

THE CHANGING AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

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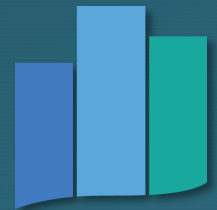
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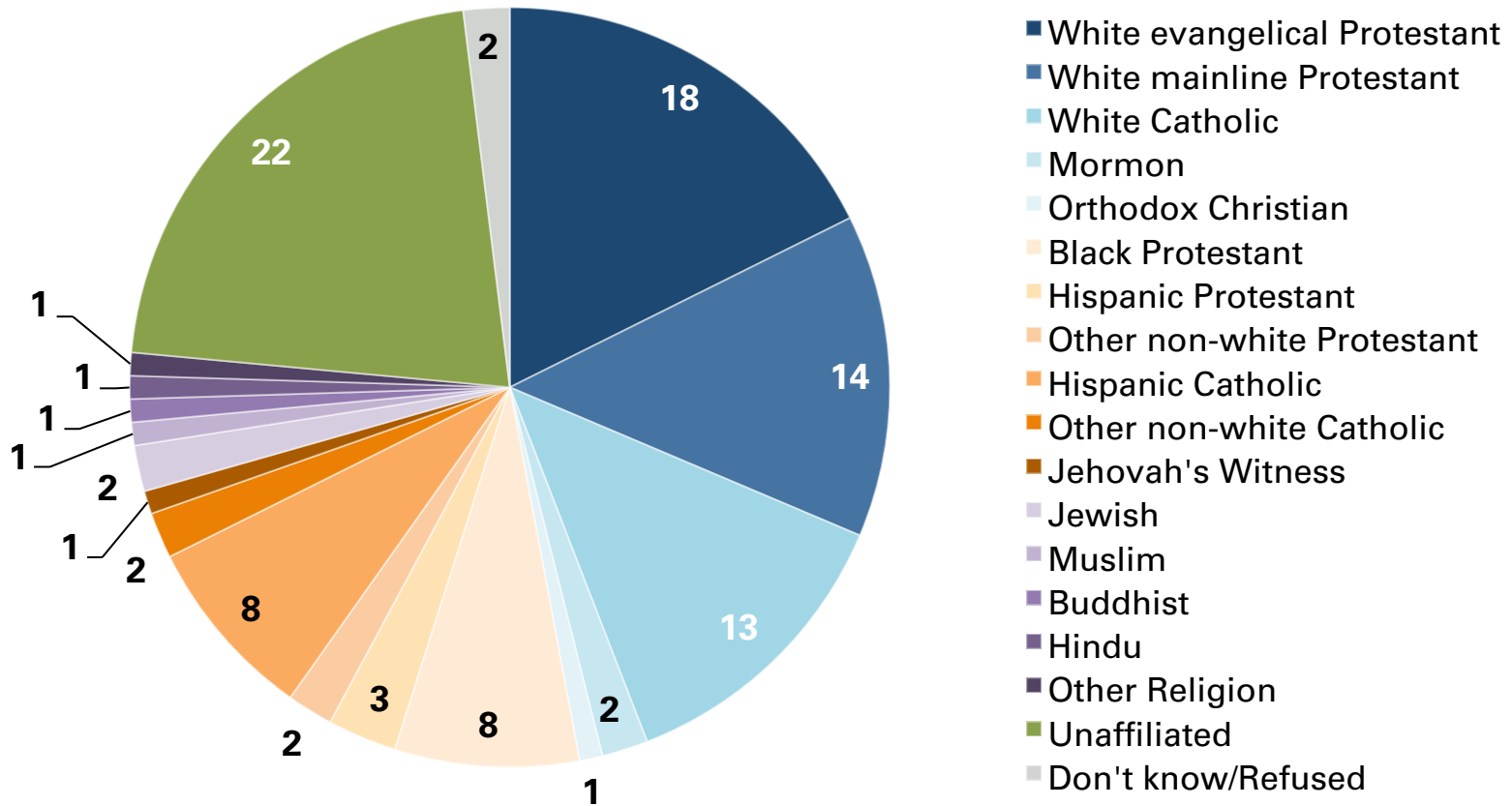
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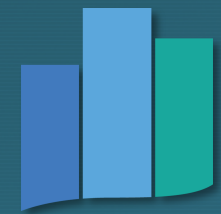


The American Religious Landscape

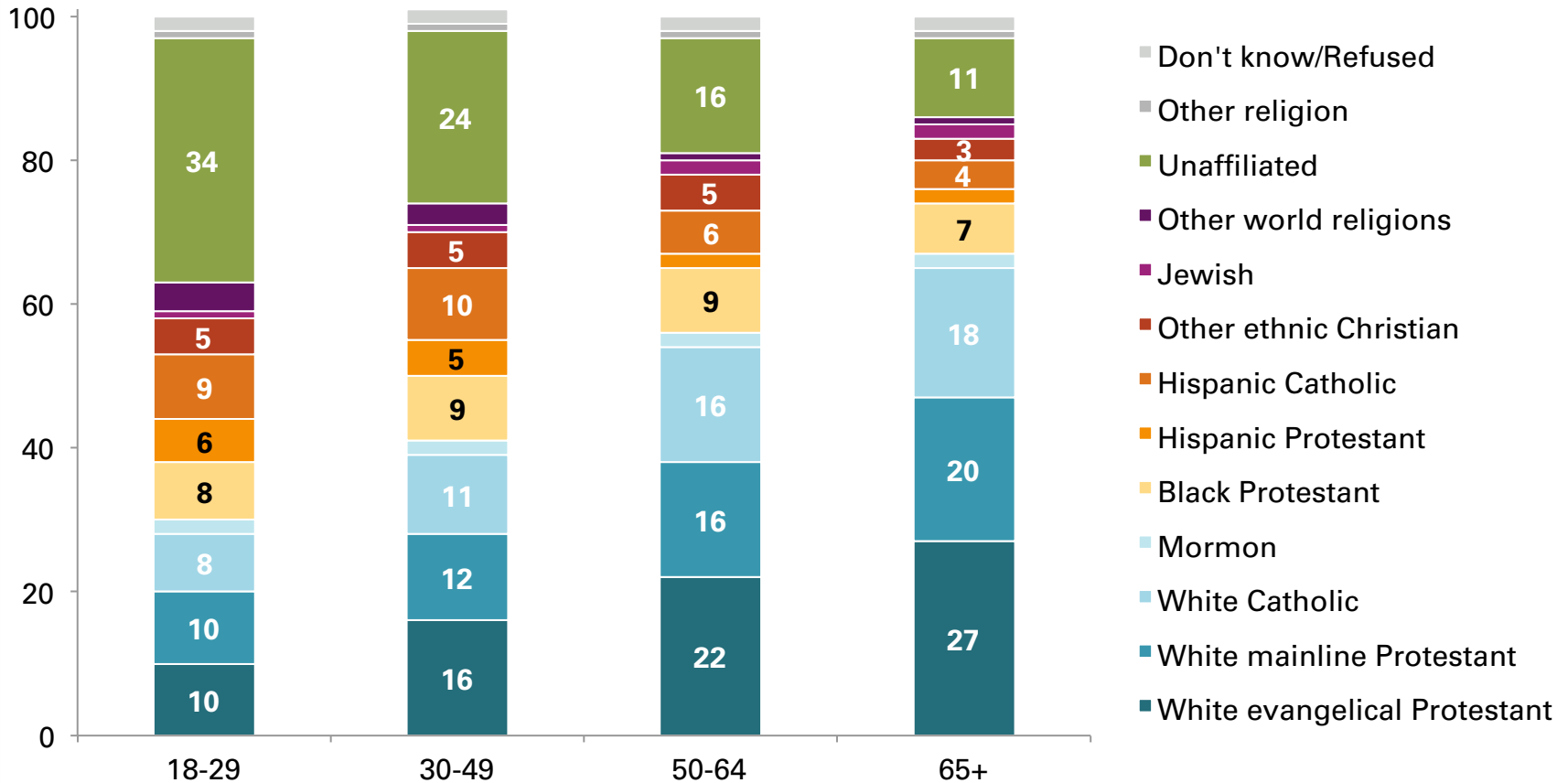


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Religious Affiliation by Age

