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PREFACE

Youth work involves a deep encounter of the Gospel with our pop culture (s). In our view, one indispensable element in any such encounter is to ask questions, perhaps right questions. We are thus delighted to present this data collected over a period of three and half years and hope it will help us answer questions which they are asking rather than answering questions which they are not asking.

To facilitate such an endeavor we have gathered this much needed data. This work is a collection of thirty one questions from Christian young people of India. They are indexed under thirty questions which have been responded by one thousand three hundred seventy four between the age group of fifteen to thirty. All of these entries have been carefully collected and analyzed.

The purpose of the research has been to understand the challenges of Christian youth in India. Our team has consciously made an effort to refrain from any comment because it is our desire to engage the reader into serious thinking about issues faced by Indian Christian youth.

We would feel accomplished if it has given you food for thought and direction for action.

Rev. Joyson. K. C
For CLFA Team

FOREWORD

One cannot over emphasize on the importance of young people in the Church. In India this importance becomes even more augmented because of our demographics. India is a young nation; every third person in our cities today is a young person. The Church in India too reflects this reality and we as a Church, cannot afford to stay out of touch with the reality of young people's lives and their issues.

This is why I am so glad that this research on the challenges of young people has been carried out by CLFA and its report is being published under the aegis of the Youth Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of India.

EFI Youth Commission is committed to remodeling, rethinking and resourcing youth ministry in India by bringing together committed youth leaders from various organizations and churches. The EFIYC seeks to Facilitate, Train and equip Christian Youth Pastors, leaders and volunteers to be more competent and can be as effective as possible in reaching out to and impacting the young generation by the love and message of Lord Jesus Christ, fulfilling the Great Commission amongst youths.

The CLFA team has done much work to produce this research report between 2013 and 2015 and we are glad that they have let the young people speak for themselves about the challenges that they encounter. I am sure this would be a precious resource for Youth Ministry leaders across the nation to help us understand the world our young people move in.

I commend this report wholeheartedly,

Rev. Vijayesh Lal
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Evangelical Fellowship of India

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NEED FOR THE DATA COLLECTION

a. Background & Objectives

In 2011 CLFA conducted a day's brain storming session with twenty three Christian youth workers from Maharashtra. The group comprised of youth workers from Campus Crusade, Youth for Christ, UESI, ICPF, YWAM, and youth pastors and leaders from various Churches. One of the things we felt at that time was the dire need for data related to Christian youth in India. Since then we have been working on that job.

Elisabeth Kunjam who ably led the consultation was able to harness the information into questions which have been used during the data collection. In this process she was assisted by Frank Sanjay, Abhishek Kamble, Ruhamah Chittari and Rev. Joyson. K. C.

b. Data Analysis

The questionnaire was printed in English and Hindi and was distributed and collected in various youth camps and from Churches across India with the help of several volunteers. These volunteers explained the questions as the respondents were filling the questionnaire. The collection of data was done over a period of three years from 2012 - 2015.

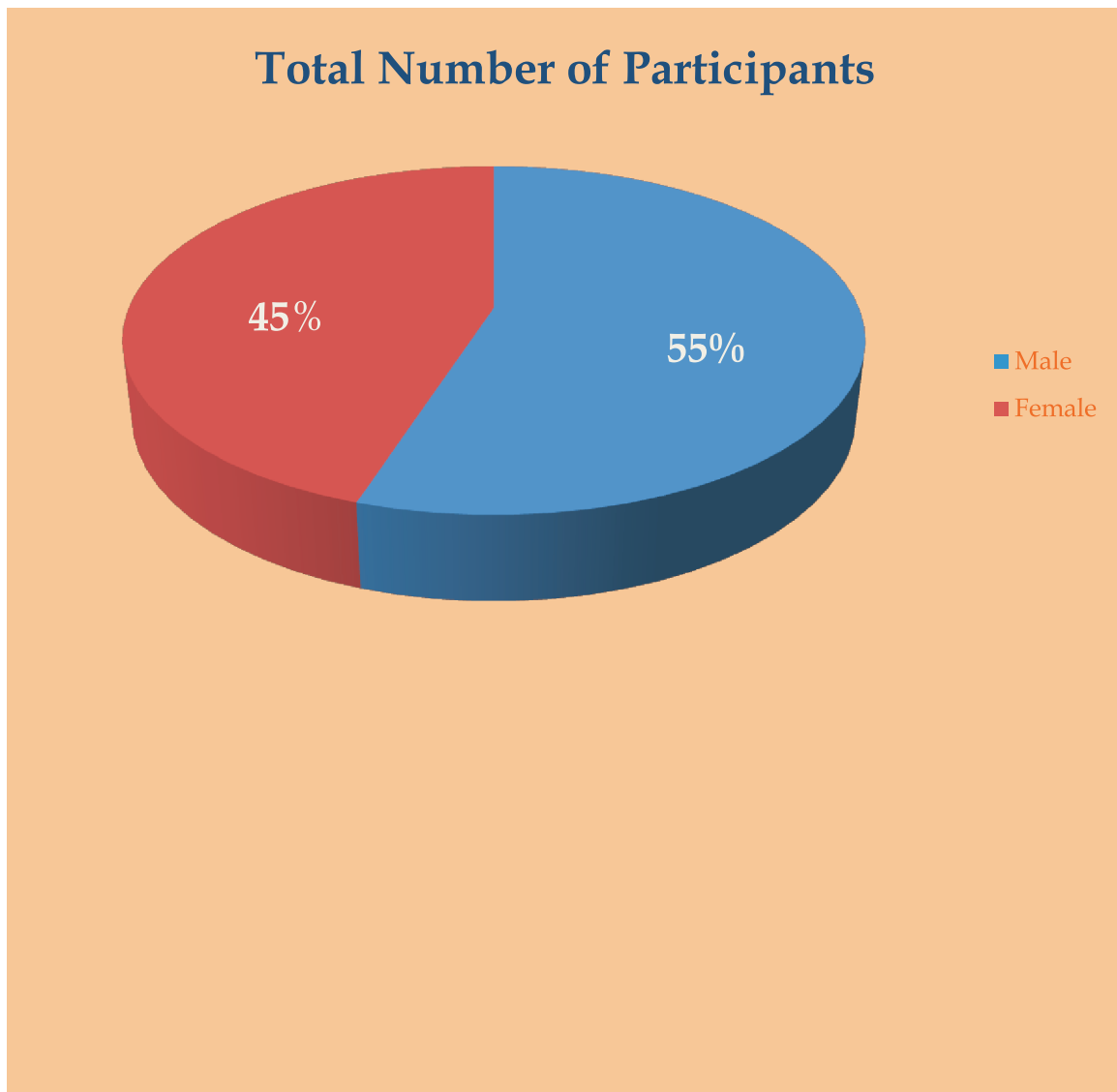
The completed questionnaires were submitted for Data Analysis. Under the supervision of Tanmay Bhingardive and Rev. Joyson, a team of seven people documented the Data Entry using Microsoft Excel.

The data was then analyzed and produced by David Huirongbam.

DATA COLLECTION

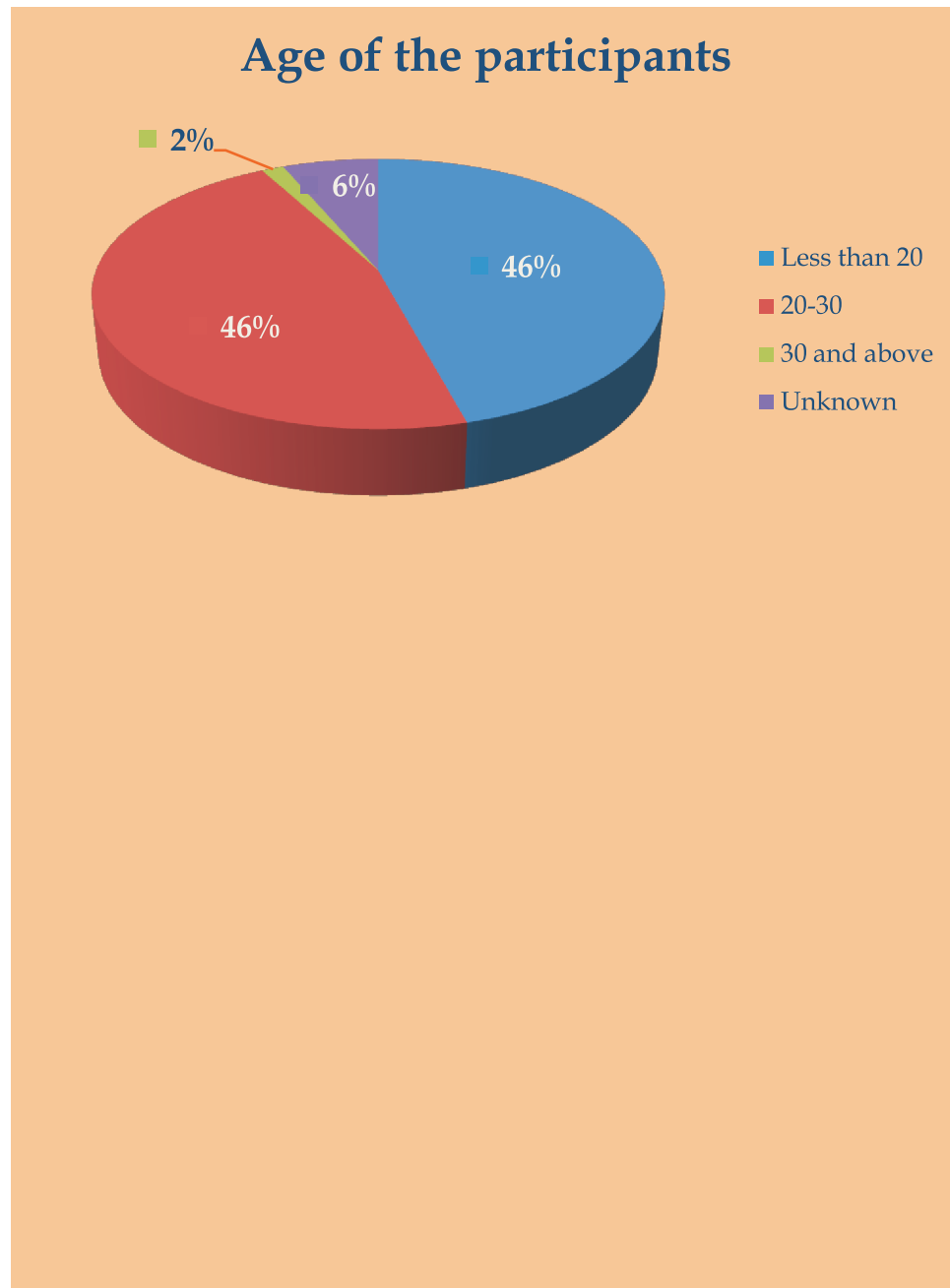
A. Number of Participants:

Total number of participants	
Male	756
Female	618
Total	1374



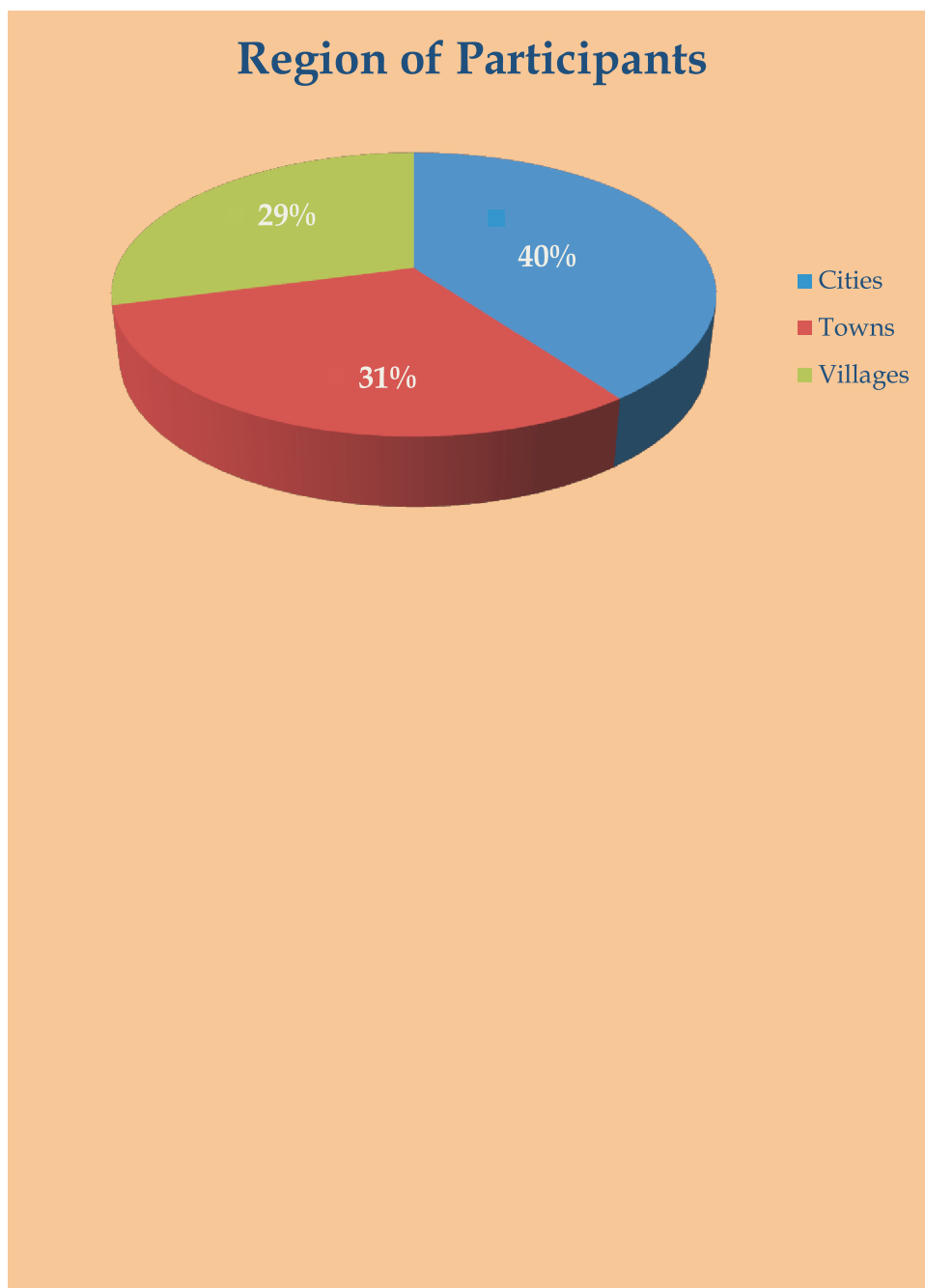
B. Age Group of Participants:

Age of the Participants	
Less than 20	629
20-30	637
30 and above	20
Unknown	88
Total	1374



C. Region of Participants

Region of Participants	
Cities	48
Towns	37
Villages	35
Total	120



D. Church Denomination of Participants- 20

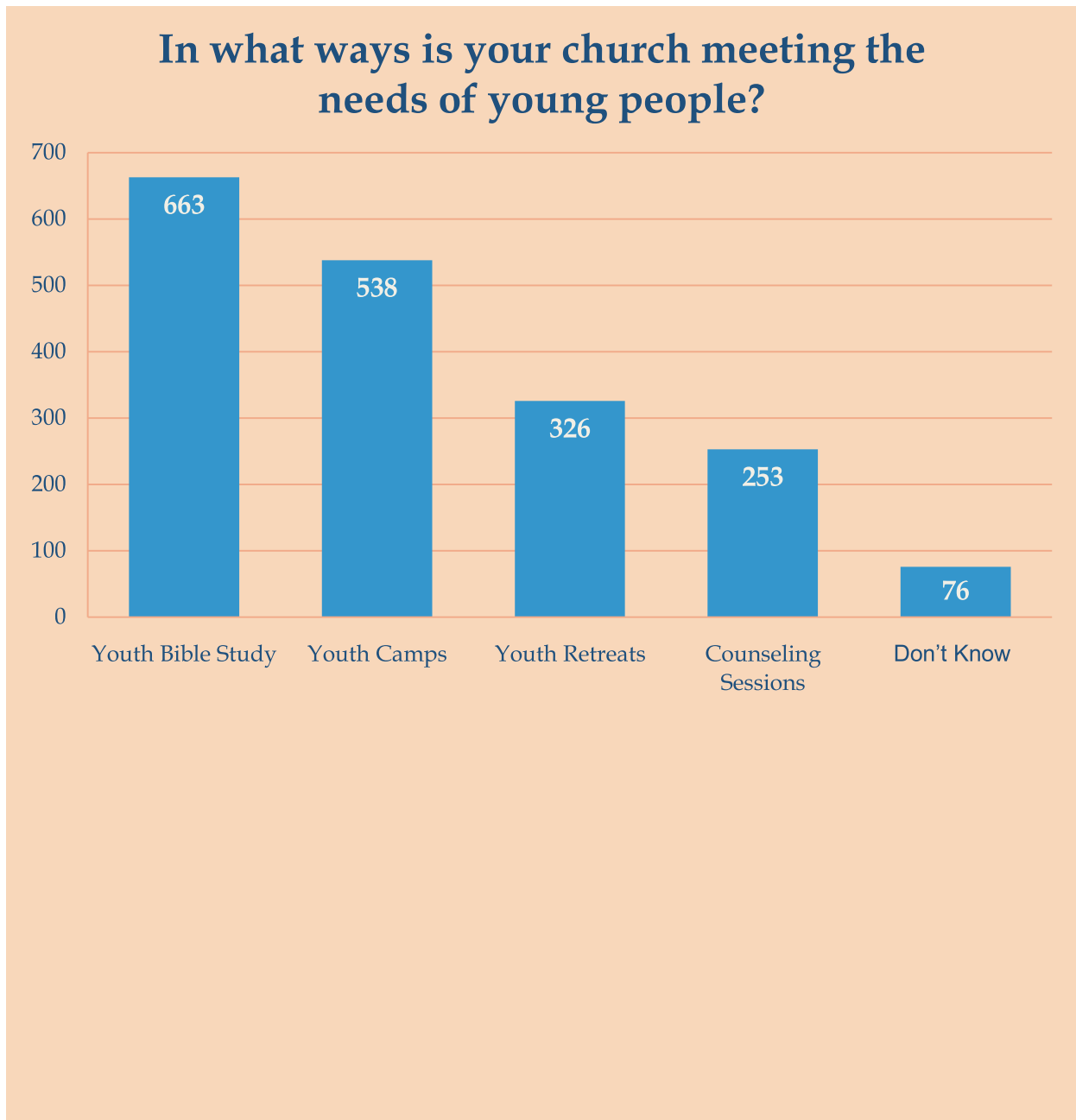
E. Number of Participating Churches- 131



Q1.

