

Problem of Internet Pornography by John Bentley

**Freed-Hardeman University Lectureships in 2005.
Results of a survey conducted in 2004 with 4,210
completing and used in analysis.**

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A close-up photograph of a person wearing a white lab coat, focused on shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The person's hands are positioned to guide the wheel as it rotates, creating a smooth, cylindrical form. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the lab coat and the pottery wheel's base. The overall scene conveys a sense of precision and craftsmanship.

The Problem of Internet Pornography

Pornography

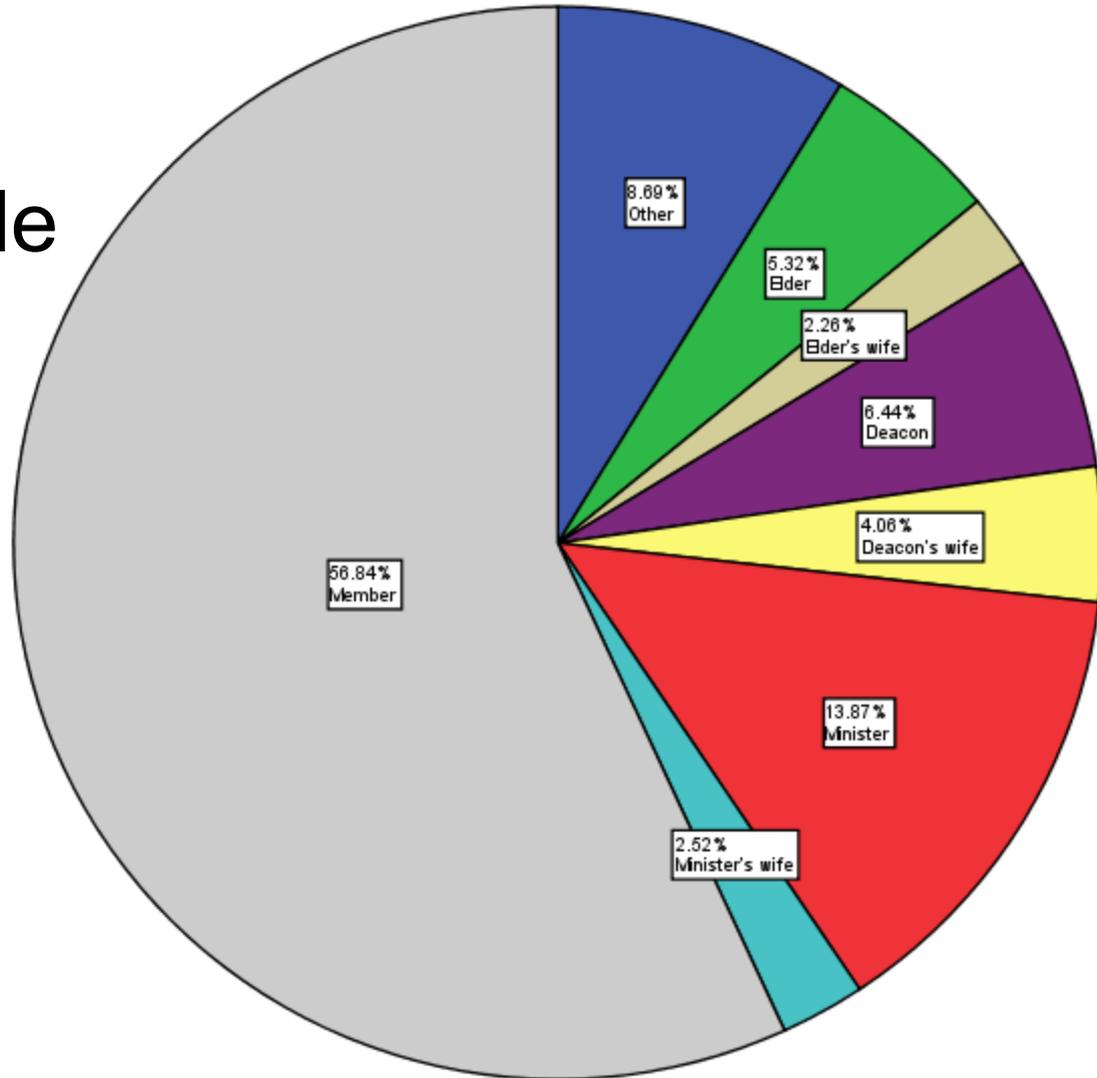
- It is estimated that pornography is a 13 Billion Dollar Industry
- Every day up to 30 million people log on to a pornographic web site
- The combined circulation of Playboy and Penthouse exceeds that of Time and Newsweek
- 60% of all web sites are pornographic
- The average age at which a male first sees a pornographic magazine is 11 years old

