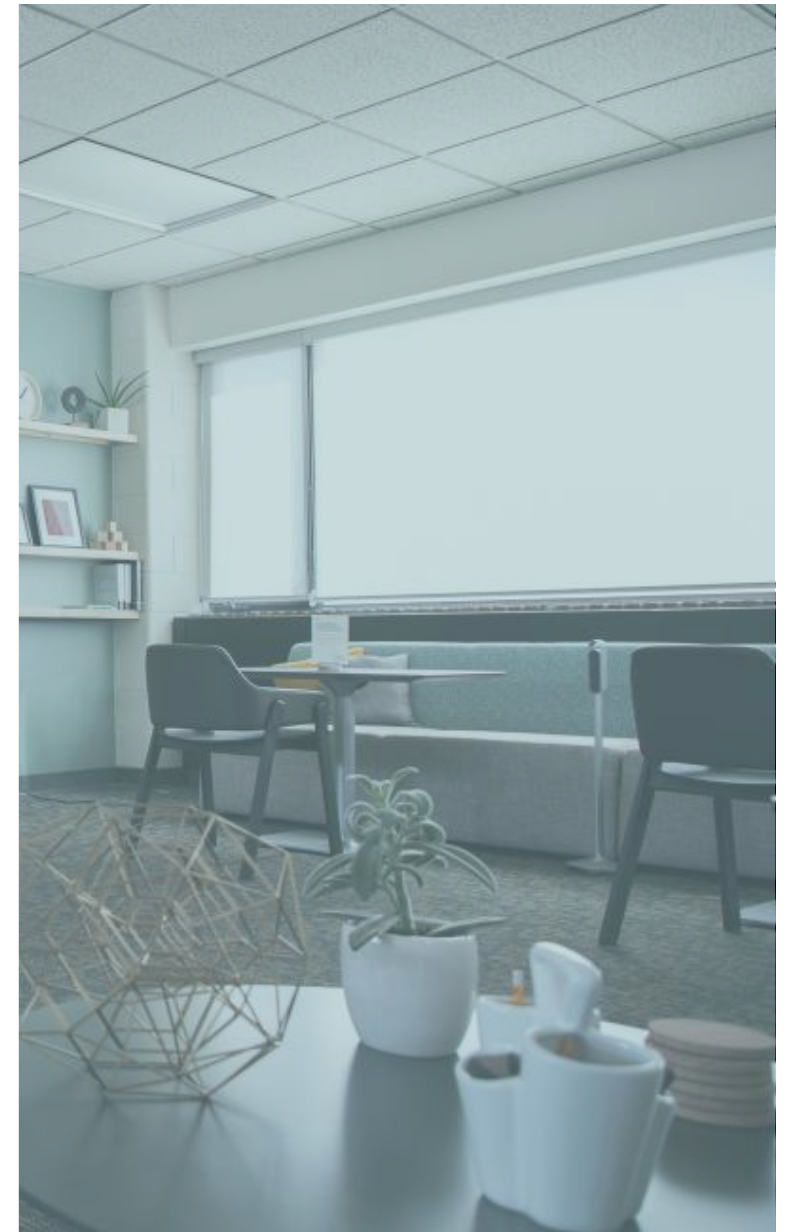


Fireside Chat
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Congregational Census and Survey

Study Area: Grand Rapids, Kentwood, and Wyoming

Timeline: July – November of 2016 (census) // June-September 2017 (survey)

