

Young people values, hopes and expectations

Faith and religion
Global results report



Madrid, 2023

Technical sheet



Universe: young people between 18 and 29 years old.



Scope: Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Philippines, Spain and UK.



Quotas: by sex, age and geography according to the distribution of the population in each country.



Data collection procedure: computer-assisted online interview (CAWI).



Sample size: 4.889 total interviews distributed by country as shown in the table on the right.







Sampling error: $\pm 1,4\%$ ($n=4.889$), for a degree of confidence of 95.5% (two sigmas) and under the worst-case scenario of $P=Q=0.5$ under the assumption of simple random sampling.



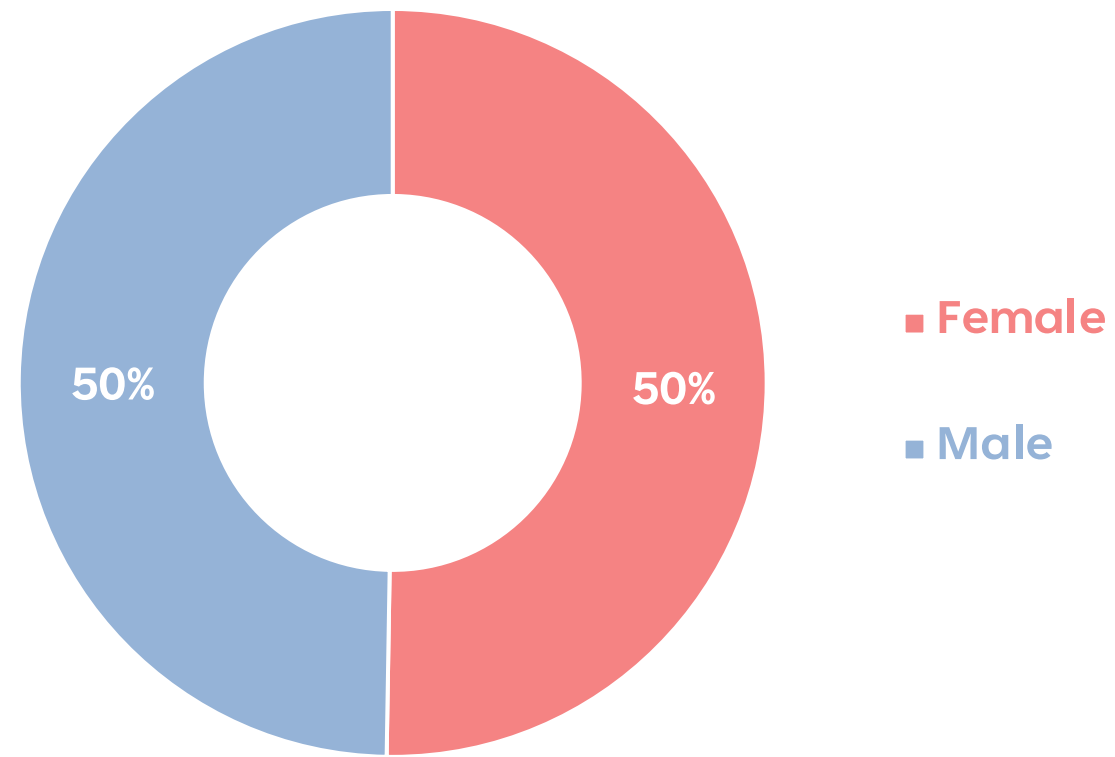
Interview duration: 9-10 minutes approximately, 37 questions.



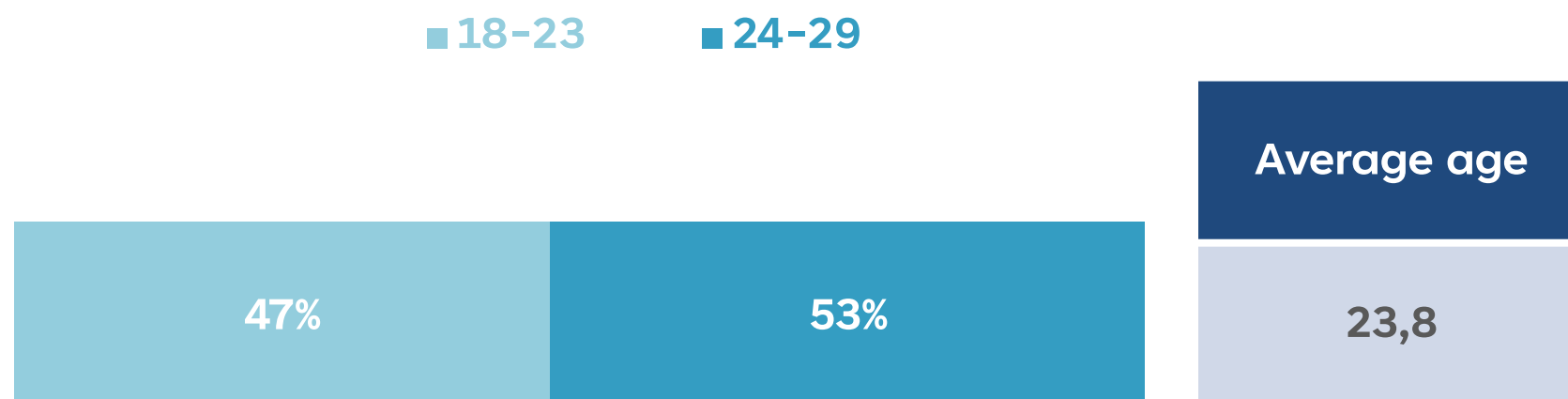
Fieldwork dates: from November 16th to December 11th 2023.

Country	Sample
 Argentina	604
 Brazil	600
 Italy	605
 Kenya	670
 Mexico	606
 Philippines	600
 Spain	601
 UK	603
Total	4.889

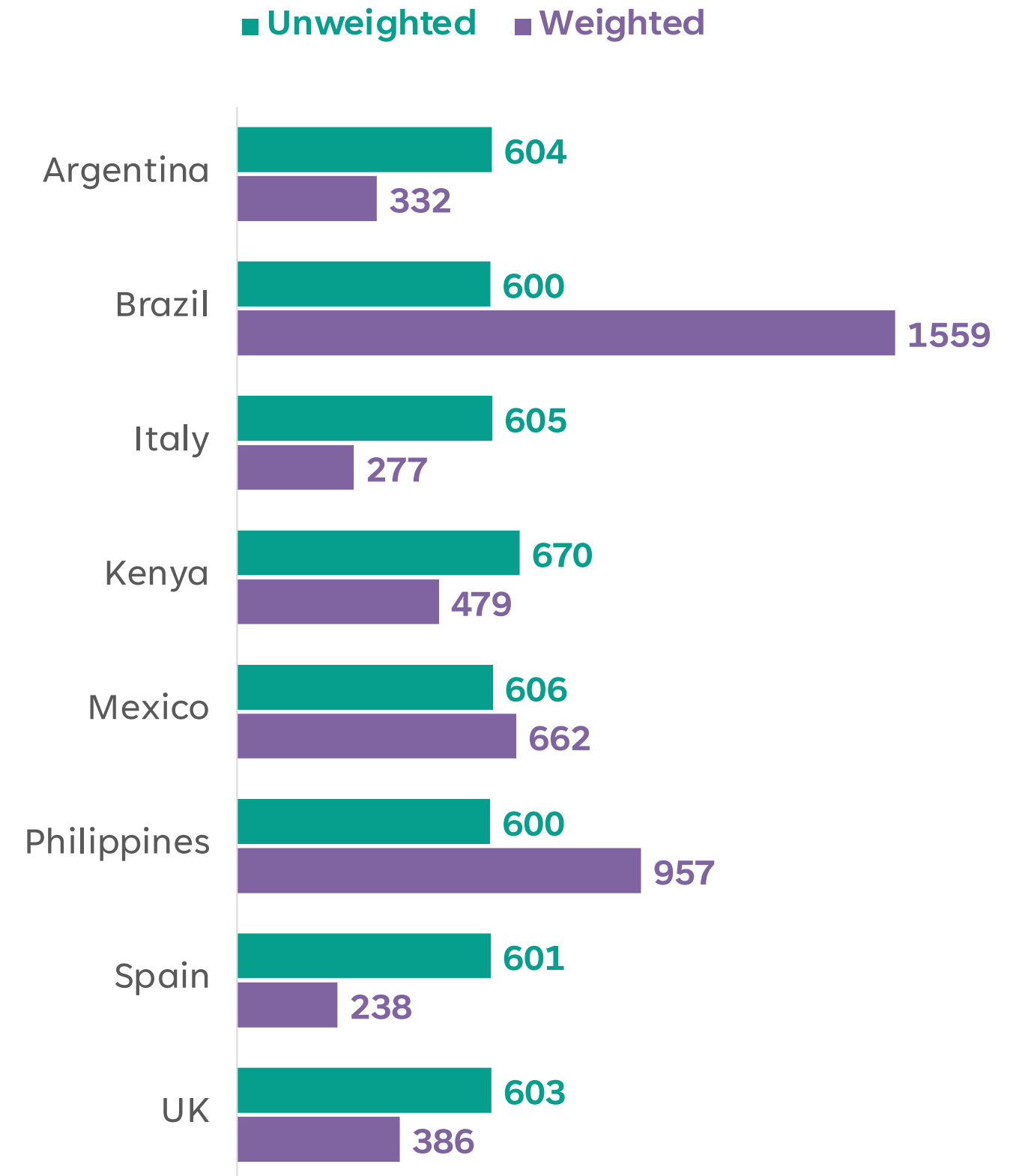
Interviewee profile (I)



Indicate your gender

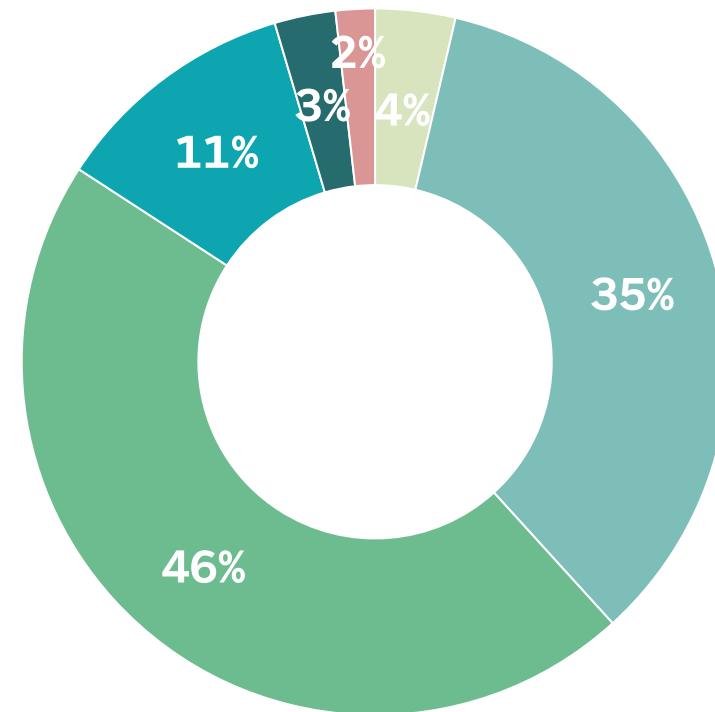


Indicate your age

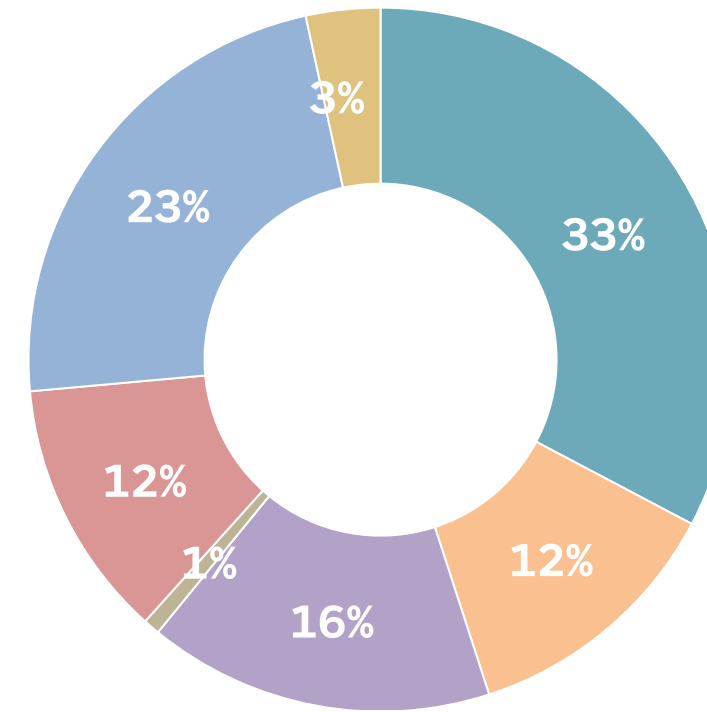


Indicate your country of residence.

- Primary
- High School or Baccalaureate
- Undergraduate Degree or equivalent
- Master's or Postgraduate
- Doctorate
- None



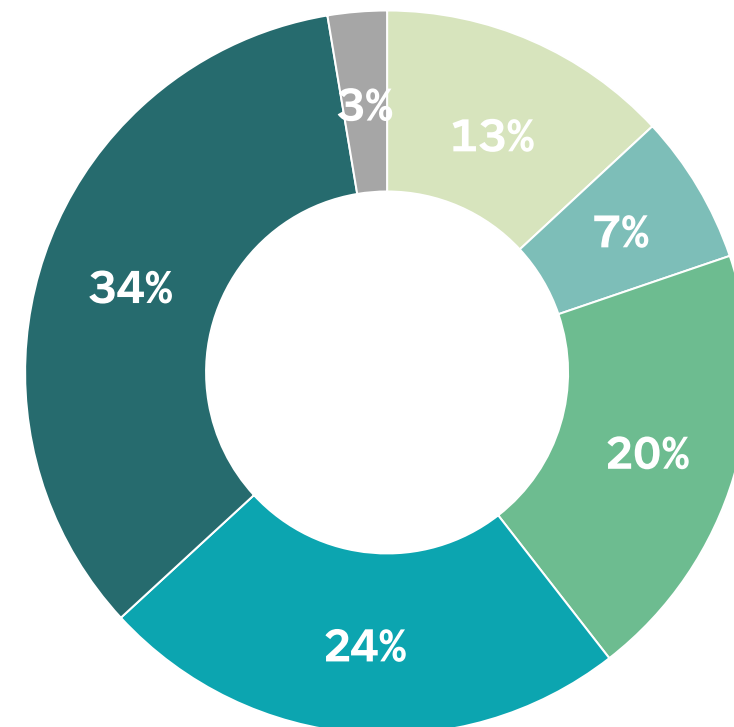
Indicate your level of education



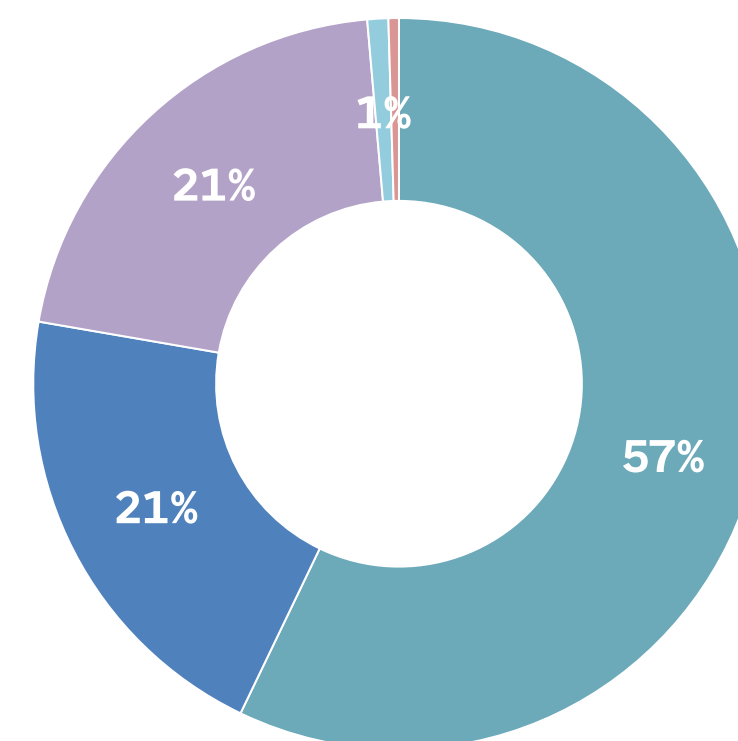
- Private sector worker
- Public sector worker
- Self-employed/entrepreneur
- Retired or pensioner
- Unemployed
- Student
- Unpaid domestic worker

Indicate your current employment situation

- Alone
- With friends/roommates
- With my partner
- With my partner and children
- With my parents/relatives
- Other