In what ways is your church meeting the needs of young people? *(Multiple answers)*

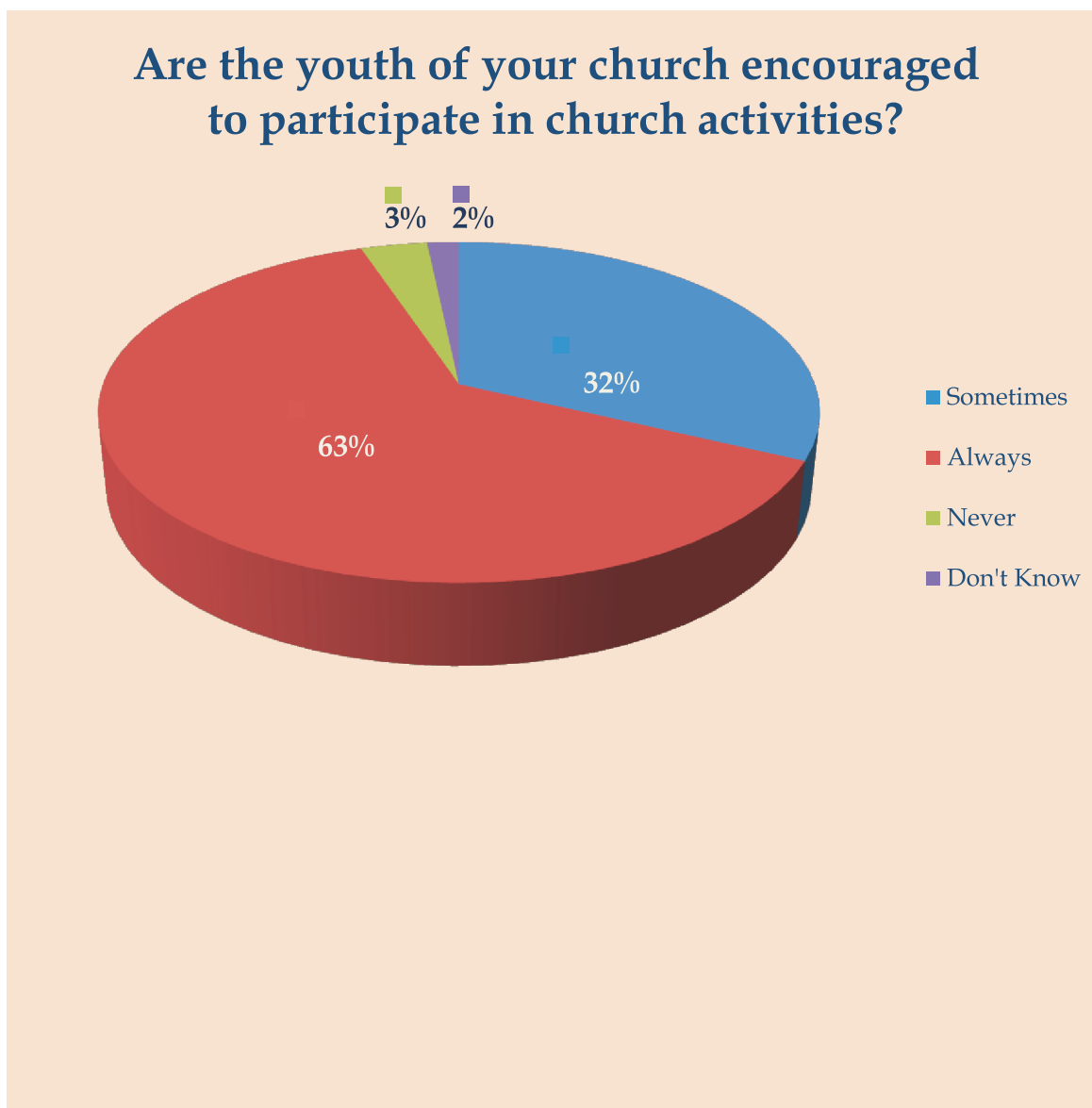
In what ways is your church meeting the needs of young people?				
Youth Bible Study	Youth Camps	Youth Retreats	Counselling Sessions	Don't Know
663	538	326	253	76



Q2.

Are the youth of your church encouraged to participate in church activities?

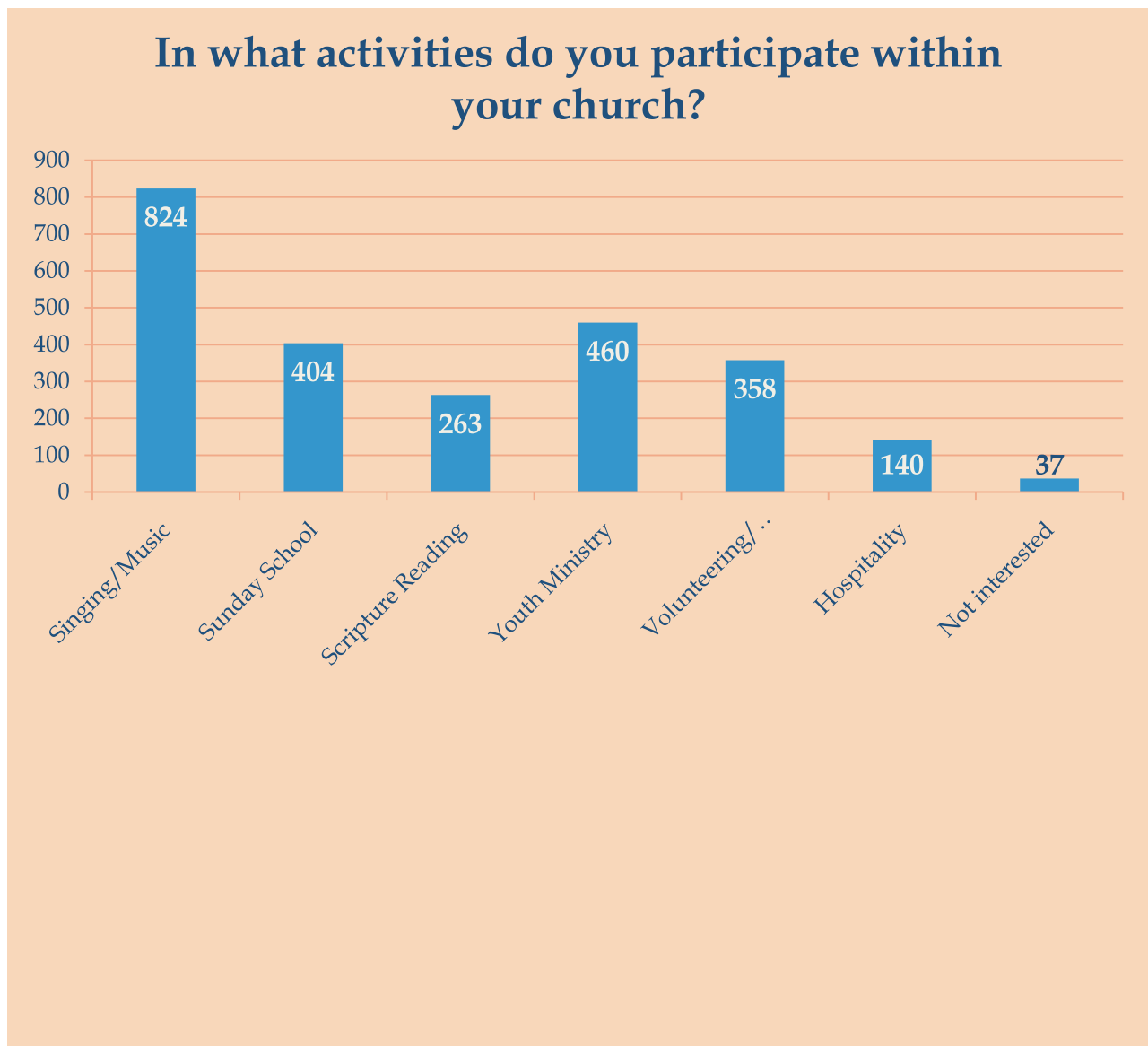
Are the youth of your church encouraged to participate in church activities?	
Sometimes	441
Always	862
Never	48
Don't Know	23
Total	1374



Q3.

In what activities do you participate within your church?
(Multiple answers)

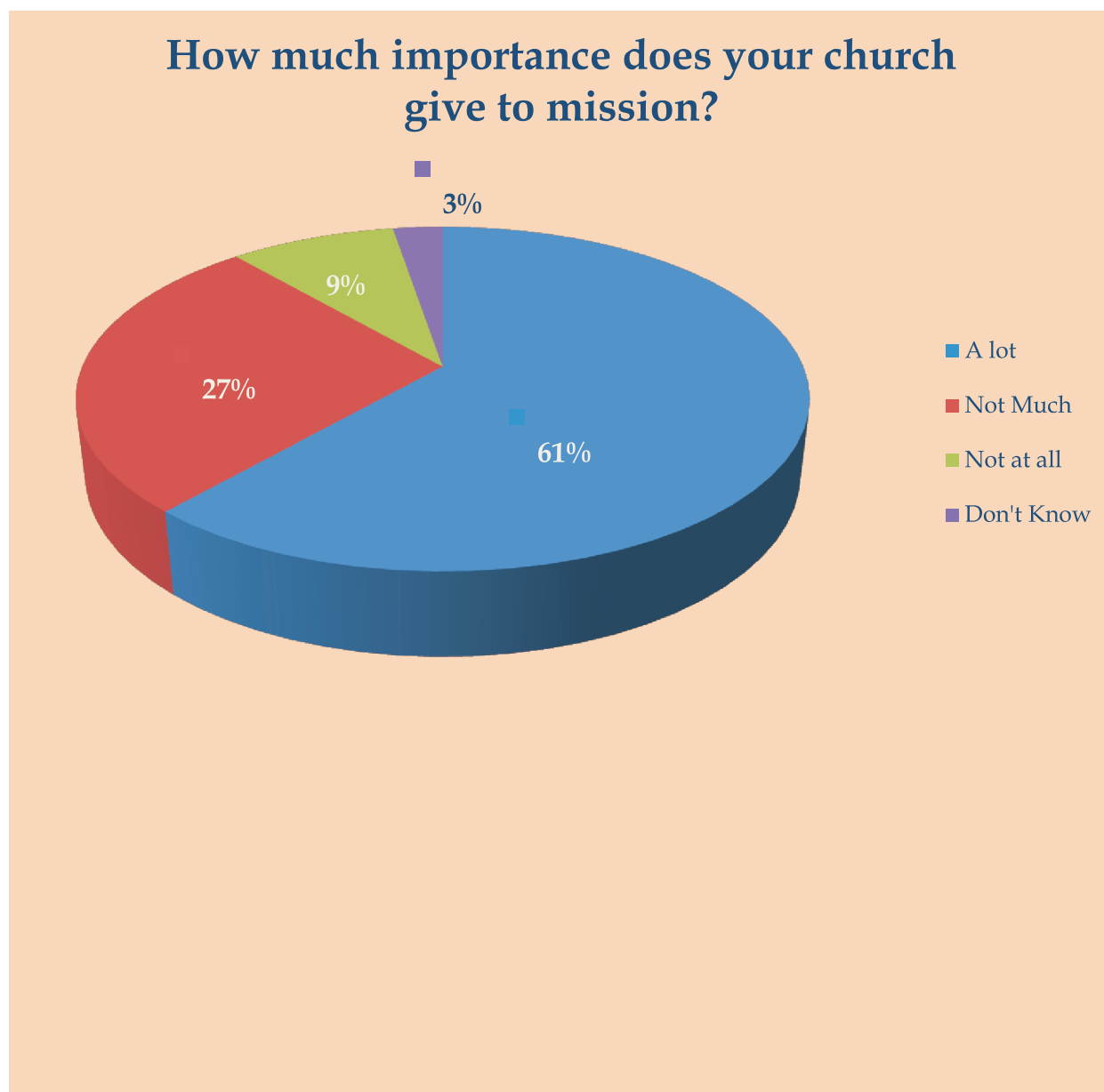
In what activities do you participate within your church?						
Singing/ Music	Sunday School	Scripture Reading	Youth Ministry	Volunteering/ Physical Arrangement	Hospitality	Not interested
824	404	263	460	358	140	37



Q4.

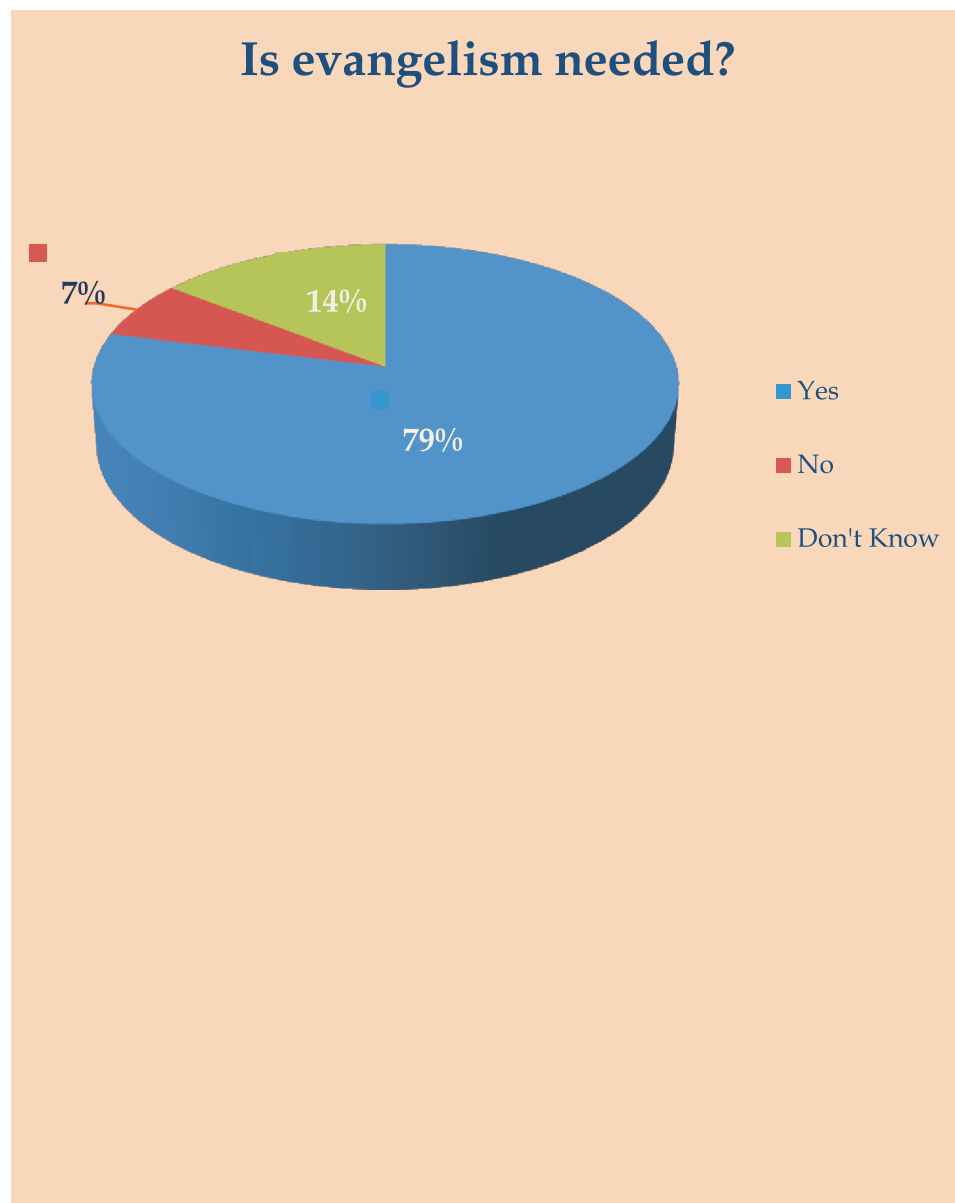
How much importance does your church give to mission?

