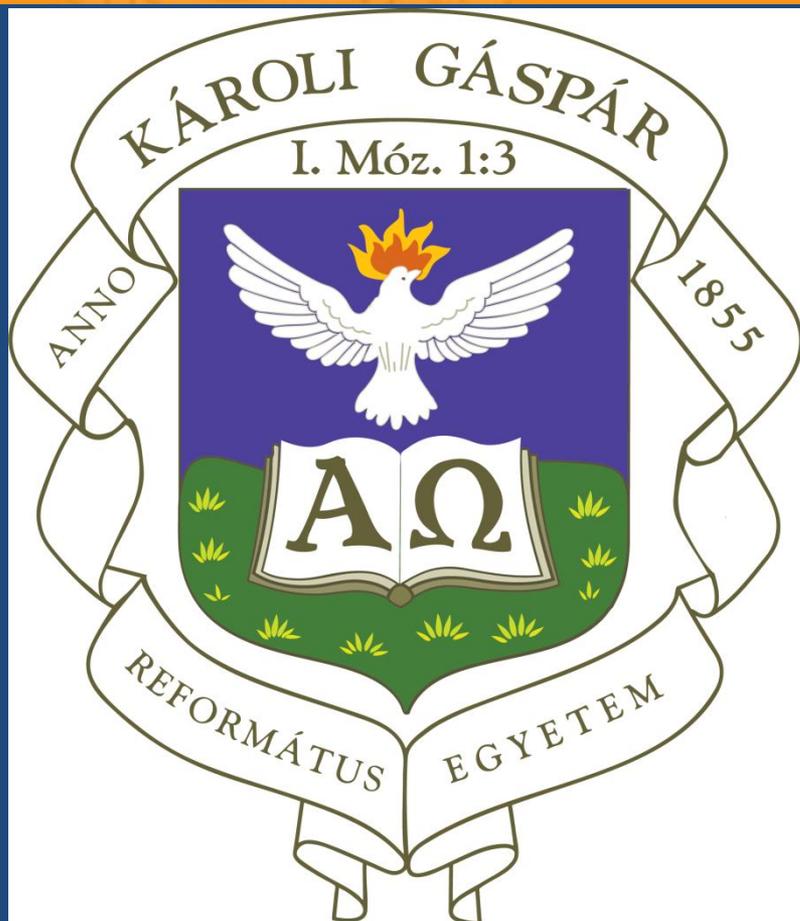


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## Sociological Report about The Reformed Church in Hungary 2014

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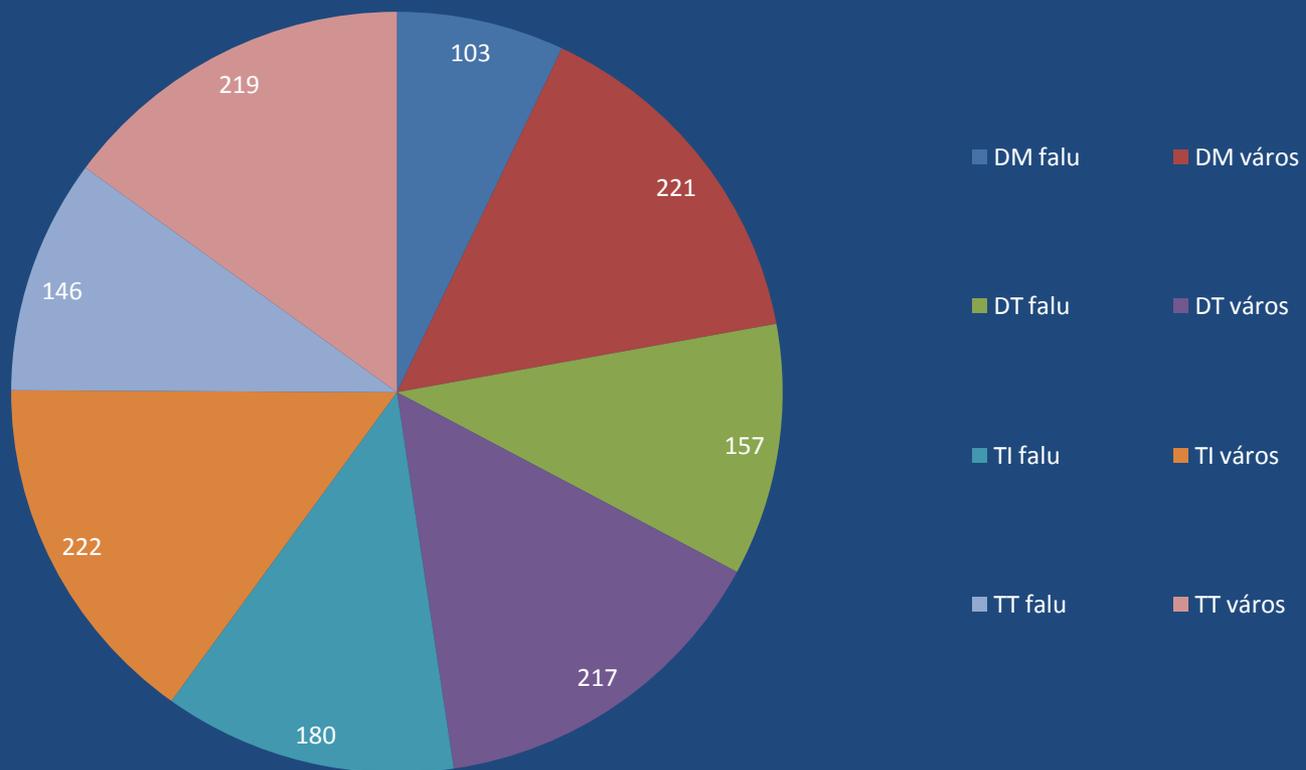
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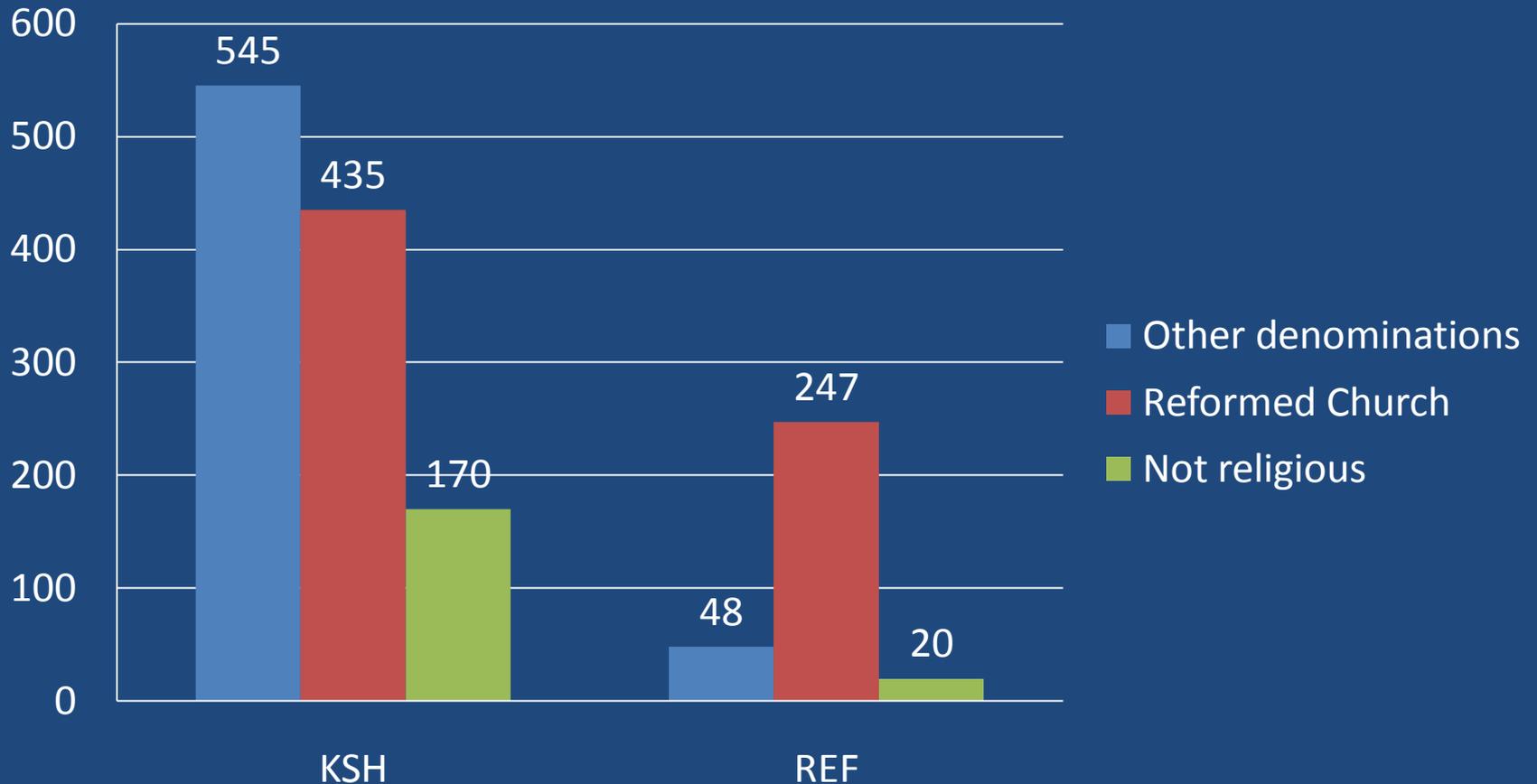
# Research methodology

- **Károli Gáspár University, Institute of Social and Media Studies with the Institute of Psychology and Institute of Social Work and Diaconia**
- **Surveying period: June—August 2014**
- **8 interview groups, 120 interviewers, more than 10 Hungarian settlements, 1465 respondents**
- **63 questions (30—50-minutes-long interviews)**
- **Topics analysed: *religiosity, image of the church, trust, life satisfaction, physiological and mental health, social networks, social status, social care***

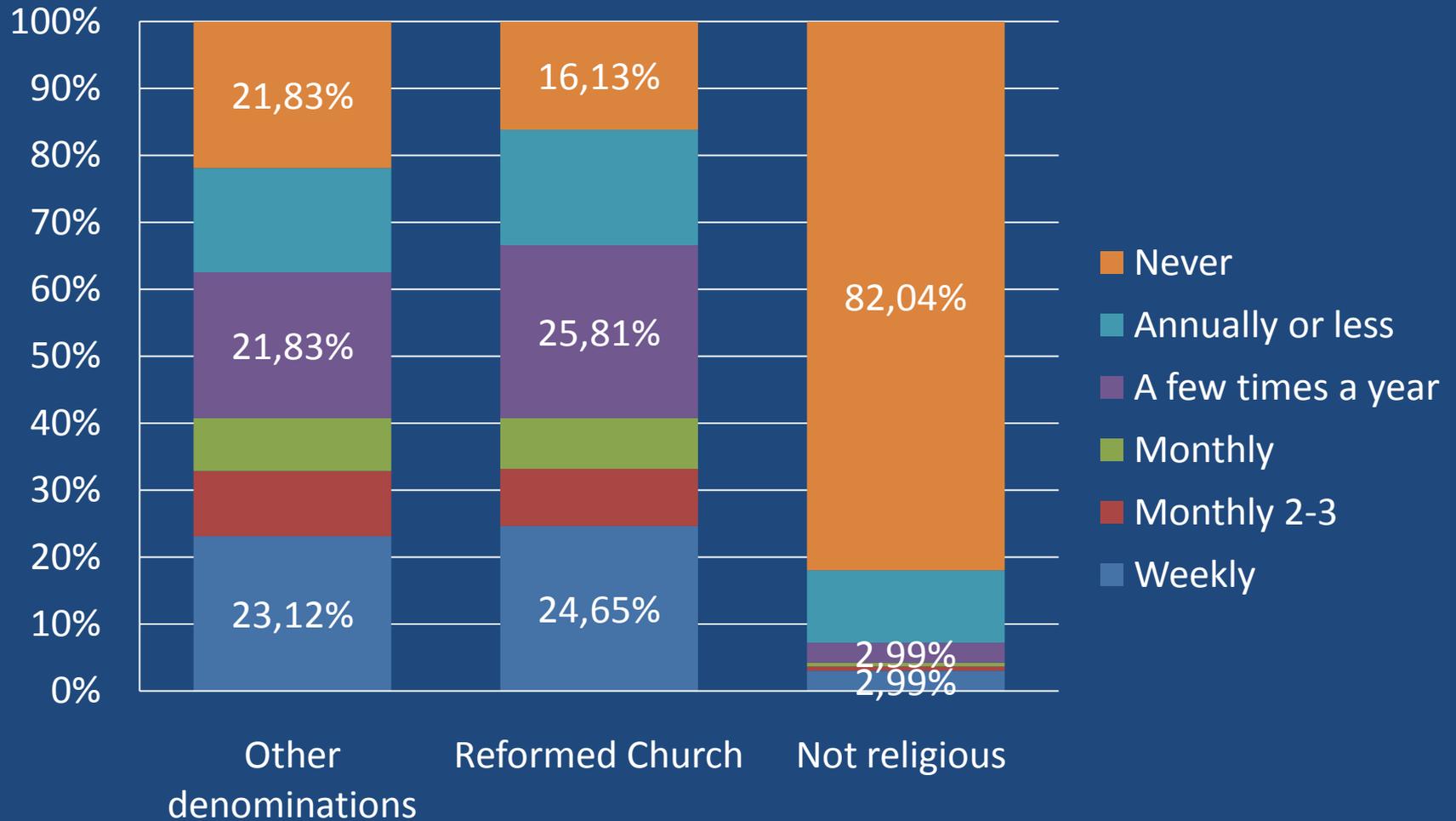
# In which diocese is the settlement located? 1465 persons