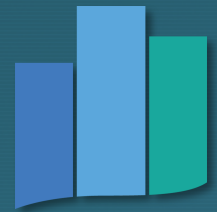


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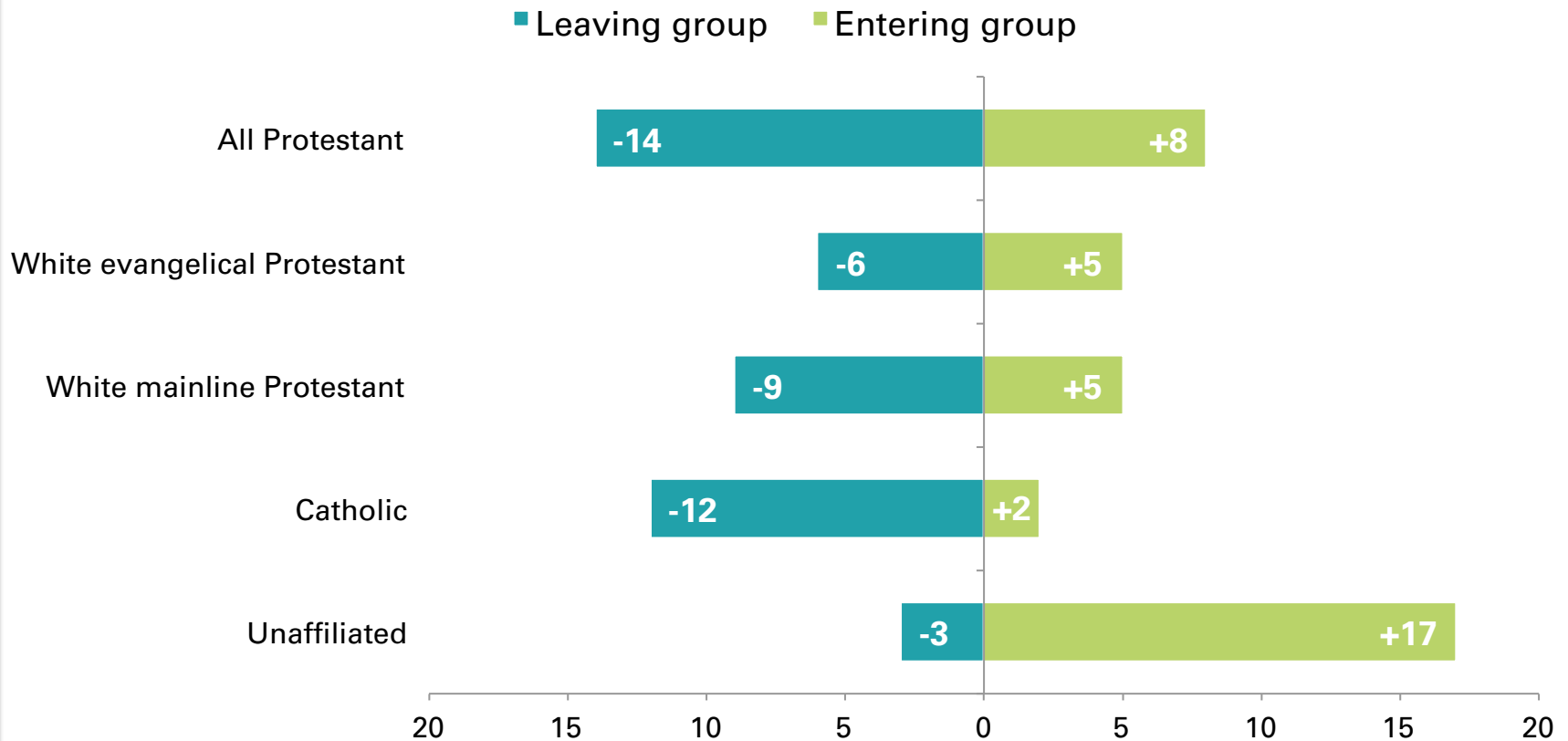


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Religious Switching in the U.S.



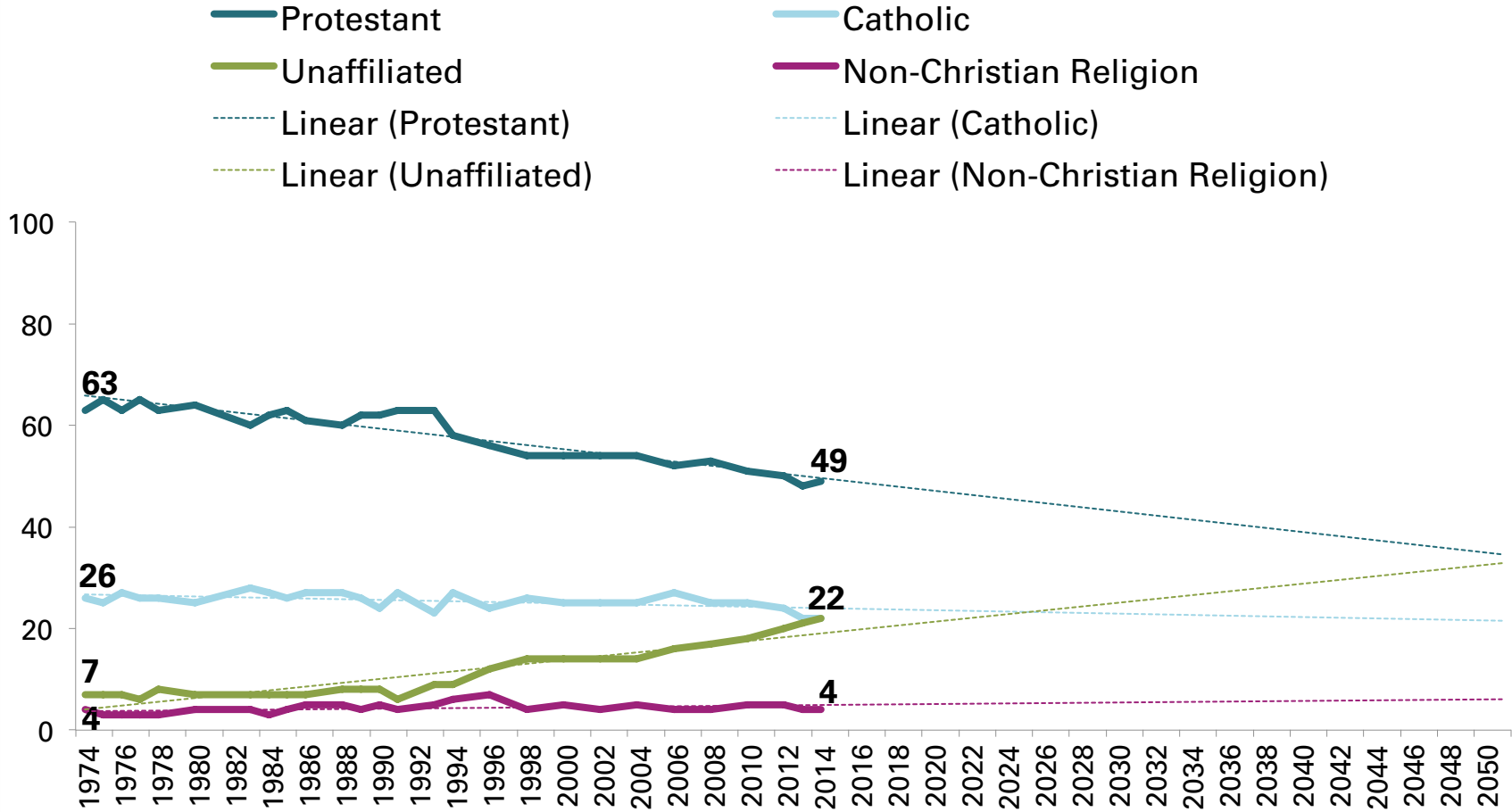
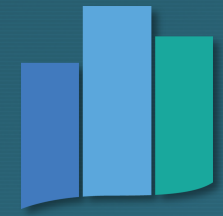
Percent leaving vs. entering each religious group between childhood and adulthood



