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How Relativism Undermines Your Faith in Christ

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The Voice & Spirituality Experience

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What is truth?



Subjective...

or



Objective?

Objective or Subjective?

- That guy's shirt is red.
- Red is the best color.
- Tropical islands are the best places to visit.
- Two plus two equals four.
- I rode my bike 150 miles in one day.



Objective

Objective or Subjective?

- Atoms consist of protons, neutrons and electrons.
- God exists.
- Jesus existed and Jews crucified him.
- Premarital sex is morally wrong.
- It is wrong for women to have an elective abortion.



Objective

The Truth about Truth

Contrary beliefs
are possible, but
contrary truths are
not possible.

You can believe
everything is true,
but everything
can't be true.

Objective truth
can't be denied
without being
affirmed.

The Correspondence Theory of Truth

$IS \rightarrow IS = \text{TRUE}$
 $ISN'T \rightarrow ISN'T = \text{TRUE}$

$IS \rightarrow ISN'T = \text{FALSE}$
 $ISN'T \rightarrow IS = \text{FALSE}$

What is truth?

“But there is no truth!”

“Is that true?”

“There is no religious truth!”

“Is that a religious truth?”

What is truth?

"I can't speak a word of English."

"Didn't you say that in English?"

"There is not truth in anything but science."

"Is that a scientific truth?"

What is truth?

"You should doubt everything"

"Should I doubt that?"

"You ought not judge."

"Isn't that a judgment?"

Deconstructionism:

The reader's interpretation is more important than the author's intent.

“What does this verse mean to me?”

The law of non-contradiction

Contradictory statements cannot both be true in the same sense at the same time.

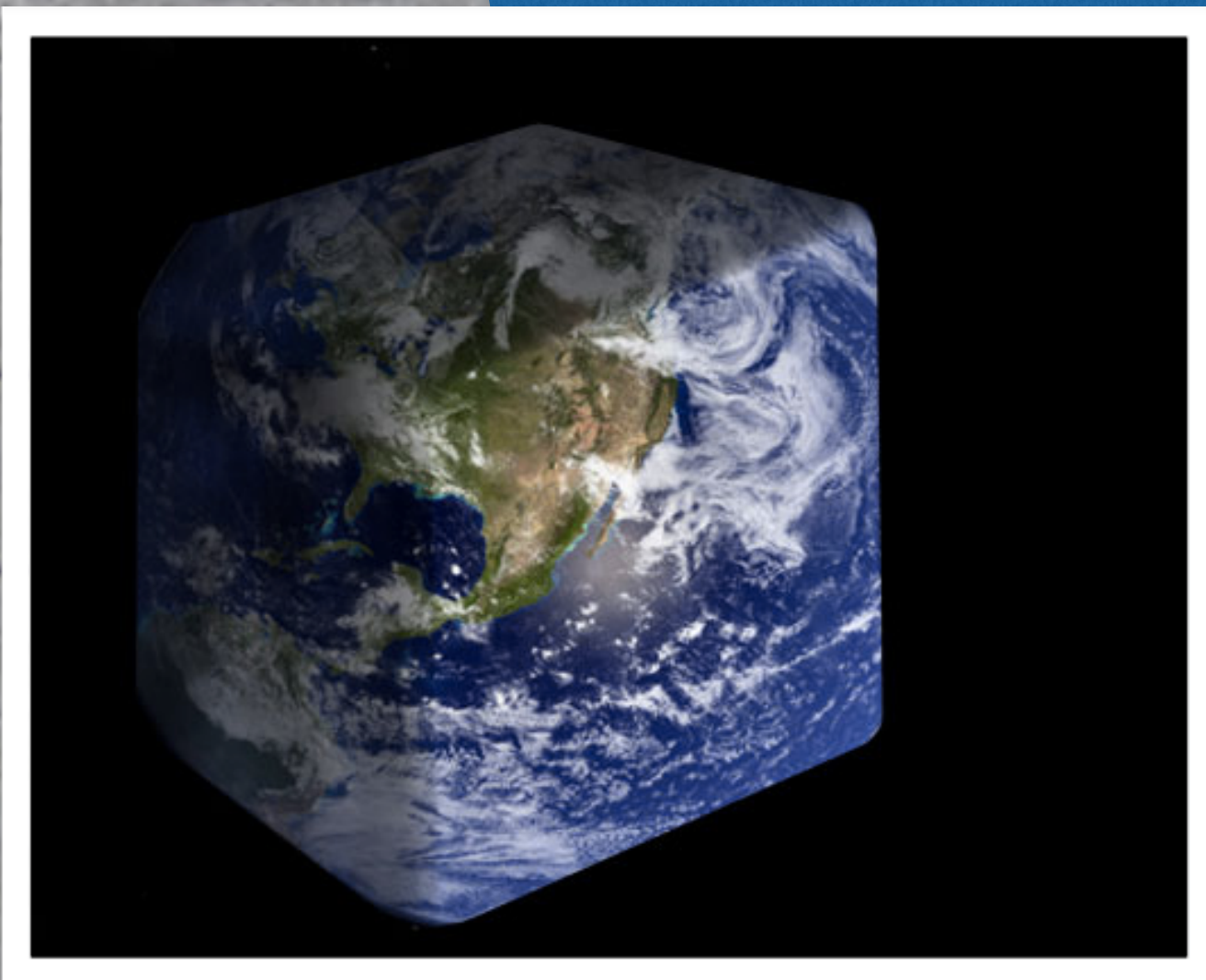
"A is B"
and
"A is not B"
are
mutually
exclusive.

The law of non-contradiction

“The earth is round.”



“The earth is not round.”



The law of non-contradiction

“Jesus is God.”

“Jesus is not God.”

Relativism undermines the
very core of Christianity.

John 14:6

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am
the way, and the truth,
and the life. No one
comes to the Father except
through me.’”

Evaluating Truth Claims

Does the explanation
redefine the facts?

Is the explanation logically
contradictory?

Is the explanation
supported by evidence?

Why is Christianity the
only true religion?

