



**Reaching the World:
How did we do?**

**The Global Church
Member Survey
2018**

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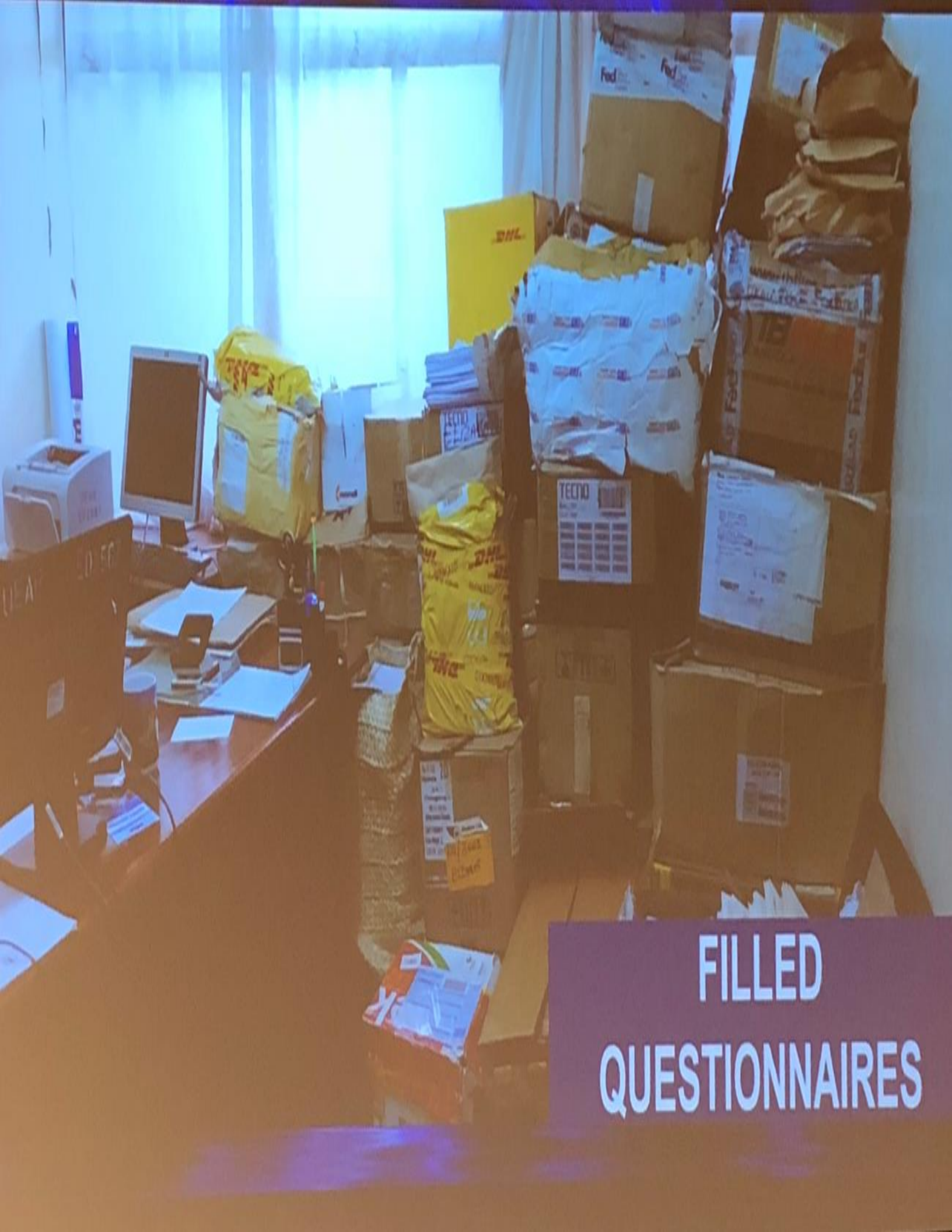
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**FILLED
QUESTIONNAIRES**

... lots of data! Results from each division shared with officers

Today: just sharing key findings



REACH
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**2013 n = 26,343 in 9 divisions –
margin of error = +-3%**

2018 n = 63,756 in 13 divisions



**REACH
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**Almost 2.5 times larger
sample**



n = 63,756

Every question had many “no answers”
But answers to every question = 50K+

Margin of Error = +/- 1%



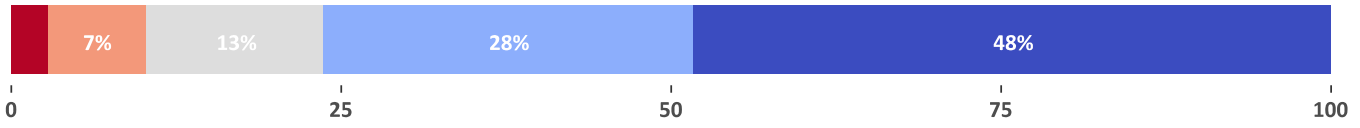
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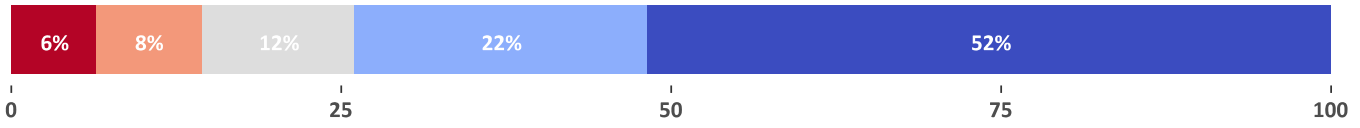
VITAL SPIRITUAL-LIFE PRACTICES

Bible Reading



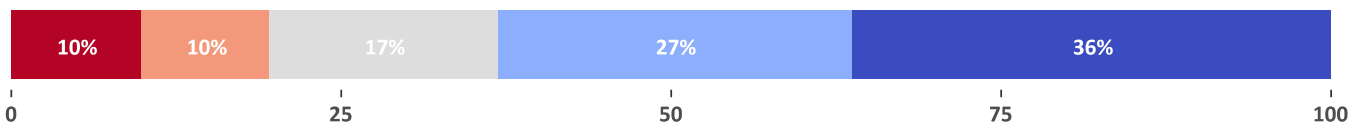
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Personal Devotions



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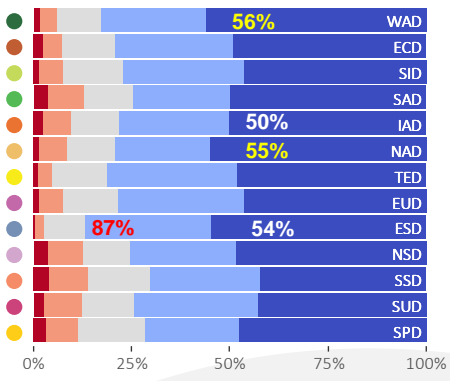
Sabbath School Lesson



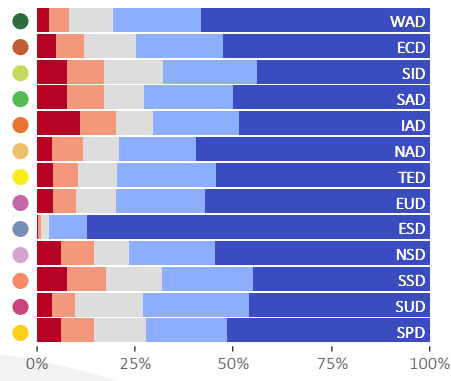
(Q26.03) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Study the Sabbath School lesson

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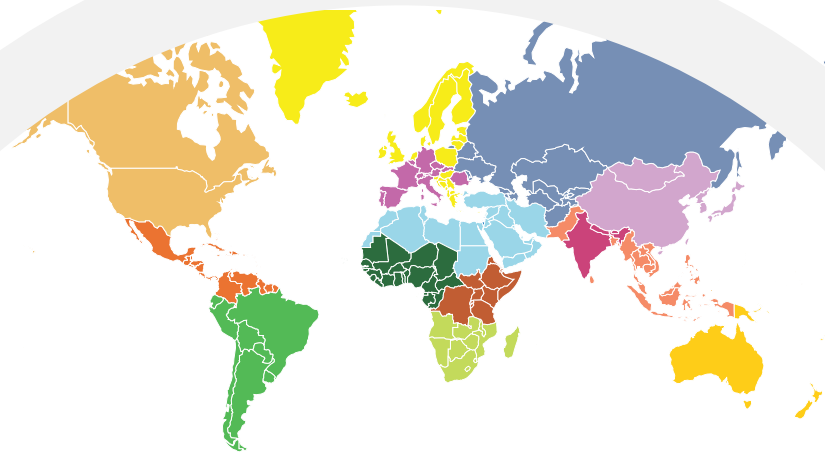
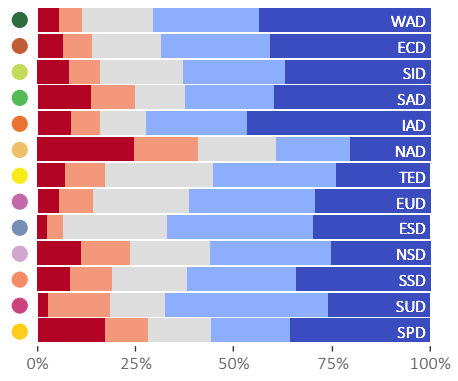
Bible Reading



Personal Devotions



Sabbath School Lesson

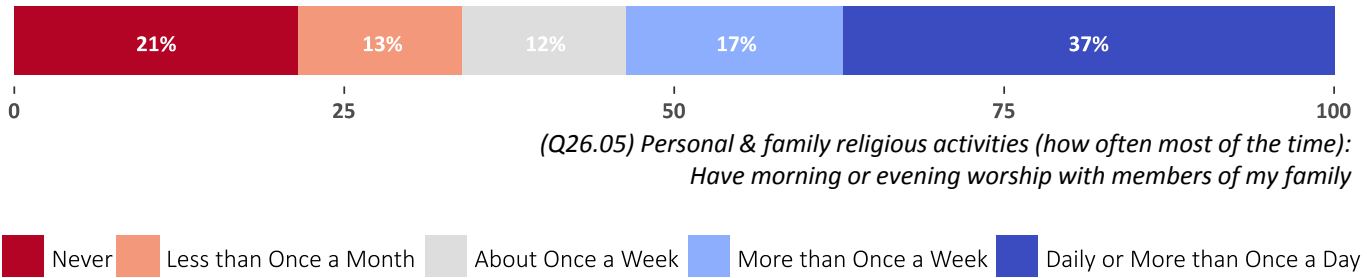


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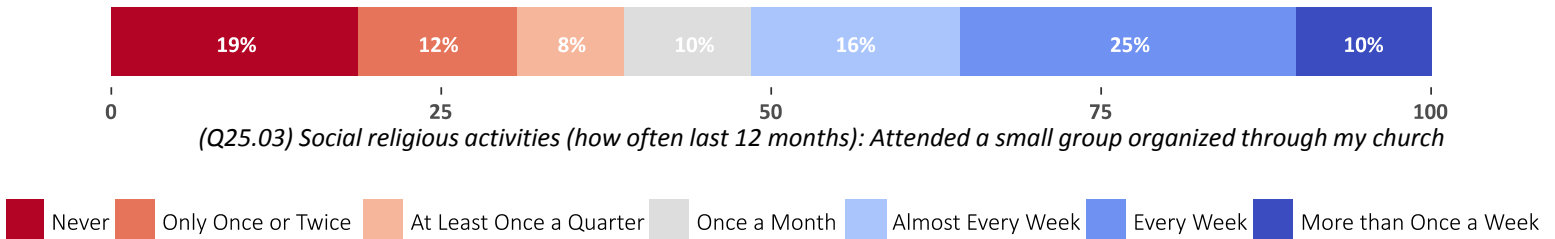
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Valid Respondents:
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Devotions: 58009
Lesson: 58007

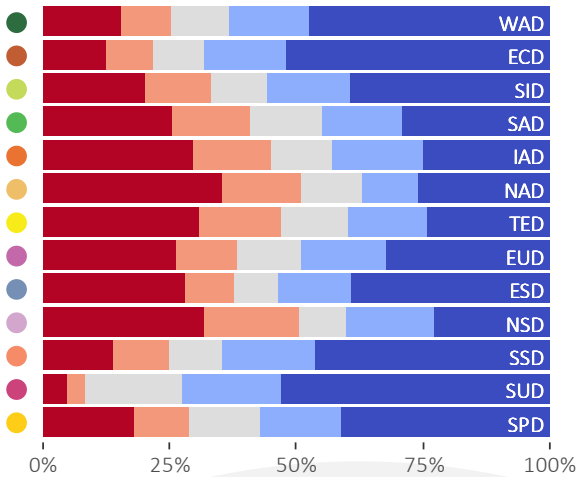
Family Worship



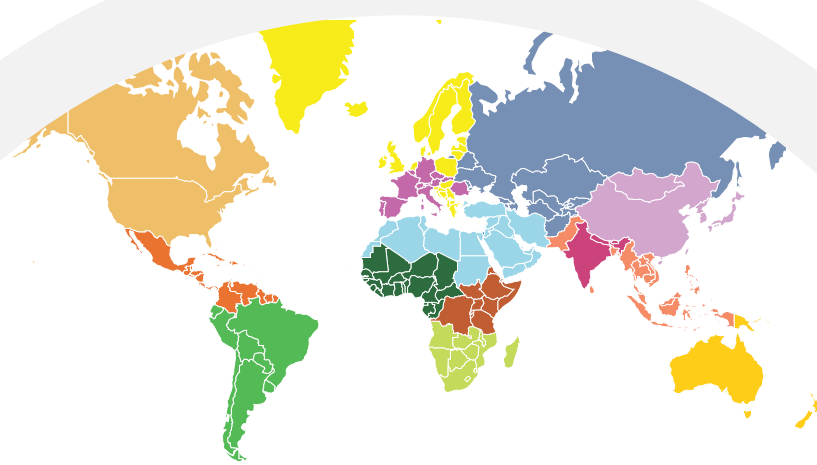
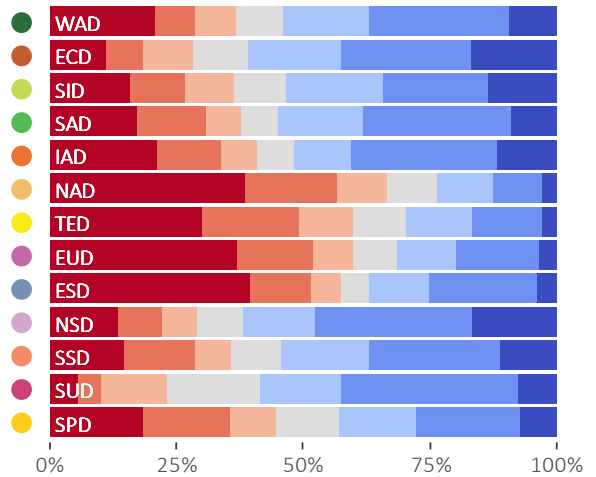
Small Group Worship



Family Worship



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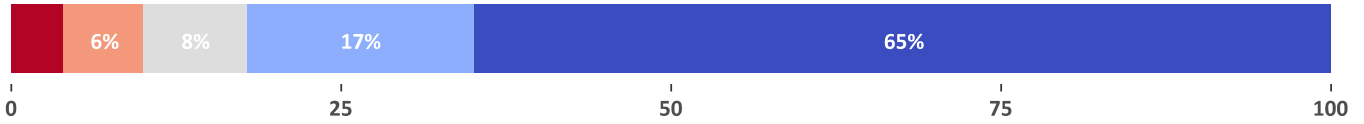
OBJECTIVE

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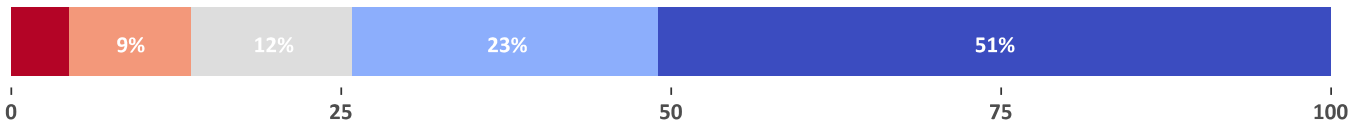
Valid Respondents:
 Family Worship: 56850
 Small Group: 56239

Personal Prayer



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

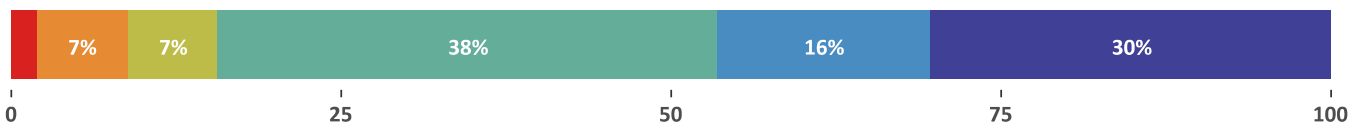
Think About Jesus' Life



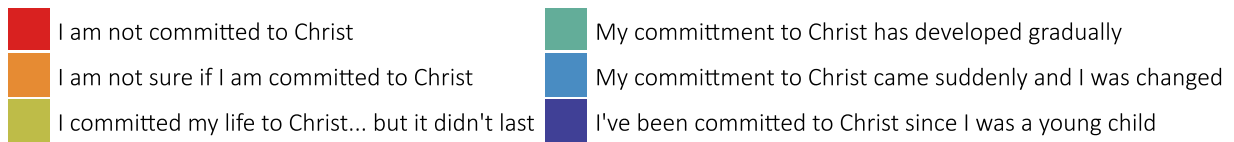
(Q26.22) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Spend time thinking about Jesus' life