Indicate who do you currently live with



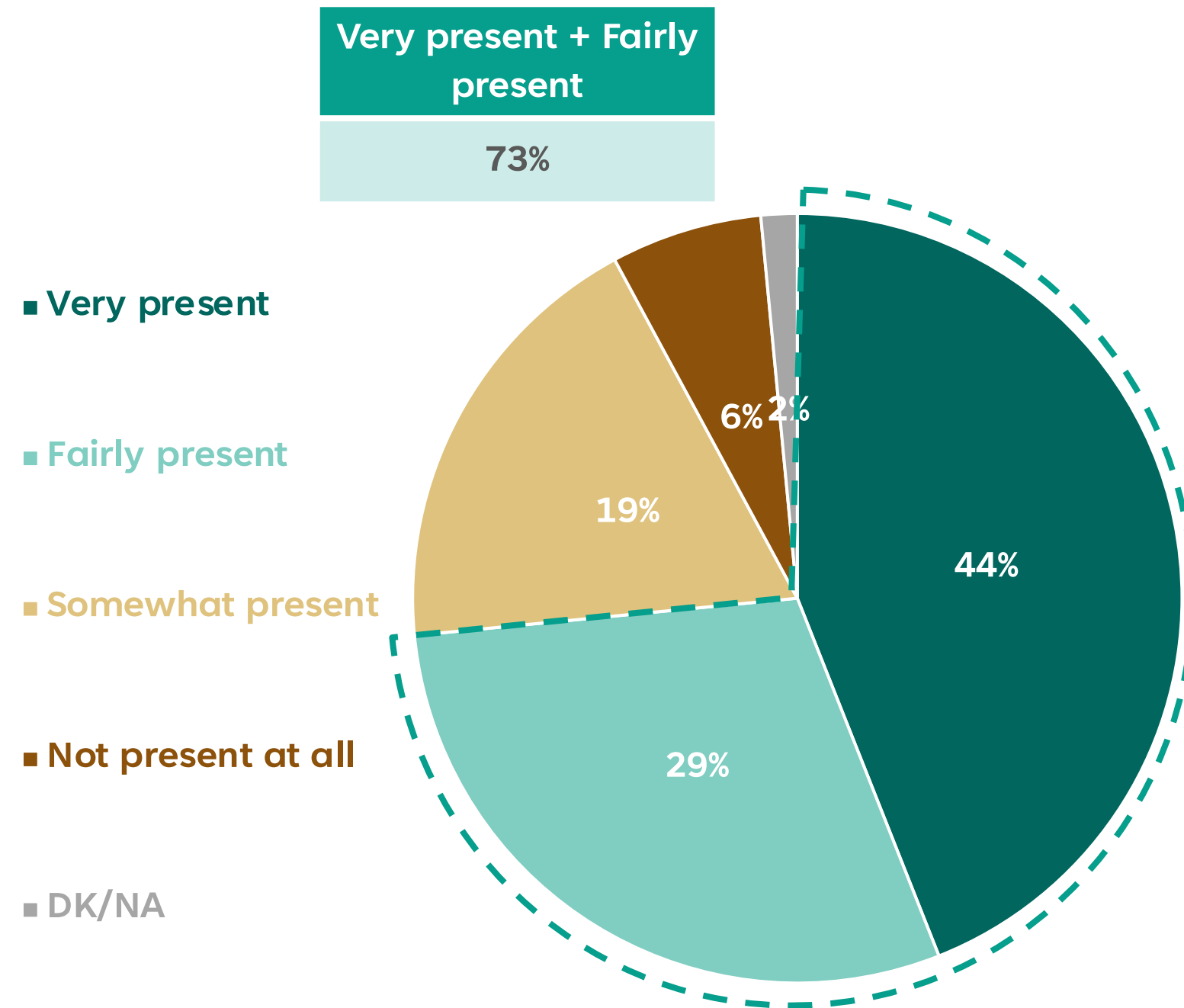
- Single
- Unmarried partner not officially recognized
- Officially recognized partnership (registered partnership)
- Separated or divorced
- Widowed

Indicate your current marital status

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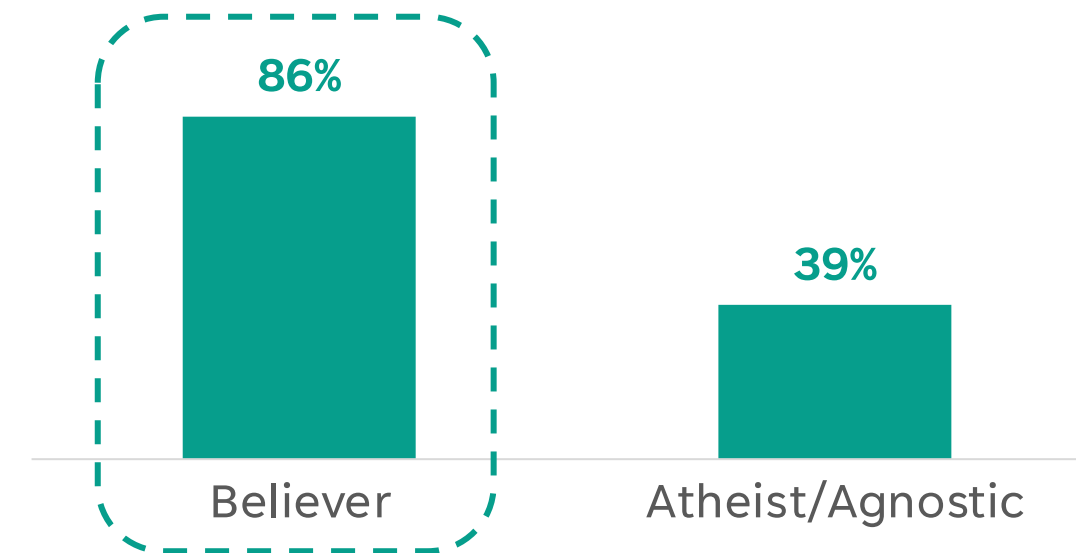
Values Perception

To what extent do you consider that spirituality has been present in your life?

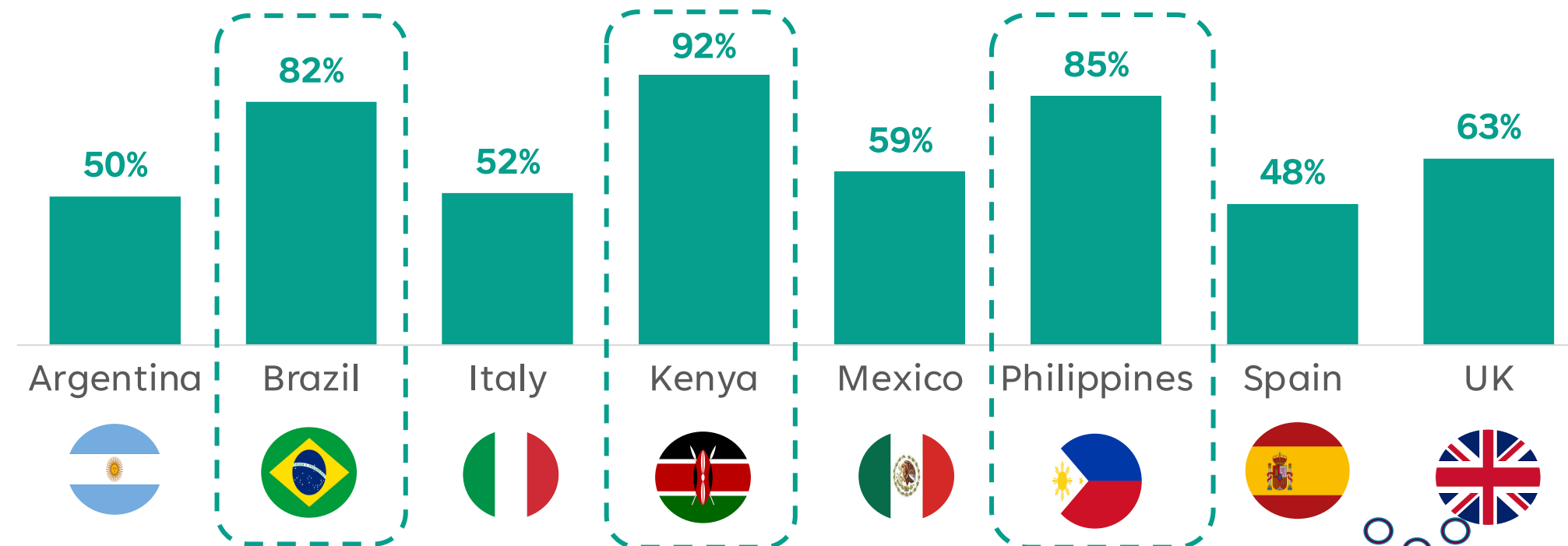


Very present + Fairly present

By belief



By country



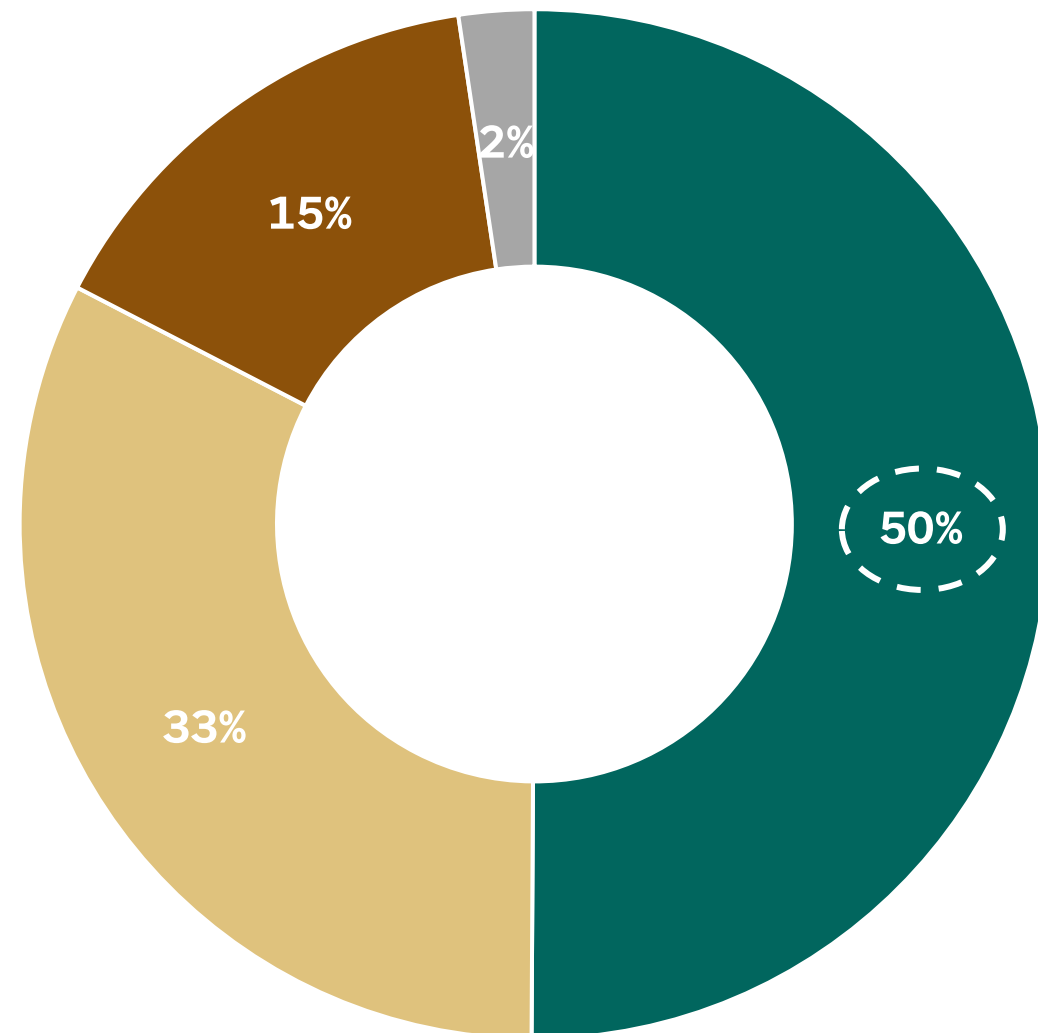
Compared to 5 years ago, now you believe that spirituality is...

■ More present in your life

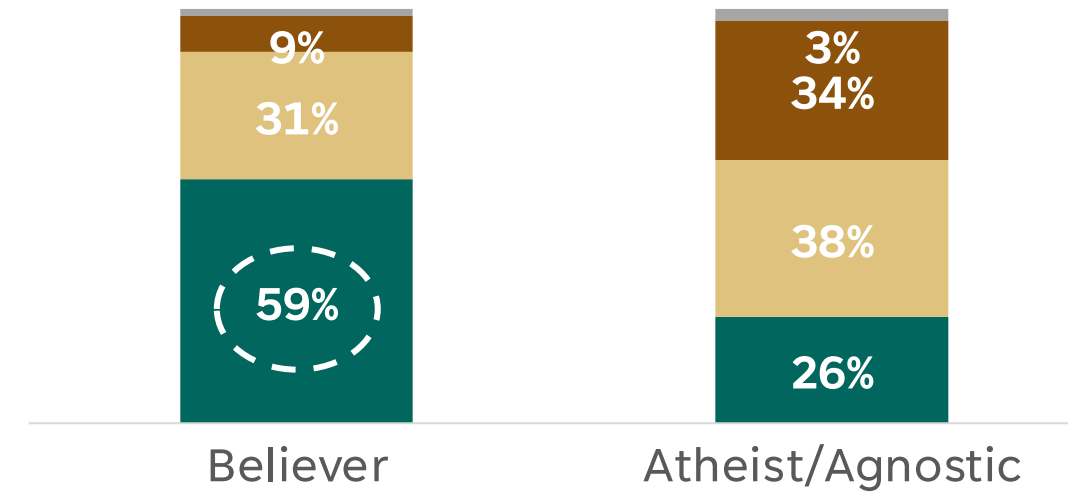
■ Equally present in your life

■ Less present in your life

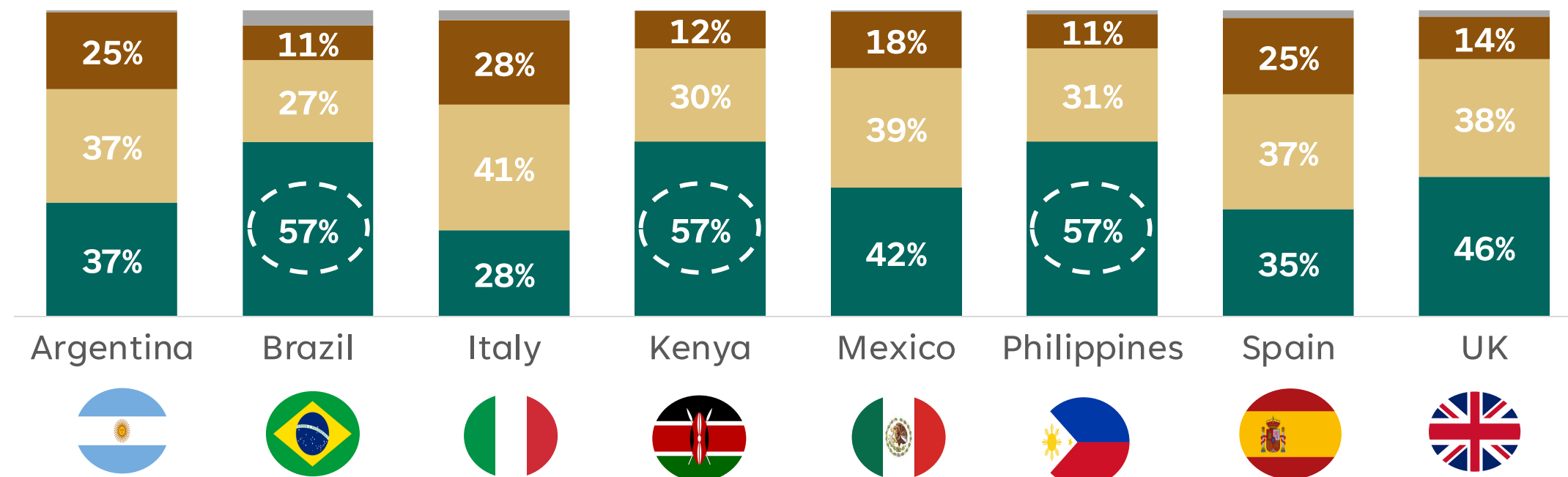
■ DK/NA



By belief



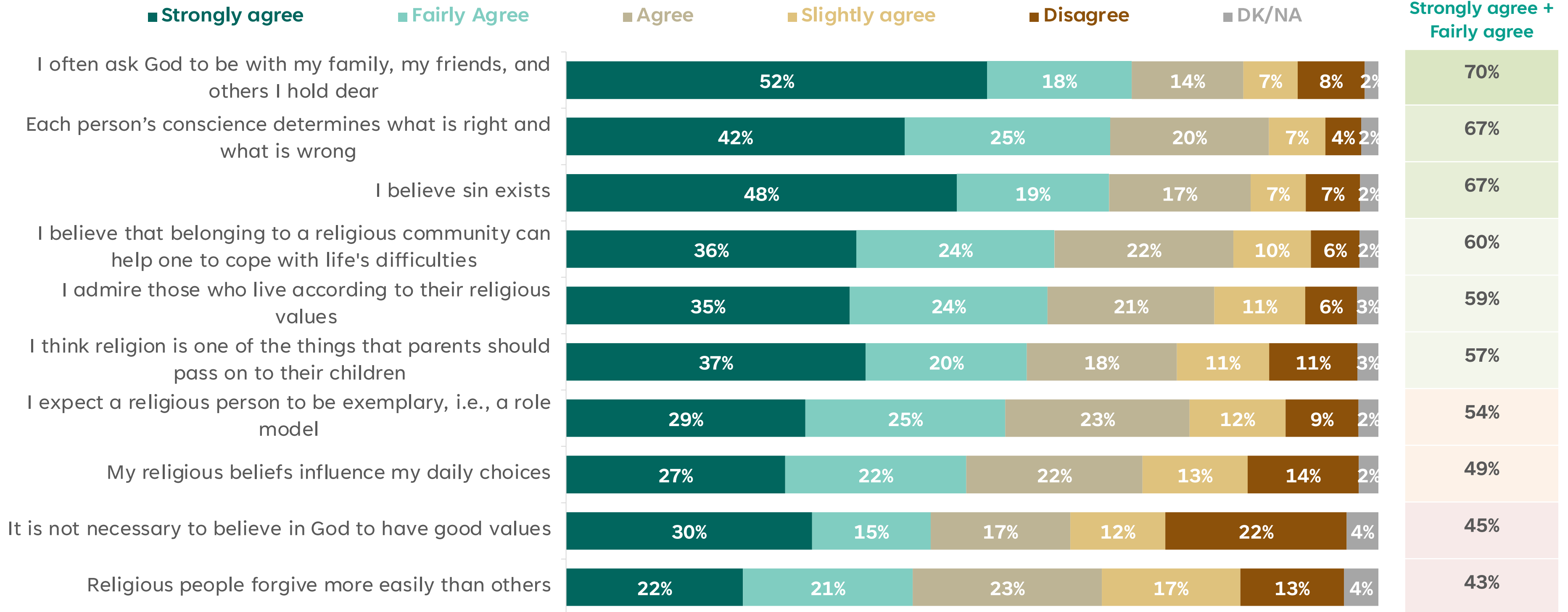
By country



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Religious statements

To what extent do you agree with the following religious statements?

