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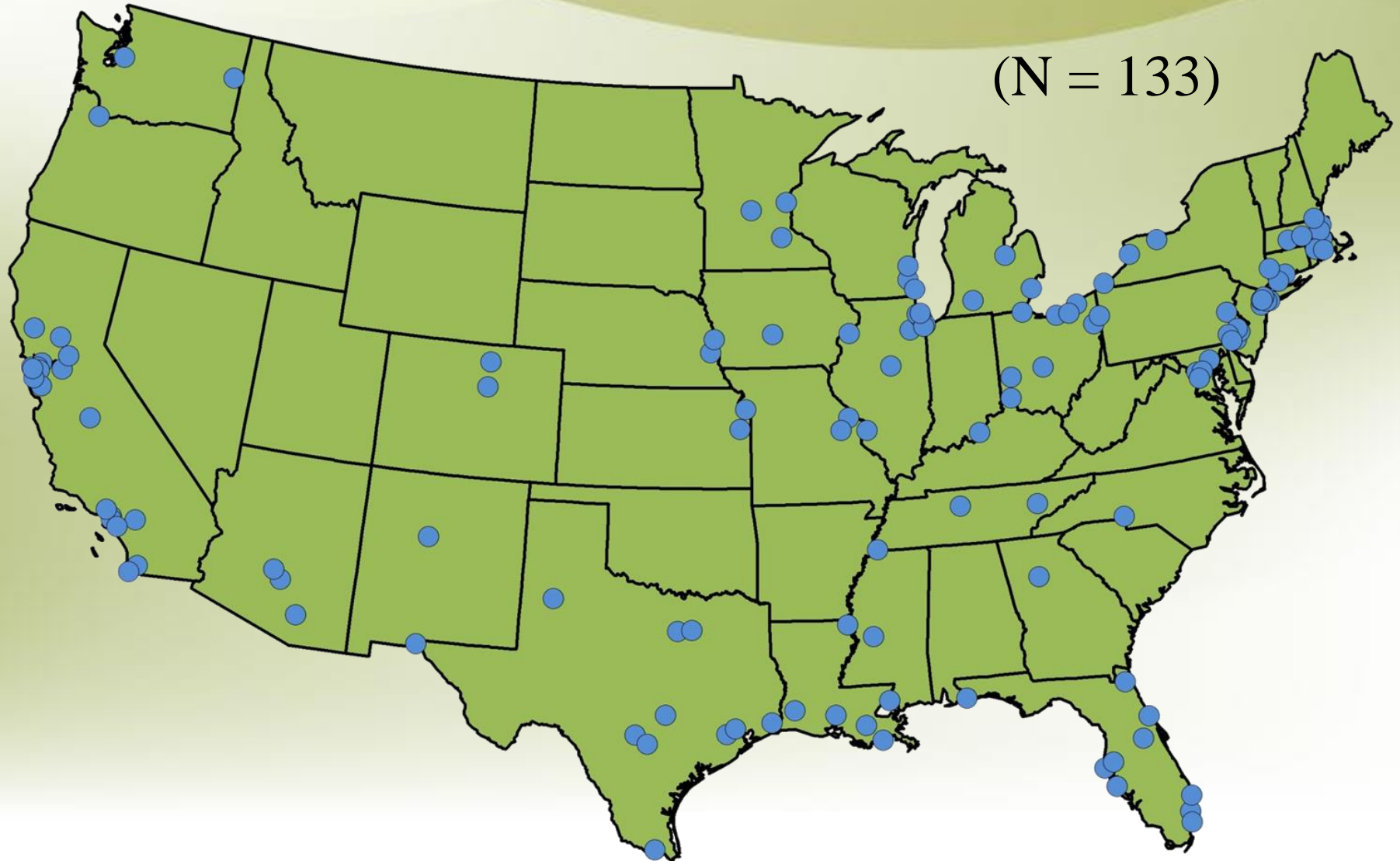
Outline of Presentation

- Overview of FBCOs in the U.S.
- Religious Affiliations
- Racial/Ethnic Composition
- Organizing Activity