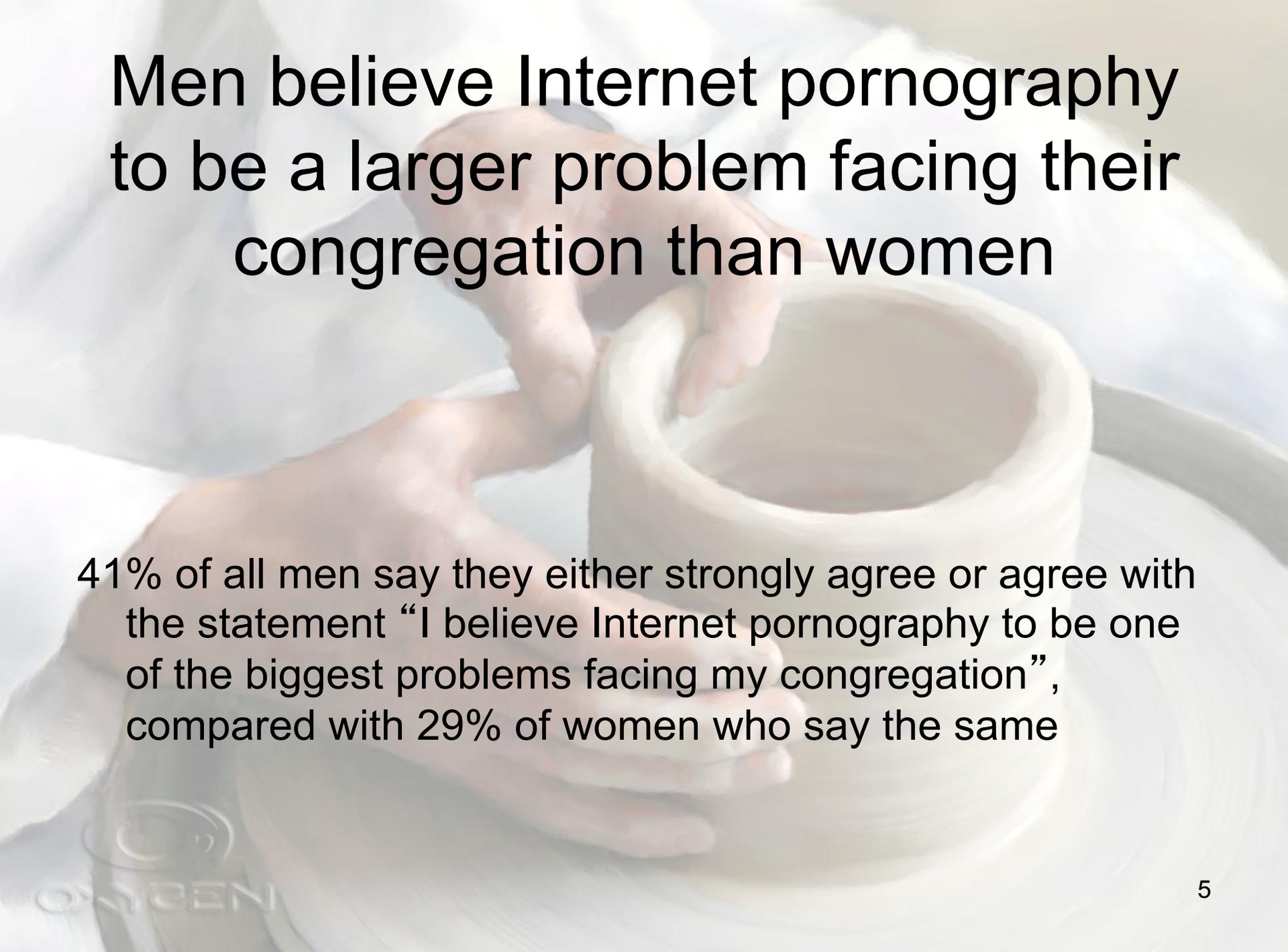
Survey

- Targeted email sent to members of the church of Christ
- Filtering survey (not asked all questions depending on answers)
- 6,444 Visits
- 924 Partials
- 4,365 Completes
- 99 indicated not members of church of Christ (removed)
- 56 indicated < 100% honest (removed)
- 4,210 Completed Surveys used in analysis

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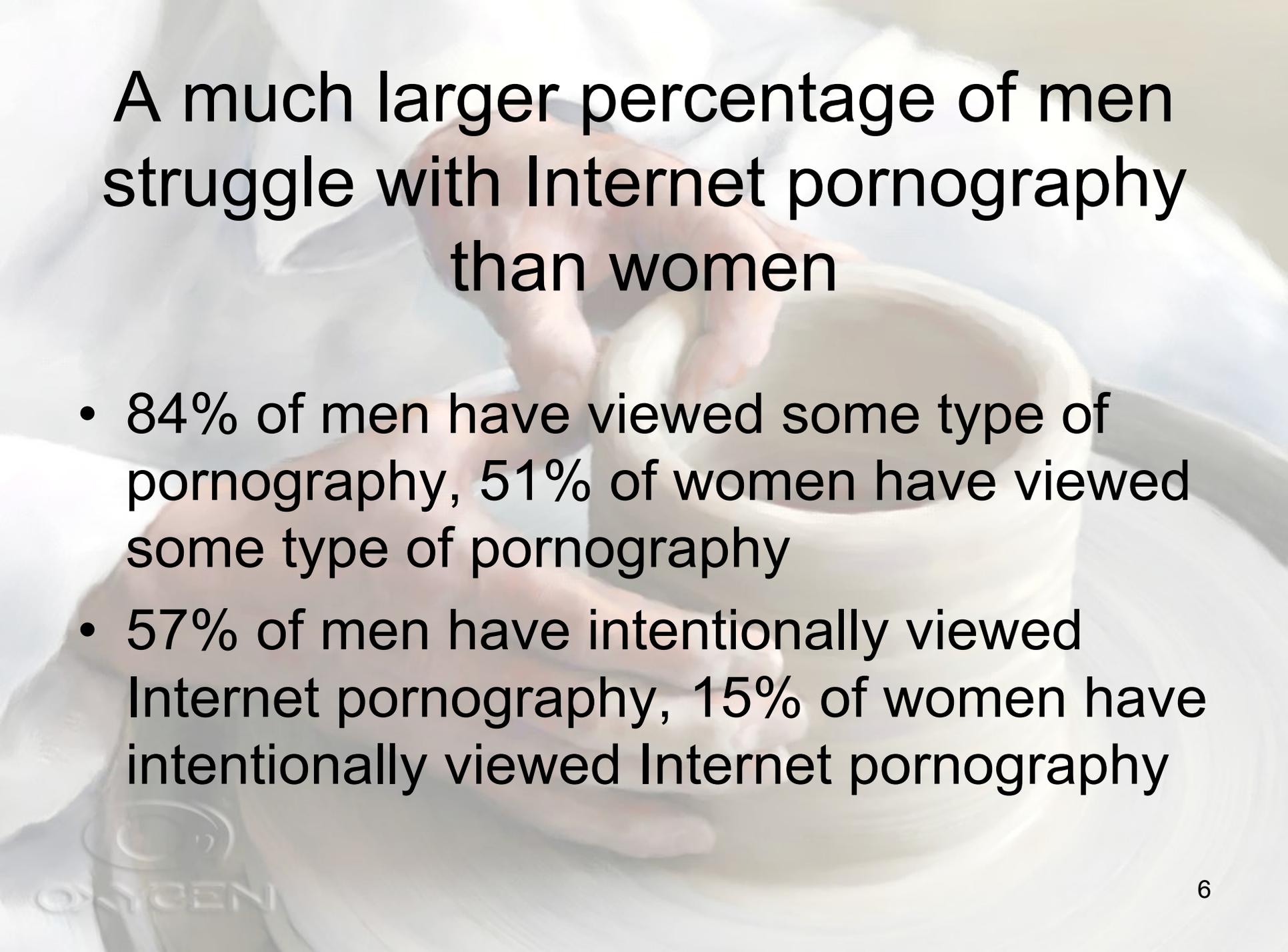
- 54% Male
- 46% Female



A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are positioned to guide the clay as it rotates. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white surface.

Men believe Internet pornography to be a larger problem facing their congregation than women

41% of all men say they either strongly agree or agree with the statement “I believe Internet pornography to be one of the biggest problems facing my congregation”, compared with 29% of women who say the same

A background image showing a person's hands holding a white ceramic bowl. The person is wearing a white shirt. The bowl is white and has a small logo on it. The text is overlaid on this image.