Commitment to Christ



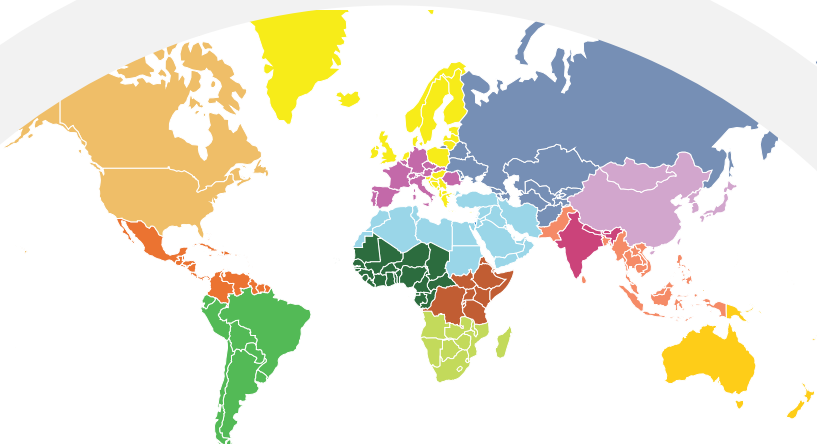
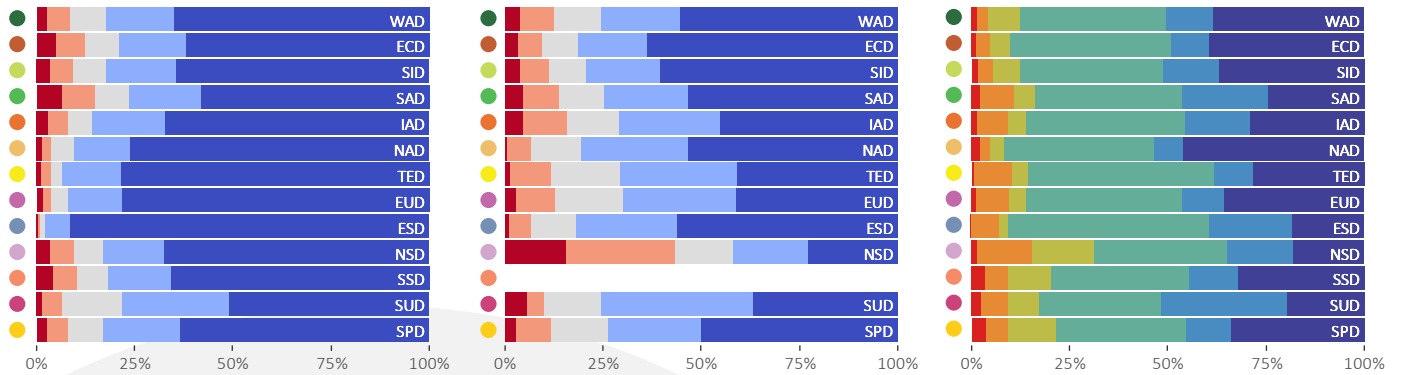
(Q32) Which of the following best describes your commitment to Jesus Christ?



Personal Prayer

Think About Jesus' Life

Commitment to Christ



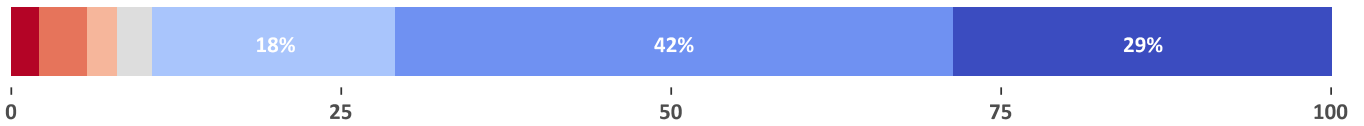
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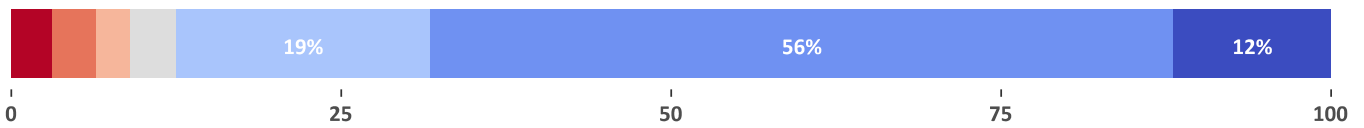
Valid Respondents:
 Personal Prayer: 58285
 Think: 51507
 Commitment: 58086

Church Attendance



(Q25.01) Social religious activities (how often last 12 months): Attended church services

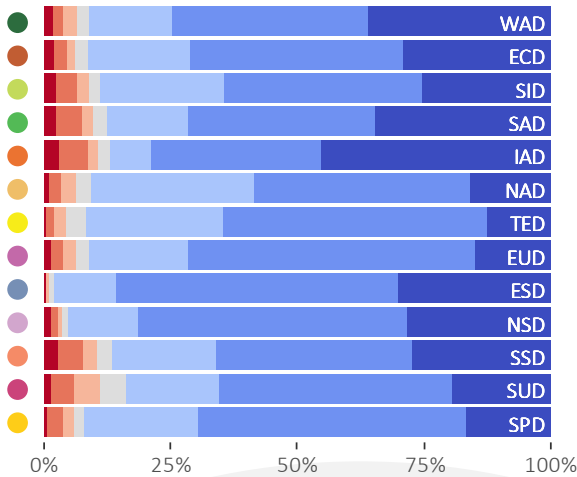
Sabbath School Attendance



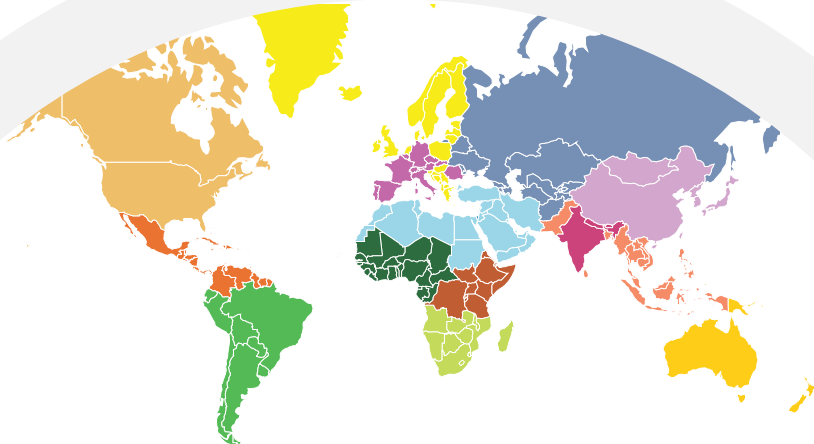
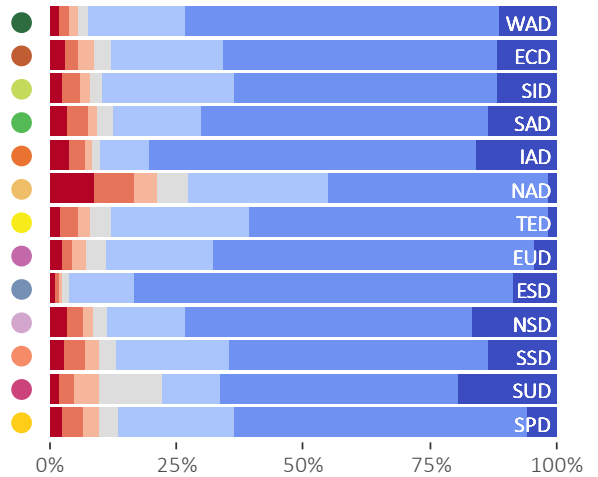
(Q25.02) Social religious activities (how often last 12 months): Attended Sabbath School

■ 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



Sabbath School Attendance



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OBJECTIVE
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Valid Respondents:

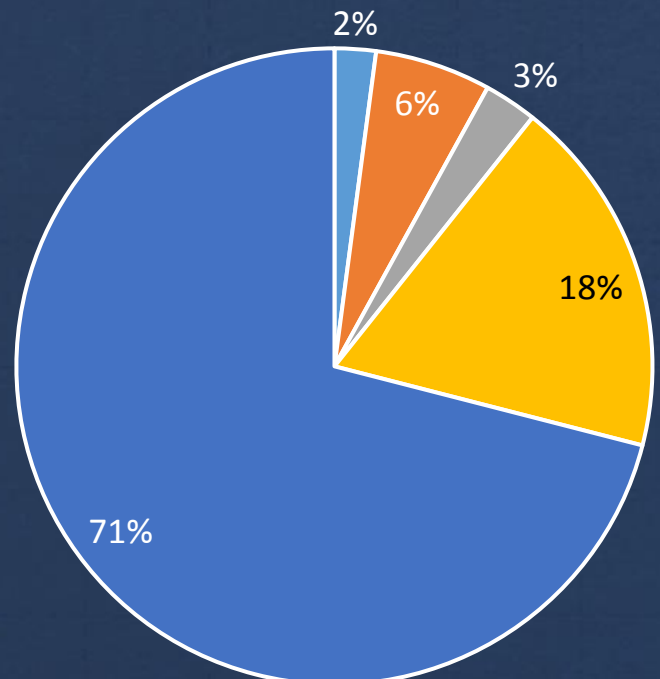
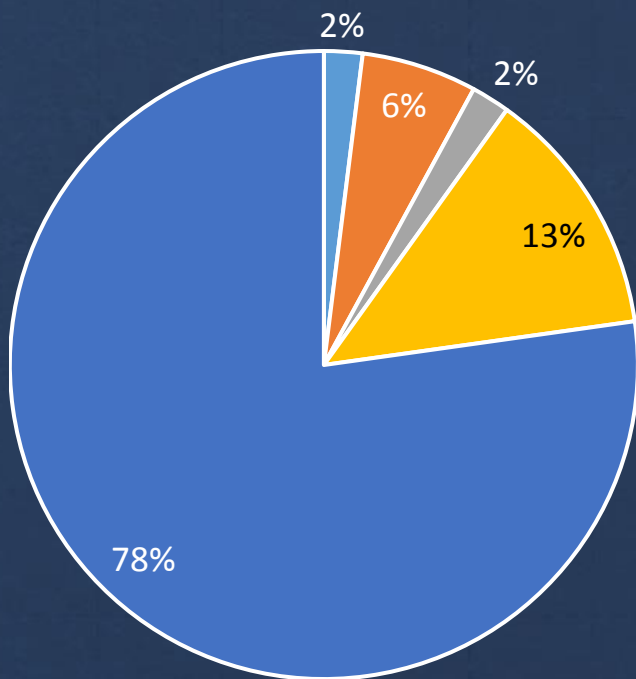
Church: 59518

Sabbath School: 58797

Church attendance 2013 vs 2018

2013

2018



- None
- A few times last year
- Once per month
- 2-3 times per month
- 4+ times per month

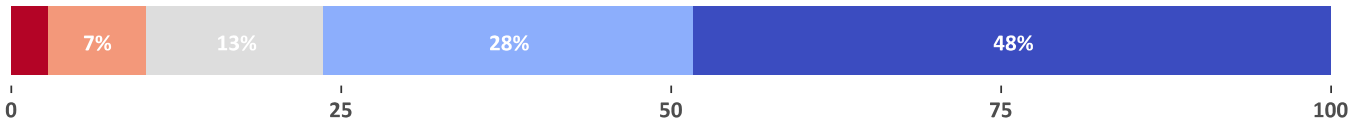
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Church attendance 2013 vs 2018

At least weekly is
down 7% on 2013

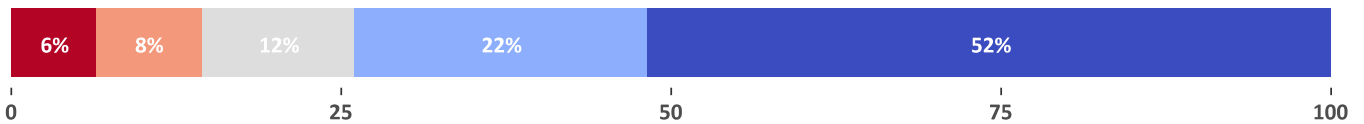
This is a recent trend:
one to reverse

Bible Reading



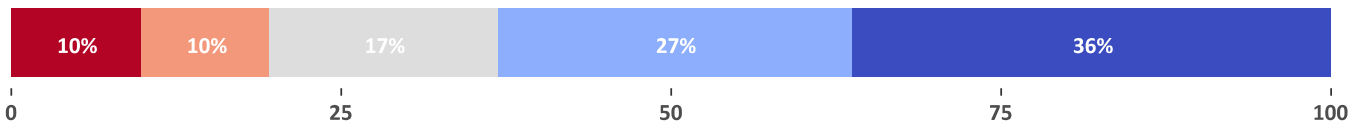
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Personal Devotions



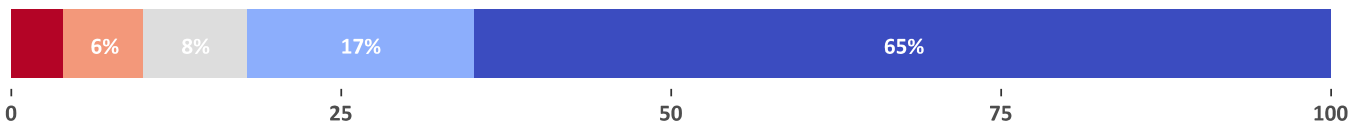
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Sabbath School Lesson



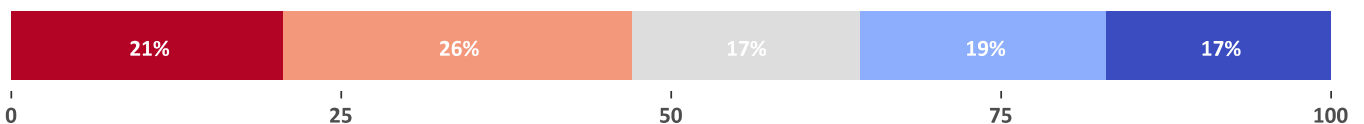
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Personal Prayer



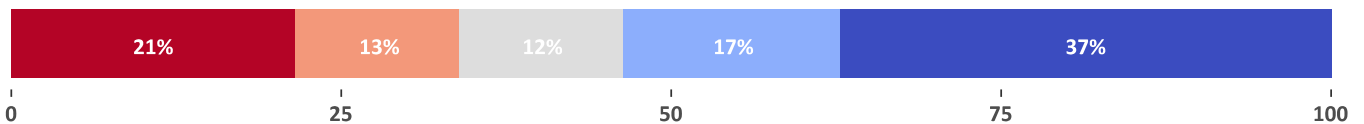
(Q26.06) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Have personal prayer

Read the Writings of Ellen White



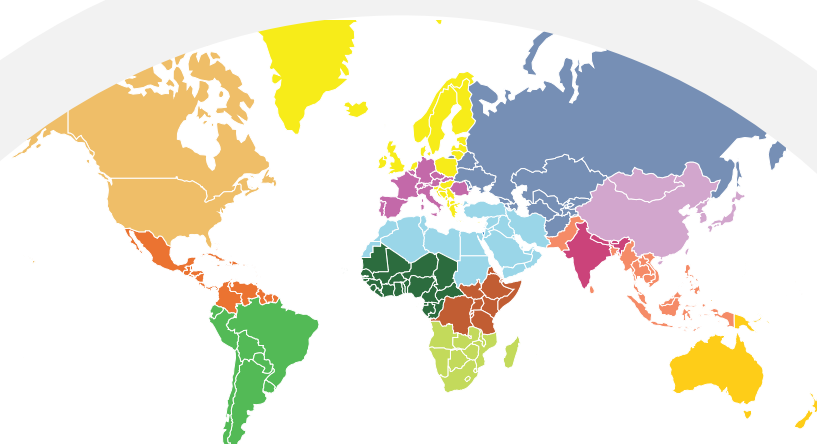
(Q26.04) Personal & family religious activities (how often most of the time): Read the writings of Ellen G. White

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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Bible Study
and
Devotional
Practices

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- Lesson: 58007
- Prayer: 58285
- Ellen White: 57137
- Family Worship: 56850