How much importance does your church give to mission?	
A lot	845
Not Much	373
Not at all	120
Don't Know	36
Total	1374



Q5. Is evangelism needed?

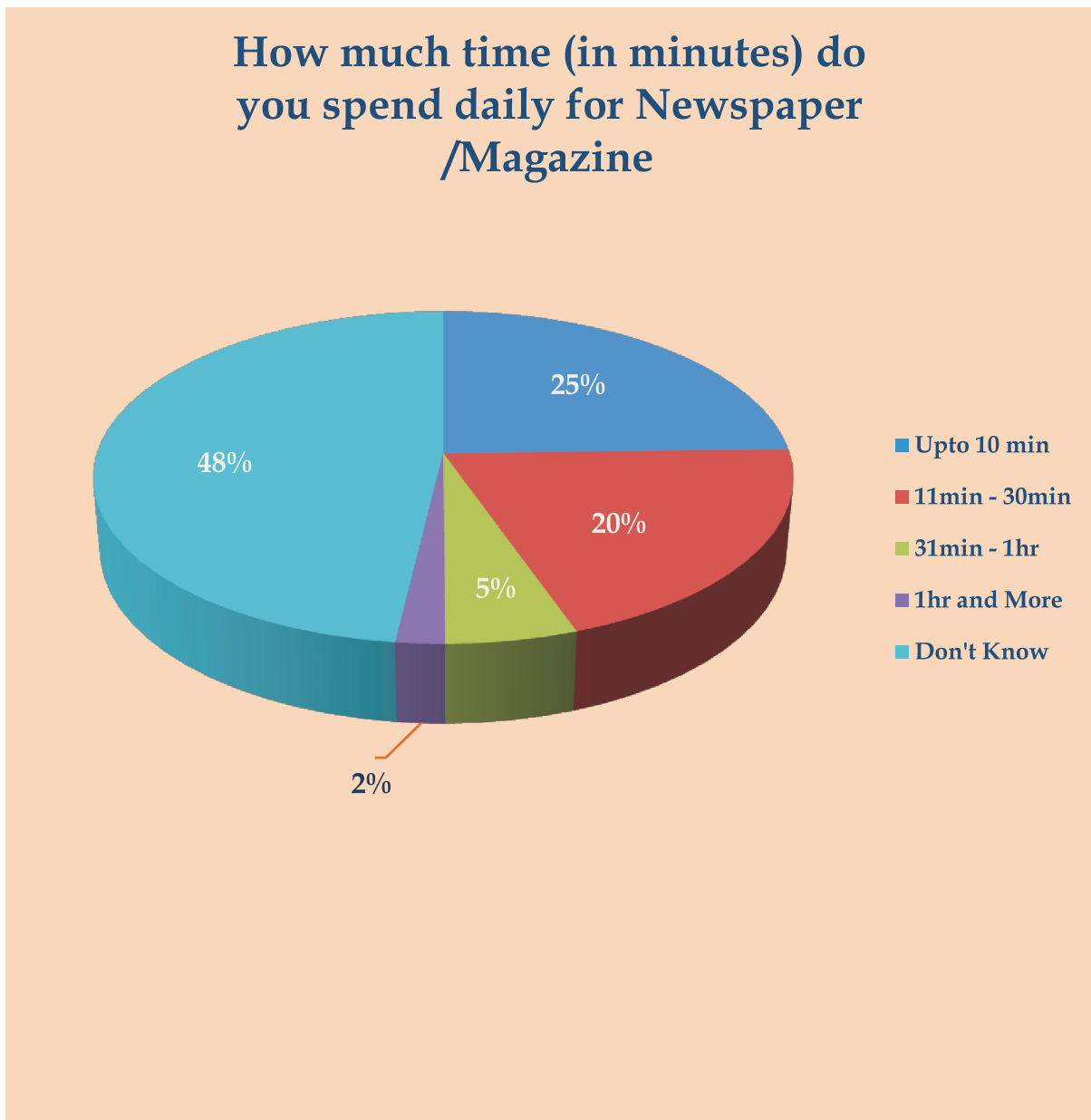
Is evangelism needed?	
Yes	1084
No	91
Don't Know	199
Total	1374



Q6.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily for Newspaper/Magazine?

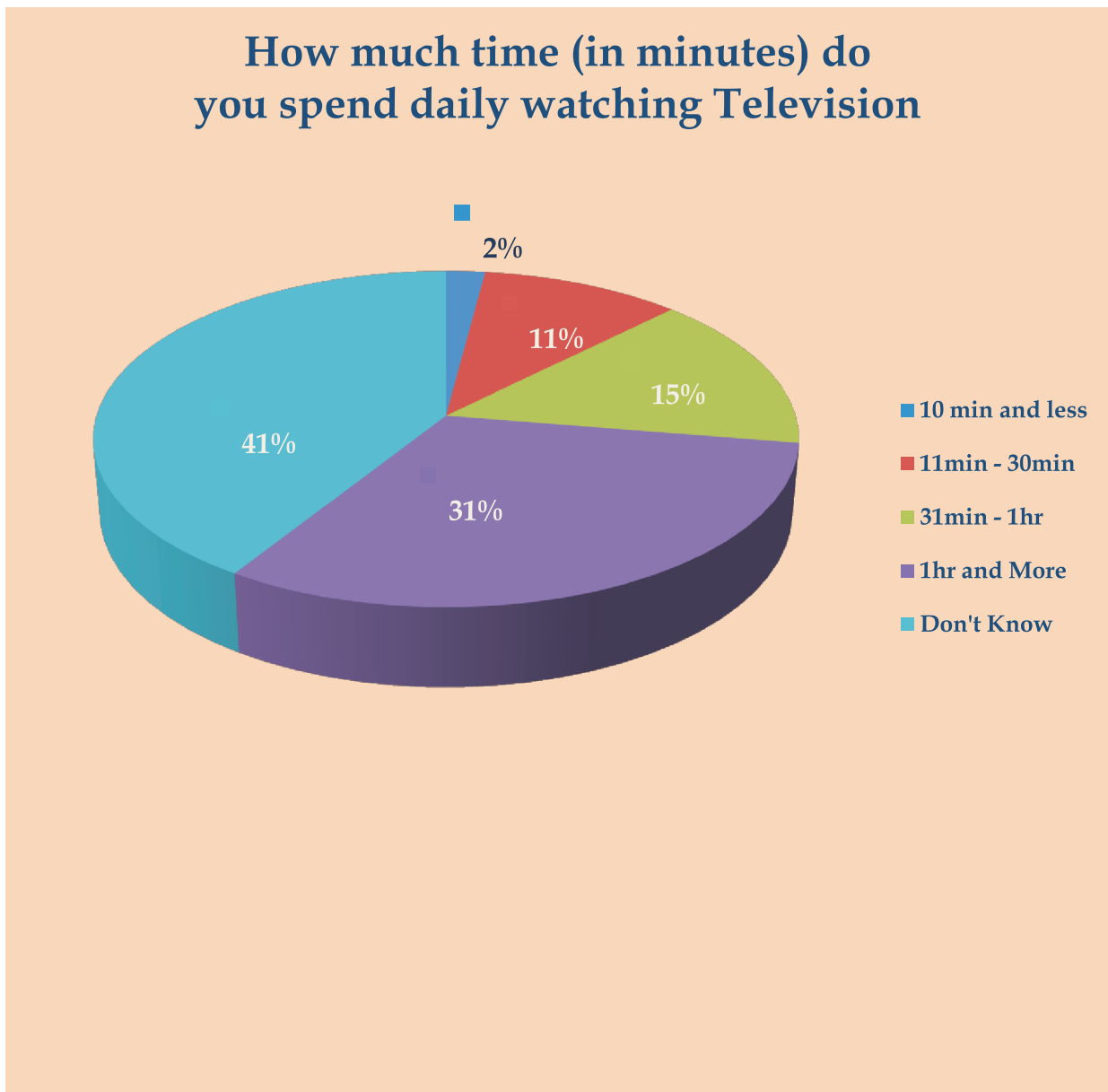
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily for Newspaper/ Magazine	
10 min and less	338
11min - 30min	275
31min - 1hr	73
1hr and More	27
Don't Know	661
Total	1374



Q7.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily watching Television?

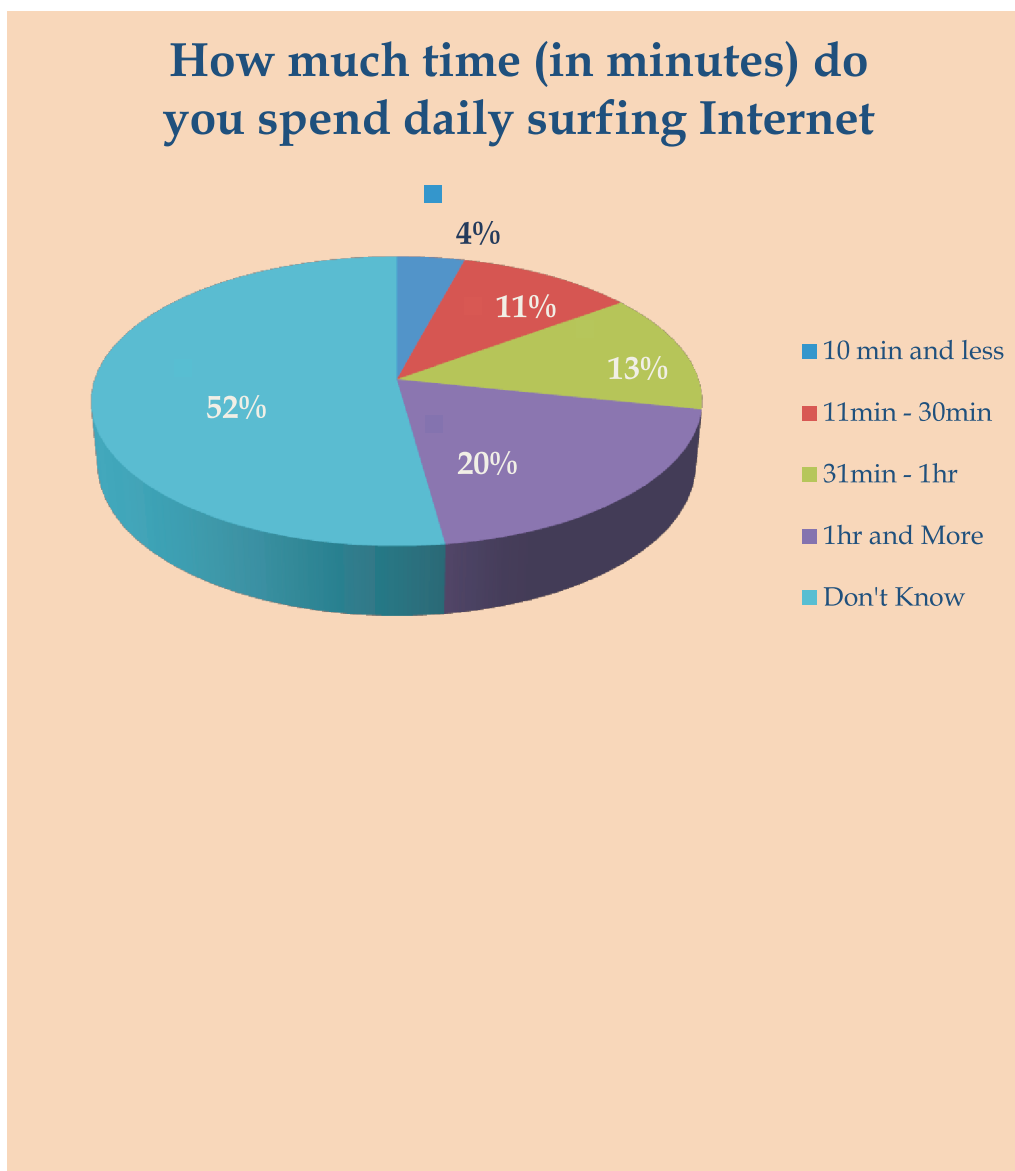
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily watching Television	
10 min and less	28
11min - 30min	144
31min - 1hr	207
1hr and More	431
Don't Know	564
Total	1374



Q8.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily surfing Internet?

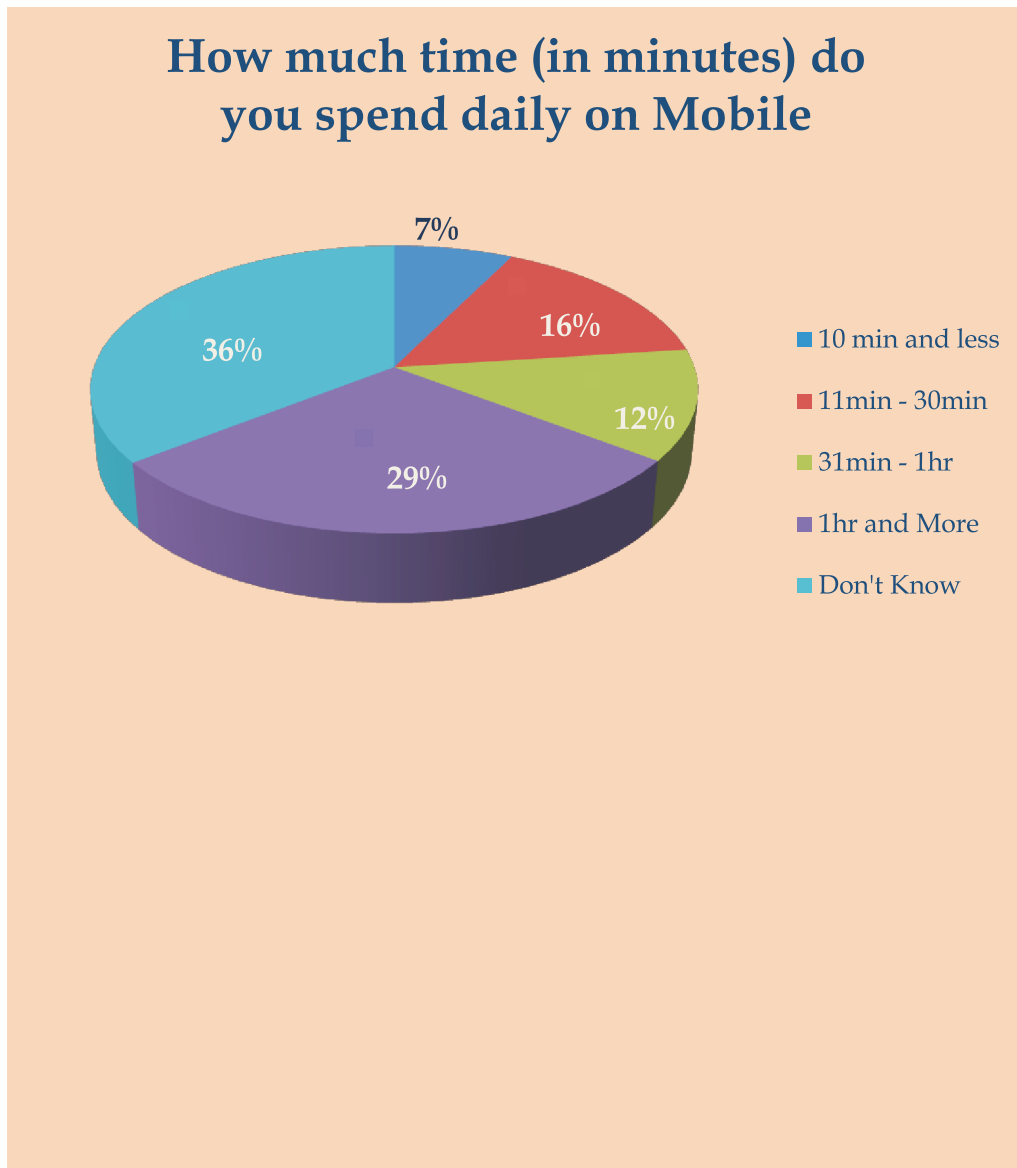
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily surfing Internet	
10 min and less	57
11min - 30min	149
31min - 1hr	183
1hr and More	268
Don't Know	717
Total	1374



Q9.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily on Mobile?

