Luke 20:20-26

The Certain Gospel:
Where Jesus Stands Politically

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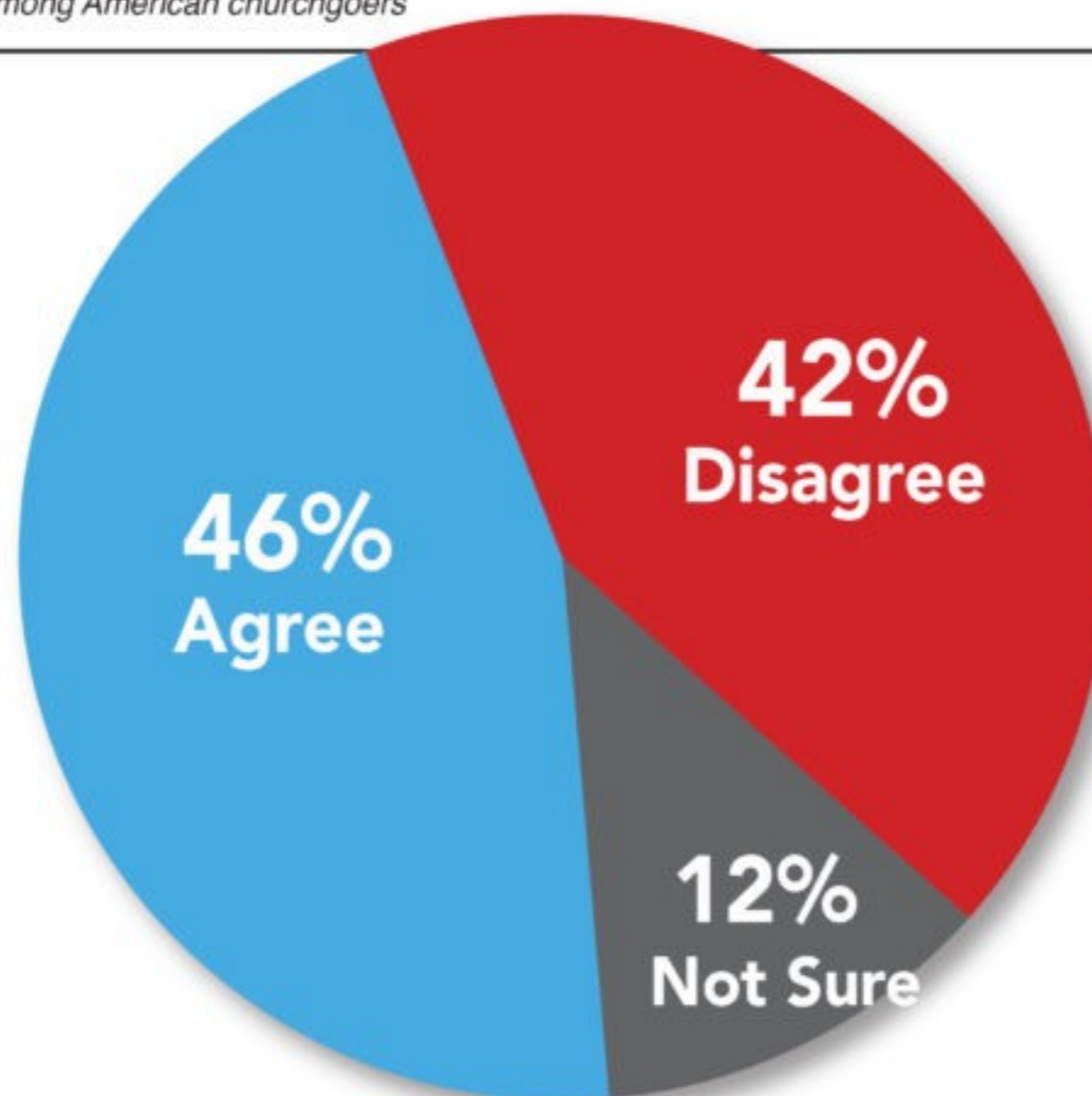a. Herodians & Matthew = Pro-government pro-taxes

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b. Pharisees & Simon = Anti-government pro-freedom

