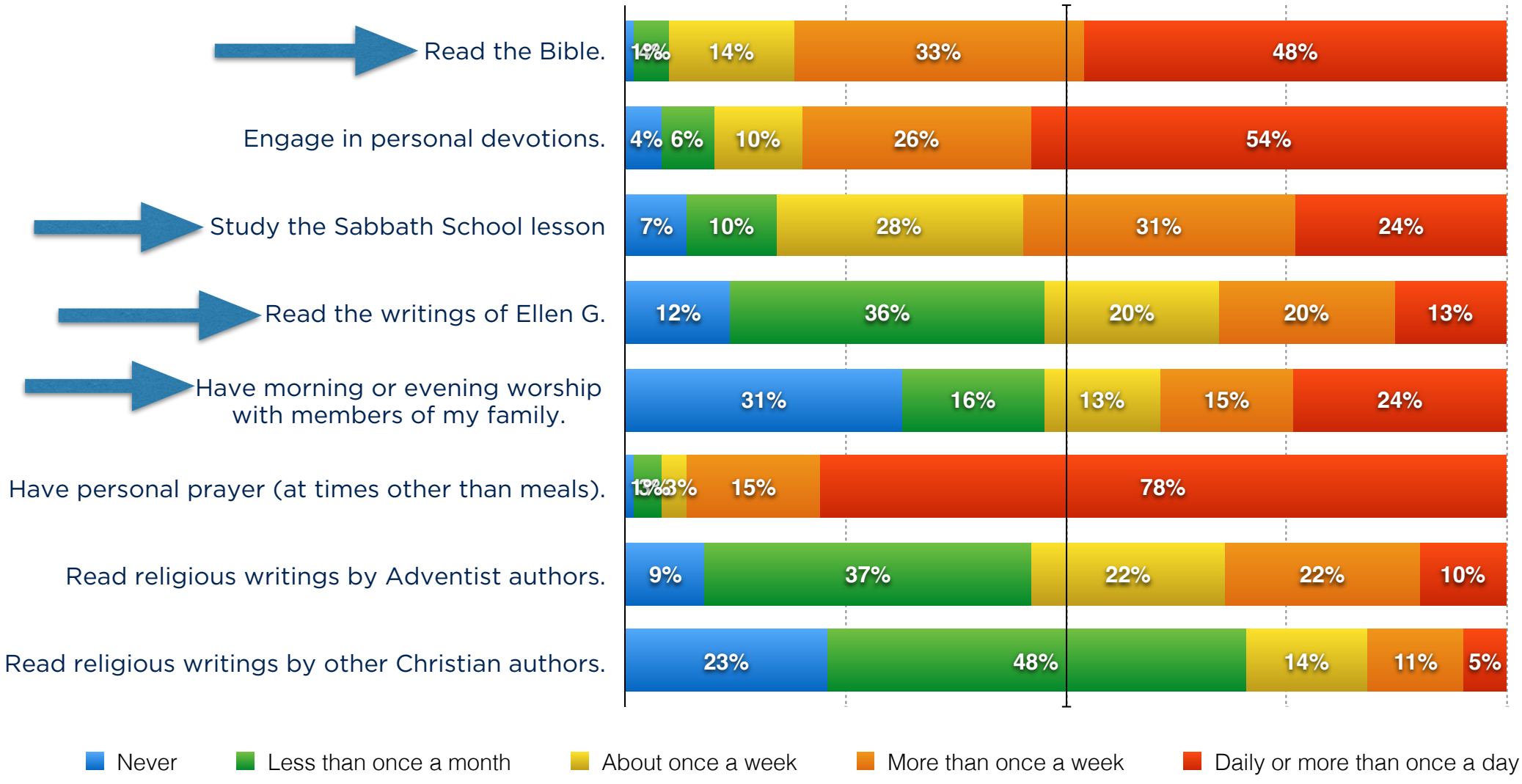

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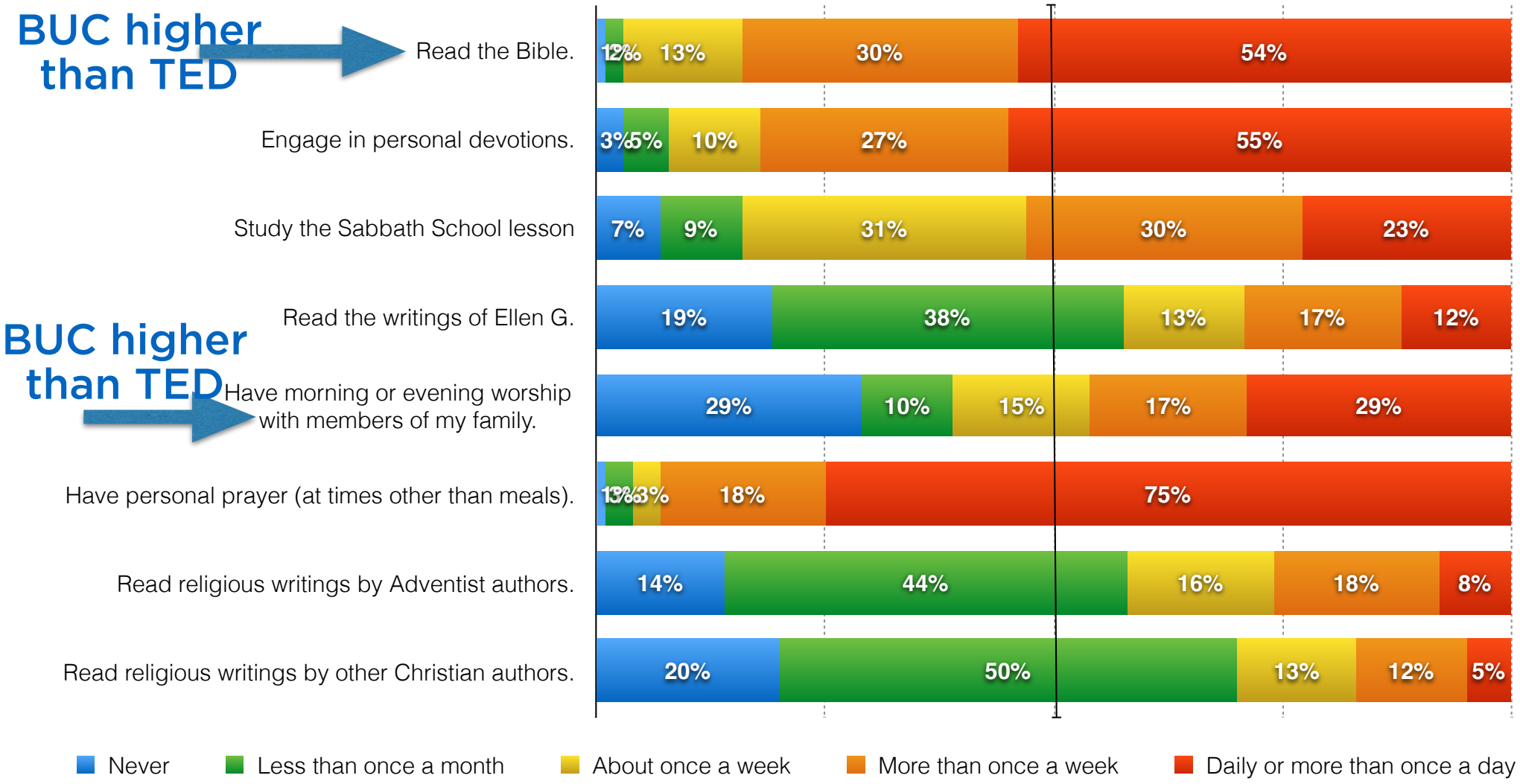

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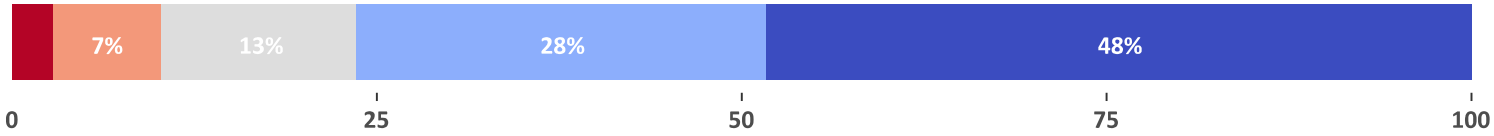
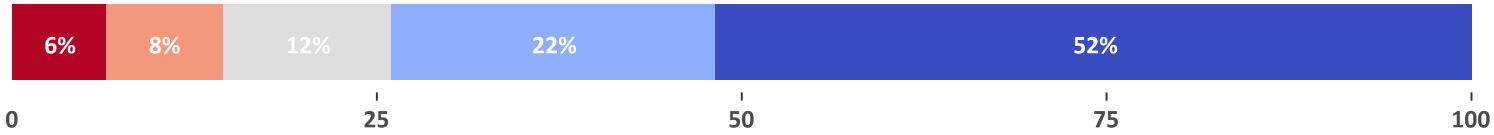
## Bible Reading




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

## Personal Devotions

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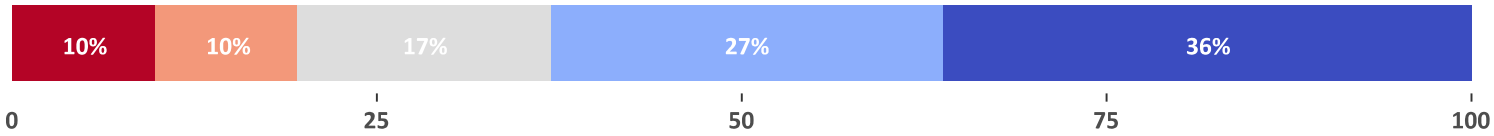
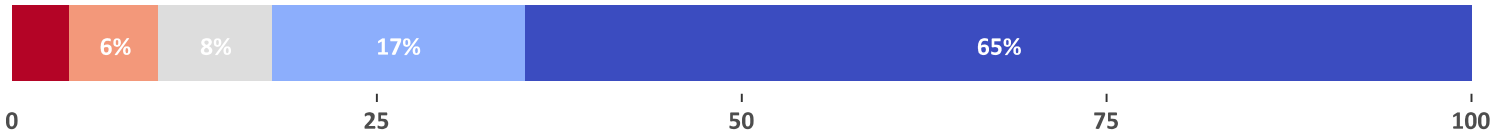



*(Q26.03) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Study the Sabbath School lesson*

## Personal Prayer

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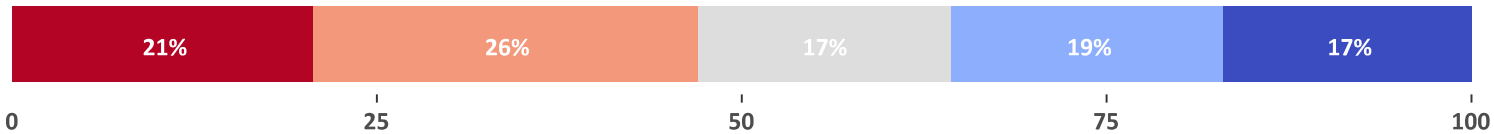
## Read the Writings of Ellen White