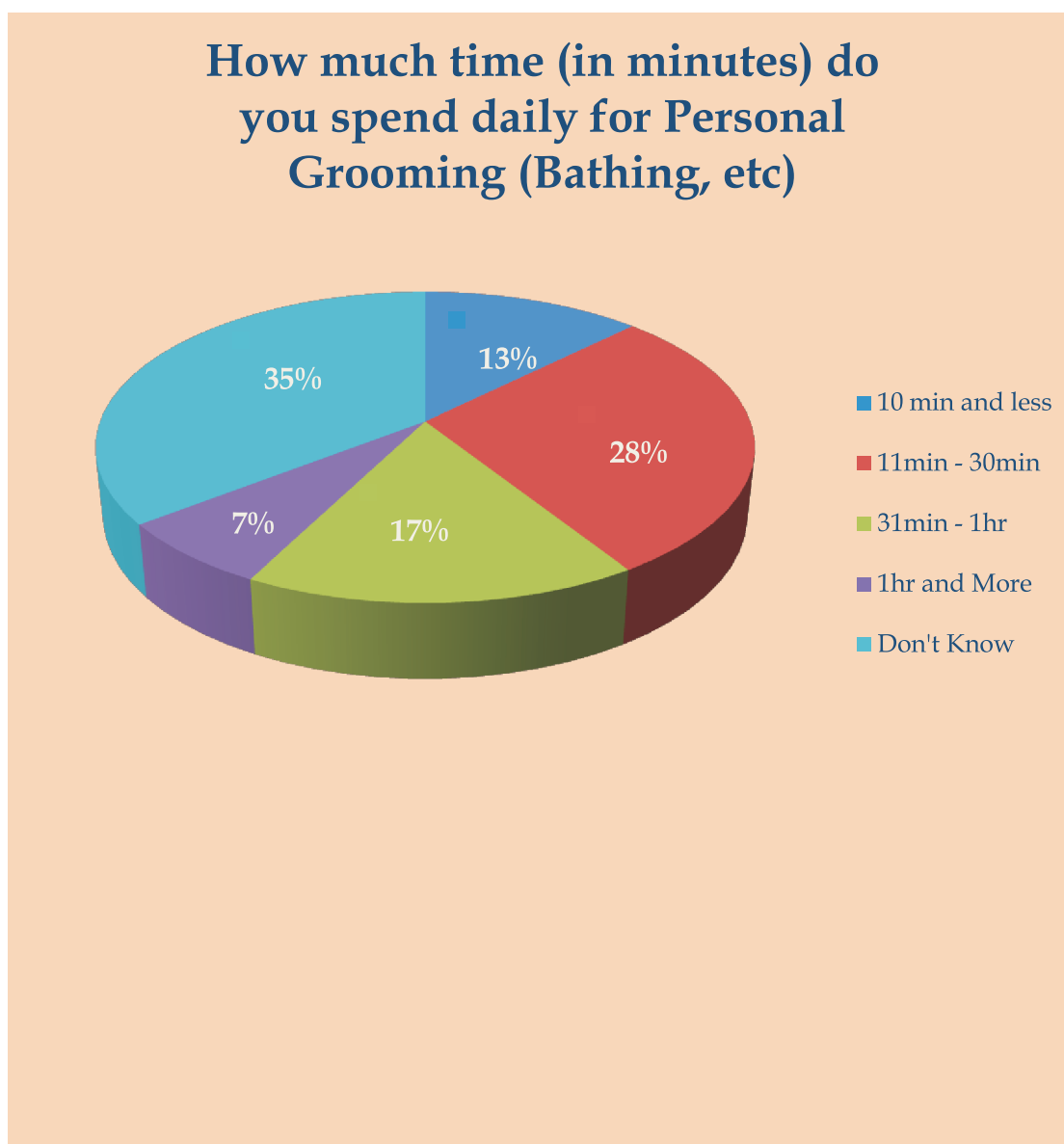
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily on Mobile	
10 min and less	101
11min - 30min	215
31min - 1hr	170
1hr and More	399
Don't Know	489
Total	1374



Q10.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily for Personal Grooming(Bathing, etc.)?

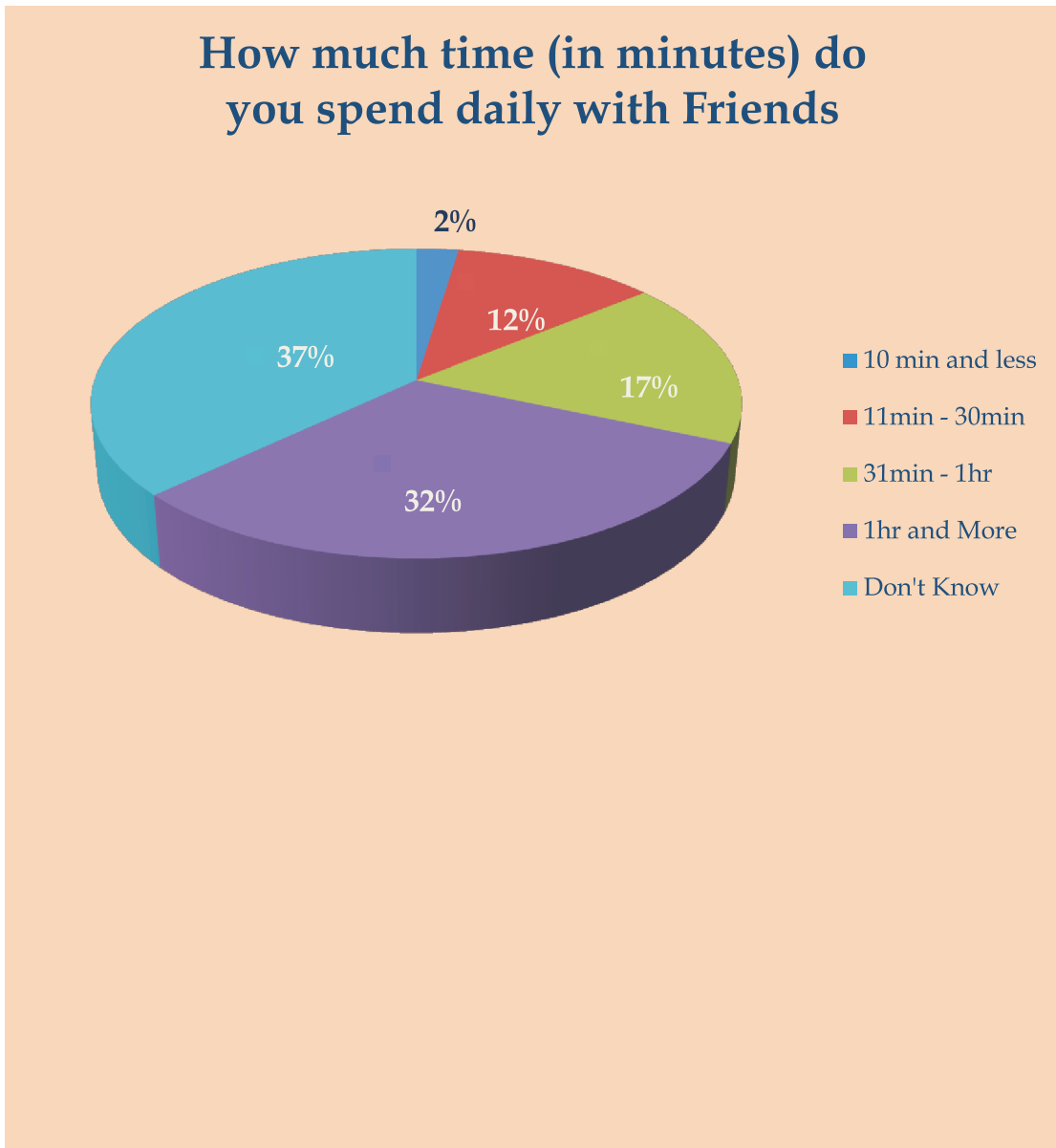
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily for Personal Grooming (Bathing, etc.)	
10 min and less	173
11min - 30min	390
31min - 1hr	228
1hr and More	95
Don't Know	488
Total	1374



Q11.

How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily with Friends?

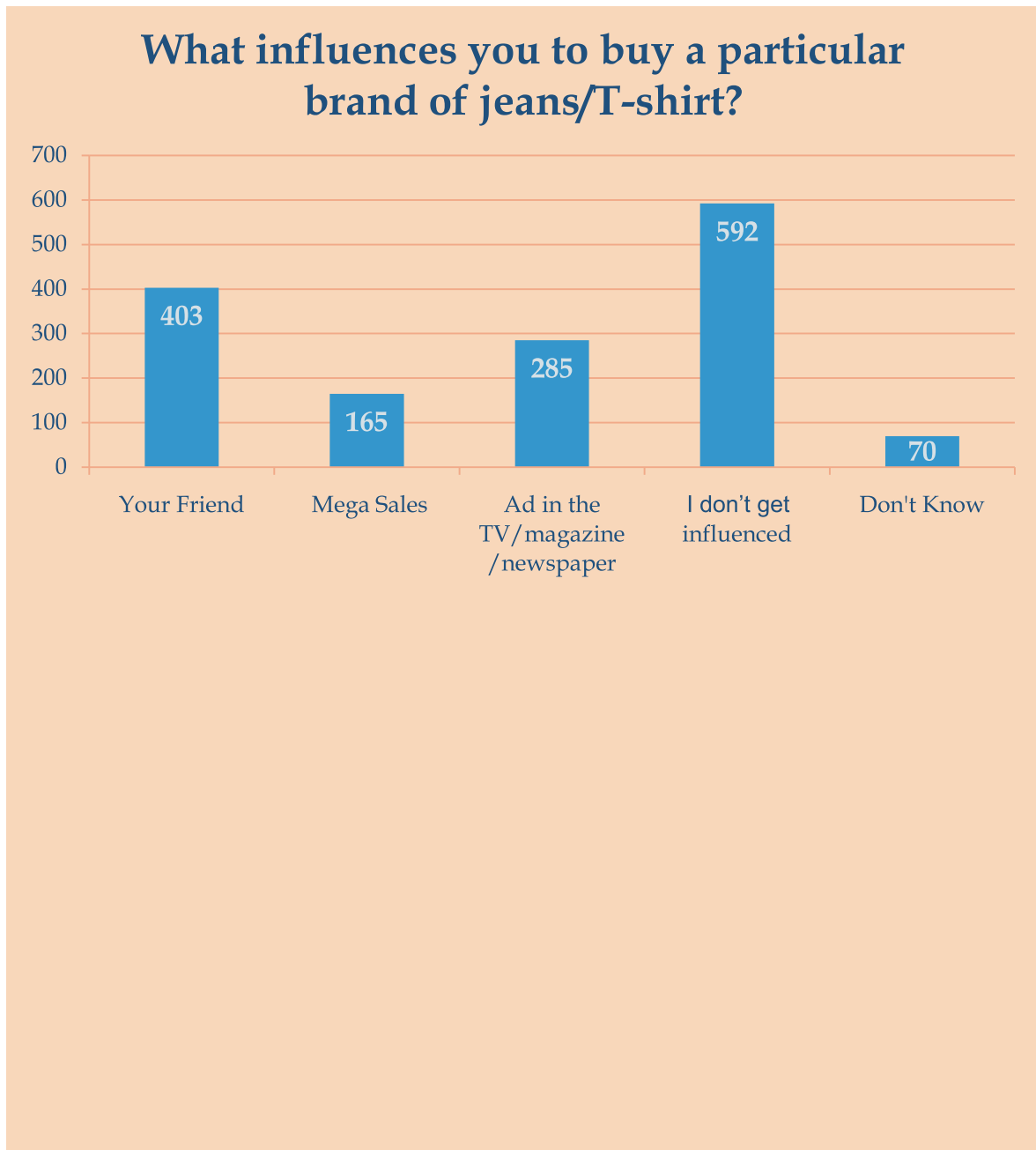
How much time (in minutes) do you spend daily with Friends	
10 min and less	33
11min - 30min	161
31min - 1hr	238
1hr and More	434
Don't Know	508
Total	1374



Q12.

What influences you to buy a particular brand of jeans/T-shirt? *(Multiple answers)*

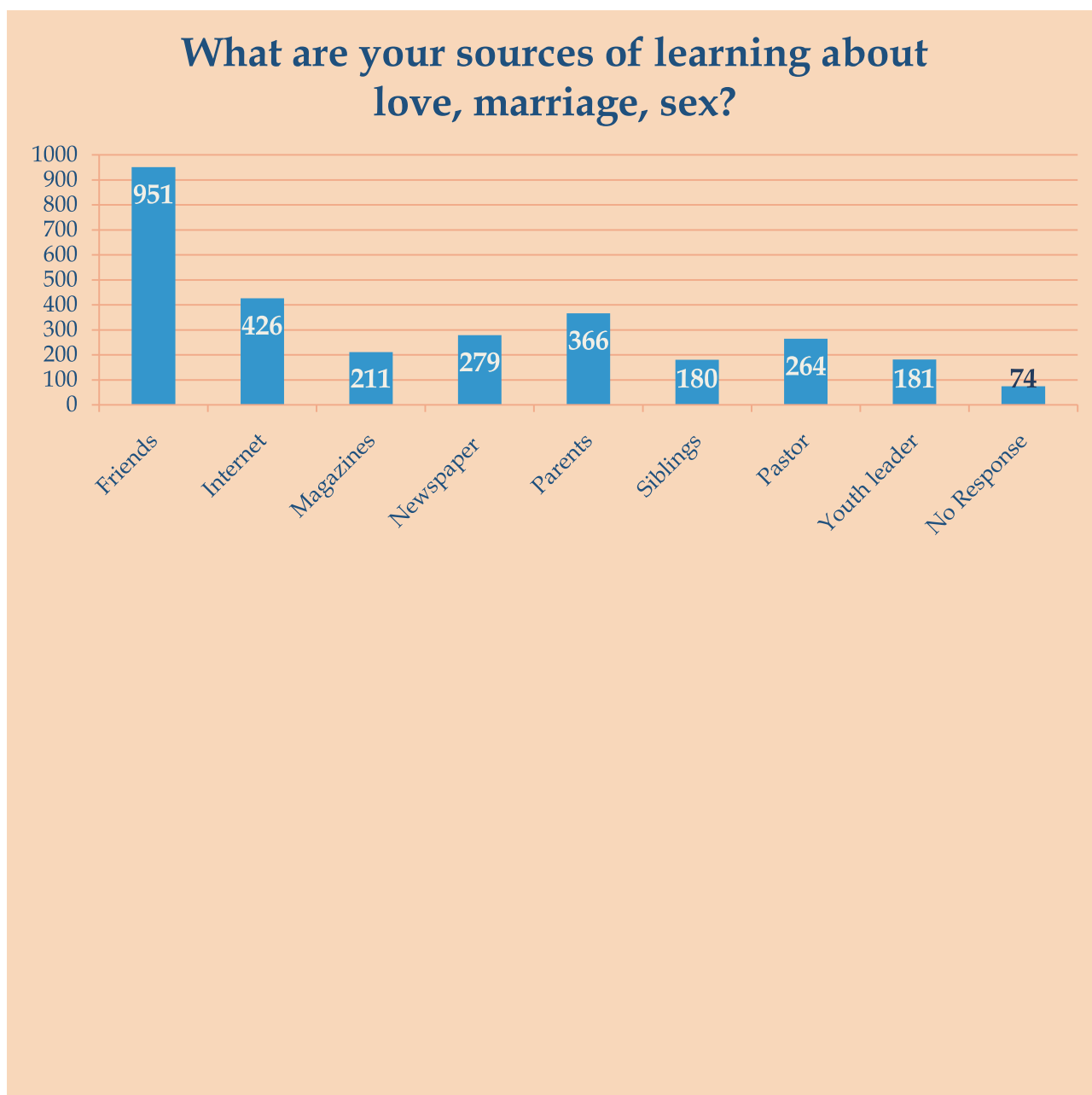
What influences you to buy a particular brand of jeans/T-shirt?				
Your Friend	Mega Sales	Ad in the TV/magazine /newspaper	I don't get influenced	Don't Know
403	165	285	592	70



Q13.