Source: PRRI, LGBT Issues & Trends Survey, February 2014 .

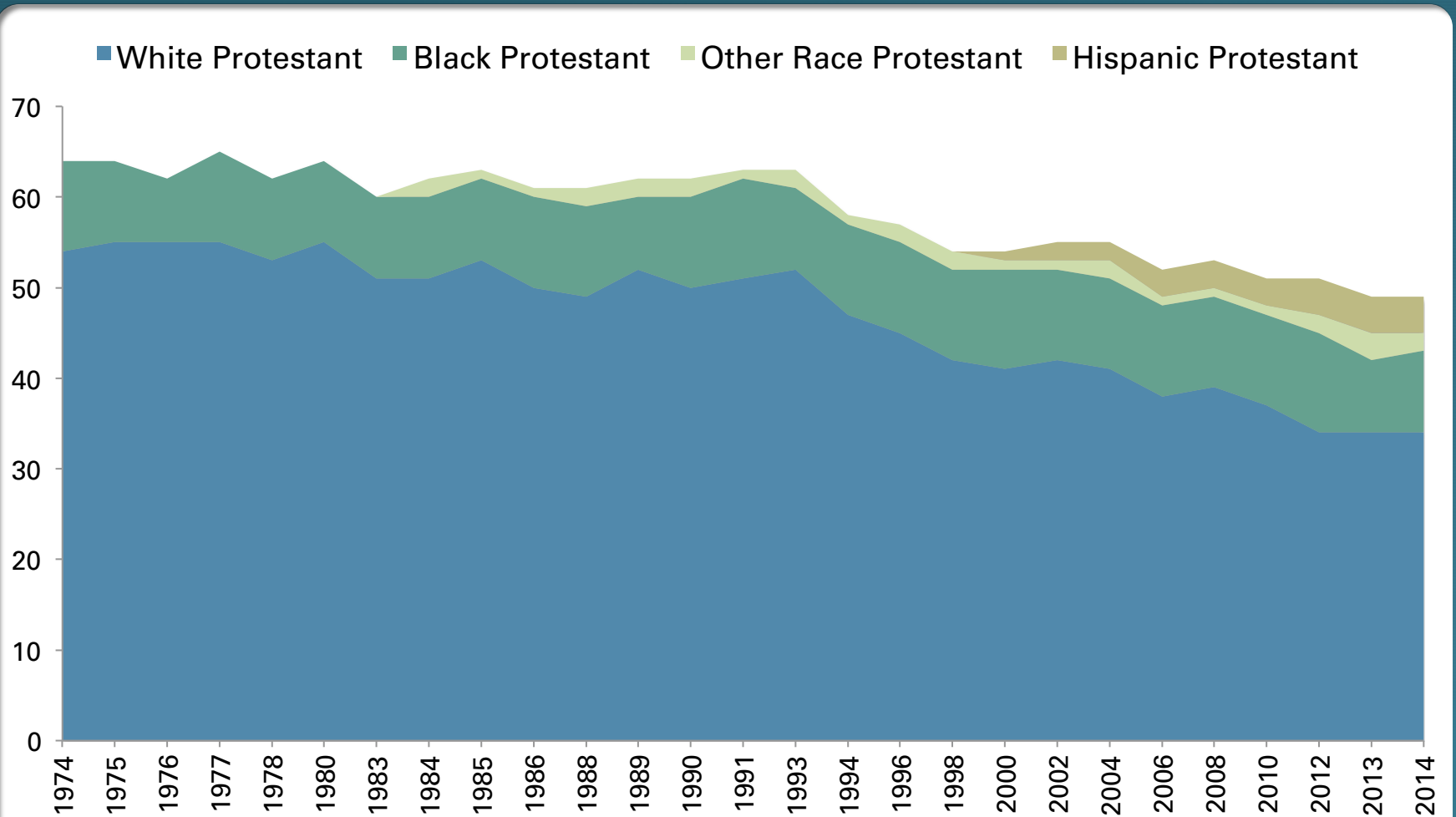
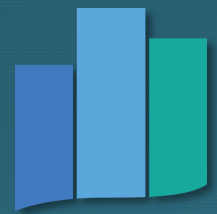
TRENDS RESHAPING THE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE