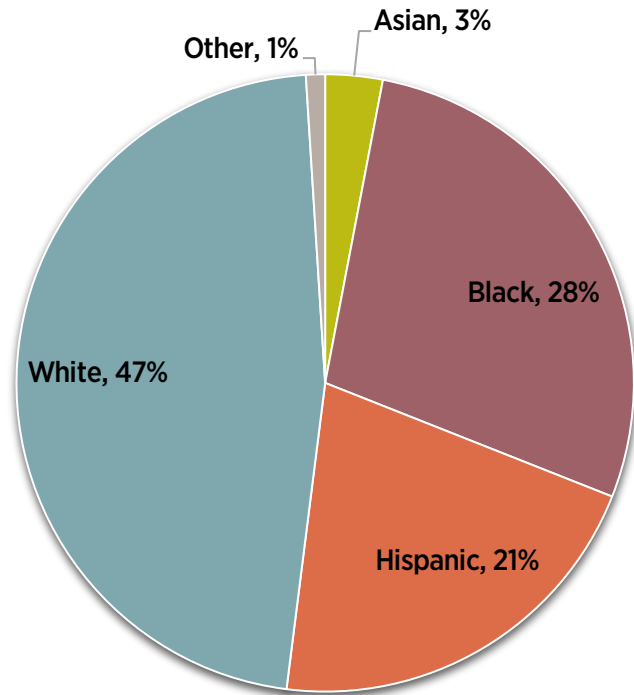
Goals: Analyze trends over time in the congregational ecology of our urban area and gather information on the main characteristics of religious leaders and their congregations

Process:

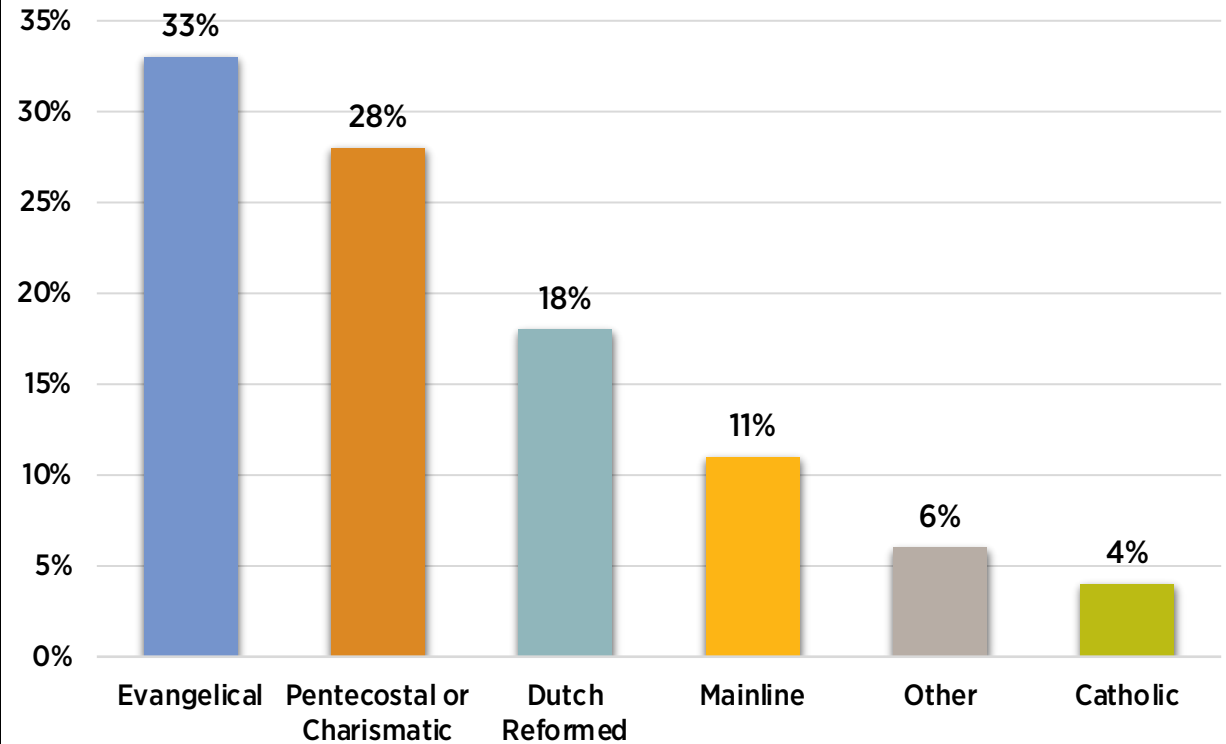