What are your sources of learning about love, marriage, sex? *(Multiple answers)*

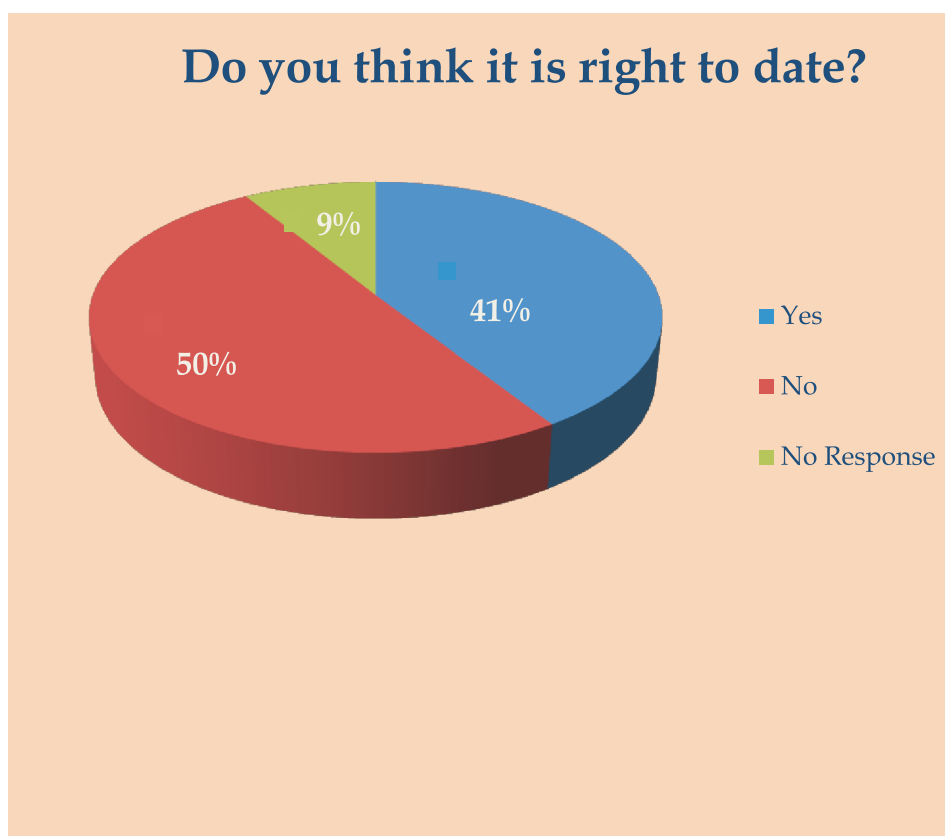
What are your sources of learning about love, marriage, sex?								
Friends	Internet	Magazines	Newspaper	Parents	Siblings	Pastor	Youth leader	No Response
951	426	211	279	366	180	264	181	74



Q14.

Do you think it is right to date?

Do you think it is right to date?	
Yes	563
No	691
No Response	120
Total	1374



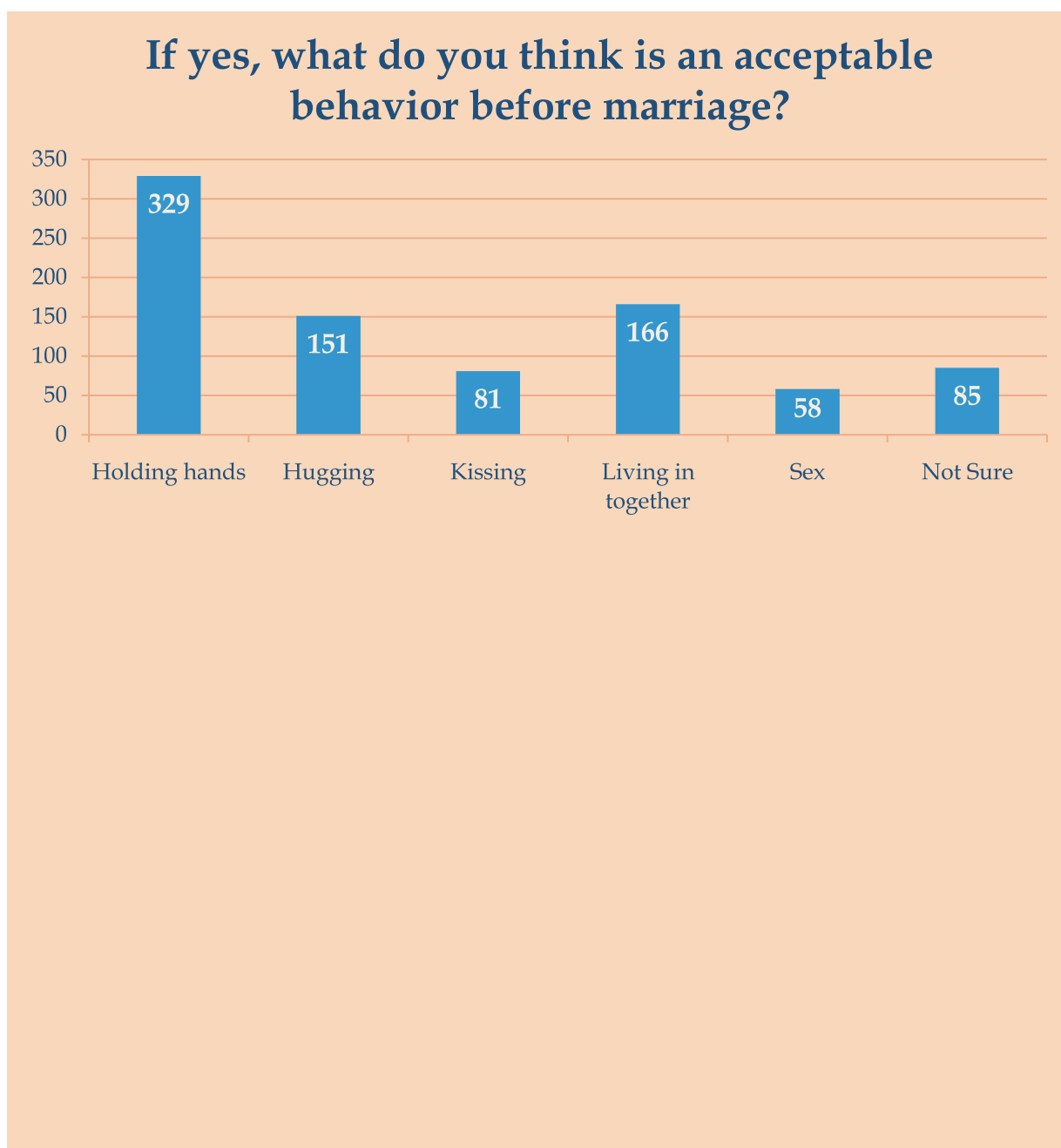
NOTE: If yes, what do you think is an acceptable behavior before marriage?

Q14.

i) If yes, what do you think is an acceptable

If yes, what do you think is an acceptable behavior before marriage?					
Holding hands	Hugging	Kissing	Living in together	Sex	Not Sure
329	151	81	166	58	85

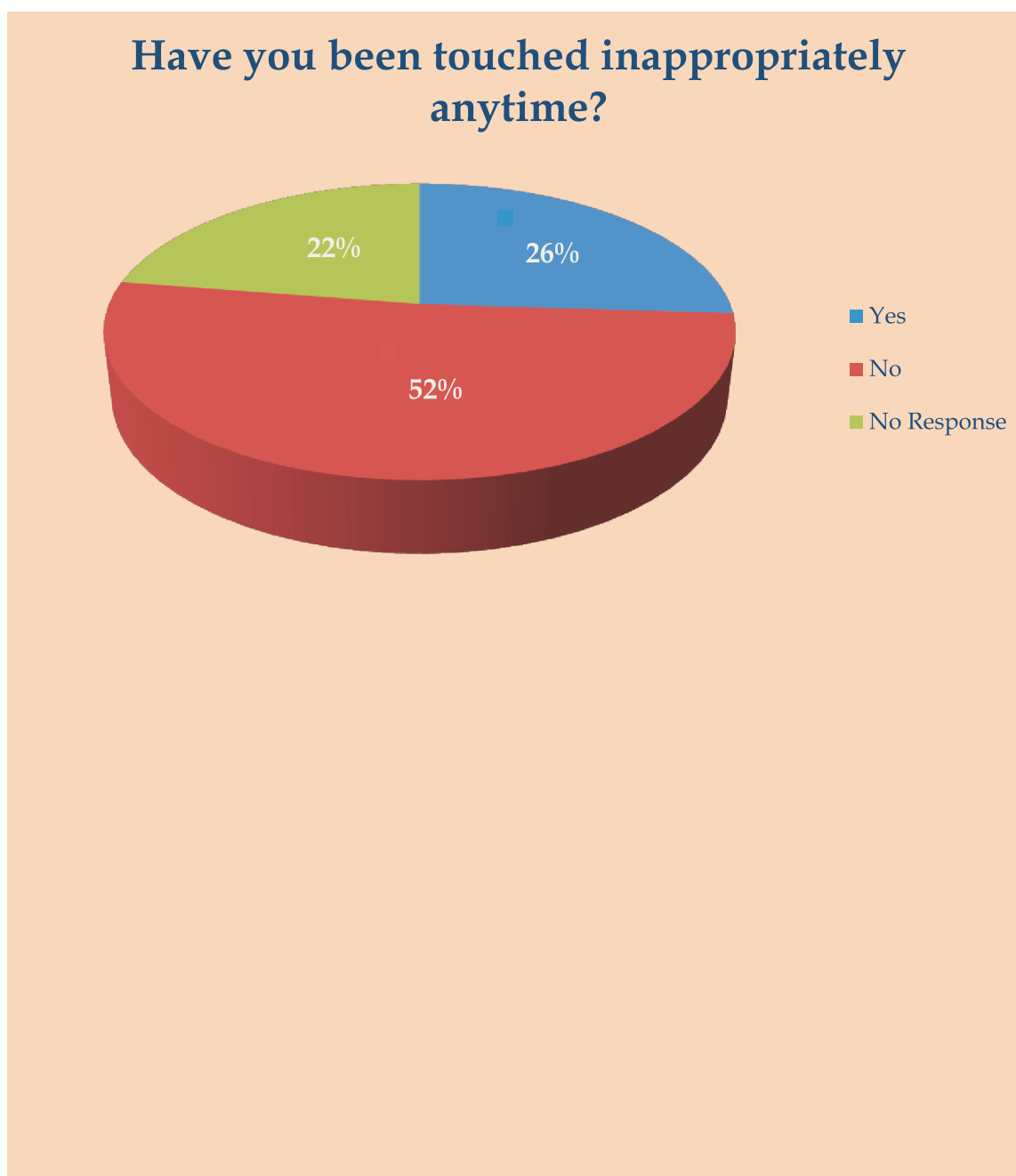
behavior before marriage?(Multiple answers)



Q15.

Have you been touched inappropriately anytime?

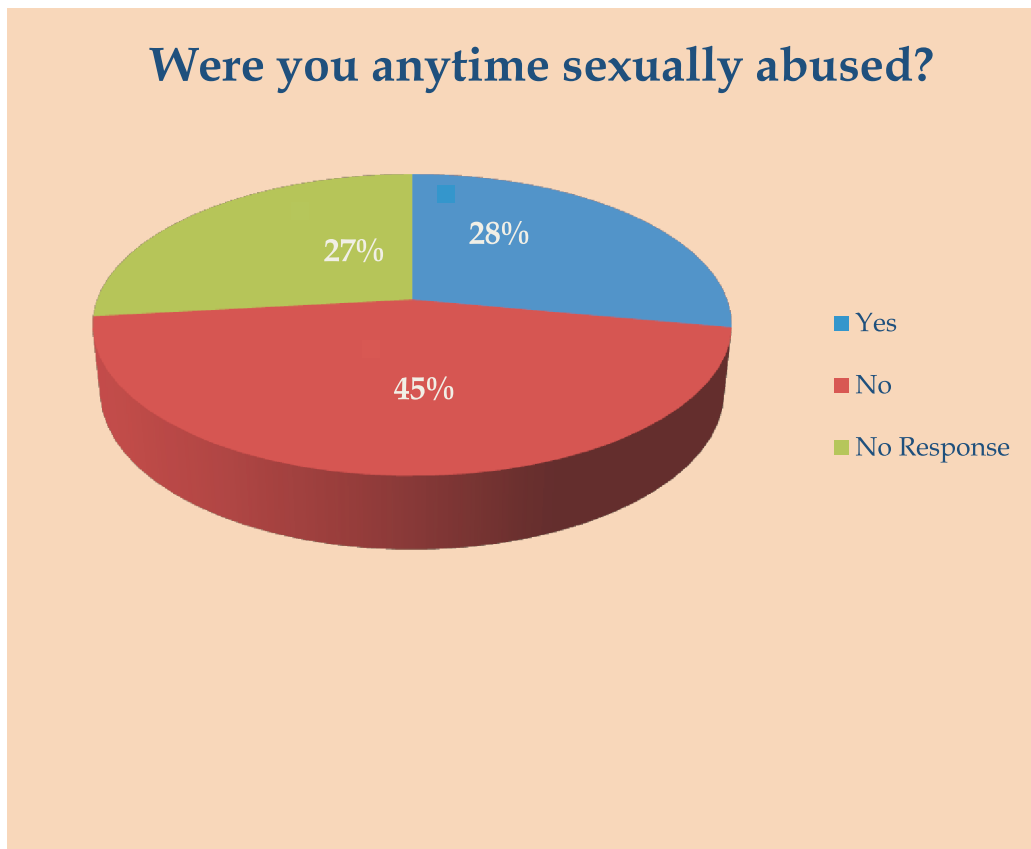
Have you been touched inappropriately anytime?	
Yes	357
No	708
No Response	309
Total	1374



Q16.

Were you anytime sexually abused?

Were you anytime sexually abused?	
Yes	384
No	622
No Response	368
Total	1374



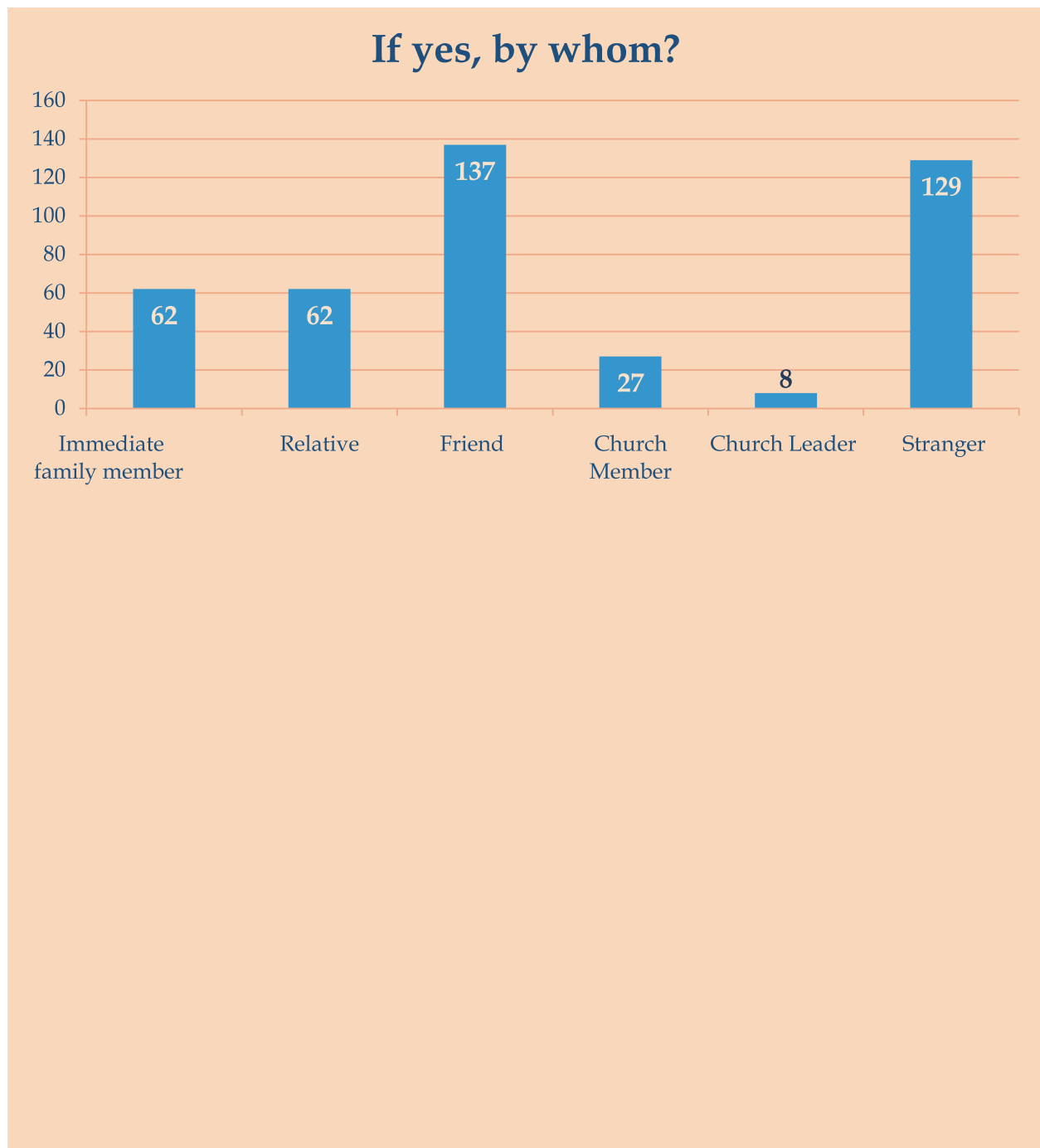
NOTE: If yes, by whom?