Truth
Exists

God
Exists

God
Acts

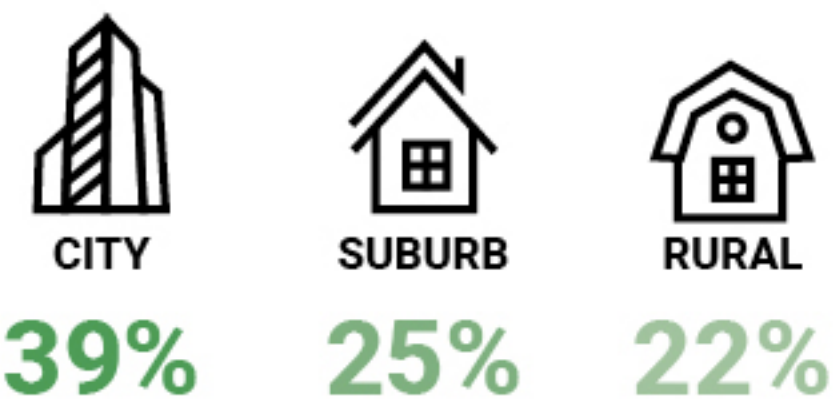
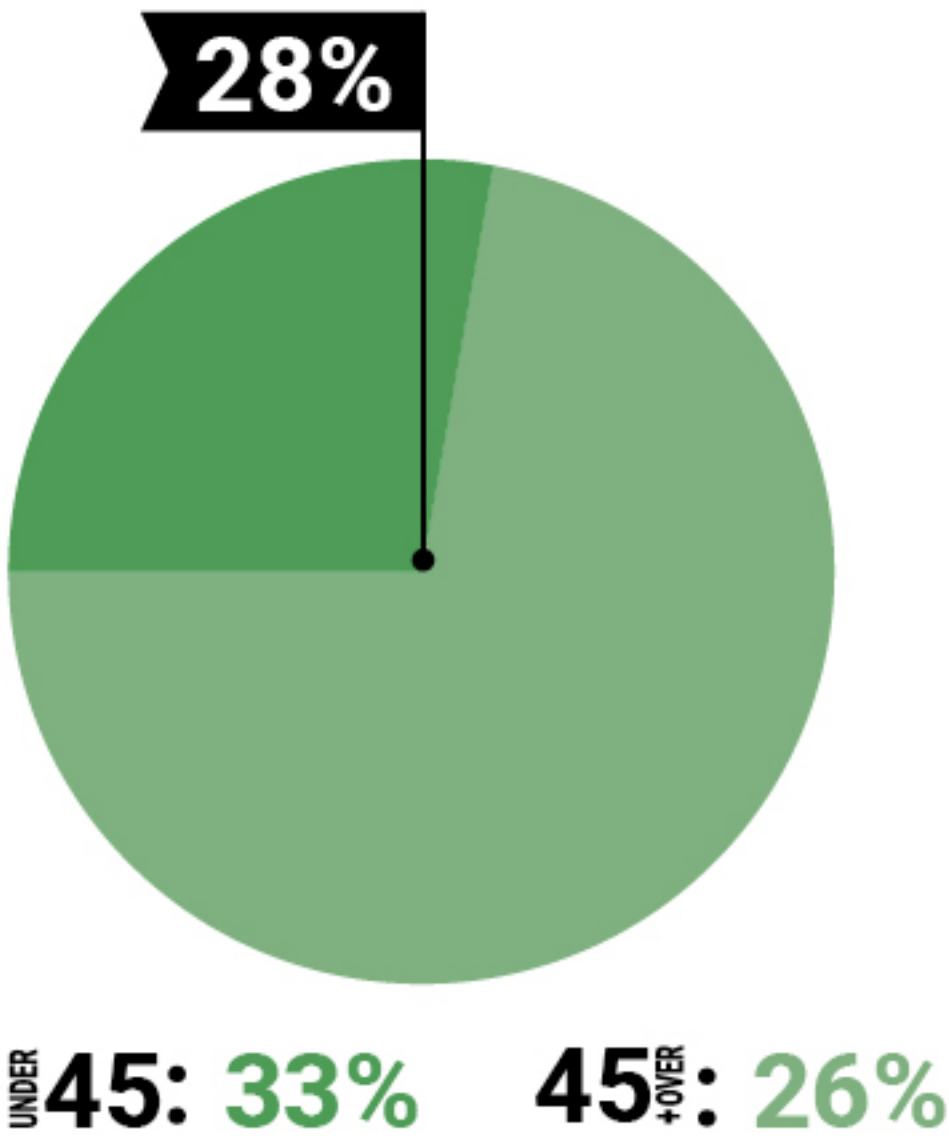
God
Speaks

NEW SPIRITUALITY

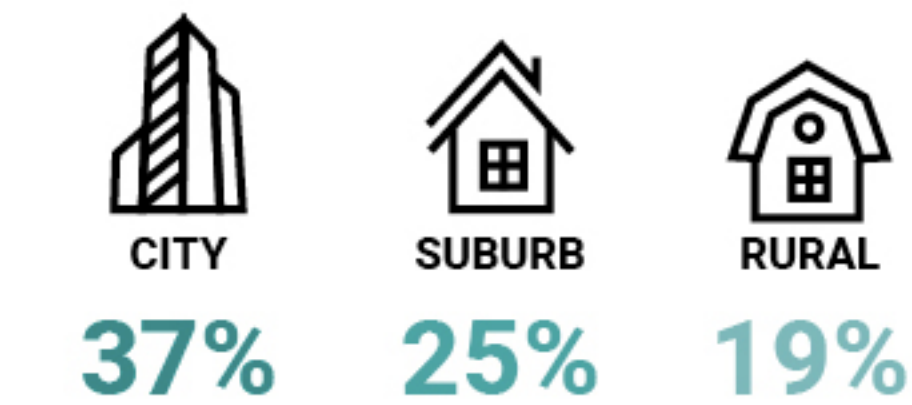
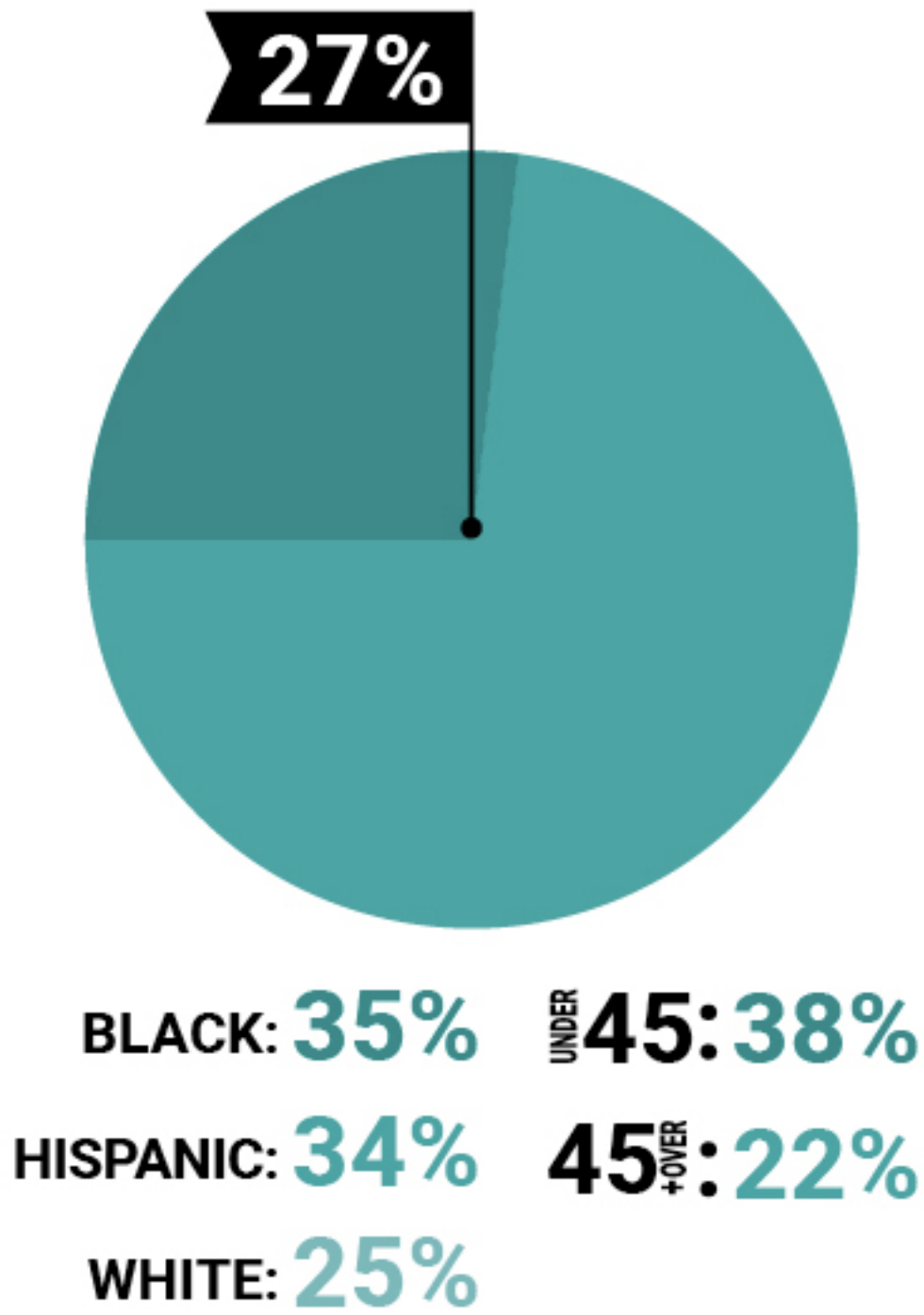
(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)