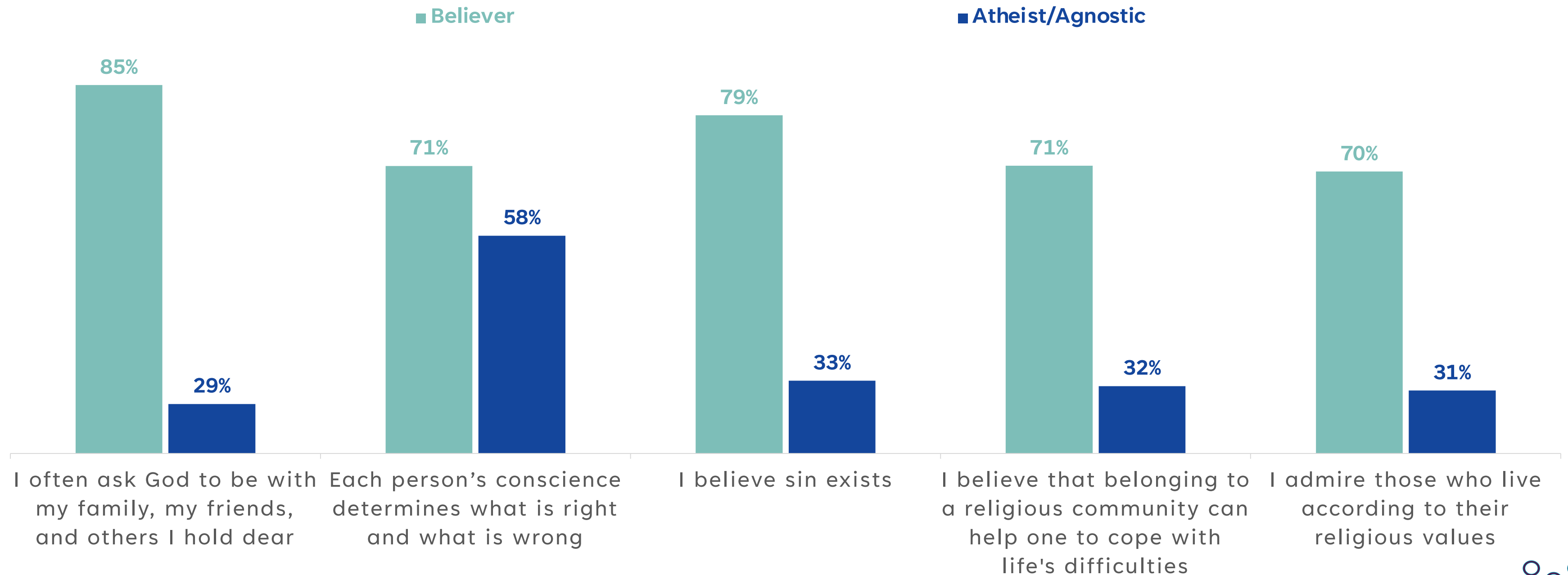


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To what extent do you agree with the following religious statements?

The five statements with the highest percentage of agreement

Strongly agree + Fairly agree



To what extent do you agree with the following social statements?

■ Strongly agree

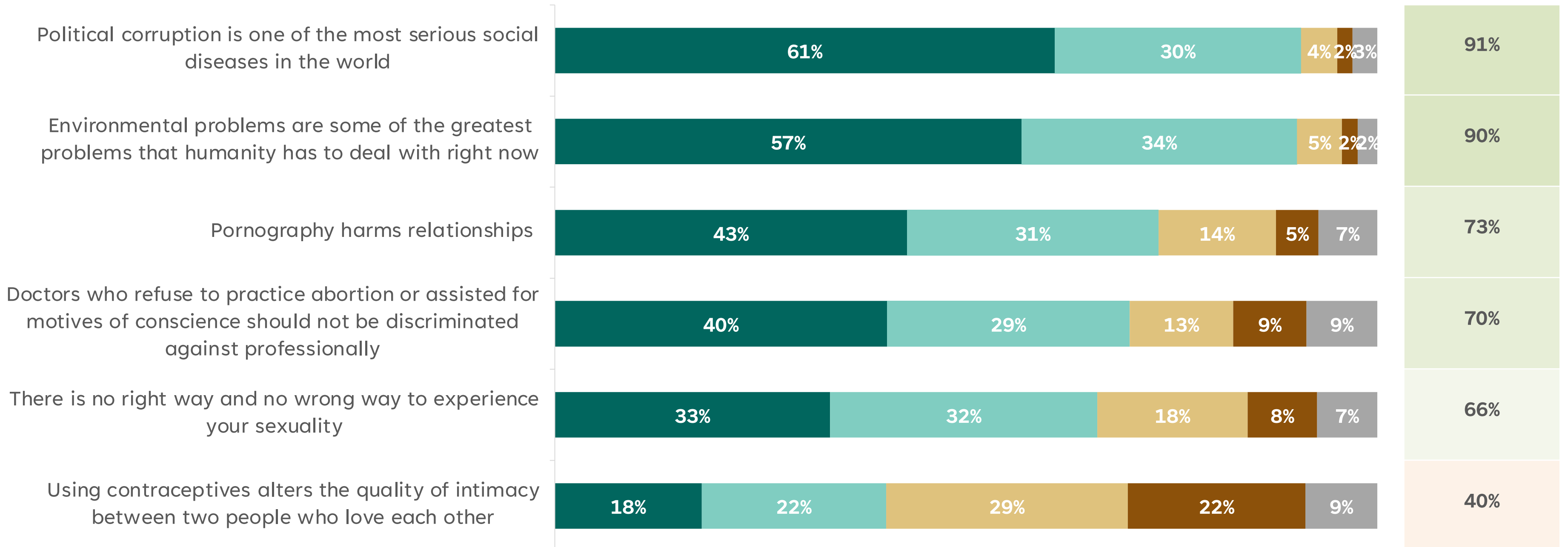
■ Agree

■ Disagree

■ Strongly disagree

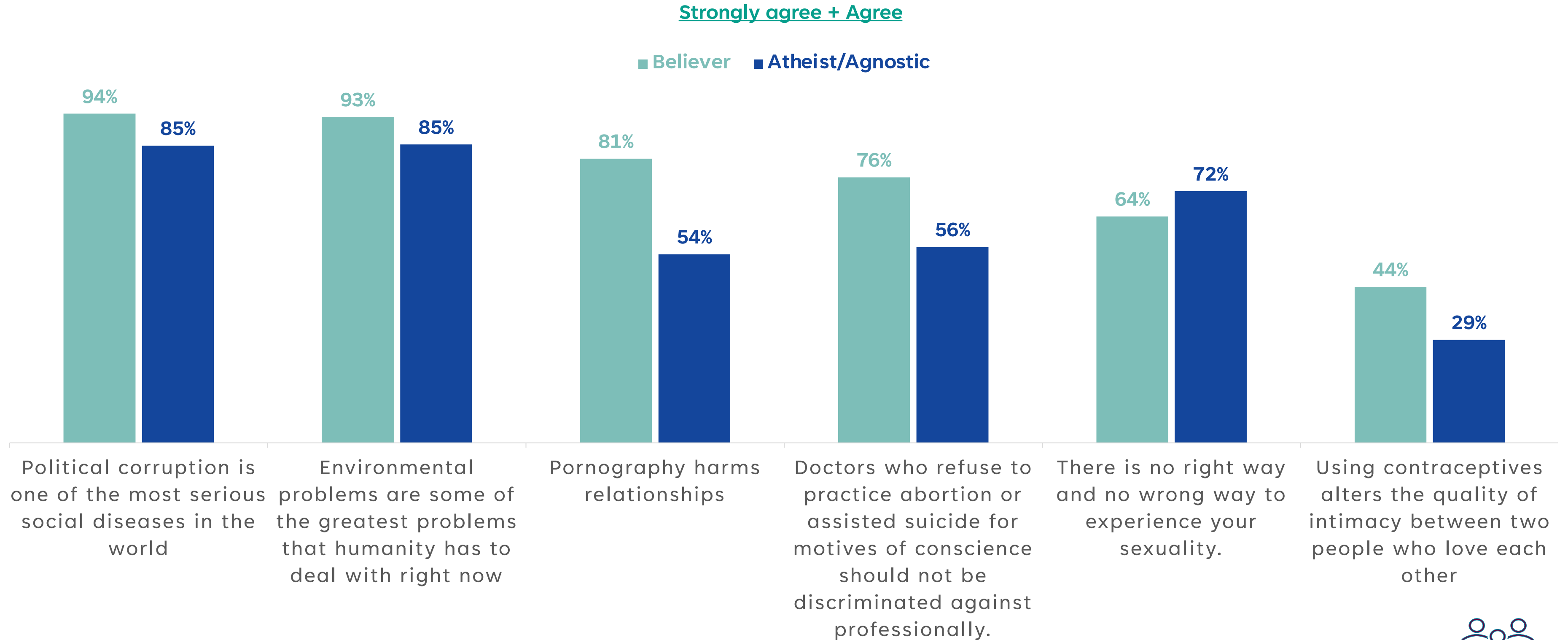
■ DK/NA

Strongly agree
+ Agree



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To what extent do you agree with the following social statements?

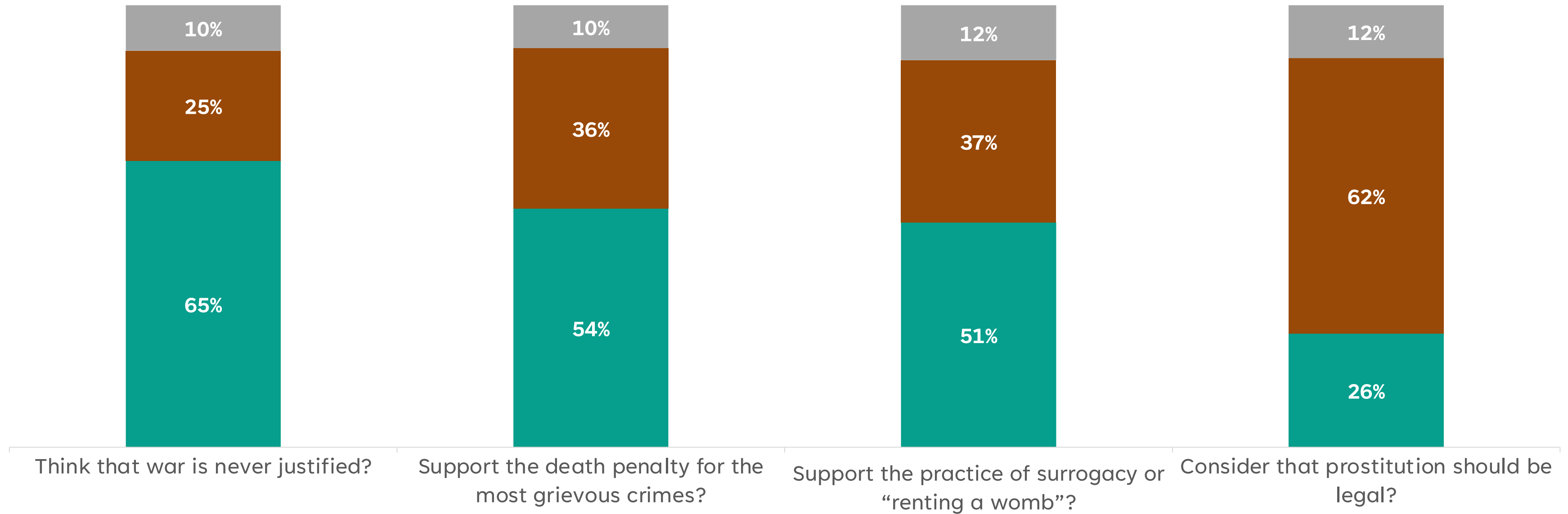


Do you....?

■ Yes

■ No

■ DK/NA

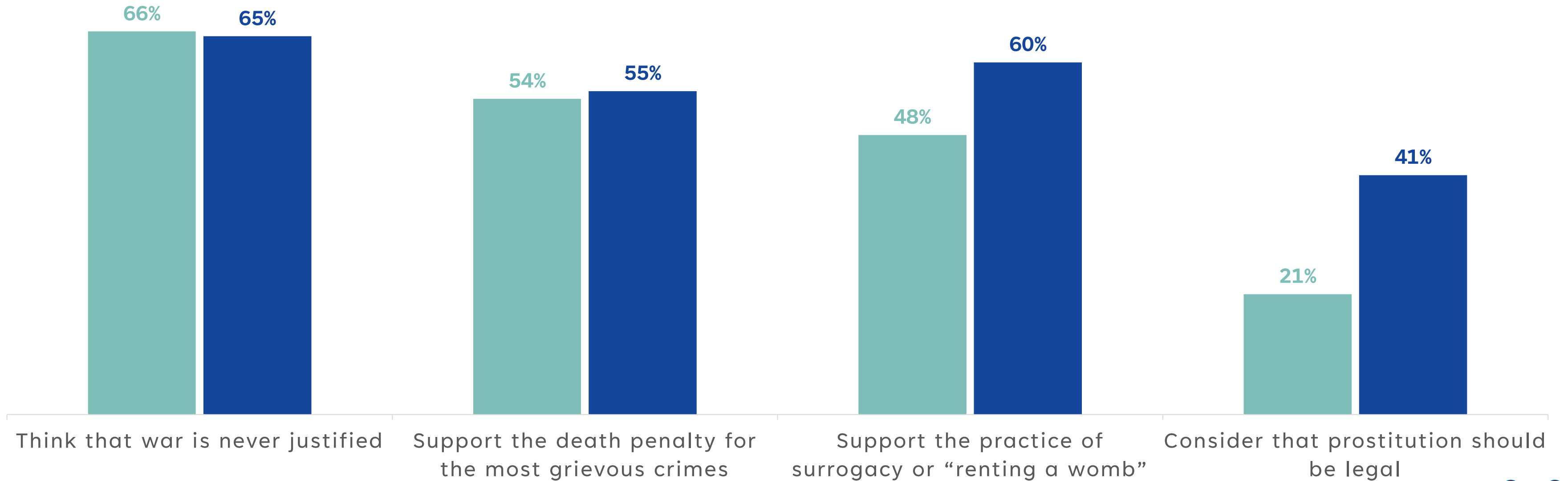


Do you....?