- Canvassed more than 90 square miles of roads and walkable districts
- Used existing lists, maps, and online research to compile a list of all known congregations
- Surveyed 348 of the 532 congregations from the master list, or 65% of the study-eligible congregations
- Interviewed the leaders of 75% of Hispanic and 72% of Black churches
- Included 14 primarily Black and primarily Hispanic congregations that are located directly adjacent to the study area
- Used Key Informant Method, which relies on a key leader to describe an organization

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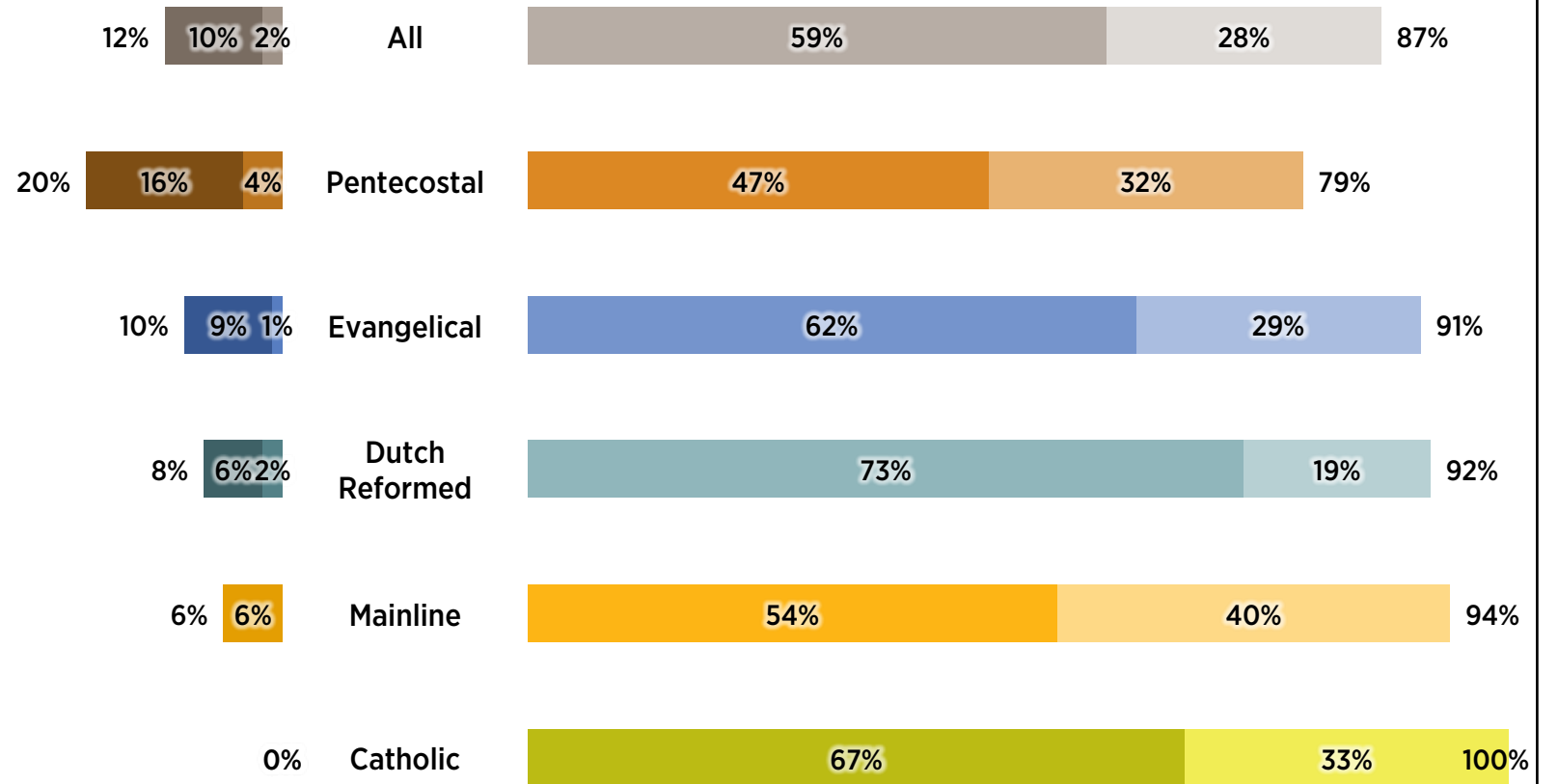
Race or Ethnicity of Religious Leaders



Religious Traditions of Religious Leaders

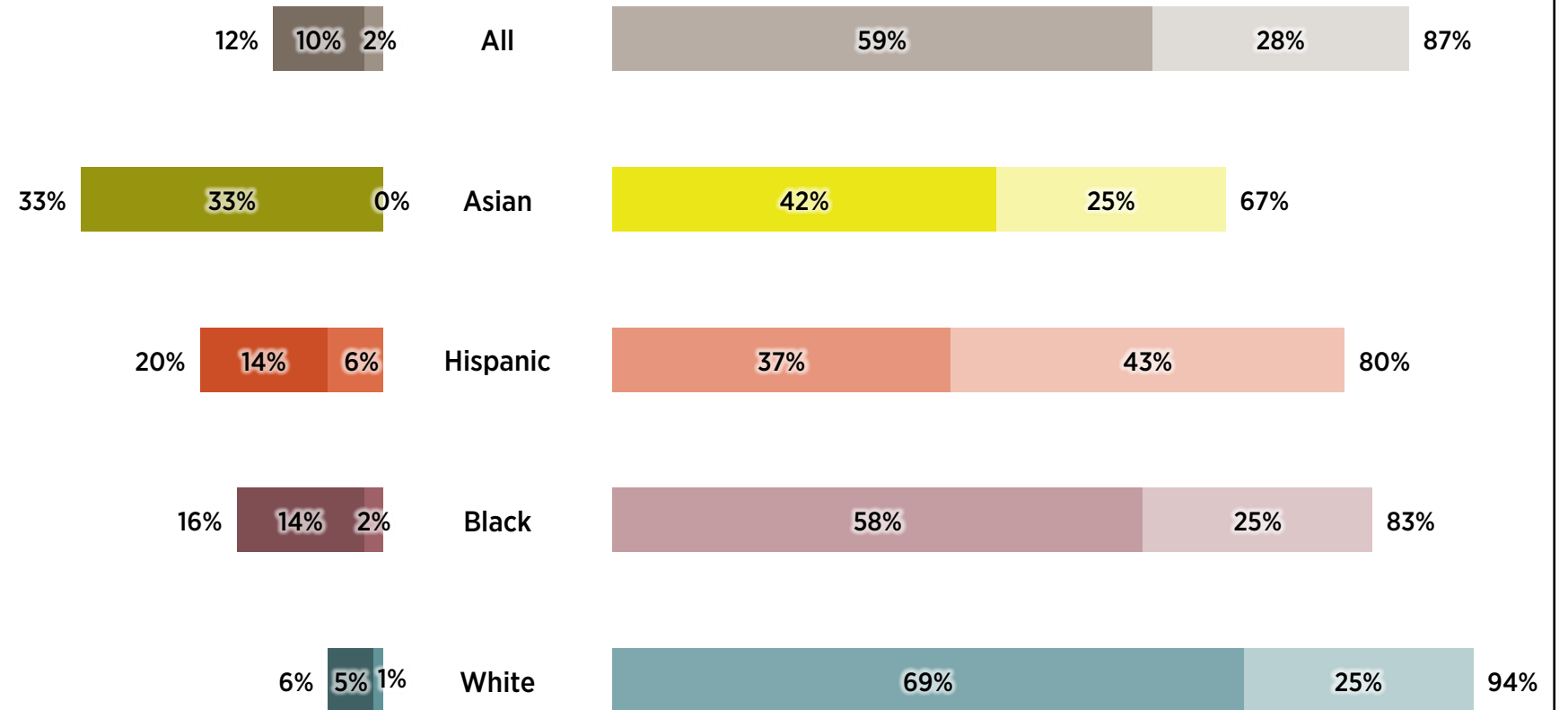


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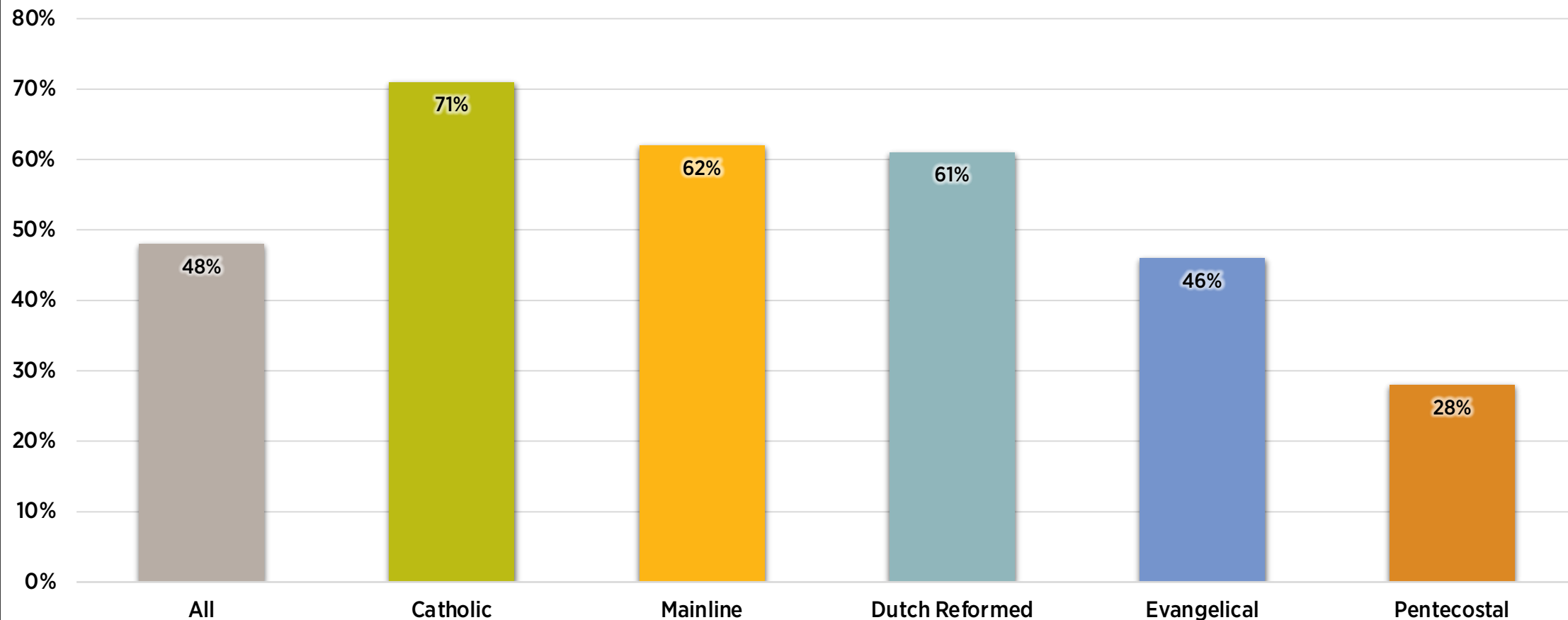