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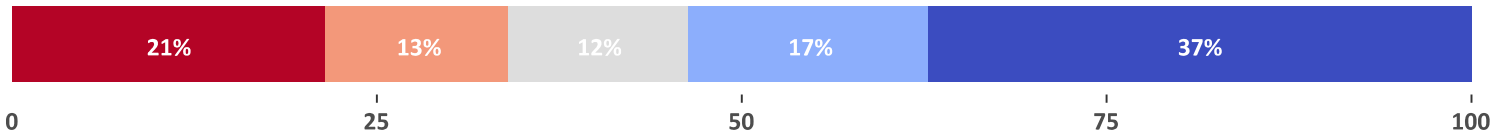
## Family Worship

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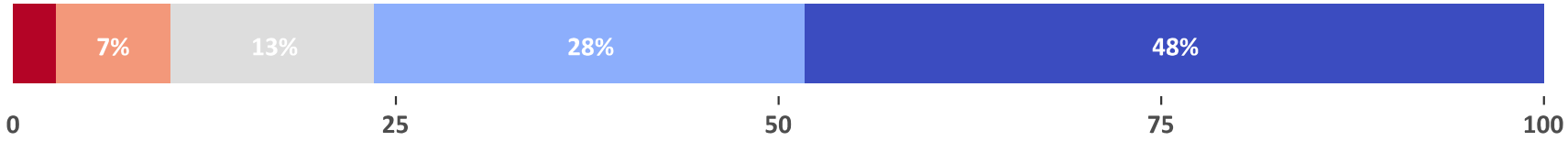


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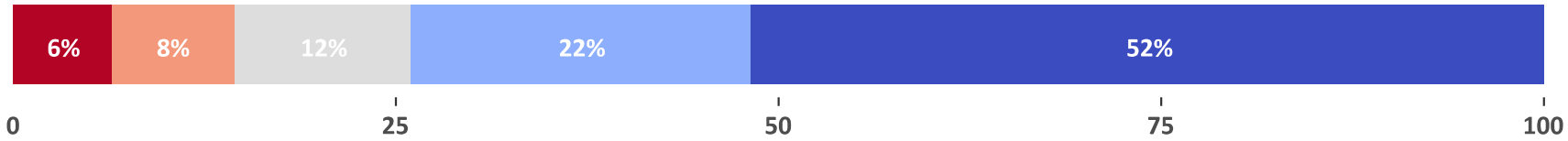


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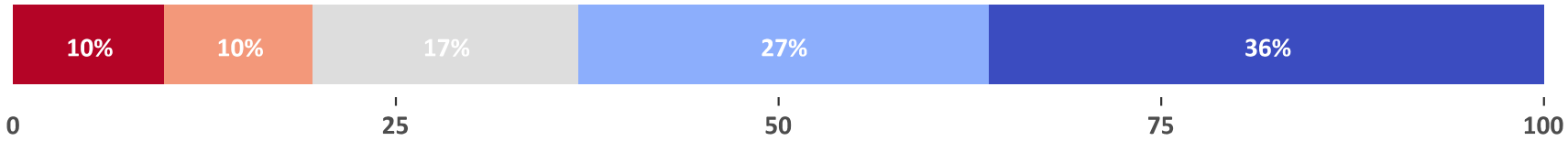


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# World

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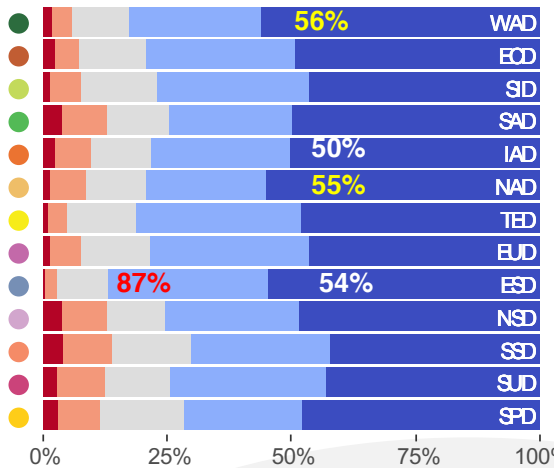


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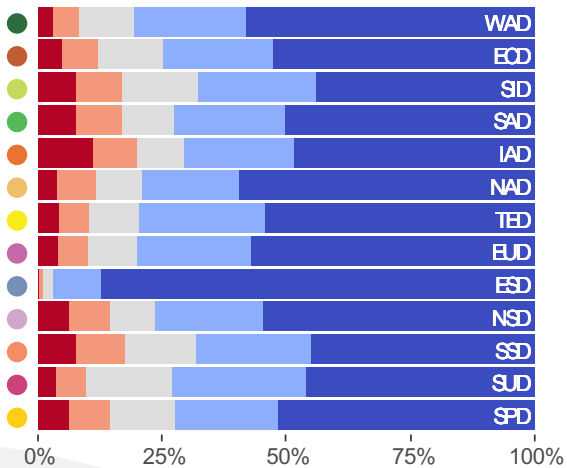


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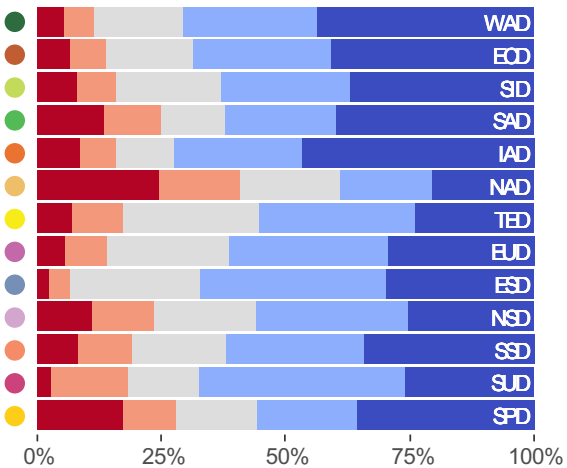

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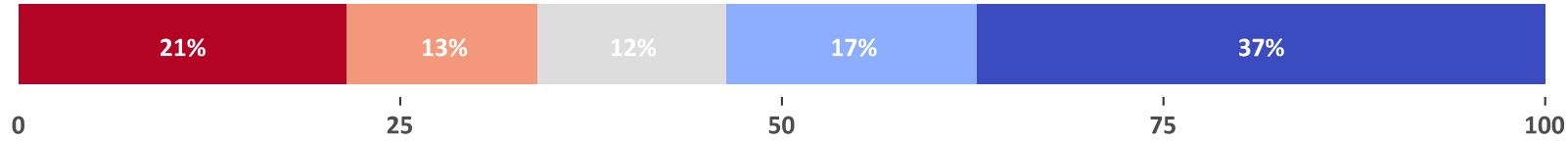
## Family Worship

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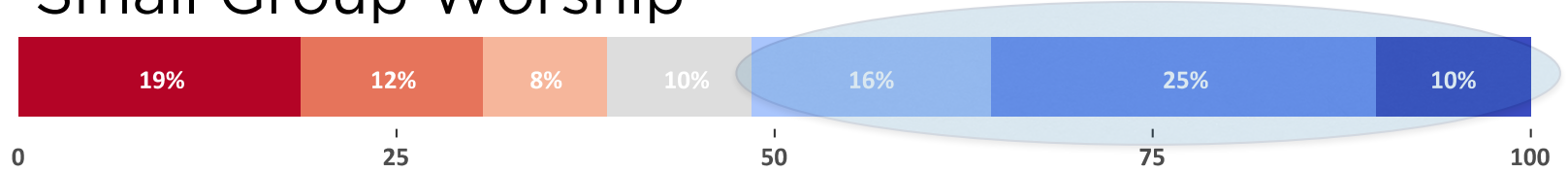
## Small Group Worship

*Several times per week = 51%*




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

Never | Only Once or Twice | At Least Once a Quarter | Once a Month | Almost Every Week | Every Week | More than Once a Week

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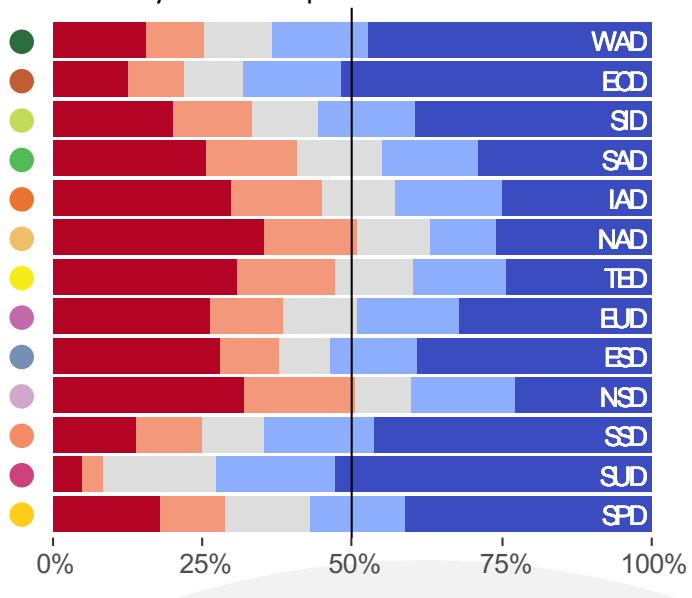


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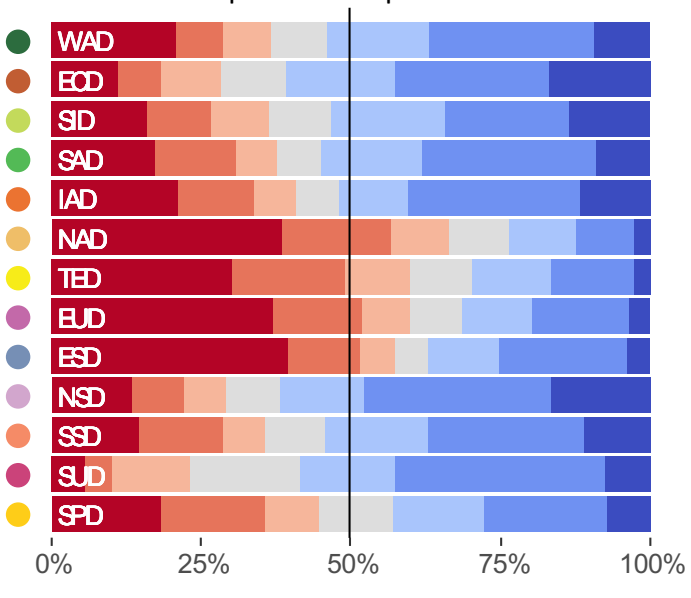