Religious Affiliation in the U.S. 1974-2050



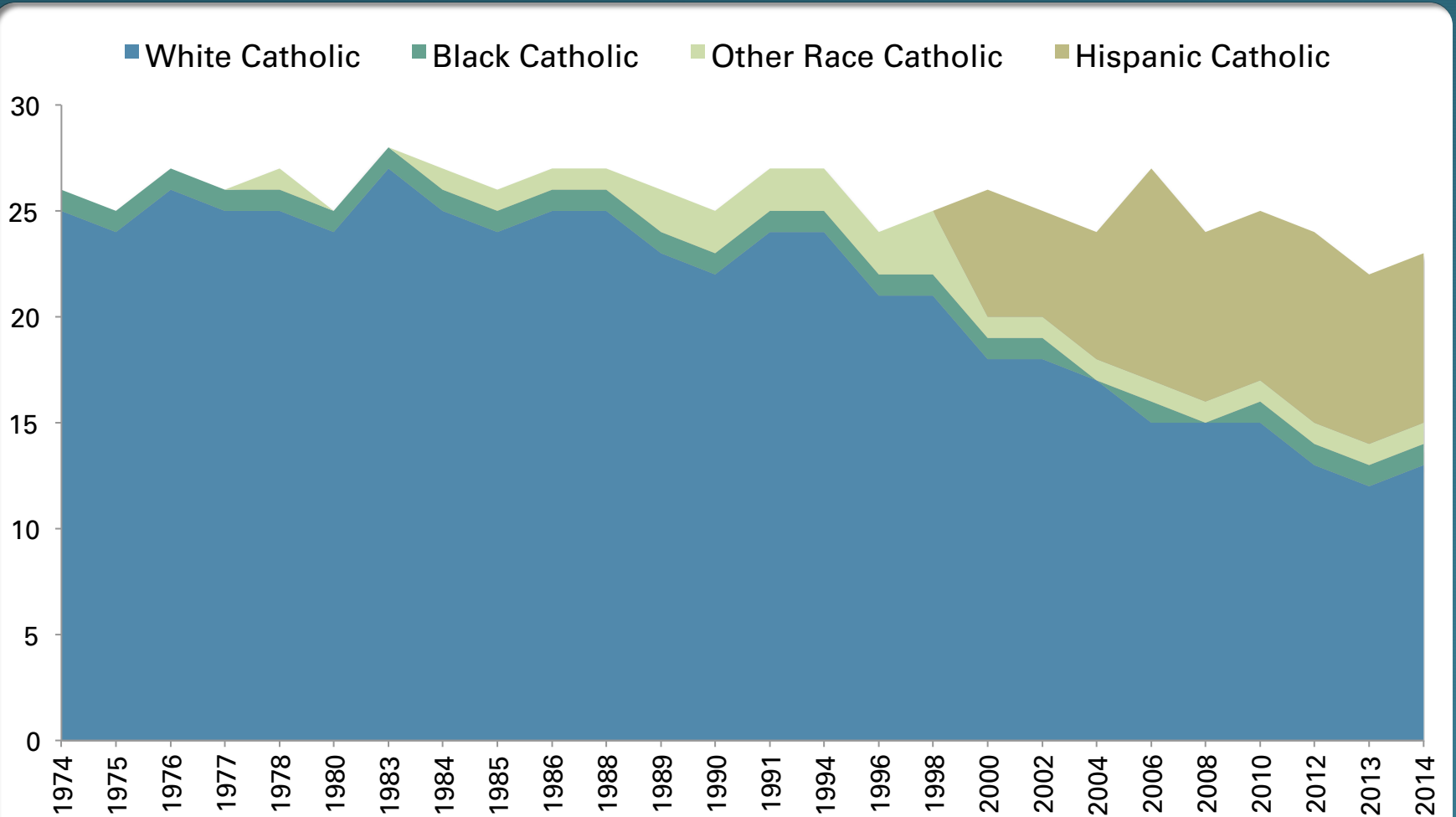
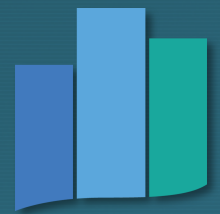
Sources: General Social Survey, 1974-2012; PRRI, American Values Atlas, 2013 and 2014.

Racial/Ethnic Composition of Protestants 1974-2014



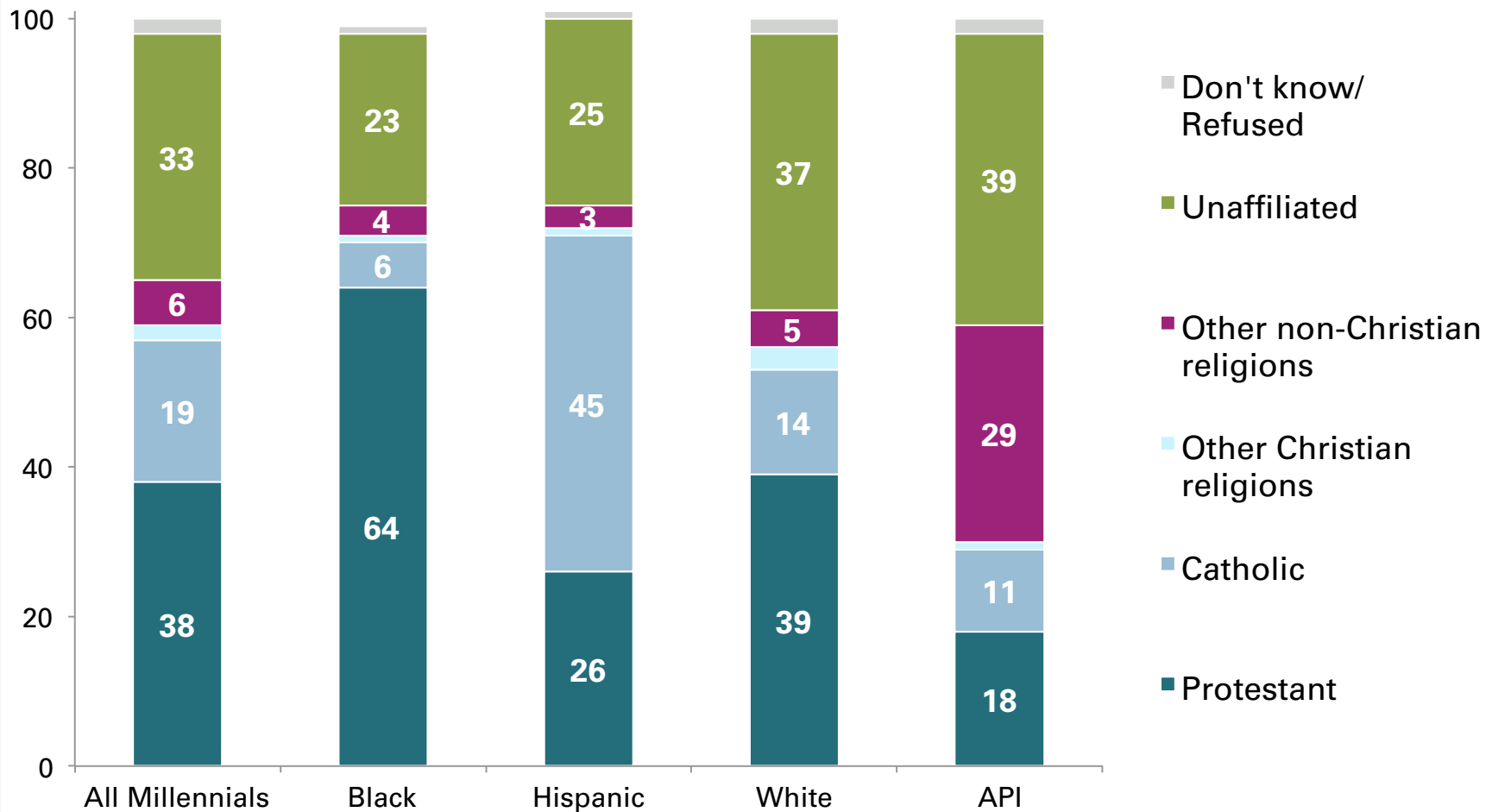
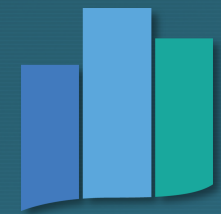
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Racial/Ethnic Composition of Catholics 1974-2014



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Religious Affiliation Among Millennials by Race/Ethnicity



Source: PRRI, American Values Atlas, 2014.