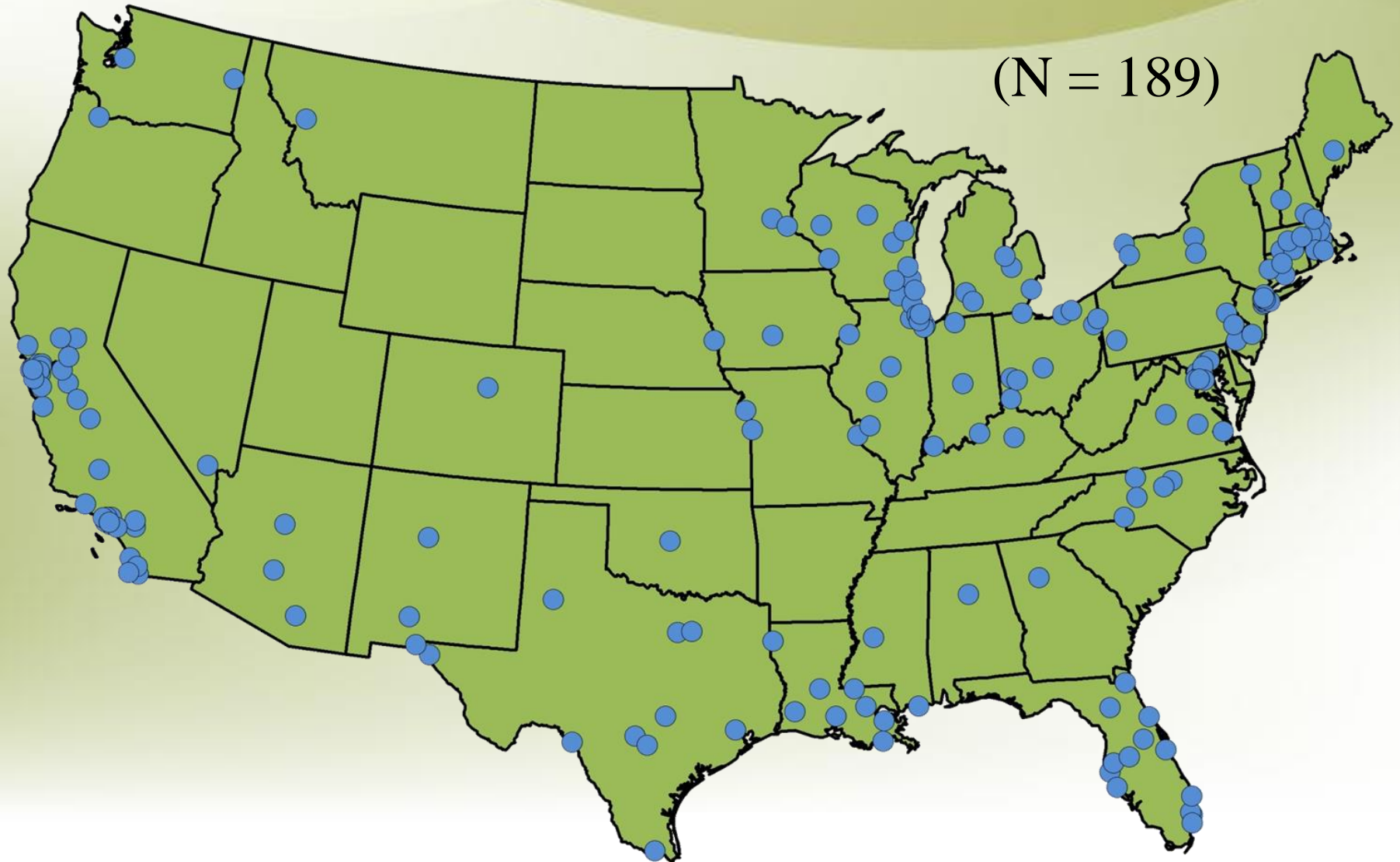


 all with focus on UU dimensions

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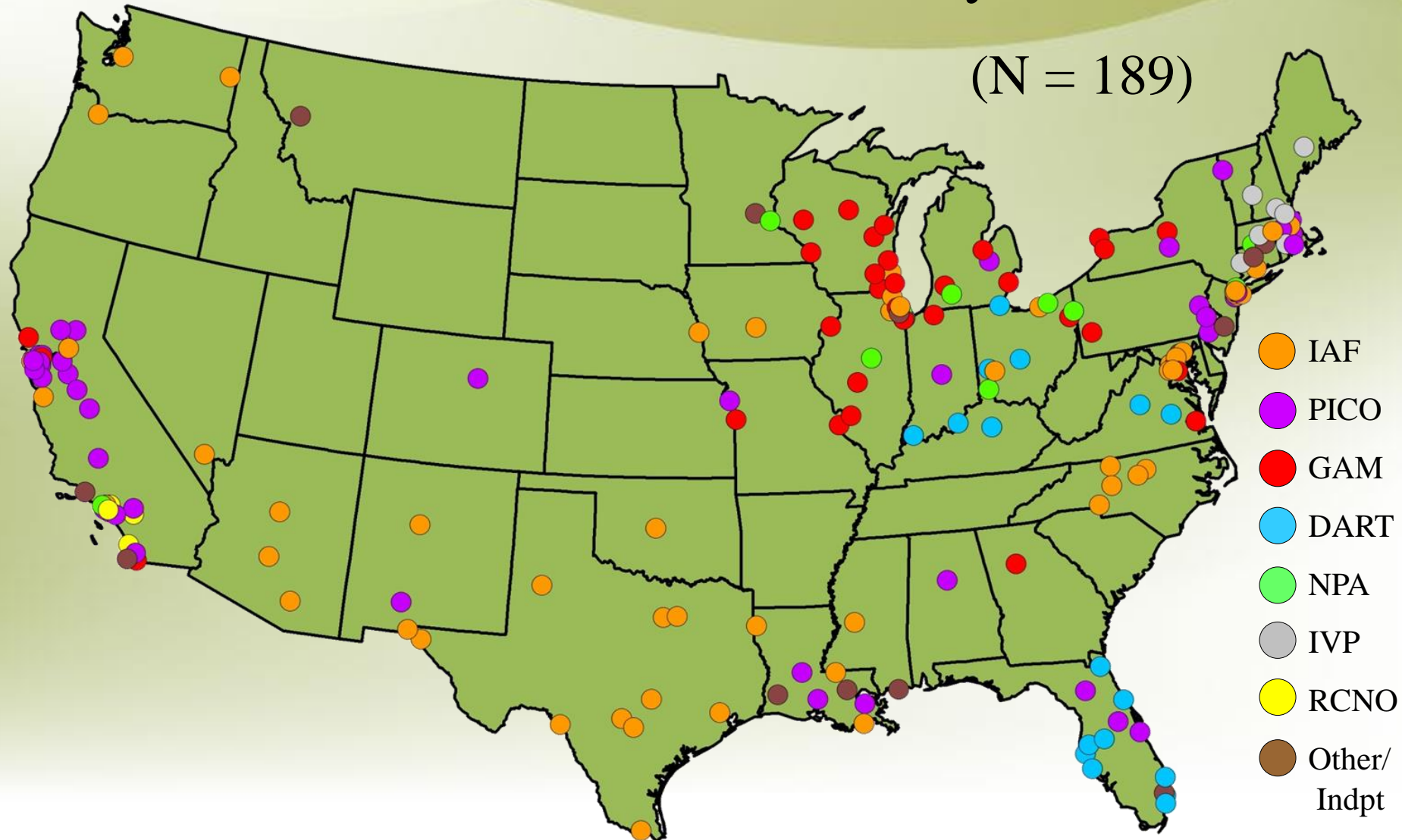


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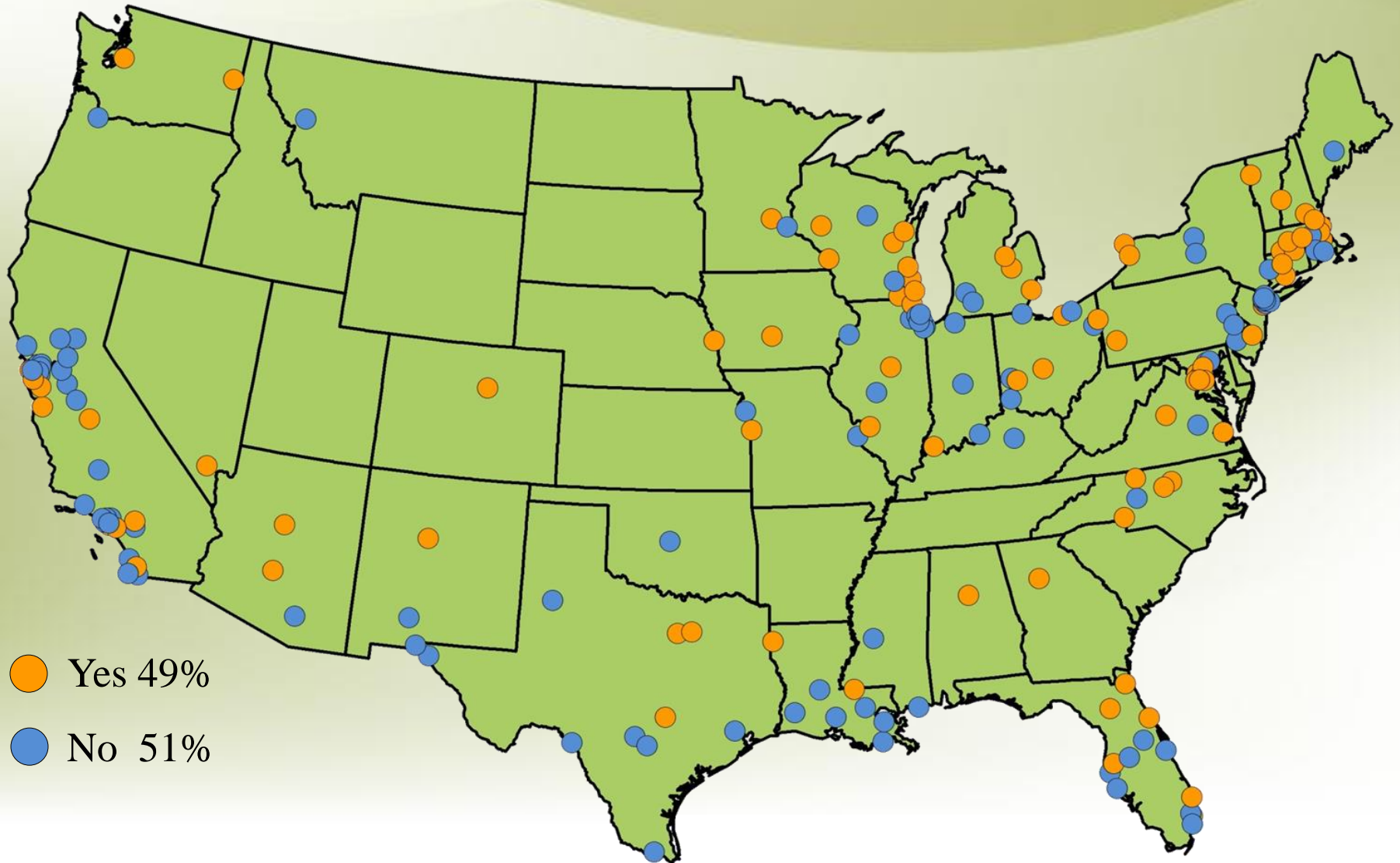


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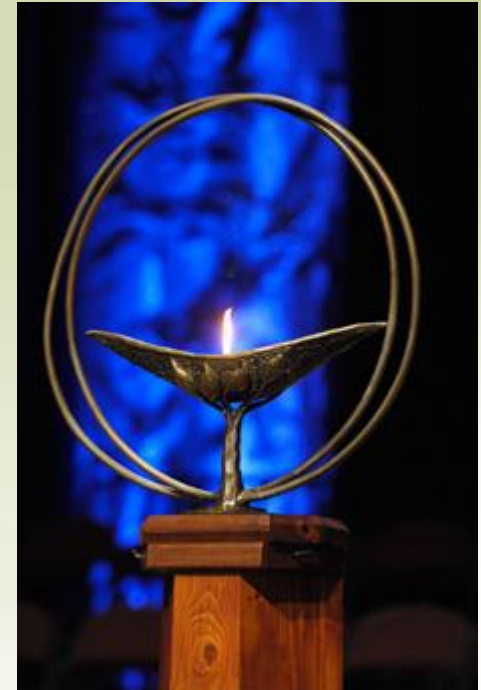
By Network



