

Polytheistic

Hinduism
Buddhism
Universalist
Humanist
Greek
mythology
Ancient Egypt

Occult

Church of Satan
Temple of Set
Wiccan
Divination
Palm reading
Astrology
Paranormal

Monotheistic

Muslim

Islam
Allah
Muham
mad
Mecca

Judaism

Torah
Rabbi
Synagogue
Traditions
Prophets
Festivals

Cult

Mormon
Jehovah's
Witness
Jim Jones
Heavens Gate
Branch
Davidians
Scientology

Catholic

(1 billion)
Pope's
authority
Apocrypha
Penance
Sacraments
Purgatory

Other

Pantheistic
Atheistic
Agnostic

Christianity

Protestant

(1 billion)

Mainline

United Methodist
Lutheran
Presbyterian
United Church of
Christ
Episcopal
American Baptist

Evangelical

Assembly of God
Brethren
Christian Missionary
Alliance
Church of God
Nazarene
Evangelical Free
Free Methodist
Southern Baptist
Four Square
Open Bible
Mennonite Brethren
Salvation Army
Wesleyan
Non-Denominational

SIGNS of a "Christian" Cult



They add to the Word of God. It's never the Bible alone as its authority. Publications such as The Book of Mormon, Pearl of Great Price, Science & Health, and AWAKE and Watchtower magazines are given equal and greater importance over Scripture.



They subtract from the Diety of Jesus. They will say he's a prophet, a teacher, the devil's brother, Michael the archangel, the son of God - but never God in the flesh. They may also subtract from the personhood of the Holy Spirit by reducing Him to an impersonal force used by God.



They multiply works to gain salvation. It is never grace alone. You must join them, be baptized, you must go door to door, you must strictly obey commandments, no one is saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.



They will divide your loyalties. They are an antichrist group. You are deceived into placing your primary loyalty toward the cult and its leaders instead of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, you are discouraged from associating with non-members, and forbidden to have anything to do with ex-members. Where true Christians are encouraged to maintain contact and closeness with unbelieving family members, these groups do not.

Mainline

Liberal / progressive
Baptize infants
Bible Inspired only
"High Church"
Formal Liturgy

United Methodist
Presbyterian
Episcopal
Lutheran
United Church of Christ
American Baptist

Church Calendar
Liturgical Cycle

Evangelical

Conservative
Adult Baptism only
Bible innerent
personal conversion

Southern Baptist
Independent Baptist
Free will Baptist
Evangelical Covenant
Nazarene
Mennonite
Salvation Army
Foursquare
Wesleyan
Assembly of God
Pentecostal
Charismatic

Denominational

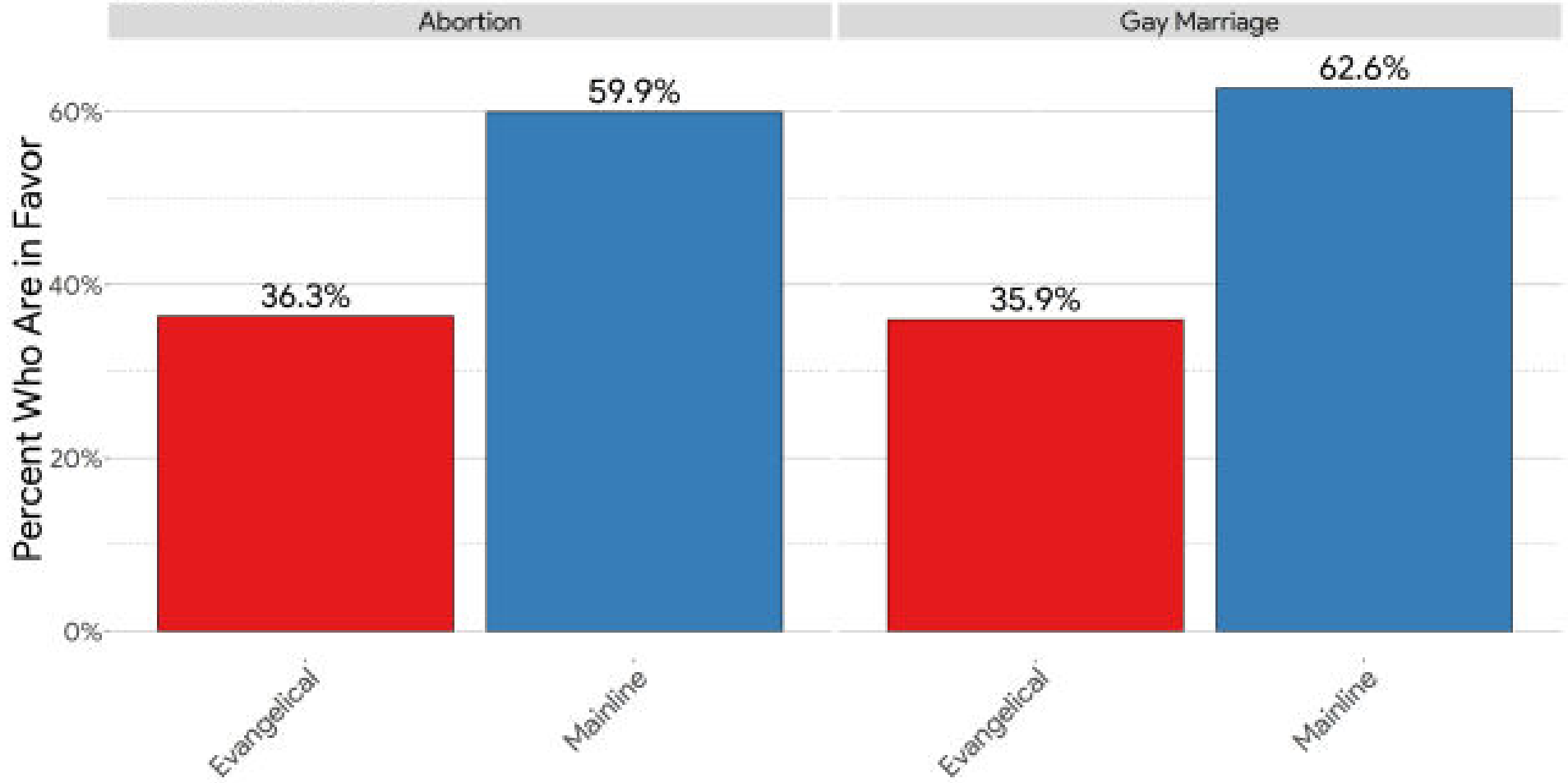
Home office
headquarters owns
all property
voting membership
appoints Pastors for term
corporate by nature
training college
long term sustainability