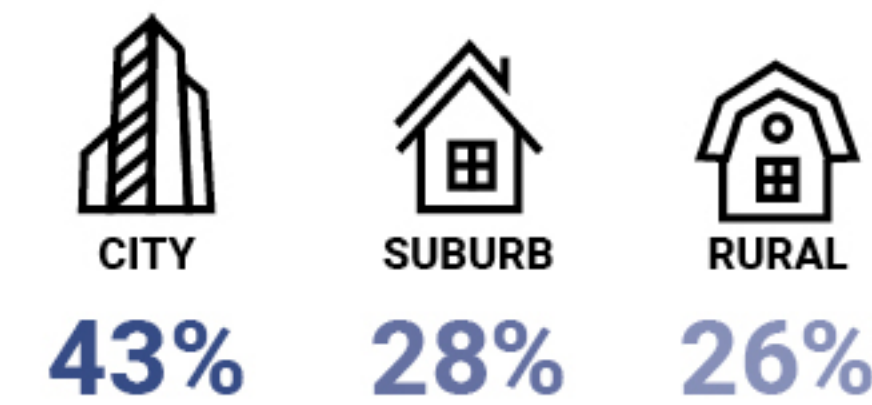
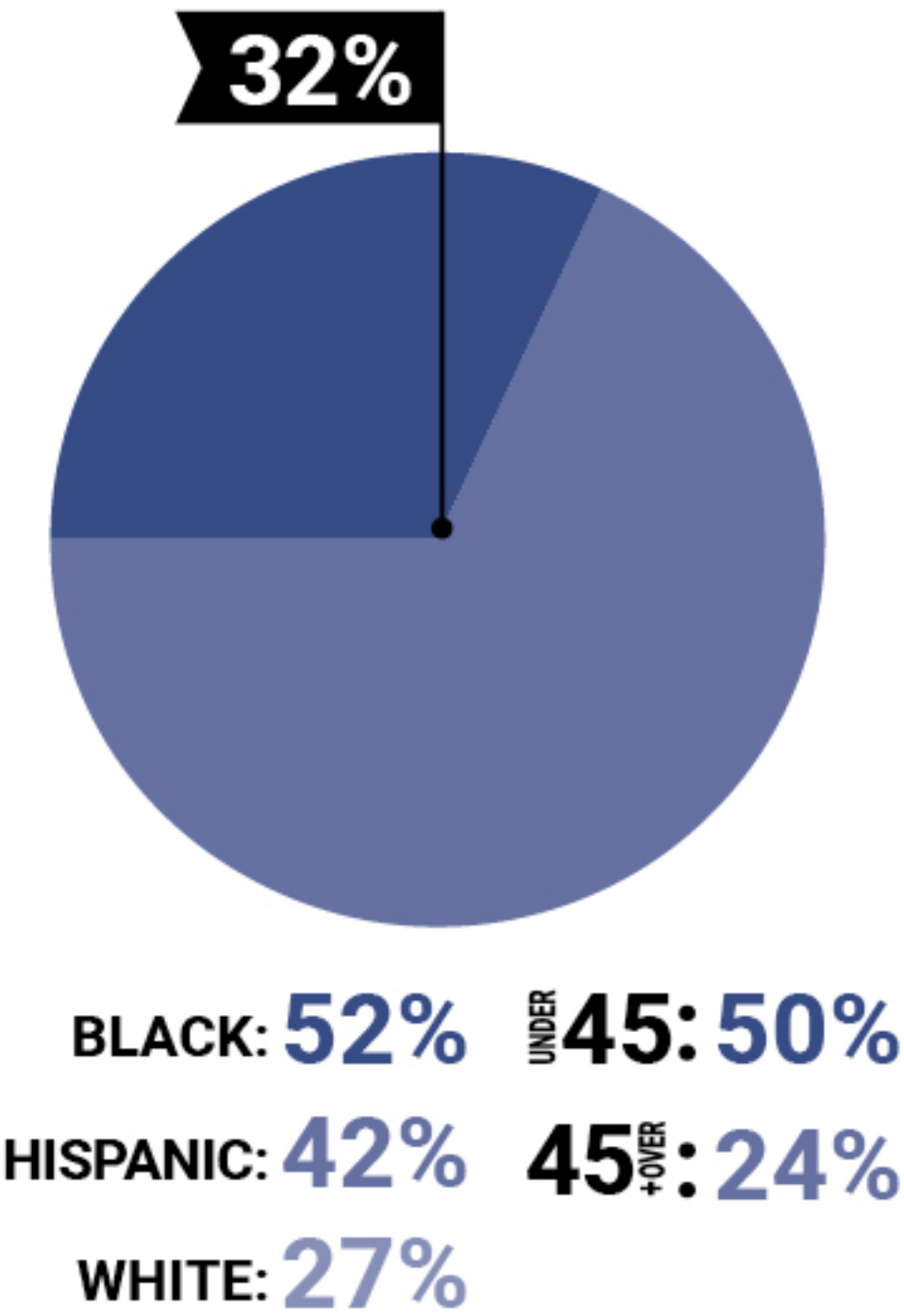
All people pray to the same god or spirit, no matter what name they use for that spiritual being