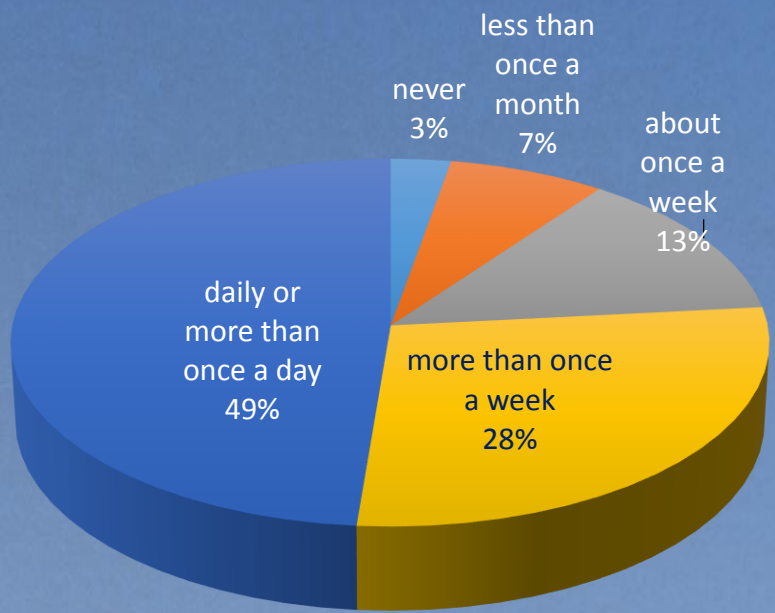
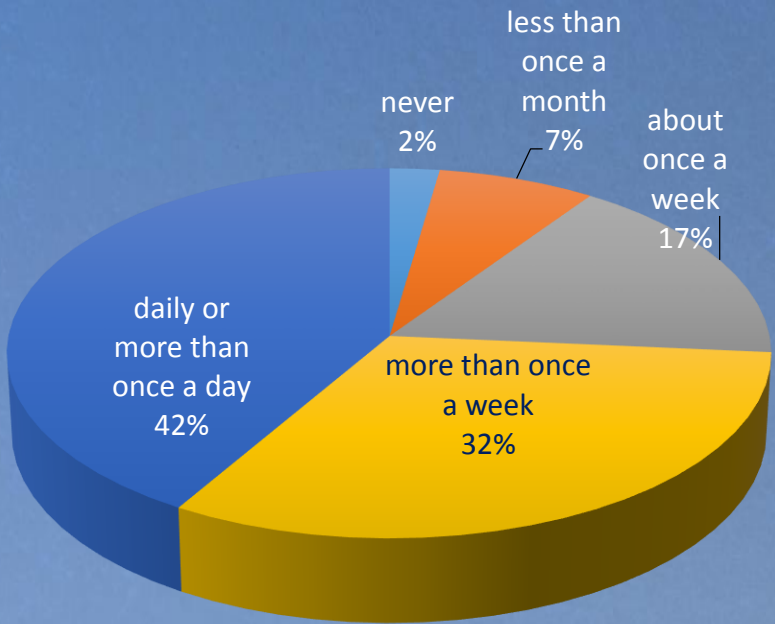


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DAILY BIBLE STUDY

2013

2018



Several times weekly = 74%

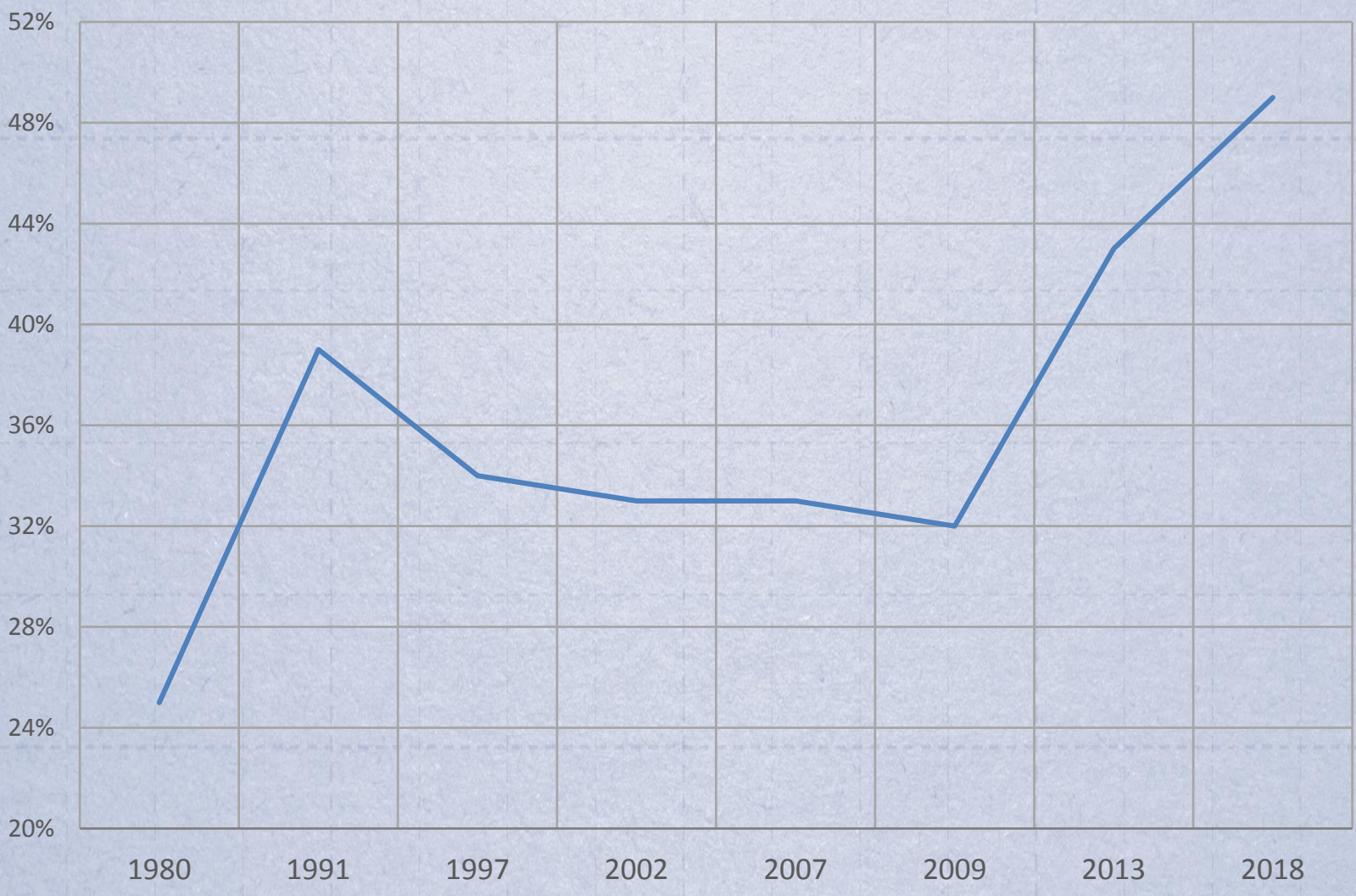
Several times weekly = 77%



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To involve Adventist members in regular Bible study: Personal study

Trend in Percentage of members (NAD/World) studying Bible daily





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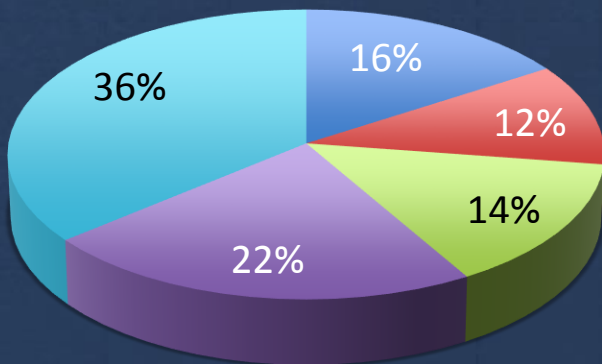
To involve Adventist members in regular Bible study: Personal study

- *An alarming trend has been reversed.*
- **However**, in effect what we have done is to get members who are *already frequent* Bible readers to increase to *daily*.
- We are having little/no impact on *infrequent* Bible readers
- That should be a focus of attention in the future

Family Worship

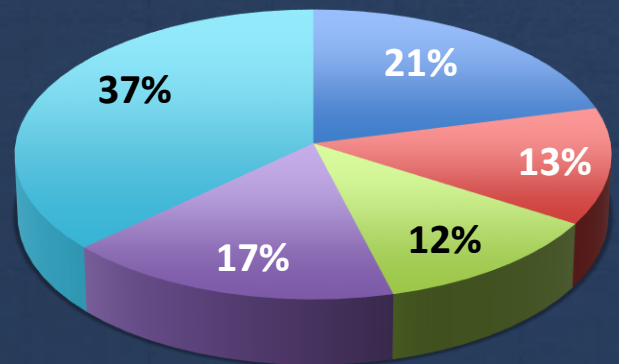
Multiple times per week **down**
from 58% to 54%

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

2018



- never
- less than once a month
- about once a week
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*Family worship is
foundational*

Reversing this
trend should be a
priority

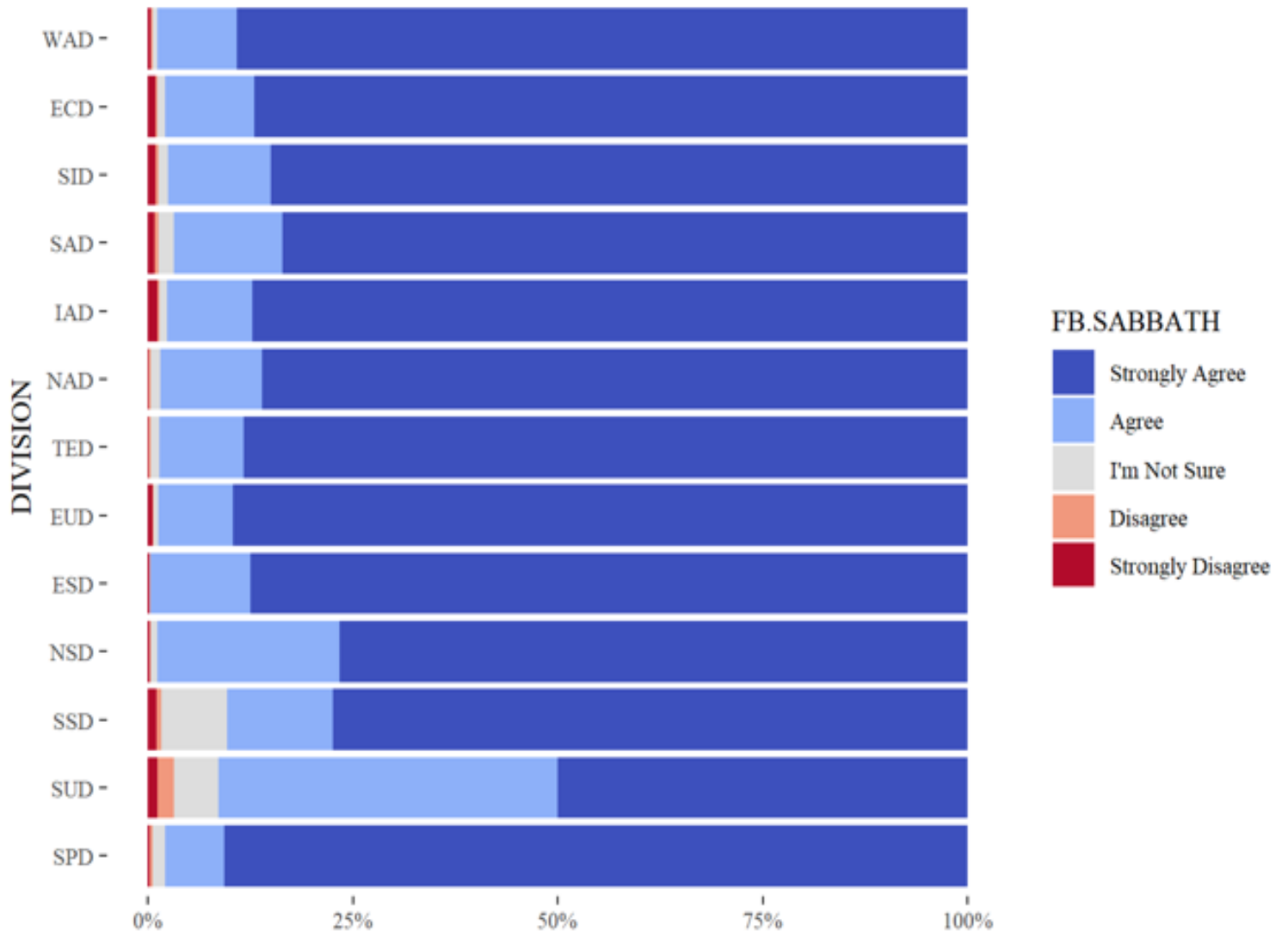




Data on some key doctrines

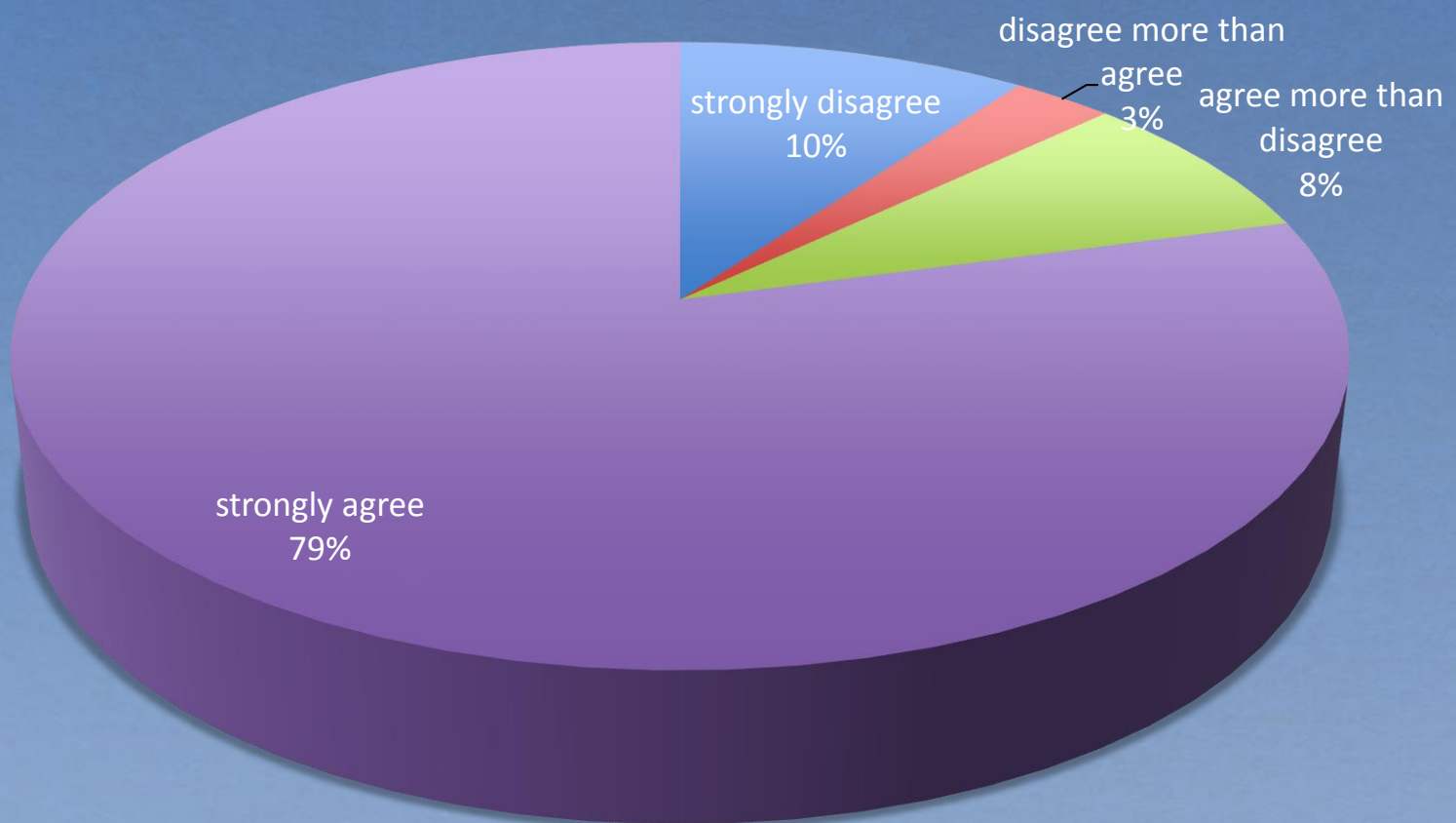
Fundamental beliefs: The true Sabbath is the seventh day (Saturday).