A NEW INTERRELIGIOUS AMERICA

Individuals

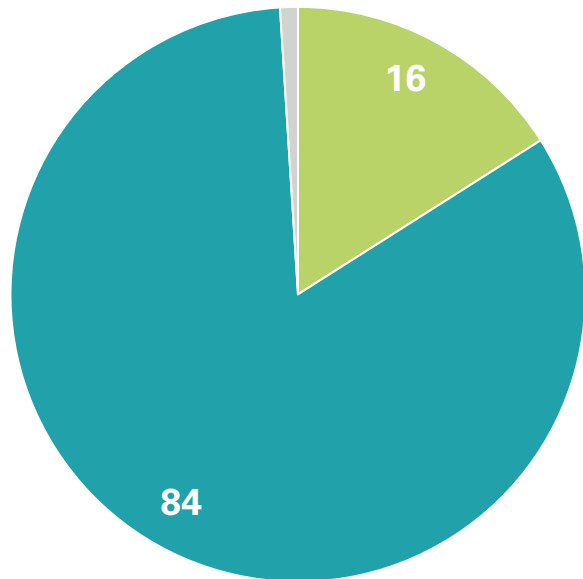
Families

Core Social Networks

Multi-Religious People and Interreligious Families

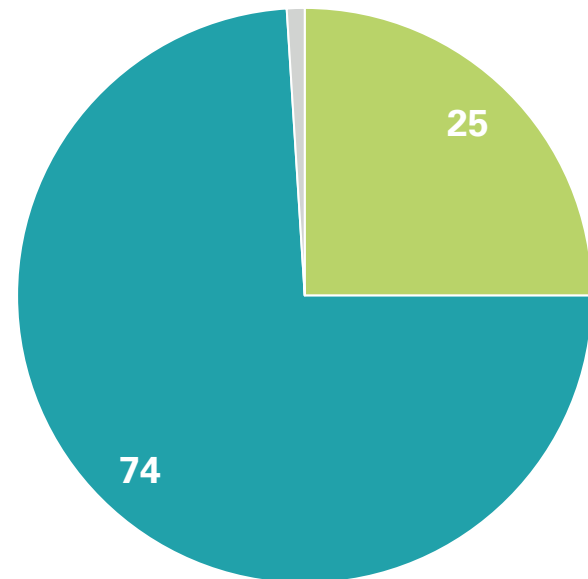
Do you follow the teachings or practices of more than one religion?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused



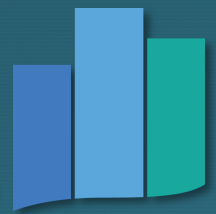
Is your current spouse's religious background different from your own?

■ Yes ■ No ■ Don't know/Refused

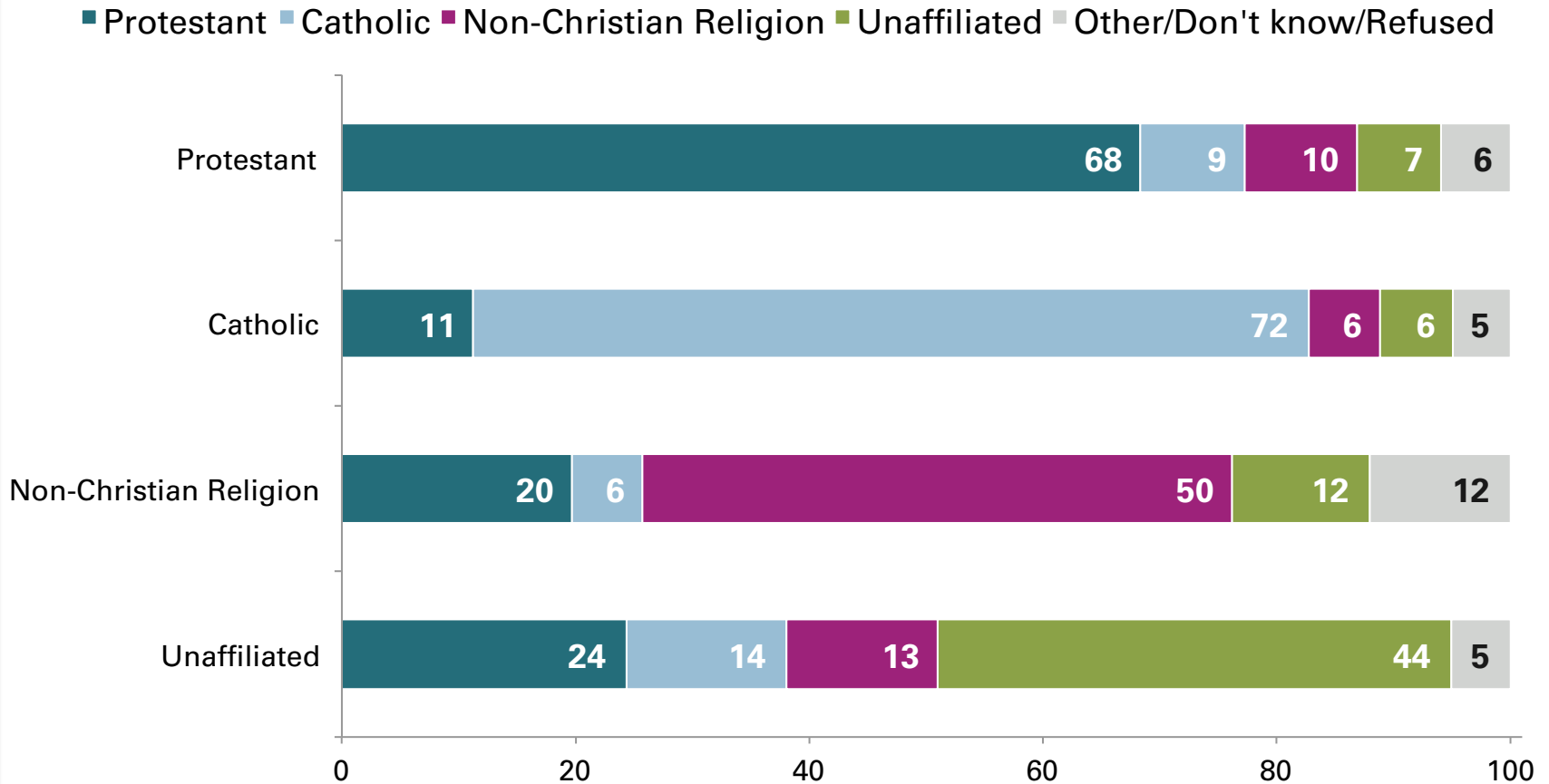


Source: PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2013.