Q16.

i) If yes, by whom? (*Multiple answers*)

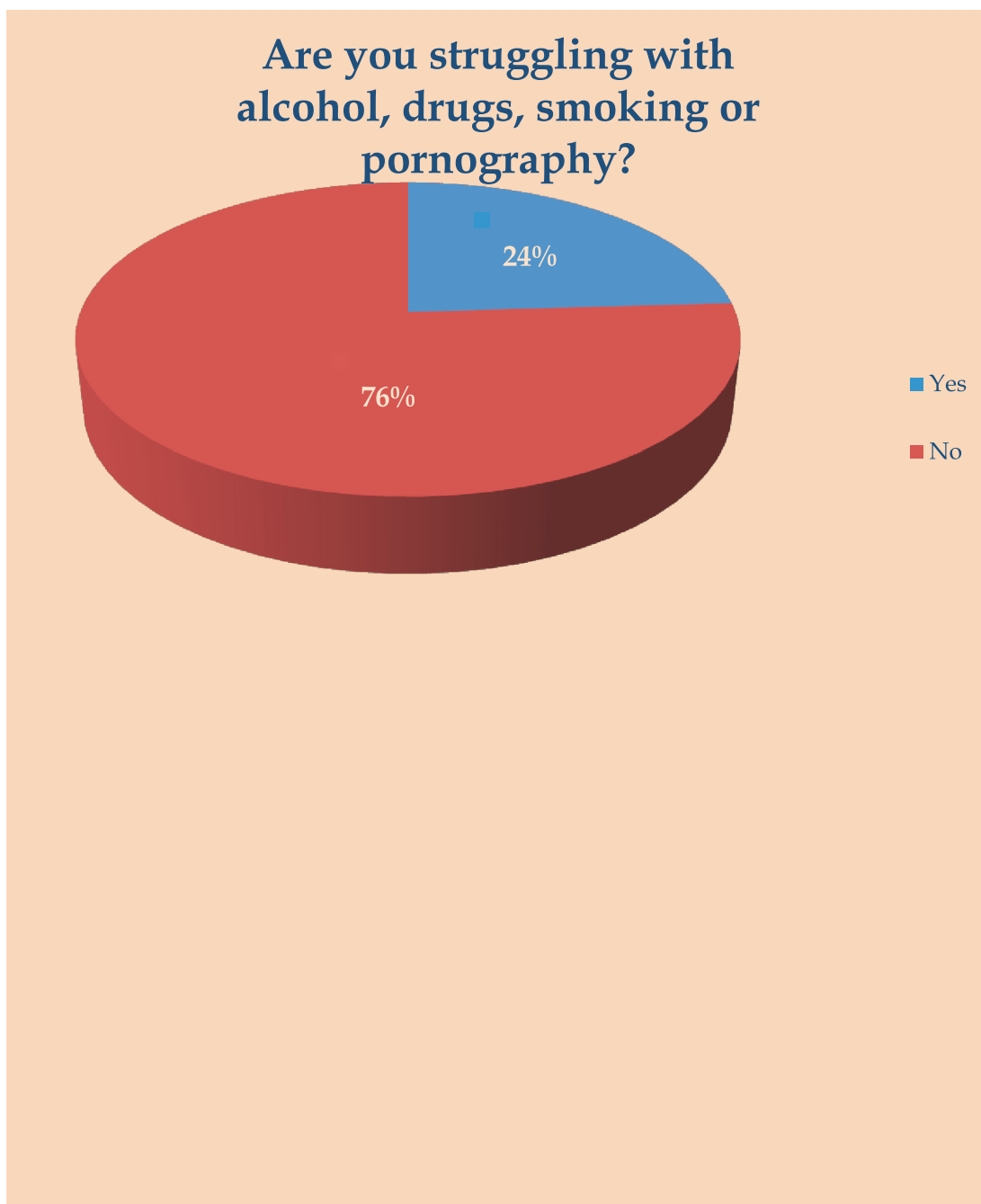
If yes, by whom?					
Immediate Family Member	Relative	Friend	Church Member	Church Leader	Stranger
62	62	137	27	8	129



Q17.

Are you struggling with alcohol, drugs, smoking or pornography?

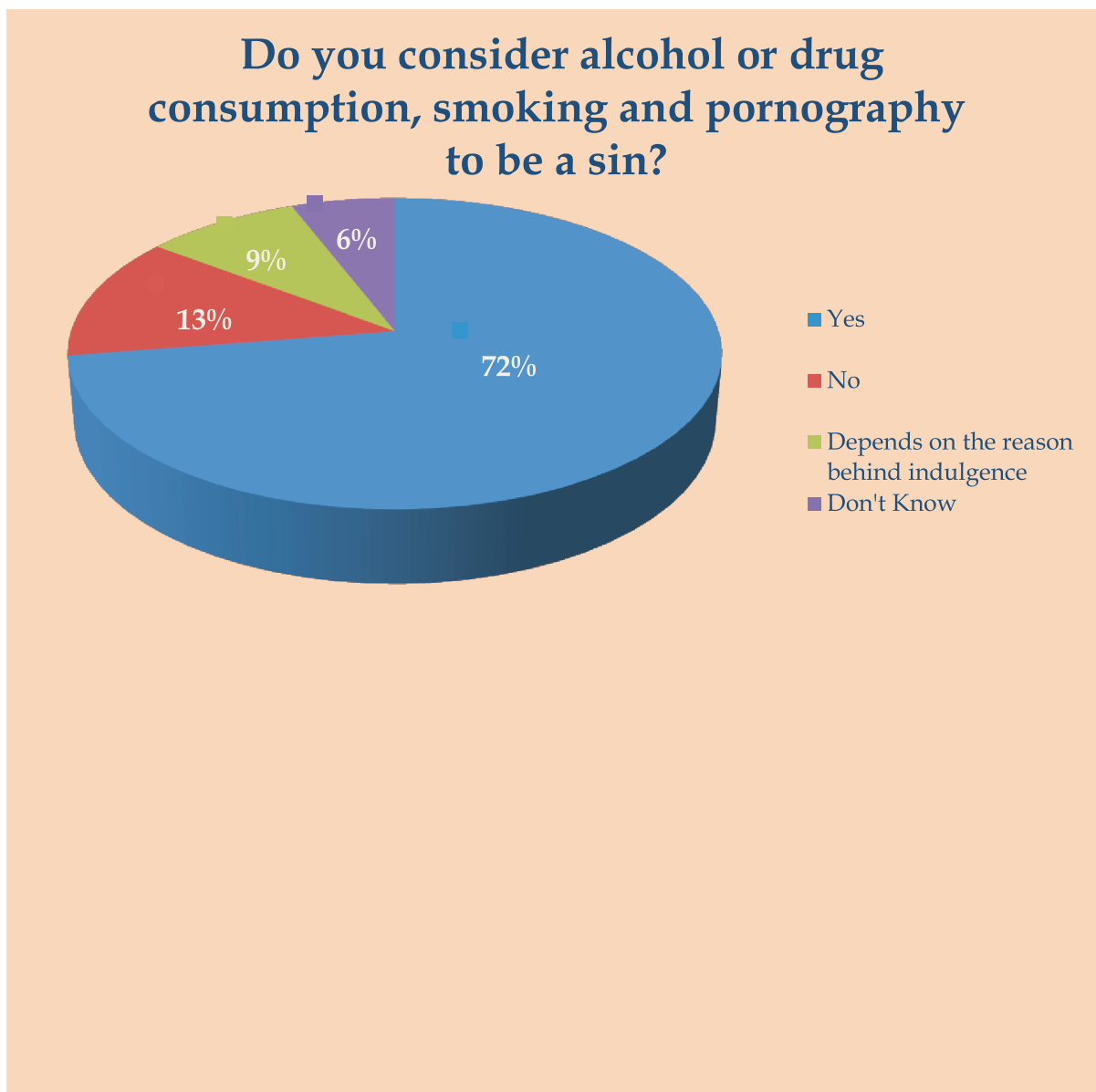
Are you struggling with alcohol, drugs, smoking or pornography?	
Yes	331
No	1043
Total	1374



Q18.

Do you consider alcohol or drug consumption, smoking and pornography to be a sin?

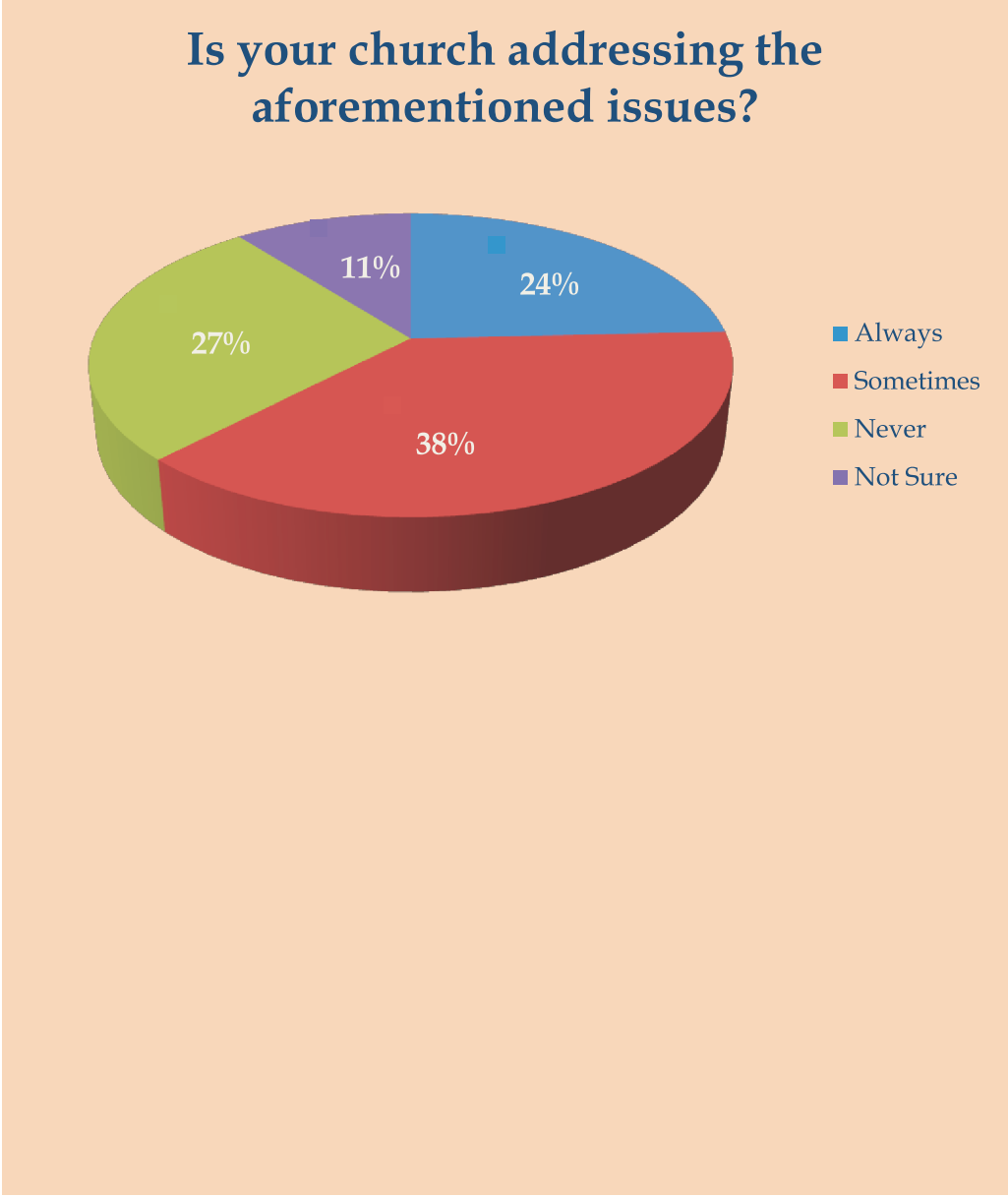
Do you consider alcohol or drug consumption, smoking and pornography to be a sin?	
Yes	996
No	176
Depends on the reason behind indulgence	121
Don't Know	81
Total	1374



Q19.

Is your church addressing the aforementioned issues?

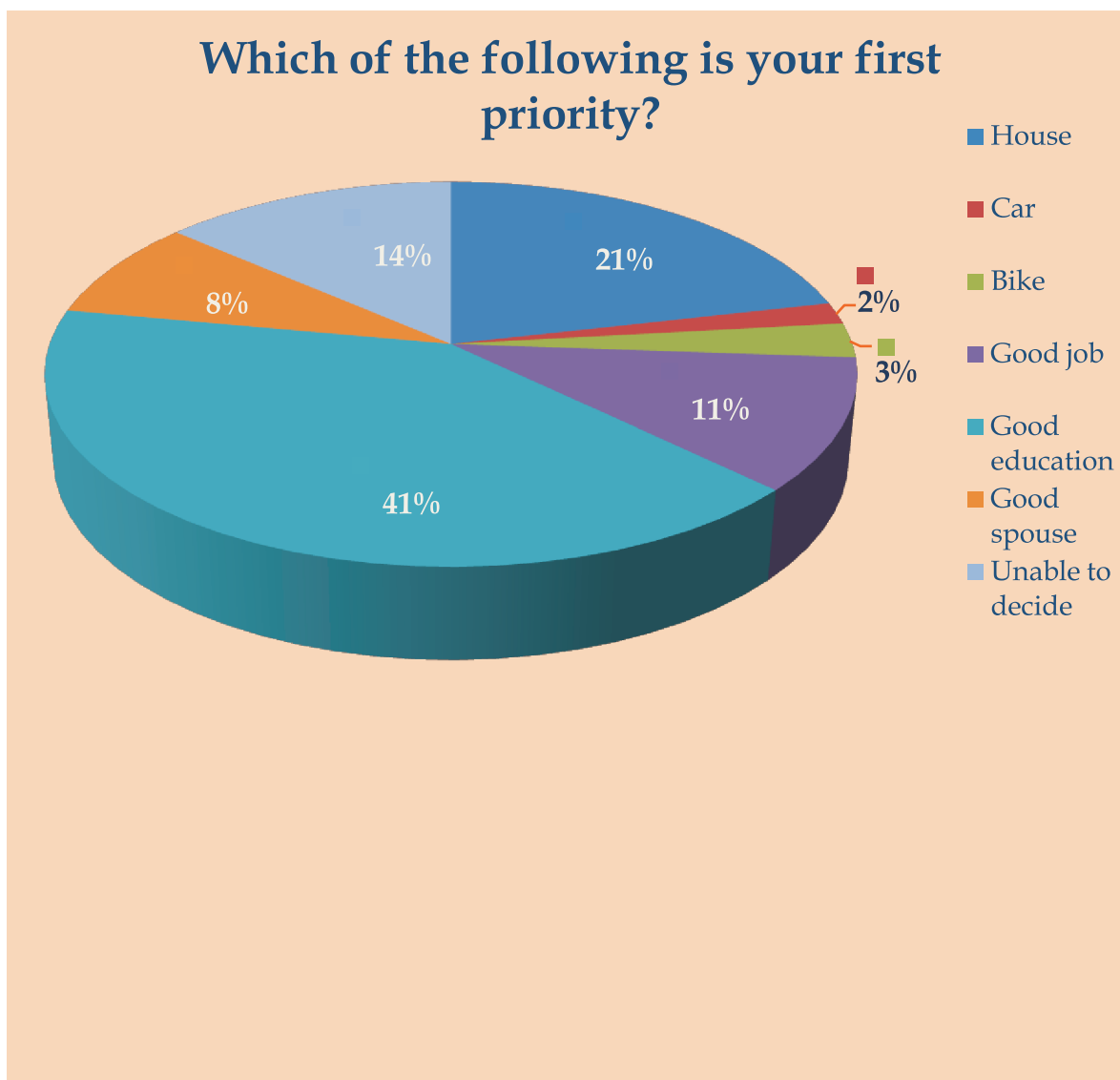
Is your church addressing the aforementioned issues?	
Always	333
Sometimes	522
Never	374
Not Sure	145
Total	1374



Q20.