A much larger percentage of men struggle with Internet pornography than women

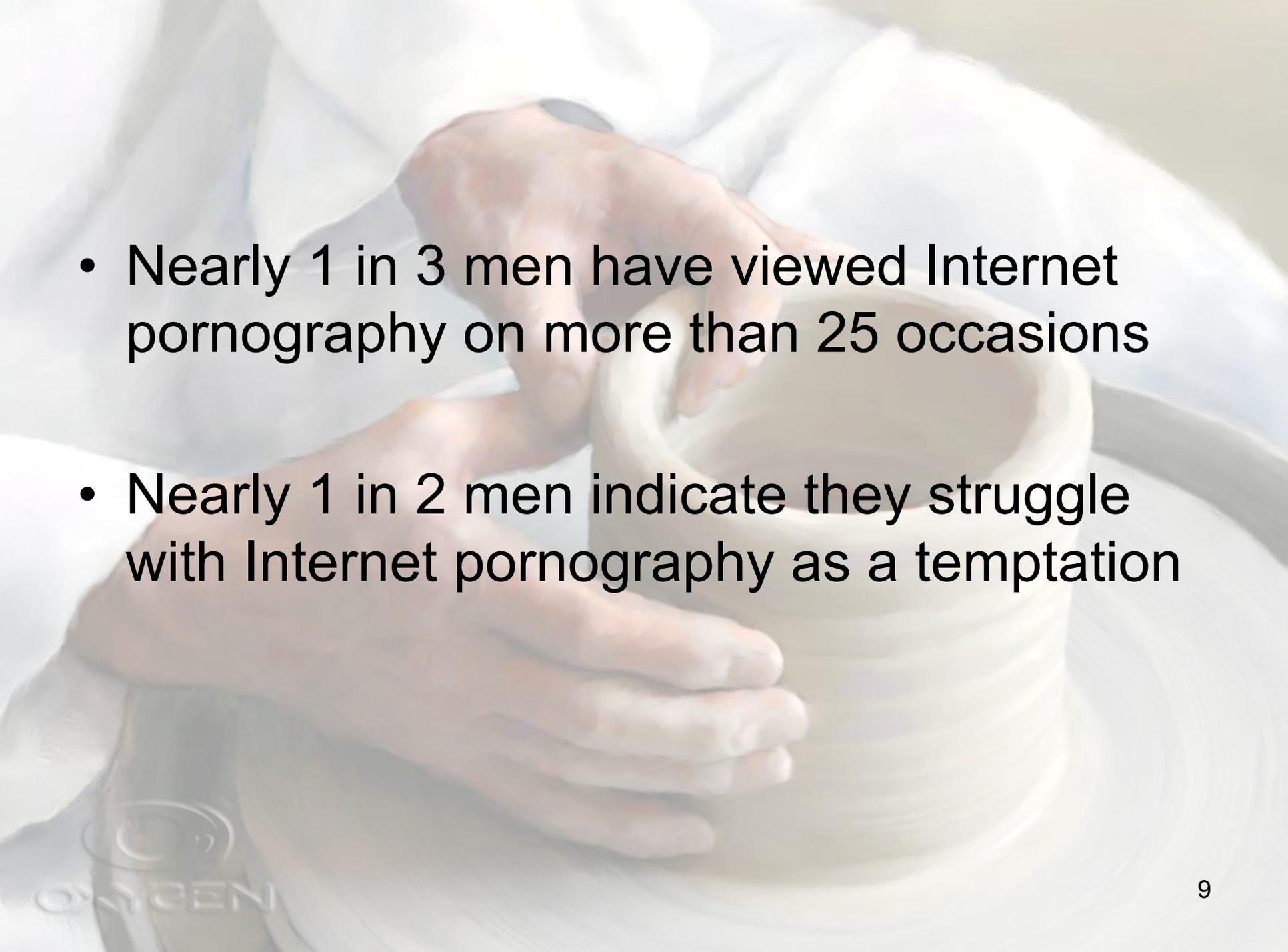
- 84% of men have viewed some type of pornography, 51% of women have viewed some type of pornography
- 57% of men have intentionally viewed Internet pornography, 15% of women have intentionally viewed Internet pornography

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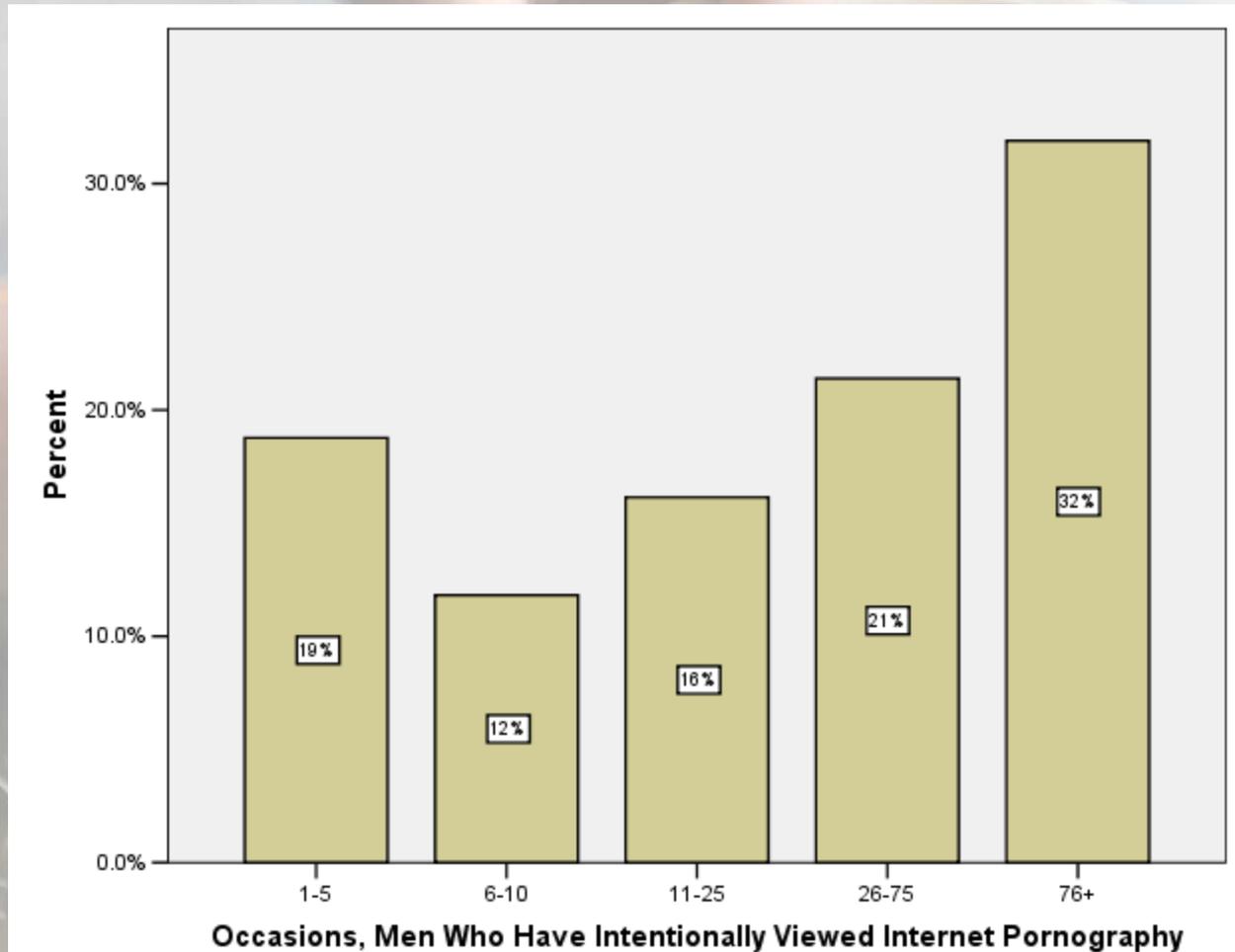
- 45% of all men say they either strongly agree or agree with the statement “I have struggled with Internet pornography as a temptation” while only 6% of all women say this
- 30% of all men have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions; only 2% of all women have done the same

Among men, elders (older men) struggle the least with Internet pornography as a temptation