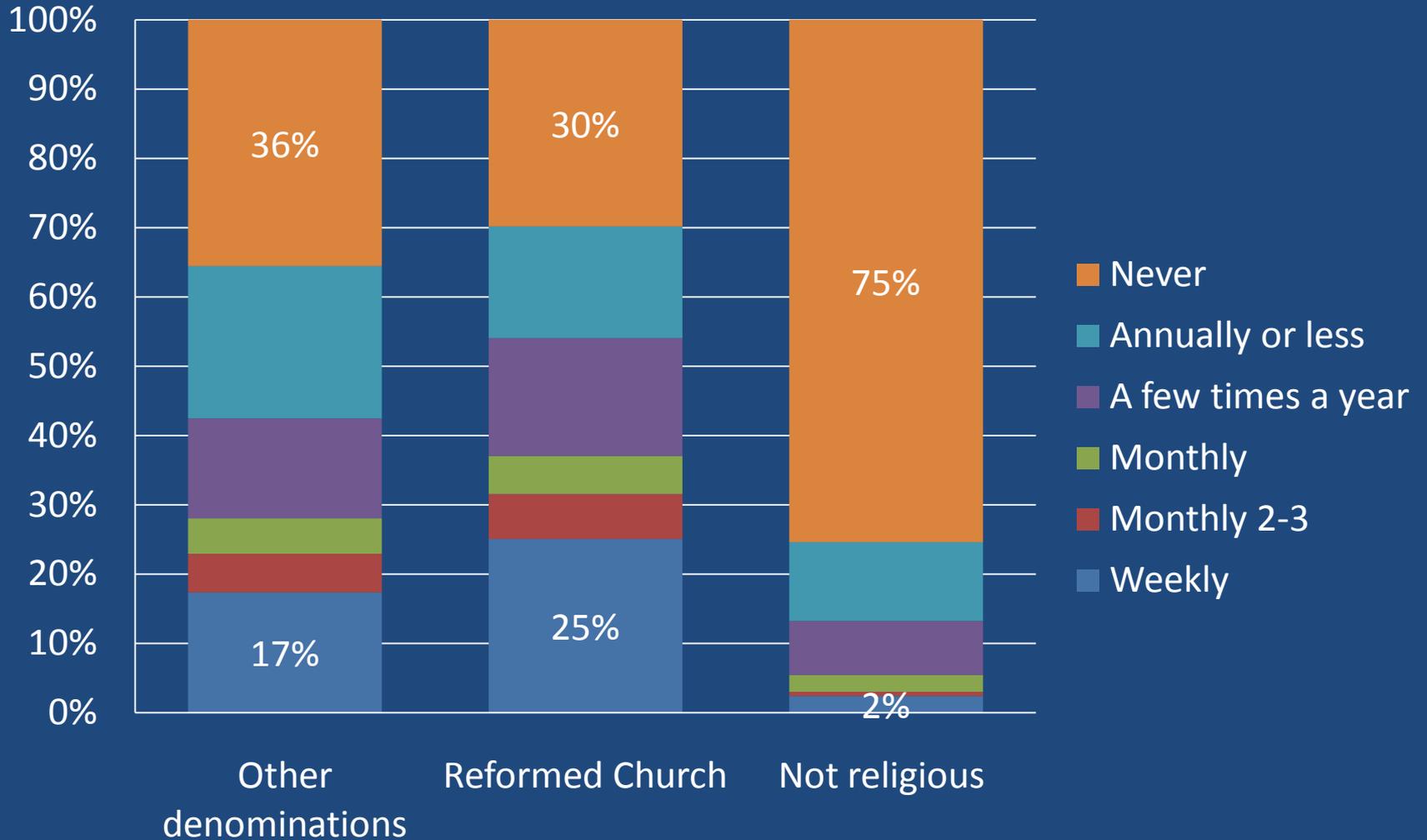
**Religious composition of the two samples  
(KSH - Hungarian Central Statistical Office)  
(Ref - Name registers of Reformed congregations)**



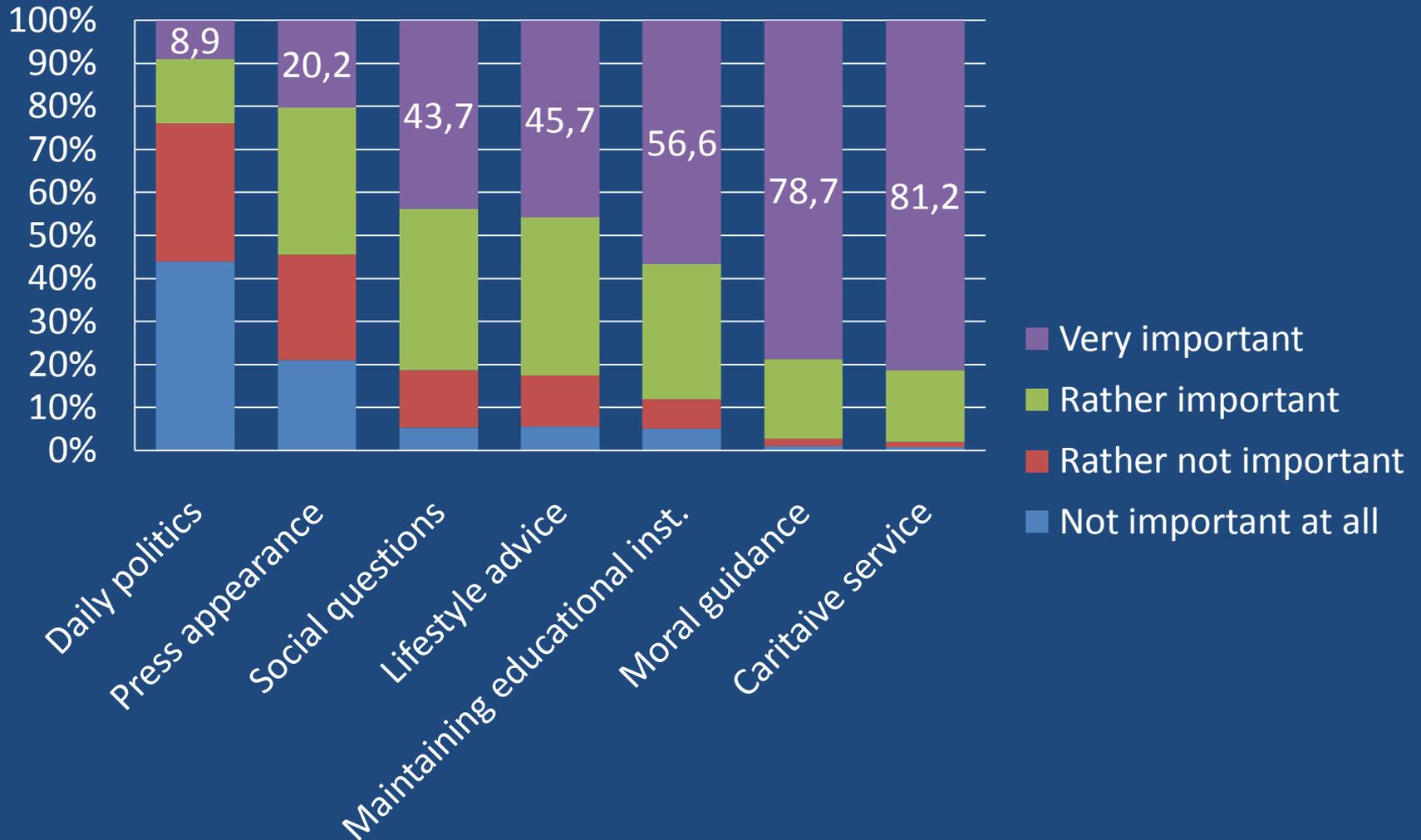
## How frequently do you attend church?



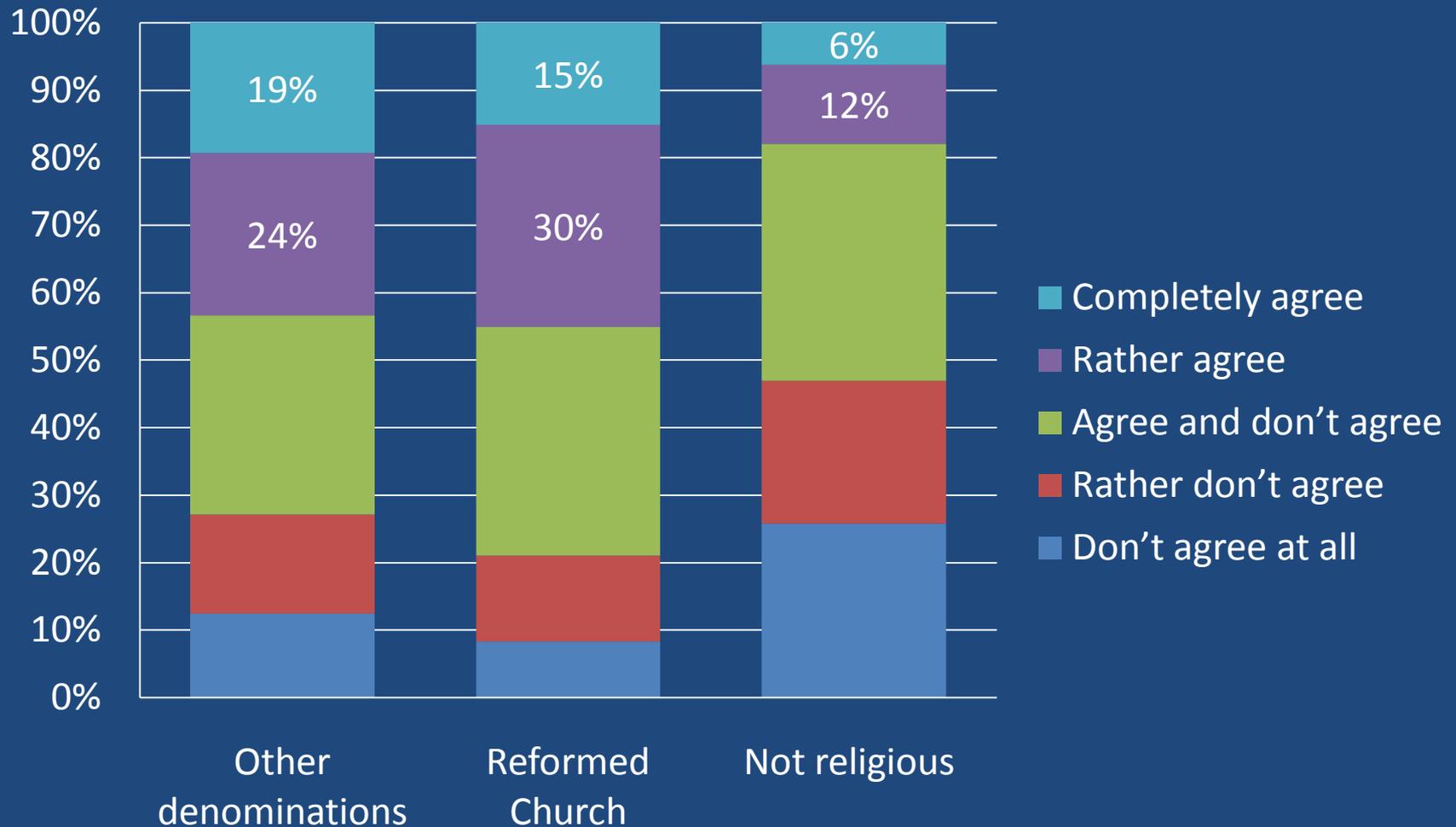
# How frequently do you read the Bible? KSH



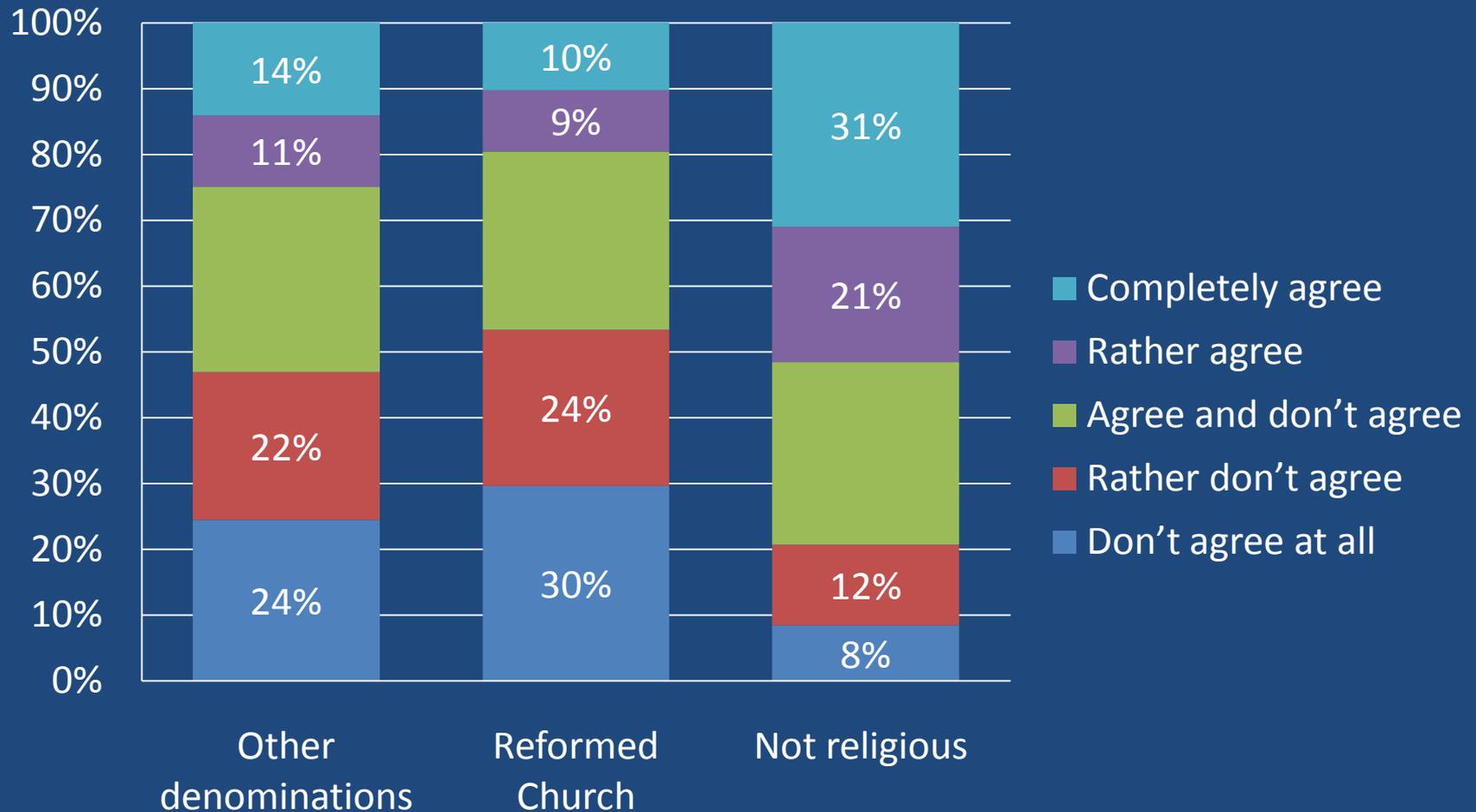
# How important is for the Church to deal with the following?