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

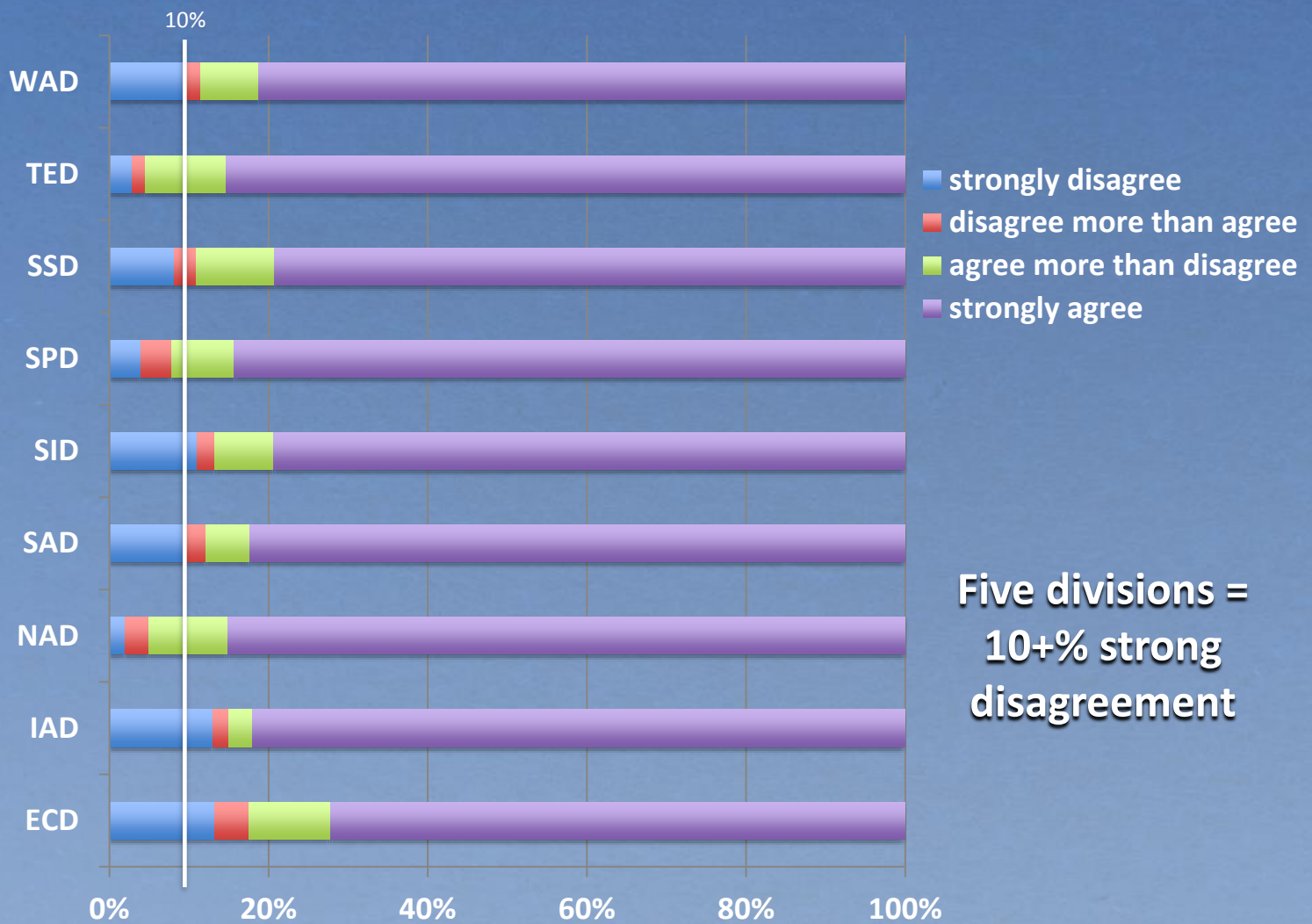


2013: Uncertainty about the State of the Dead

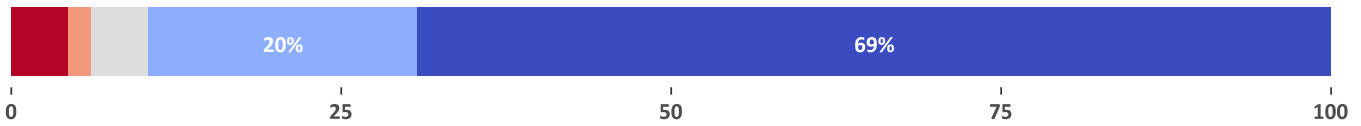
Question: *When a person dies their body remains in the grave and their soul sleeps until the resurrection*



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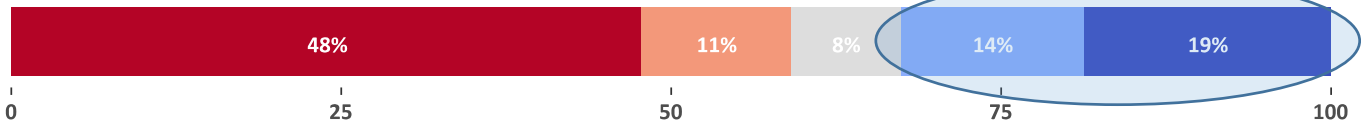


State of the Dead



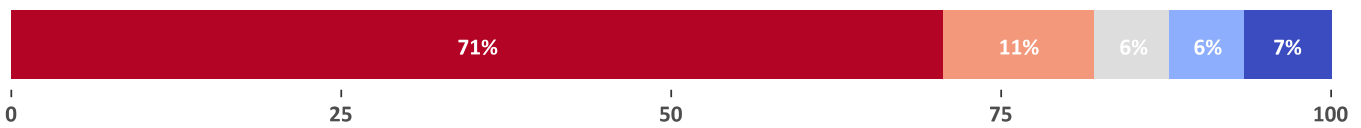
(Q42.11) Fundamental beliefs: When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.

Dualism/Immortal Soul



(Q42.03) Fundamental beliefs: The soul is a separate, spiritual part of a person and lives on after death.

Spiritualism



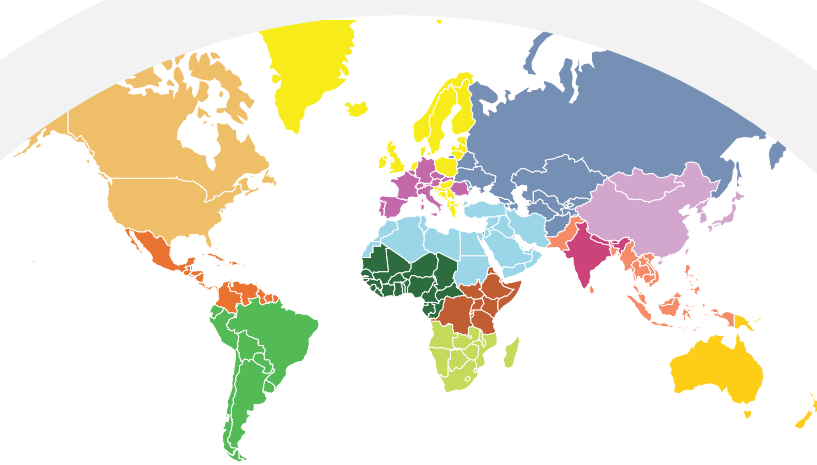
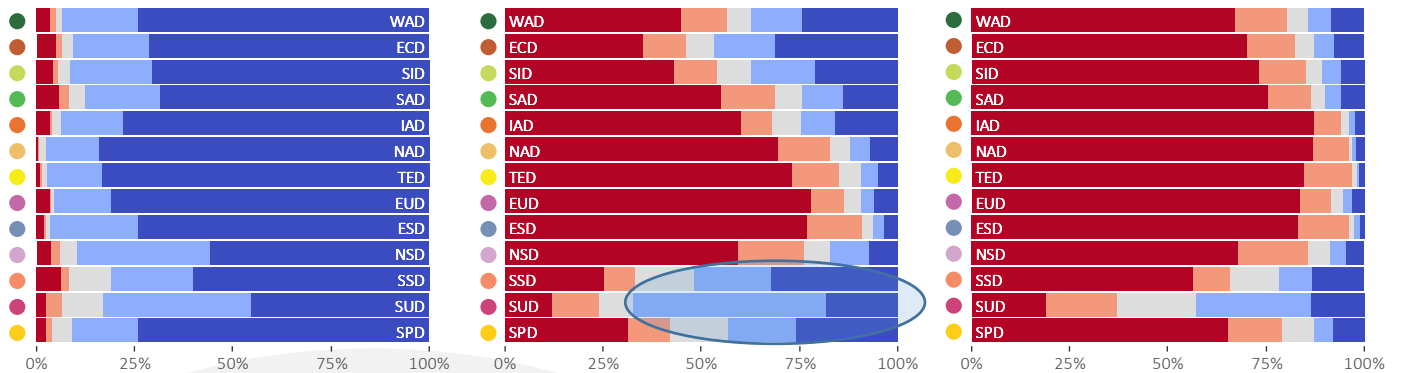
(Q42.23) Fundamental beliefs: The dead have powers to communicate with and influence the living.

■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ I'm Not Sure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

State of the Dead

Immortal Soul

Spiritualism



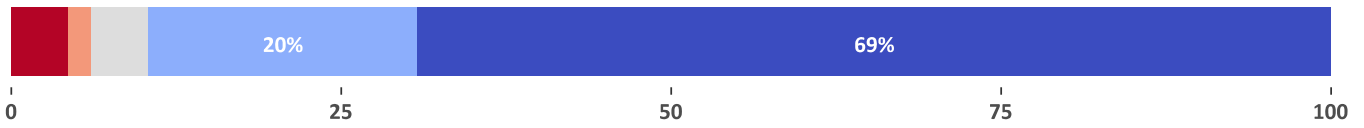
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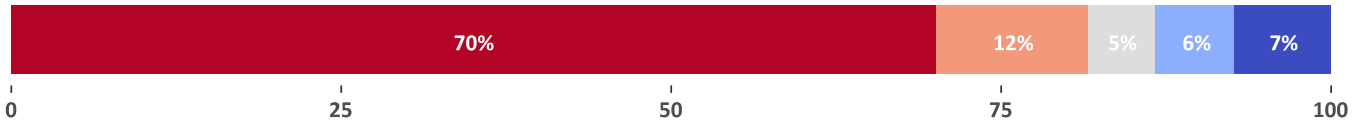
Valid Respondents:
 State of the Dead: 56809
 Dualism: 55997
 Spiritualism: 56568

State of the Dead



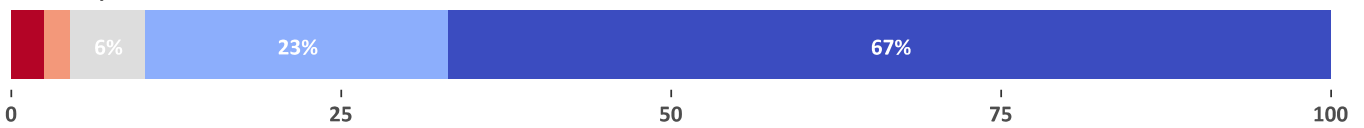
(Q42.11) Fundamental beliefs: When people die, their bodily remains decay and they have no consciousness or activity until they are resurrected.

Witch Doctors



(Q42.10) Fundamental beliefs: Christians may go to witch doctors or spiritual healers for protection or healing.

Prayer in Jesus' Name



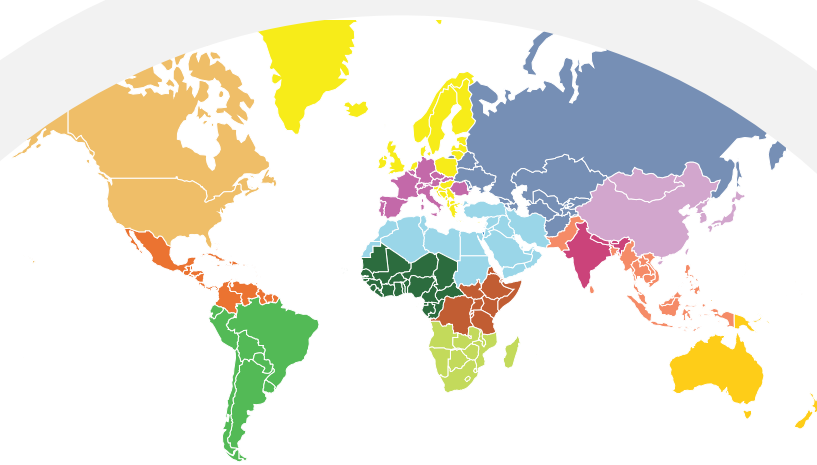
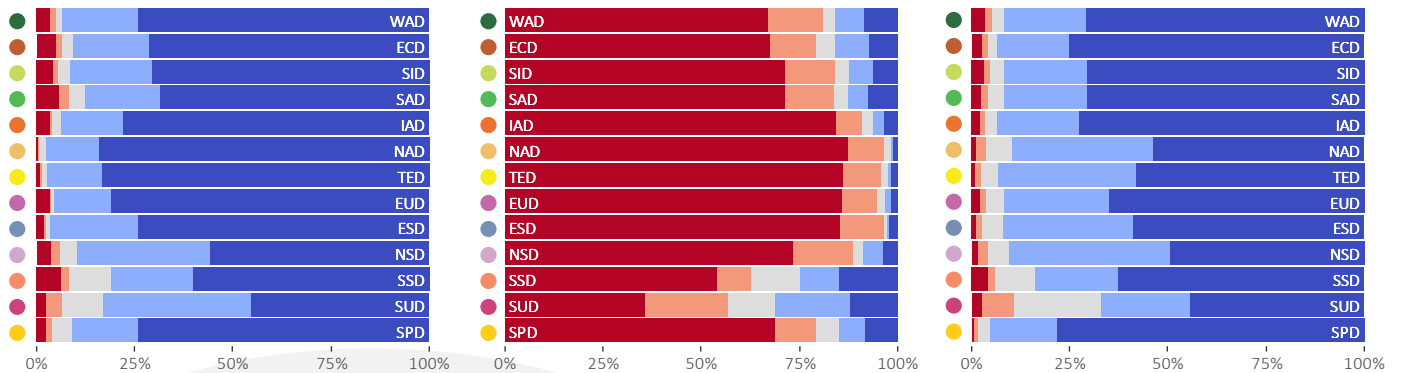
(Q42.22) Fundamental beliefs: Prayer in the name of Jesus is the only way to defeat evil powers and demonic spirits.

■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ I'm Not Sure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

State of the Dead

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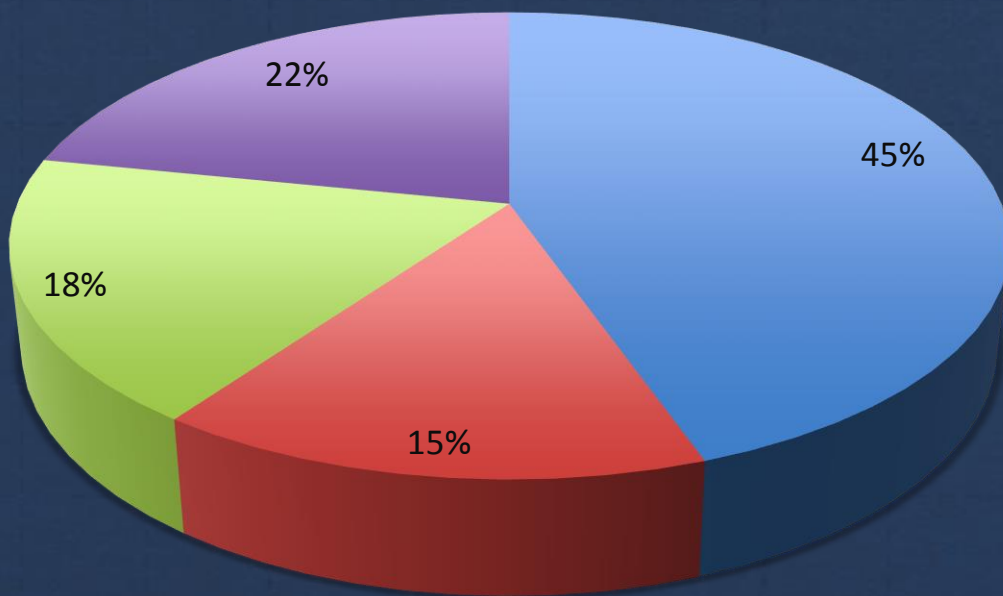
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OBJECTIVE
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 Witch Doctors: 56660
 Prayer: 56859

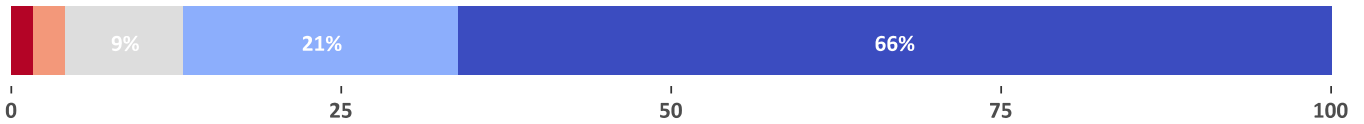
2013: Apparent Skepticism about imminence of 2nd Advent

Question statement: *I expect the world to end within the next twenty years*



■ strongly disagree ■ disagree more than agree
■ agree more than disagree ■ strongly agree

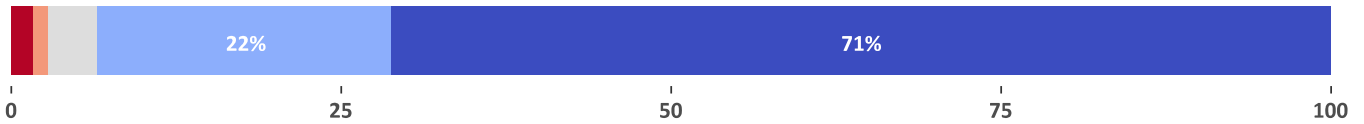
End-Time Prophecies



(Q45.05) Belief acceptance: The Church's interpretation of end-time prophecies.