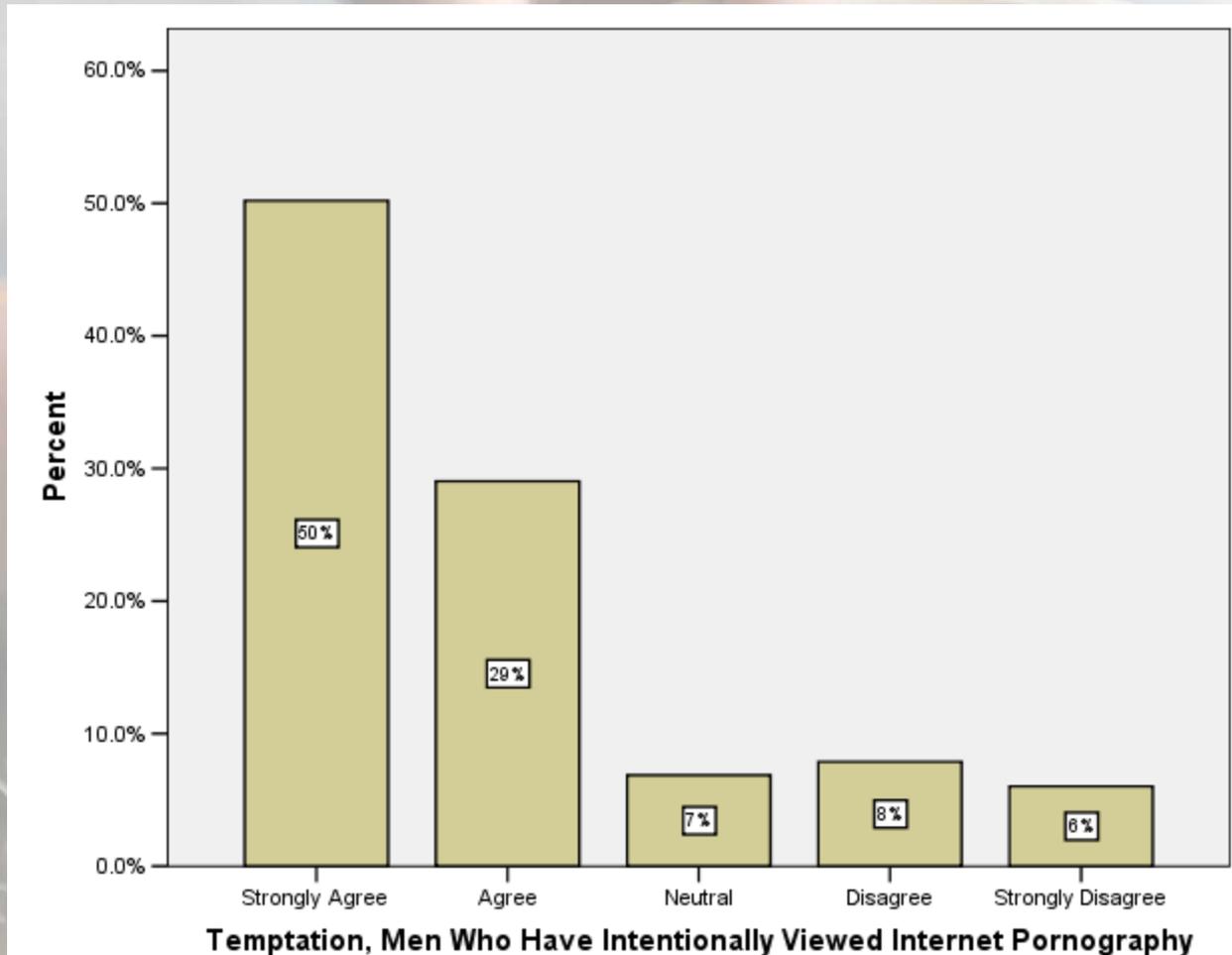
Role	Temptation, strongly agree or agree	25+ Occasions
Deacons' Wives	2%	1%
Elders' Wives	3%	1%
Ministers' Wives	4%	2%
Female, Other (role)	5%	2%
Female Members	7%	2%
Women	6%	2%
Elders	19%	9%
Male, Other (role)	39%	24%
Ministers	43%	26%
Deacons	46%	28%
Male Members	53%	39%
Men	45%	30%

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- A close-up photograph of a person's hands shaping a piece of light-colored clay on a pottery wheel. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is slightly blurred, giving it a soft, artistic feel.
- Nearly 1 in 3 men have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions
 - Nearly 1 in 2 men indicate they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation