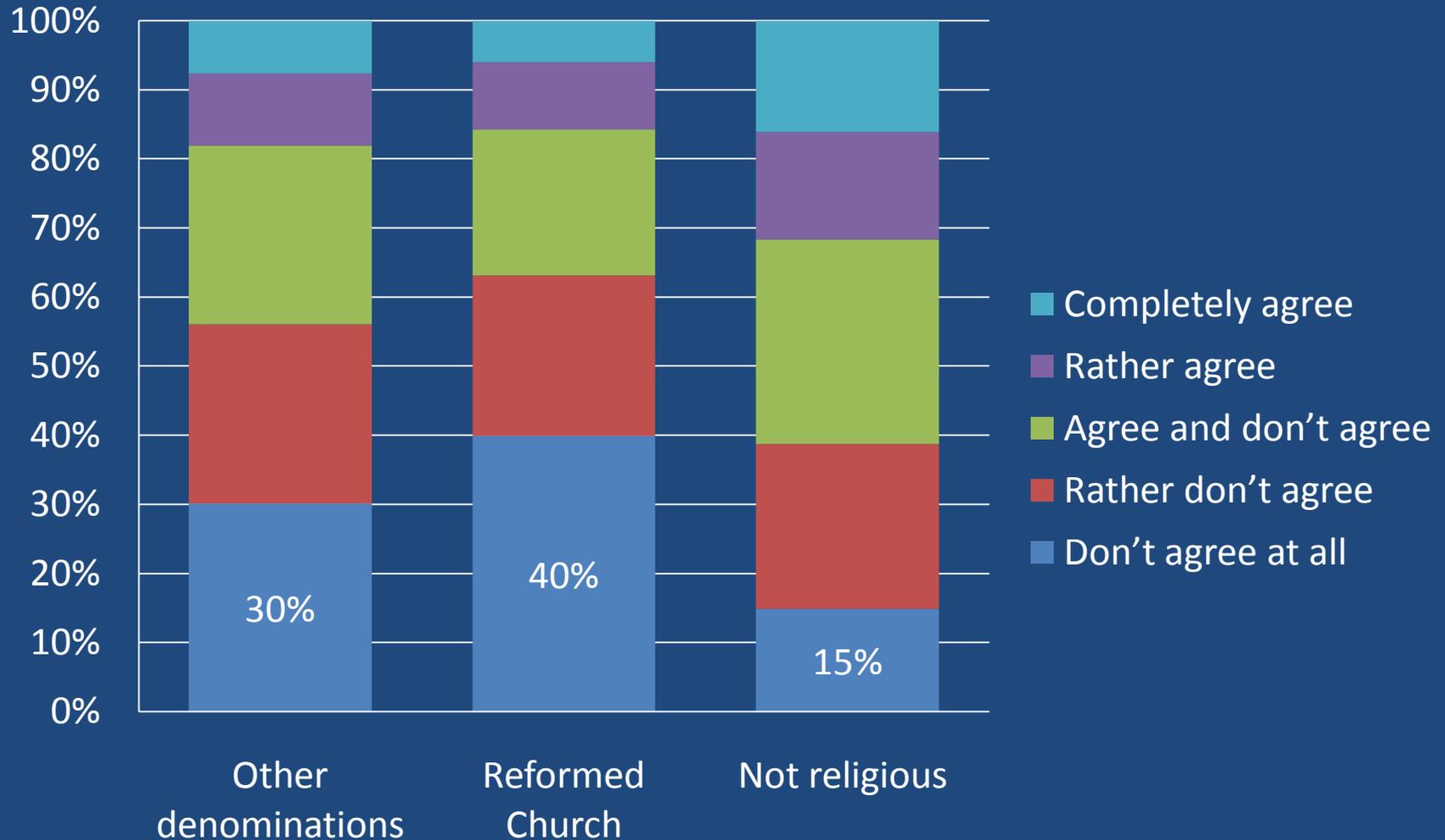
## How strongly do you agree? - I am satisfied with the role of churches after the change of regime



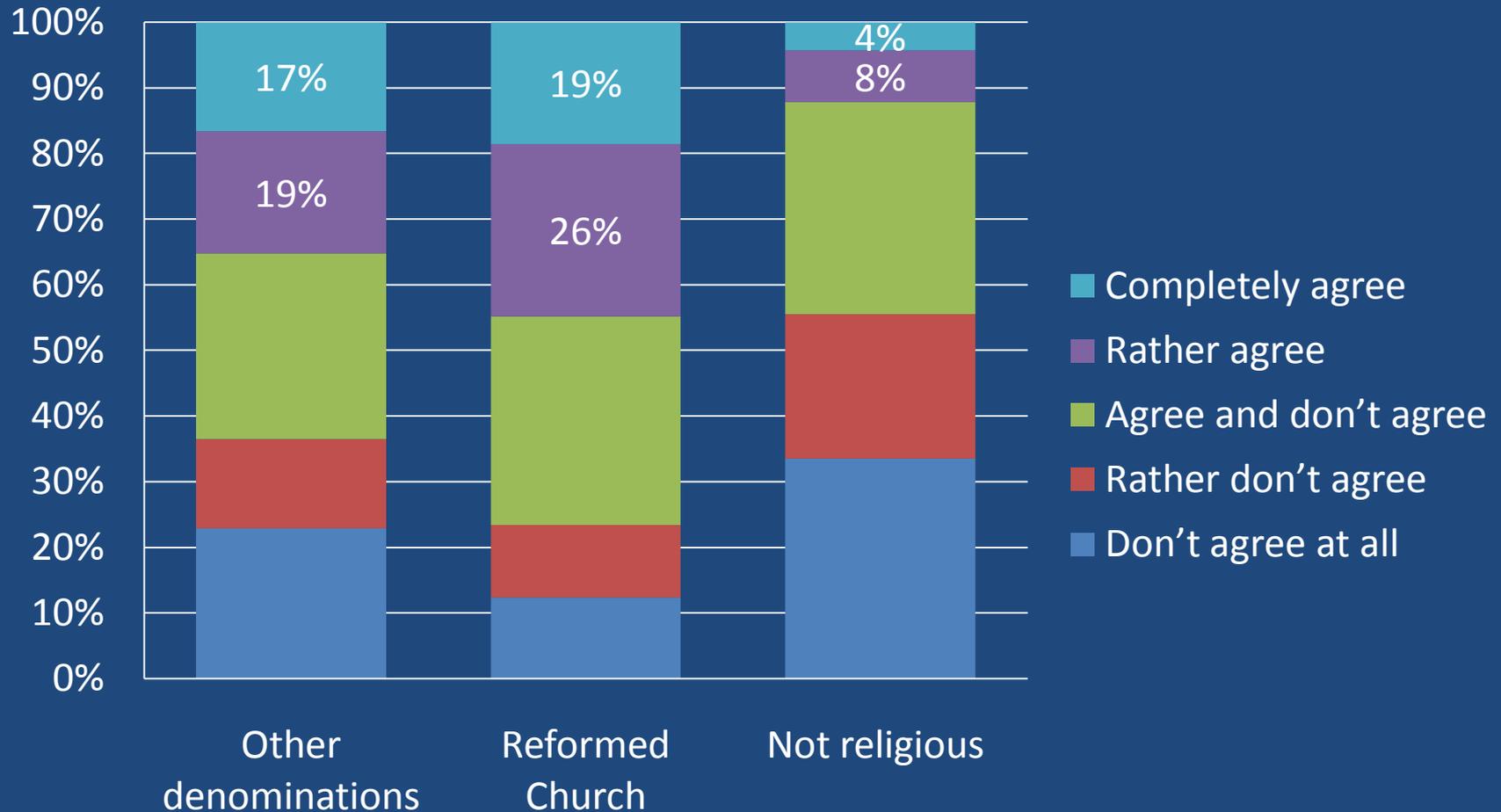
## How strongly do you agree? - The Church primarily seeks its own interest



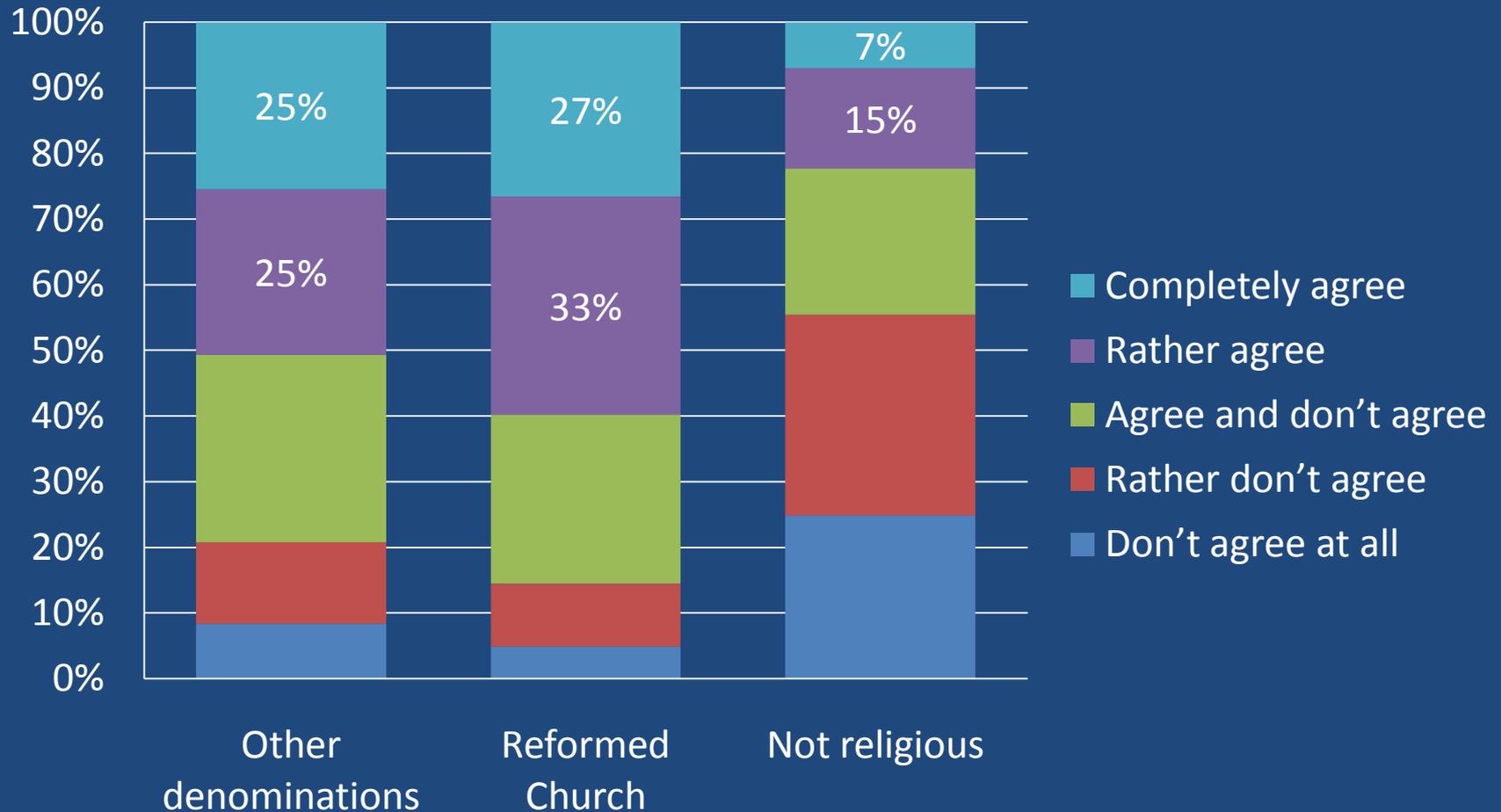
## How strongly do you agree? - The Church is anti-progress



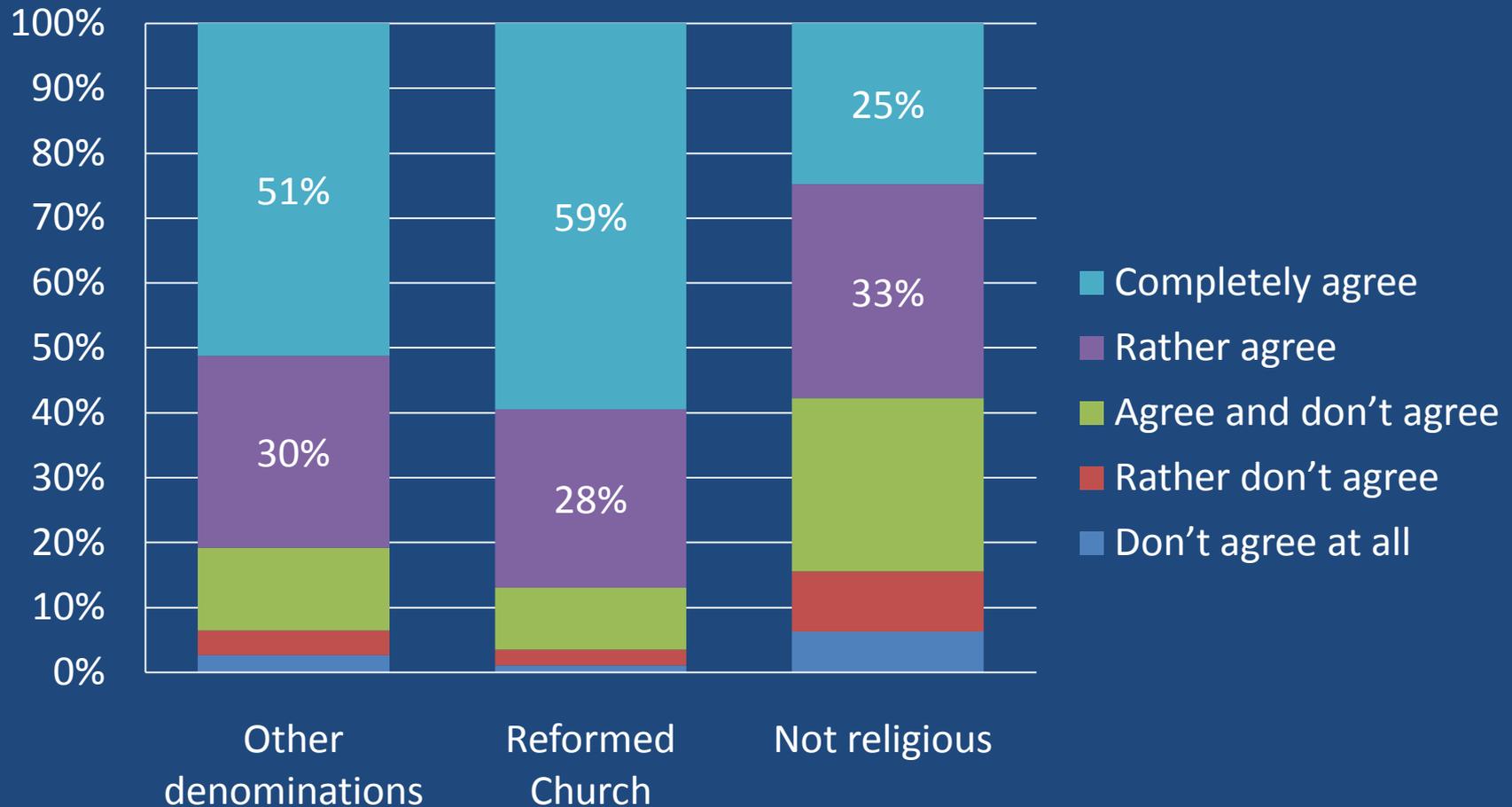
## How strongly do you agree? - The Church knows the way of happiness



