

Teleios conducted a survey of pastors graduating from Bible believing seminaries to assess their perception of their role in society and the impact of adversarial attitudes of culture or government against their ministry.



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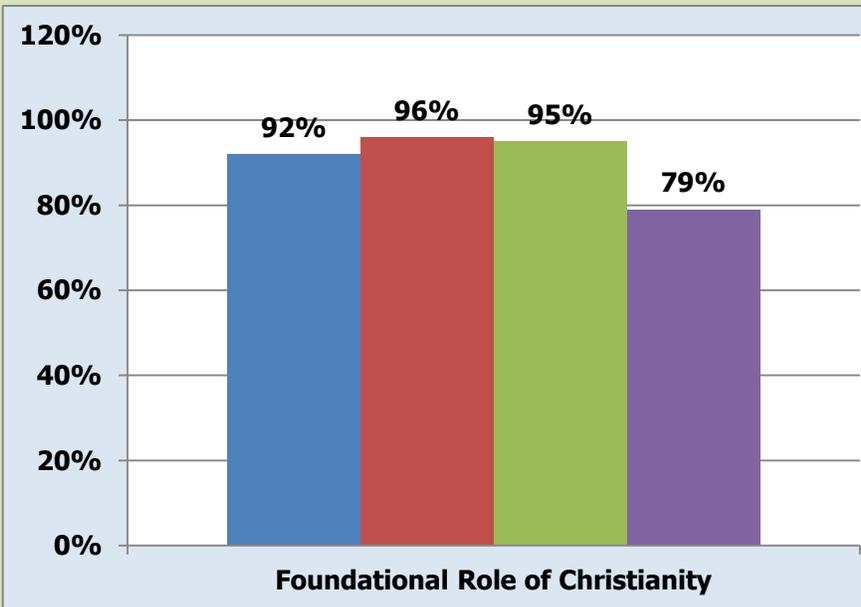
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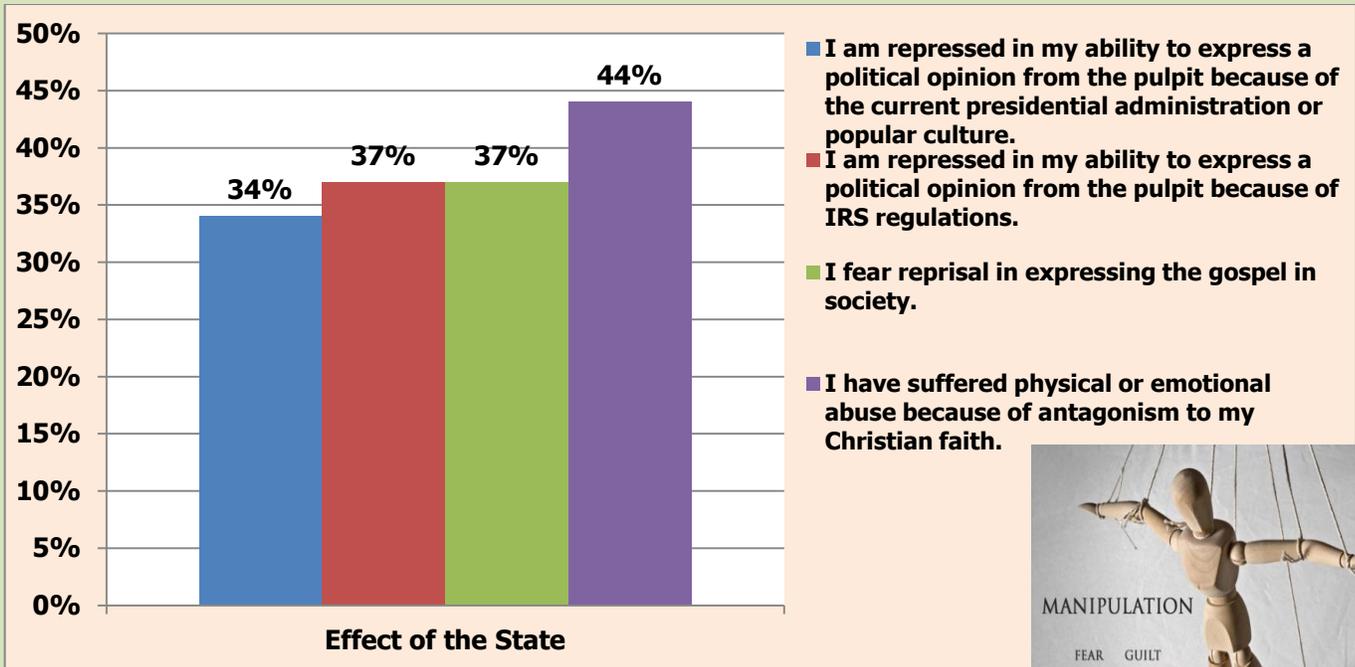
The survey was sent to 1064 pastors of whom 164 (15%) responded. Most respondents were from the Western US (32%), pastored a congregation of 100-200 attendees (32%, although 15% pastored a church of >1000 attendees), were non-denominational (47%), pastored their church >20 years (40%) and held the position of Head Pastor (73%).

RESULTS

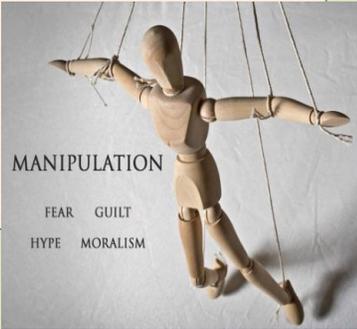


- Christianity played an important positive role in shaping American history.
- Christianity helps promote a good, civil, ethical society and government.
- Christianity assists in producing wellbeing in a country's citizens.
- The underprivileged are best helped by the church and not government.

Christianity and the State	
Protecting constitutional freedoms is vital to allow the full expression of religious faith and the Gospel.	74%
A large government generally leads to repression of religion and replacement of God by the state.	76%
The federal government favors one religion over another.	72%



- I am repressed in my ability to express a political opinion from the pulpit because of the current presidential administration or popular culture.
- I am repressed in my ability to express a political opinion from the pulpit because of IRS regulations.
- I fear reprisal in expressing the gospel in society.
- I have suffered physical or emotional abuse because of antagonism to my Christian faith.



Christian Response	
Pastors should express a political view from the pulpit.	40%
Christians should be active in politics in part to express their faith.	76%
Christians should actively support political candidates who support freedom of expression in society.	74%



Bible adherent pastors believe that Christianity’s teaching is beneficial for individuals and society. However, many pastors perceive negative societal and governmental pressure because of their beliefs. Accordingly, pastors generally assert the importance of constitutional freedoms to maintain their ability to express themselves.

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