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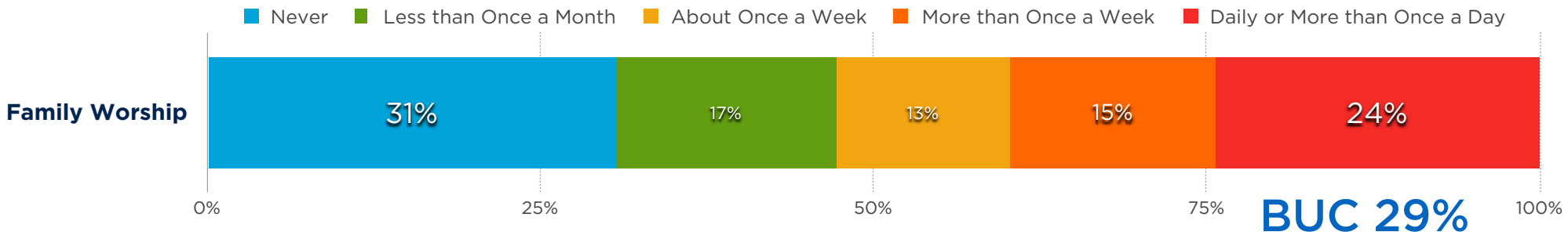
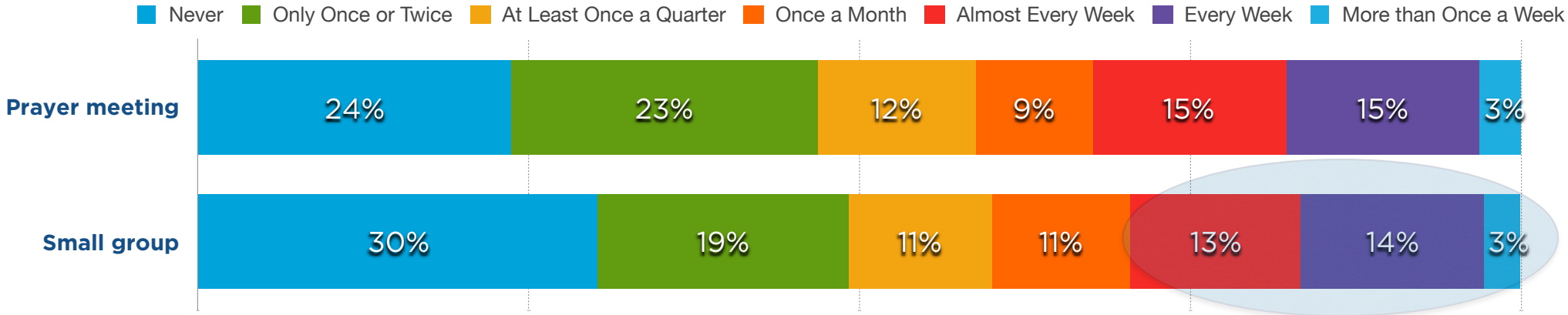



BUC 29%

*World Church never = 21%*

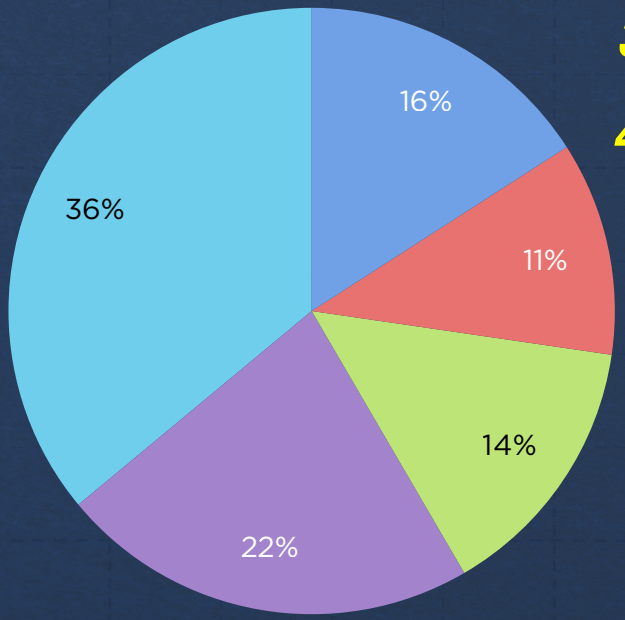



*Several times per week = 40%*

# World: Family Worship

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

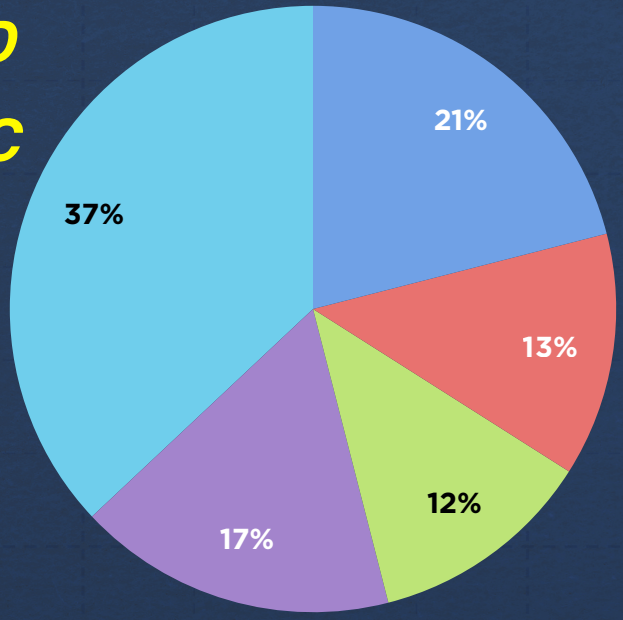
**2013**




***39% in TED***

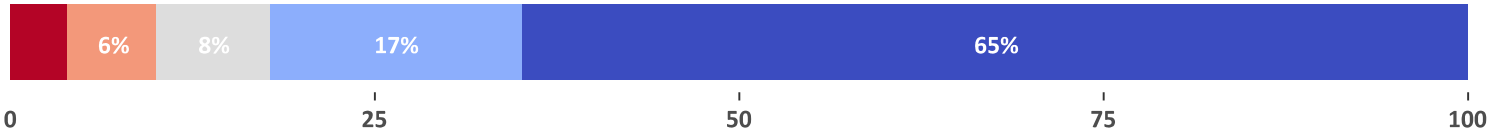
***46% in BUC***

**2018**



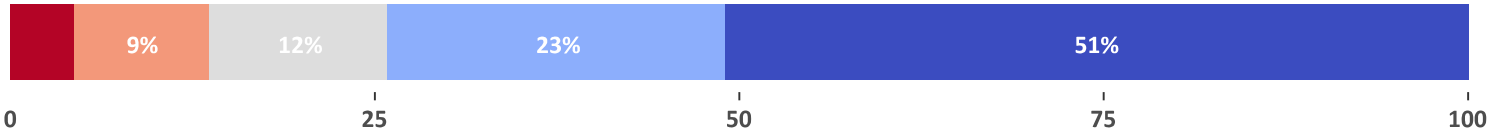
# World

## Personal Prayer



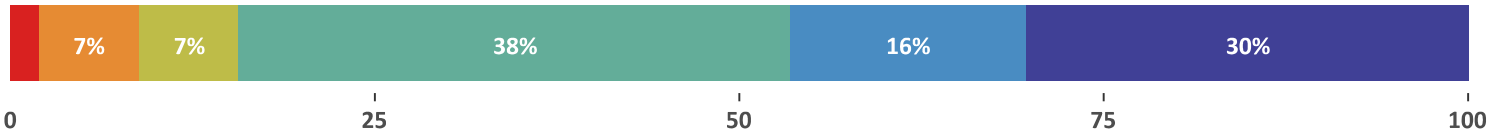

*(Q26.06) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Have personal prayer*

## Think About Jesus' Life

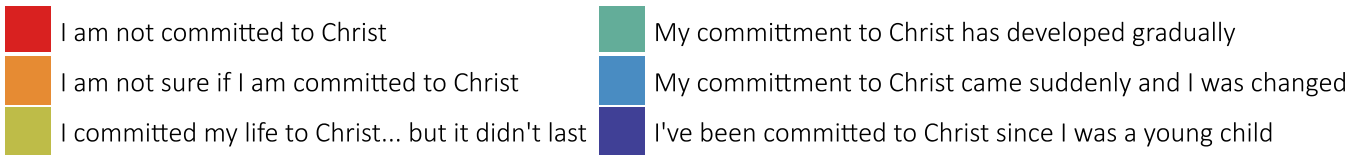



*(Q26.22) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Spend time thinking about Jesus' life*

## Commitment to Christ




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

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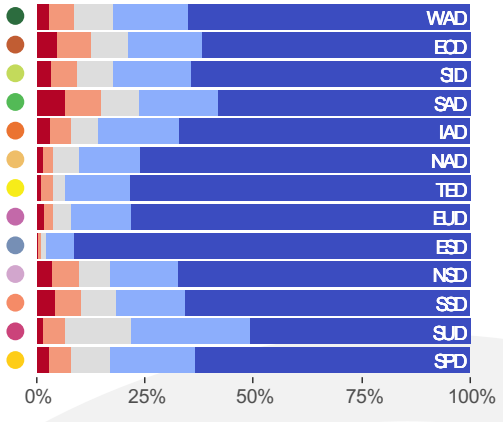