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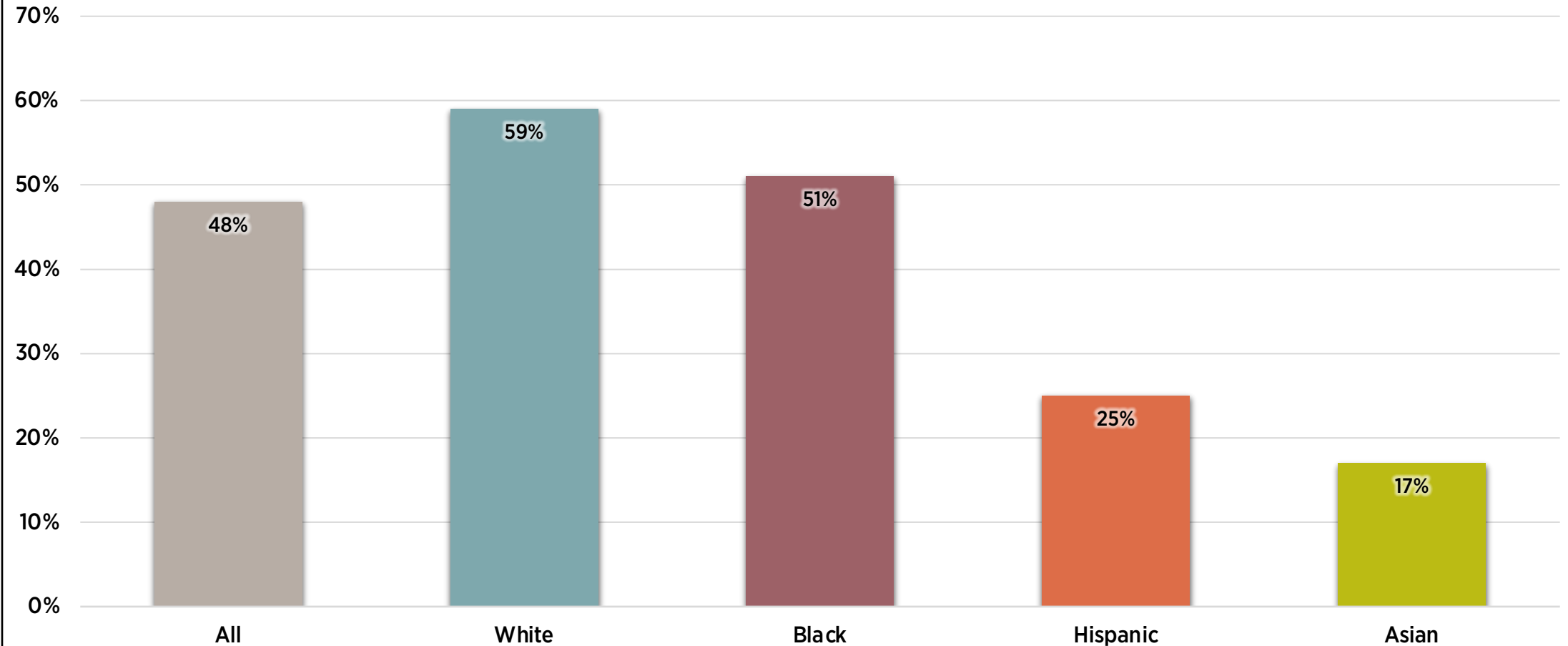
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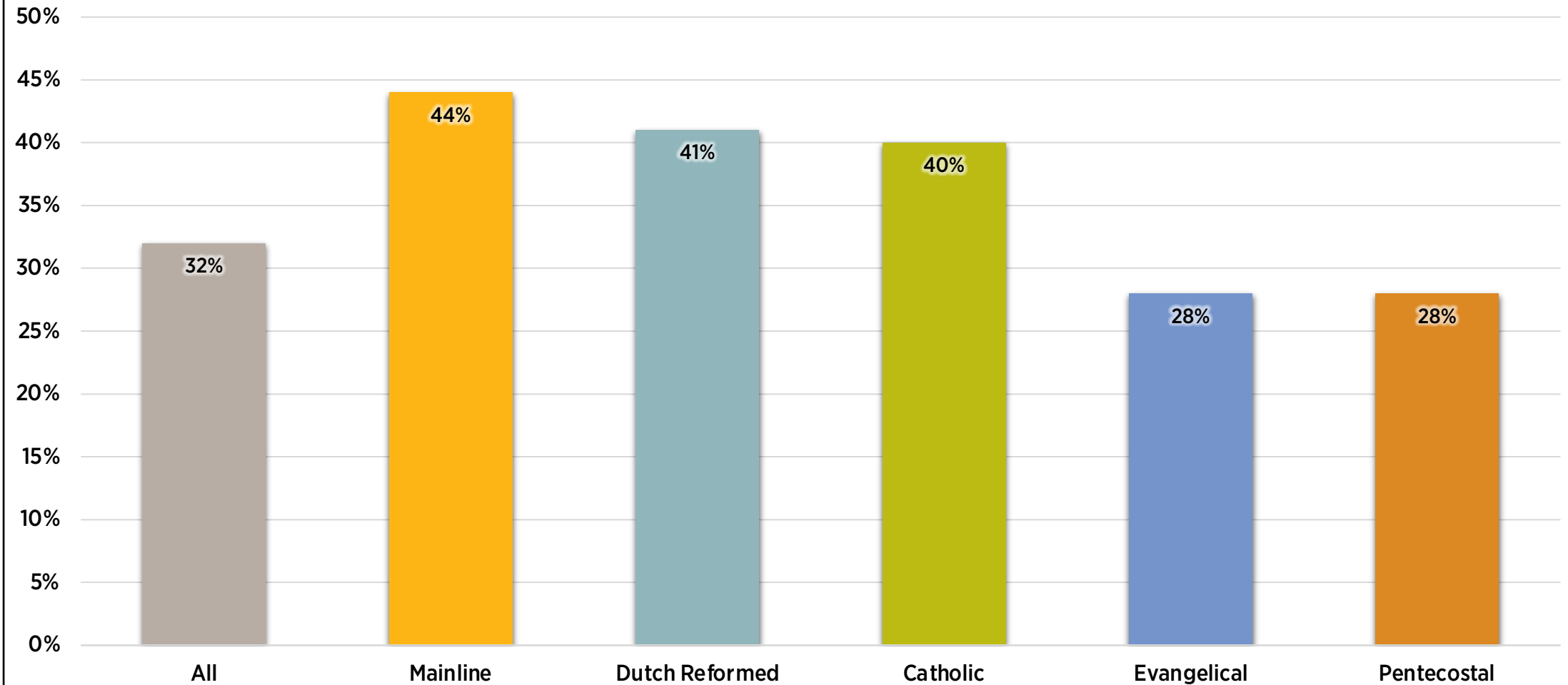
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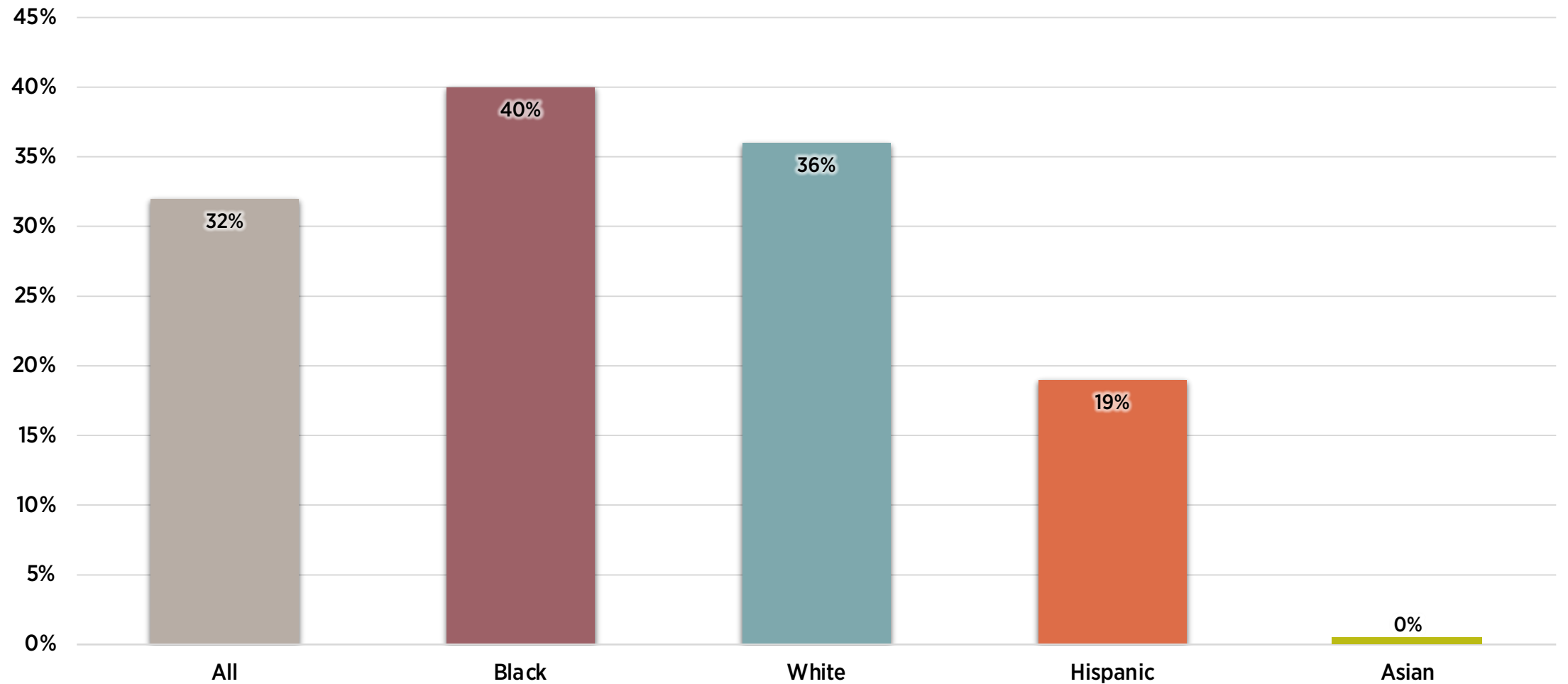