% Yes

■ Believer

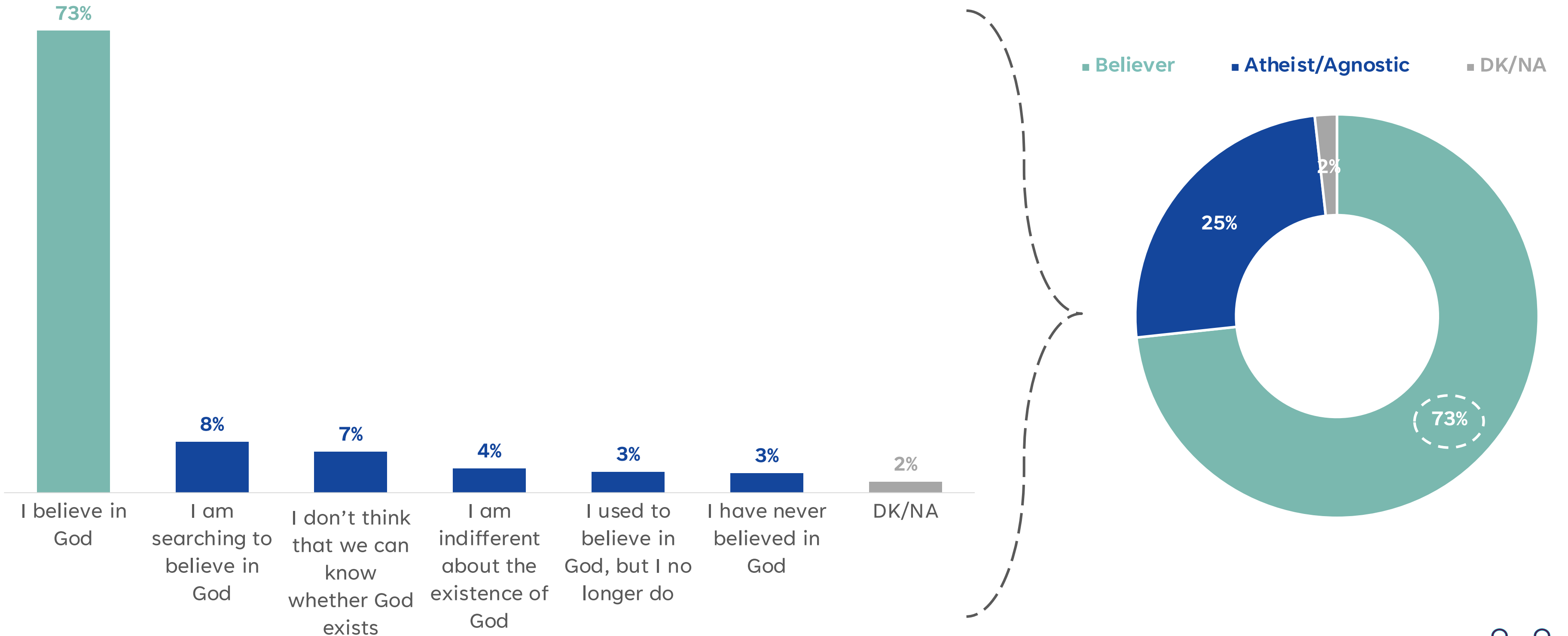
■ Atheist/Agnostic



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Beliefs and/or faith

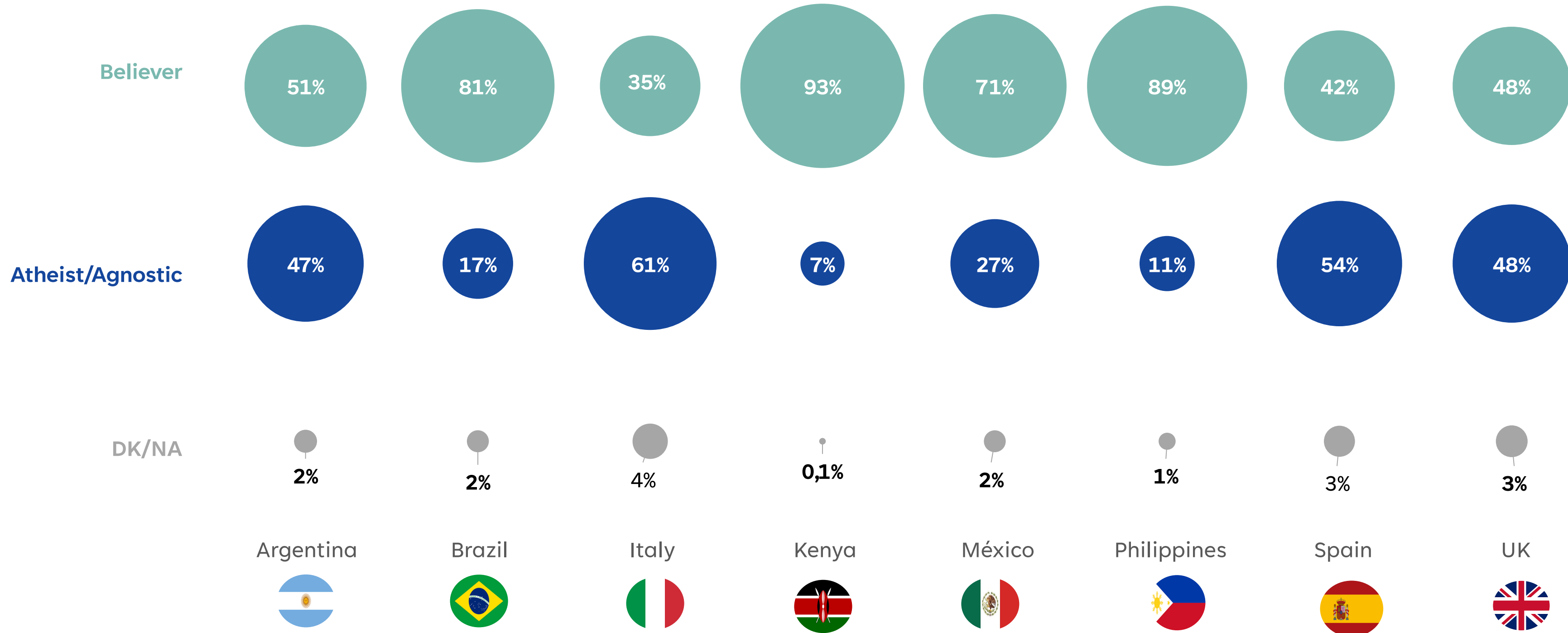
Most young people claim to believe in God.



Regarding your beliefs, from the following options, indicate which ones you most identify with:

Beliefs by country

The countries with the highest percentage of young believers coincide with the countries where the presence of spirituality is stronger, which are Kenya, the Philippines and Brazil. In Italy and Spain there are more atheists and/or agnostics than believers.



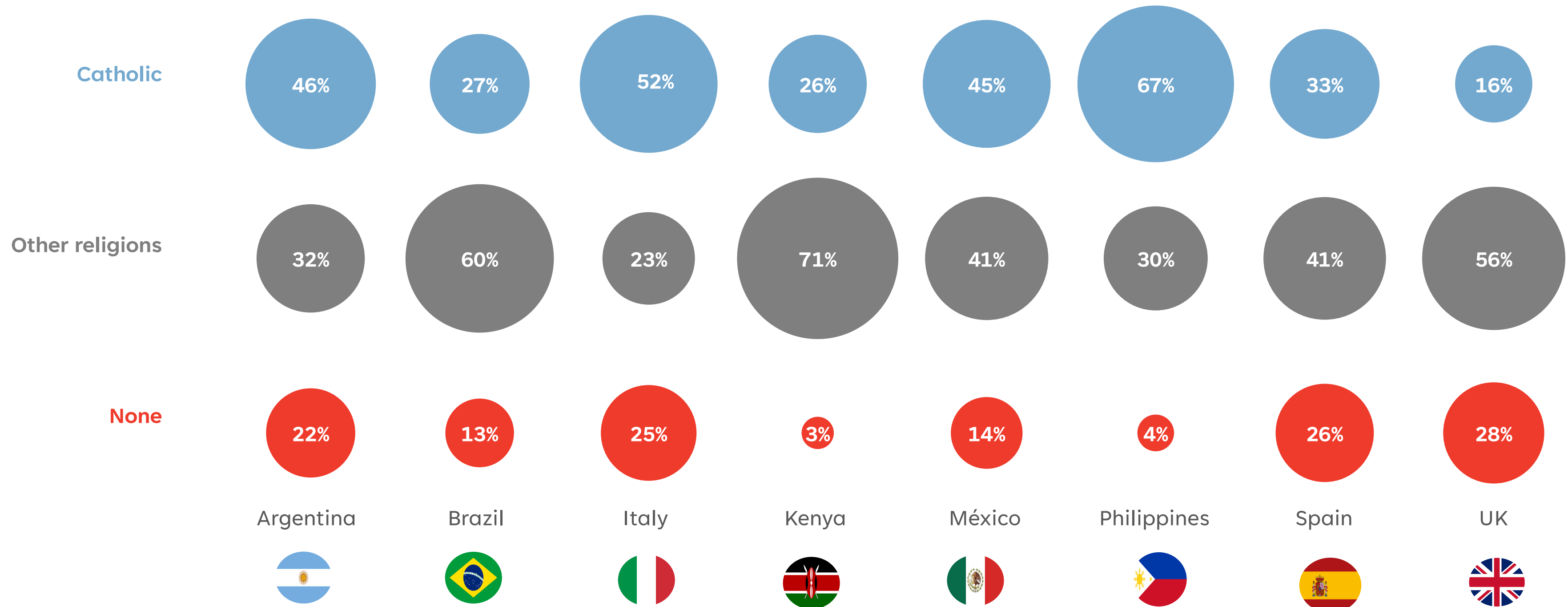
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Faith traditions by country

Catholicism is present among young people especially in the Philippines and Italy. In the case of Italy, there are many young people who, even if they define themselves as atheists, feel identified with the Catholic religion.



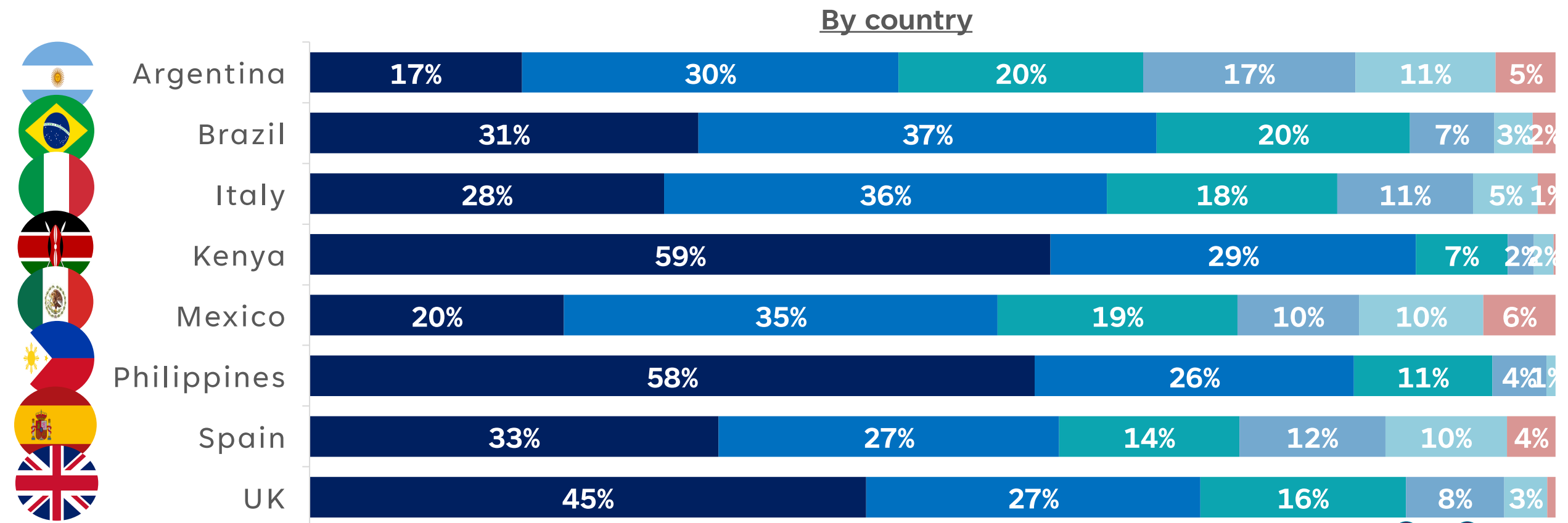
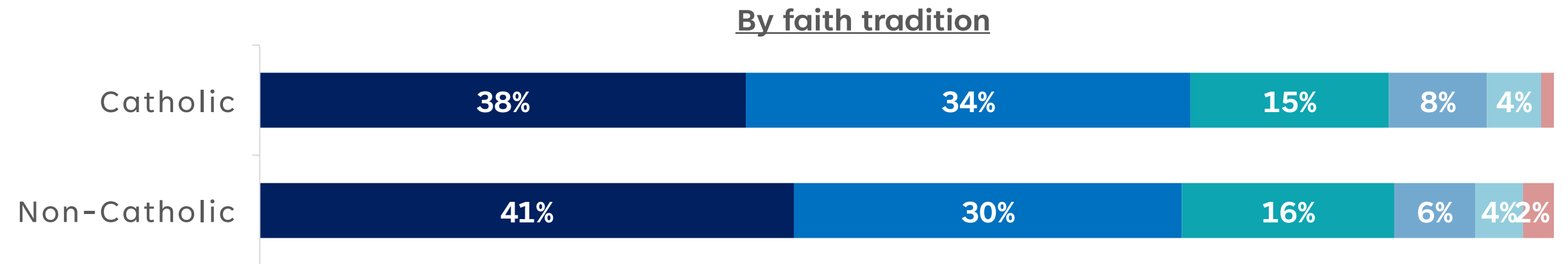
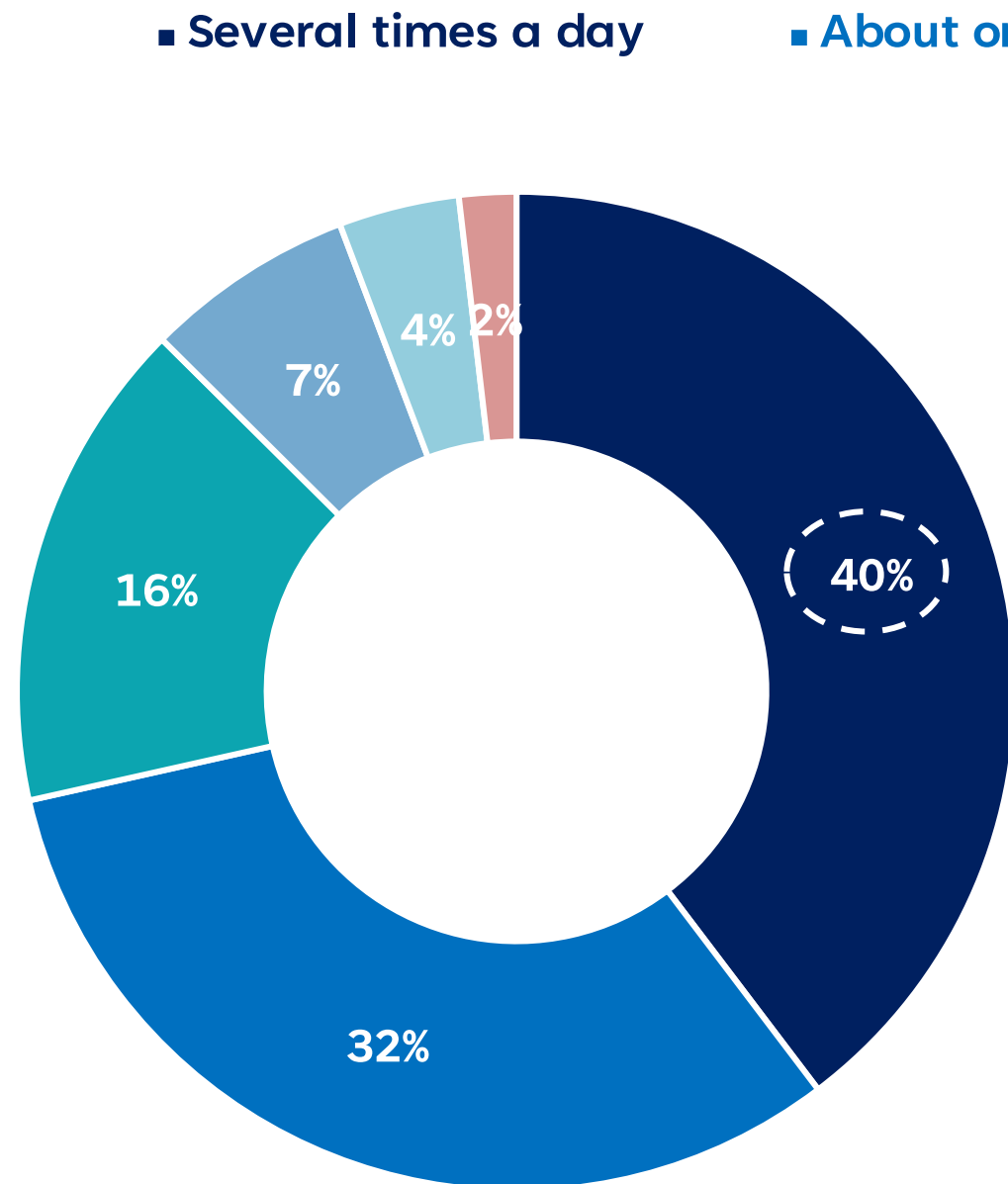


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God believers

Praying frequency

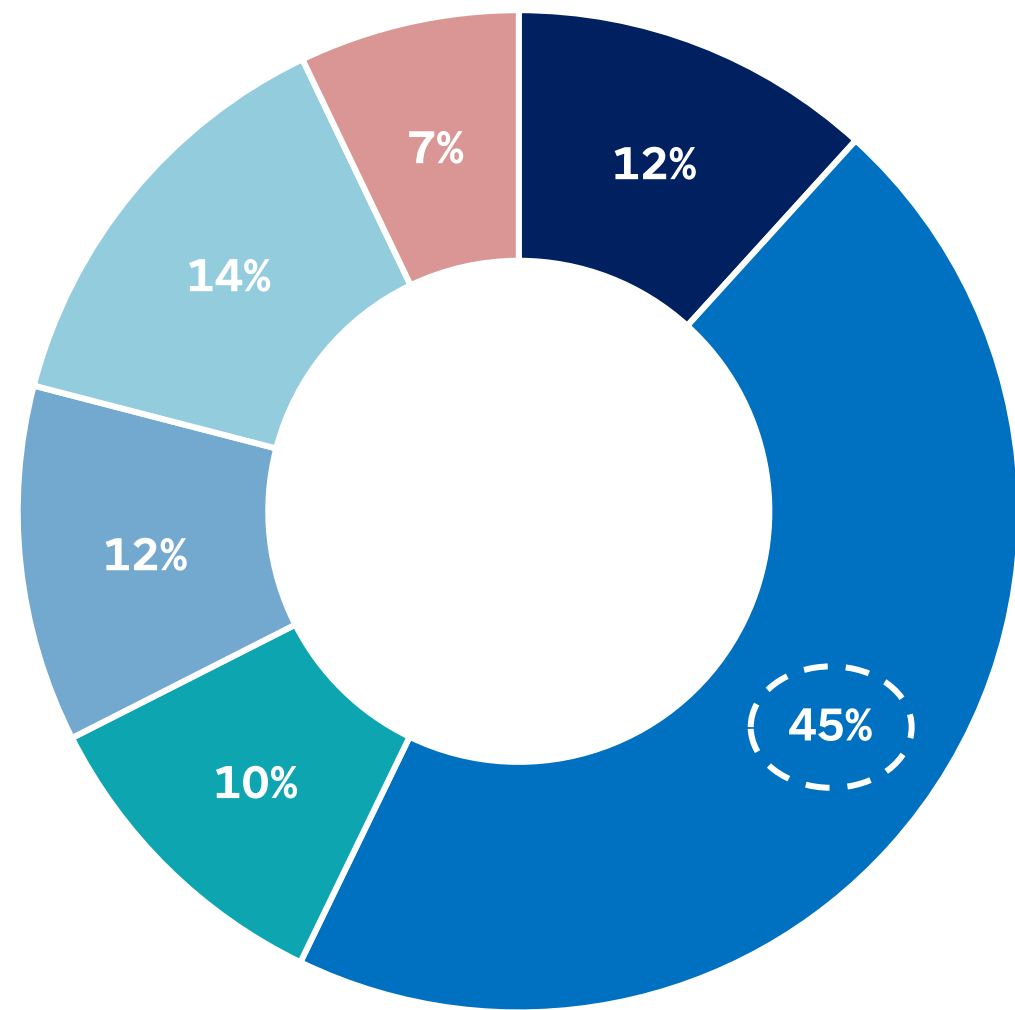
How often do you pray?