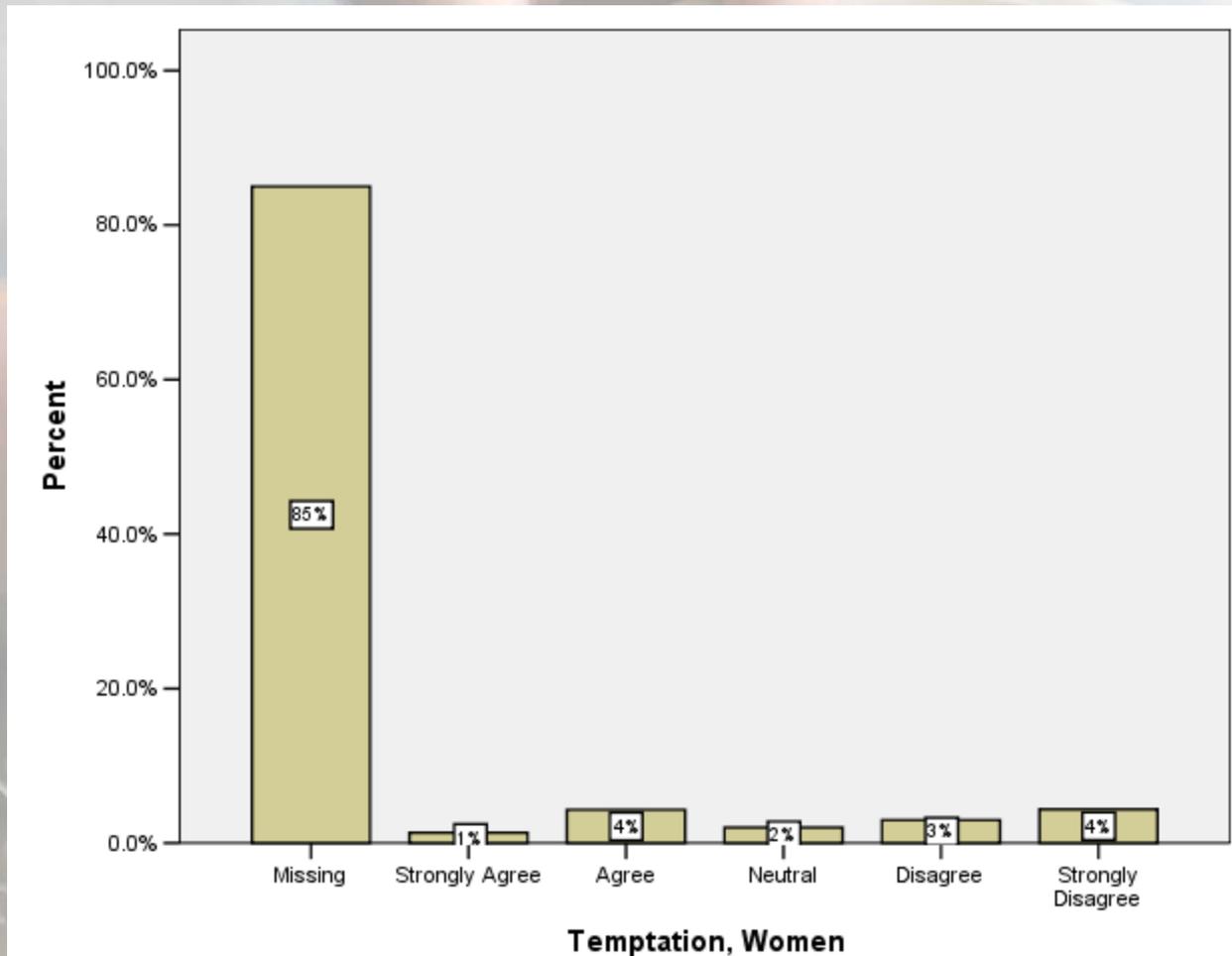
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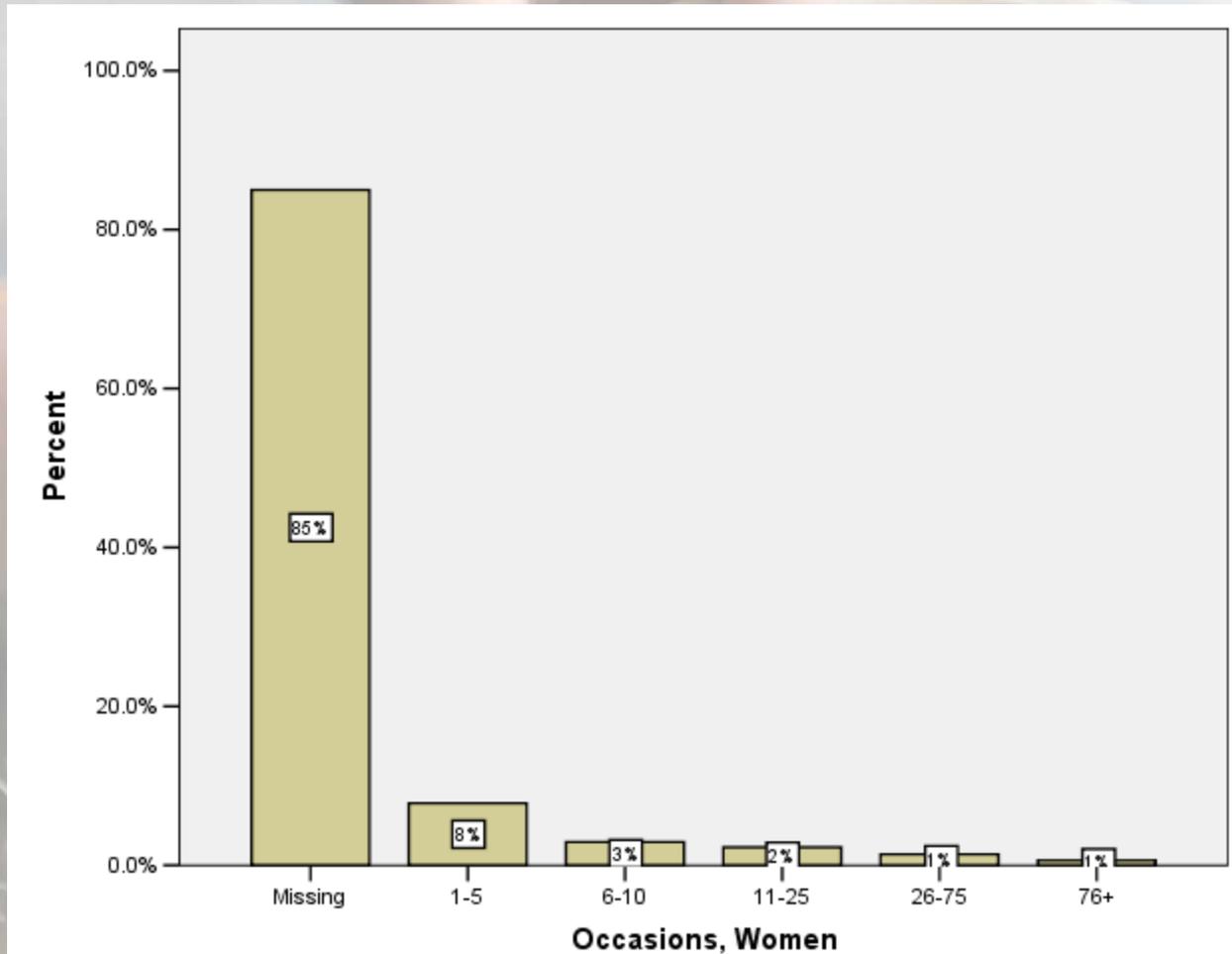
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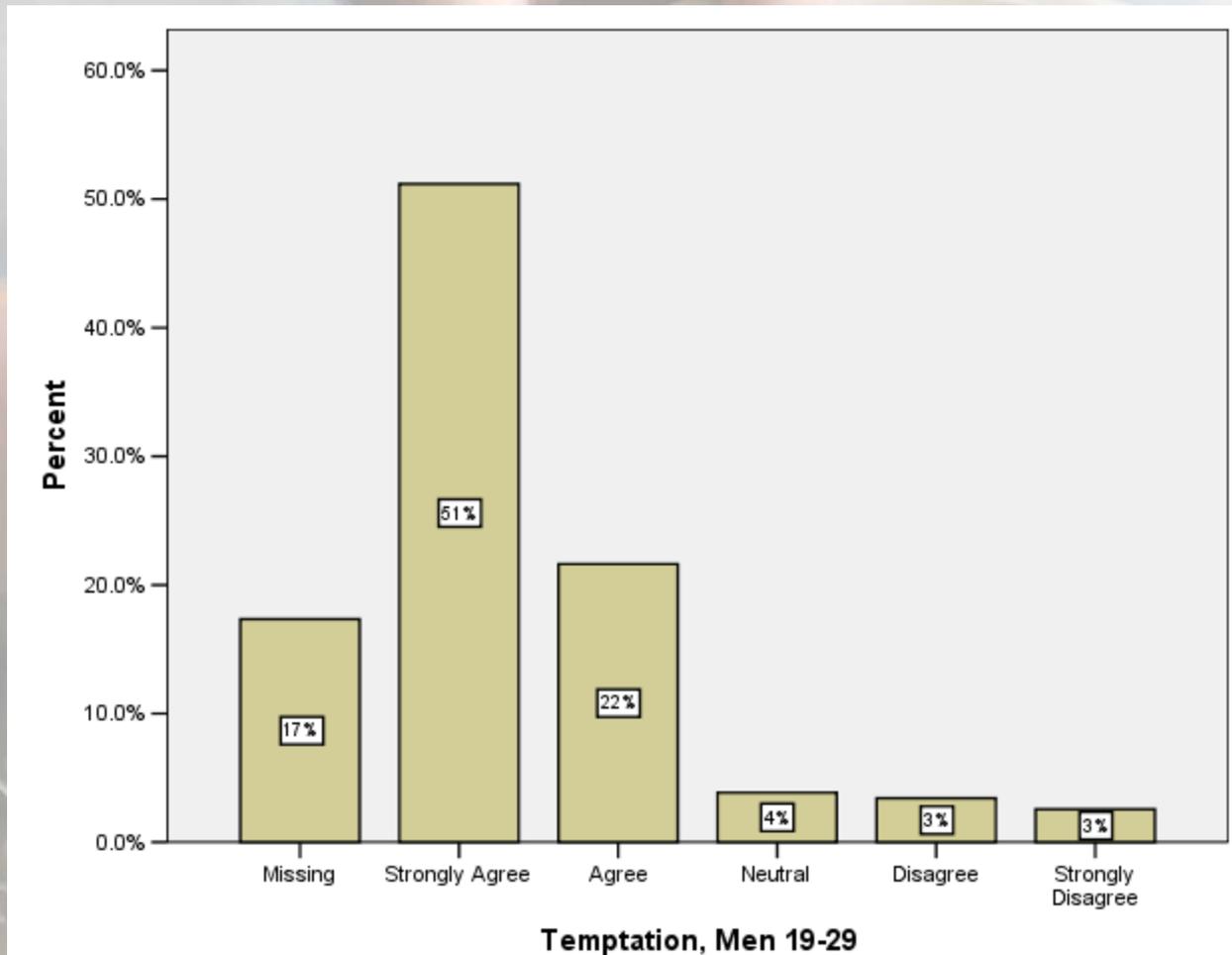