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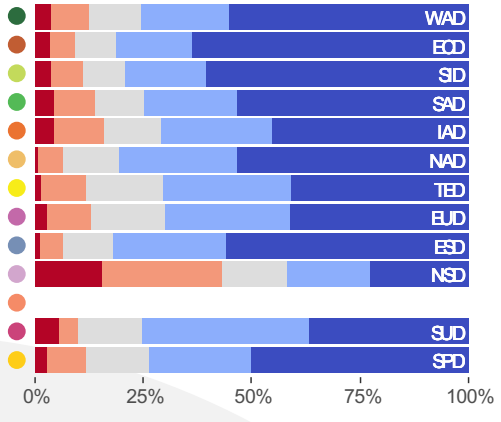
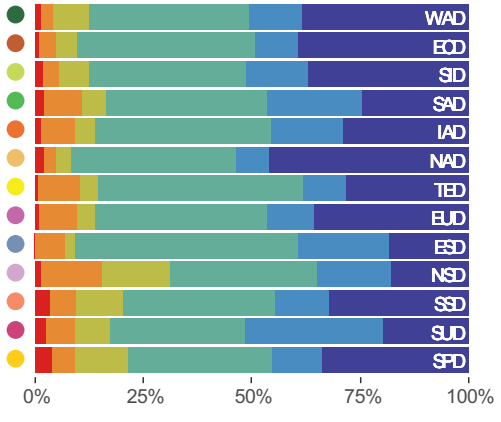
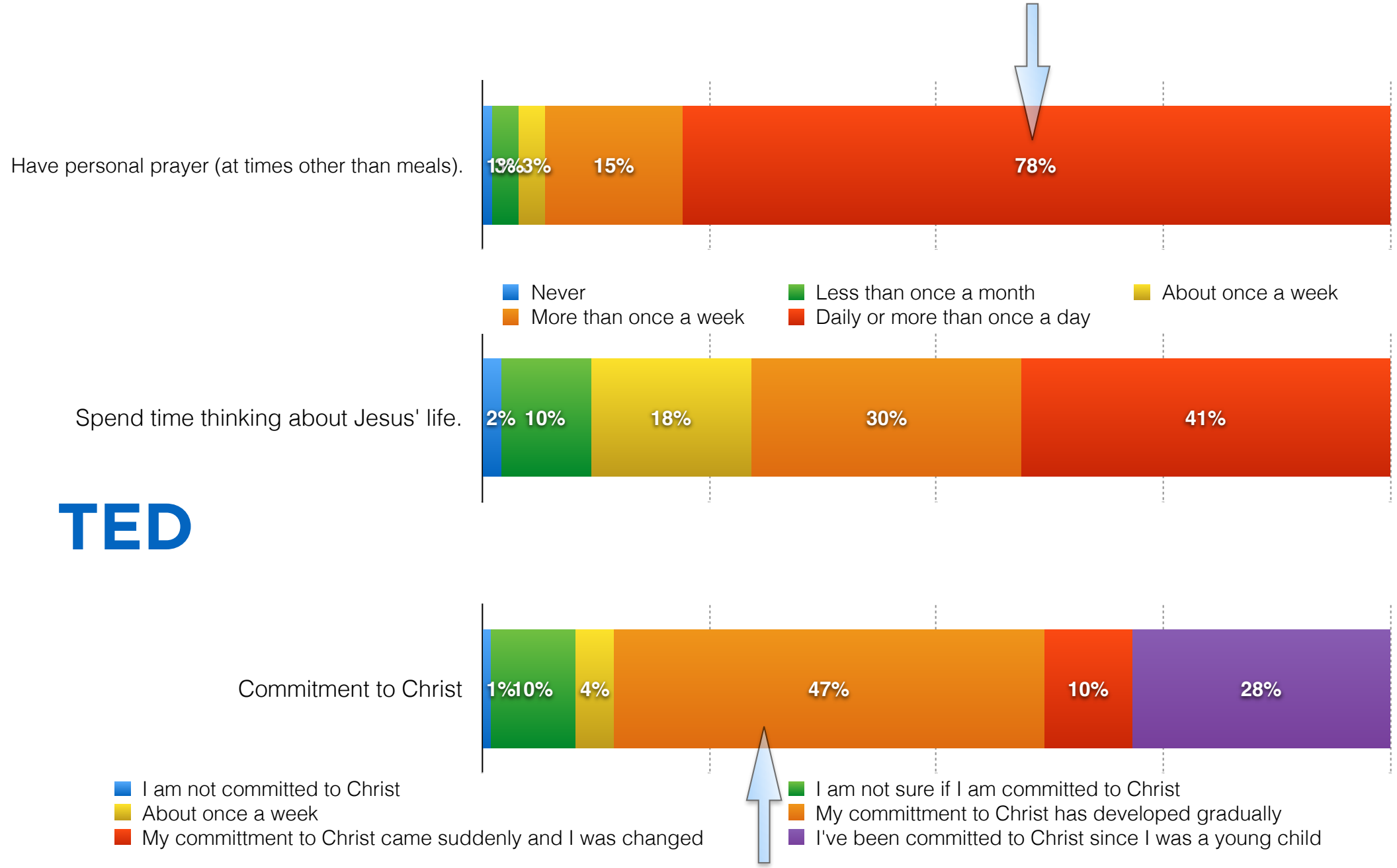



## Commitment to Christ




Have personal prayer (at times other than meals).
1%
3%
15%
78%
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.
2%
10%
18%
30%
41%
Commitment to Christ
1%
10%
4%
47%
10%
28%
I am not committed to Christ
I am not sure if I am committed to Christ
About once a week
My committment to Christ has developed gradually
My committment to Christ came suddenly and I was changed
I've been committed to Christ since I was a young child

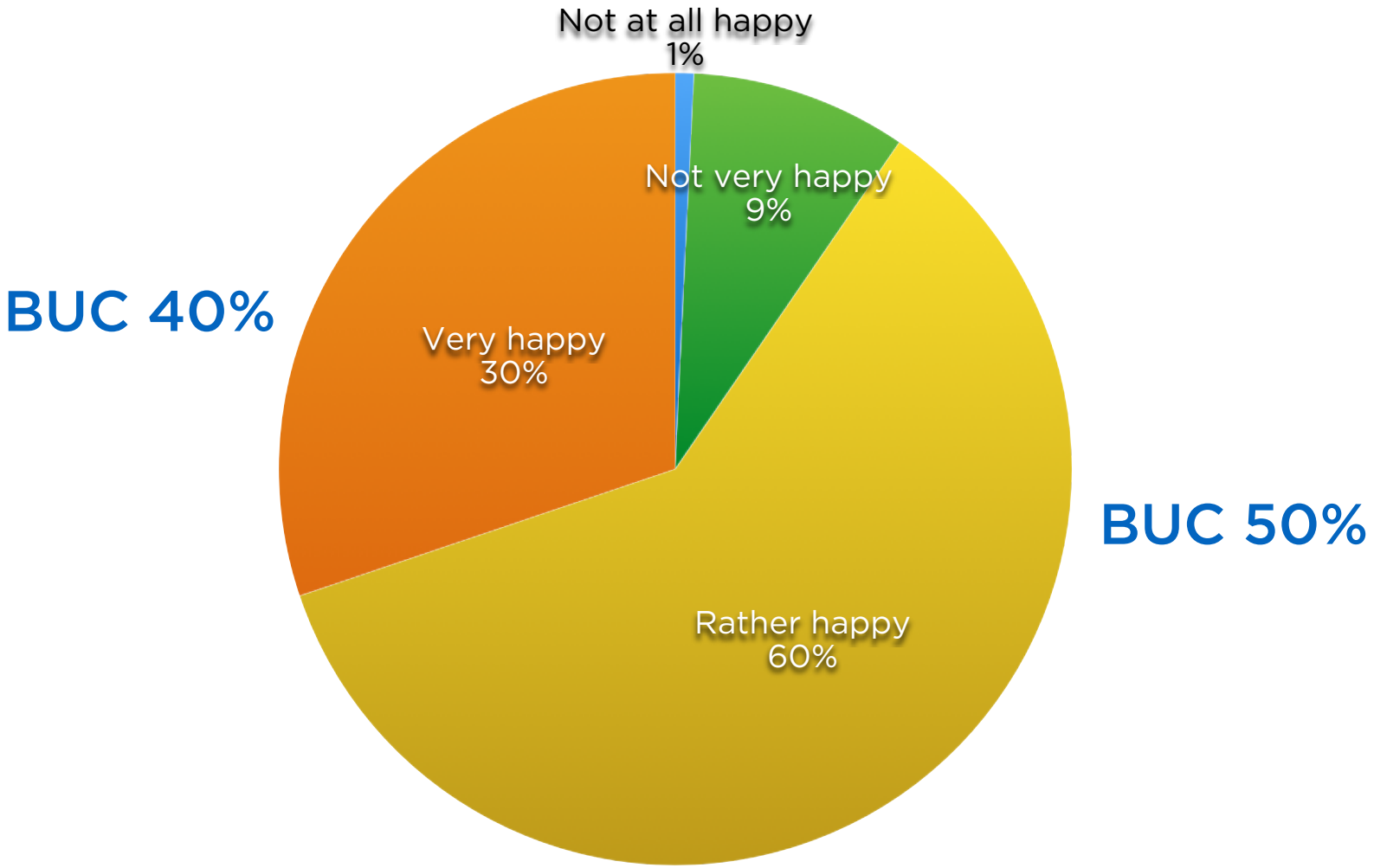
TED

# ATTITUDES

# *and*

# PERSPECTIVES

# TED: How happy are Church members?



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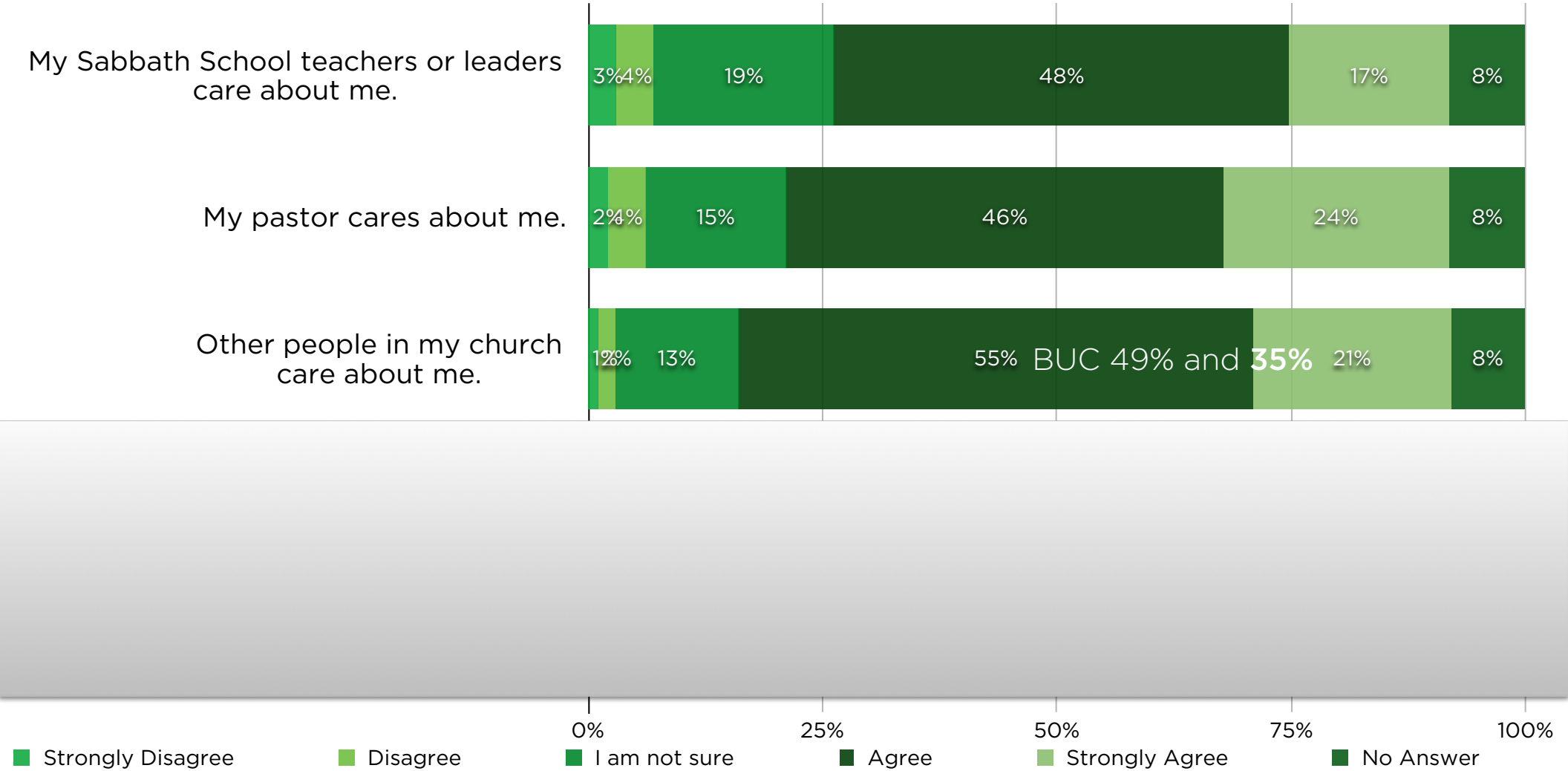