Meaning and purpose come from becoming one with all that is



If you do good, you will receive good. If you do bad, you will receive bad



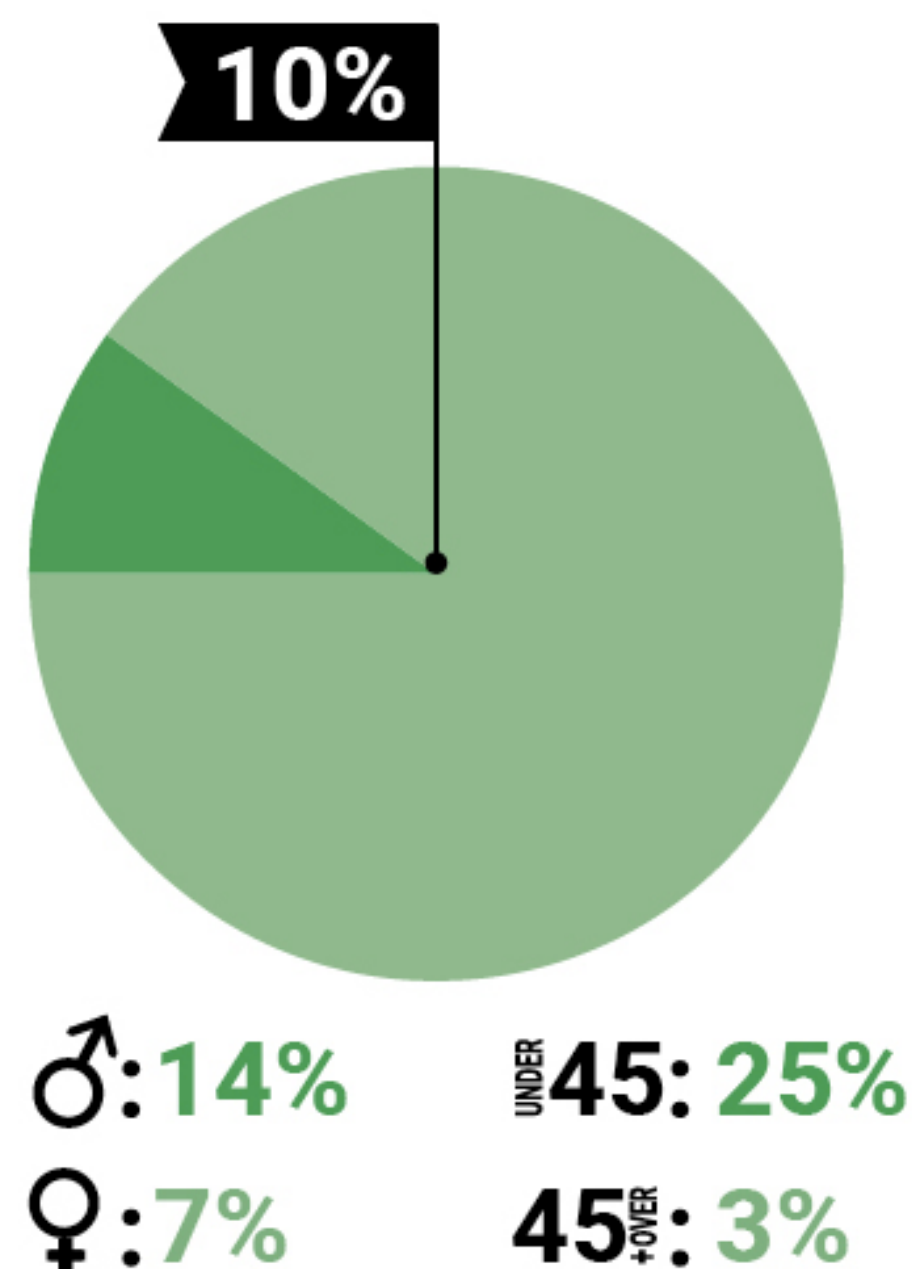
Overall, at least 61% of practicing Christians embrace at least one of the ideas rooted in New Spirituality.

SECULARISM

(% among practicing Christians who strongly agree)

The researchers found that 29% of practicing Christians believe at least one of the secular statements assessed in the project.