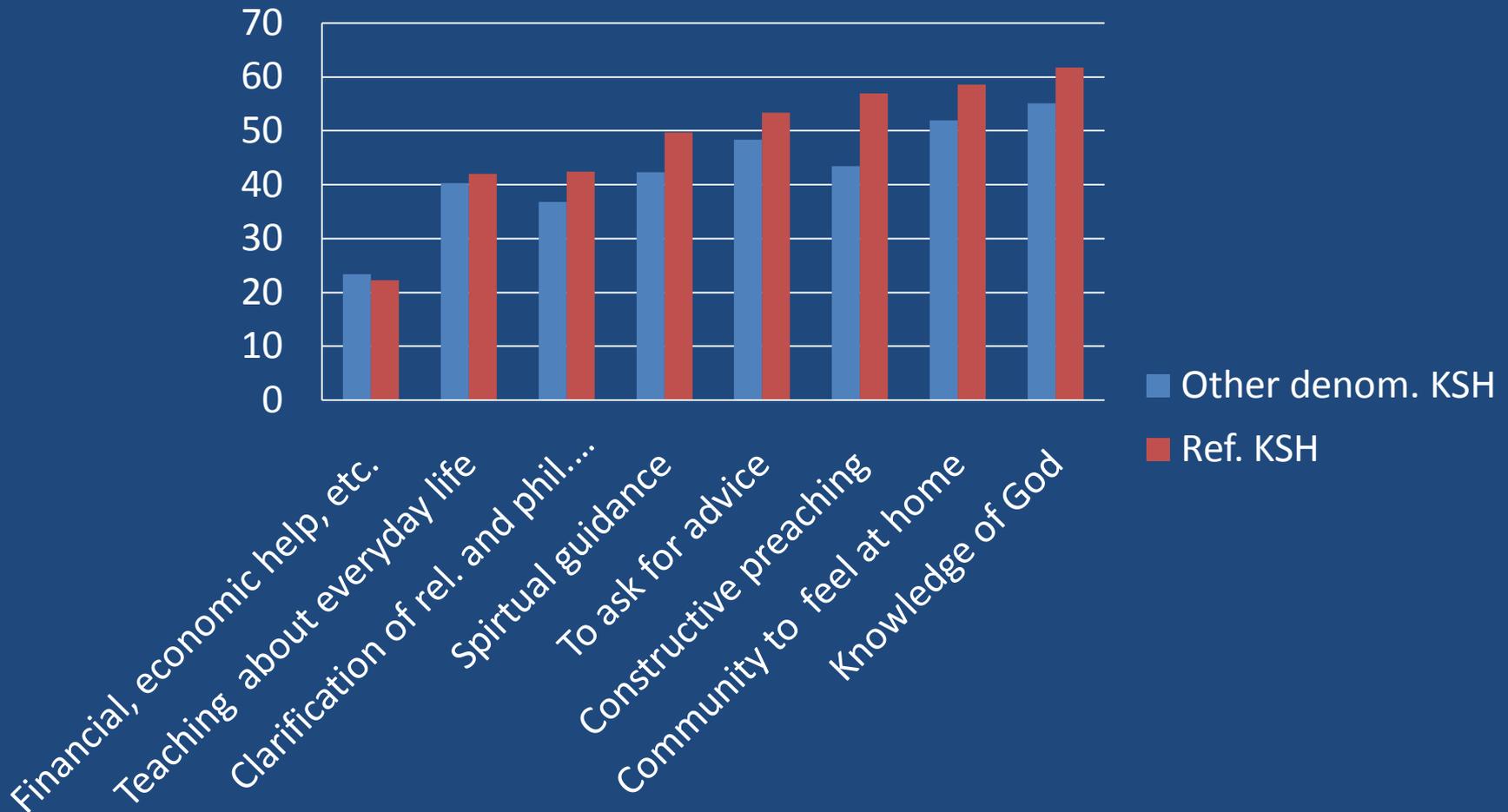
## How strongly do you agree? - The Church respects the opinion of others



## How strongly do you agree? - The Church wishes to teach how to love of God and the people



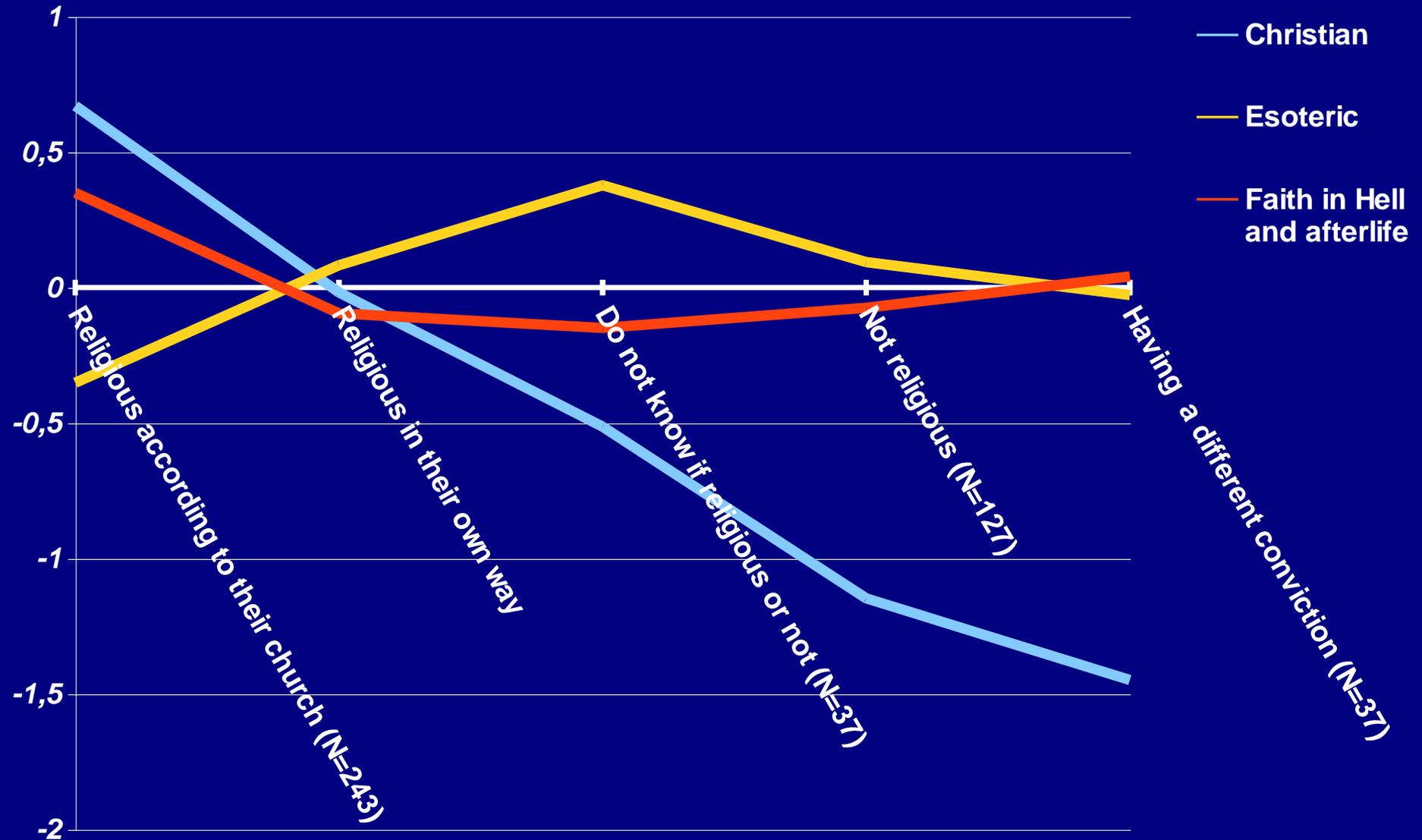
## What do you need, what do you expect from a congregation?



Variables included	Christian	Esoteric	Hell/afterlife
Horoscope	-0,022	0,601	-0,045
Reincarnation	0,245	0,635	0,015
UFO (aliens)	-0,044	0,511	0,15
Telepathy	0,237	0,557	0,016
Magic	0,05	0,635	0,177
Mascot	-0,012	0,628	0,025
God	0,698	-0,014	0,061
Immaculate conception	0,673	-0,017	0,14
Holy Trinity	0,845	0	0,142
Resurrection	0,812	0,005	0,259
Saints	0,709	0,233	0,058
Paradise	0,773	0,105	0,291
Hell	0,422	0,086	0,752
Afterlife (the Beyond)	0,614	0,248	0,359
Miracles	0,502	0,27	0,309
Devil	0,303	0,117	0,854
<i>Kaiser-Meier-Olkin Test</i>	<i>0,894</i>		
<i>Bartlett's Test of Sphericity df 120</i>	<i>Approx. Chi-Square: 10384,32</i>		<i>Sig. 0,000</i>
<i>Extraction Method: Alpha Factoring</i>	<i>Total variance explained: 53,510%</i>		
<i>Rotation Method: Varimax with Kaiser Normalization</i>			