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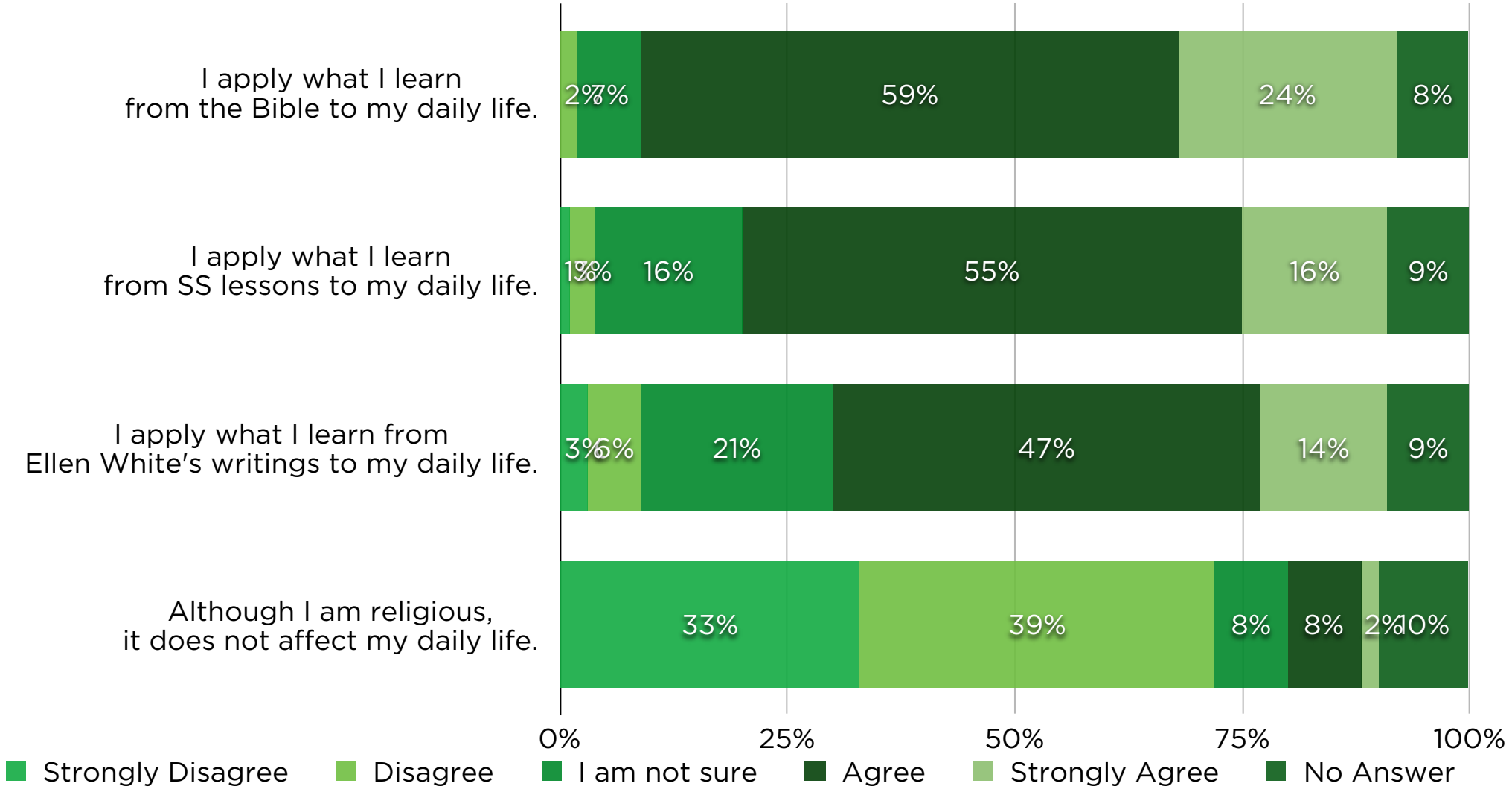
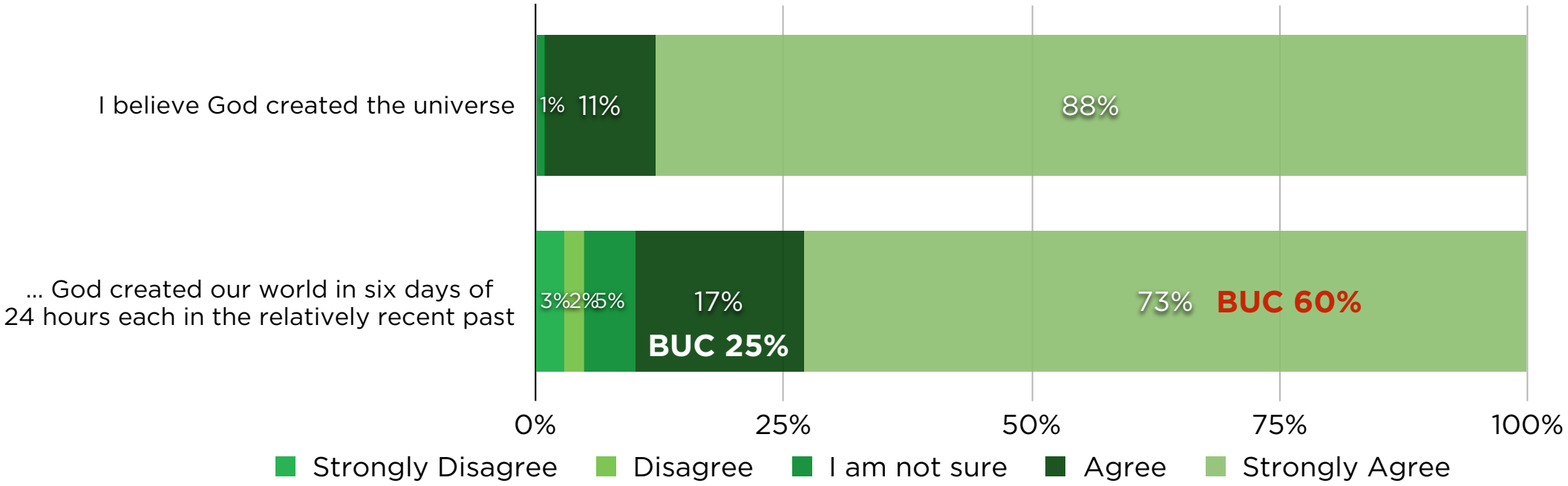
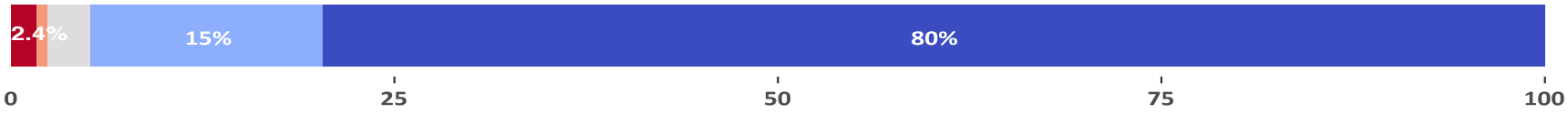


# TED/BUC data on Creation



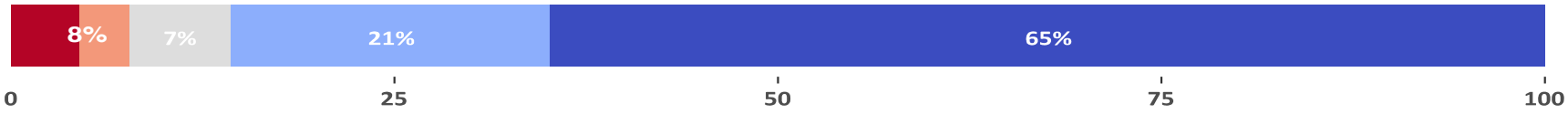
# WORLD

## God is Creator



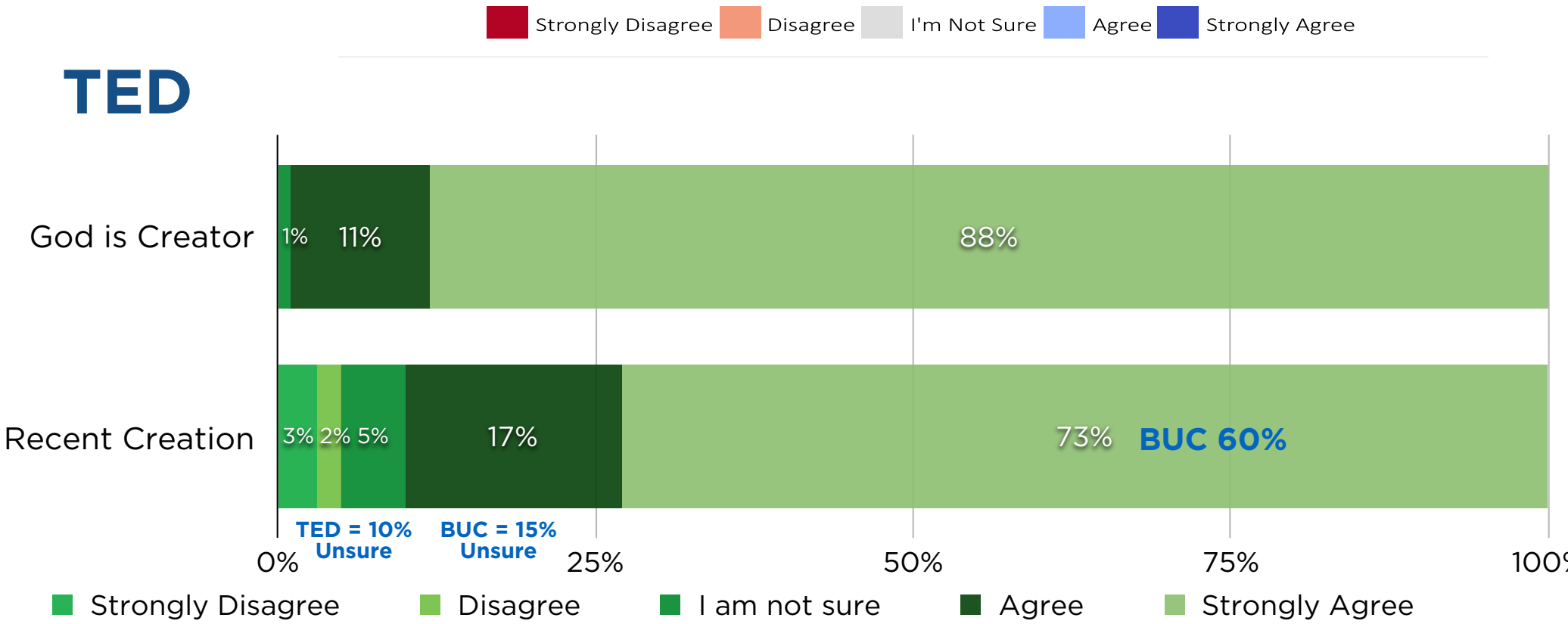

*(Q42.17) Fundamental beliefs: I believe God created the universe.*

## Recent Creation




*(Q42.05) Fundamental beliefs: I believe God created the world in six days of 24 hours each in the relatively recent past.*