FBCOs with At Least One UU Congregation

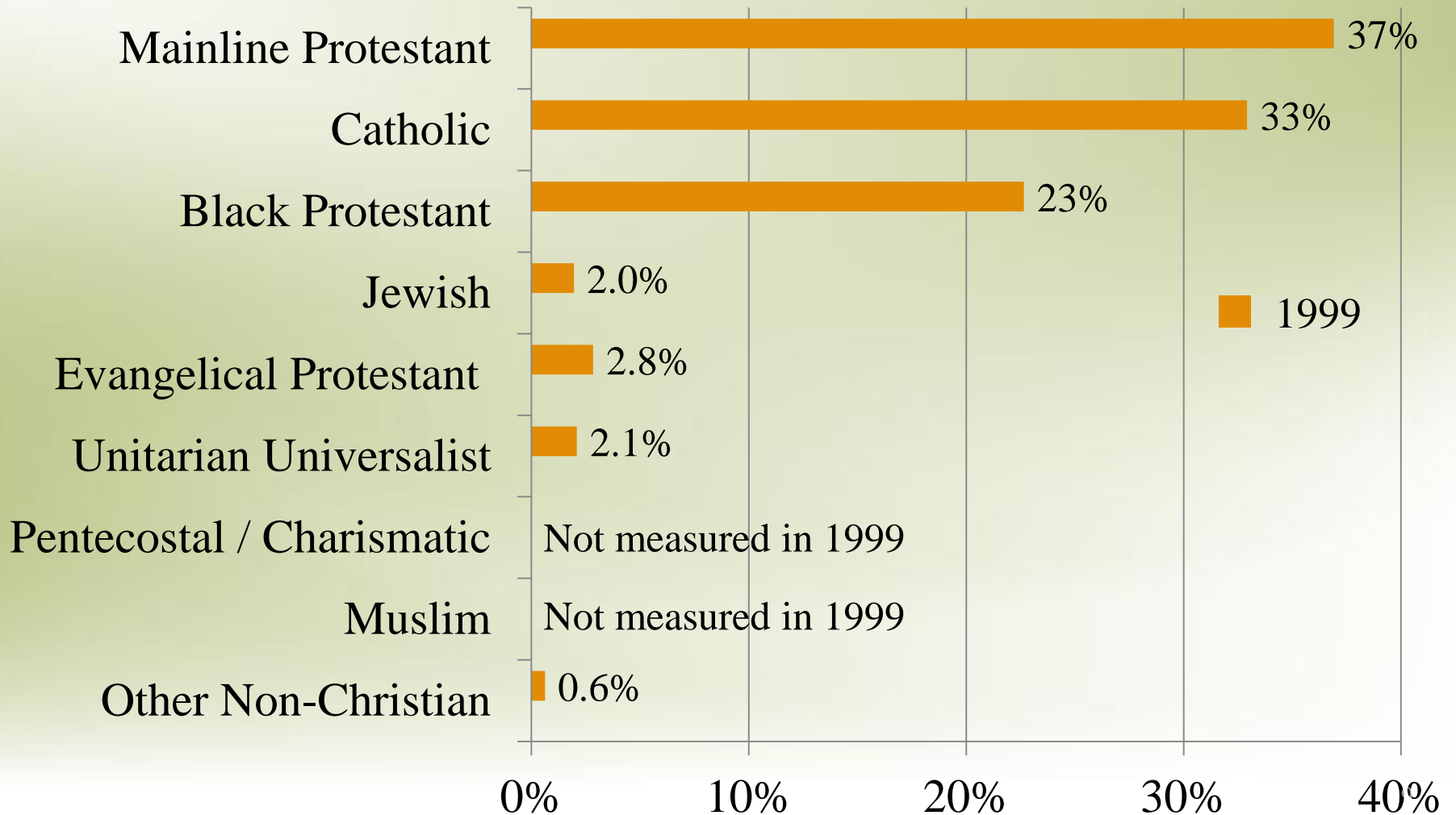


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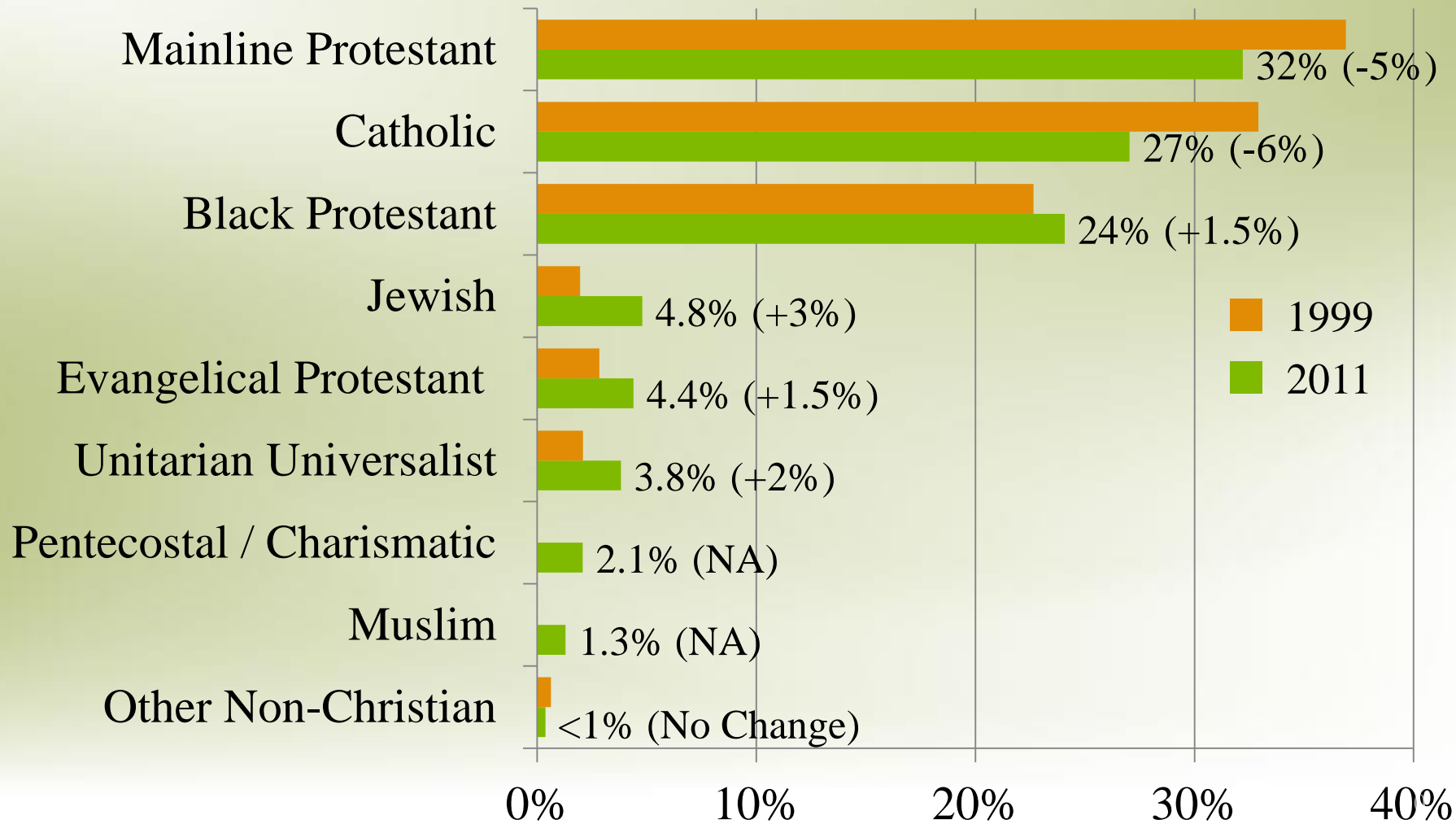
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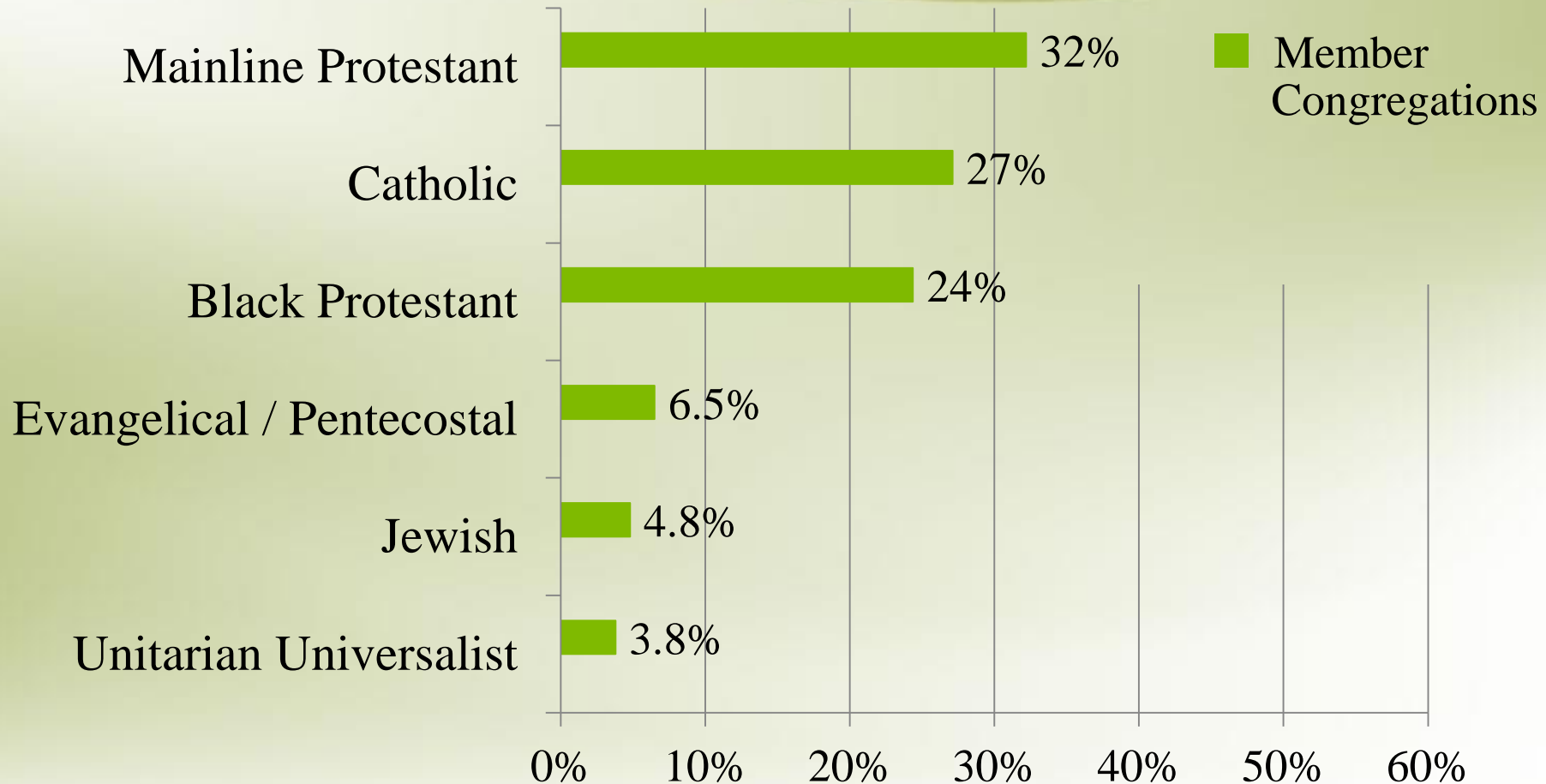