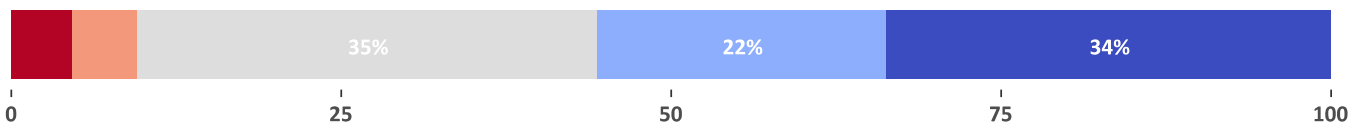
■ I don't accept it
 ■ I have major doubts about it
 ■ I have some questions about it
 ■ I accept it because the church teaches it
 ■ I embrace it wholeheartedly

Second Coming Very Near



(Q42.09) Fundamental beliefs: Fulfillment of prophecy and events in the world indicate that Christ's coming is very near.

Second Coming in Lifetime



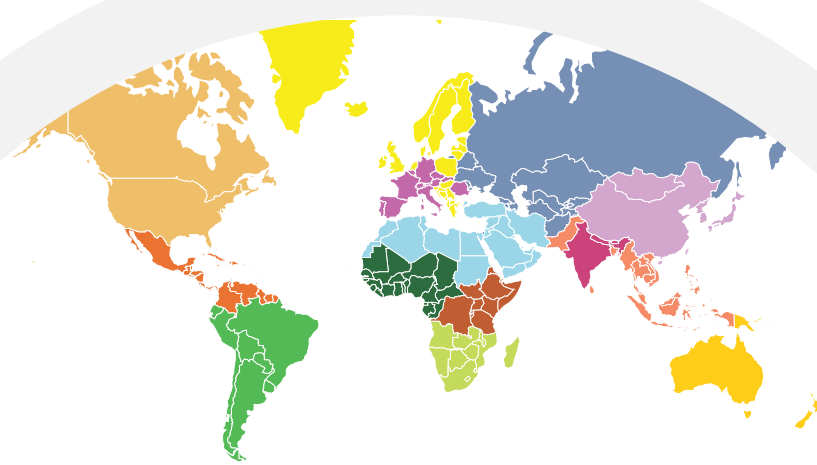
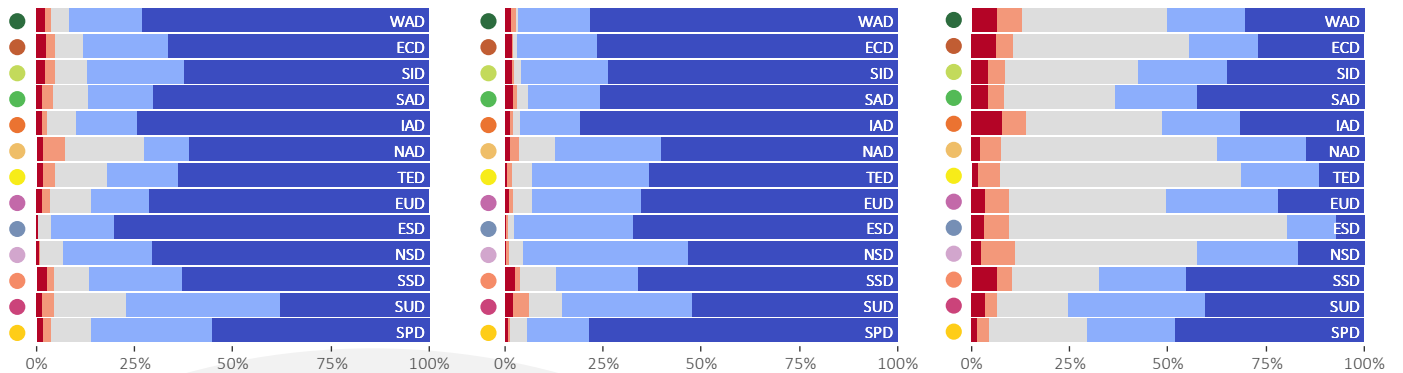
(Q42.21) Fundamental beliefs: I am confident that Jesus Christ will return in my life time.

■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ I'm Not Sure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

End-Time Prophecies

Second Coming Very Near

Second Coming in Lifetime



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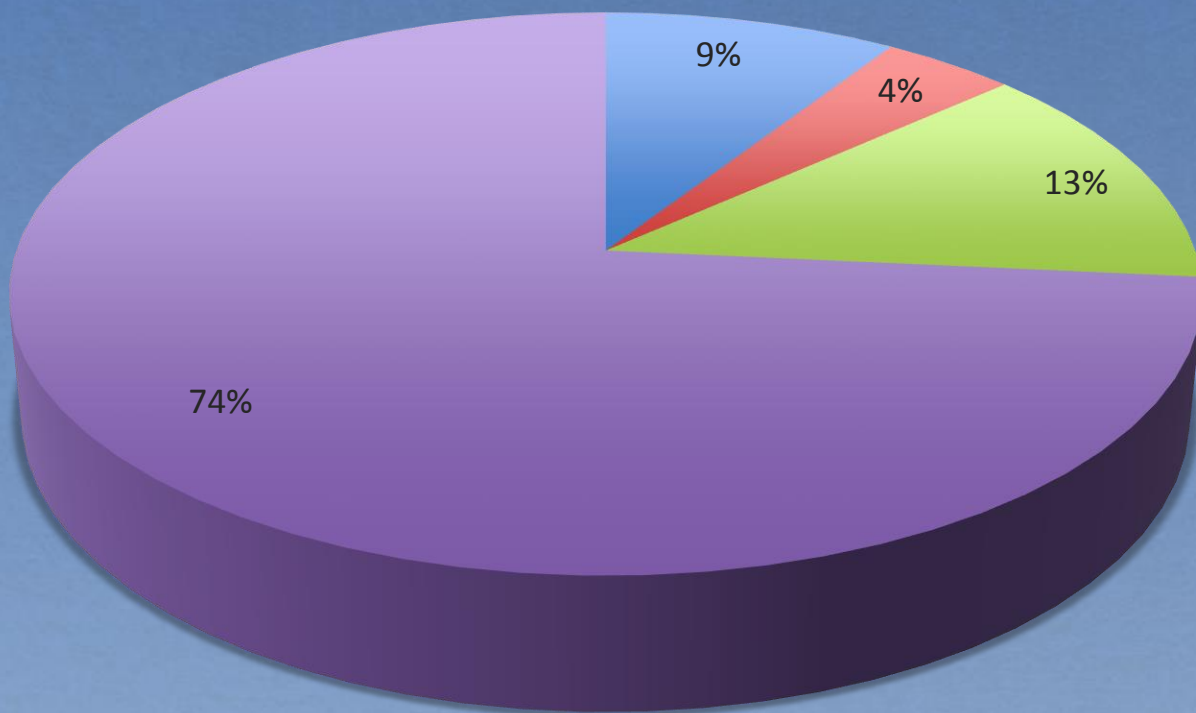
OBJECTIVE
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Valid Respondents:
Prophecies: 54572
Very Near: 57247
Lifetime: 56280

2013: Uncertainty about a recent and literal creation week as described in Genesis 1–2

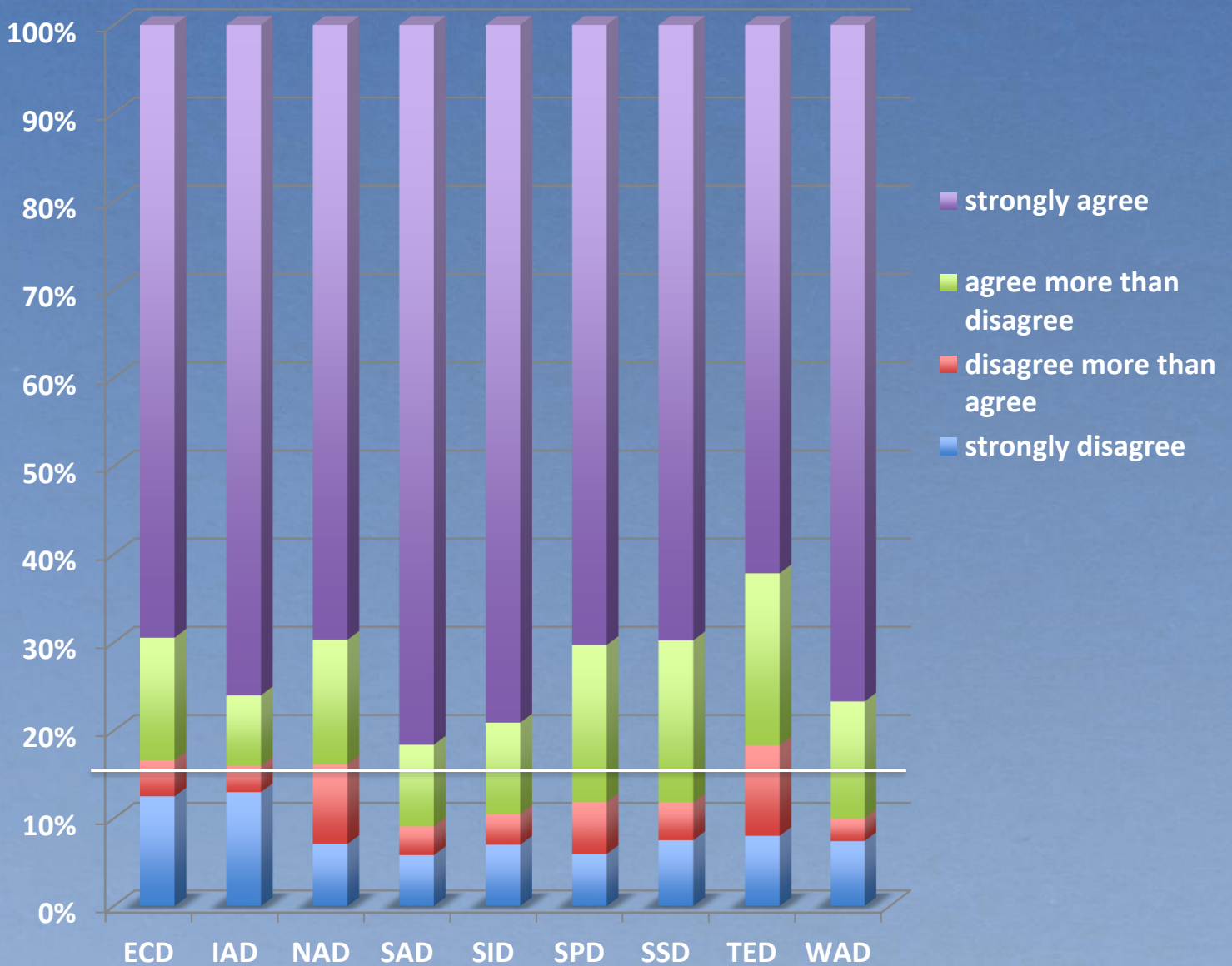
I believe God created the world in 6 days of 24 hours each, in the relatively recent past

“Disagrees” come to 13%

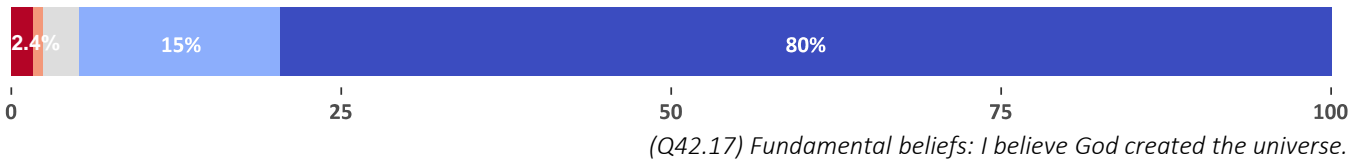


- Strongly disagree
- Disagree more than agree
- Agree more than disagree
- Strongly agree

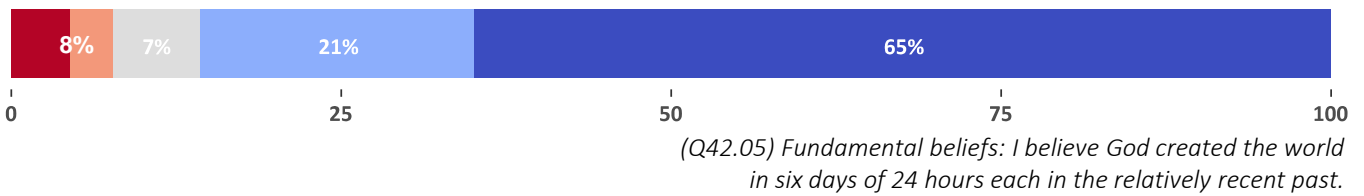
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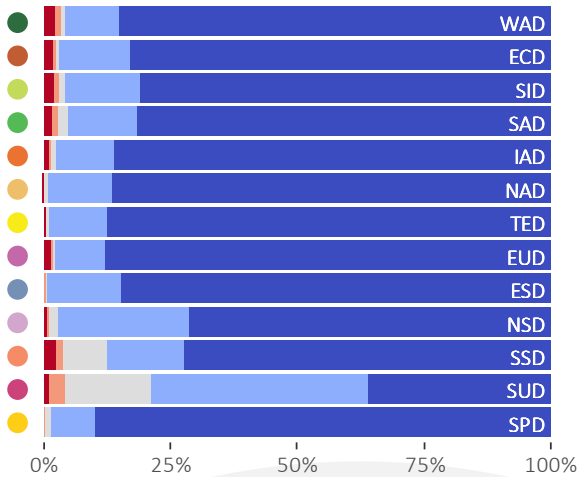


Recent Creation

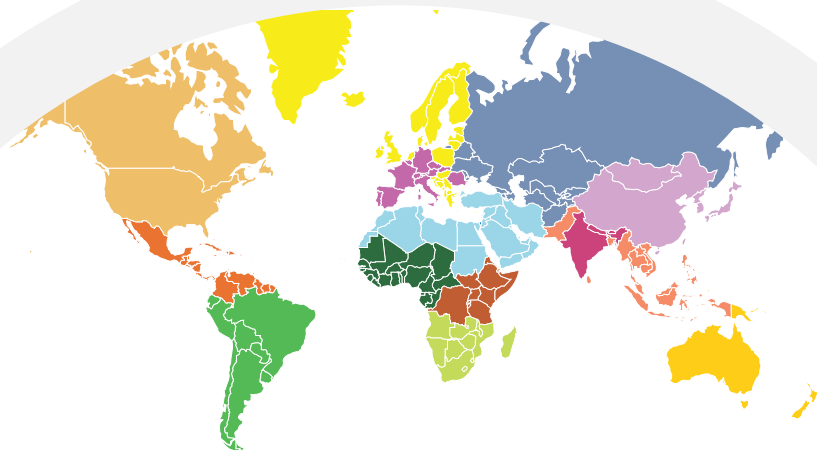
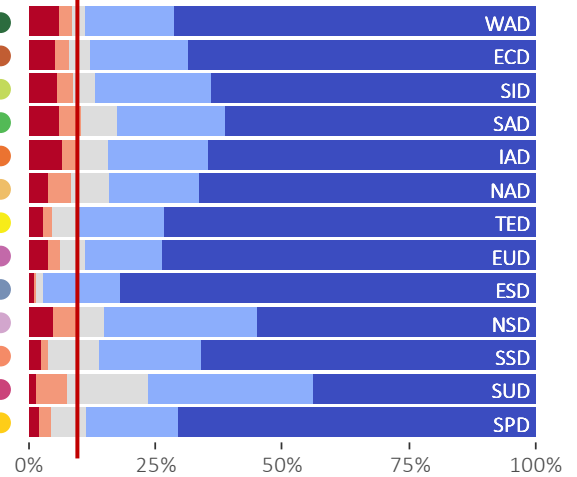