# TED



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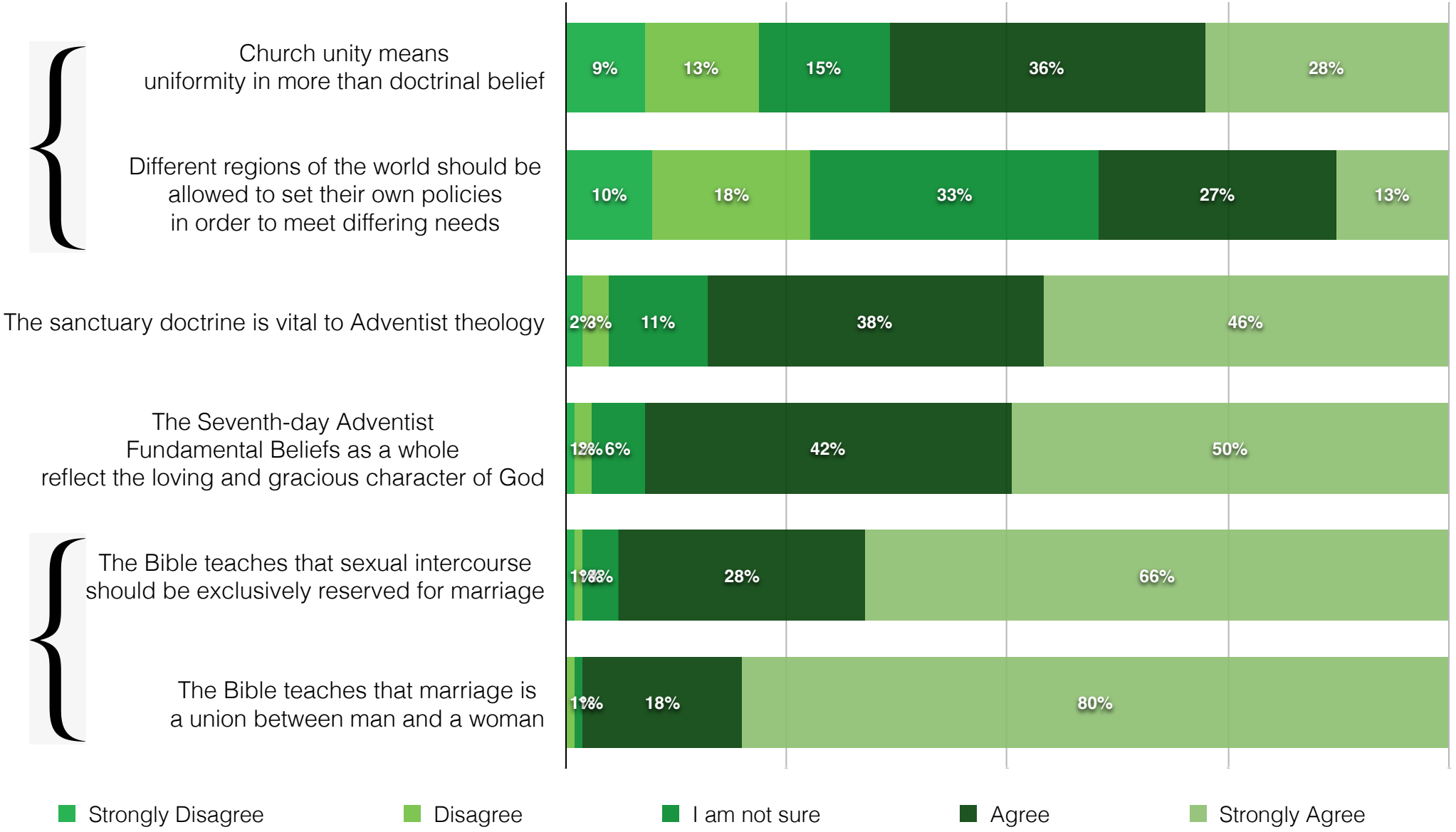

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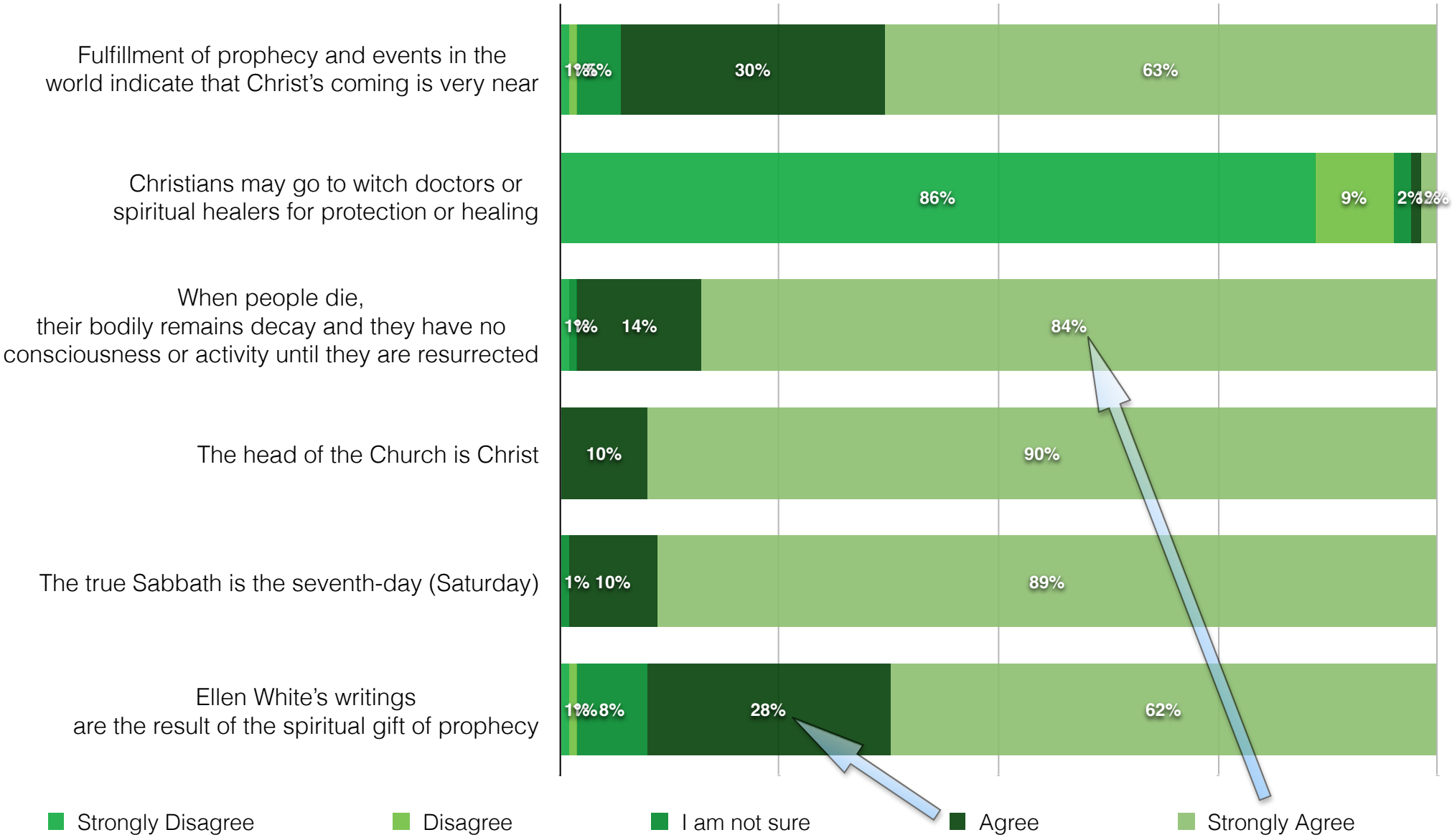