Mass/Services attendance frequency

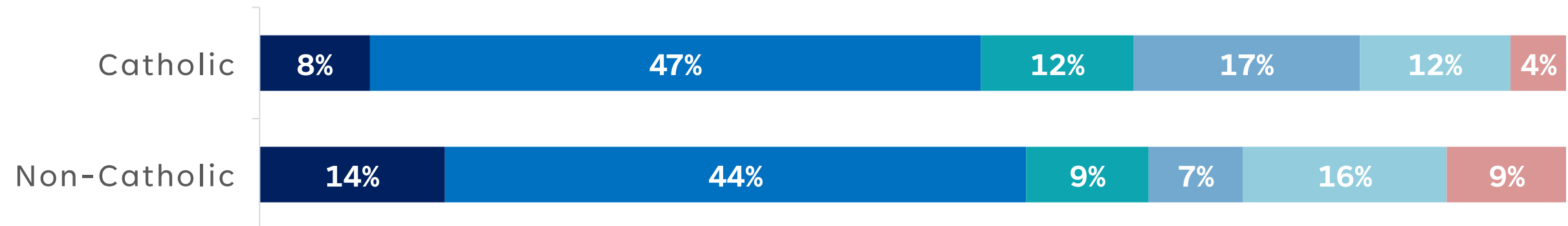
How often do you attend religious services/mass?

- Daily
- Monthly
- I used to go to religious services/mass, but I don't anymore

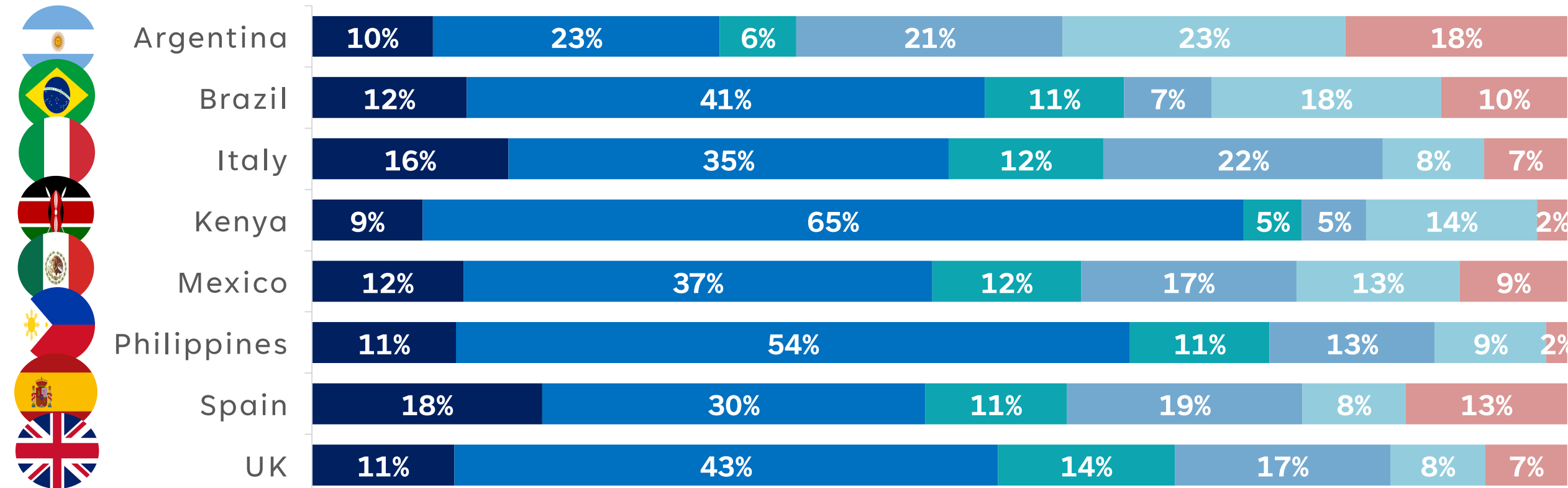


- Weekly
- Only on special occasions (funerals, weddings, baptisms)
- I do not attend religious services/mass

By faith tradition



By country



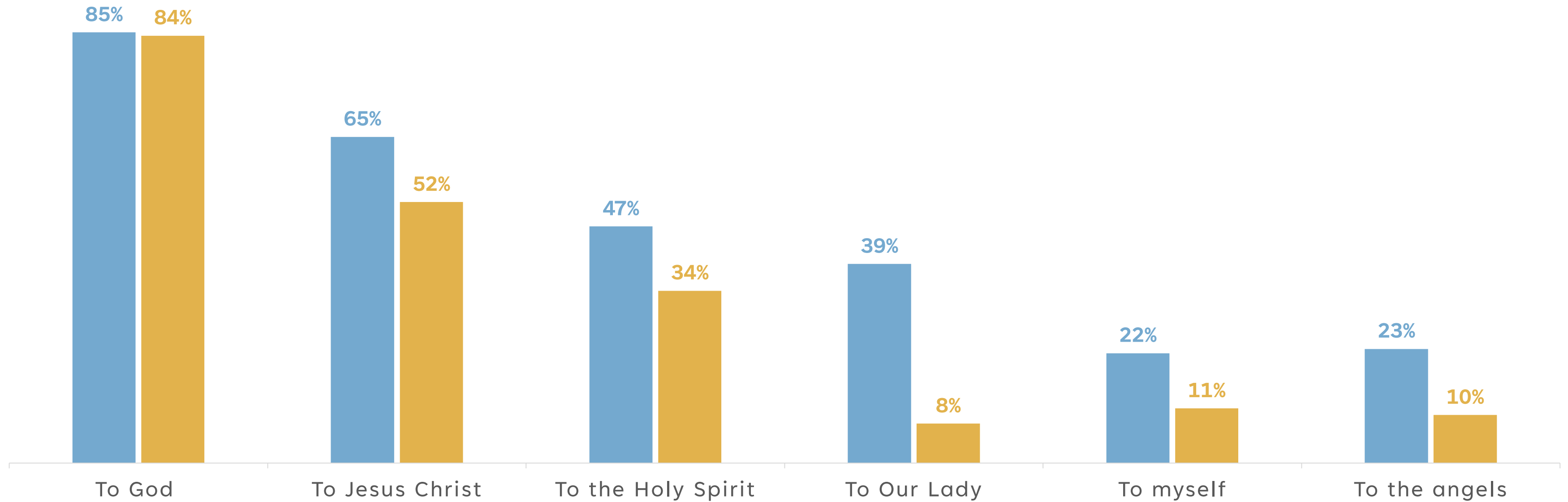
Praying habits by faith tradition

To whom do you turn in prayer? Multi-response

The five most mentioned

■ Catholic

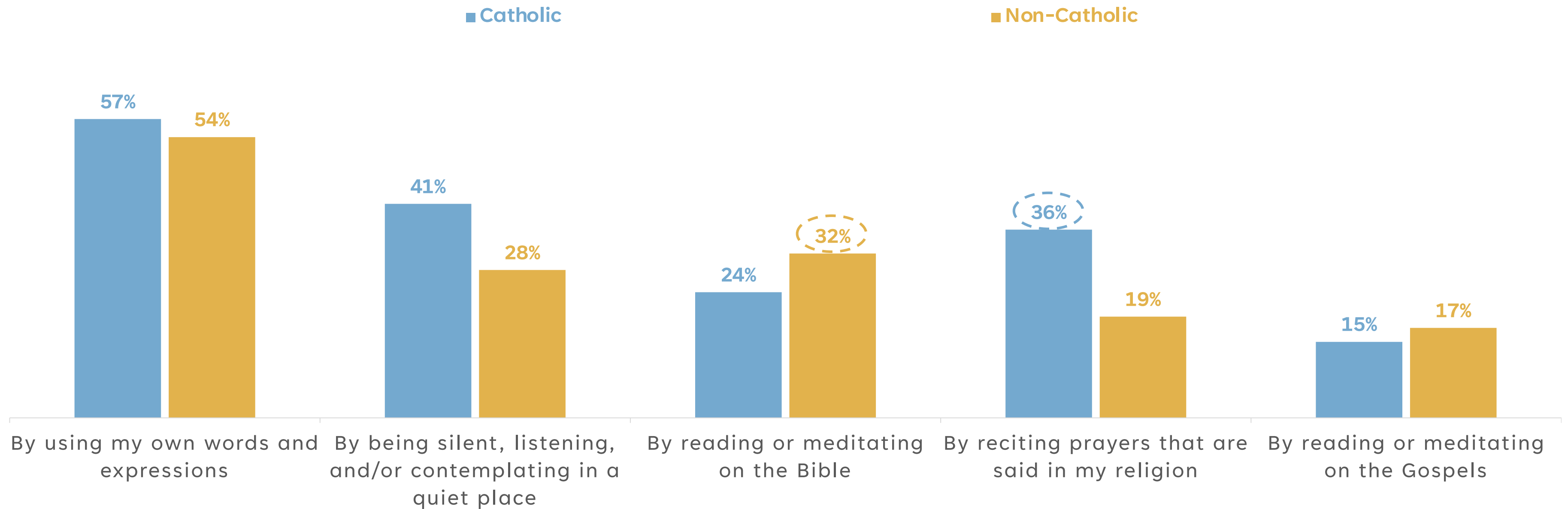
■ Non-Catholic



Methods of praying by faith tradition

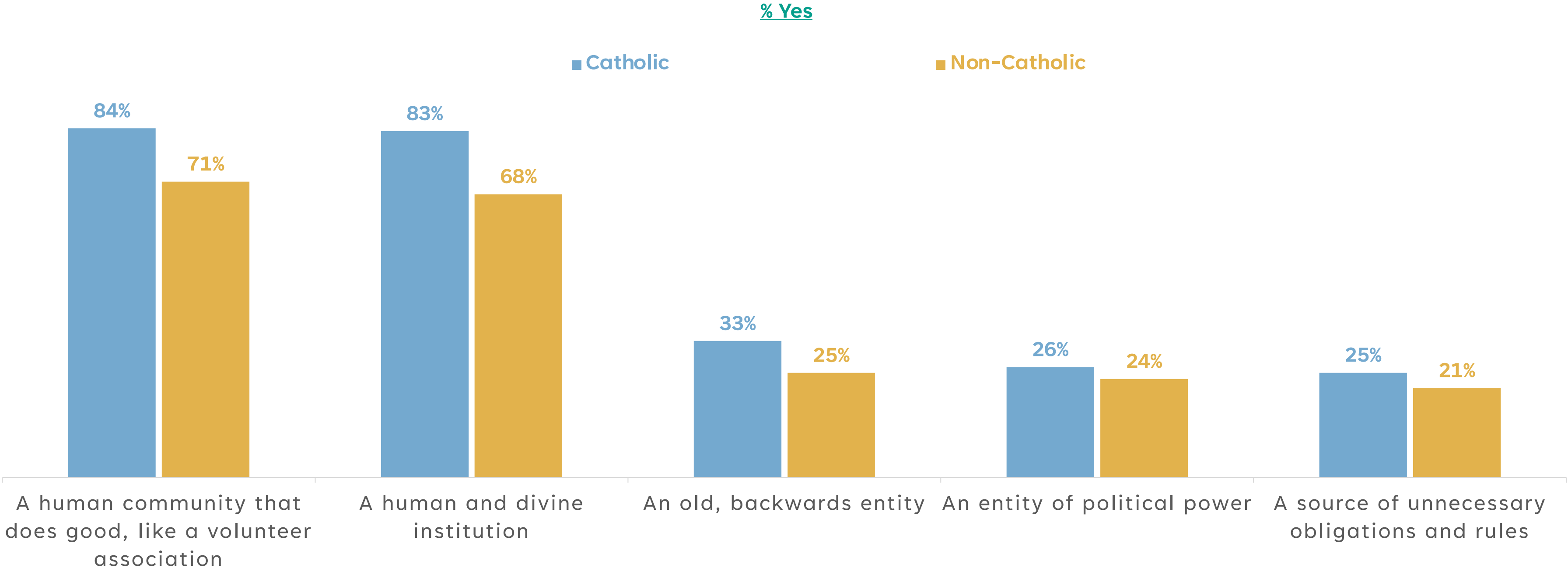
How do you pray on your own? Multi-response

The five most mentioned



Church Perception by faith tradition

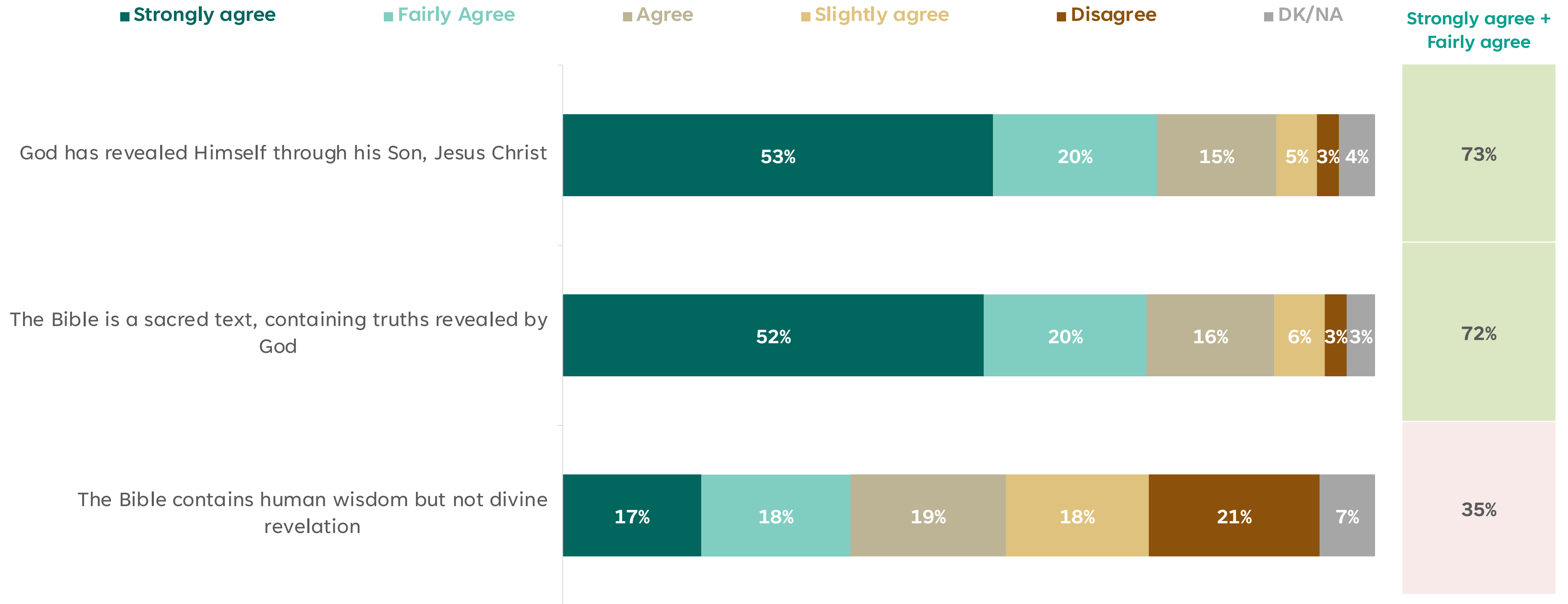
What is the Church, predominantly for you?