"The Zealots were the extreme wing of the Pharisees. In contrast with other Pharisees they believed only God had the right to rule over the Jews. They were willing to fight and die for that belief. For them nationalistic patriotism and religion were inseparable."
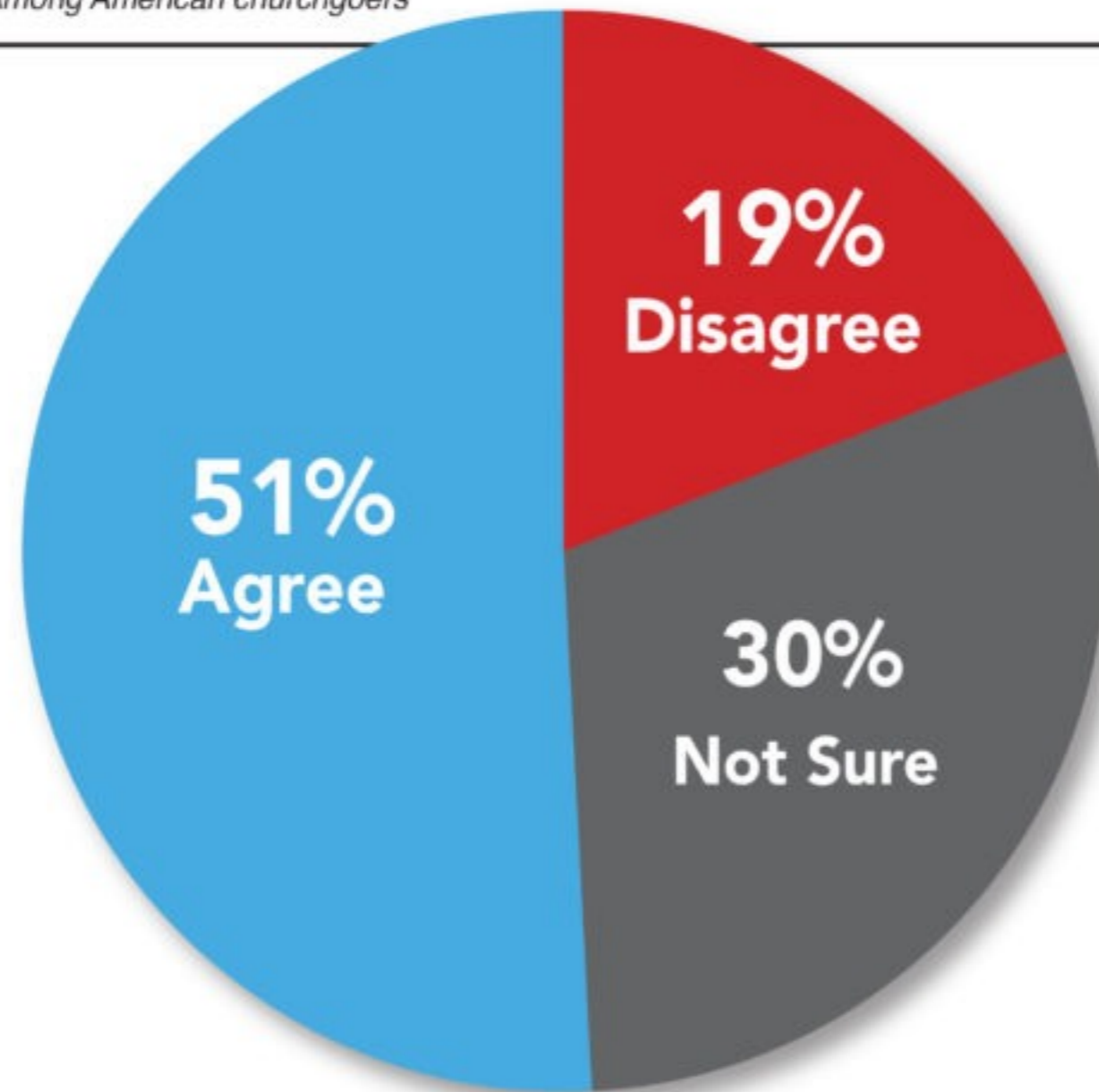
–Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

I prefer to attend a church where people share my political views.

Among American churchgoers

46% Agree

42% Disagree

12% Not Sure

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My political views match those of most people at my church.

Among American churchgoers

51% Agree
19% Disagree
30% Not Sure

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Joshua 5:13-14

13 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

14 "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" (NIV®)

"Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing their bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The Almighty has His own purposes."

–Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address

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Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them. (NIV®)

Hebrews 1:3a

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being... (NIV®)

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