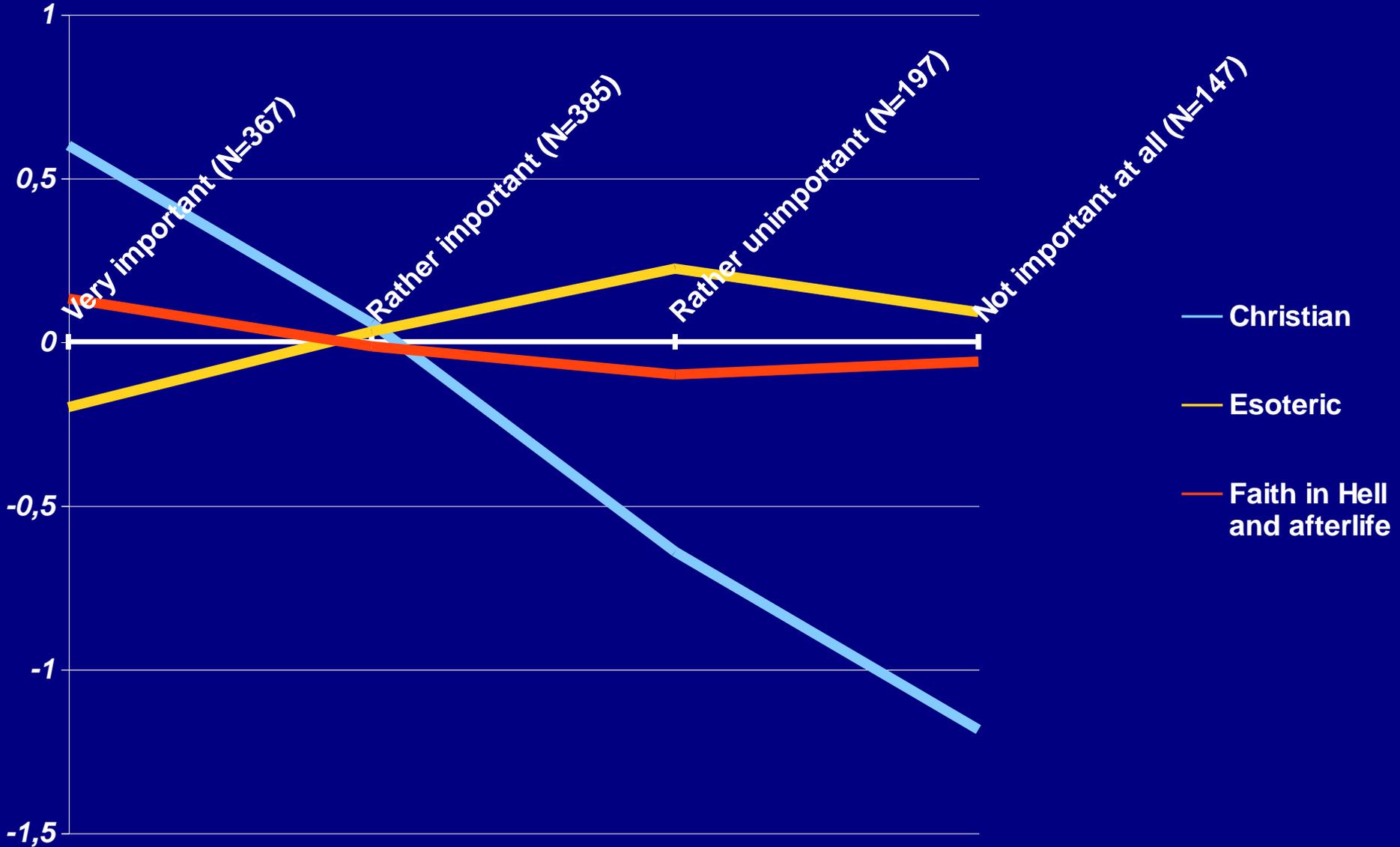
# Belief and religious identity

*Factor score averages*



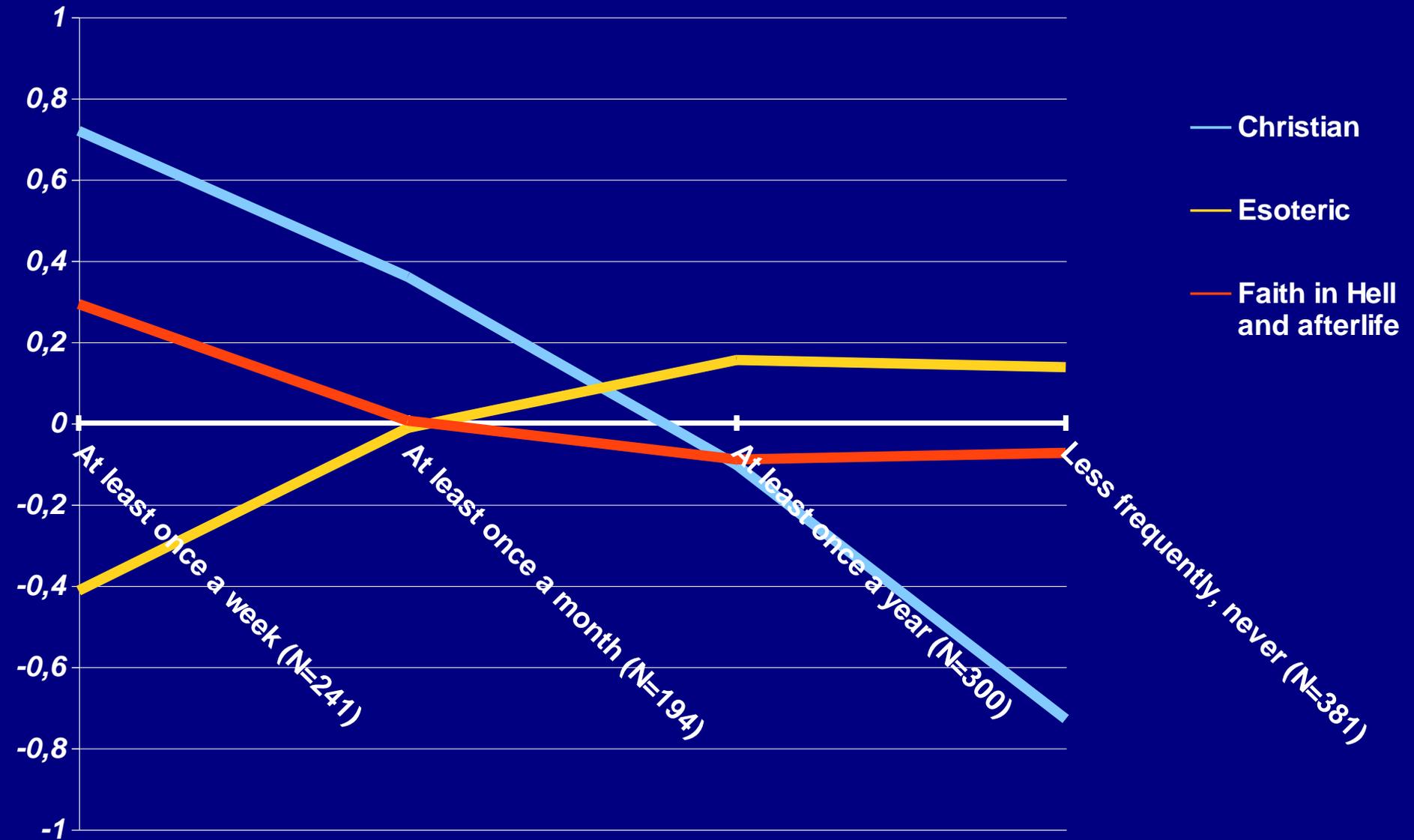
# Belief and the importance of religion

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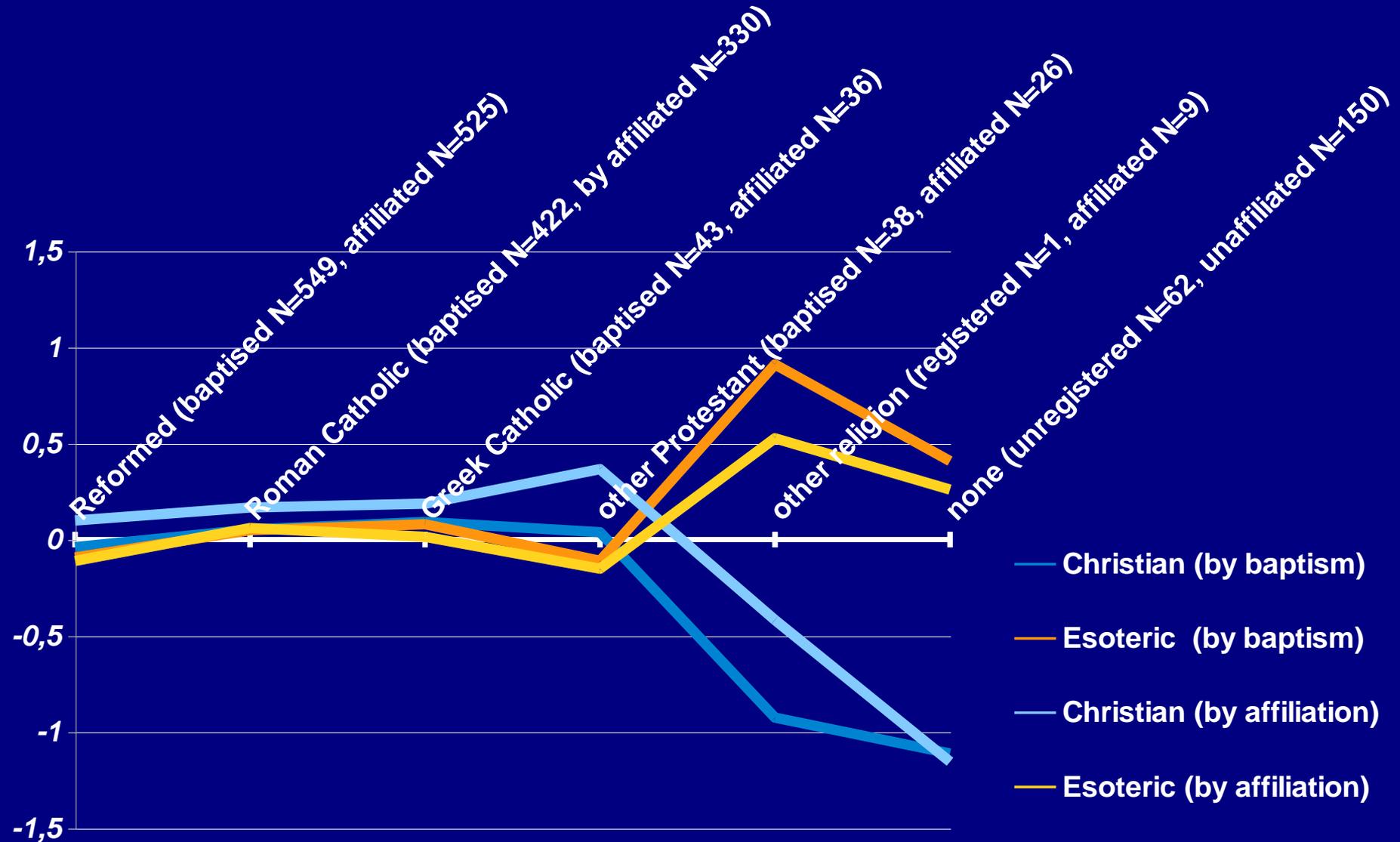
# Belief and church attendance

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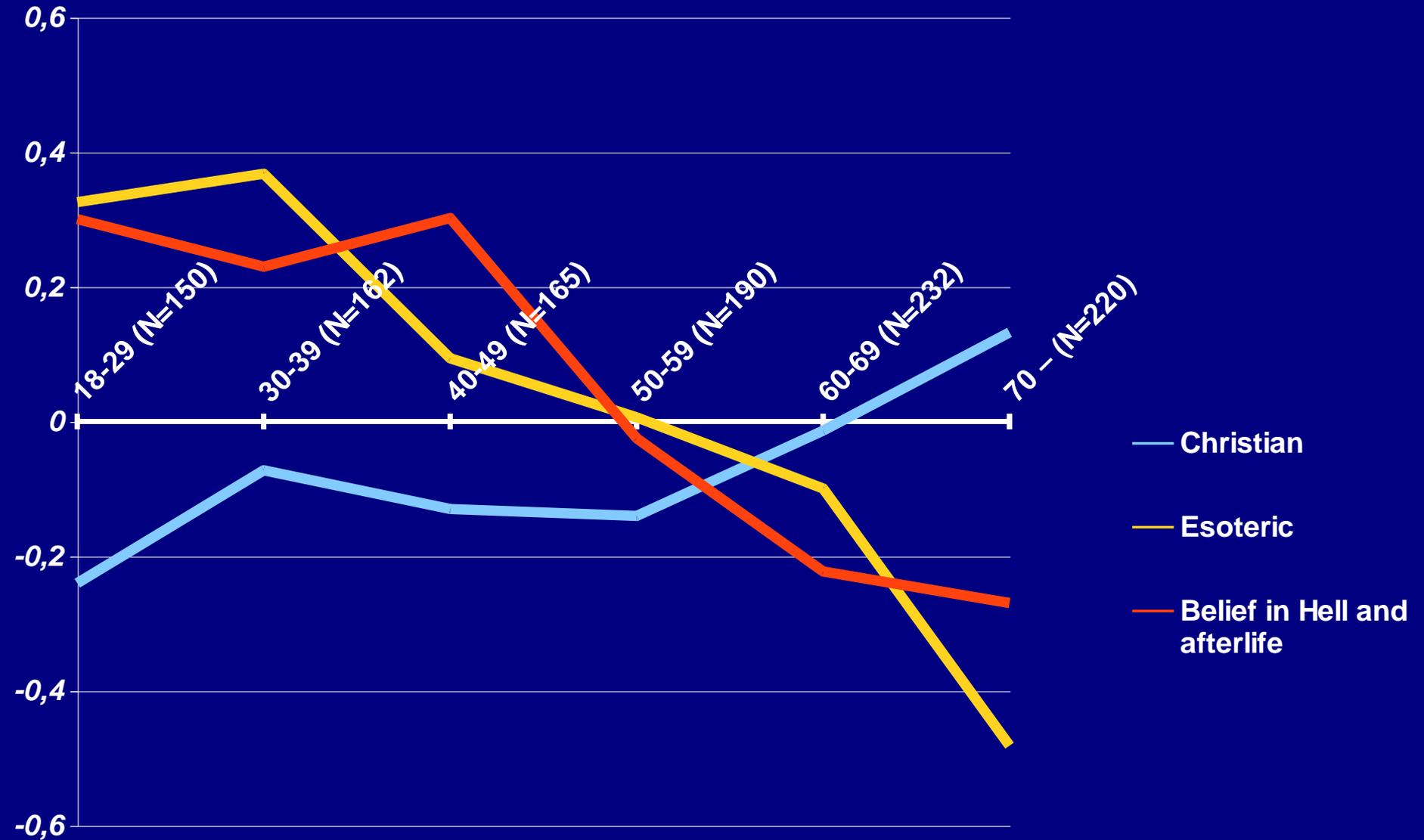
# Belief and church affiliation

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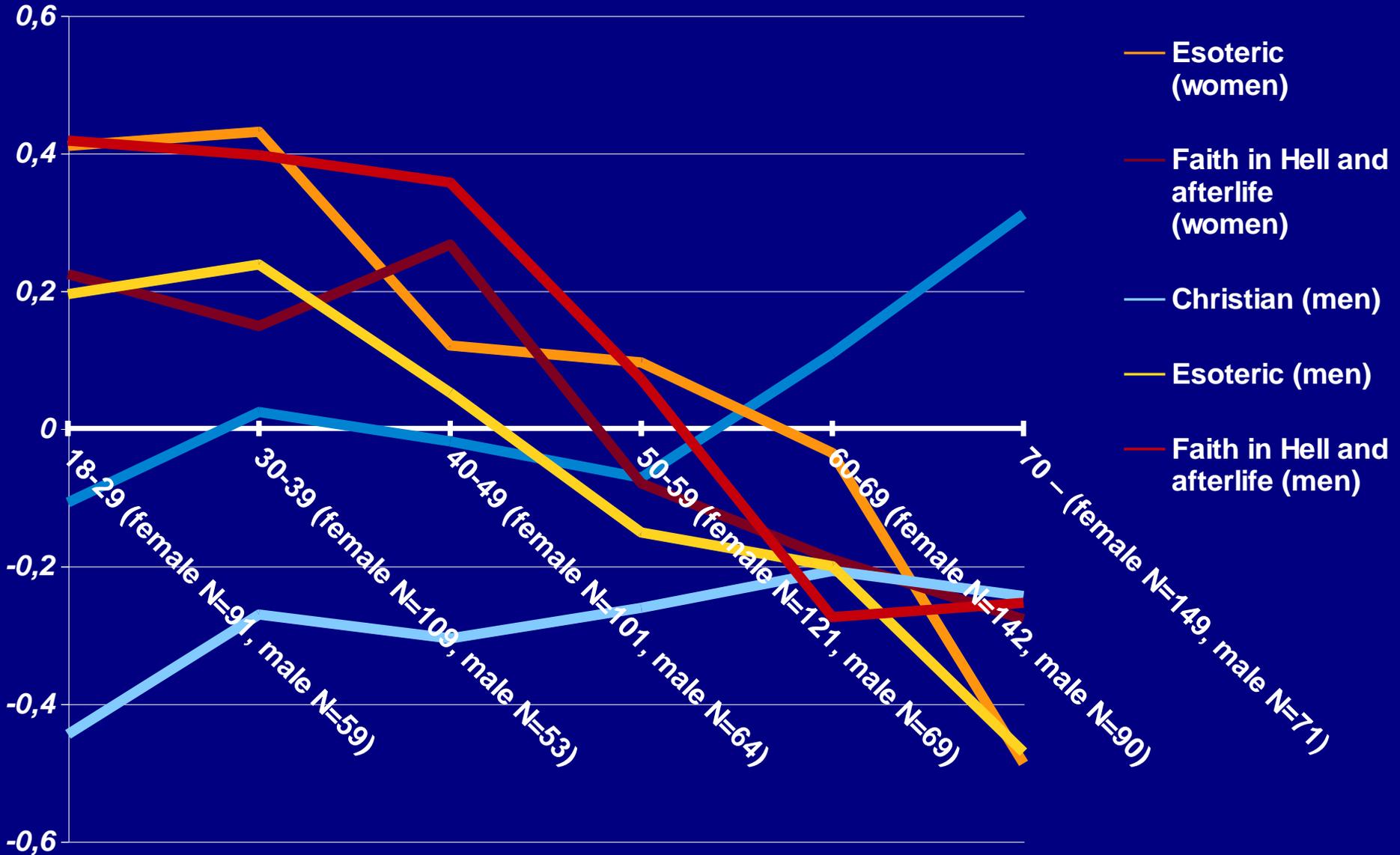
# Belief by age groups

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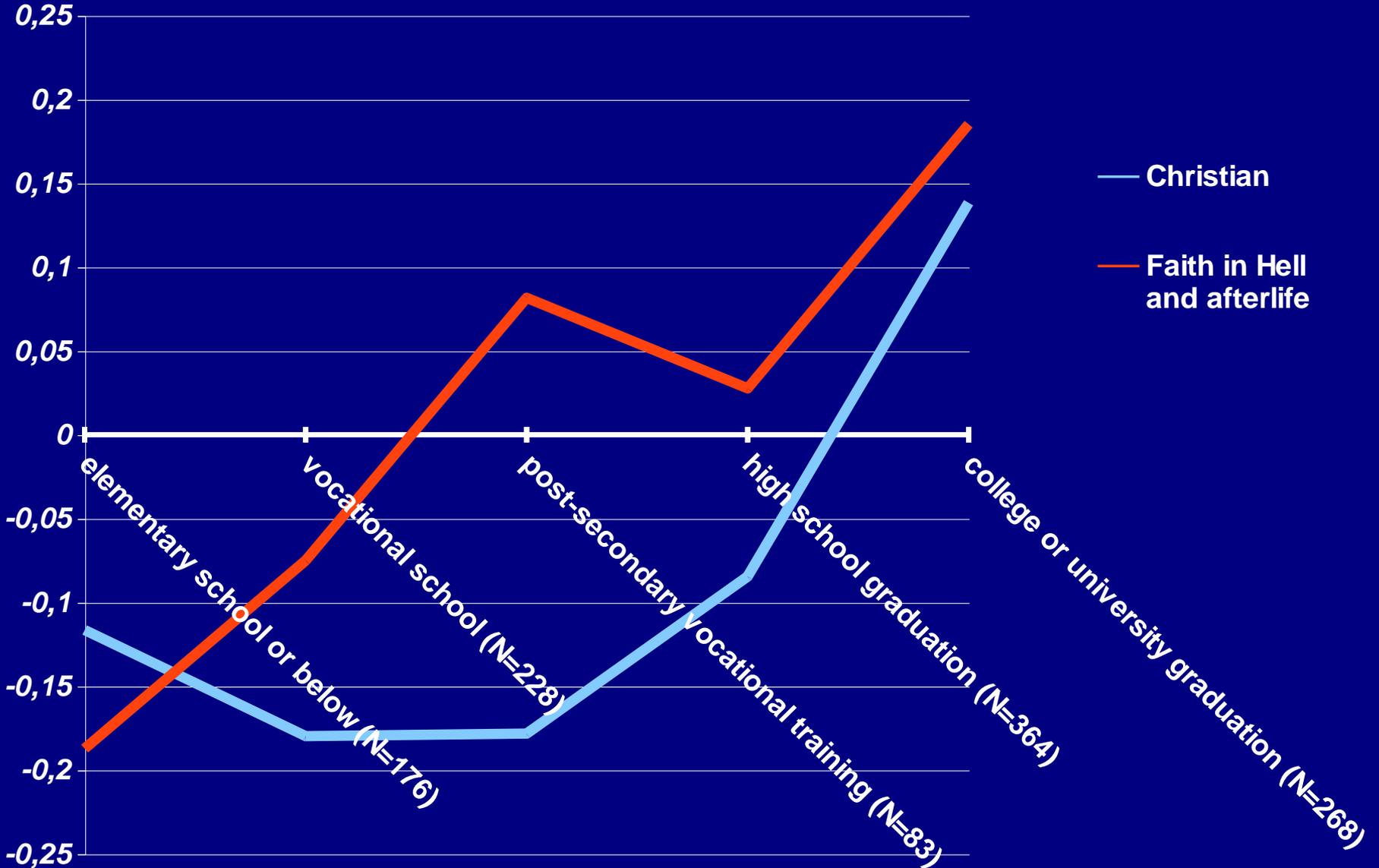
# Belief by gender and age groups