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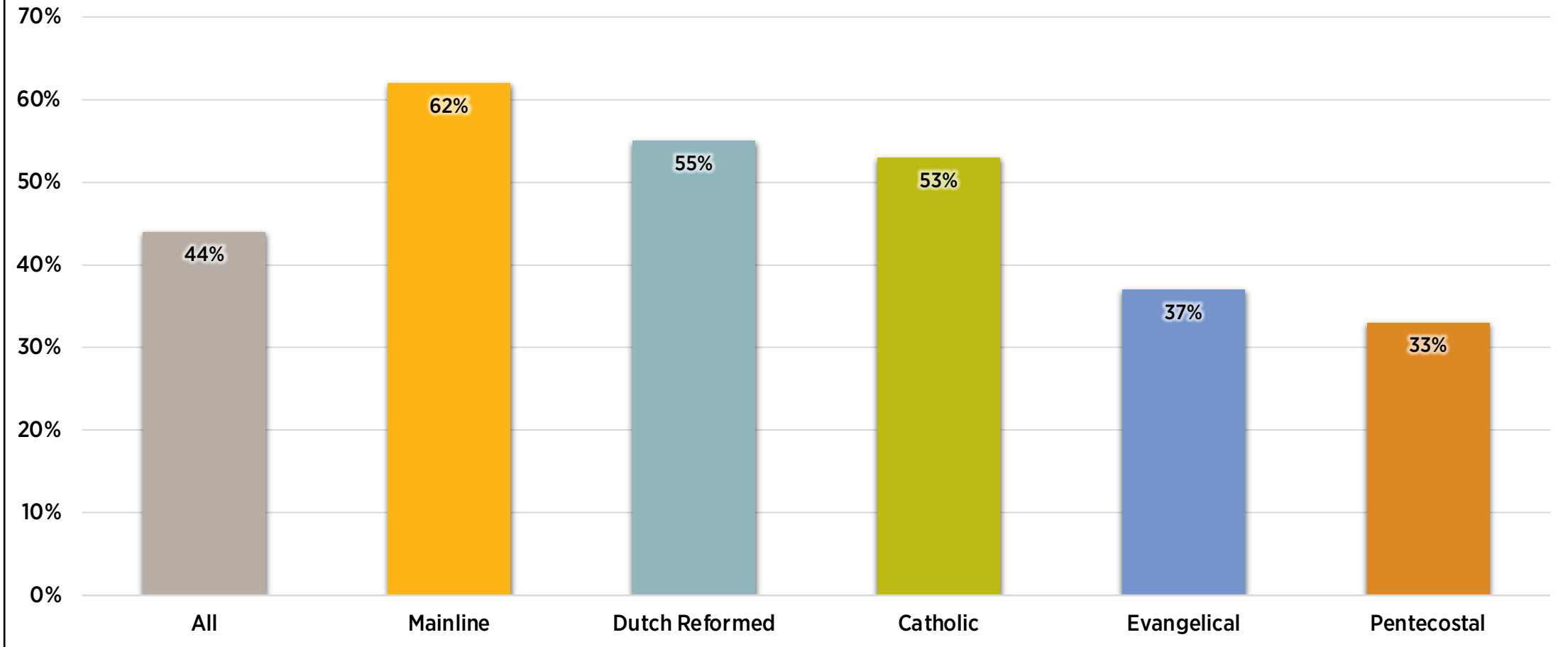
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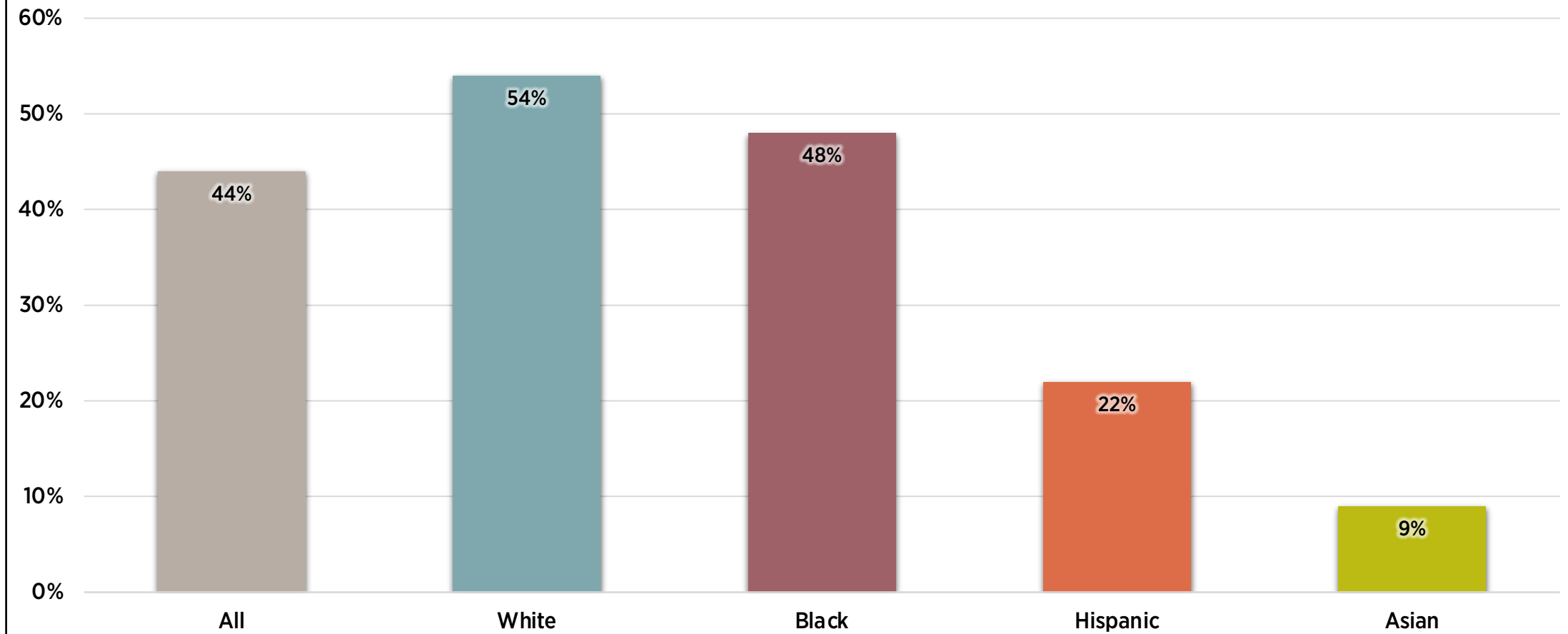
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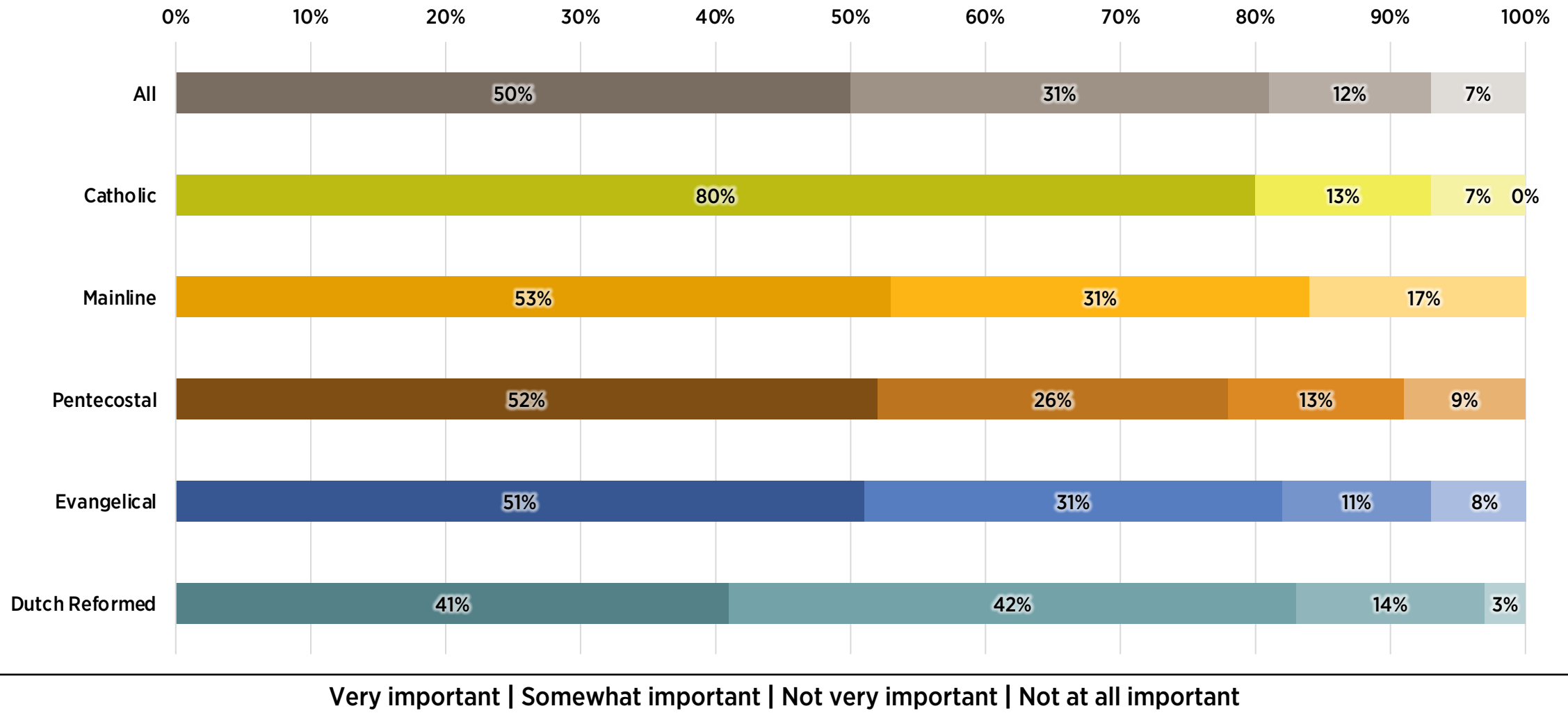