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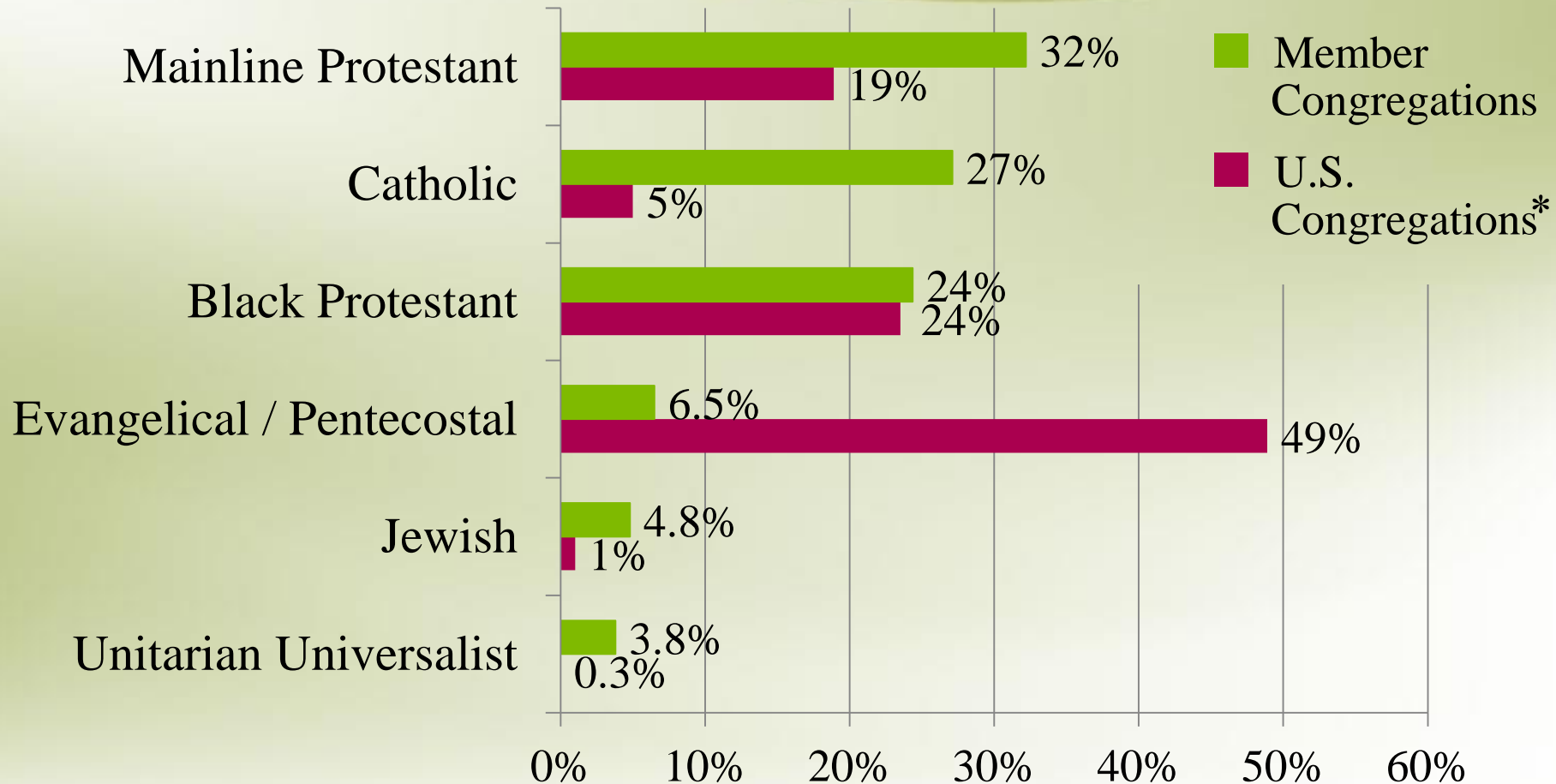
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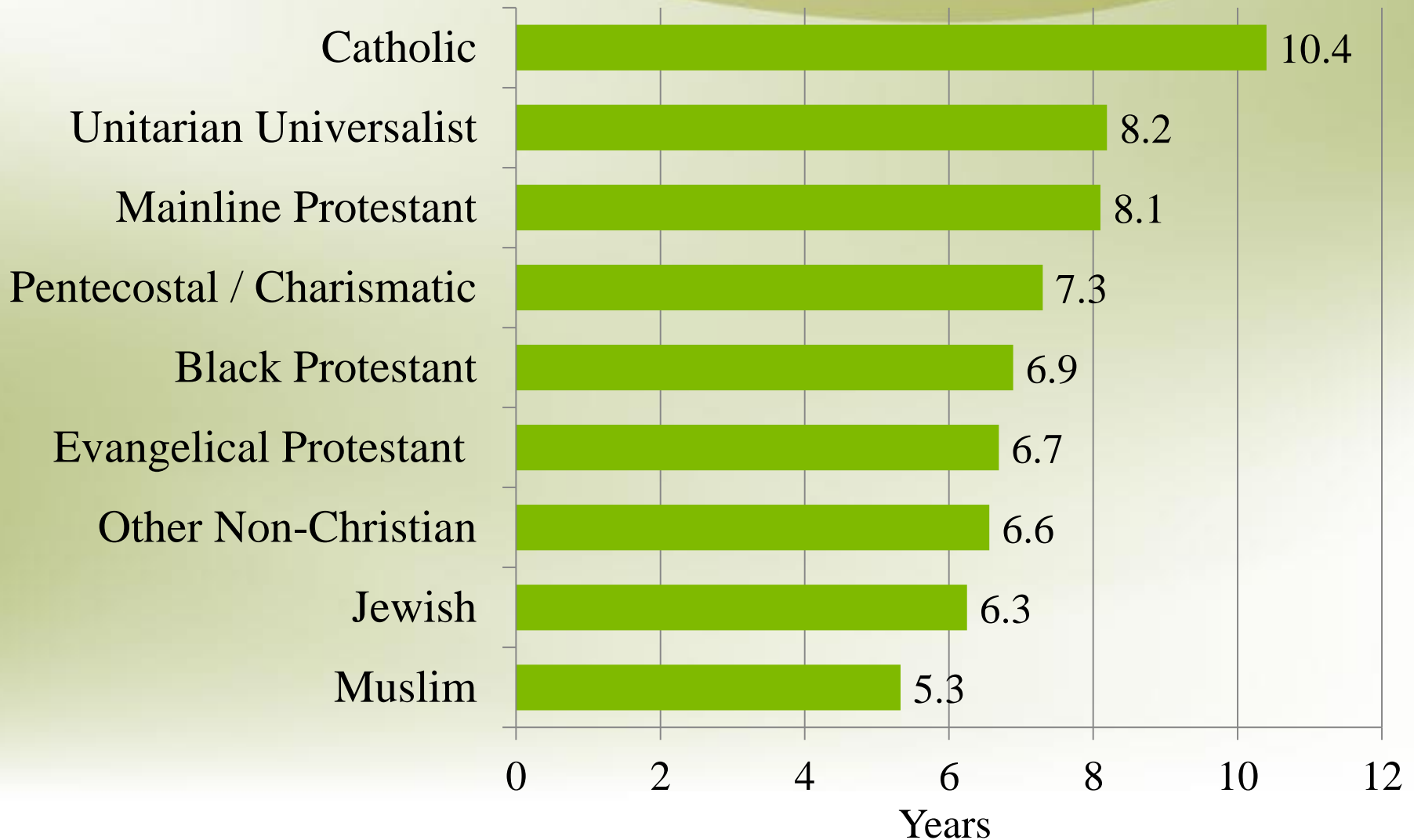
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*Source: National Congregations Study 2006-7