Which of the following is your first priority?

Which of the following is your first priority?	
House	294
Car	25
Bike	40
Good job	152
Good education	560
Good spouse	116
Unable to decide	187
Total	1374

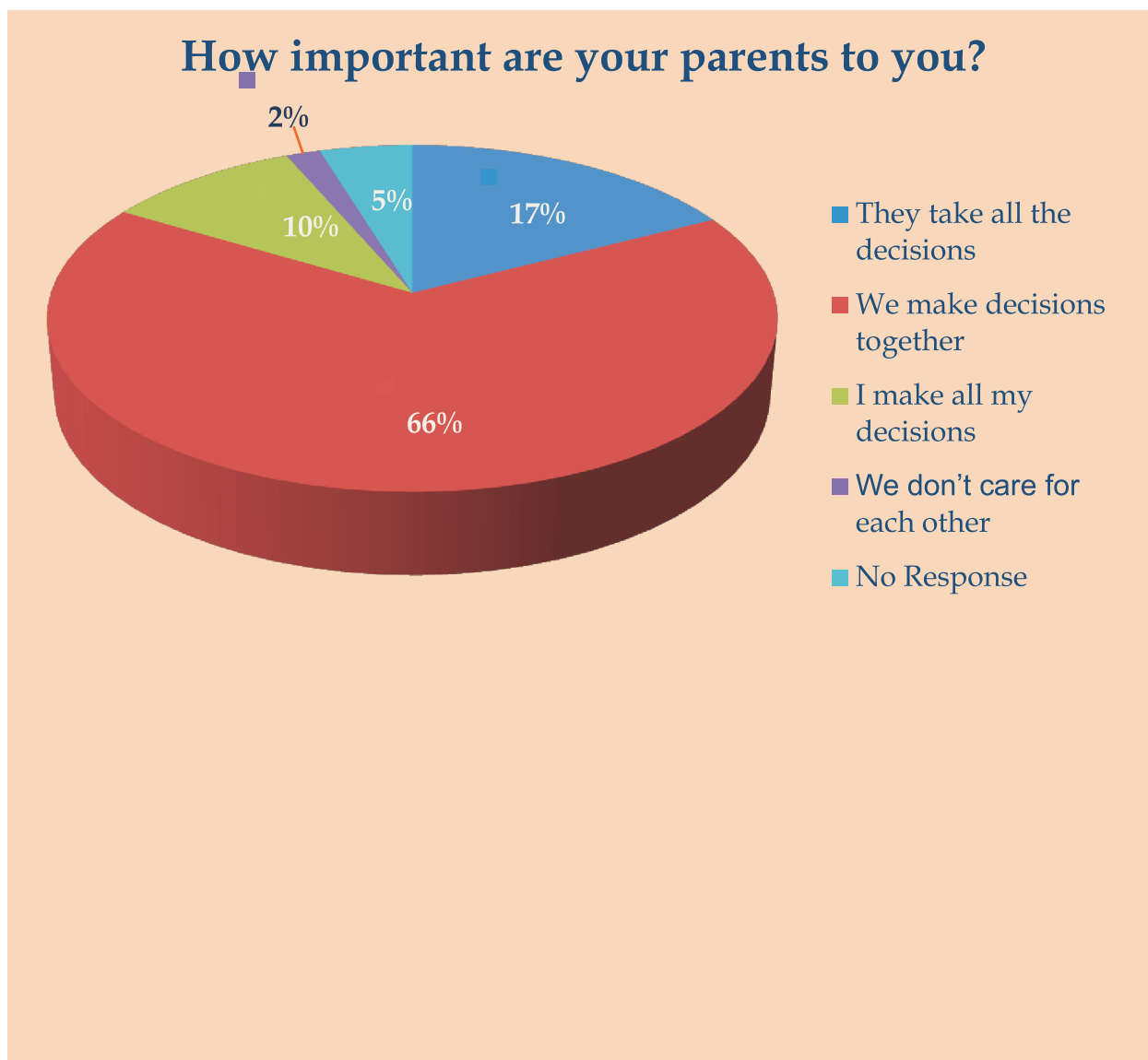


Q21.

How important are your parents to you?

(In decision making)

How important are your parents to you?	
They take all the decisions	239
We make decisions together	909
I make all my decisions	137
We don't care for each other	24
No Response	65
Total	1374

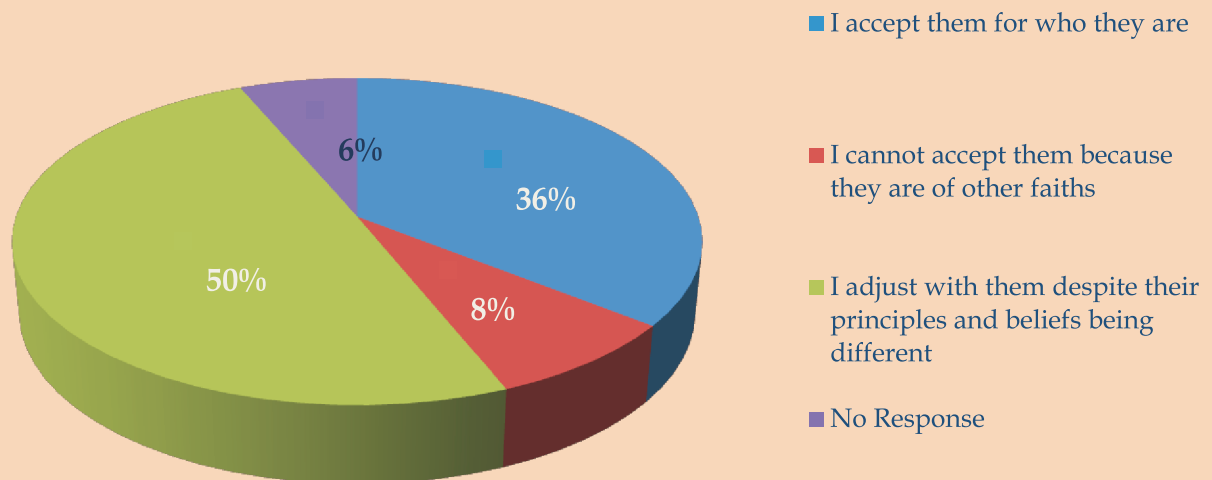


Q22.

What is your attitude toward people of other faiths?

What is your attitude toward people of other faiths?	
I accept them for who they are	490
I cannot accept them because they are of other faiths	113
I adjust with them despite their principles and beliefs being different	683
No Response	88
Total	1374

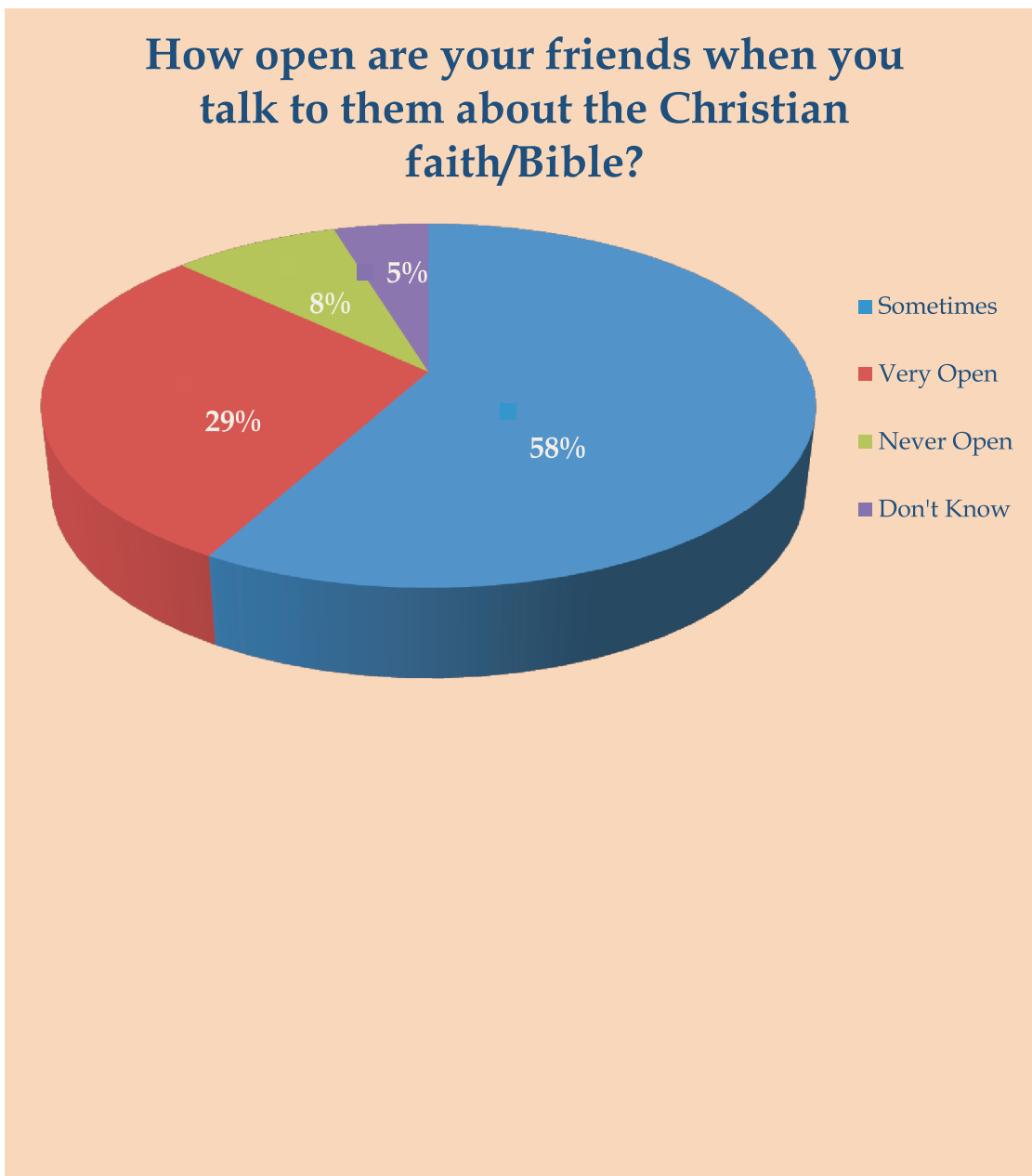
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Q23.

How open are your friends when you talk to them about the Christian faith/Bible?

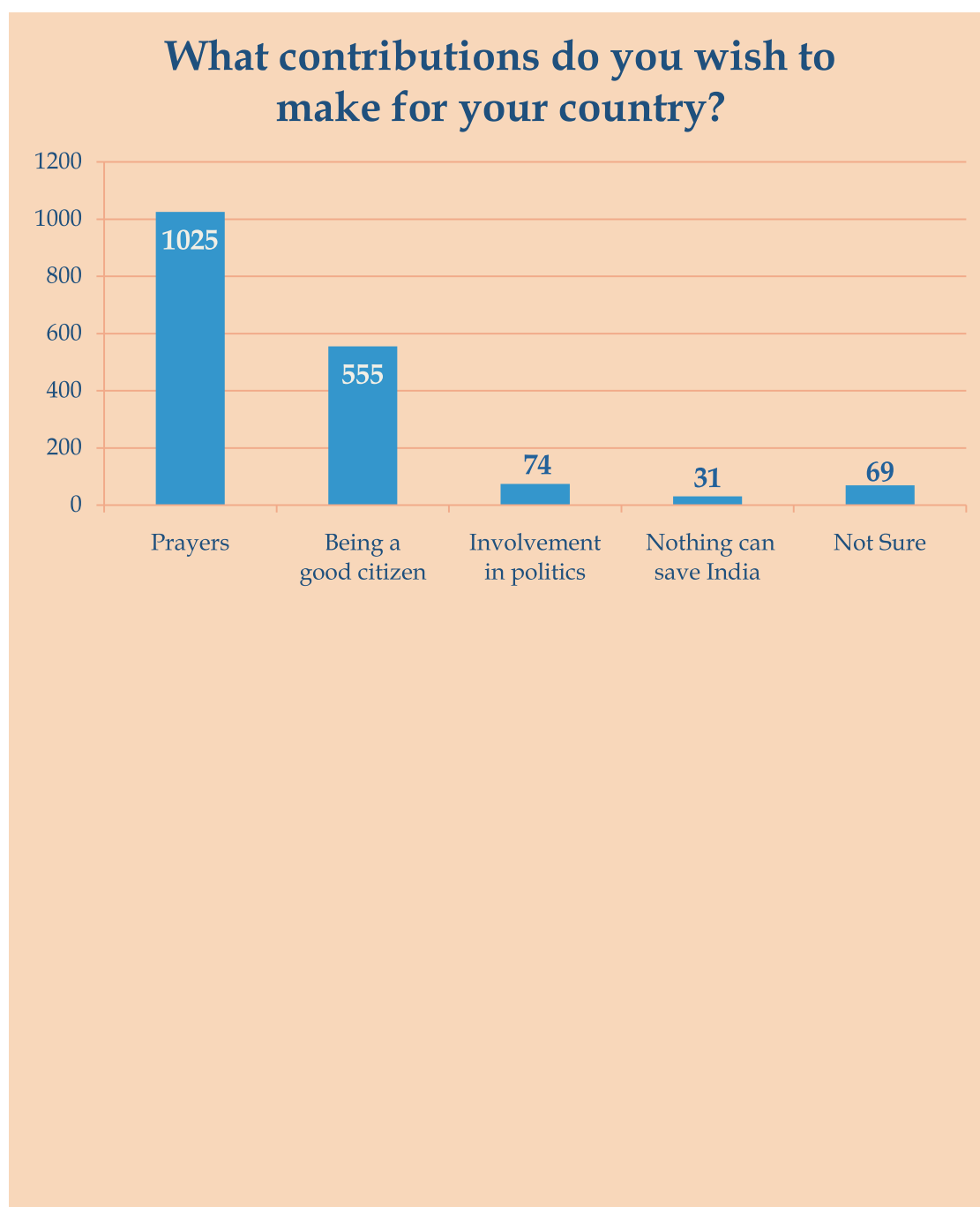
How open are your friends when you talk to them about the Christian faith/Bible?	
Sometimes	797
Very Open	398
Never Open	114
Don't Know	65
Total	1374



Q24.