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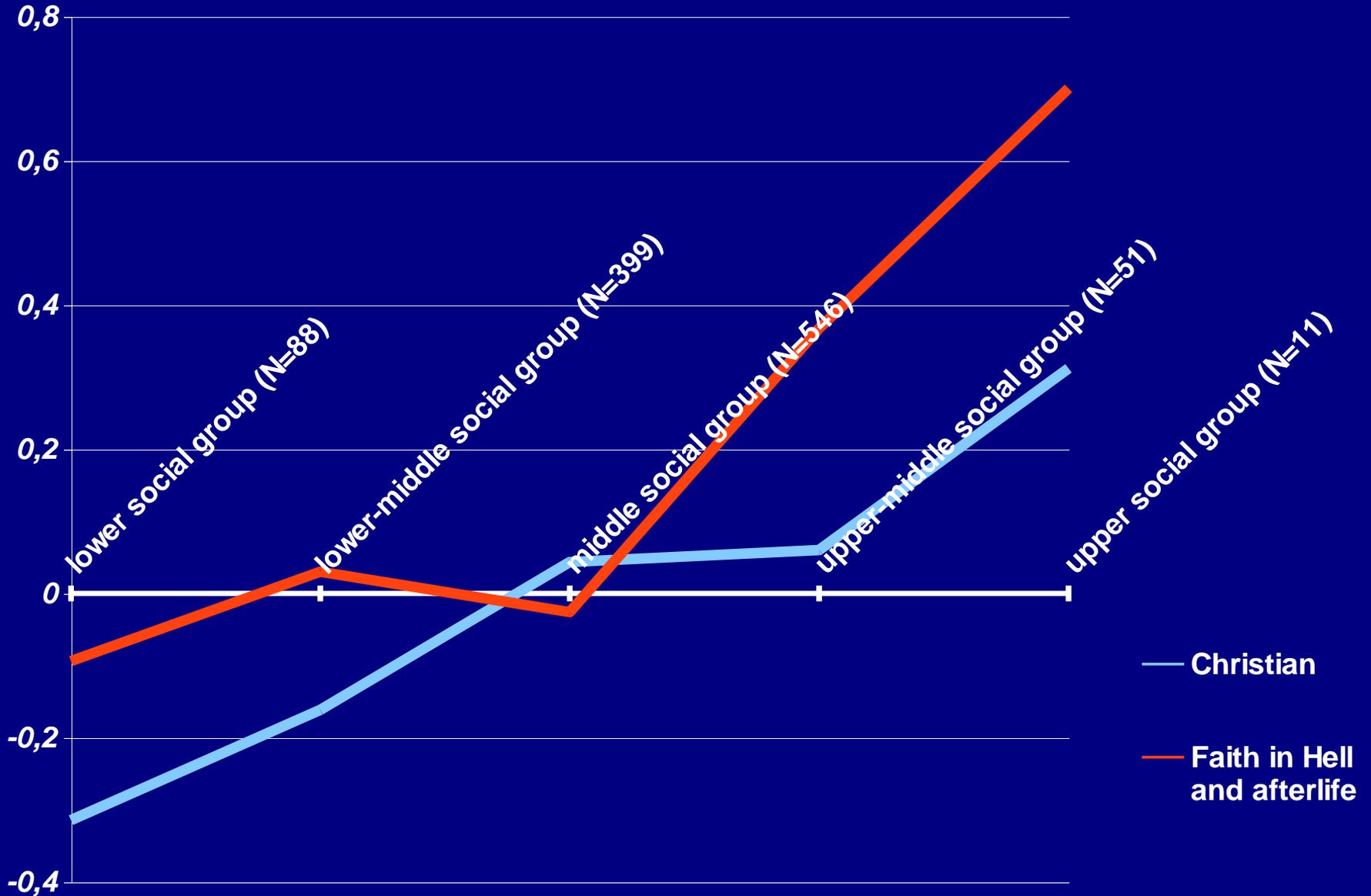
# Belief by school

*Factor score averages*



# Belief and social status

*Factor score averages*



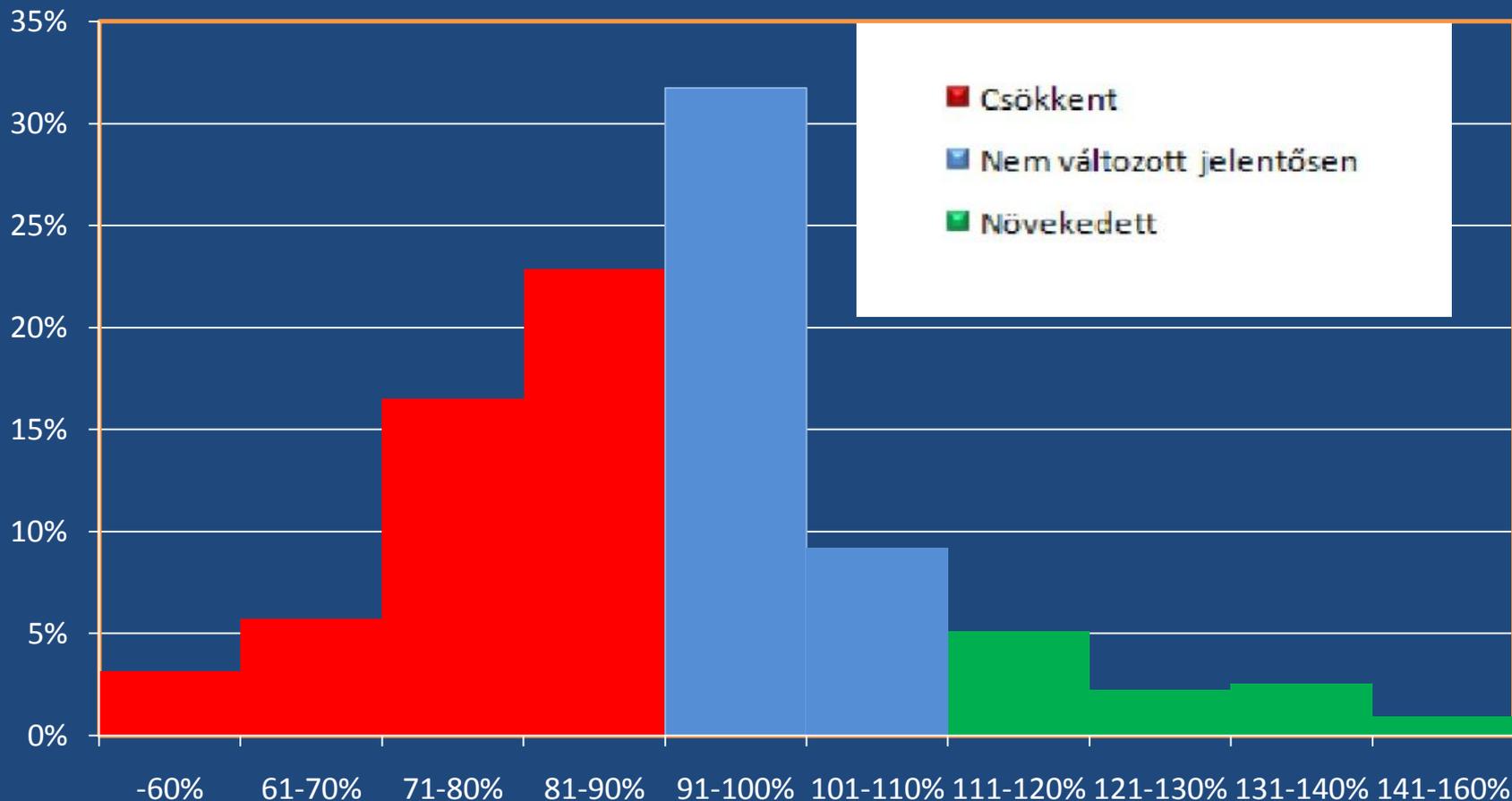
# Summary of findings

- Elements of belief and faith can be well distinguished in two main groups: Christian and esoteric
- Faith in Hell and afterlife is not necessarily linked with Christian belief
- Christian belief is positively linked with religious identity, denominational affiliation, frequent church-going as well as importance of religion
- Women and members of the older age-groups are the most religious, whereas the youngest are the least religious
- Christian belief is more a feature of people in a middle or higher social status as well as with a higher educational attainment

# Research methodology

- Computer assisted telephone interviews
- Sampling method:
  - Layering based on presbyteries
  - 400 congregations/363 valid answers
- Surveying period: 2014 april-may
- Interviewers: 8 KRE theologians and sociologists
- Topics analysed:
  - Demography of congregations; succes of organized events; Cultural and social environment
  - Ministerial tasks; working attitudes of ministers; physical and mental health

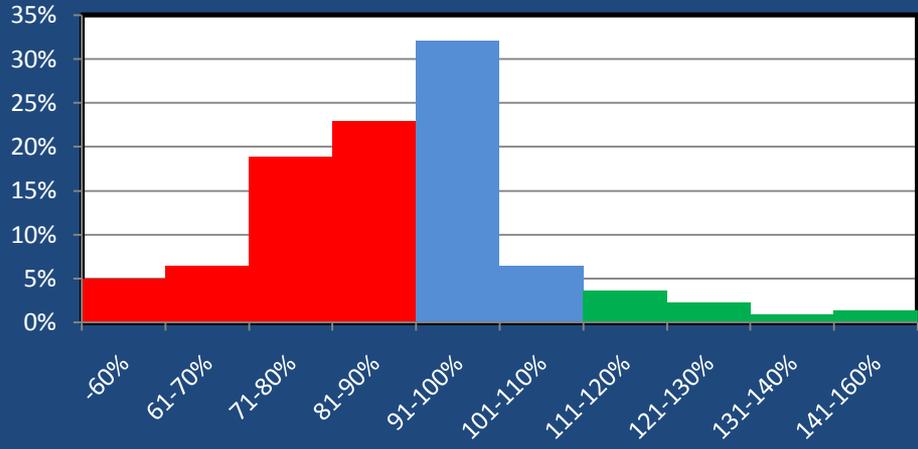
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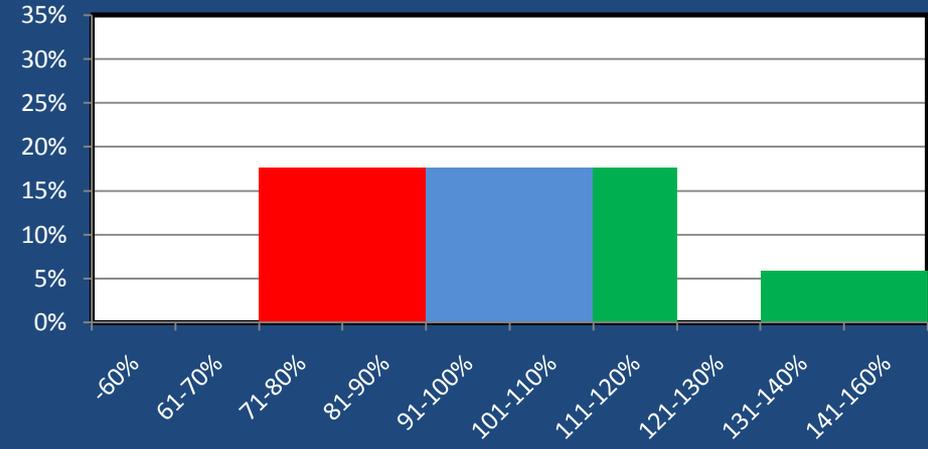
# Change by settlement type