Average Number of Years of Involvement for Member Congregations by Religious Tradition

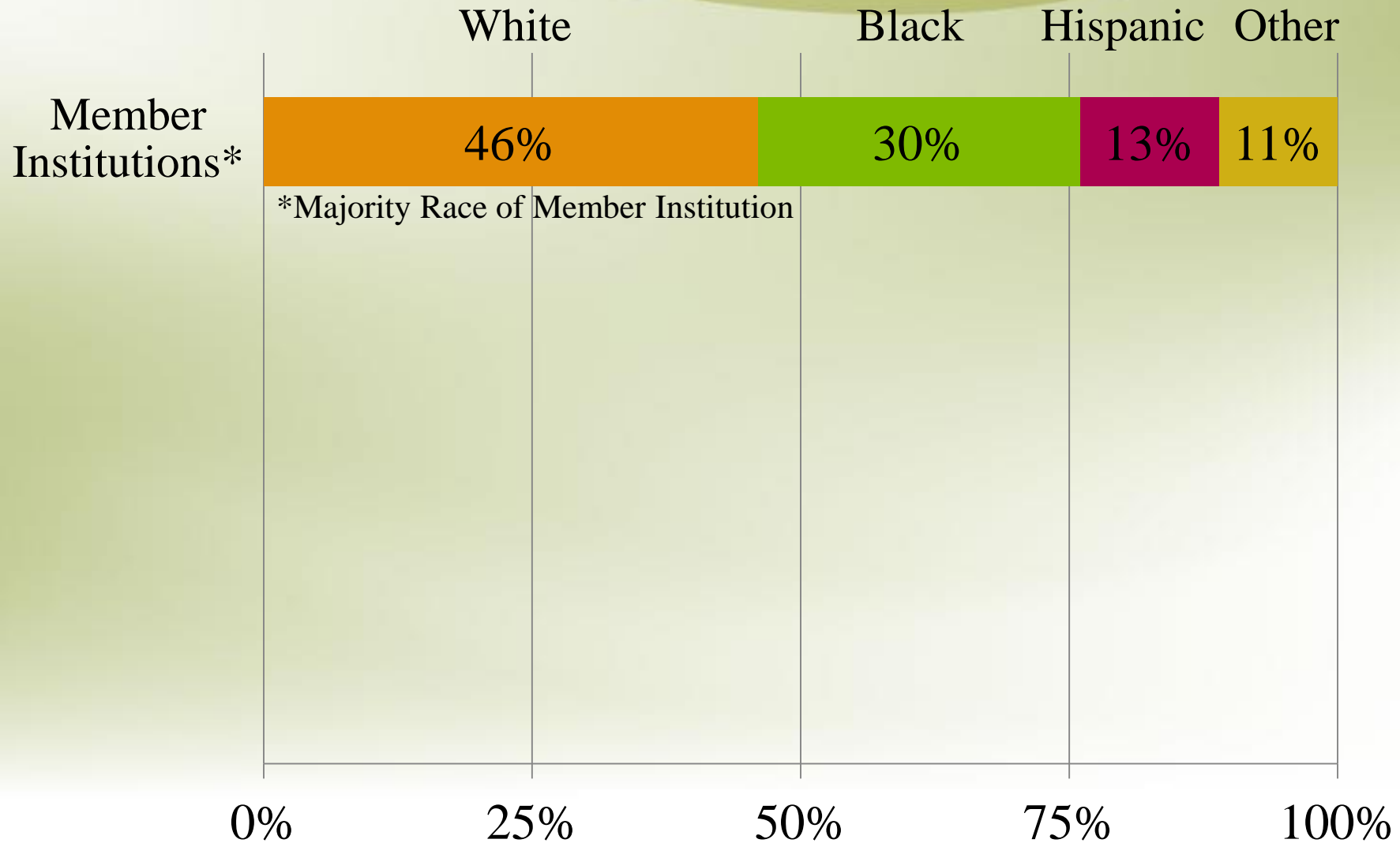


Racial/Ethnic Composition

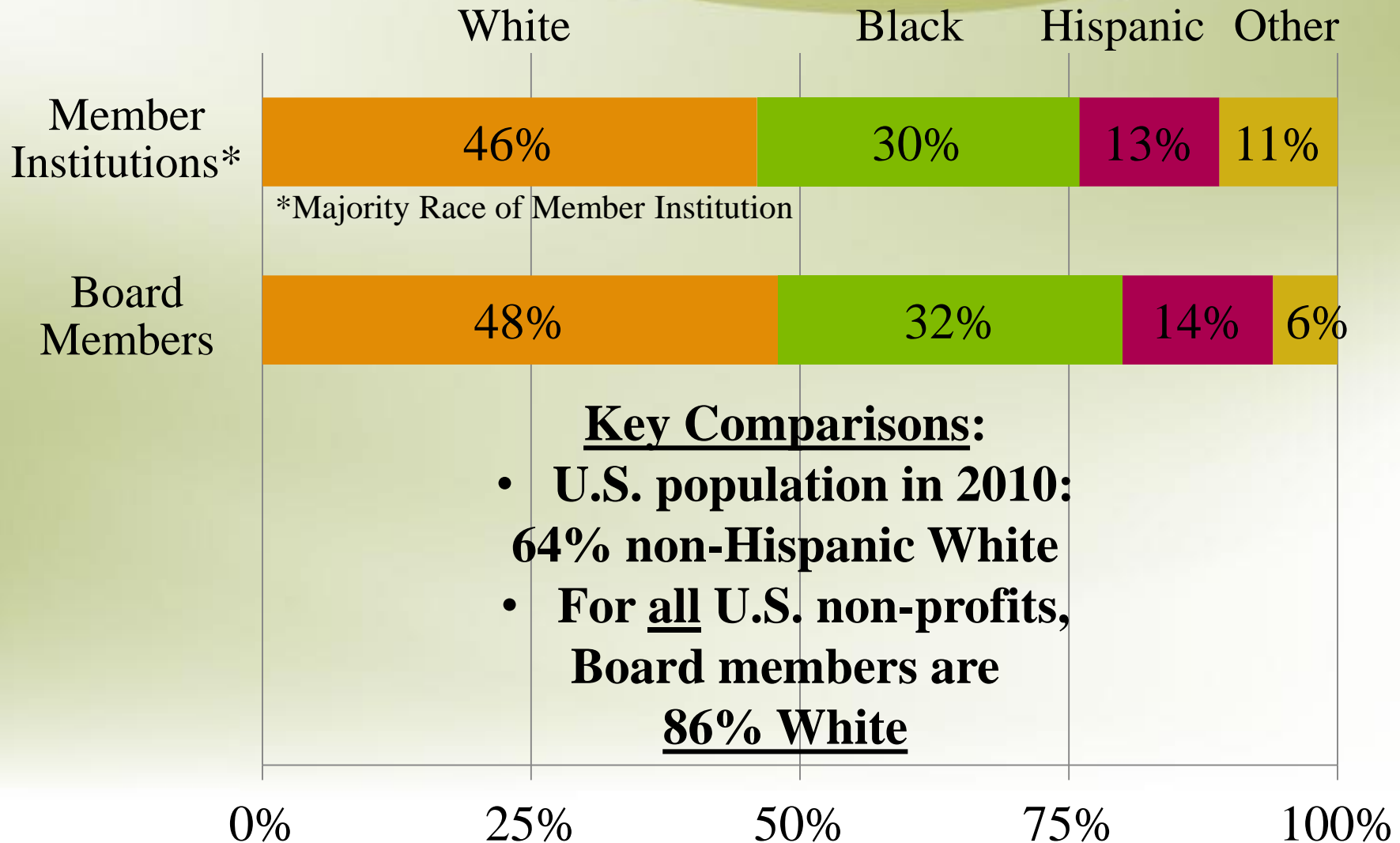
+ a bit on class & linguistic diversity & immigration