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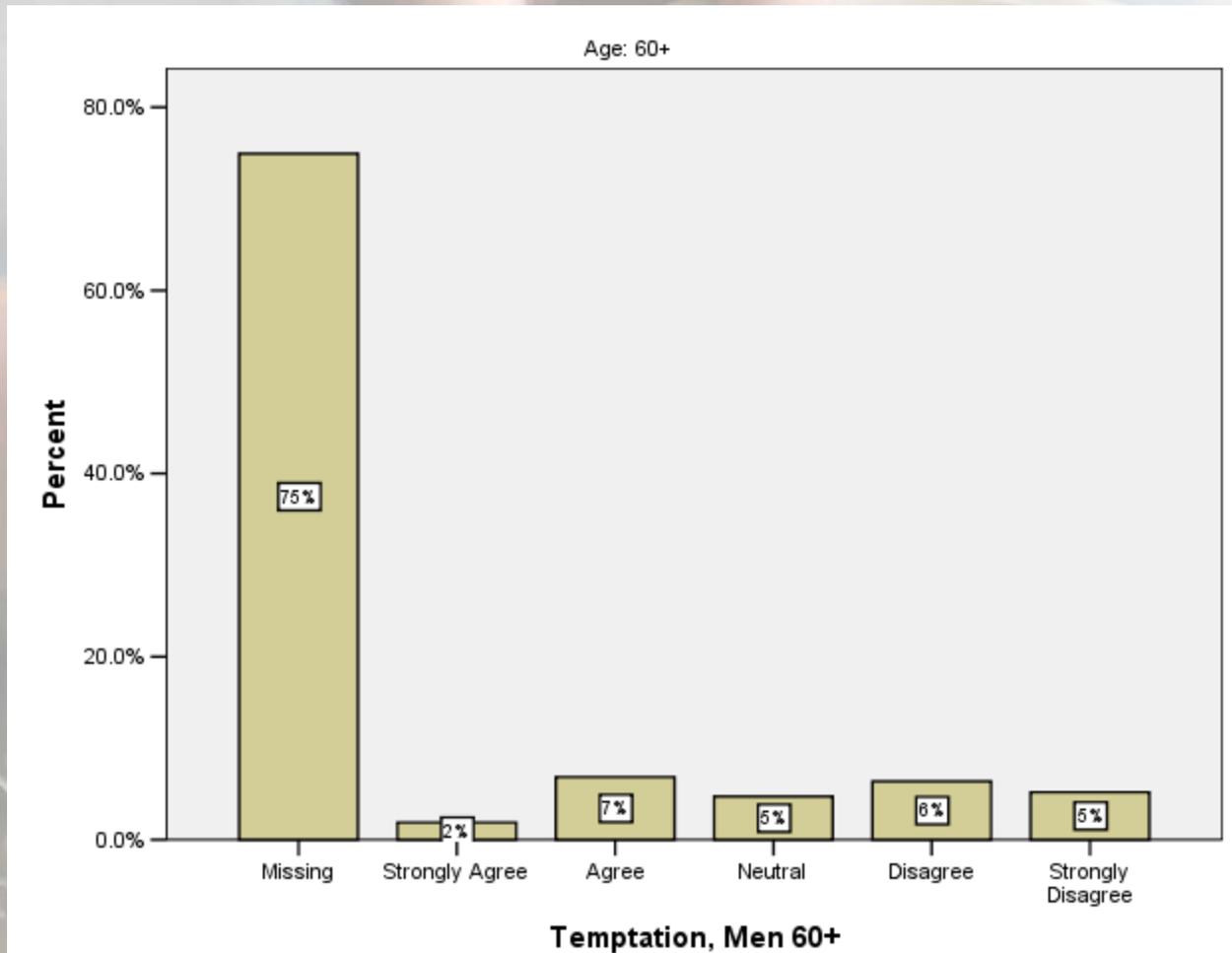
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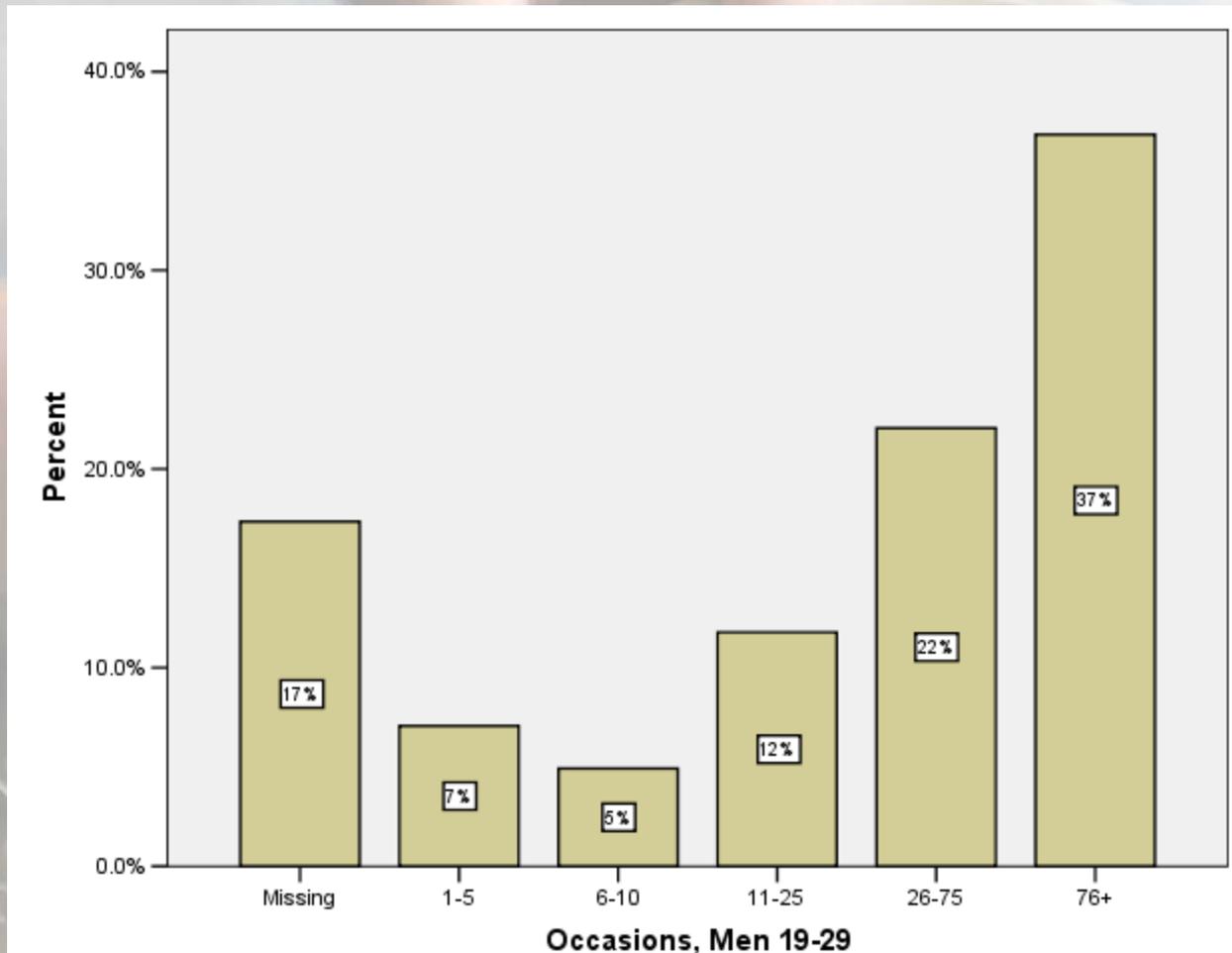
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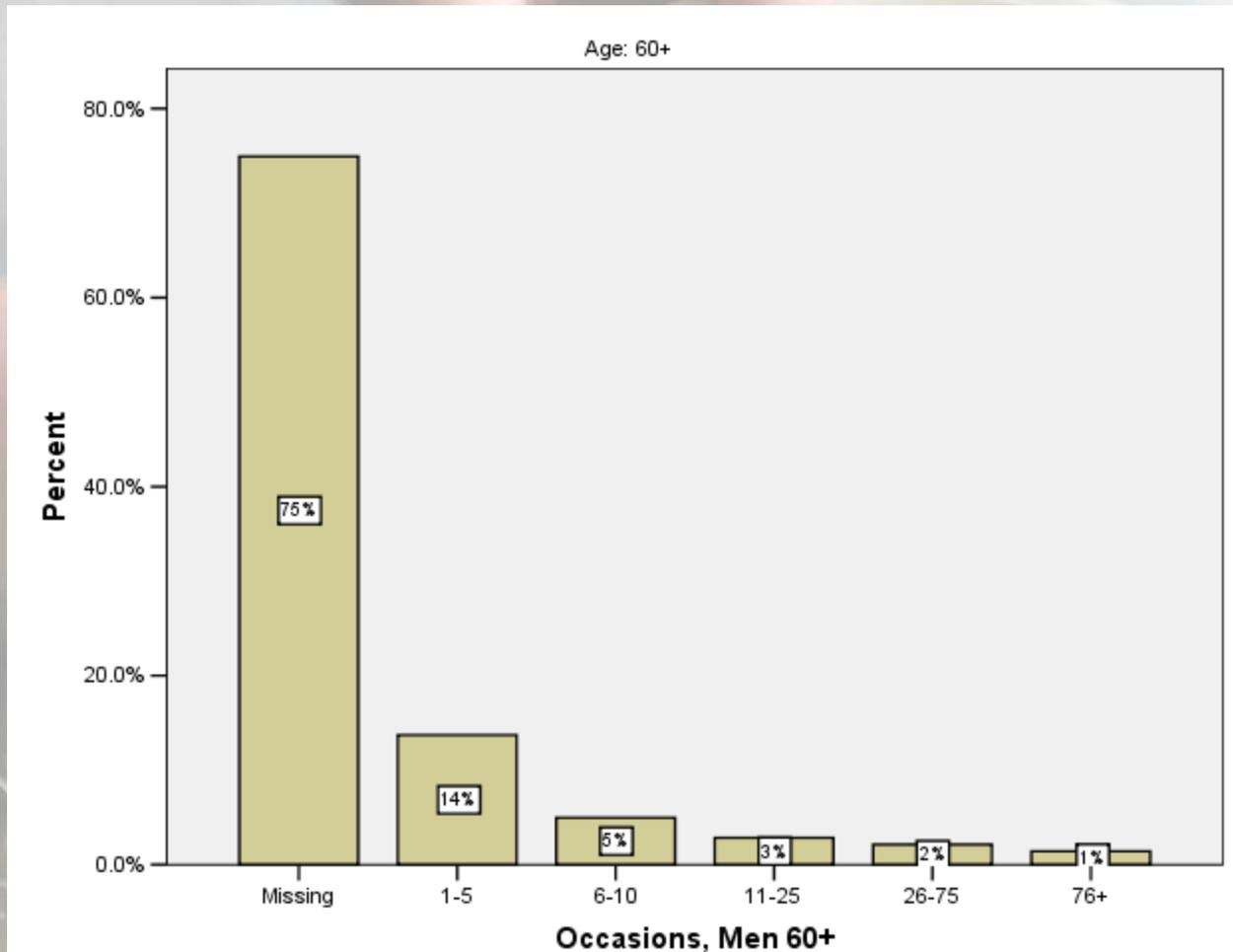