A belief has to be proven by science to know it is true



CITY

22%



SUBURB

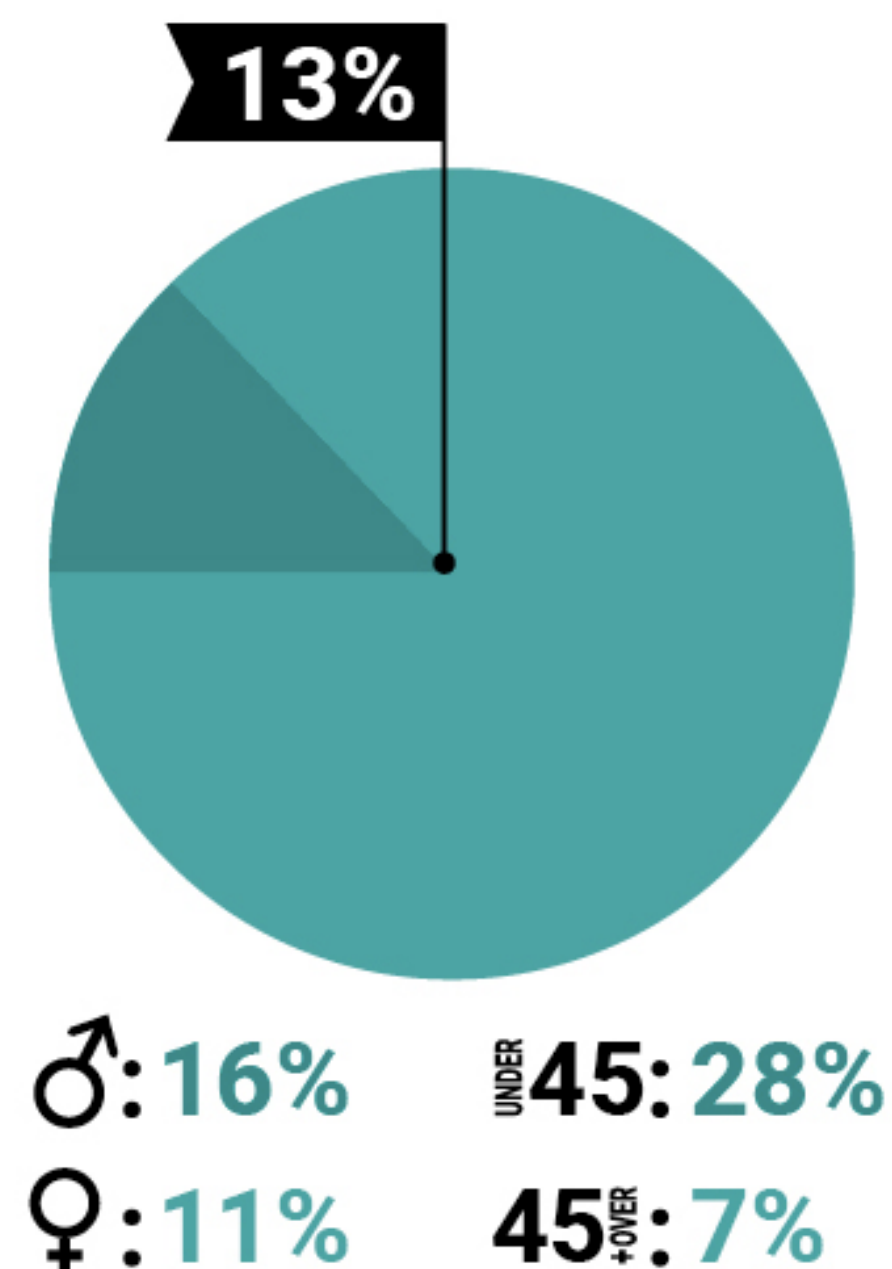
5%



RURAL

3%

A person's life is valuable only if society sees it as valuable



CITY

27%



SUBURB

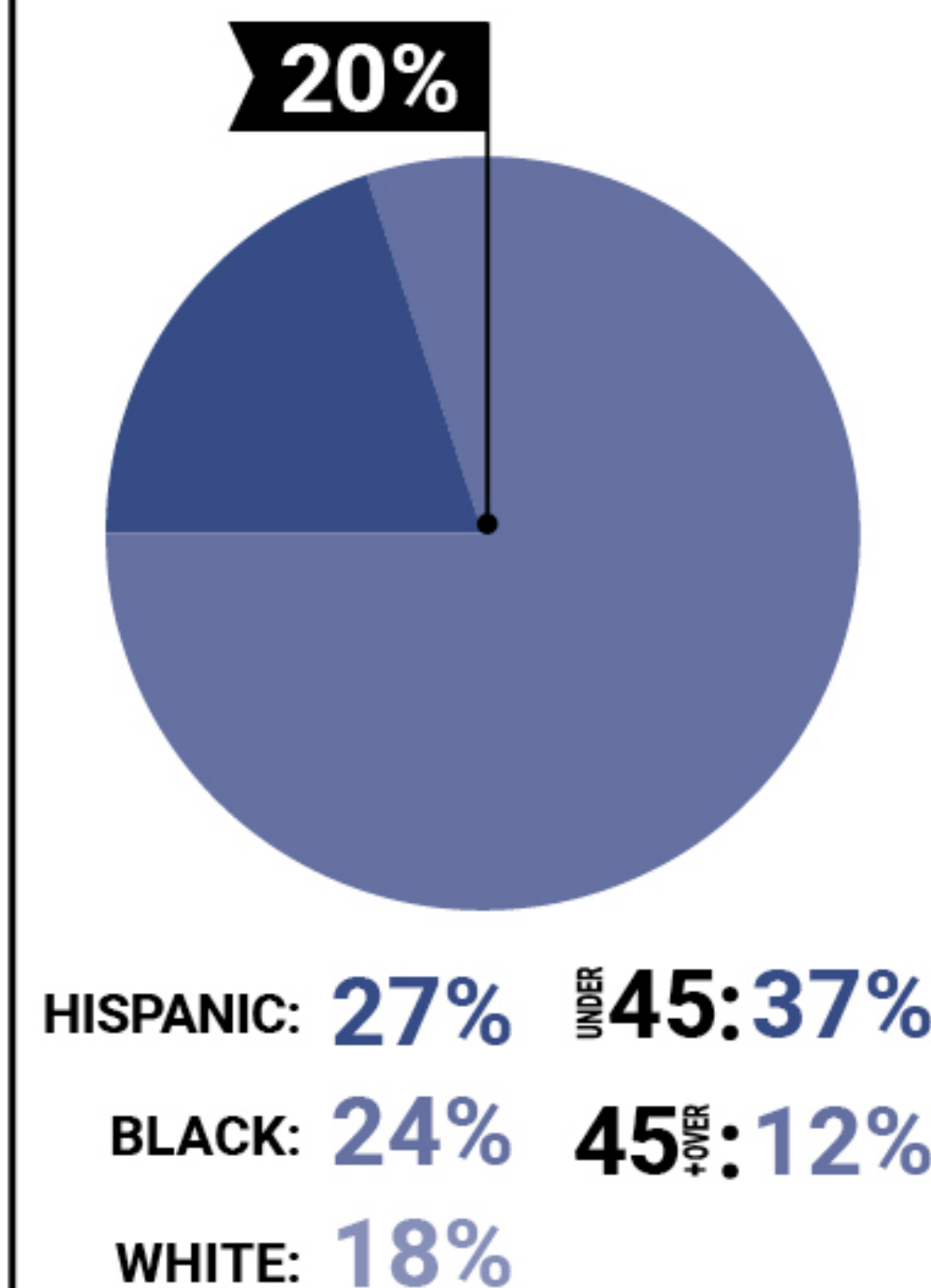
7%



RURAL

6%

Meaning and purpose come from working hard to earn as much as possible so you can make the most of life



CITY

31%



SUBURB

14%



RURAL

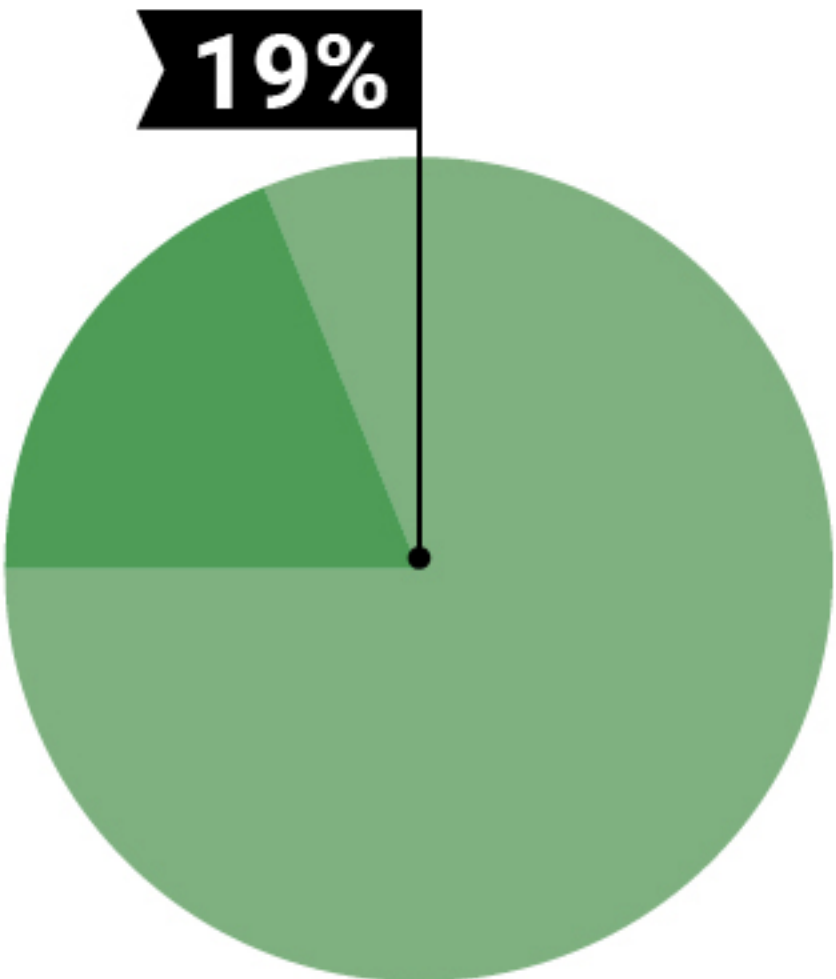
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POSTMODERNISM