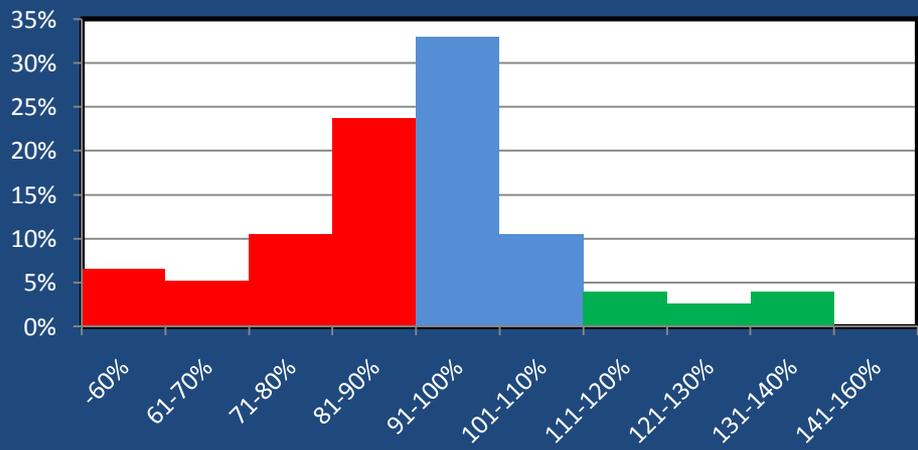
## Towns



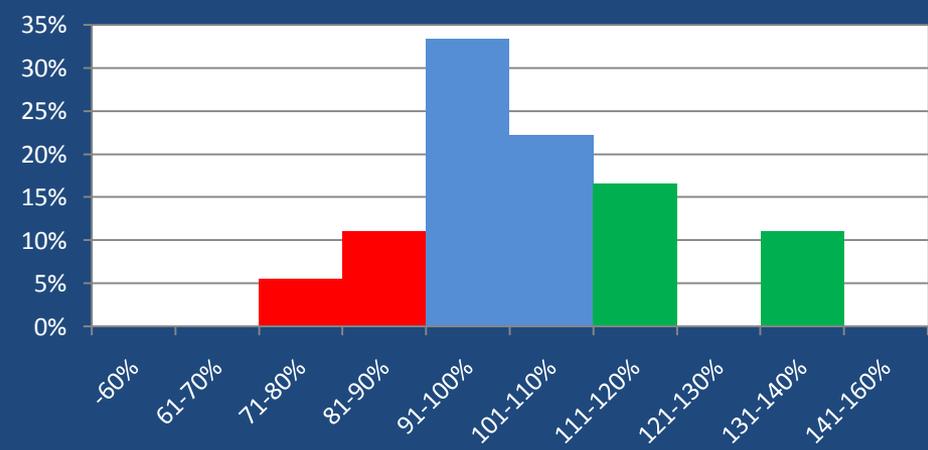
## Cities with county rights



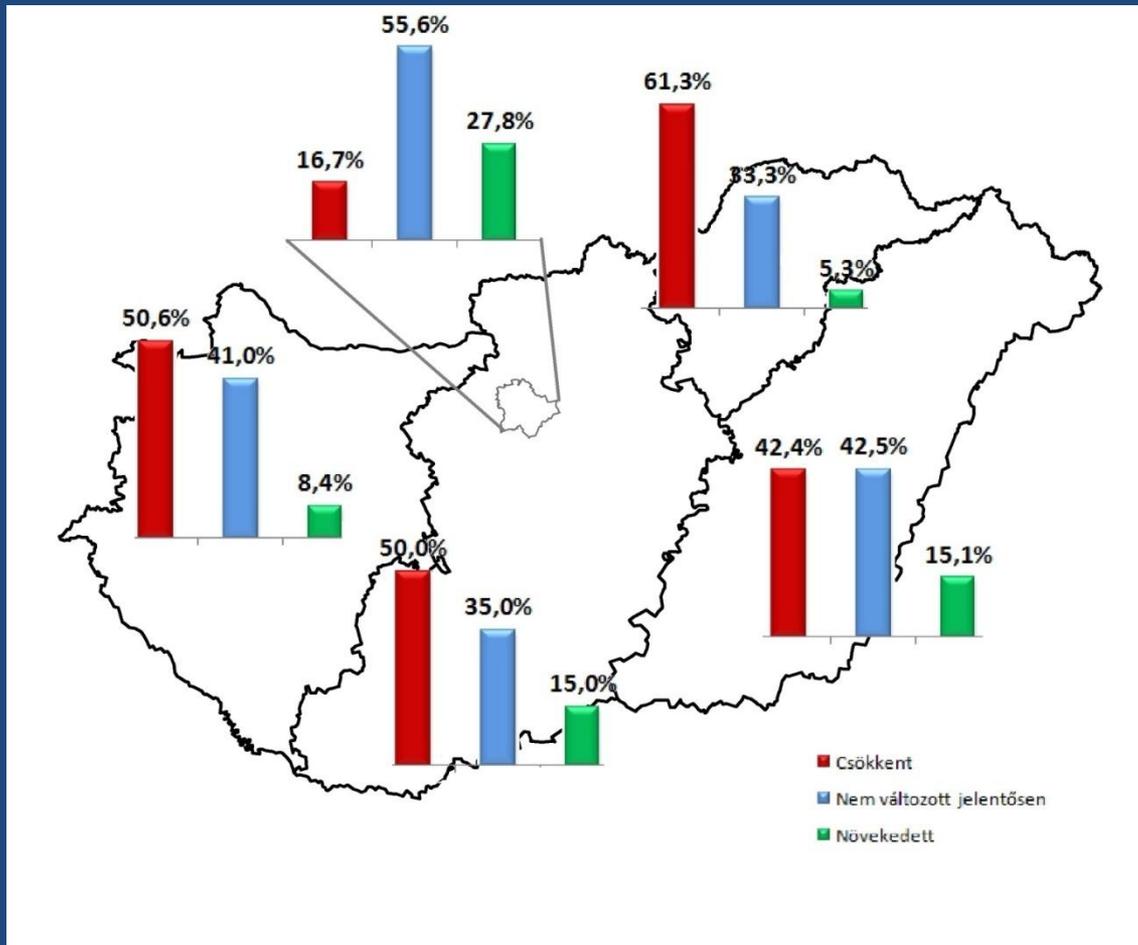
## Cities



## Capital



# Change in membership by church districts

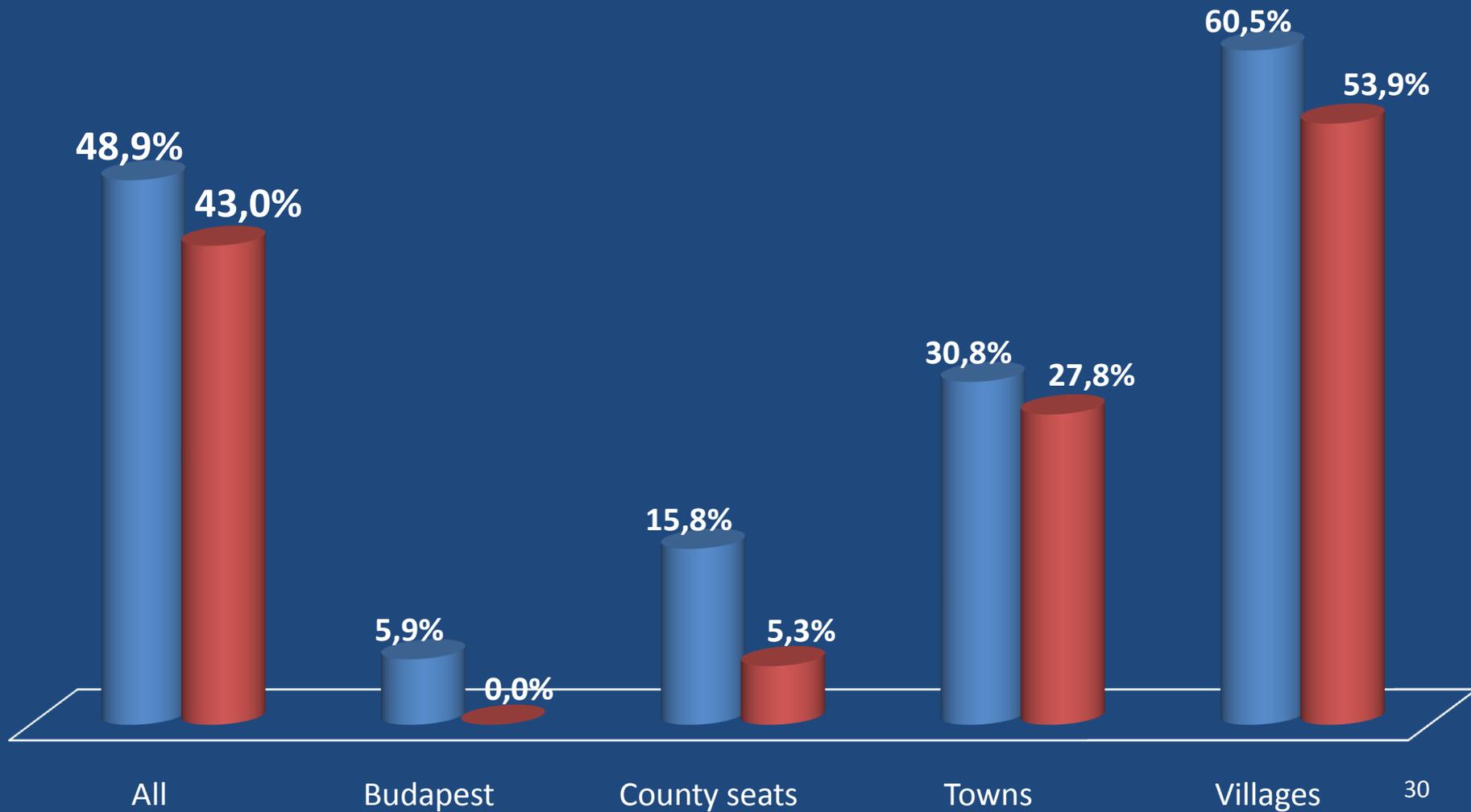


# Explanatory variables

<b>++</b>	<b>Targeting families</b>
<b>+</b>	<b>Important role in cultural life of the settlement</b>
	<b>Maintenance of institutions (schools, kindergardens, etc.), Programs targeting new members</b>
<b>-</b>	<b>Decreasing popoulation of settlement</b>
<b>--</b>	<b>Deacrasing membership of young and middle-aged groups</b>

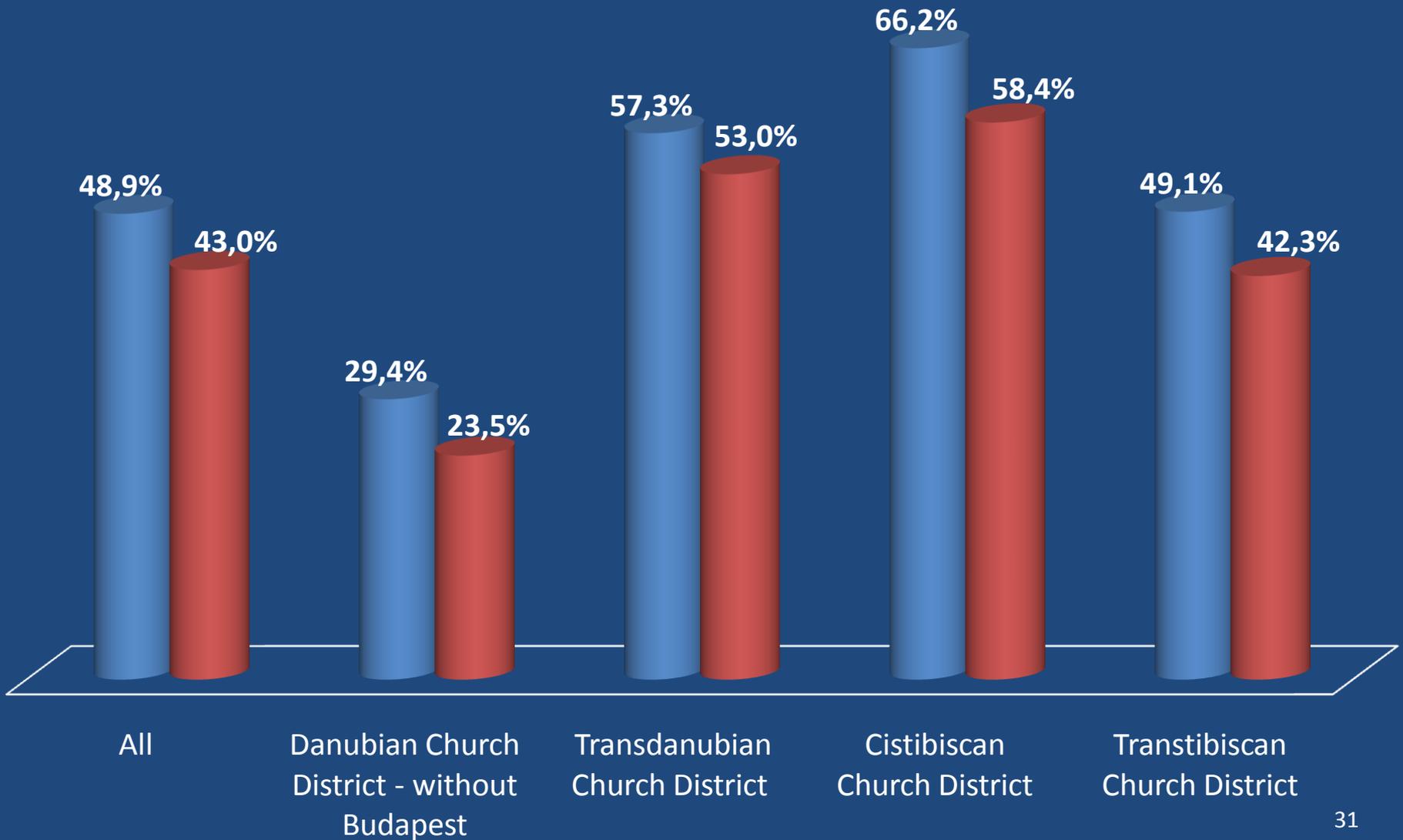
# The church membership 5 years later ... - type of settlement

■ will grow old    ■ will be reduced/ struggling to survive/ cease



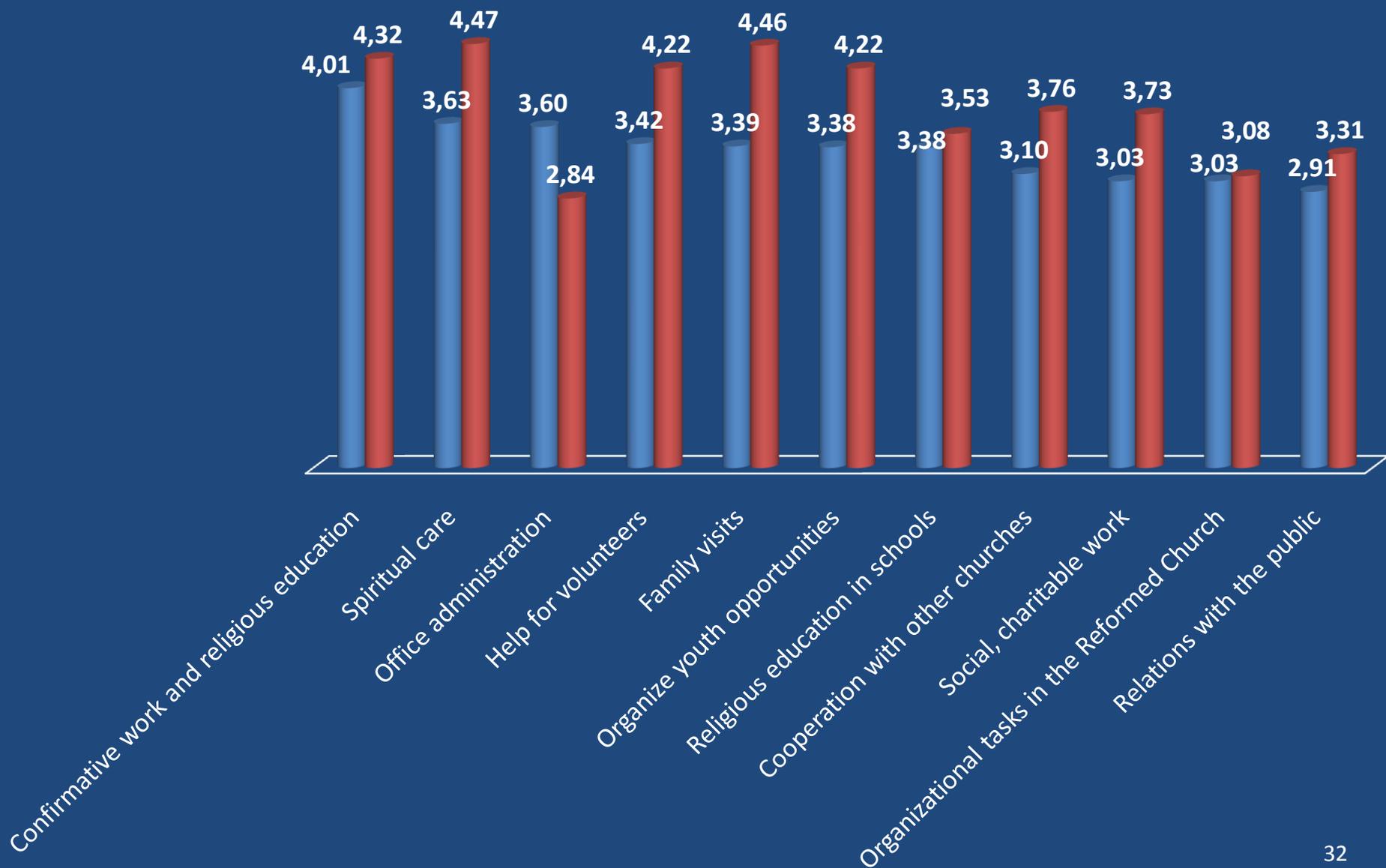
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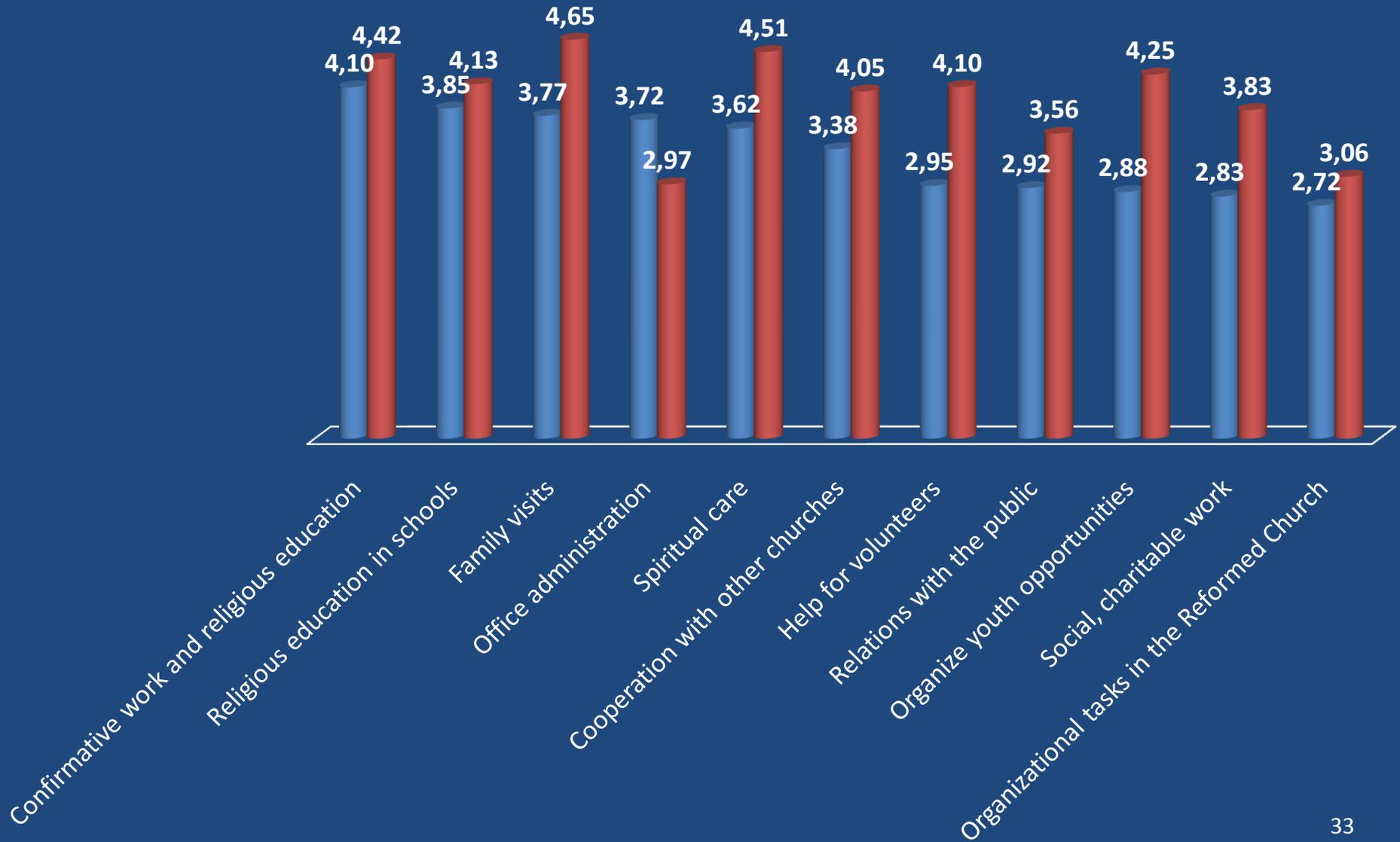
## Professional image and reality - Cities (Budapest, county seats, towns)