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Catholic believers

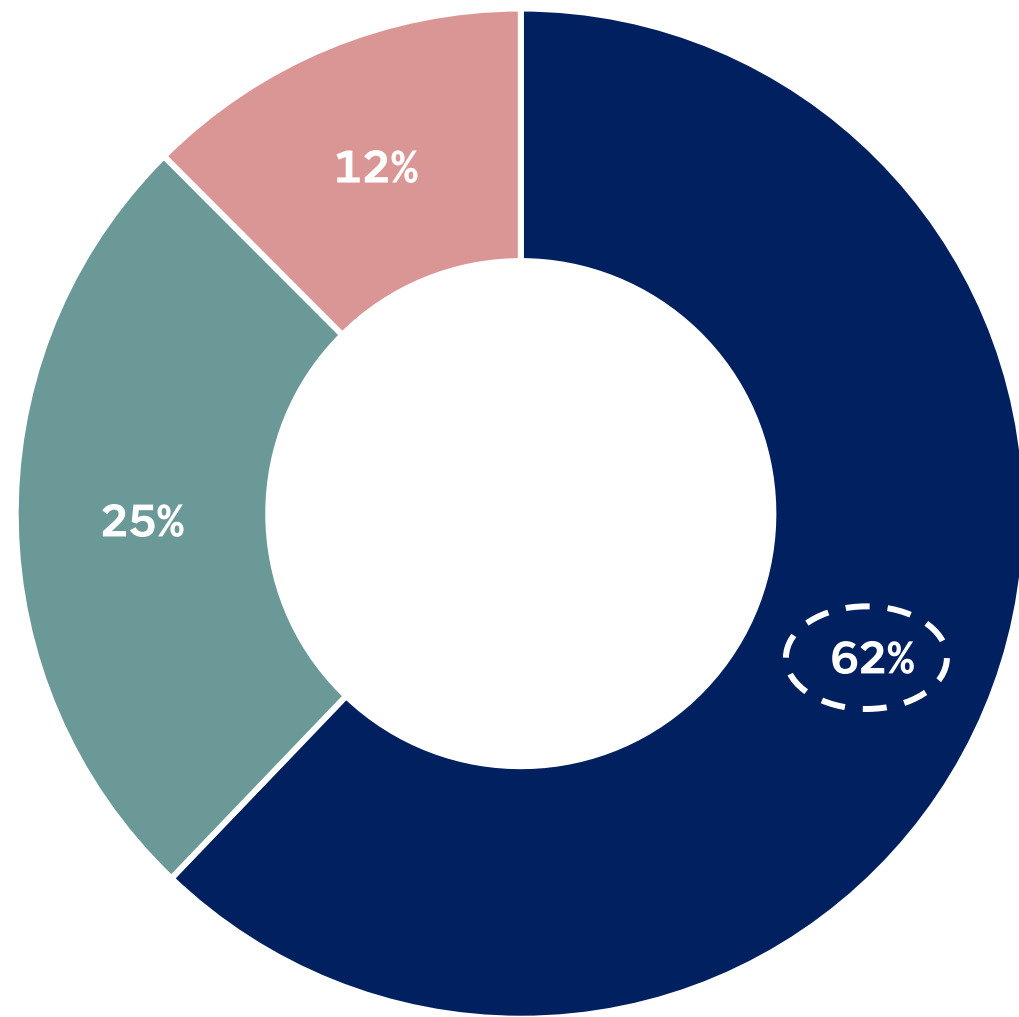
To what extent do you agree with the following belief statements?



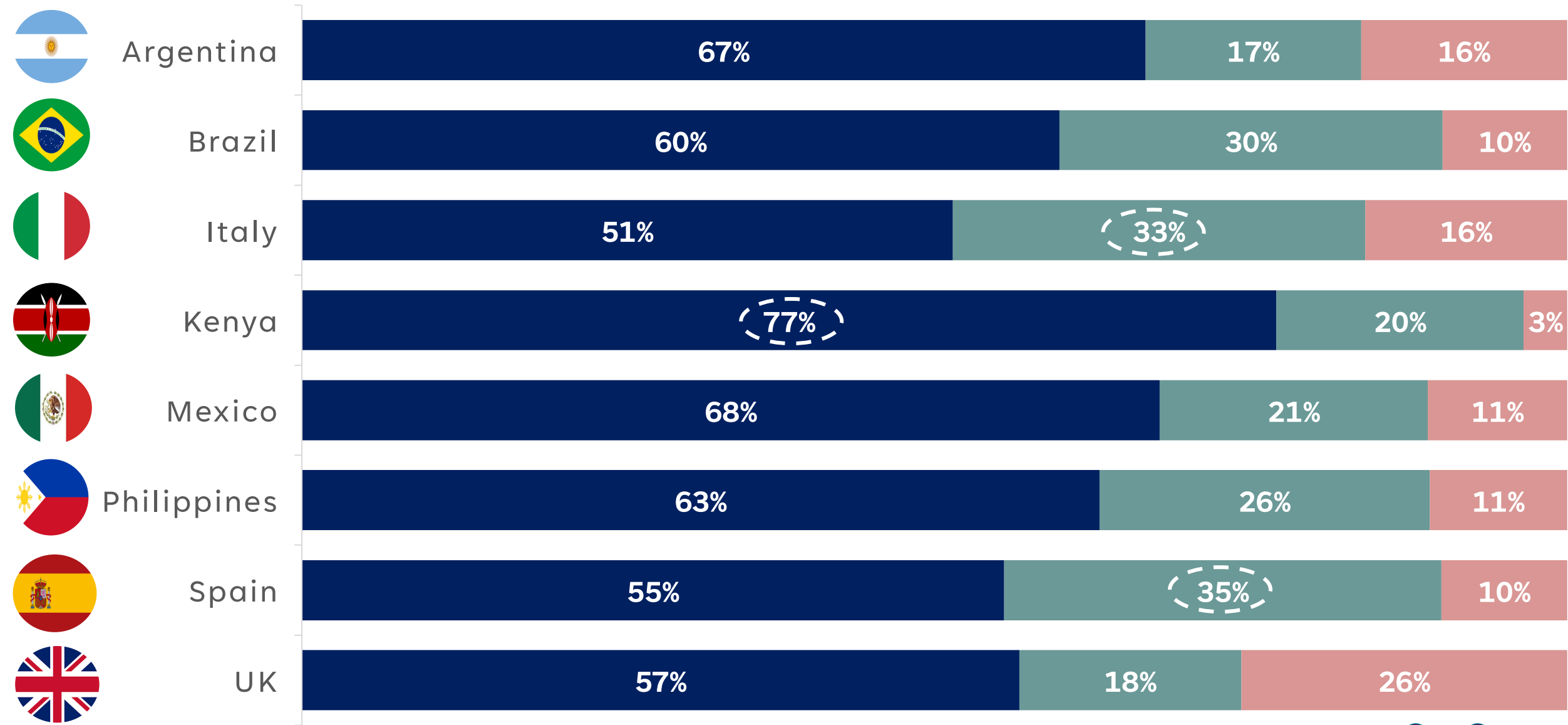
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Regarding the reading of the Bible, choose the statement you most agree with from the following choices:

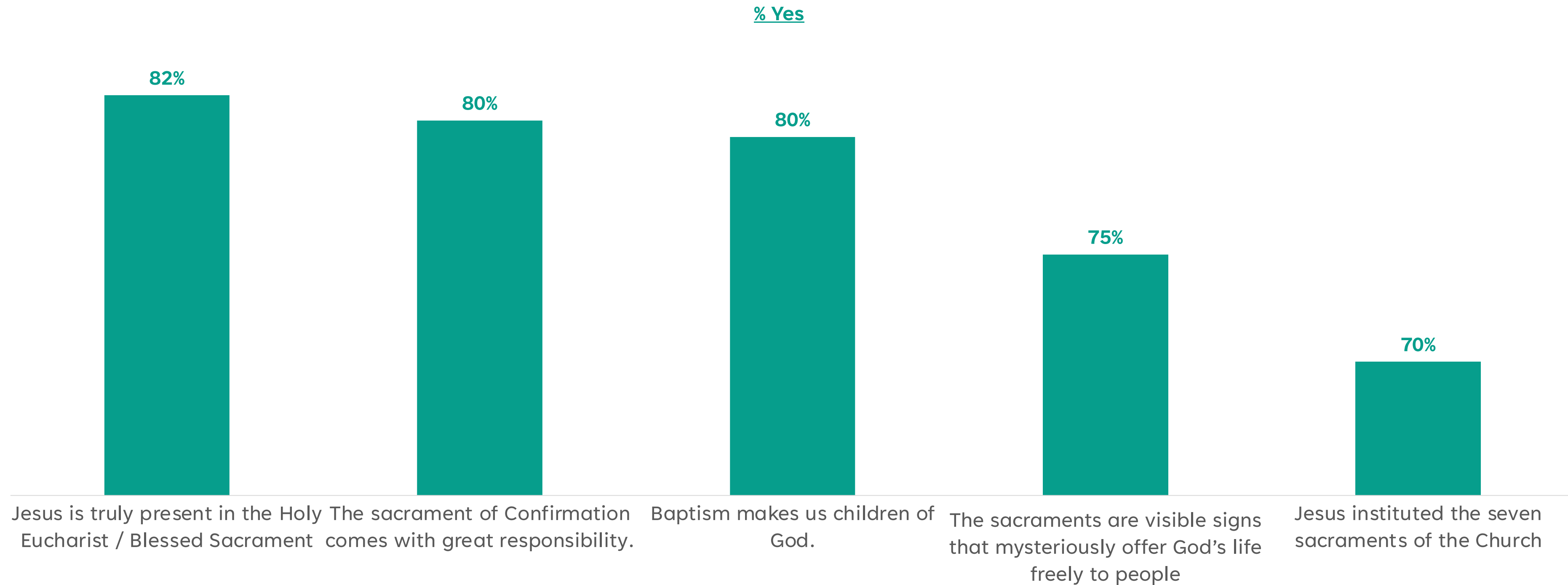
- Anyone can read Scripture alone, without any mediation from the Church. God speaks directly to each person through His Word
- Interpreting the Scripture comes from a tradition that ensures it is correctly understood, just as the Catholic Church does with its Magisterium, which is an official and authoritative teaching of the Church
- I have never asked myself this question



By country



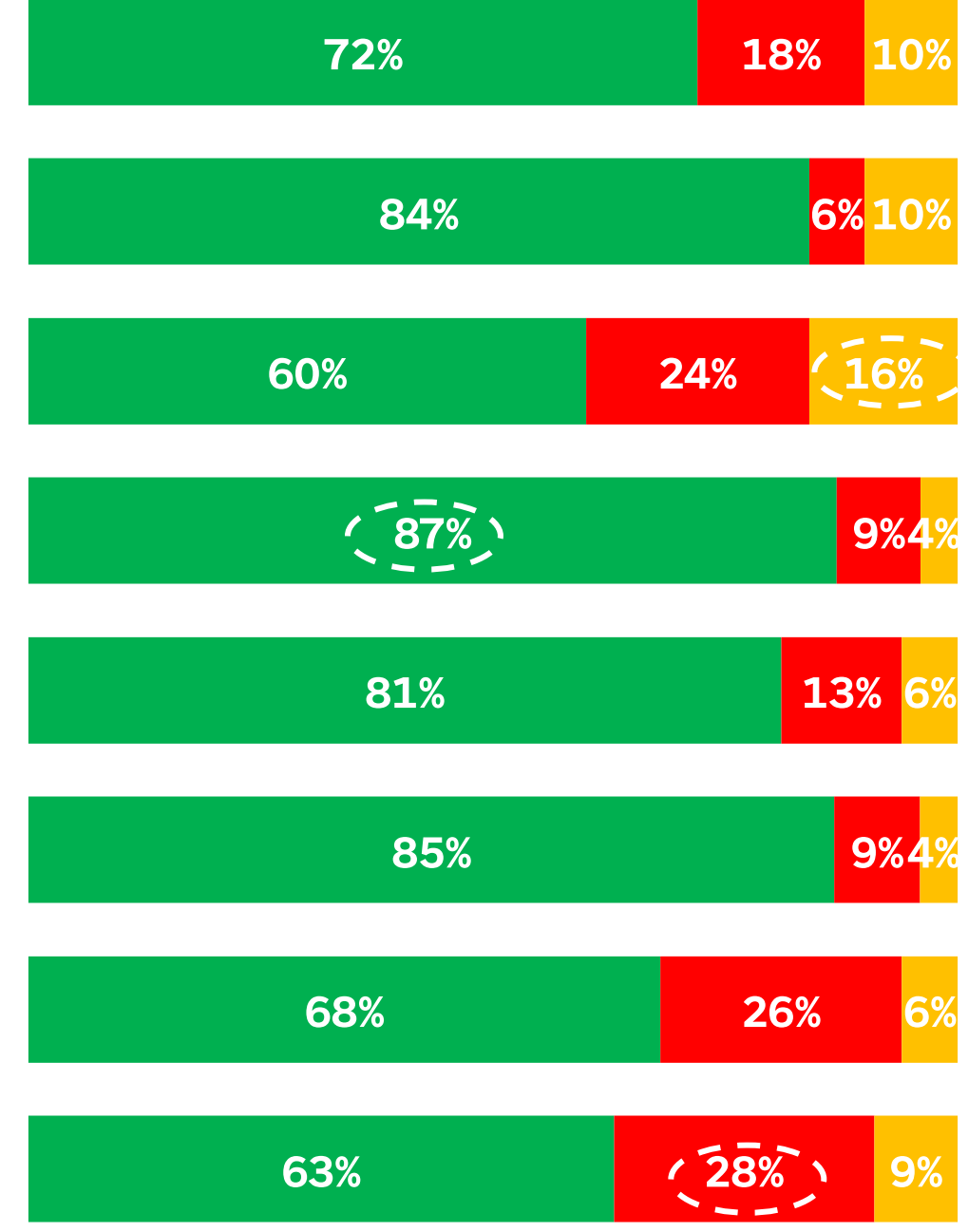
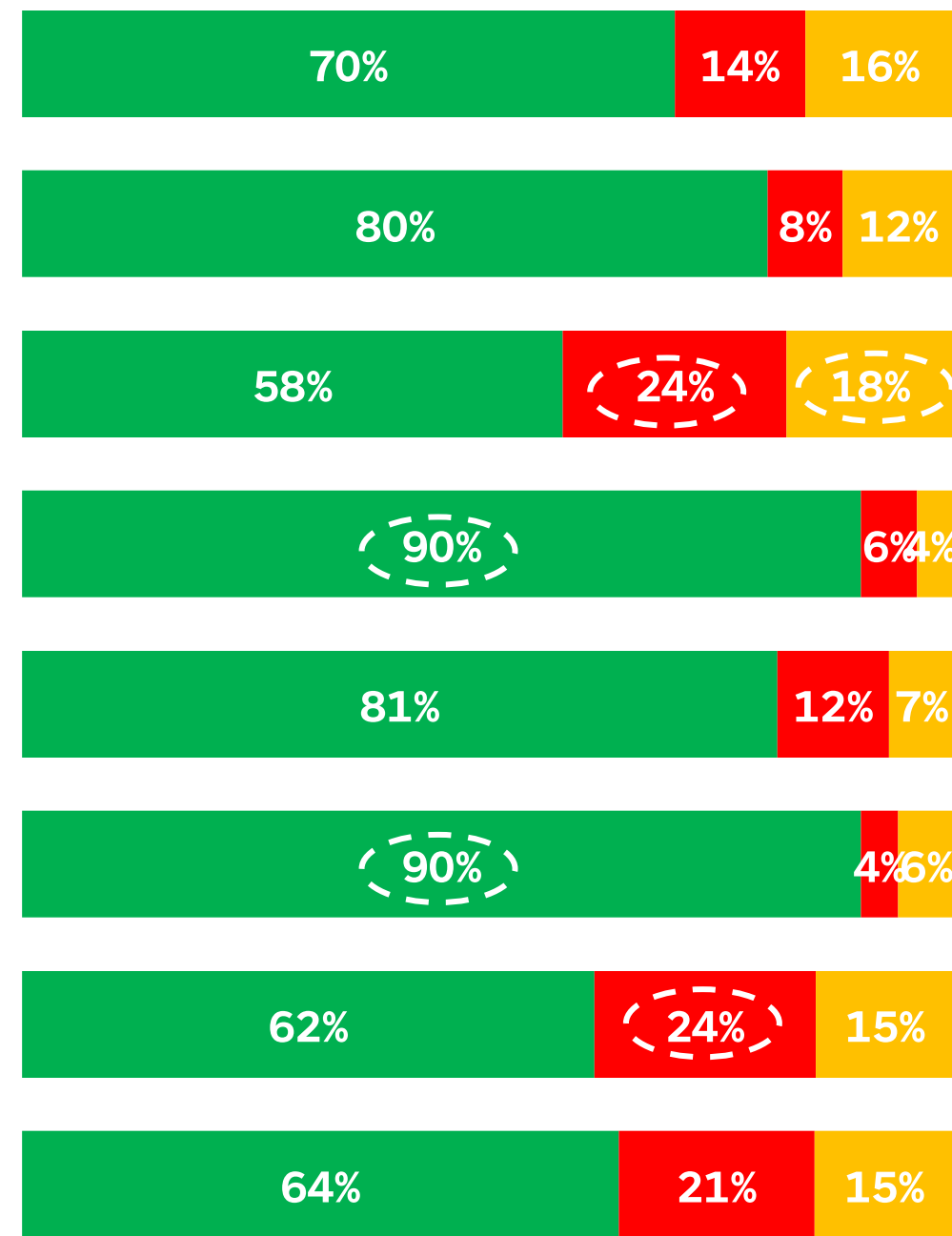
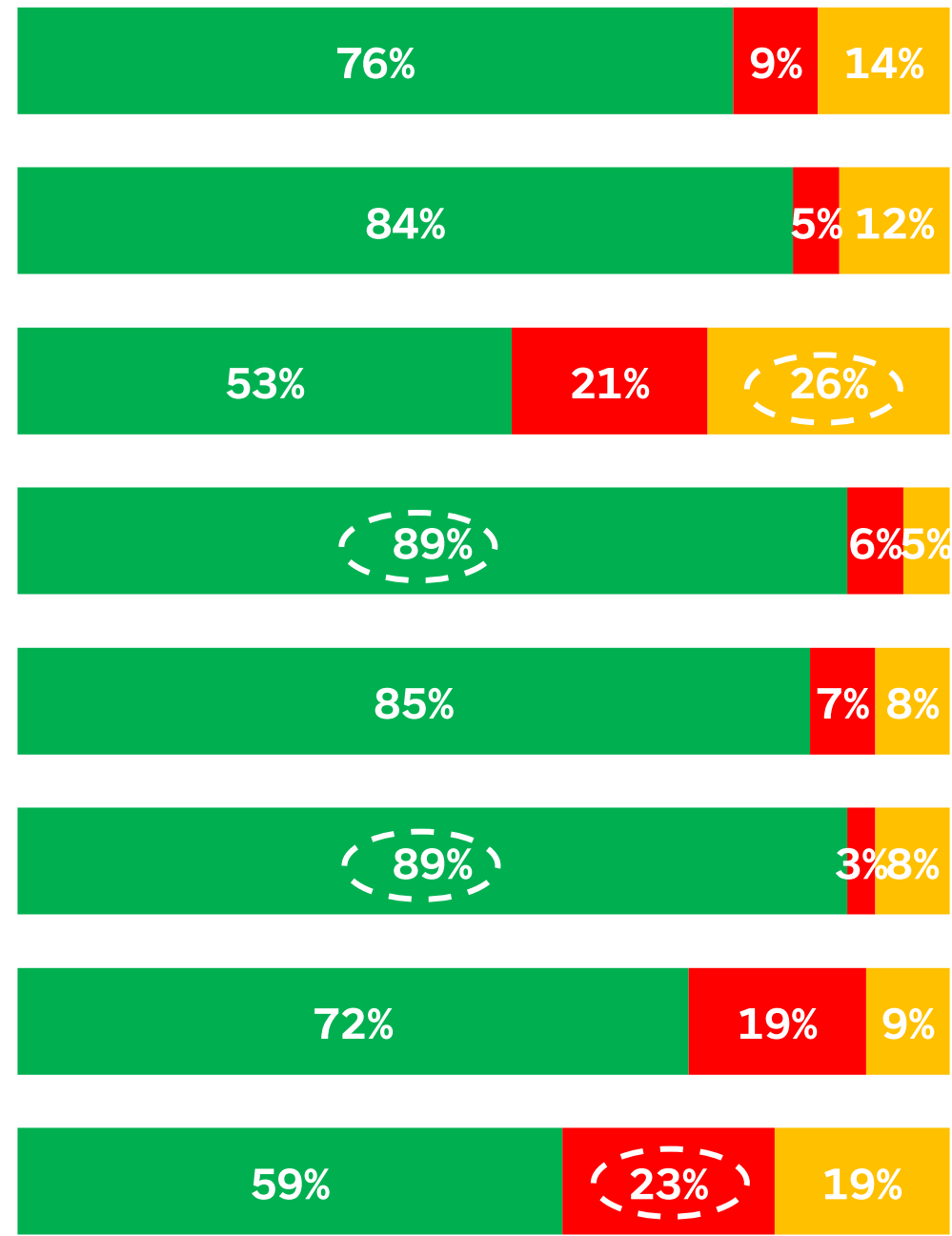
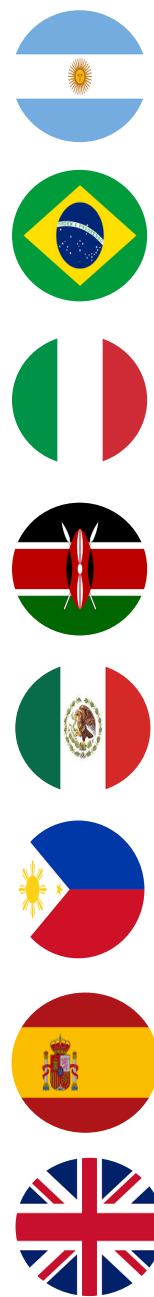
Regarding Catholic doctrine, indicate whether you agree with the following statements.



Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist

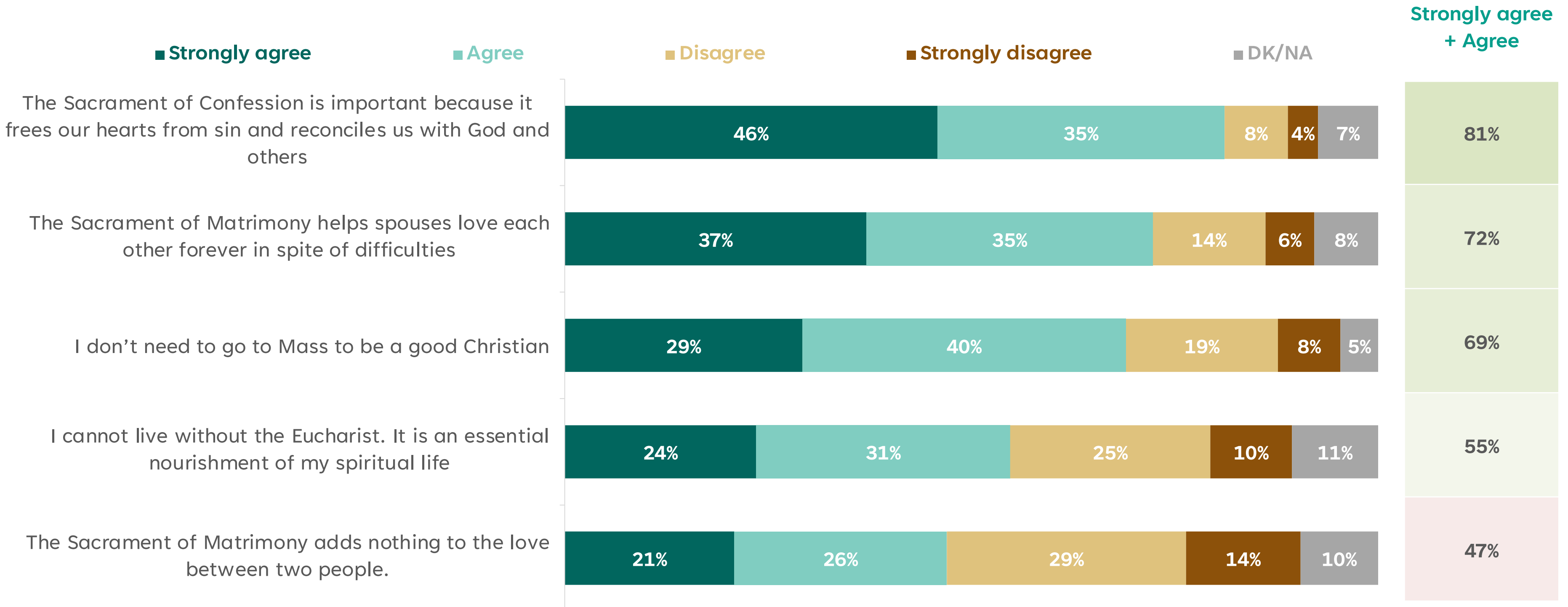
The sacrament of Confirmation comes with great responsibility

Baptism makes us children of God



■ YES
 ■ NO
 ■ DK/NA

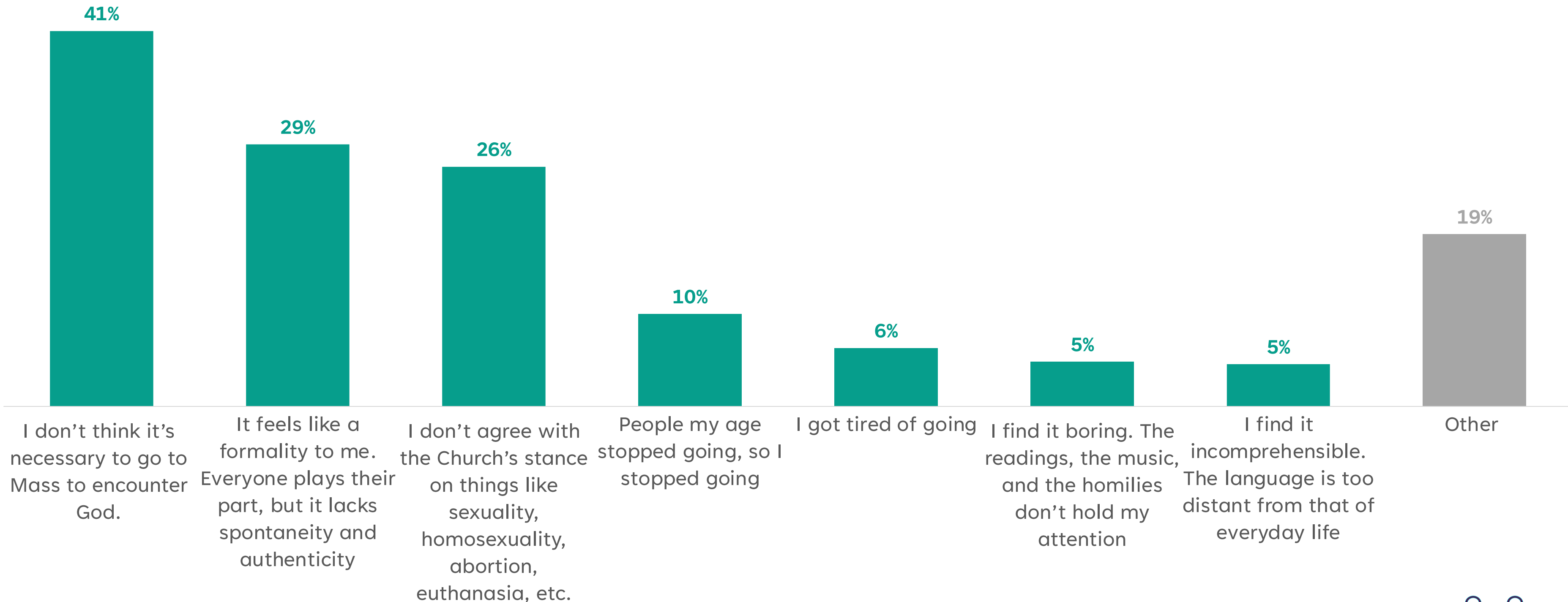
How much do you agree or identify with the following statements?



Reason to stop attending Mass

Why did you decide not to go to Mass anymore? Multi-response

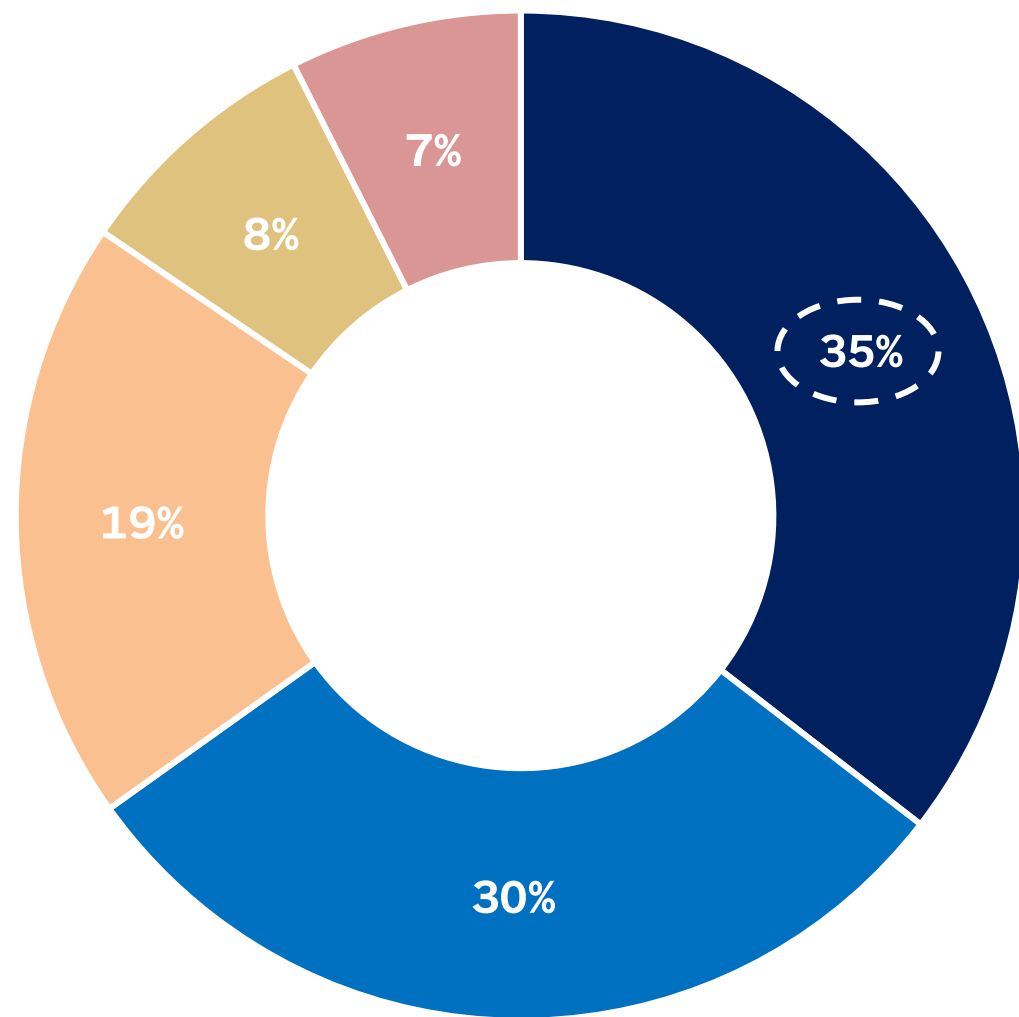
Only respondents who answered “I used to go to religious services/mass, but I don’t anymore”



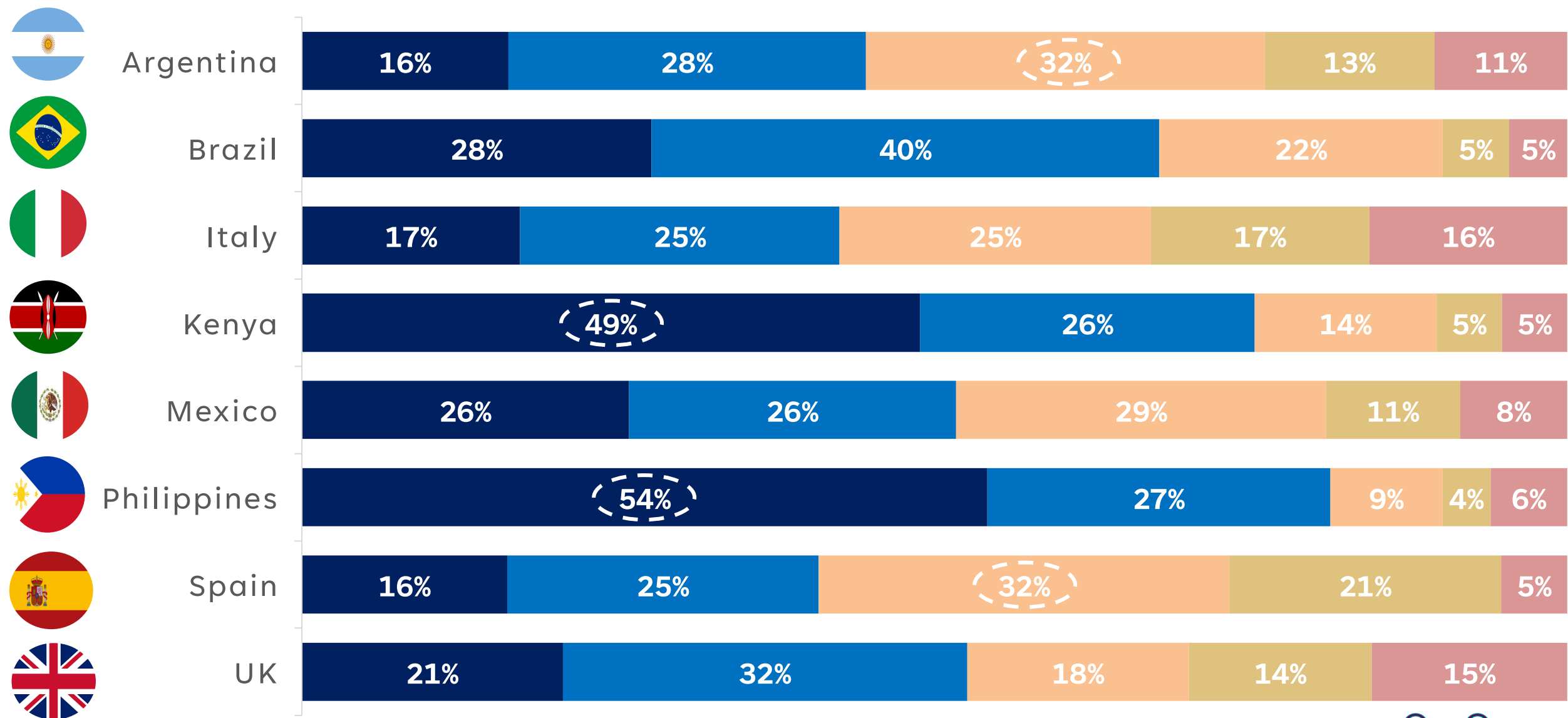
Opinion about Confession

Regarding Confession, choose the statement that identifies you best.