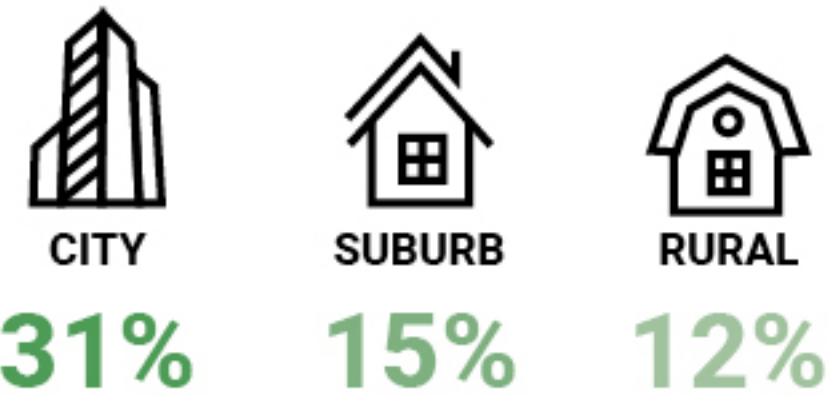
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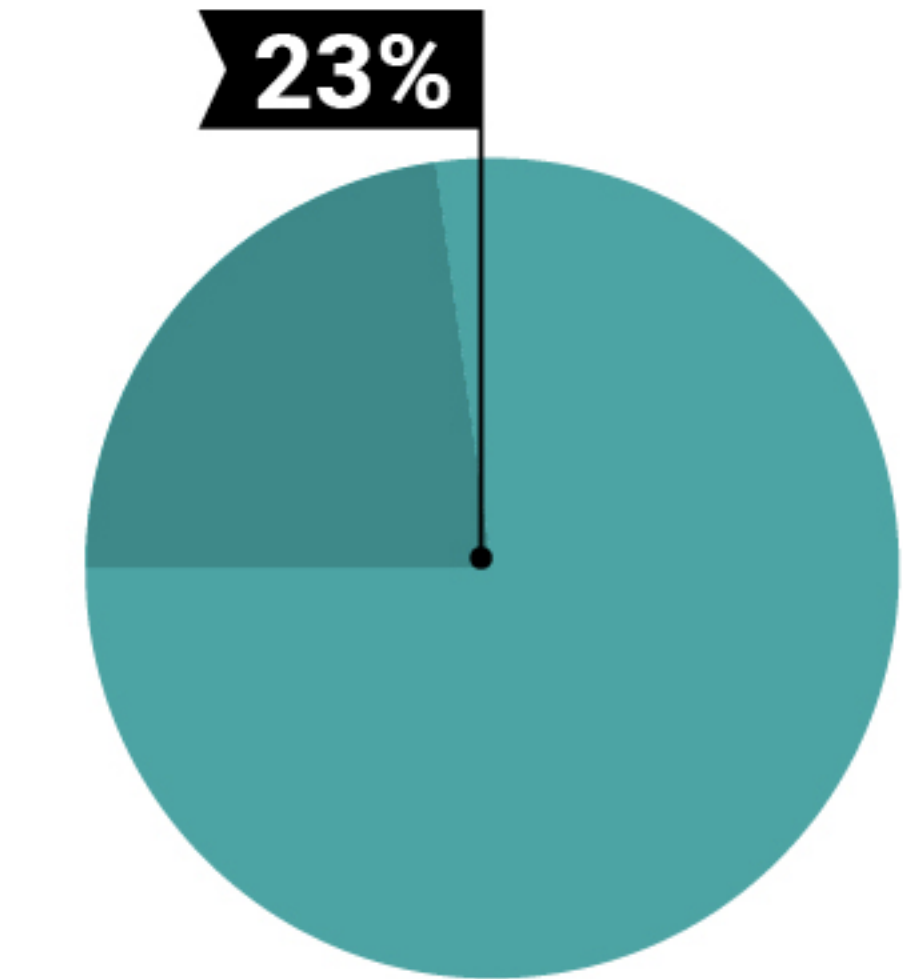
No one can know for certain what meaning and purpose there is to life