Interreligious Interaction: Religious Composition of Close Friendship Circles



Religious composition of core social networks by religious affiliation



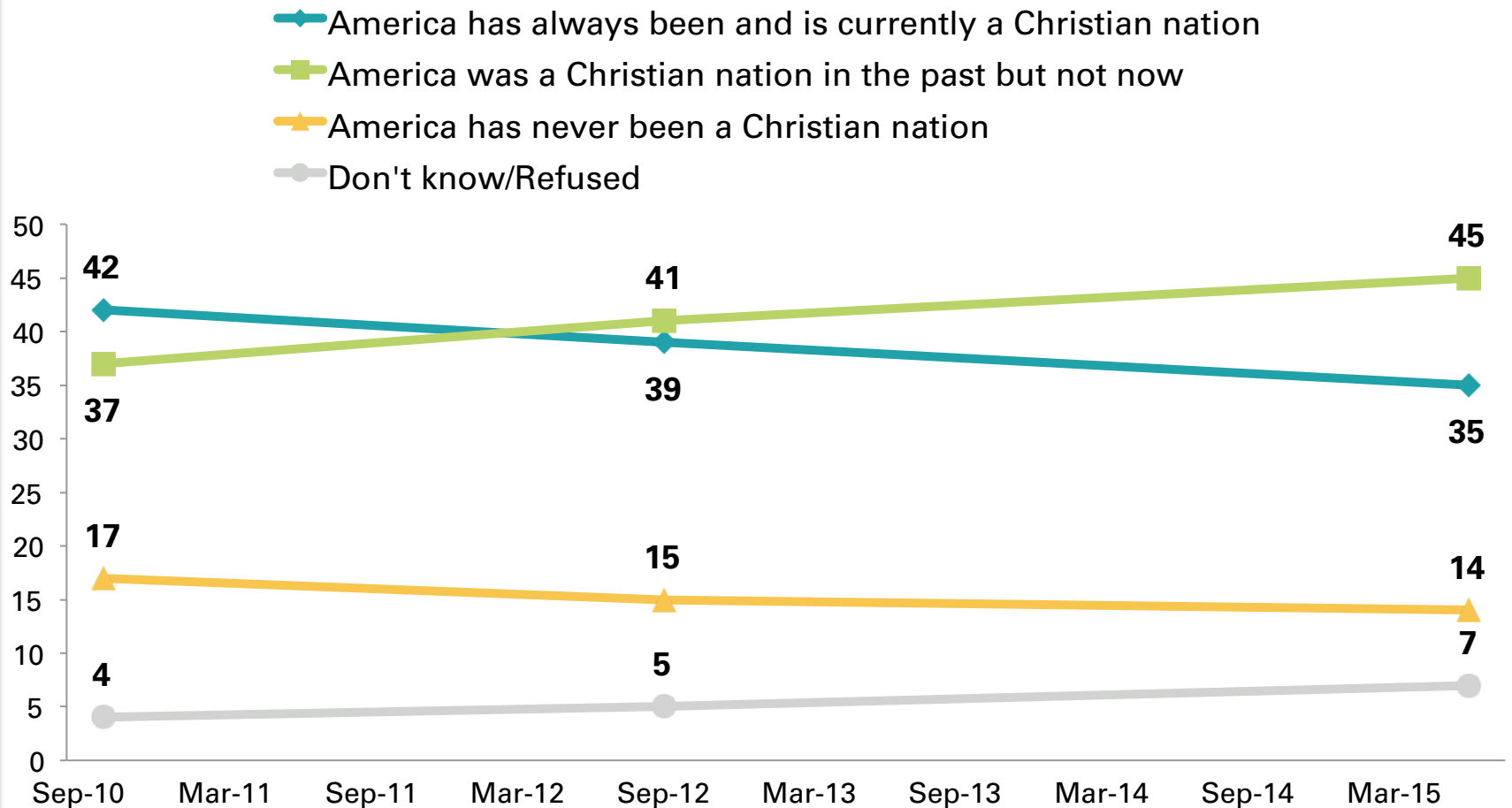
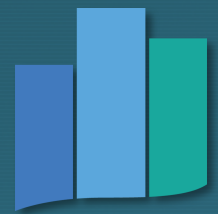
Source: PRRI, American Values Survey, October 2013.

A photograph of a paved road that splits into two paths, leading into a vast, flat, grassy landscape under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The road has a yellow center line and white edge lines. The text is overlaid on the road.

THE ROAD AHEAD

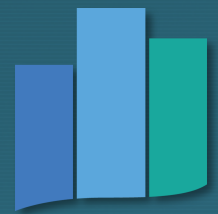
Changing Conceptions of
What it Means to Be an American

Trend: Perception of America as a Christian Nation



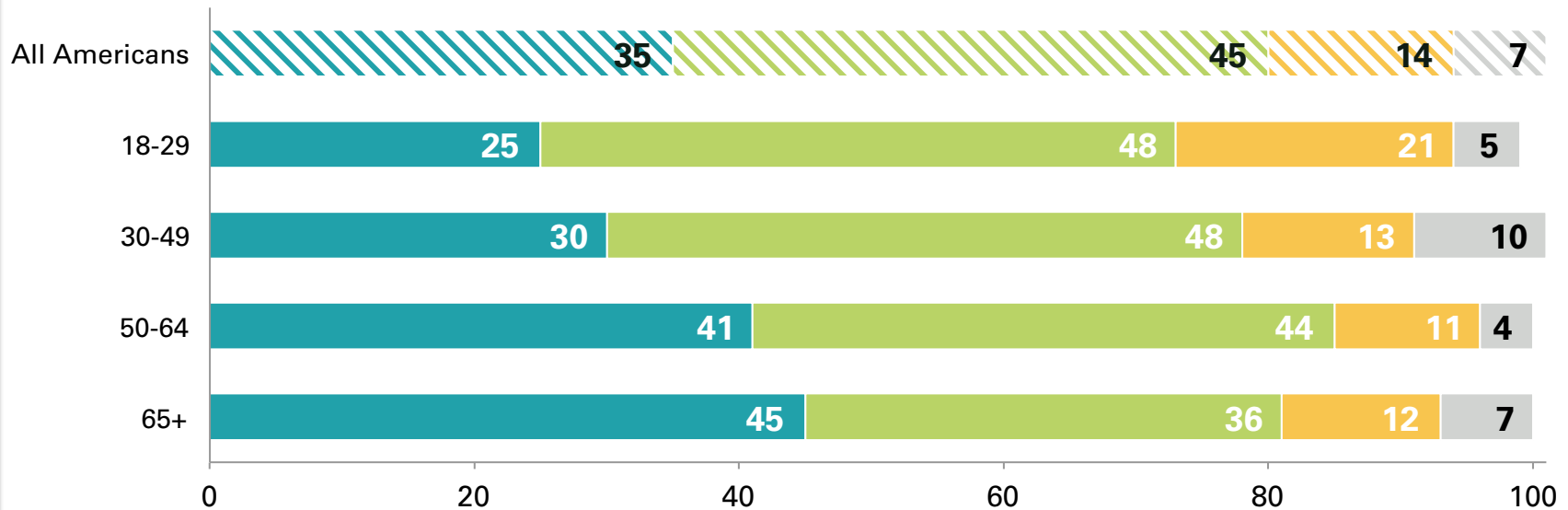
Sources: PRRI, American Values Survey, Oct. 2010; PRRI, Race, Class & Culture Survey, Sept. 2012; PRRI/RNS, Religion News Survey, June 2015.

Perception of America as a Christian Nation by Age



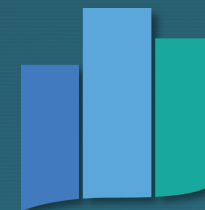
Perception of America as a Christian Nation By age

- America has always been and is currently a Christian nation
- America was a Christian nation in the past but not now
- America has never been a Christian nation
- Don't know/Refused