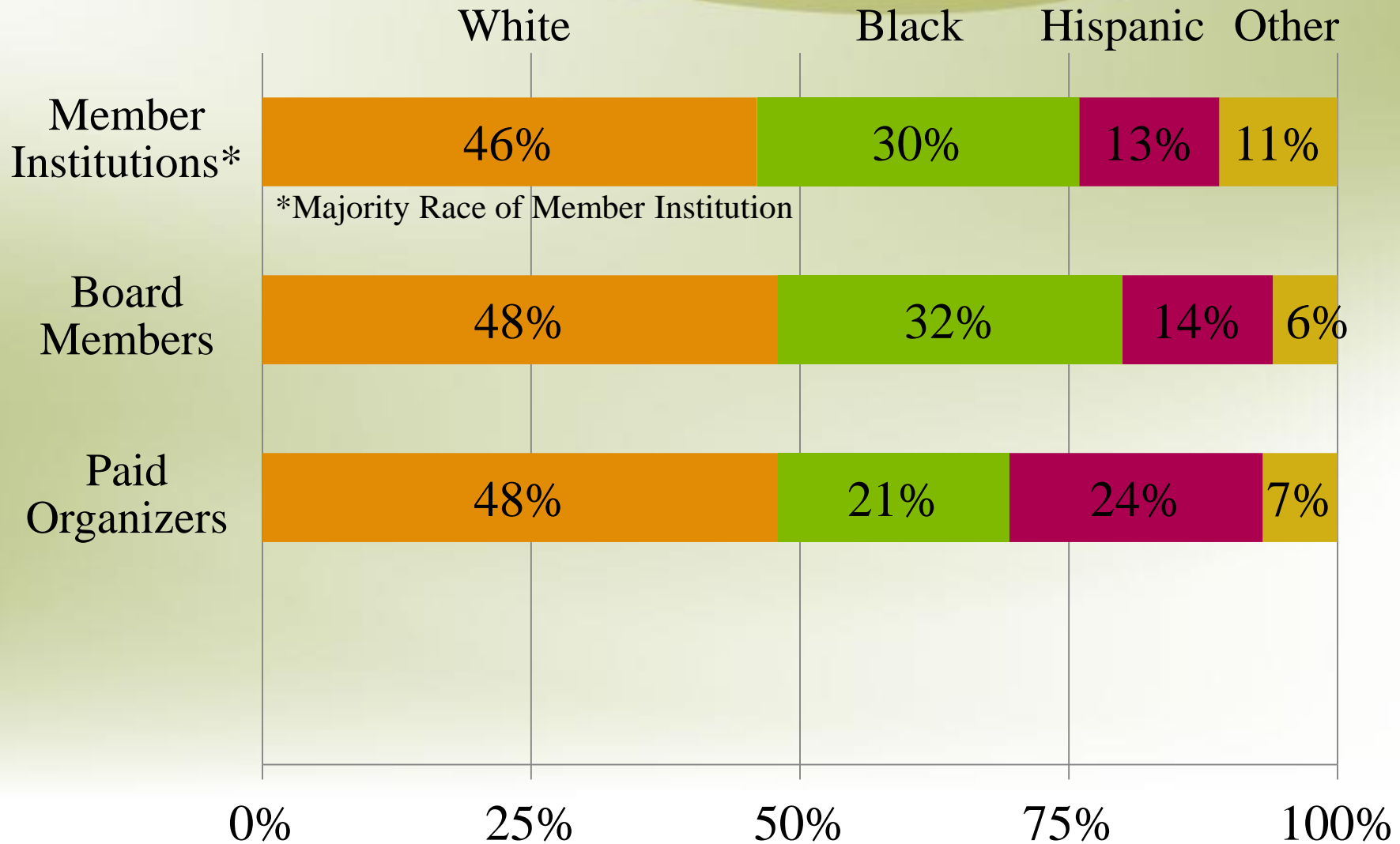
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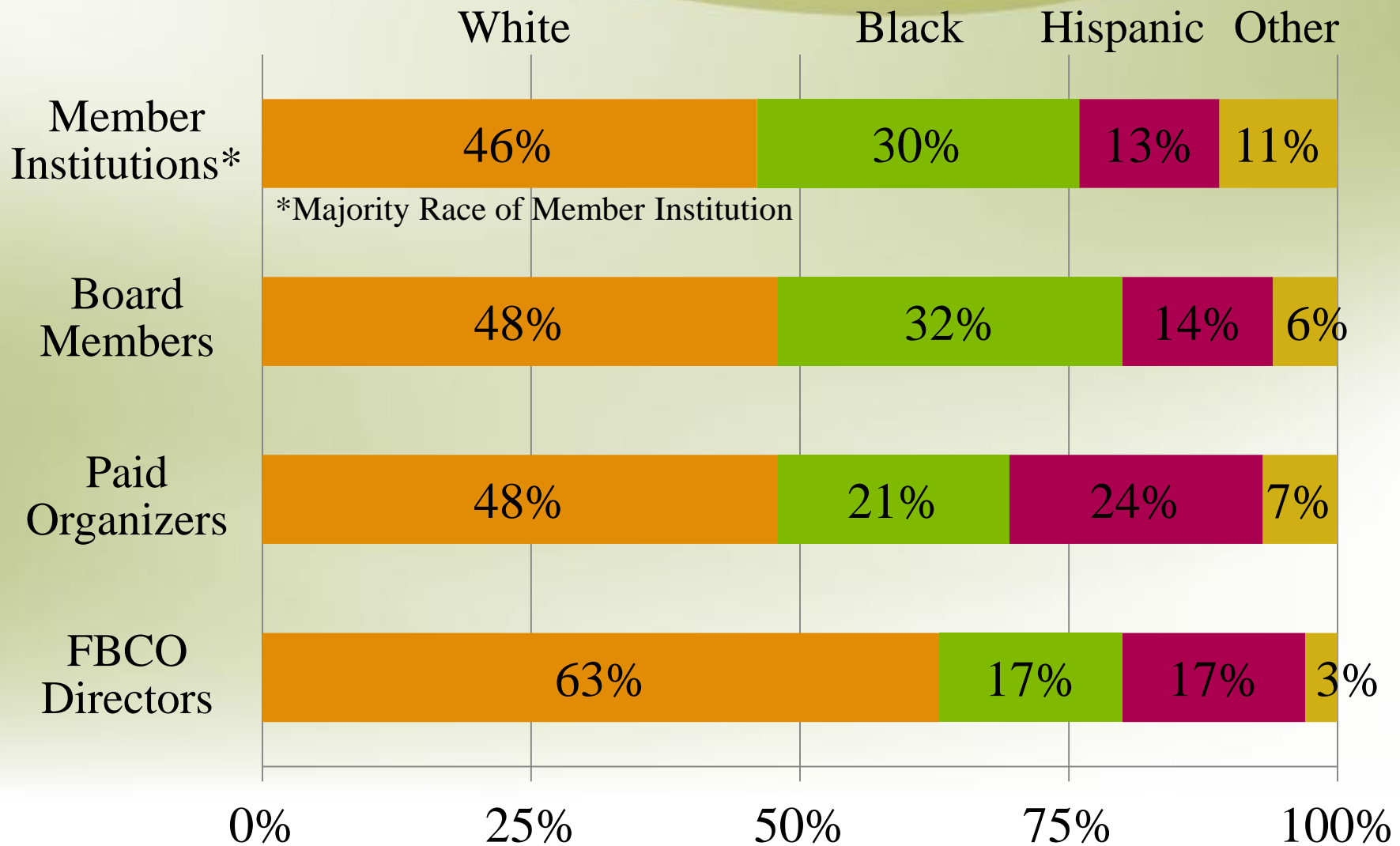
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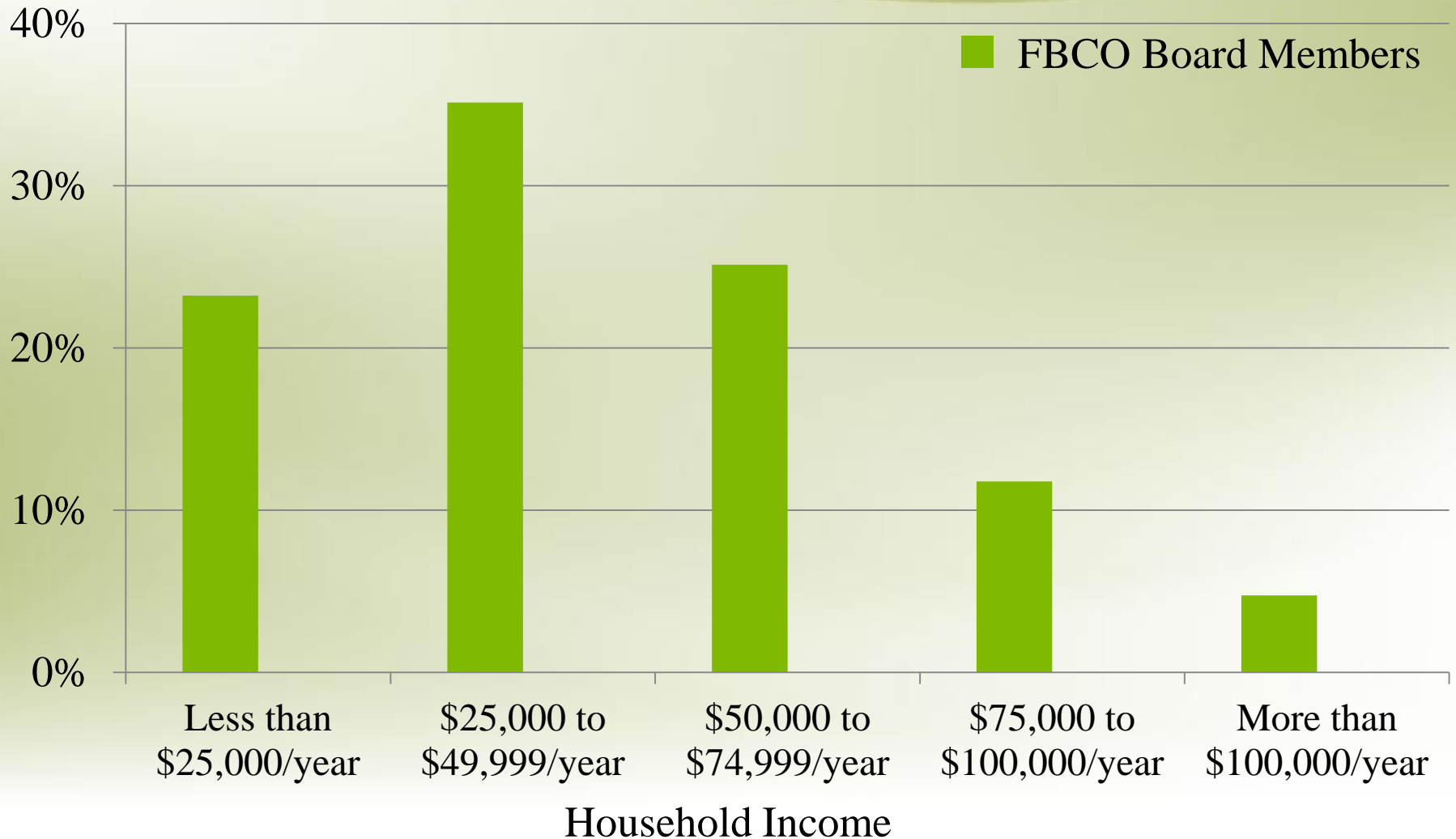
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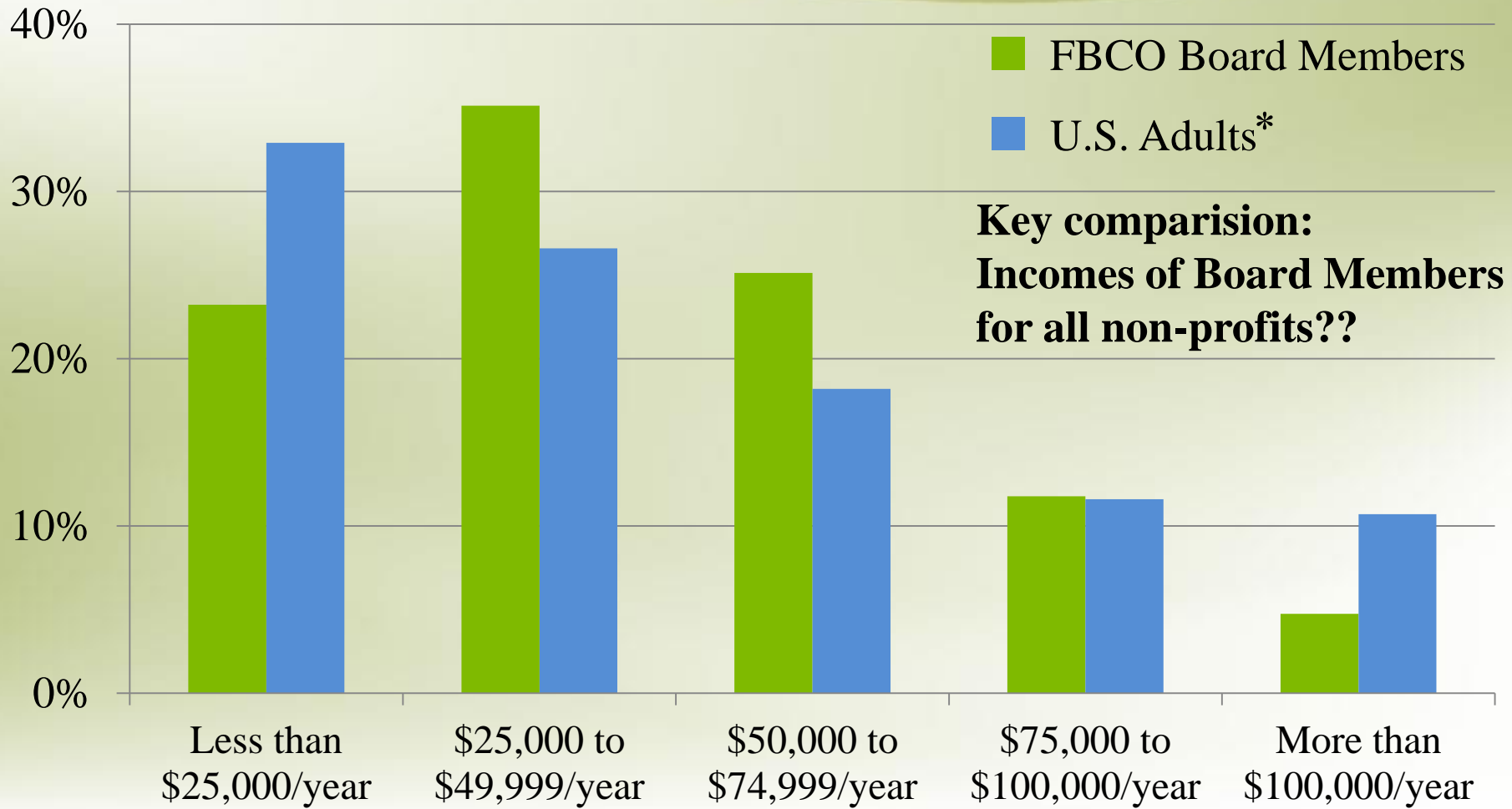
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Income Composition of FBCO Board Members