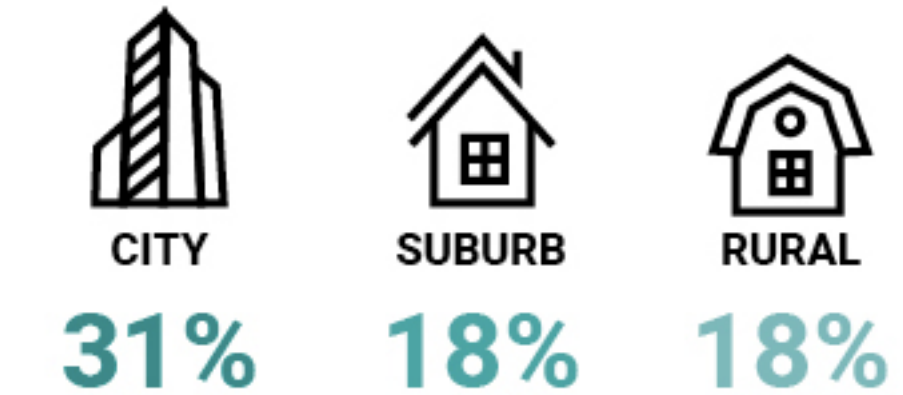
♂:22% UNDER 45:32%
♀:16% 45+:13%



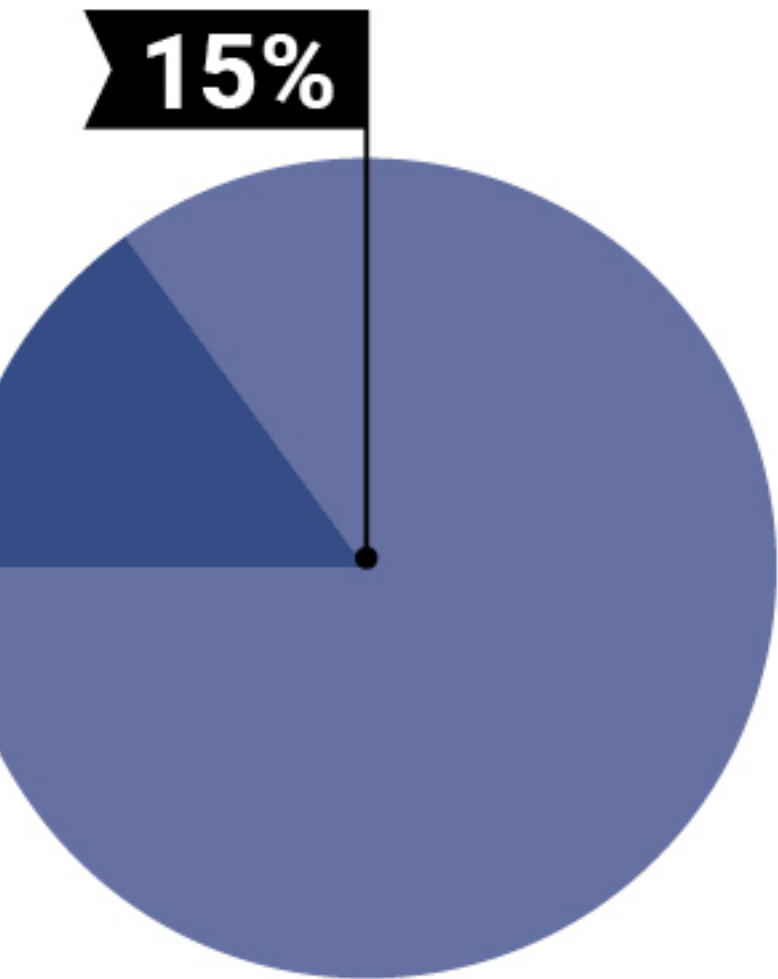
What is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes



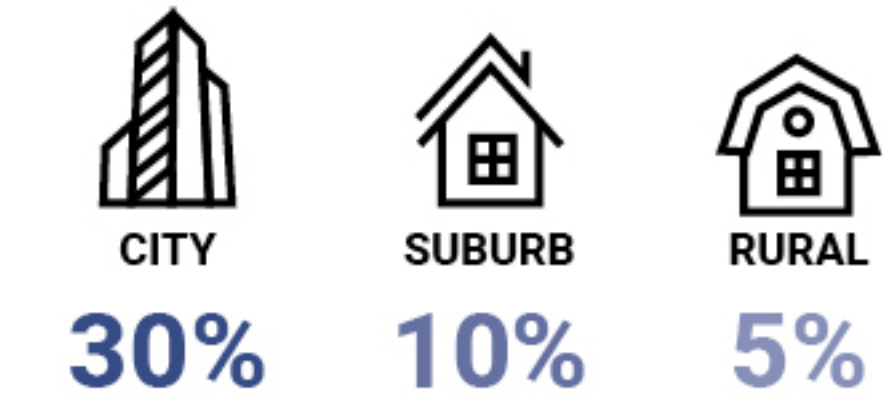
🎓:31% UNDER 45:37%
HIGH SCHOOL OR LESS 45+:16%
📖:21%
COLLEGE GRADUATE



If your beliefs offend someone or hurt their feelings, it is wrong



BLACK:22% UNDER 45:29%
HISPANIC:17% 45+:8%
WHITE:13%



As a whole, more than half (54%) of practicing Christians embrace at least one of the postmodern statements assessed in the research.

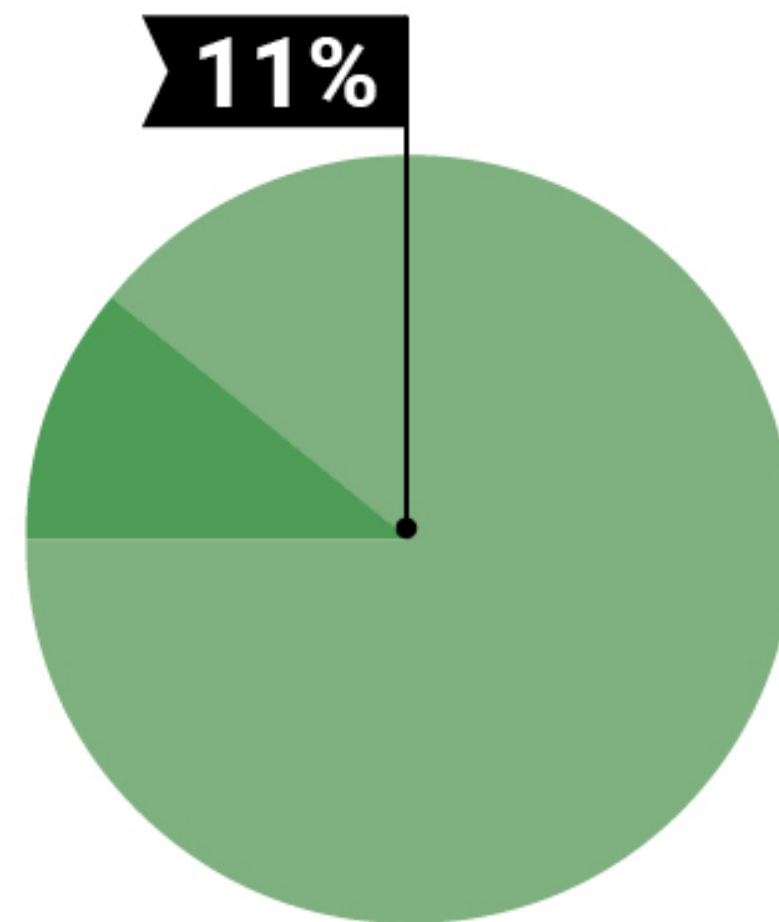
In total, Barna found that 36% of practicing Christians embraced at least one of the Marxist statements assessed in the research.