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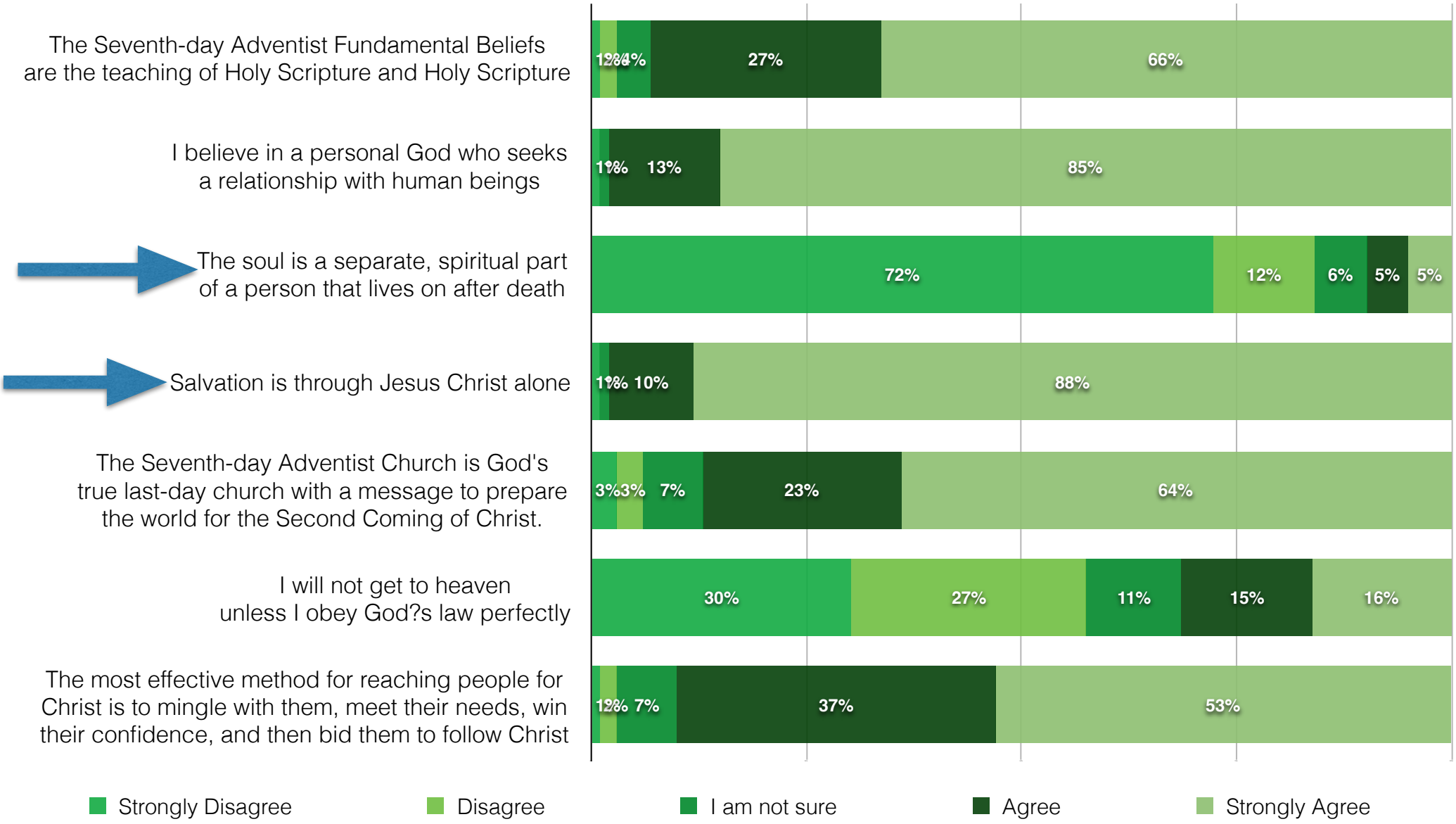
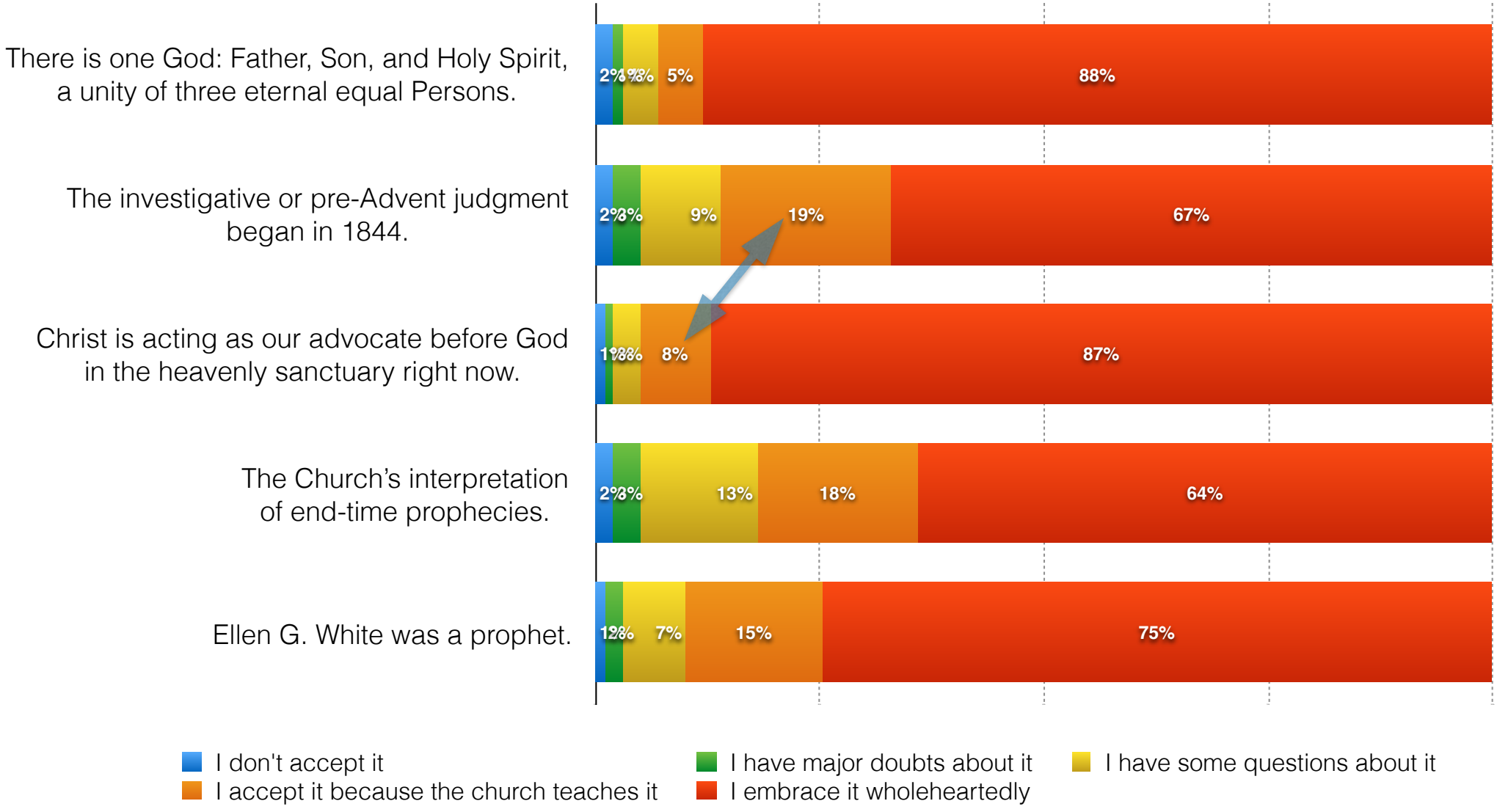


# TED - To what extent do you accept the following church teachings?

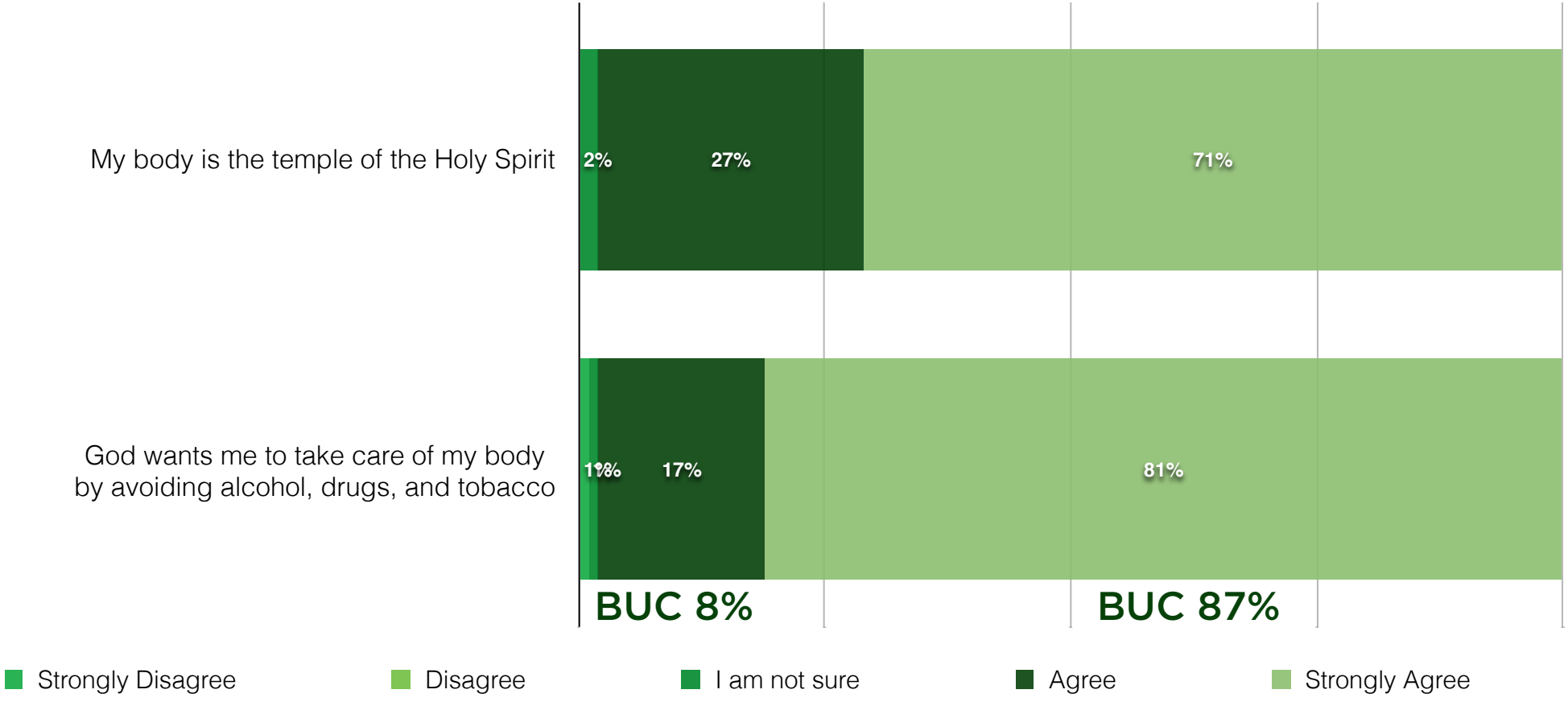
***All these TED results are within the margin of error of world Church results***



# HEALTHY LIVING

## (in principle and in practice)

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



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

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

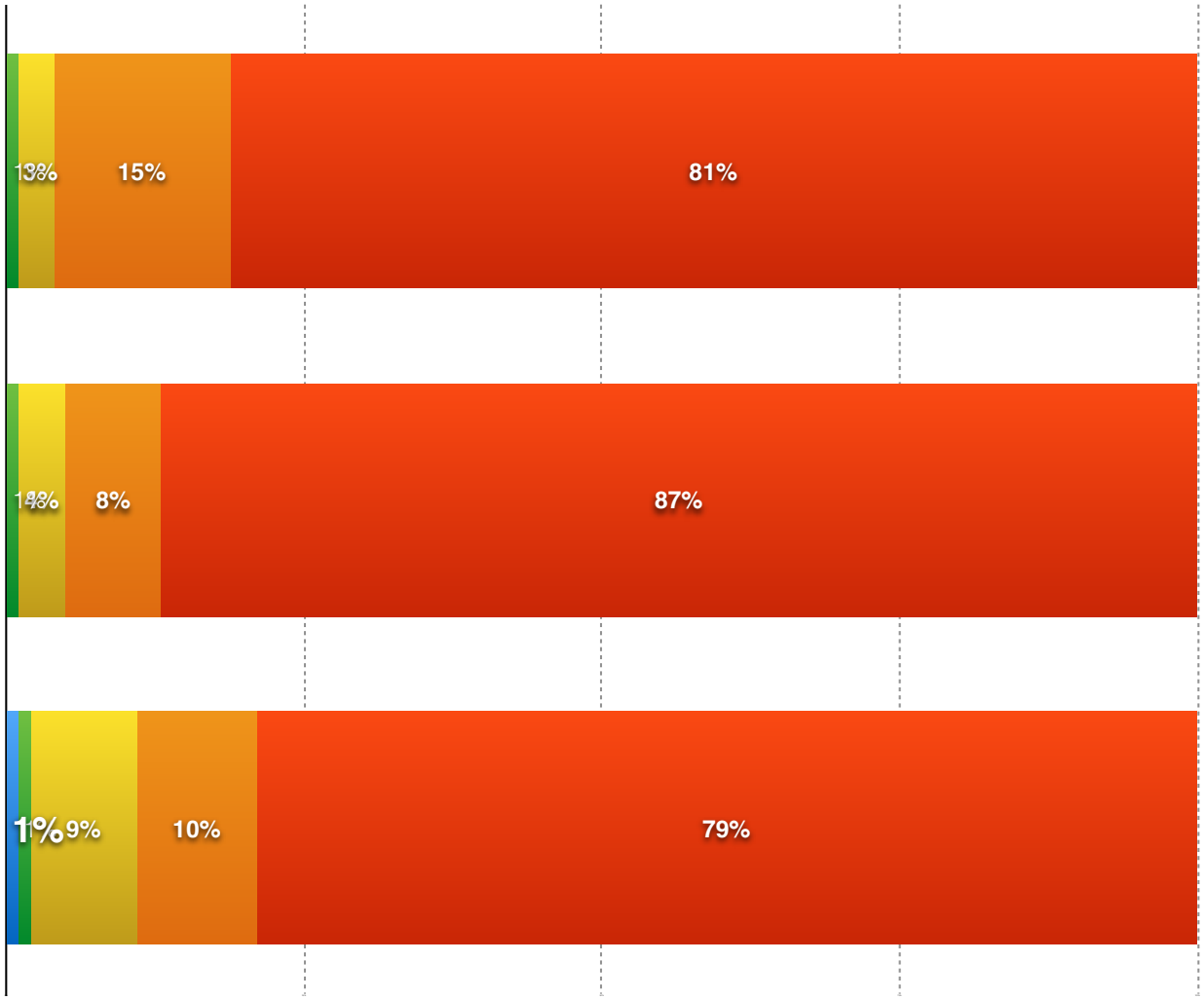
World embrace wholeheartedly = 94%
TED: Accept/Embrace = 96%