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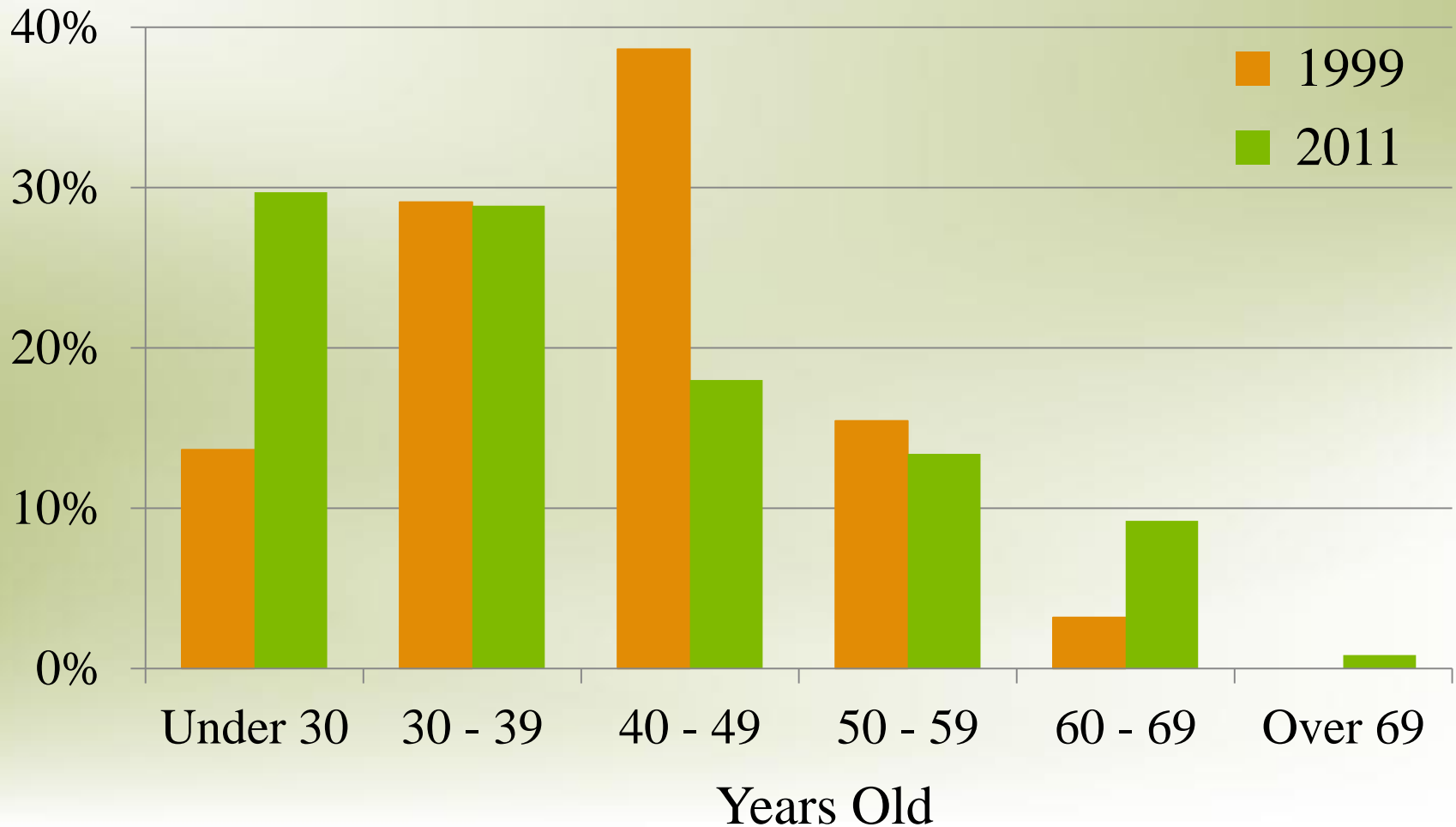