MARXISM

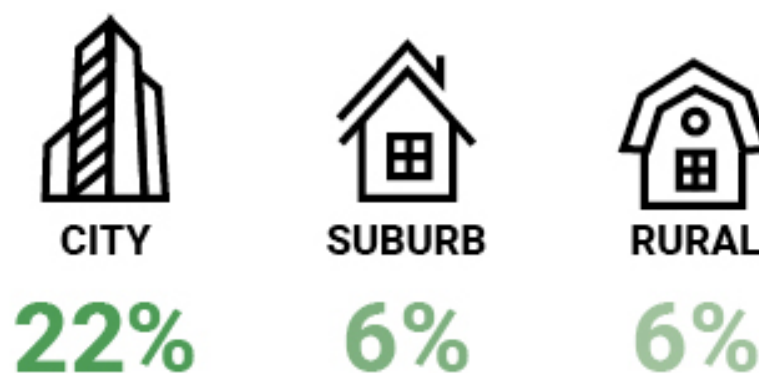
(% among practicing Christians)

Barna

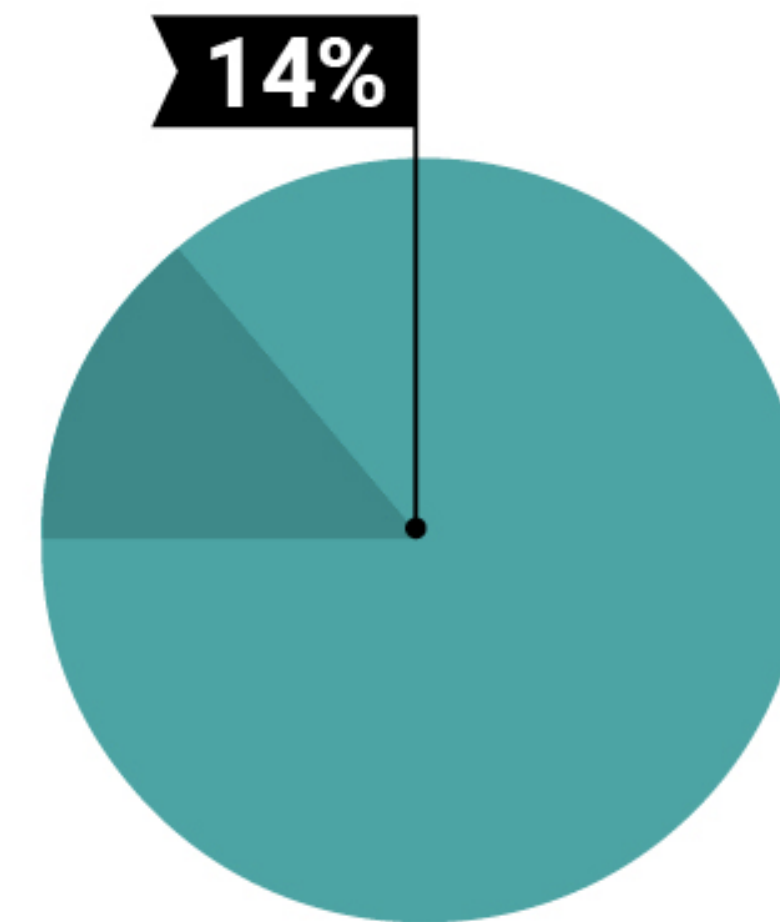
Private property encourages greed and envy
(strongly agree)



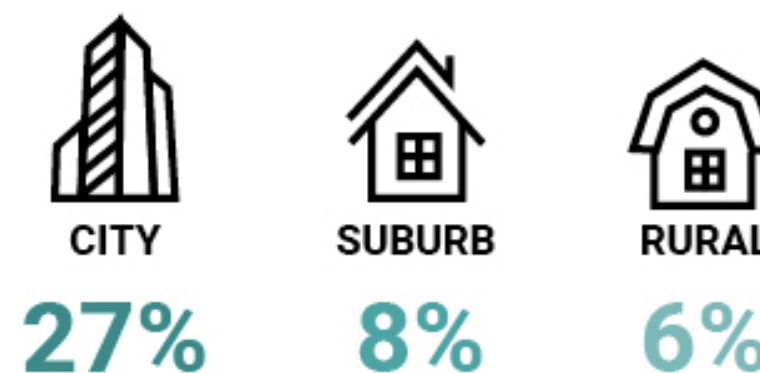
♂: 15% UNDER 45: 23%
♀: 8% 45+ OVER: 5%



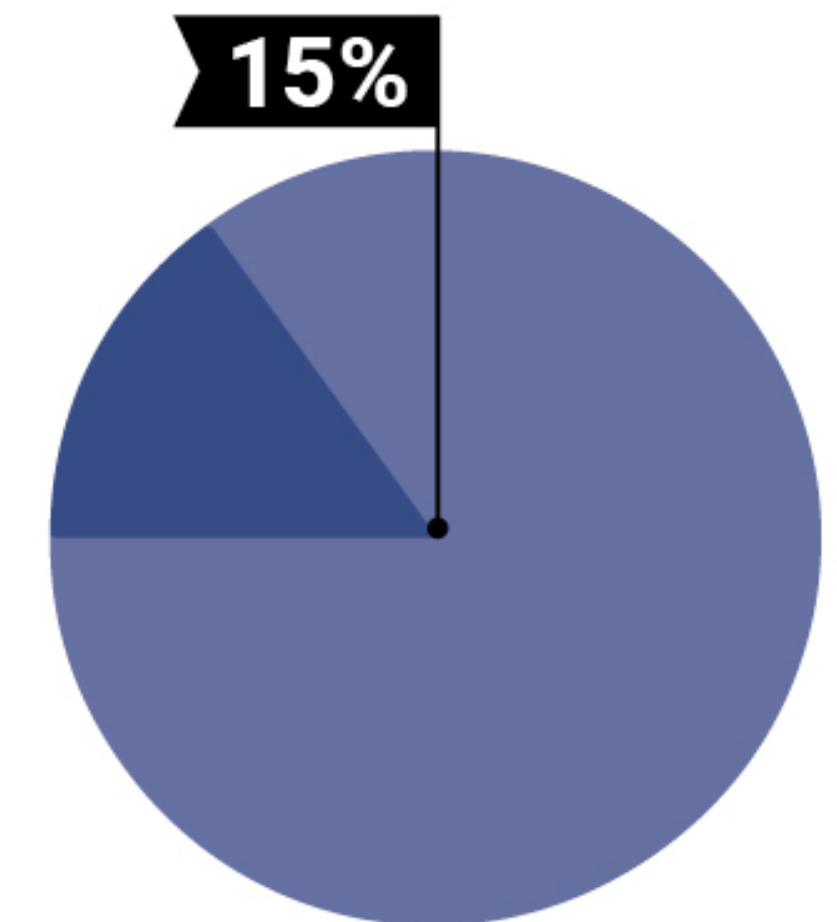
The government, rather than individuals, should control as much of the resources as necessary to ensure that everyone gets their fair share
(strongly agree)



BLACK: 23% UNDER 45: 30%
WHITE: 12% 45+ OVER: 6%
HISPANIC: 9%



If the government leaves them alone, businesses will mostly do what's right
(strongly disagree)



BLACK: 26% UNDER 45: 17%
HISPANIC: 14% 45+ OVER: 12%
WHITE: 12%

Don't isolate...



...inoculate.



Dr. Jeff Myers

“For people to believe a claim, they must be prepared to defend it against its challengers. Merely repeating the message over and over again—even with increasing fervency, emotion and clever staging—is actually counter-productive, worse than no preparation at all.”



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“The antidote to indoctrination is to tell the truth, expose people to the lies that would deceive them, show them how to refute those lies, and prepare them with the thinking skills necessary to continue resisting falsehoods.”

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