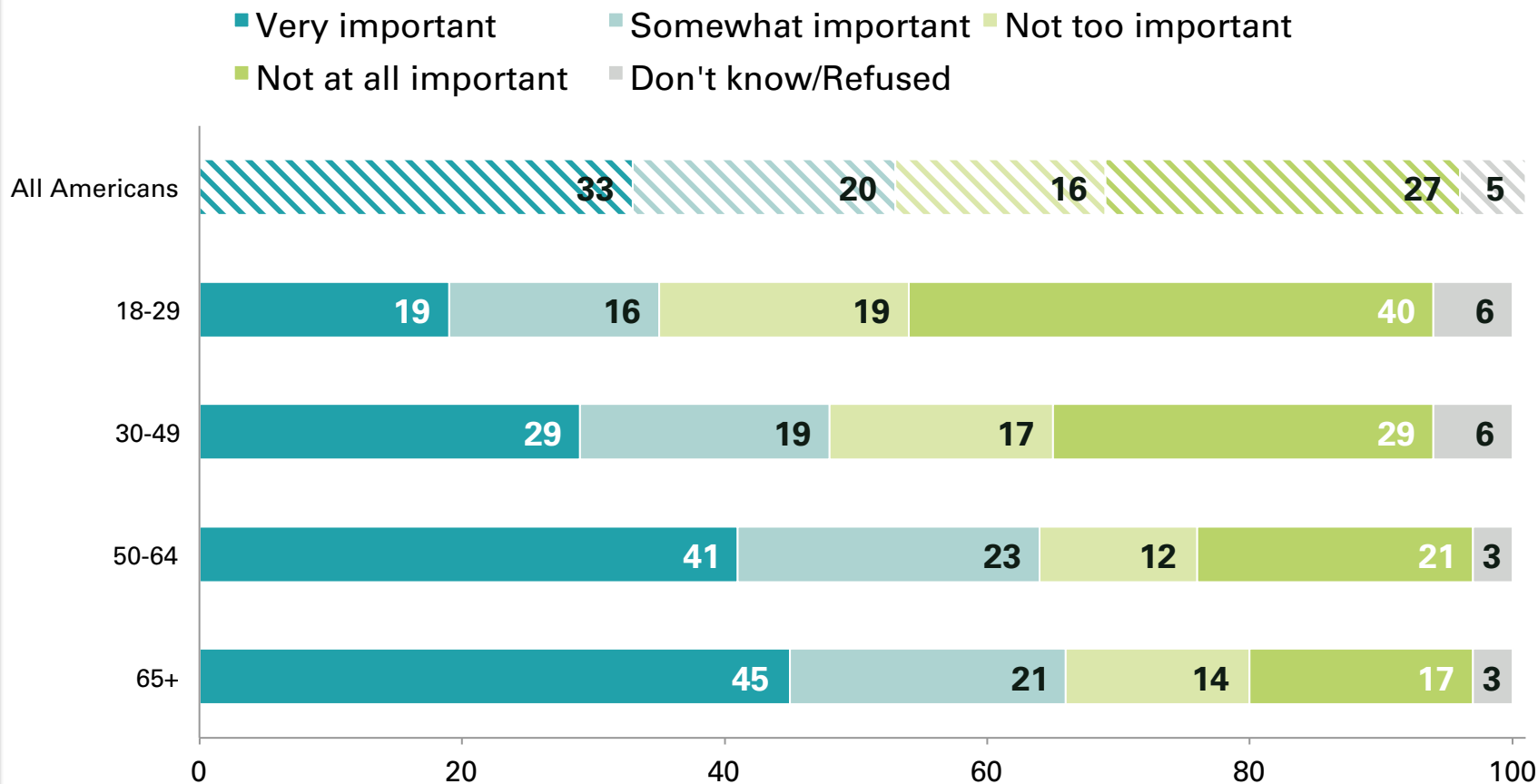


Source: PRRI/RNS, Religion New Survey, June 2015.

How important do you think being a Christian is for being truly American?

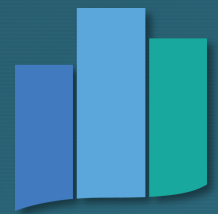


By age



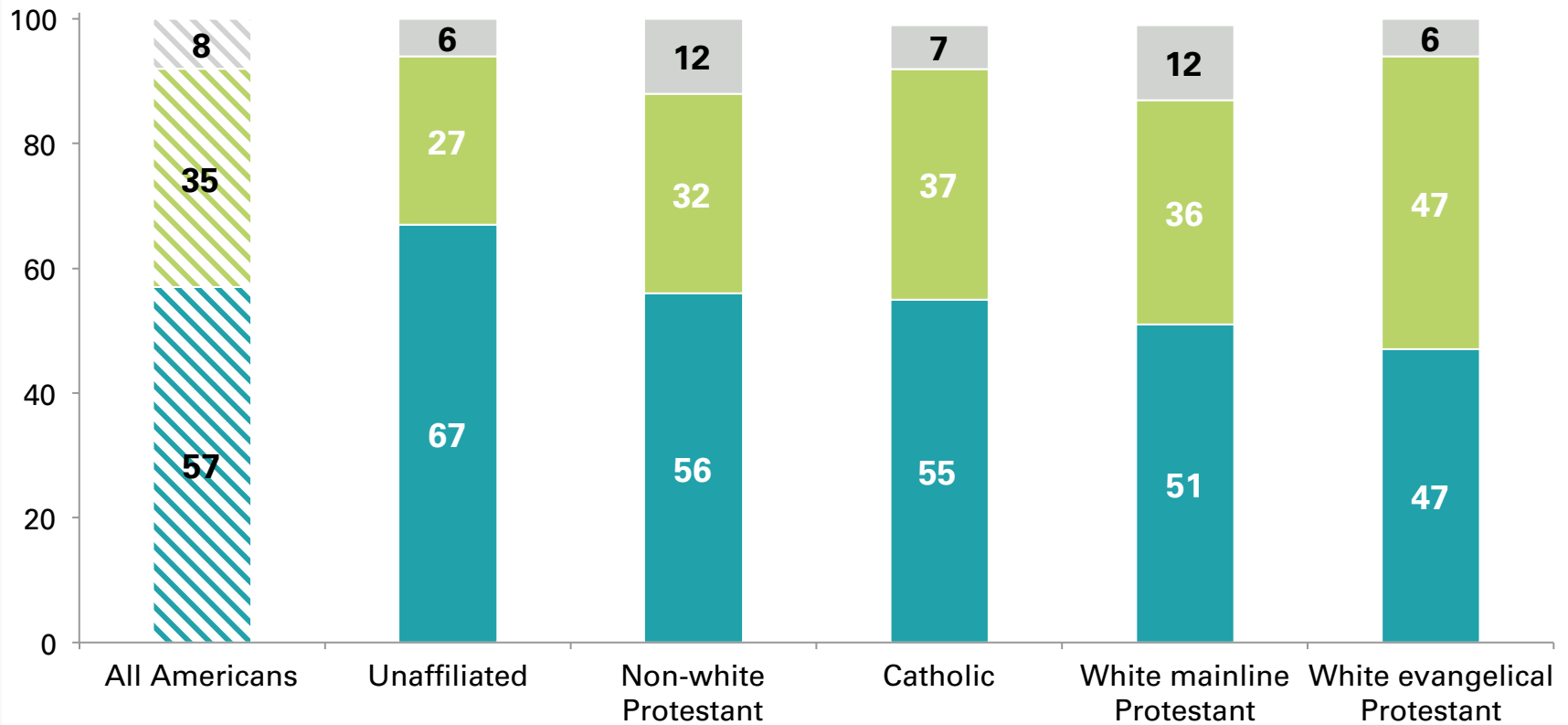
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American Muslims are an important part of the religious community in the U.S.