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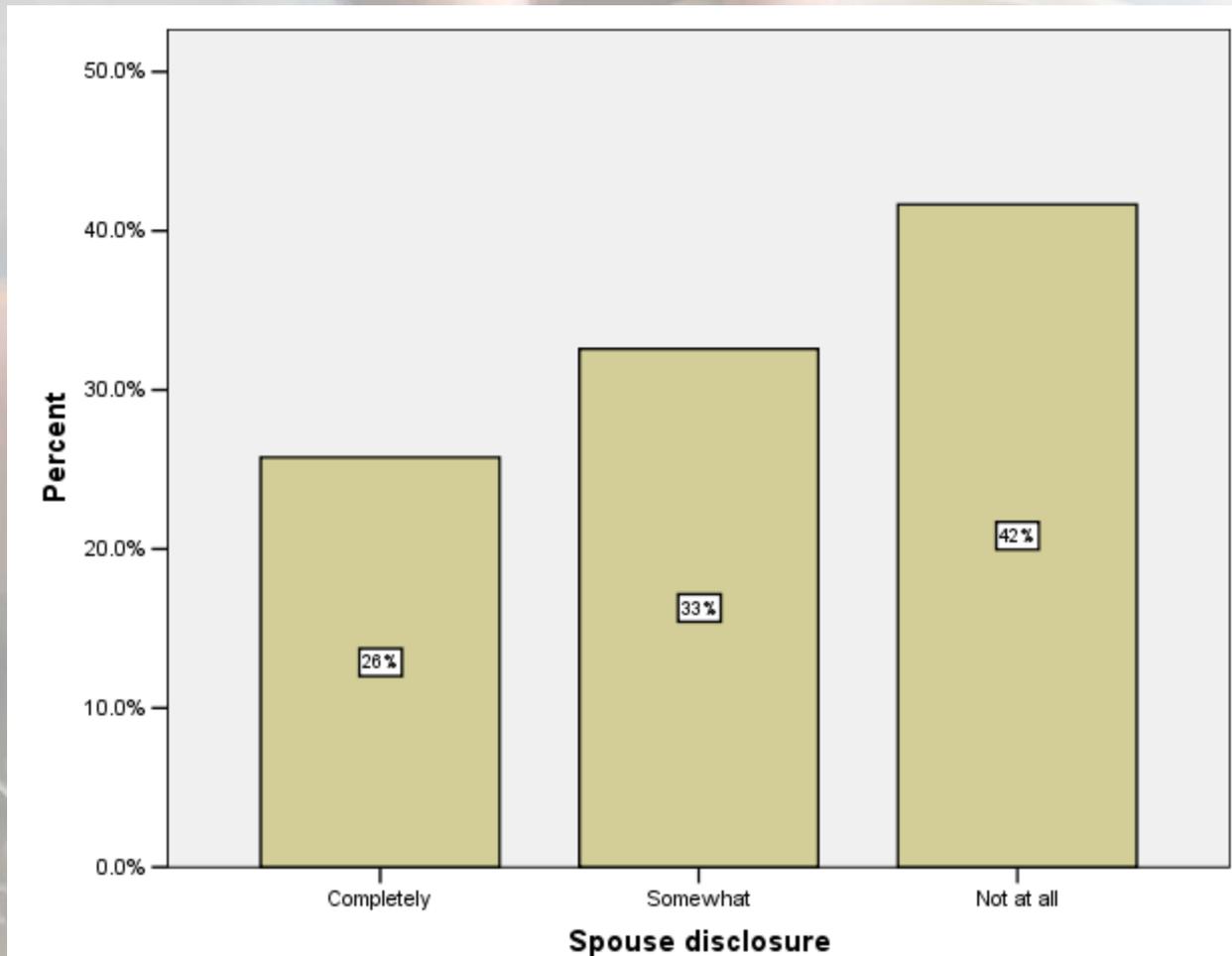
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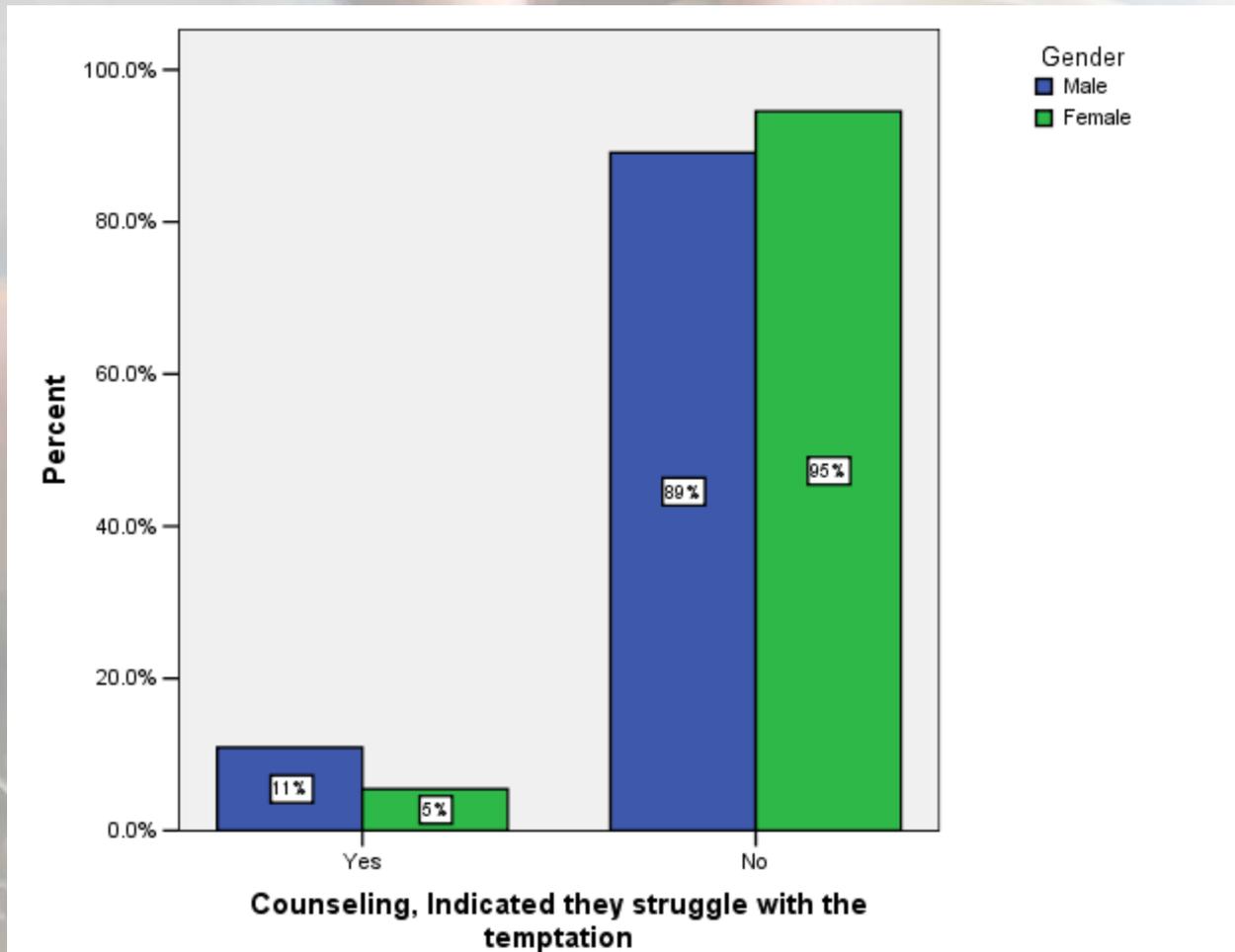
Ministers who haven't taught any lessons dealing primarily with Internet pornography in the last 3 years