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

World: Accept/Embrace = 91%
**TED: Accept/Embrace = 95%**
**BUC: Accept/Embrace = 89%**

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

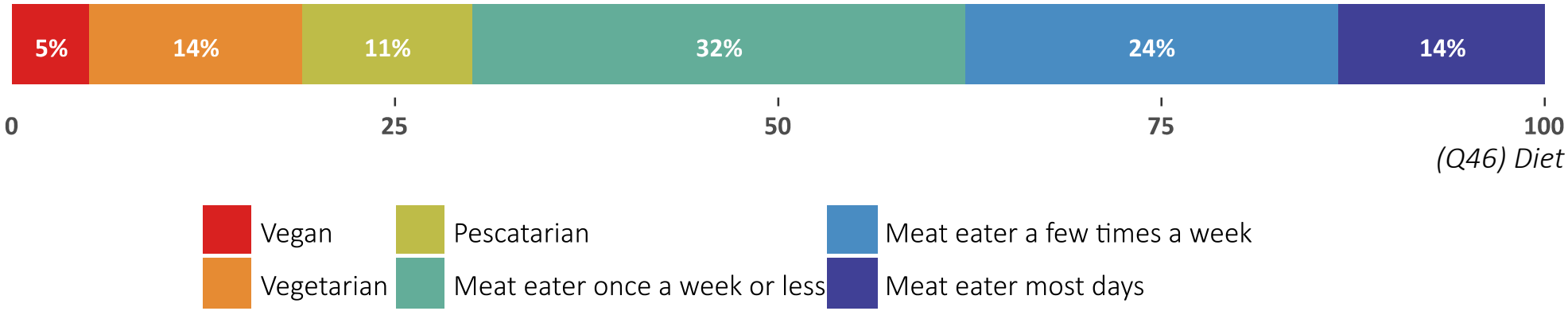
**World embrace wholeheartedly = 92%**
TED: Accept/Embrace = 89%
**BUC: Accept/Embrace = 95%**




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

## Diet

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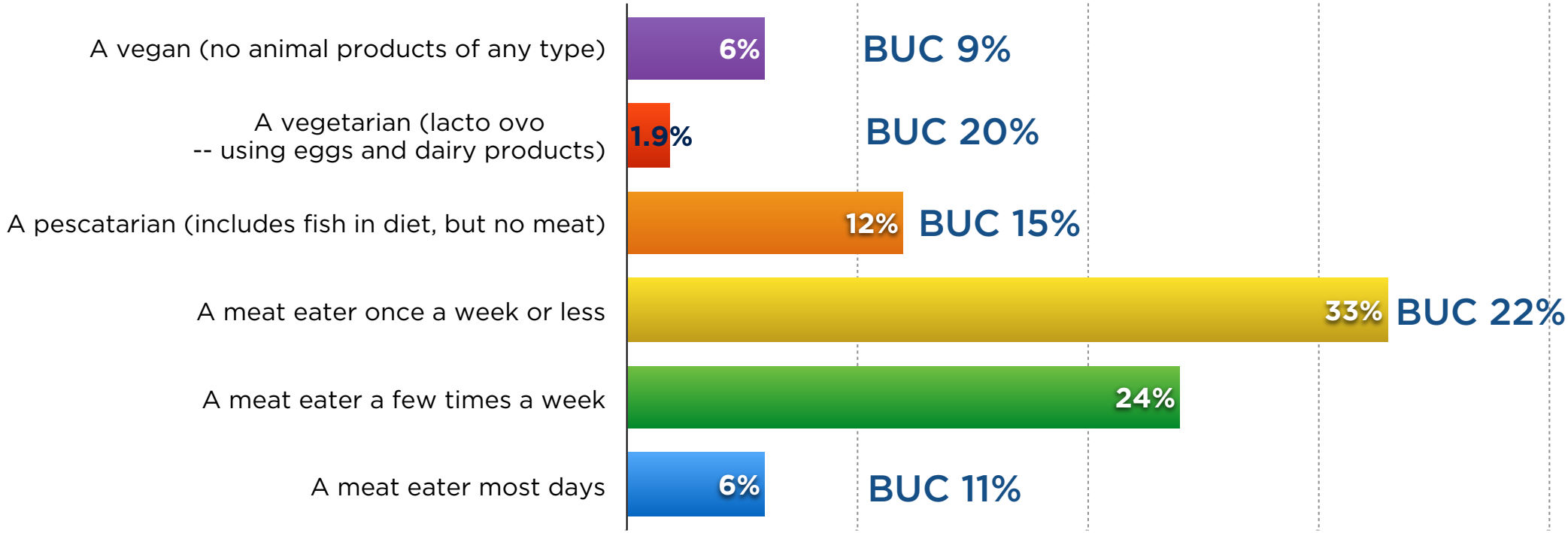
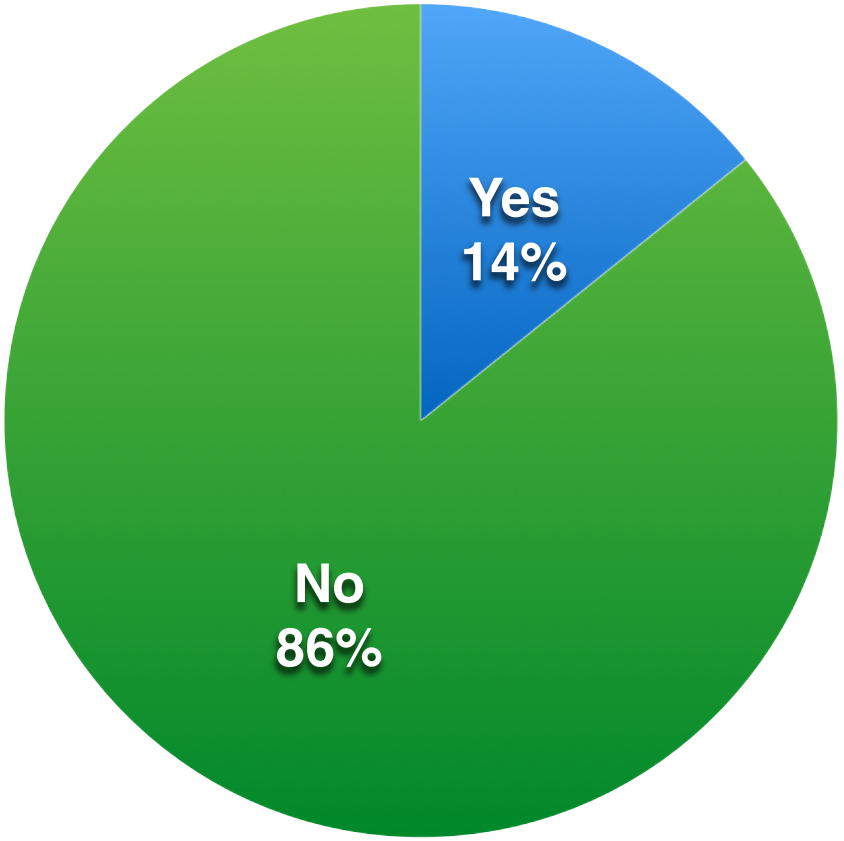
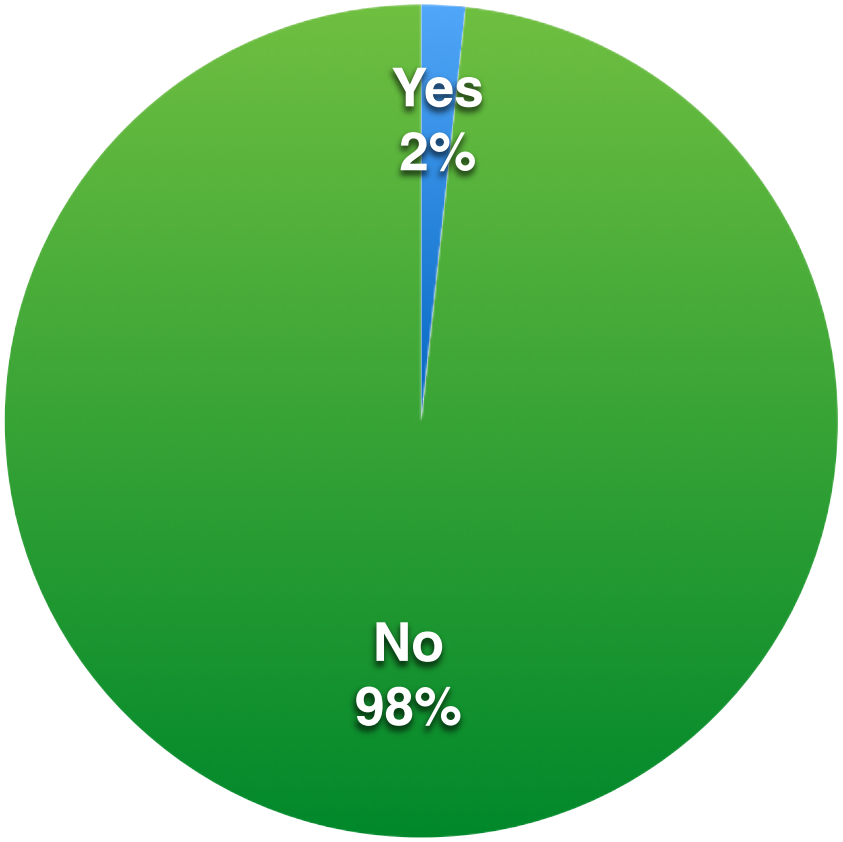


## Have you used alcohol within the last 12 months?




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

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# Conclusion

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

***The data highlight those areas and tell us where things are going well and where improvements need to be made. Research is essential.***