What contributions do you wish to make for your country?
(Multiple answers)

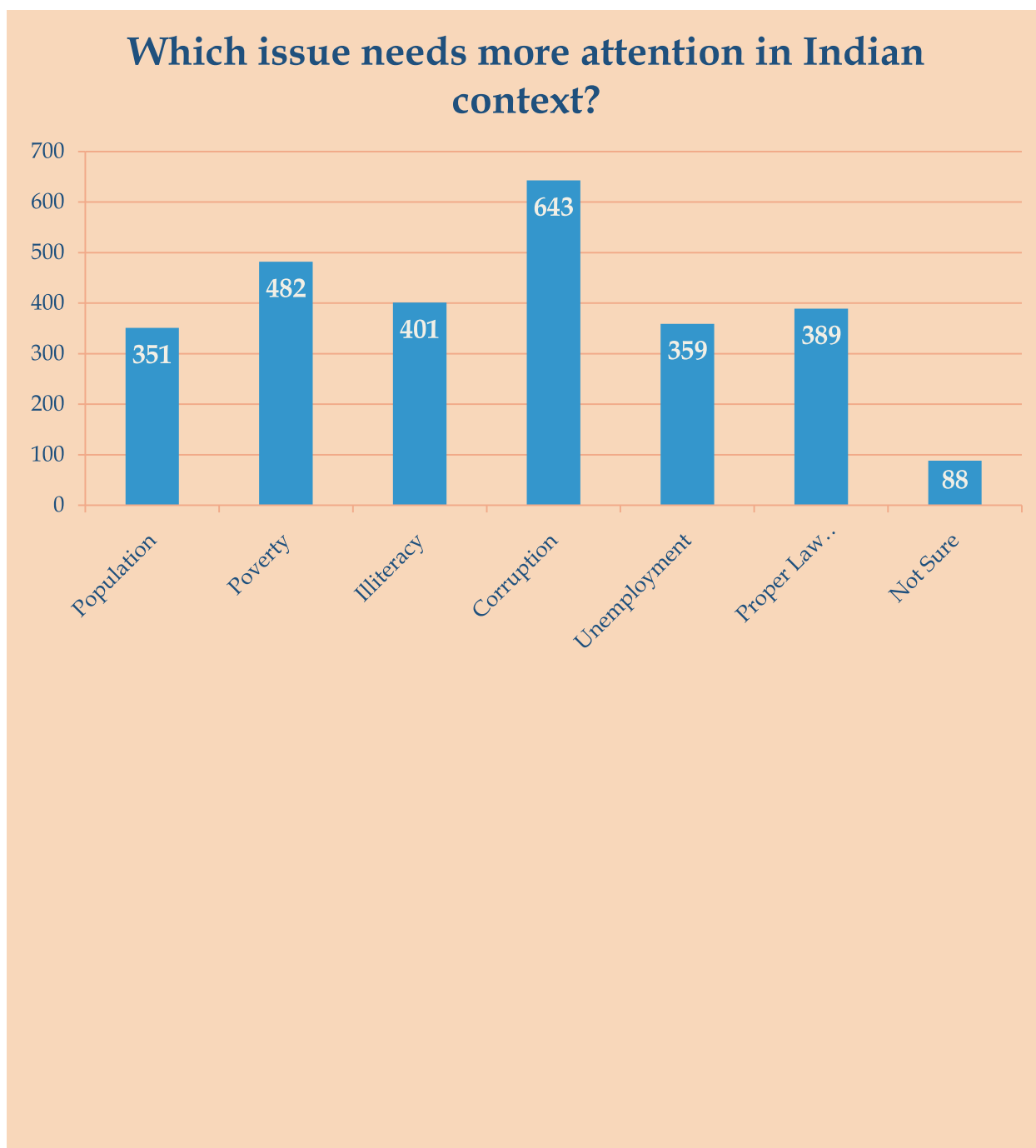
What contributions do you wish to make for your country?				
Prayers	Being a good citizen	Involvement in politics	Nothing can save India	Not Sure
1025	555	74	31	69



Q25.

Which issue needs more attention in Indian context?
(Multiple answers)

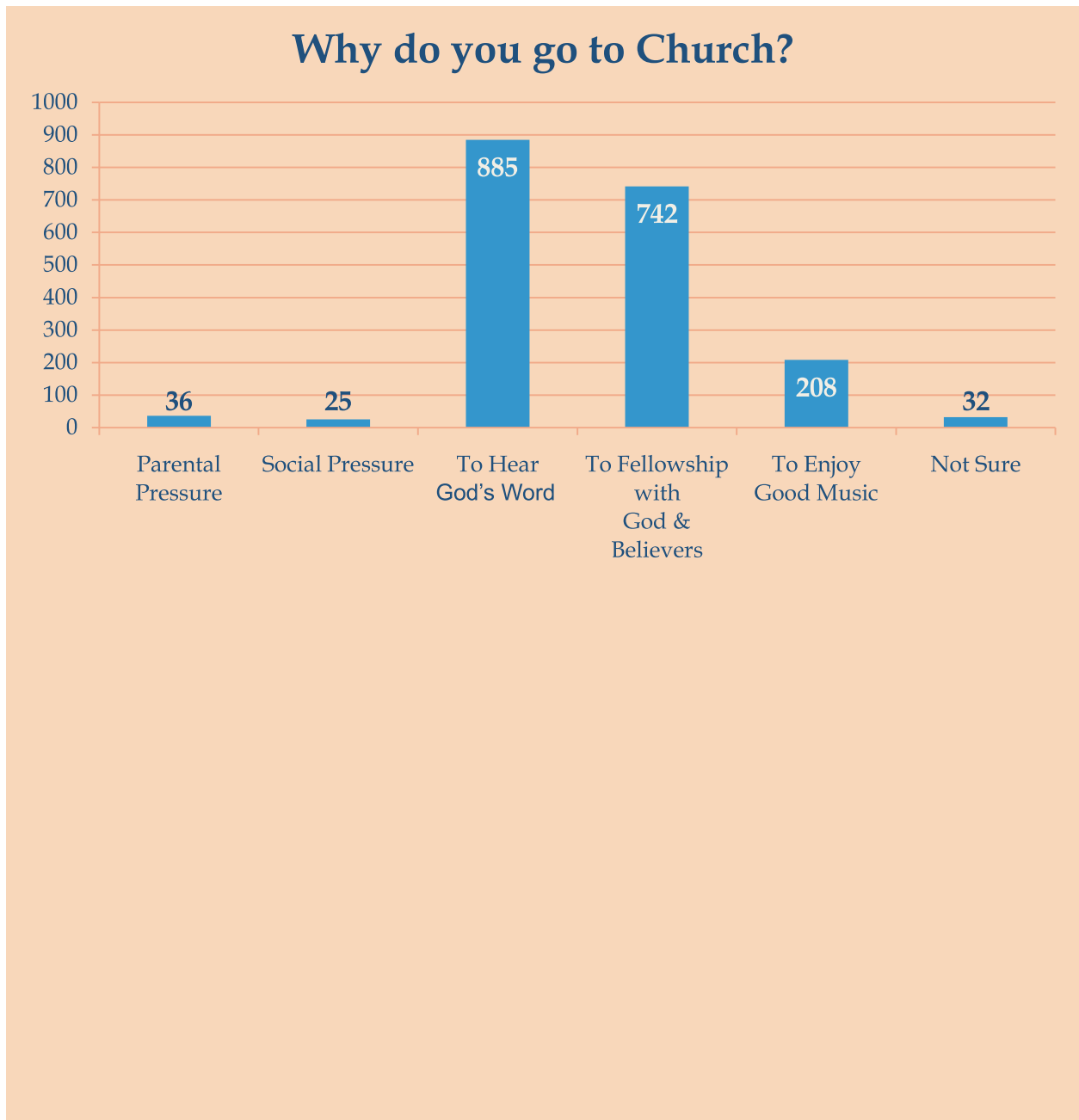
Which issue needs more attention in Indian context?						
Population	Poverty	Illiteracy	Corruption	Unemployment	Proper Law Enforcement	Not Sure
351	482	401	643	359	389	88



Q26.

Why do you go to Church?(Multiple answers)

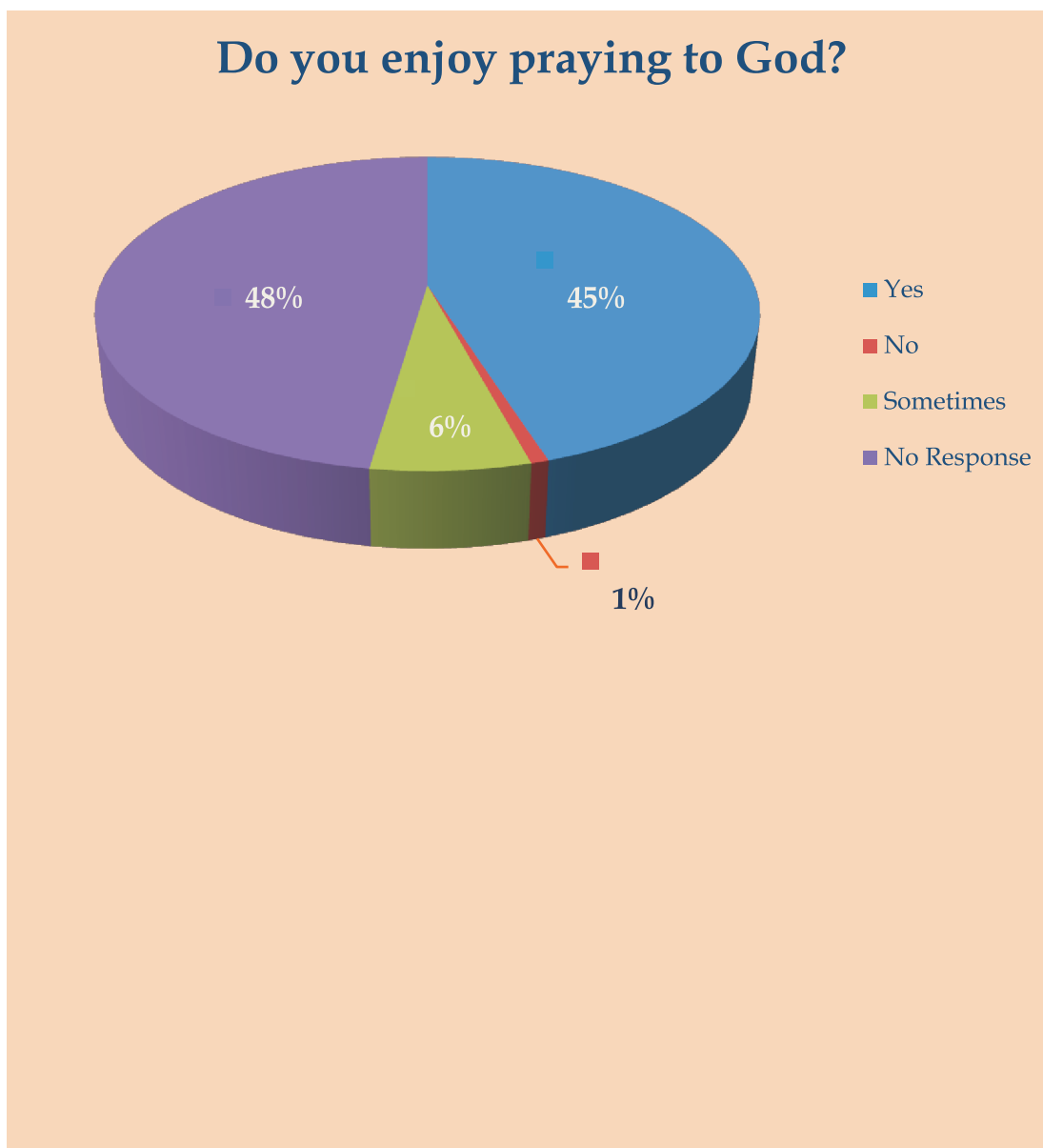
Why do you go to Church?					
Parental Pressure	Social Pressure	To Hear God's Word	To Fellowship with God & Believers	To Enjoy Good Music	Not Sure
36	25	885	742	208	32



Q27.

Do you enjoy praying to God?

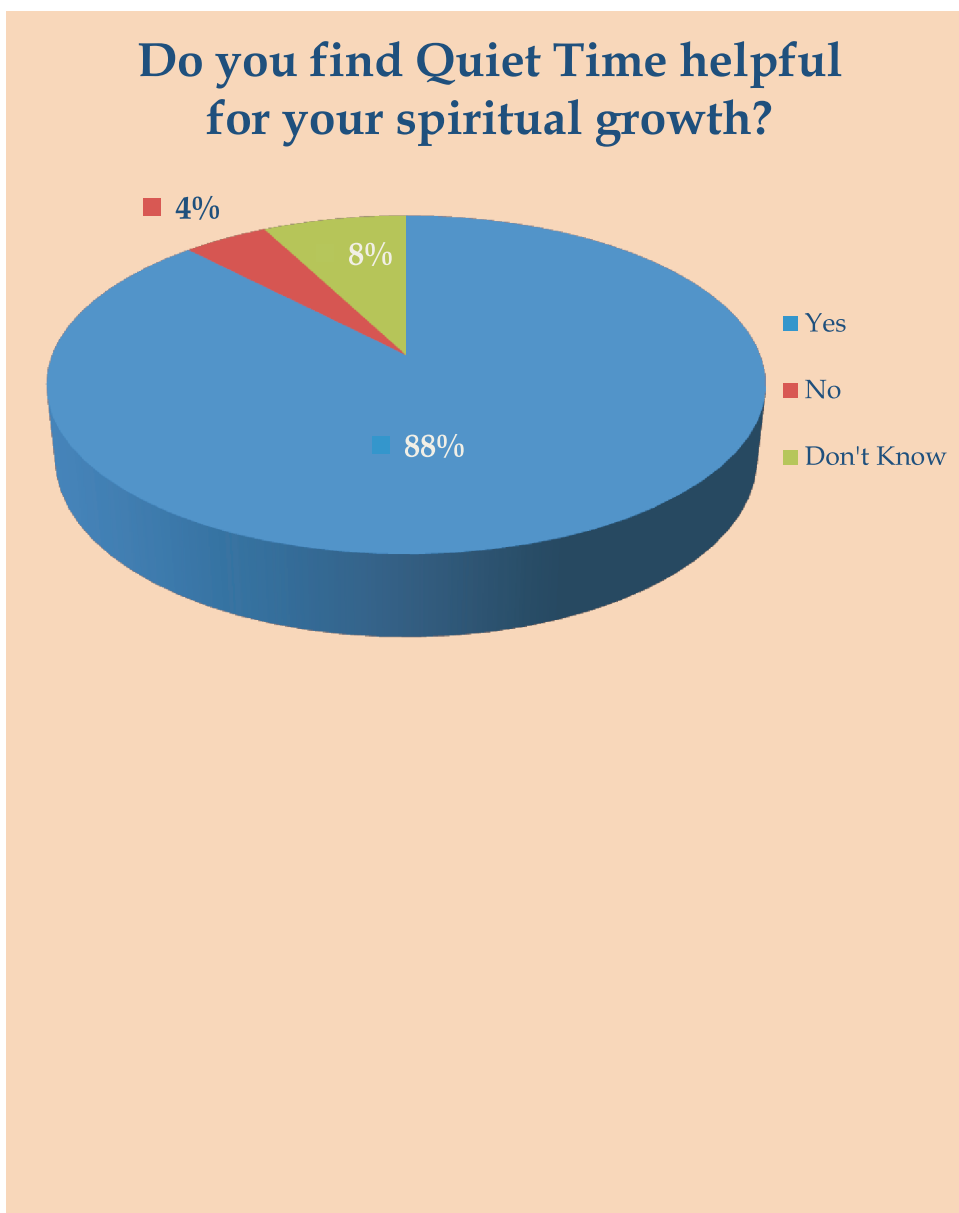
Do you enjoy praying to God?	
Yes	619
No	10
Sometimes	90
No Response	655
Total	1374



Q28.

Do you find Quiet Time helpful for your spiritual growth?

Do you find Quiet Time helpful for your spiritual growth?	
Yes	1207
No	62
Don'tKnow	105
Total	1374



Q29.

What activities do you usually include in your Quiet Time?
(Multiple answers)

What activities do you usually include in your Quiet Time?				
Scripture Reading	Prayer	Singing	Daily Bread	Silence
730	822	421	143	310



ABOUT US

Christ Love For All (CLFA) is an Inter-denominational Gospel Team working in partnership with churches and youth organizations all across this nation. Our vision is to reach our generation of young people for Christ and to strengthen this generation to passionately pursue Lord Jesus Christ.

To realize these goals, we partner with like-minded people and organize:

Live events (including Youth Camps, Youth Retreats, Worship Evenings) that would reach out to the unreached

An outlet for these young people:
to share the amazing transformation that has taken place in their lives to use their talents and gifts for the glory of God

A place where they receive further counseling, discipleship and maturity, enabling them to become godly leaders in their profession

In each of the events, we emphasize on studying God's Word, focus on character development and strengthen their Christian worldview. Our desire is to see an army of godly young leaders filling the leadership gap our world is now facing, in family, education, business, health care, arts, government, science & technology and in Church ministry.

We would like to partner with you in this vision - to see youth culture transformed and to see thriving and growing church youth ministries across India.

History has shown us that it only takes a few individuals or groups to change a generation. Together, we can be part of changing the next generation by investing in the lives of young people now.

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