■ Strongly Disagree
 ■ Disagree
 ■ I'm Not Sure
 ■ Agree
 ■ Strongly Agree

God is Creator



Recent Creation



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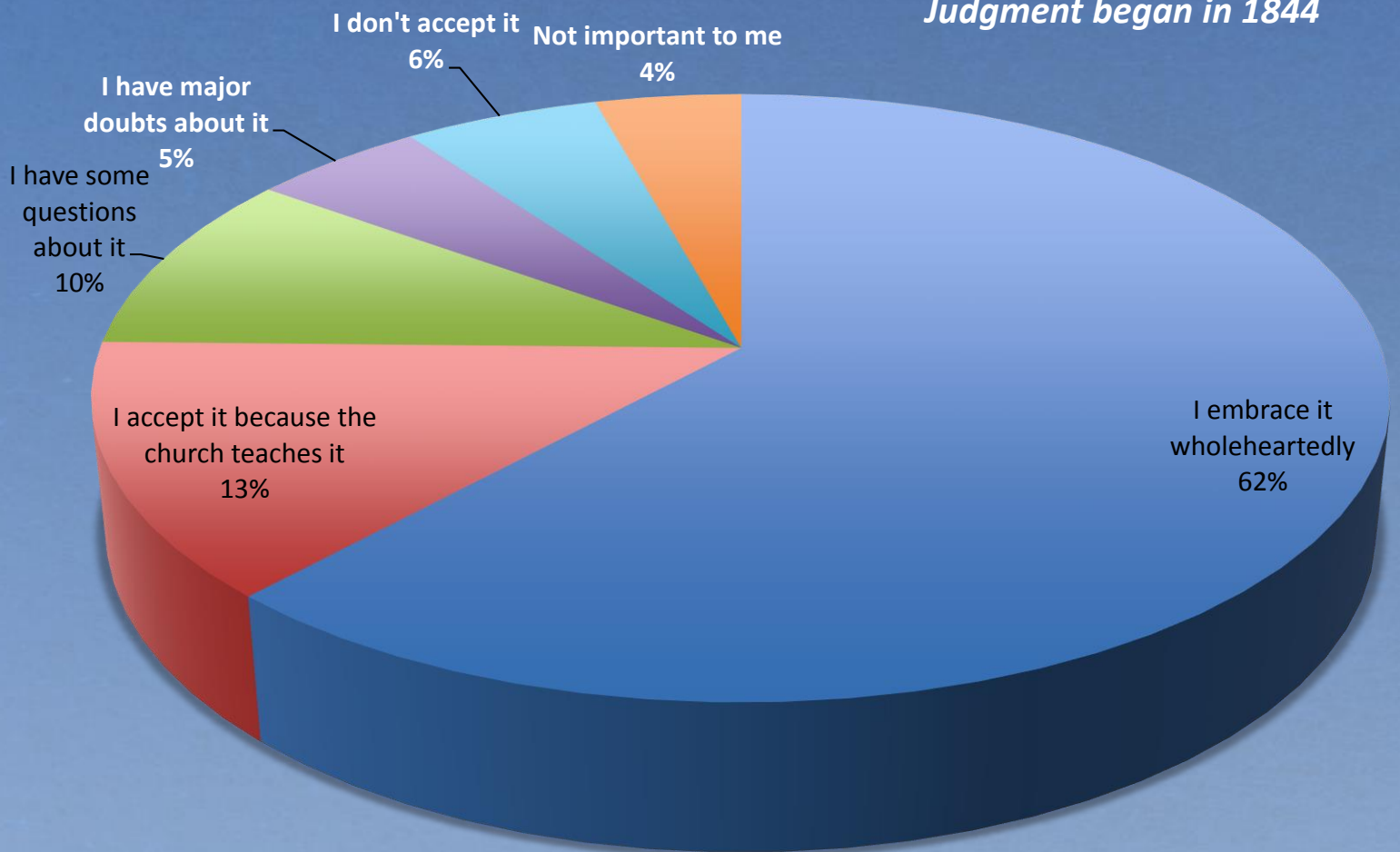
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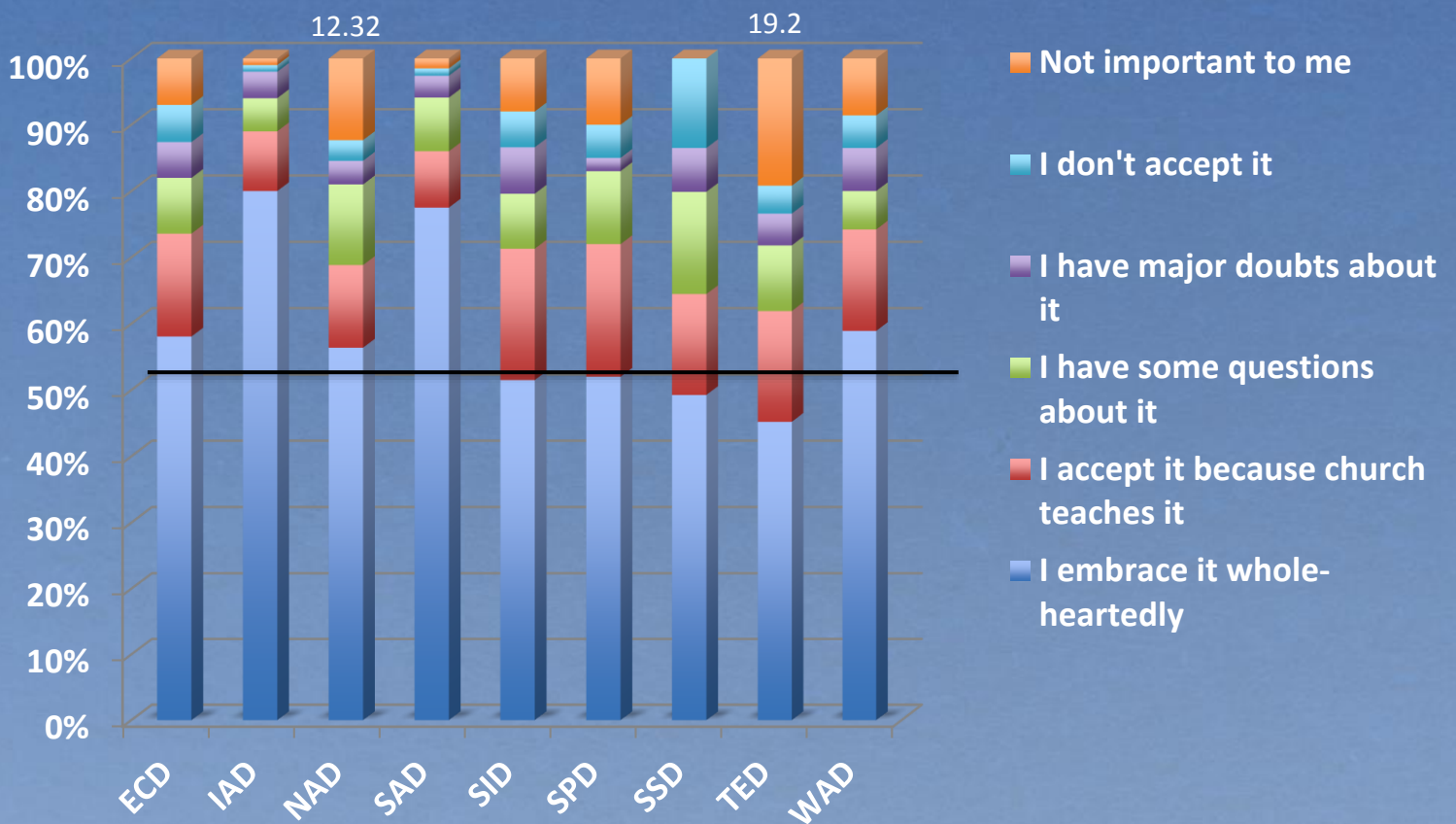
Valid Respondents:
 God is Creator: 57018
 Recent Creation: 56104

2013: Uncertainty about the Sanctuary Doctrine and the Investigative Judgment

The Investigative or pre-Advent Judgment began in 1844

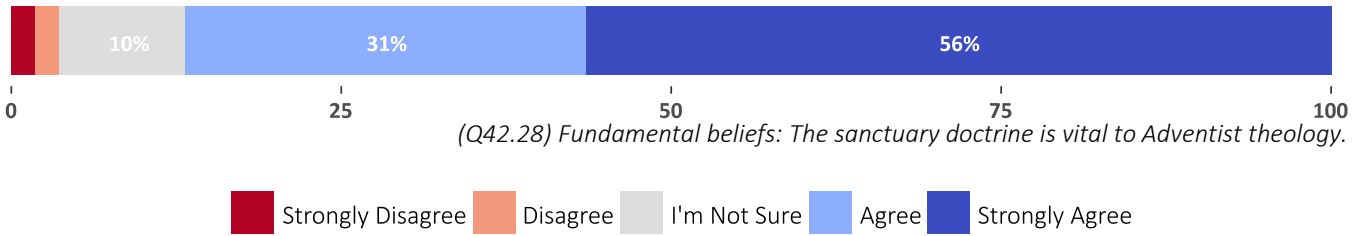


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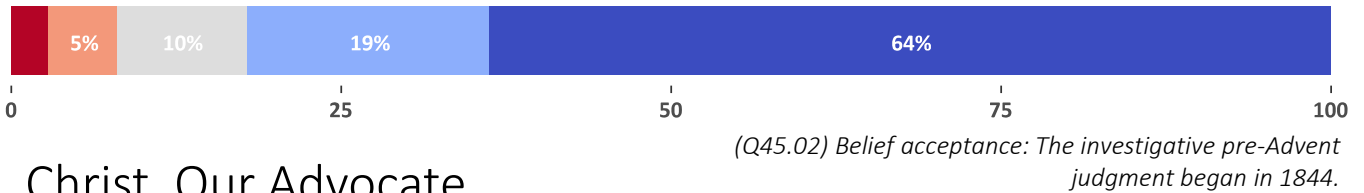


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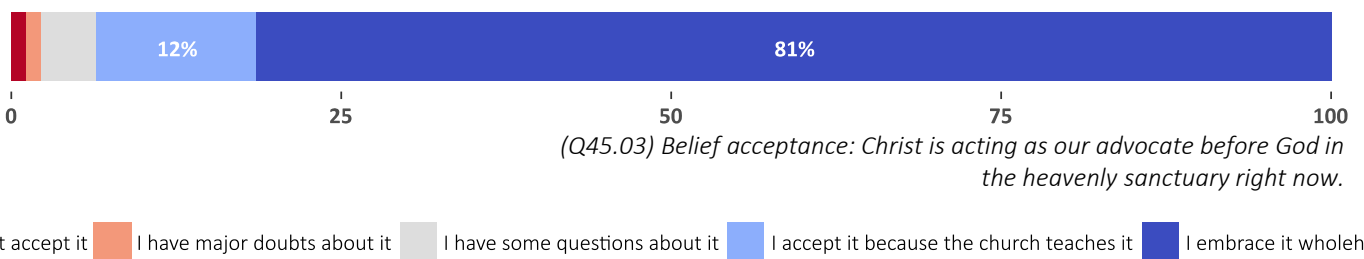
Sanctuary Doctrine



Investigative Judgment



Christ, Our Advocate

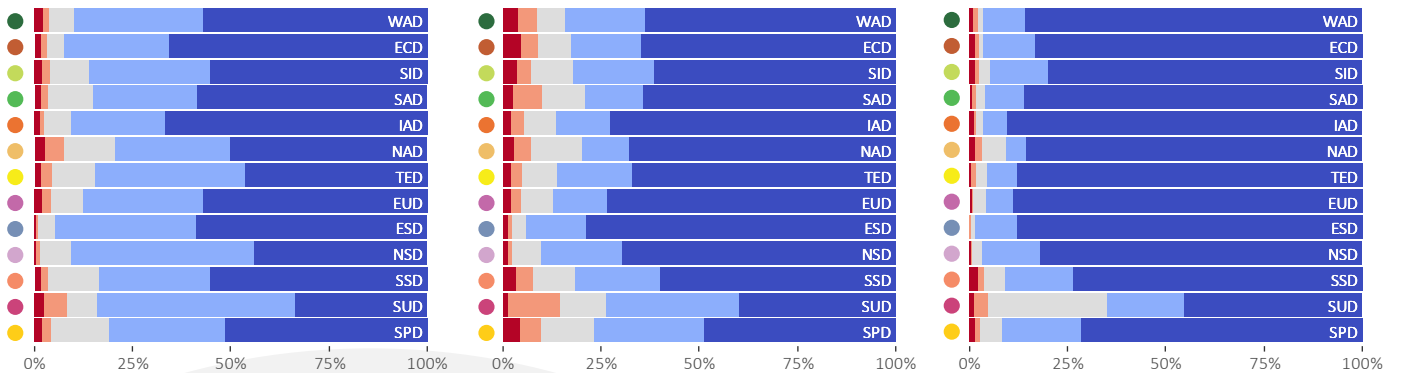


■ I don't accept it
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 ■ I accept it because the church teaches it
 ■ I embrace it wholeheartedly

Sanctuary Doctrine

Investigative Judgment

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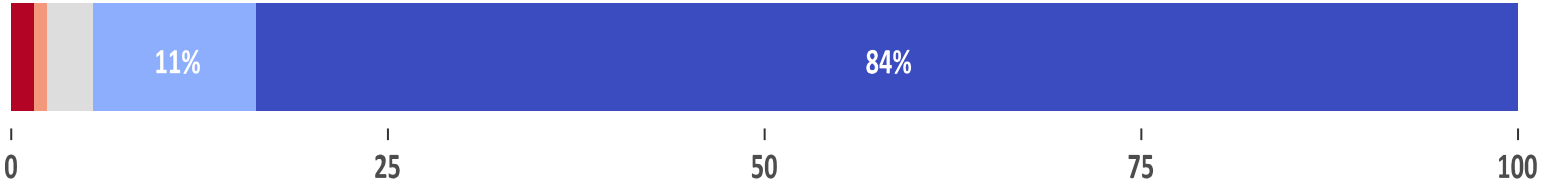
OBJECTIVE
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Valid Respondents:
Sanctuary Doctrine: 56023
Judgment: 55231
Advocate: 56300

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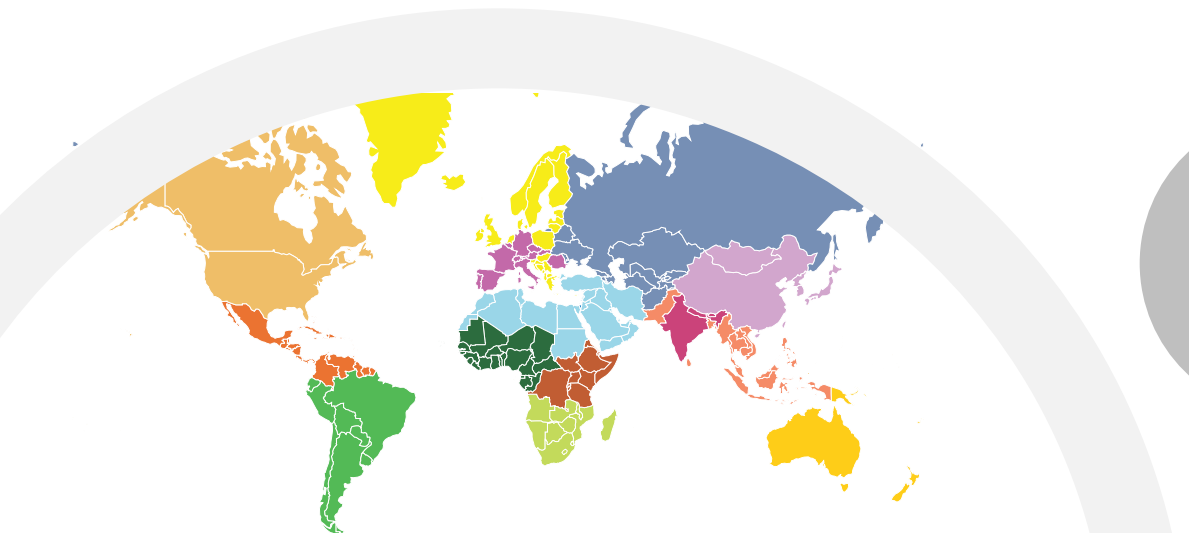
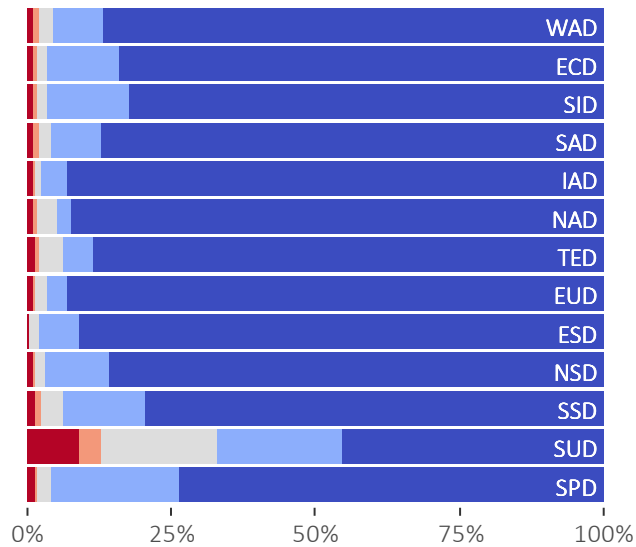
Belief in the Trinity



(Q45.01) Belief acceptance: There is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, a unity of three eternal equal Persons.