- 39% of ministers
- 34% of this group have viewed Internet pornography on more than 25 occasions compared to 22% of those who have taught 1 or more lessons
- 50% of this group indicate they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation compared to 40% of those who have taught 1 or more lessons

Those who struggle with Internet pornography are not sharing that fact with their spouses



Less than 1 in 10 who struggle with Internet pornography seek professional counseling.



We are not teaching enough about the dangers of Internet pornography

- 39% of all respondents say they have not been a part of any classes that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 55% of all respondents say they have been a part of 1 or fewer classes that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 31% of all respondents say they have not heard any sermons that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.
- 50% of all respondents say they have heard 1 or fewer sermons that mentioned Internet pornography in the last 12 months.

We are not teaching enough about the dangers of Internet pornography

- 47% of elders indicate they have not given direction to their ministers and/or teachers to preach and/or teach about Internet pornography in the last 3 years.
 - 14% of elders who HAVE given direction say they struggle with Internet pornography as a temptation while 25% of elders who HAVE NOT.
 - 4% of elders who HAVE given direction say they have viewed Internet pornography more than 25 times compared to 14% of those who HAVE NOT.



WHY?



PRIVACY

Generational Pornography

Age 60+

- 20 years old 1945-1965
- A few magazines in big cities
- Reel-type movies, hard to get, expensive, required special viewing equipment

Generational Pornography

Age 40

- 20 years old in 1985
- Magazines abundant and can be delivered in brown paper to your mailbox
- Movies can be rented down the street or ordered anonymously and viewed in private
- Cable TV
- Strip clubs

Generational Pornography

Age 20

- Magazines abundant and can be delivered in brown paper to your mailbox
- Movies can be rented down the street or ordered anonymously and viewed in private
- Cable and Satellite TV with pay per view
- Strip clubs
- **The Internet**



There is help

Raise Awareness

- Elders, guard, lead, and prepare your flocks
- Preachers, preach about it, mention it often; the problem isn't going away
- Teachers, teach about it, make it part of the regular curriculum
- Make resources available
 - Counseling
 - Books
 - Videos
 - Seminars
 - Train your people
 - Accountability groups