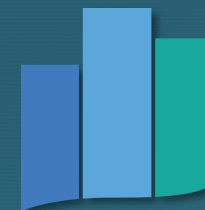
By religious affiliation

■ Agree ■ Disagree ■ Don't know/Refused

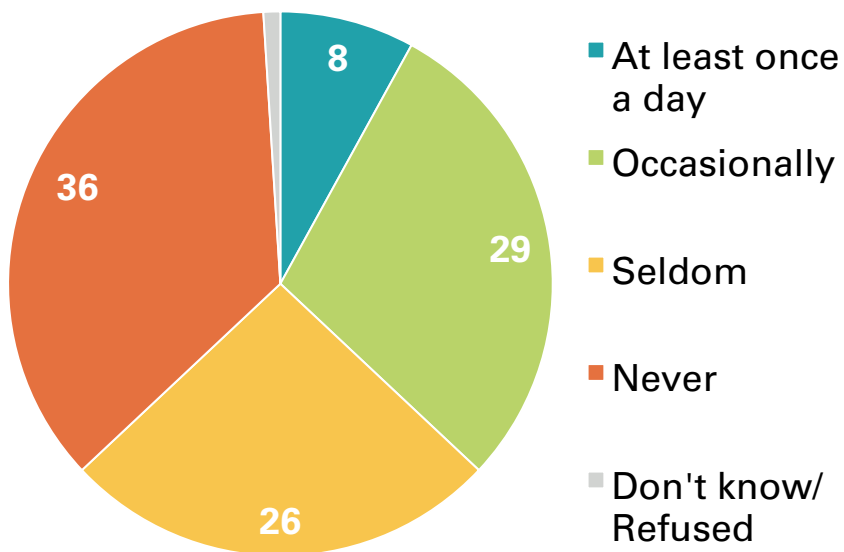


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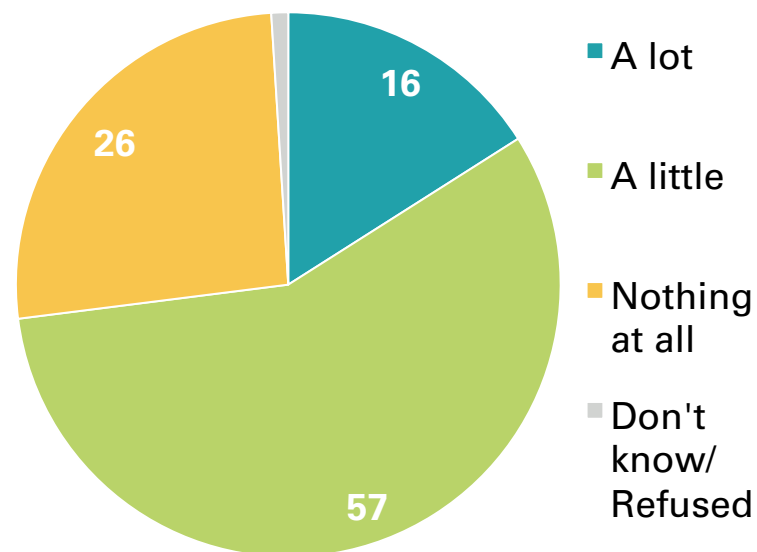
Most Americans have Limited Interaction with and Knowledge about Muslims



In the past 12 months, how often have you had a conversation with someone who, as far as you know, is Muslim?

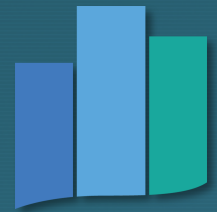


How much do you know about the religious beliefs and practices of Muslims?

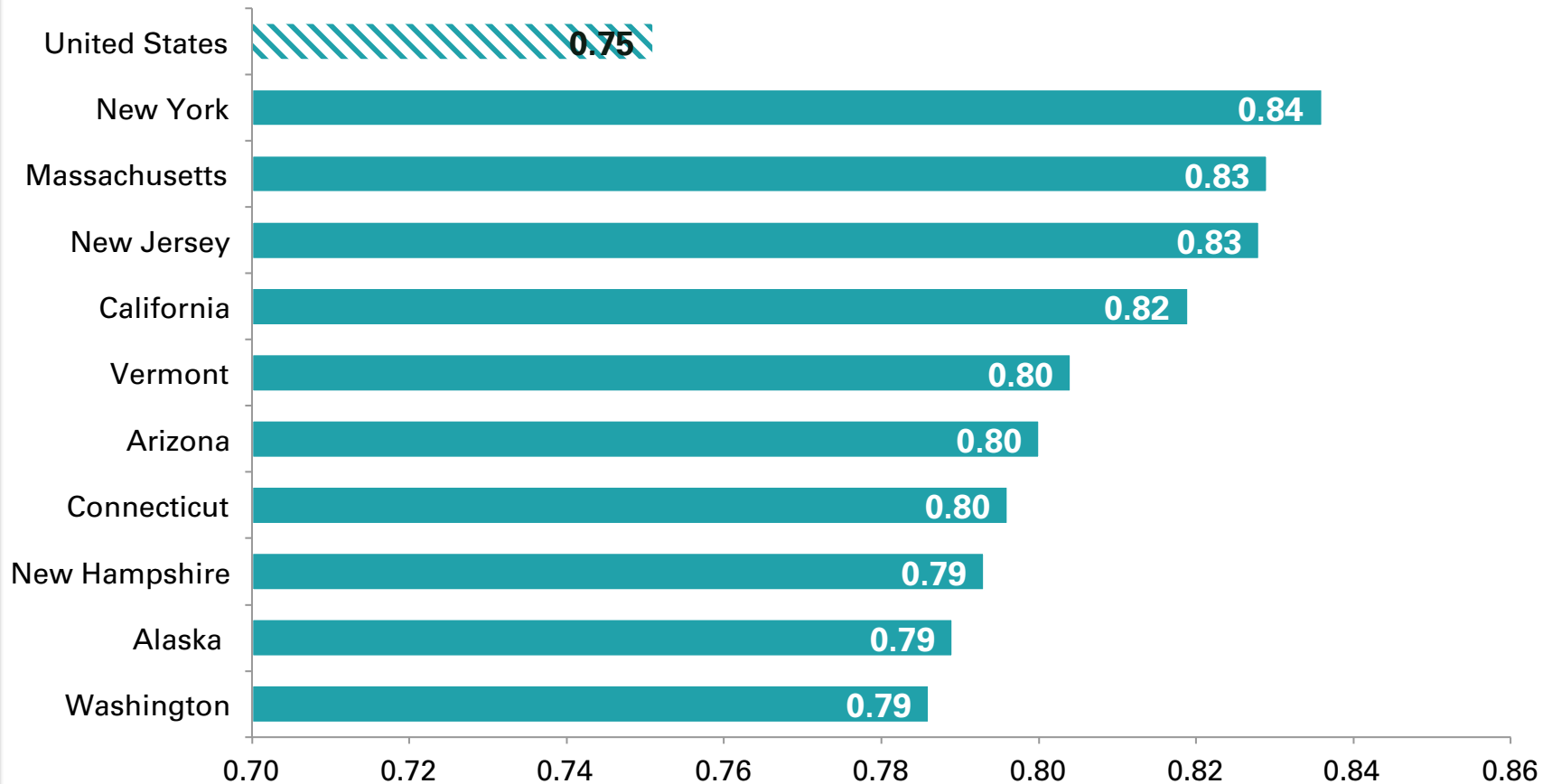


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The Most Religiously Diverse States in America



Ten states with the highest scores on the Religious Diversity Index



Source: PRRI, American Values Atlas, 2014.

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A Fresh Look at Interreligious America

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