Non-Denominational

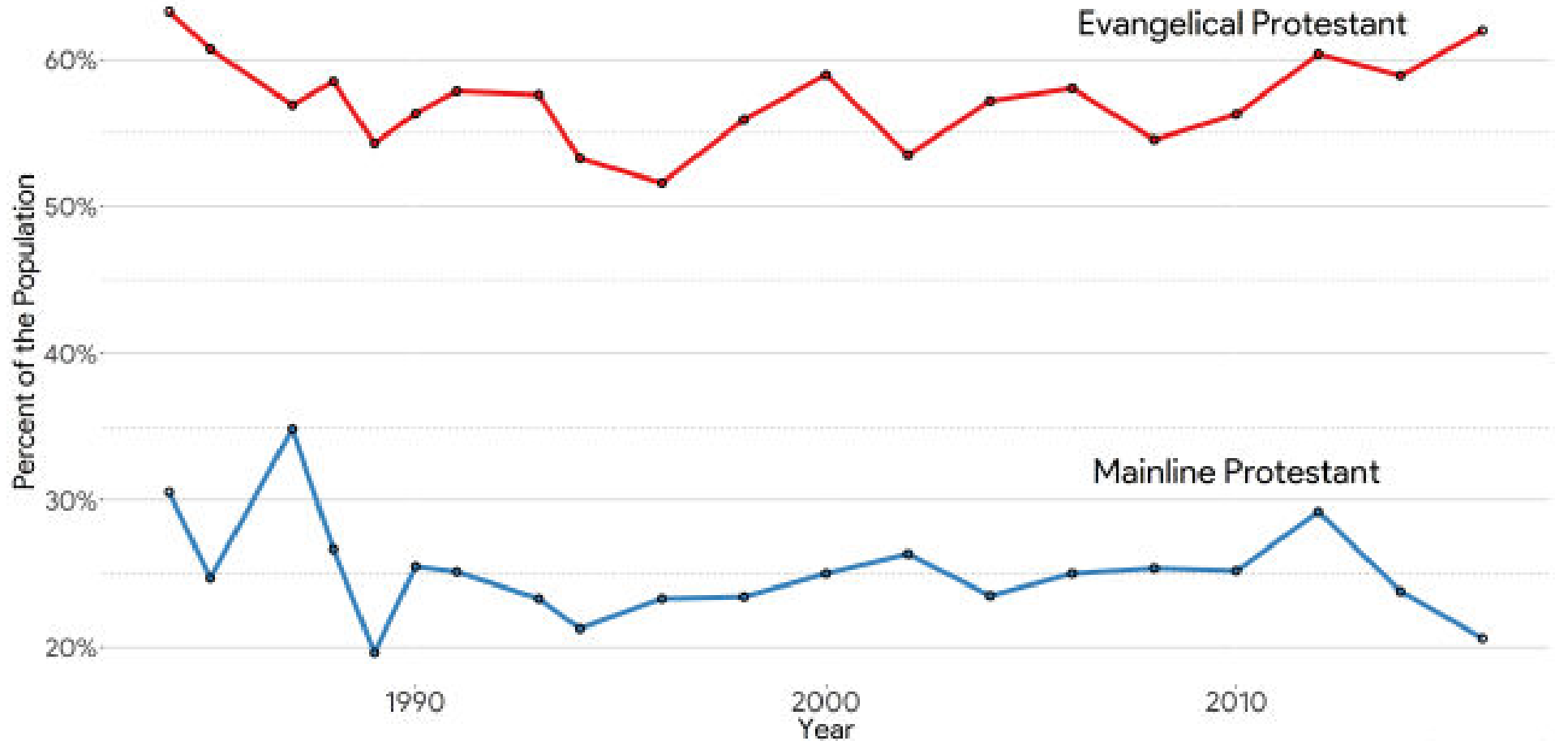
writes own constitution
and by laws
hires, fires, ordains
membership or not
locally governed
independent by nature
doctrines vary

Modern Casual Culture

Social Issues



Biblical Literalism



Data: GSS (1972-2016)