- Yes, it's fundamental for me
- I wish I would go more often
- No, I recognize the importance, but I find it uncomfortable/embarrassing
- No, I don't grasp its importance and don't feel it's necessary
- I used to go, but I don't anymore



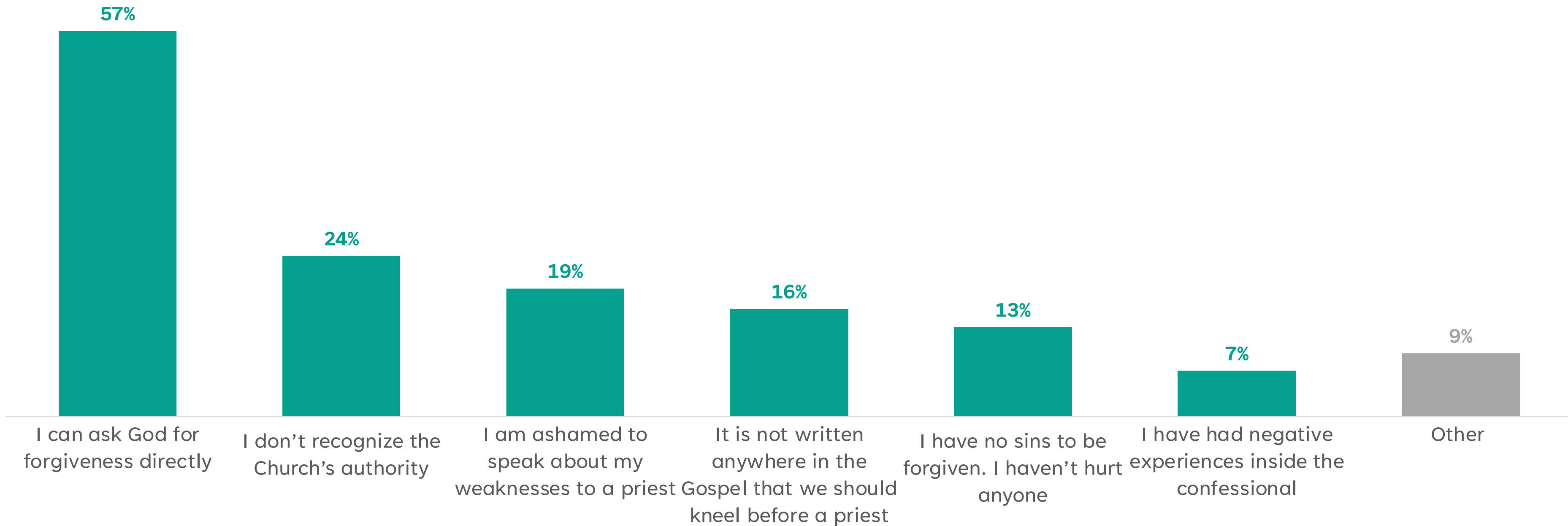
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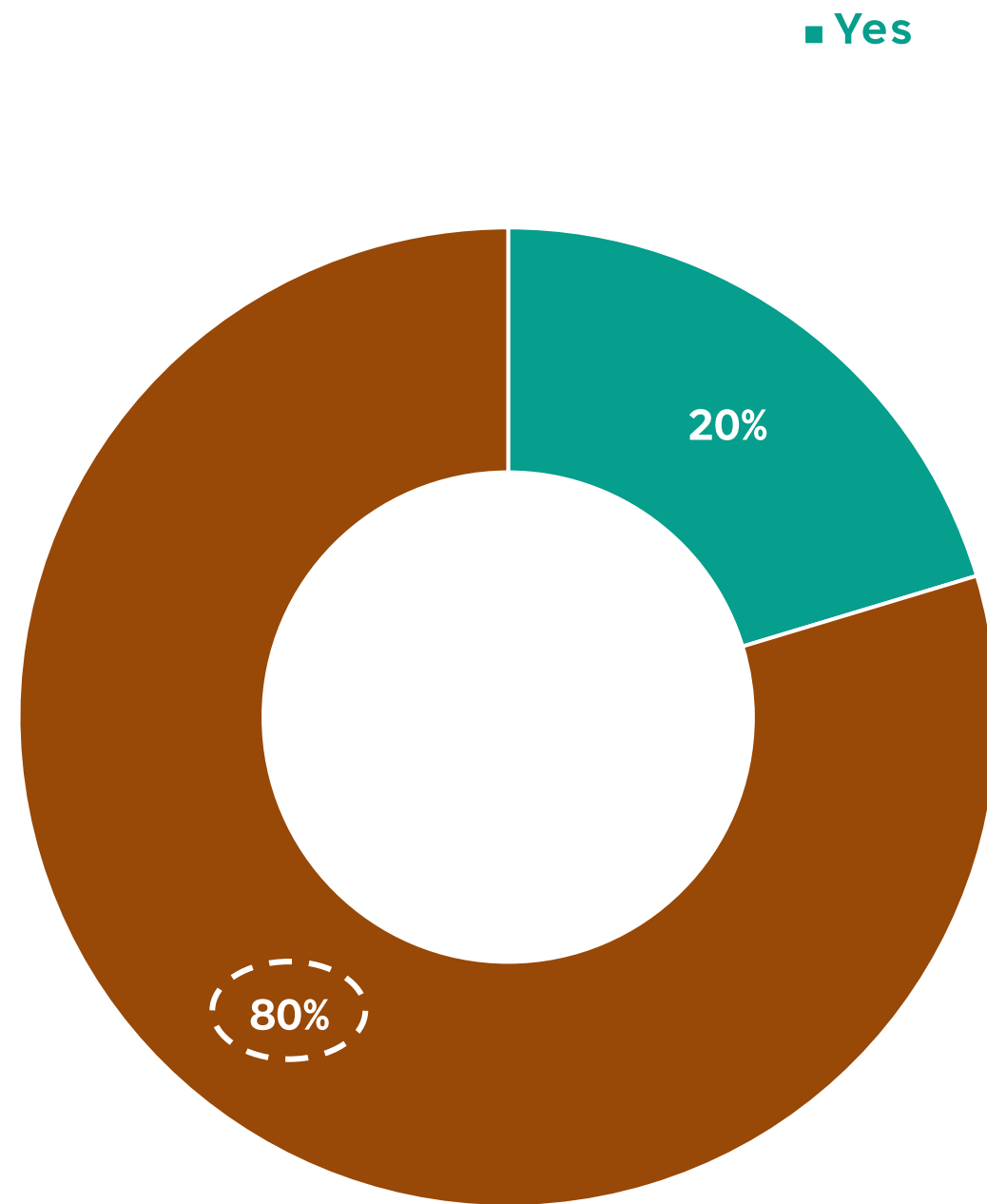
Reason to stop going to Confession

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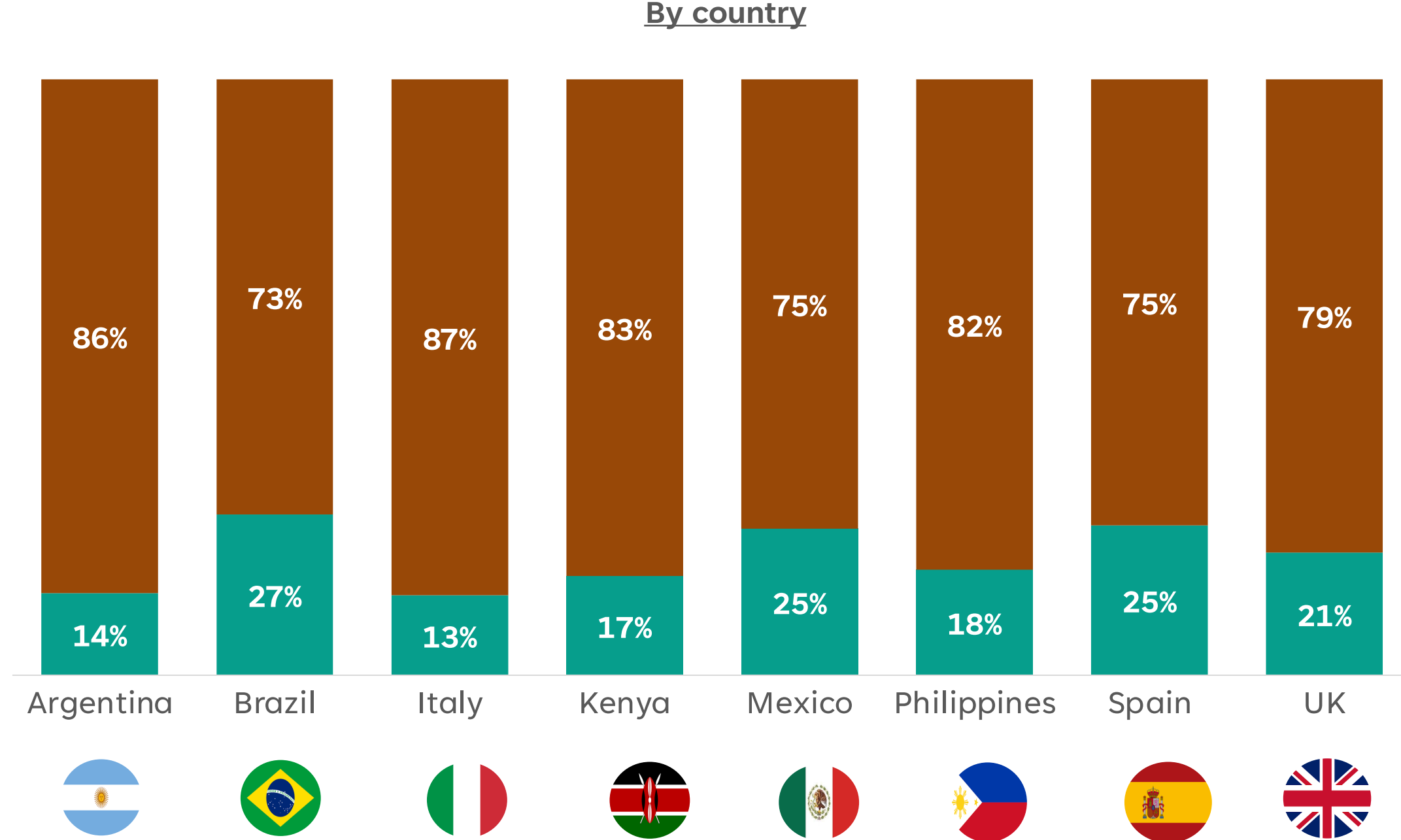
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Are you sacramentally married?

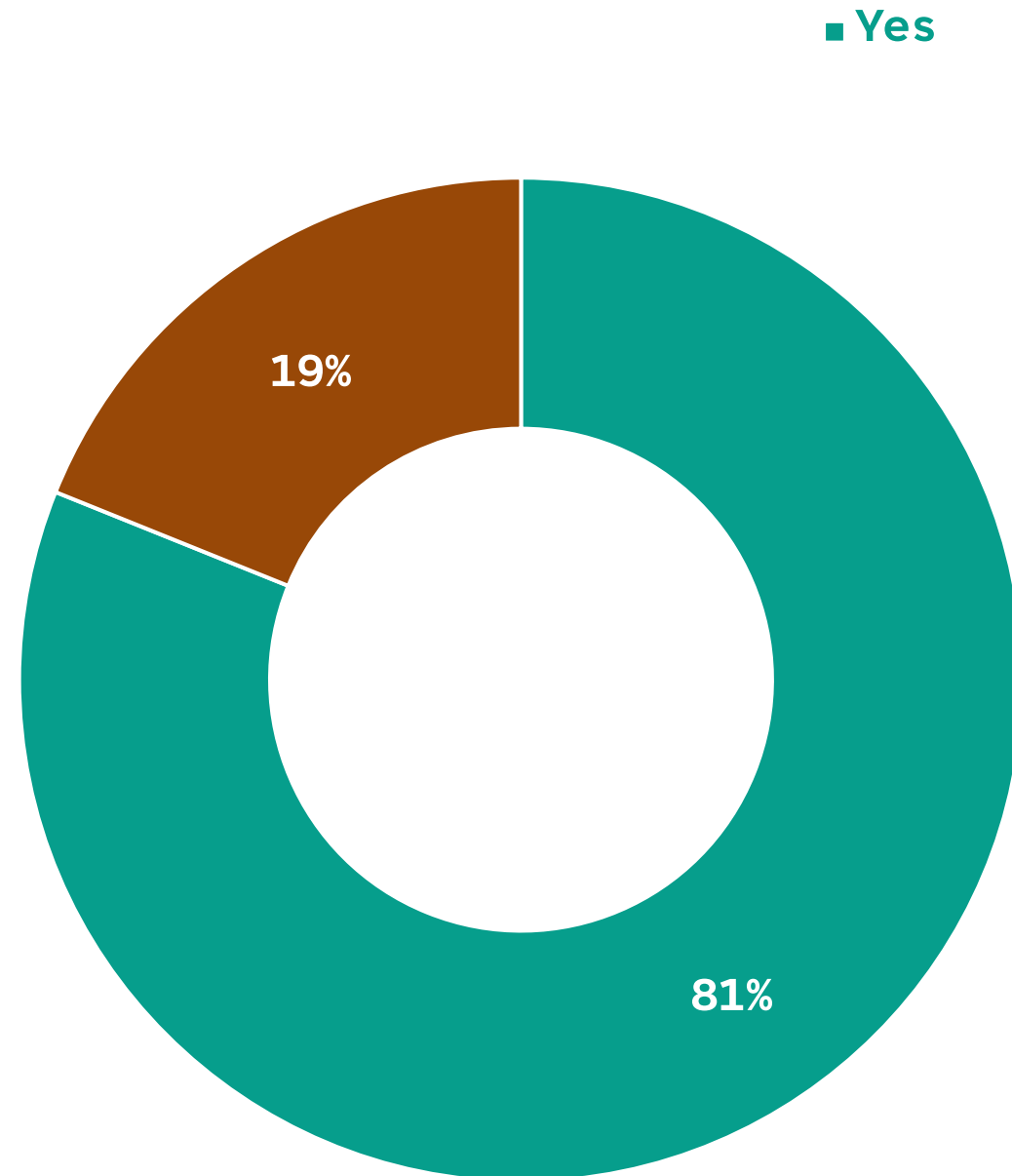


By country



Do you plan to get married in the Church?

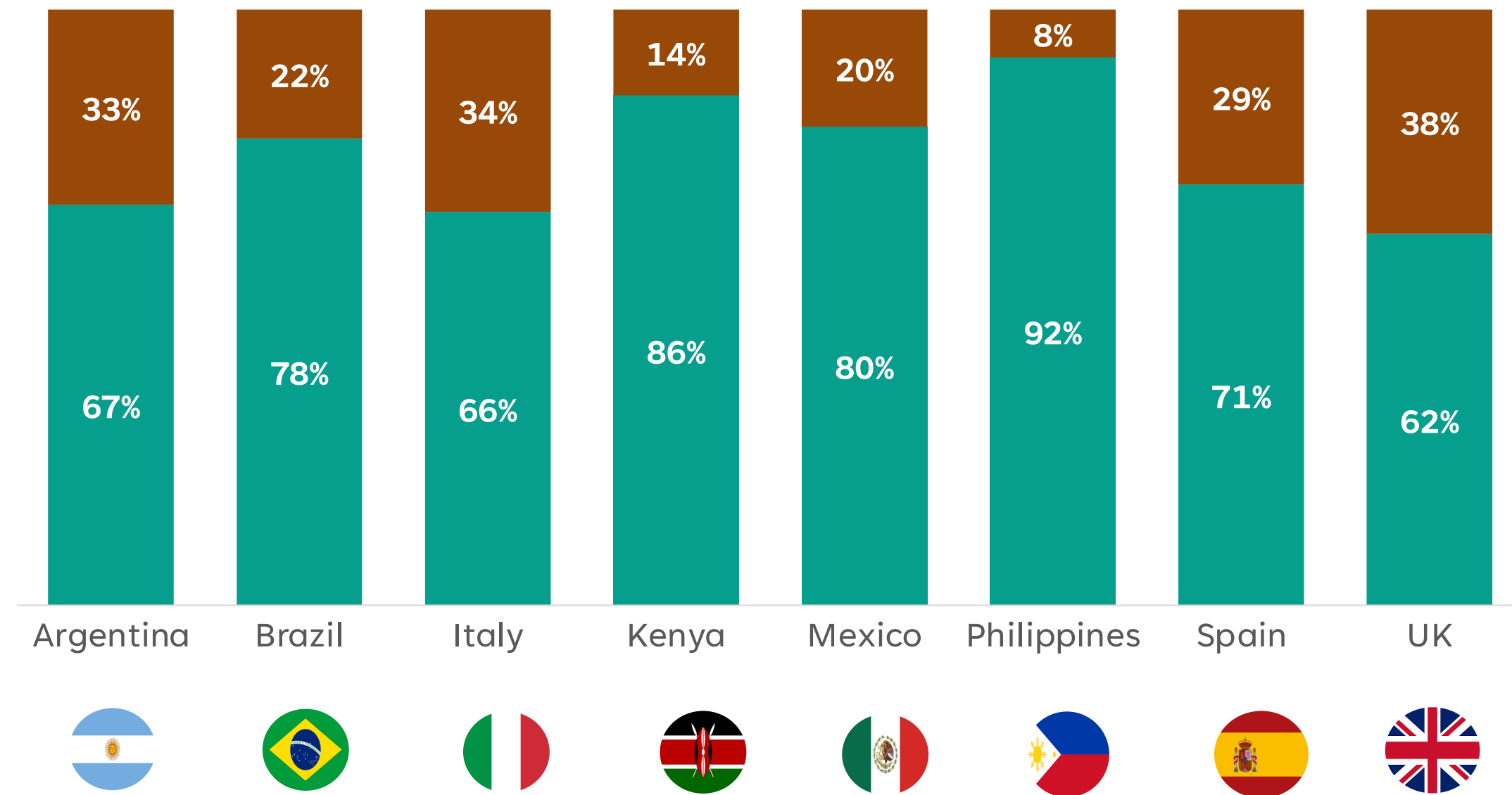
Only respondents who are not sacramentally married



■ Yes

■ No

By country



Argentina

Brazil

Italy

Kenya

Mexico

Philippines

Spain

UK





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