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Belief in the Trinity



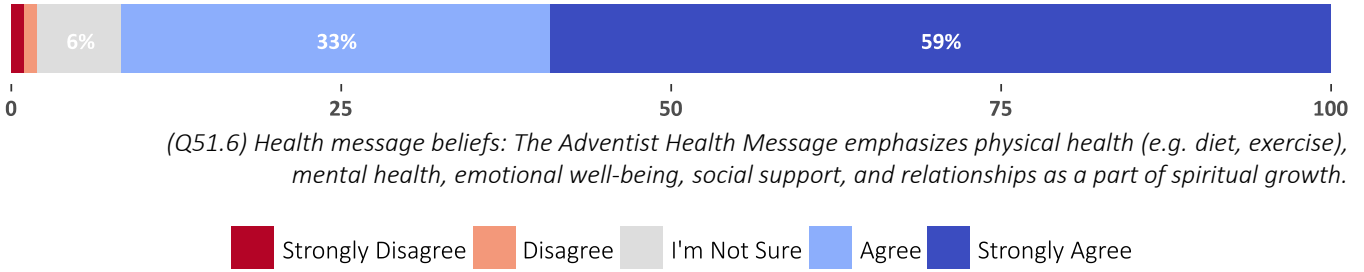
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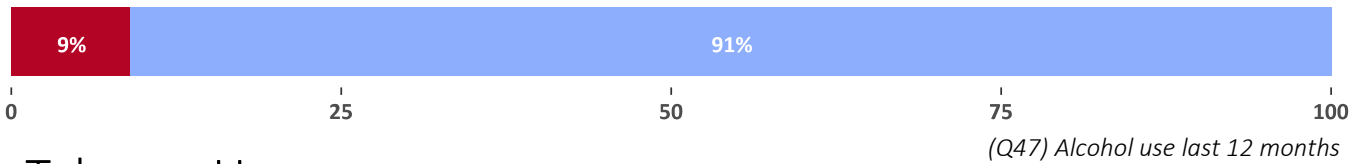
OBJECTIVE
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Valid Respondents:
Trinity: 54295

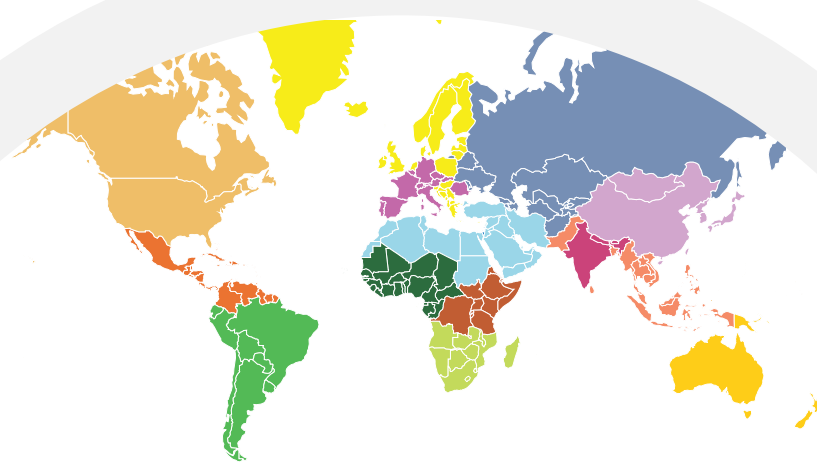
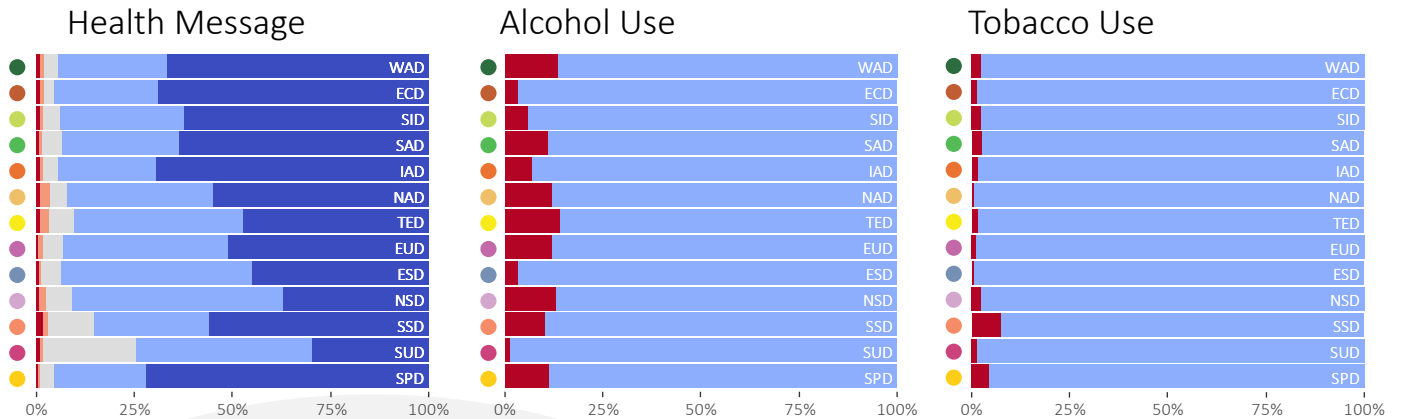
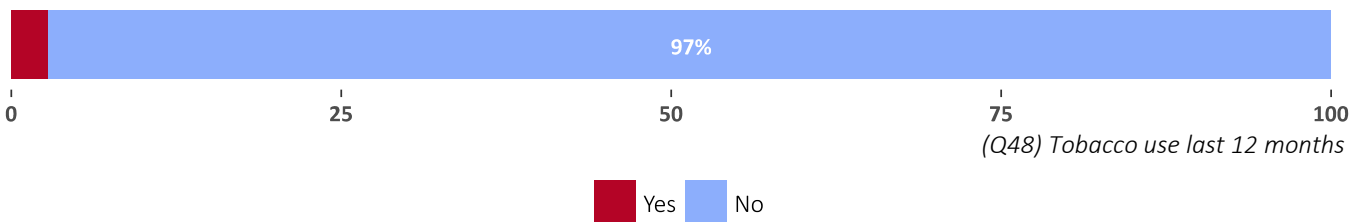
Health Message



Alcohol Use



Tobacco Use



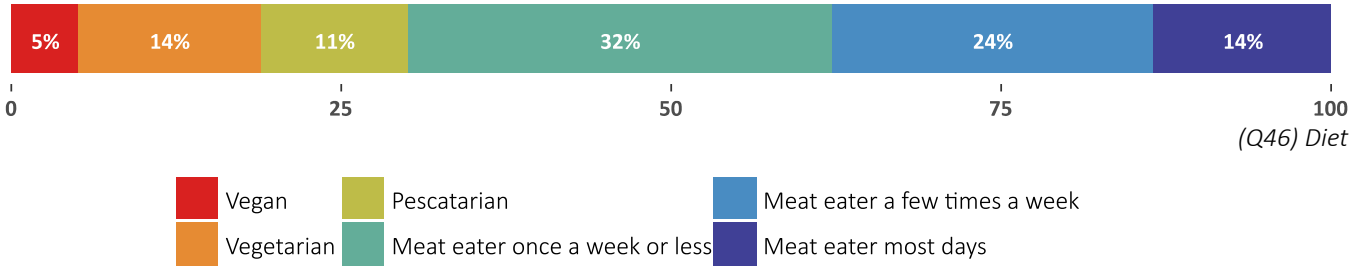
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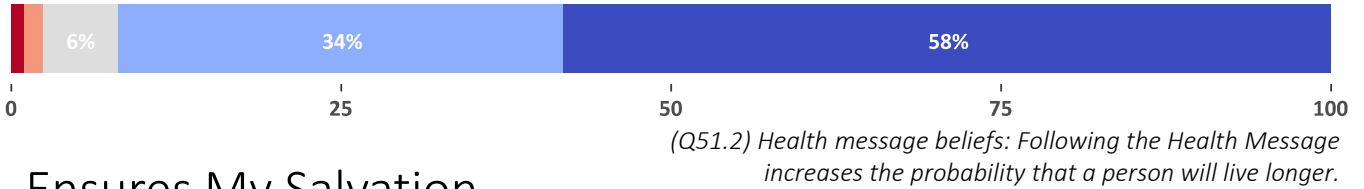
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PART 2

Valid Respondents:
Health Message: 56715
Alcohol: 57020
Tobacco: 56397

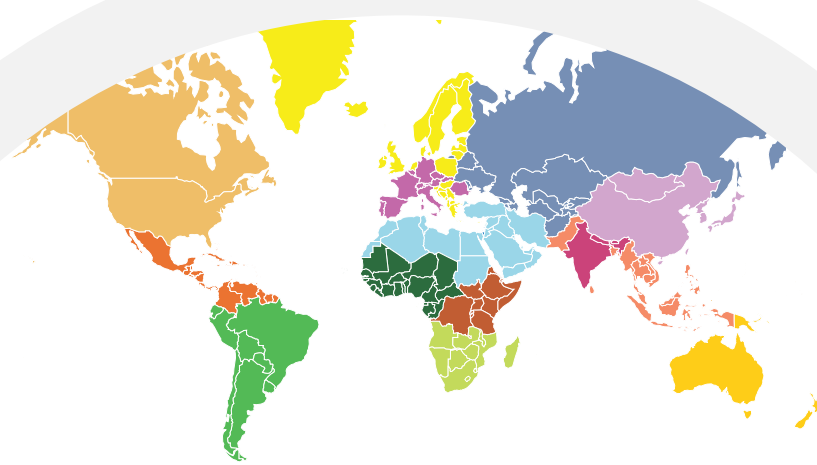
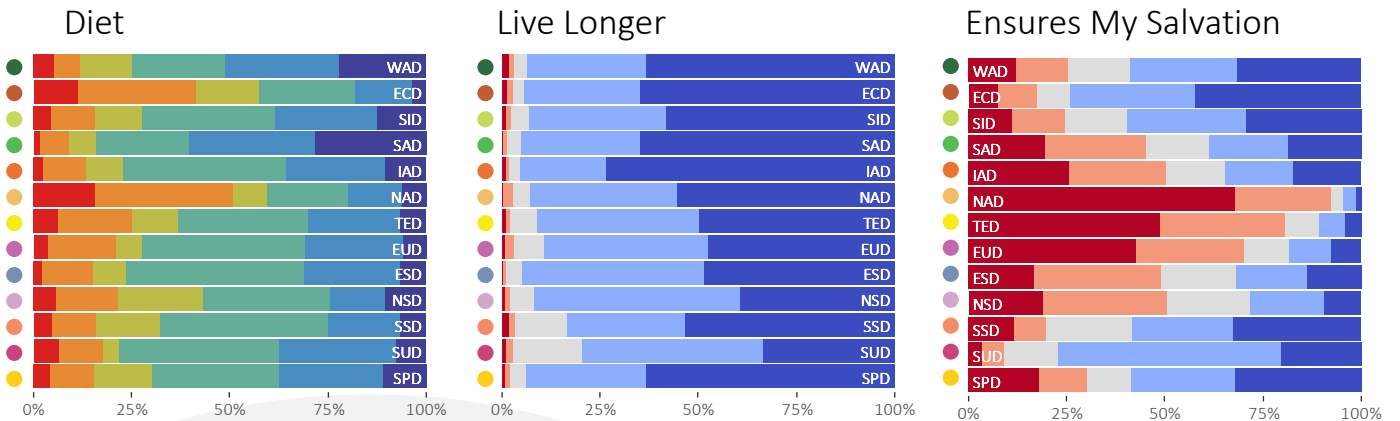
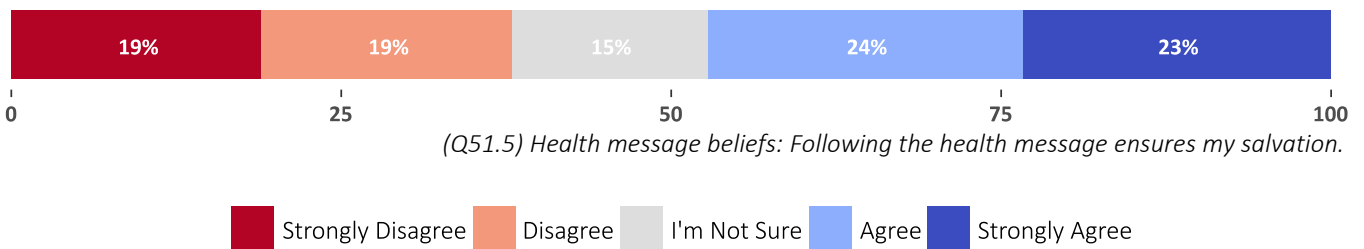
Diet



Live Longer



Ensures My Salvation



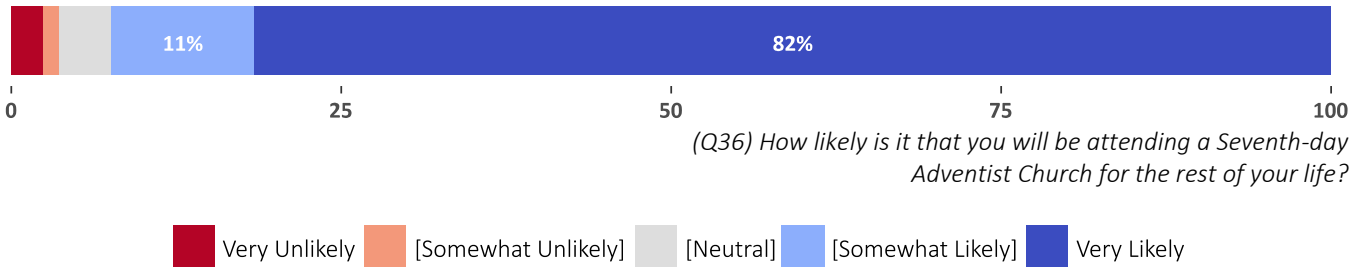
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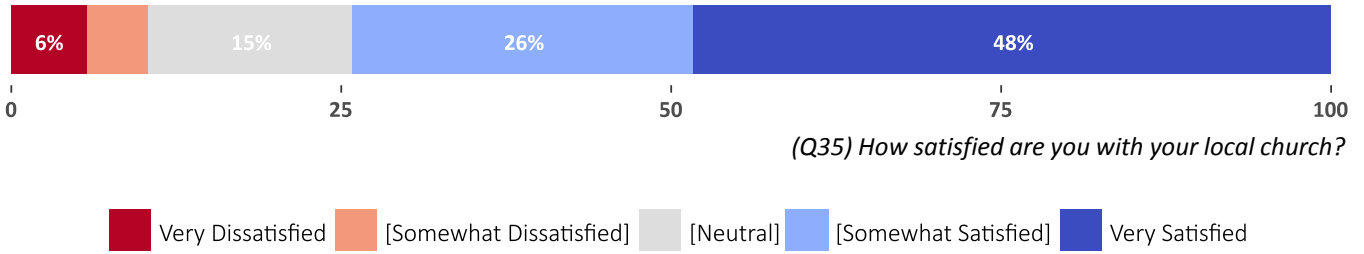
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PART 3

Valid Respondents:
Diet: 56215
Live Longer: 56966
Salvation: 55822

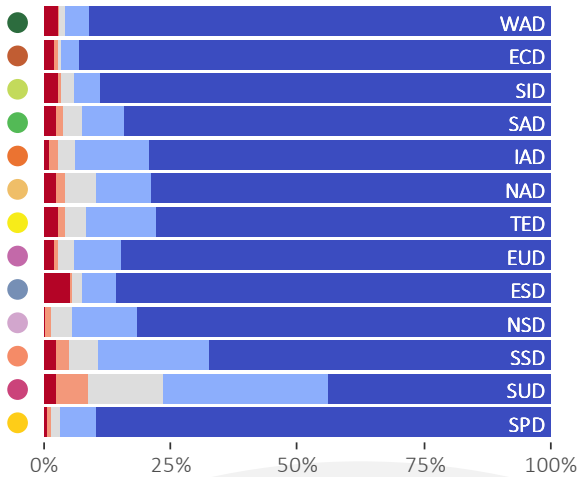
Lifetime Commitment to Adventist Church



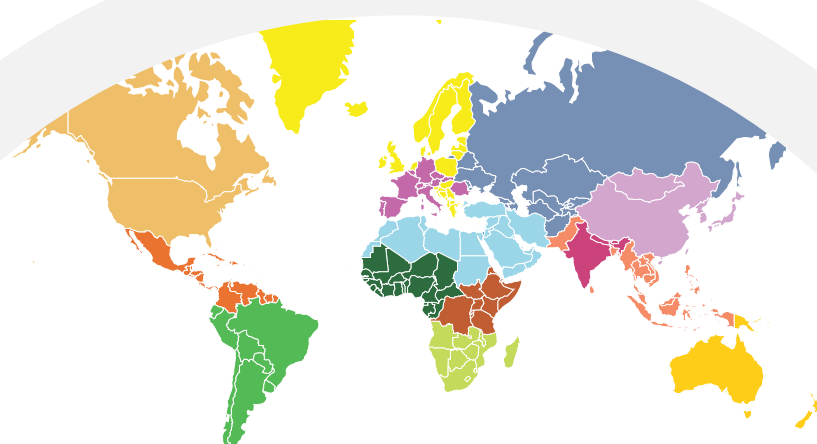
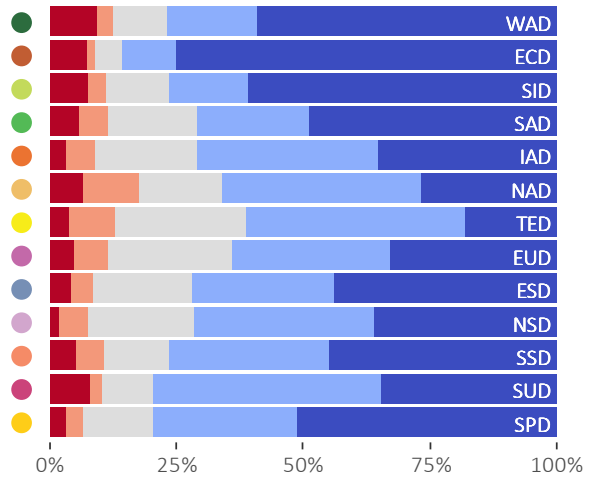
Satisfaction with Church