■ How much appears .... in your everyday work? (1-5):    ■ How important is .... in your profession? (1-5):

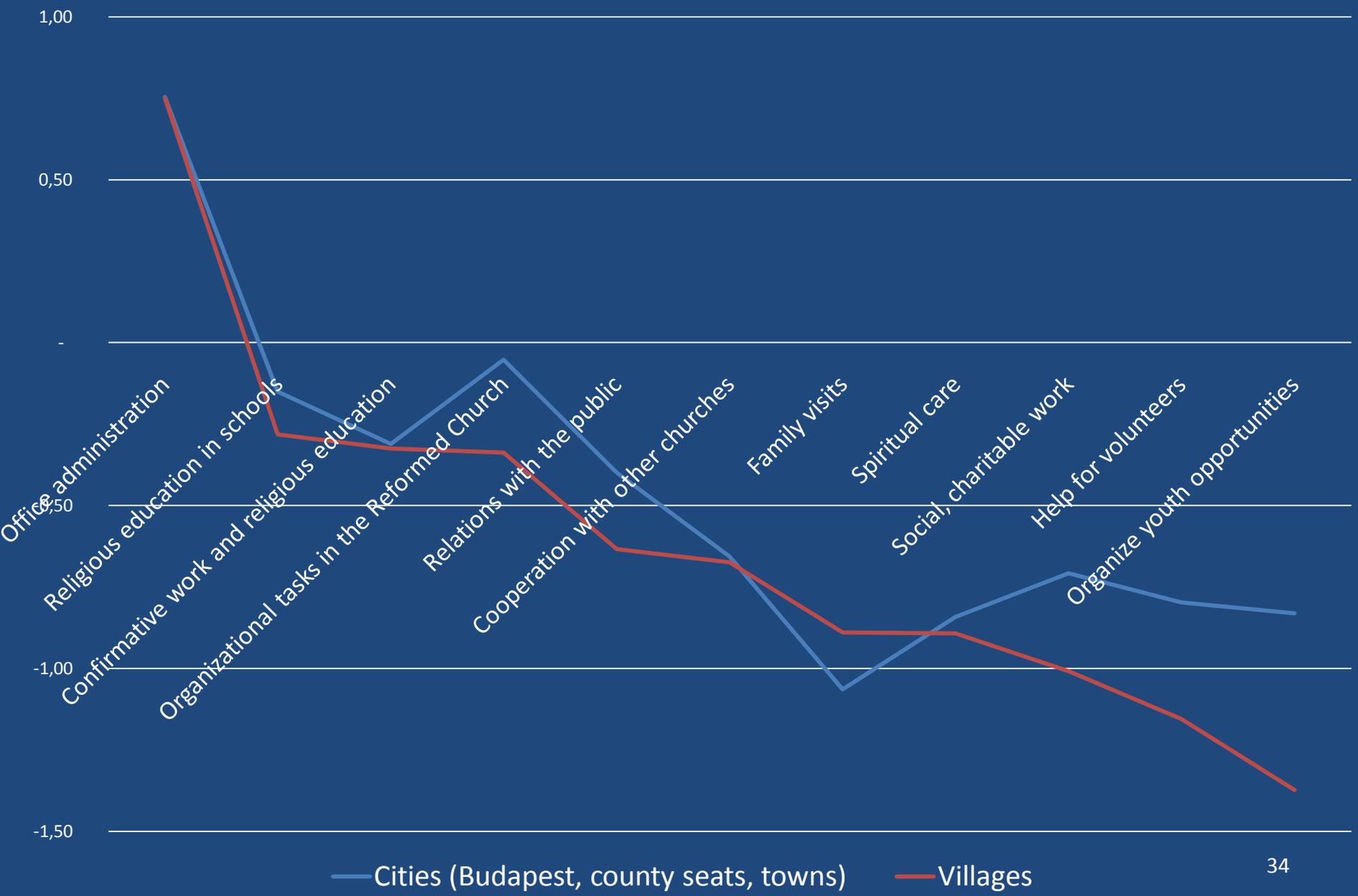


## Professional image and reality - Villages

■ How much appears .... in your everyday work? (1-5):    ■ How important is .... in your profession? (1-5):



# Professional image and reality - Differences in cities and in villages



# Satisfaction with confirmation time

*(responses 6+, item scaling 1–7)*

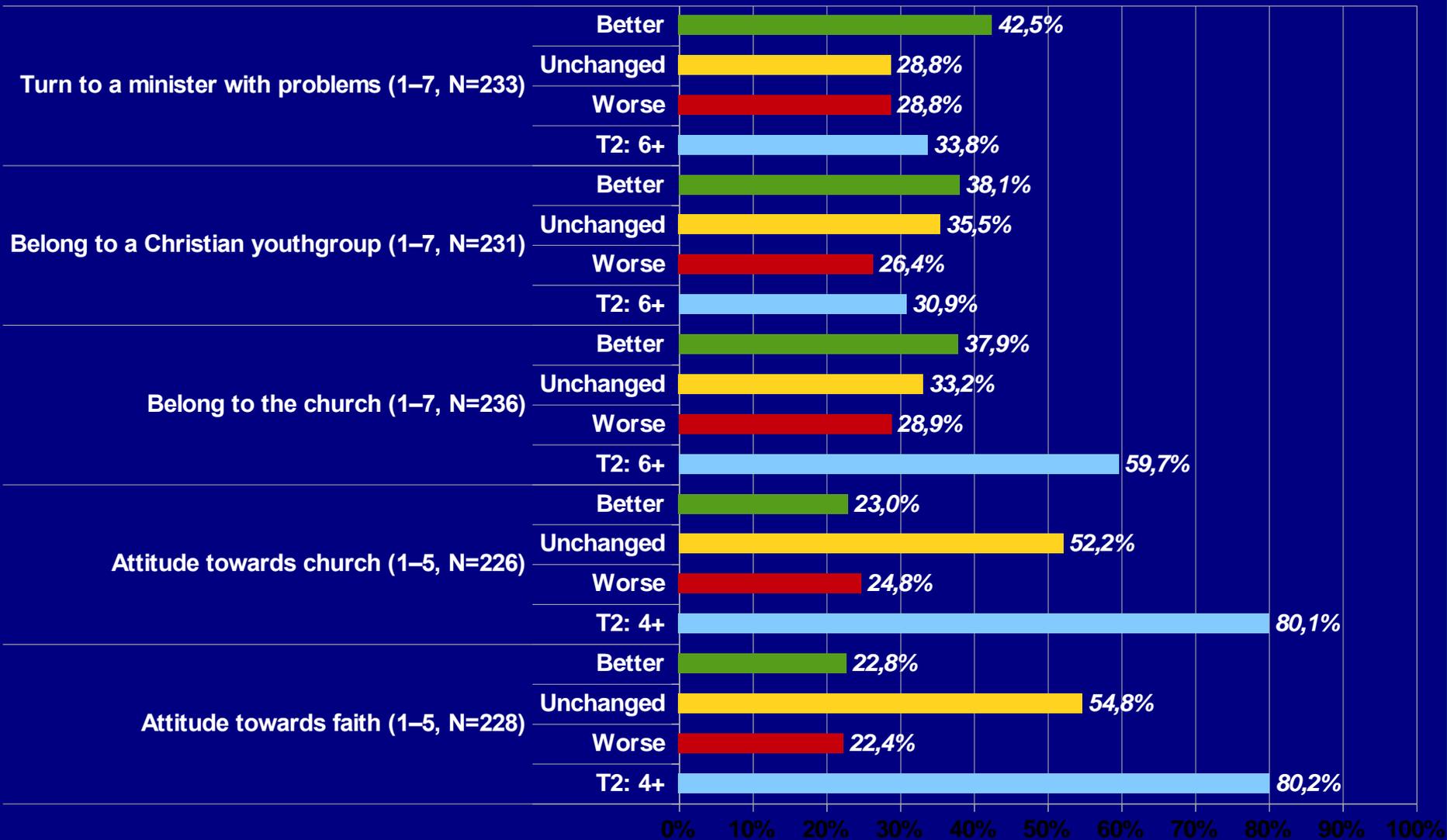


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# Main outcomes of confirmation time

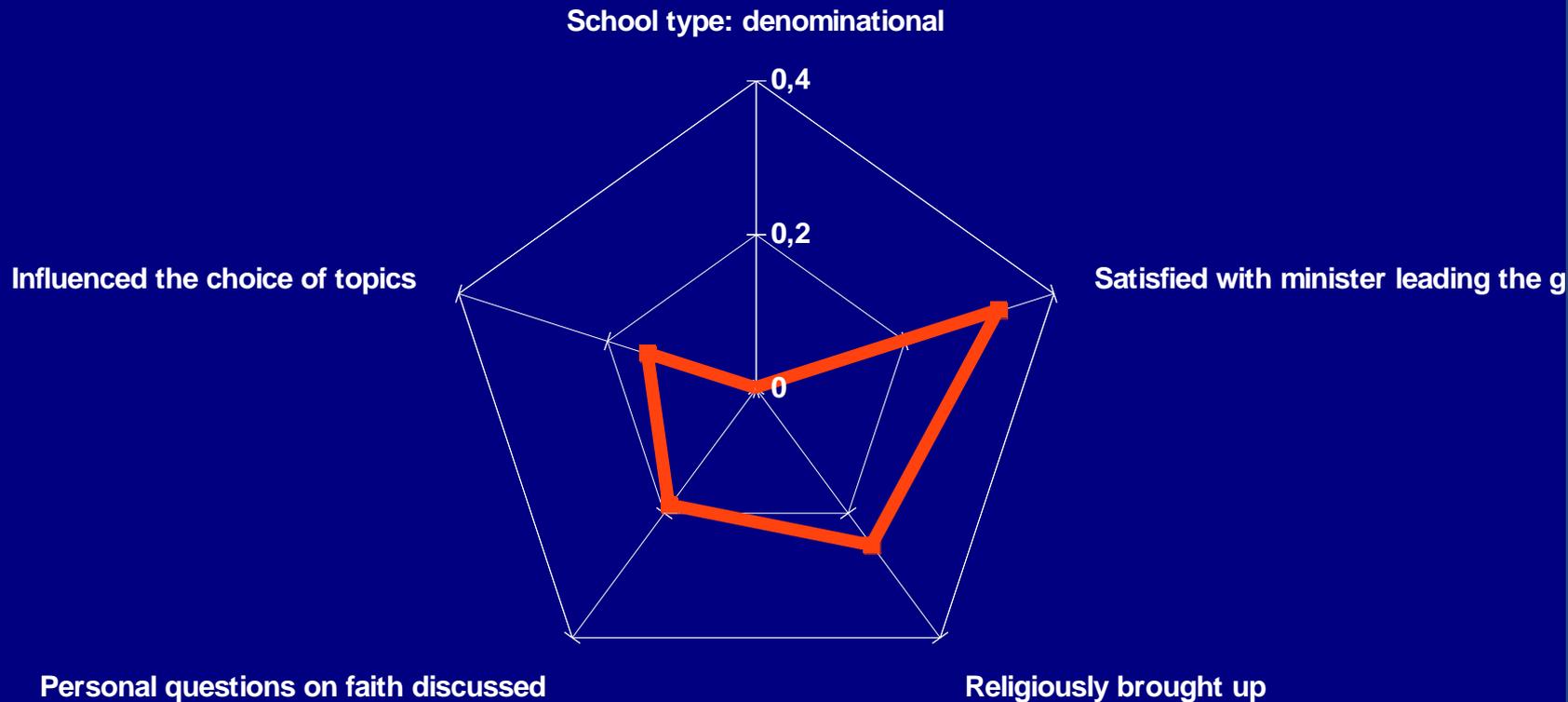
## *Direction of change and final values*



# Regression model of environmental factors in confirmation training

*School type, family background, leader's style*

## Standardised Beta-values representing strenght of factors





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