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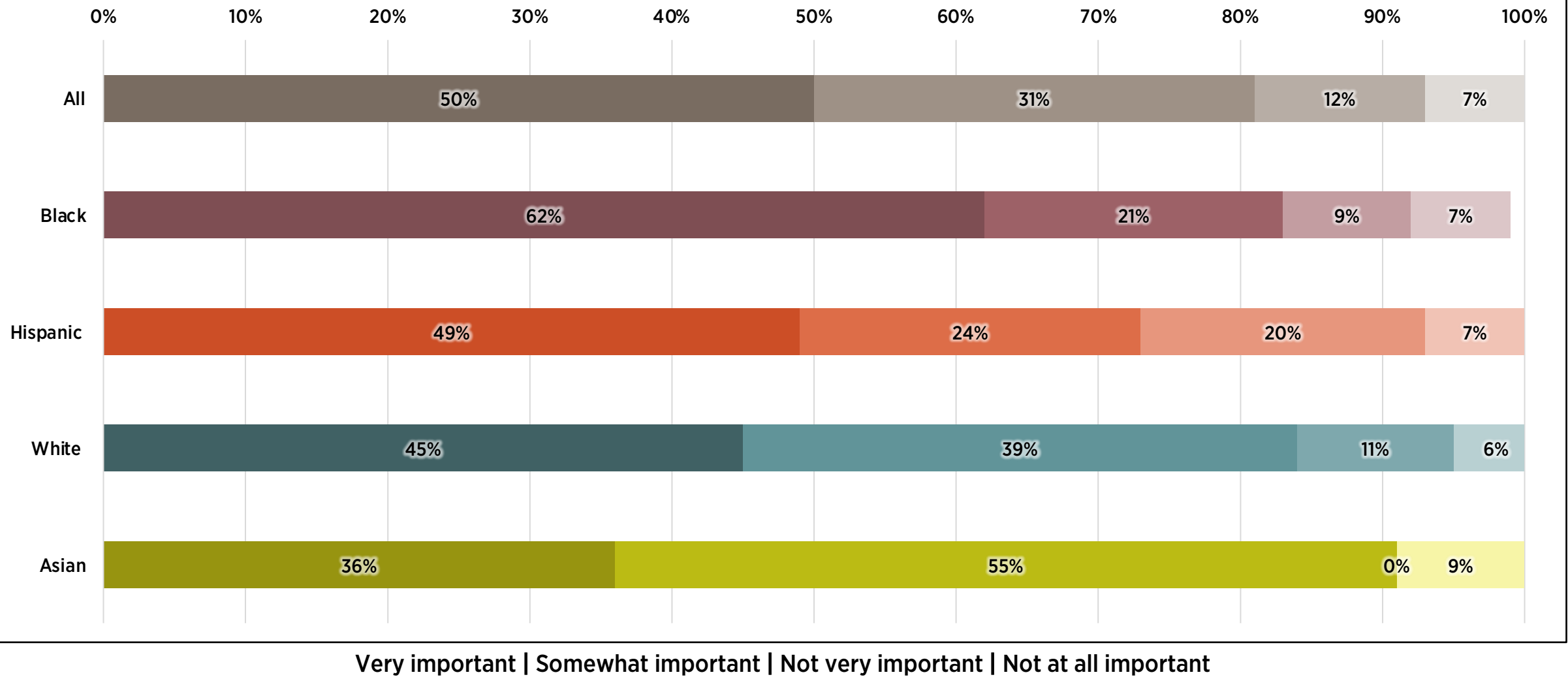
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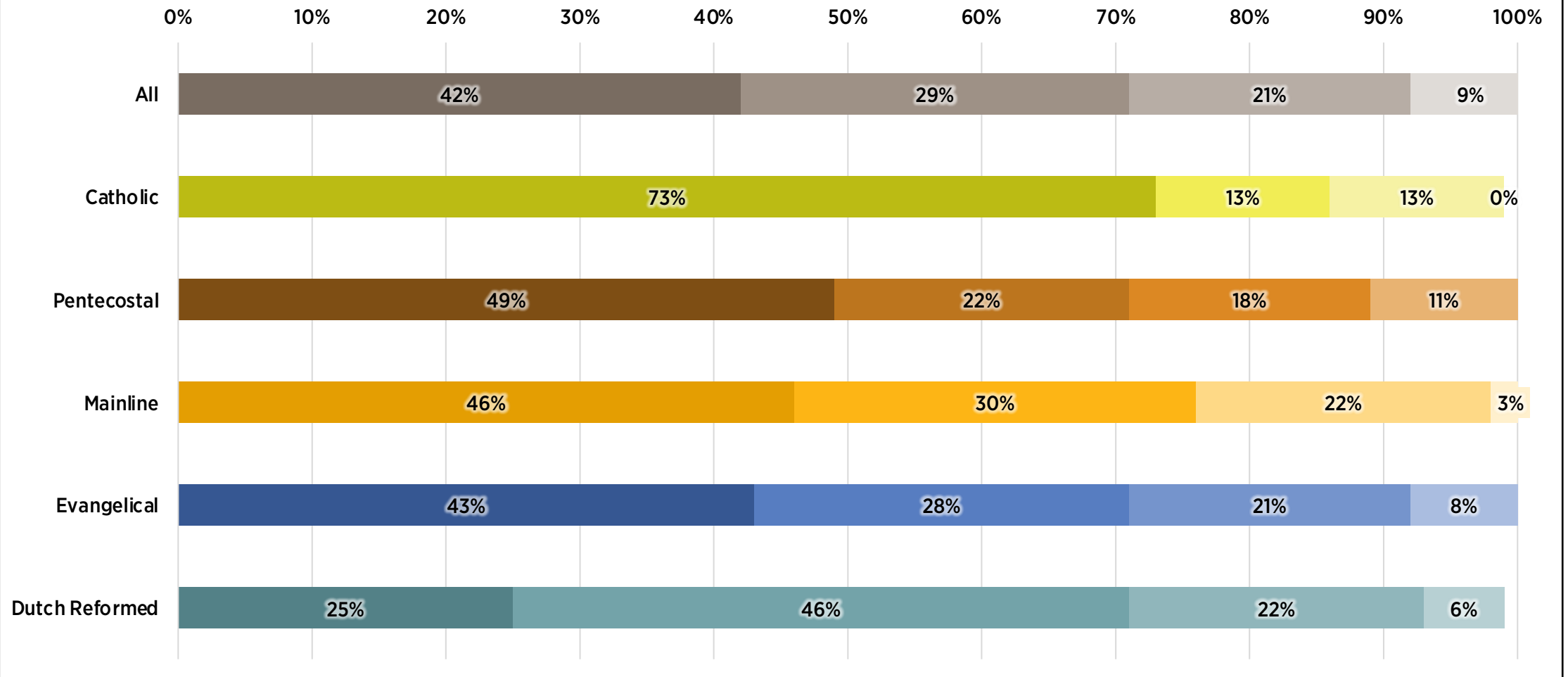
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