Lifetime Commitment



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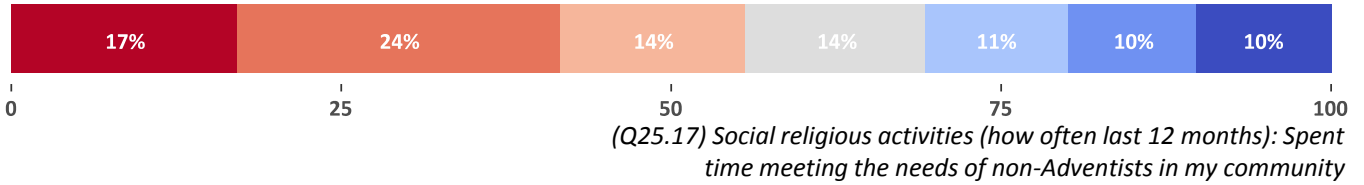
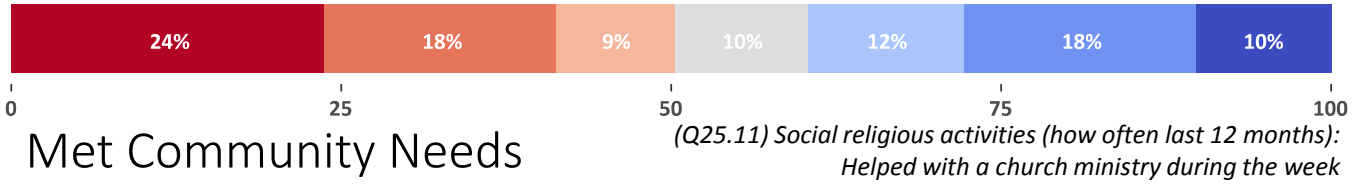
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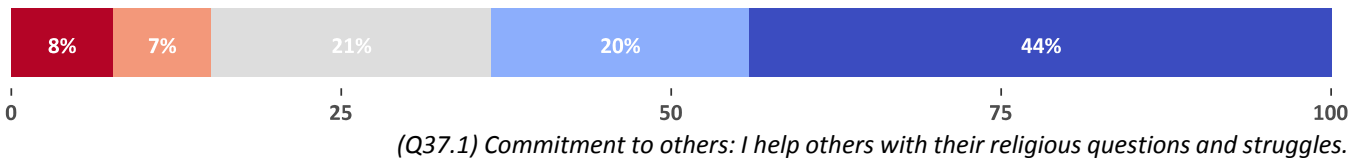
Valid Respondents:
Commitment: 57825
Satisfaction: 57676

Helped with Ministry During the Week



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

Help Others with Religion

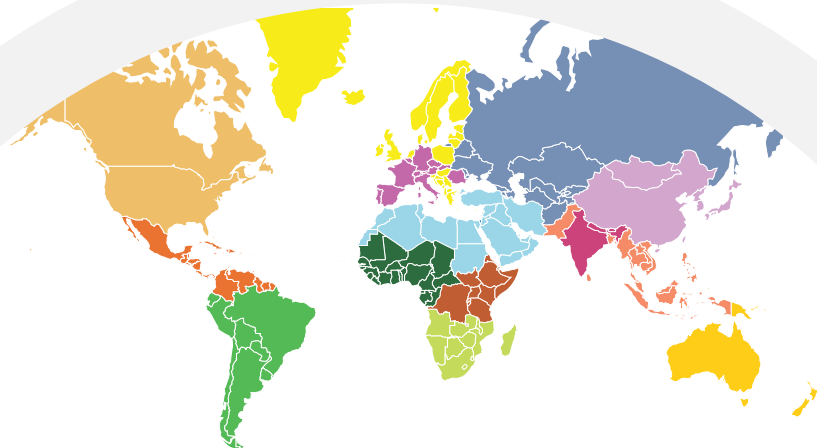
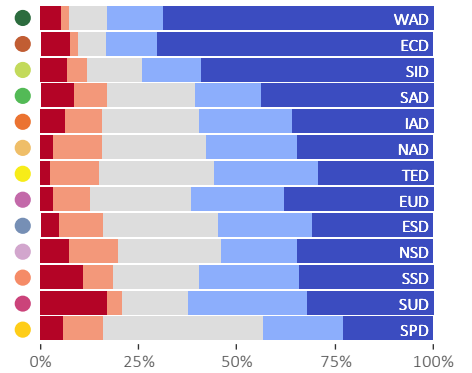
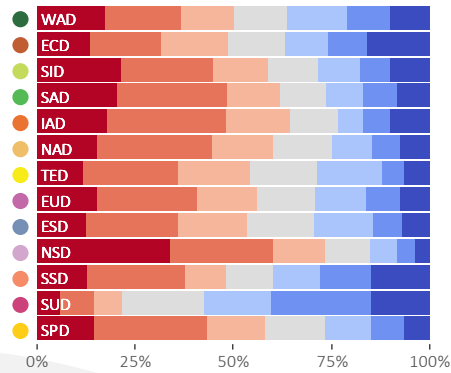
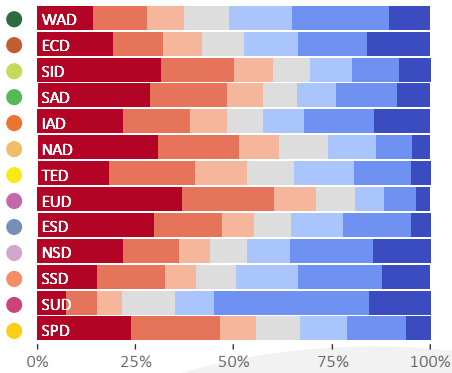


Never [Rarely] [Sometimes] [Sometimes-Often] Often

Helped with Ministry

Met Community Needs

Help Others with Religion



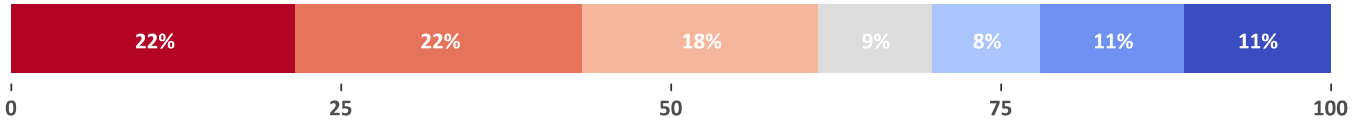
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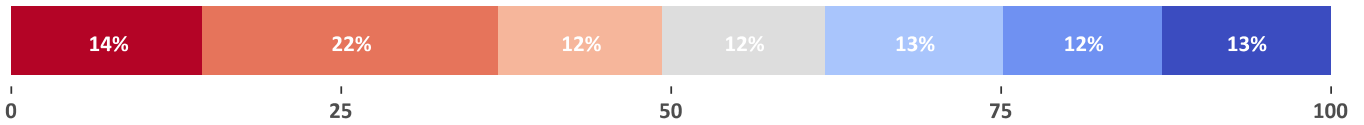
Valid Respondents:
Helped w/ Ministry: 54874
Community Needs: 56605
Help Others: 57319

Attended Evangelistic Meeting



(Q25.05) Social religious activities (how often last 12 months): Attended a public evangelistic meeting in my area

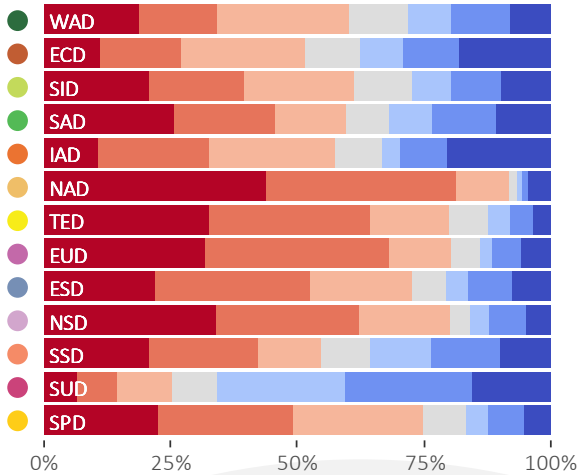
Witnessed to Non-Adventists



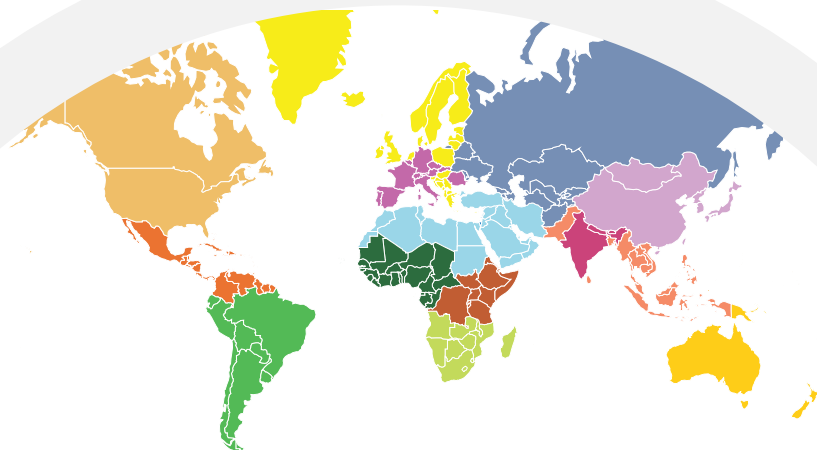
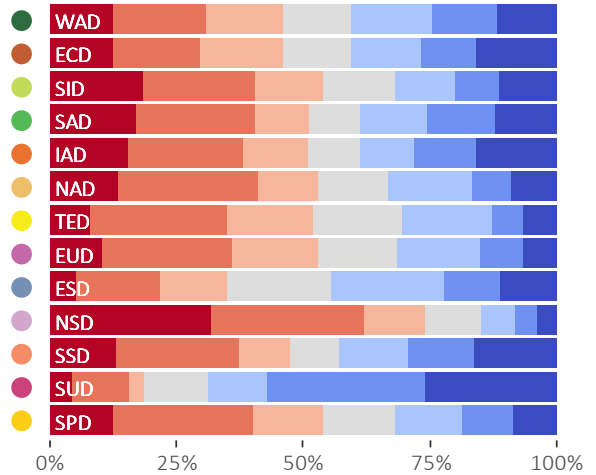
(Q25.15) Social religious activities (how often last 12 months): Witnessed to non-Adventists in my community

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

Attended Evangelistic Meeting



Witnessed to Non-Adventists



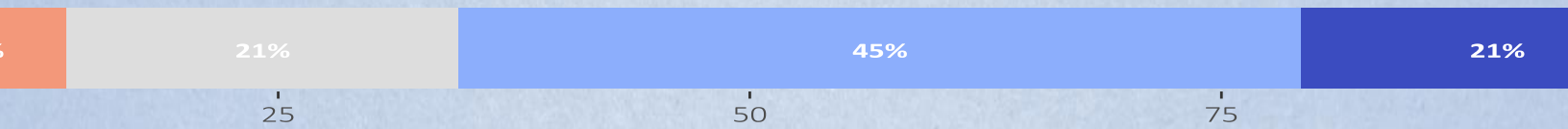
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OBJECTIVE
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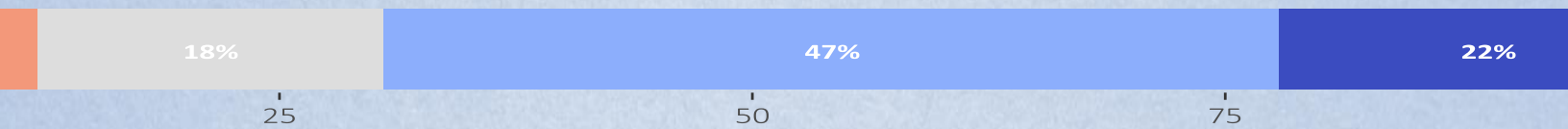
Valid Respondents:
Attend: 55458
Witnessed: 56364

Important Role

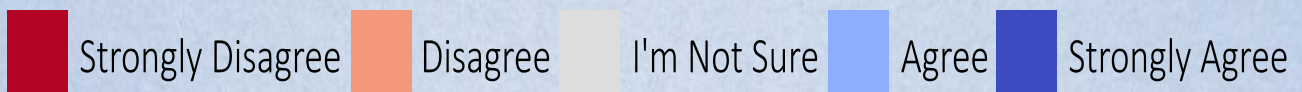


(Q29.11) Youth and young adults play an important role in decision-making in my local community

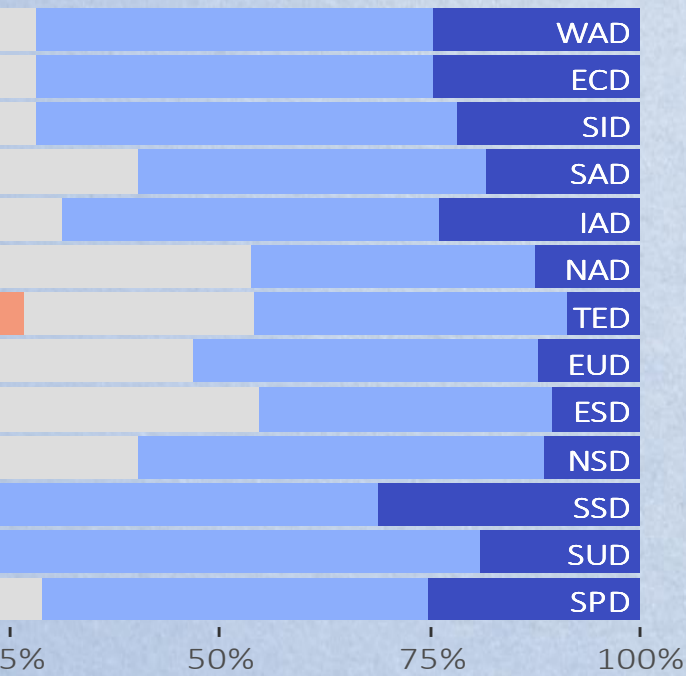
Involved in Mission



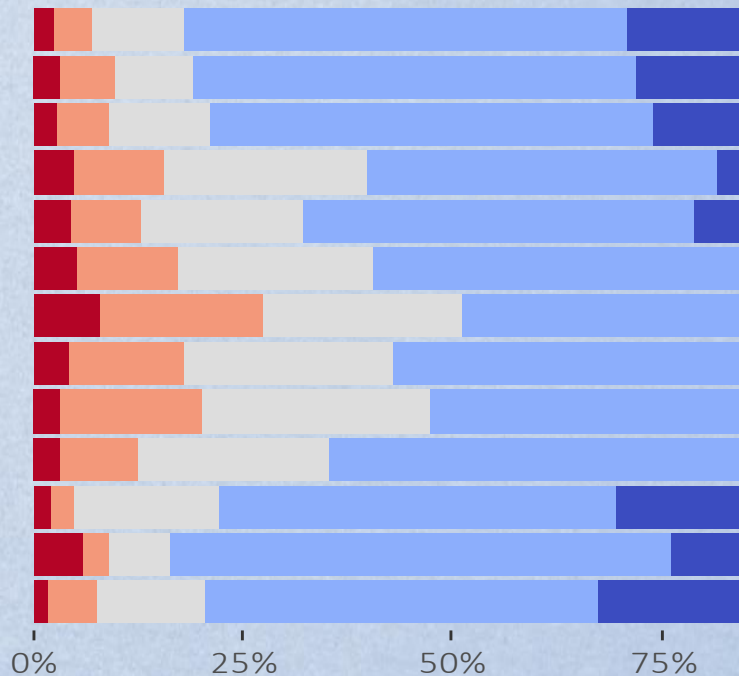
(Q29.12) Youth and young adults are actively involved in carrying out the mission of my local community



Age Group



Involved in Mission



Valid Respondents:
 Important Role: 42,684
 Involved: 54,911