Household Income

*Source: General Social Survey 2010

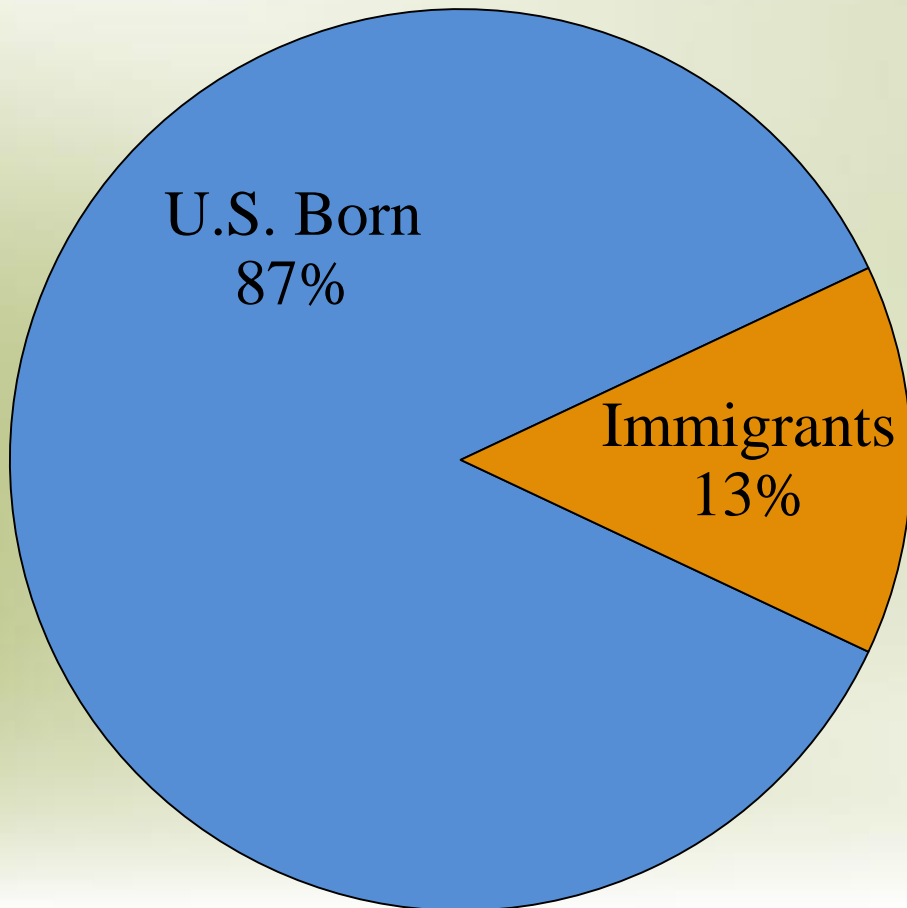
Age Composition

Organizing Staff



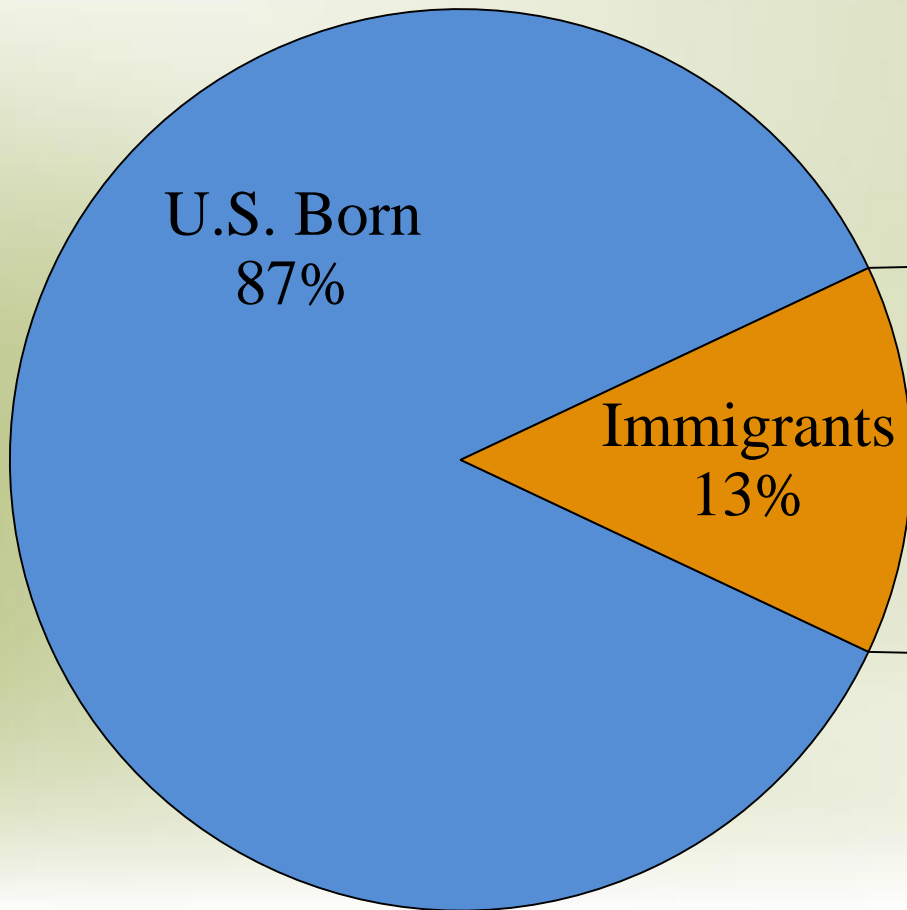
Immigrant Representation

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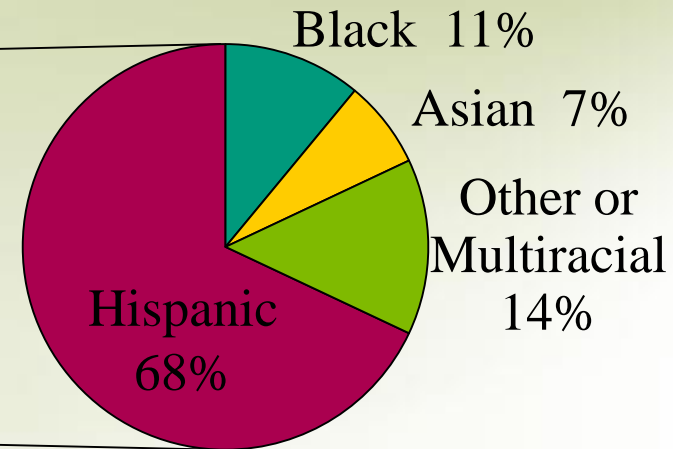


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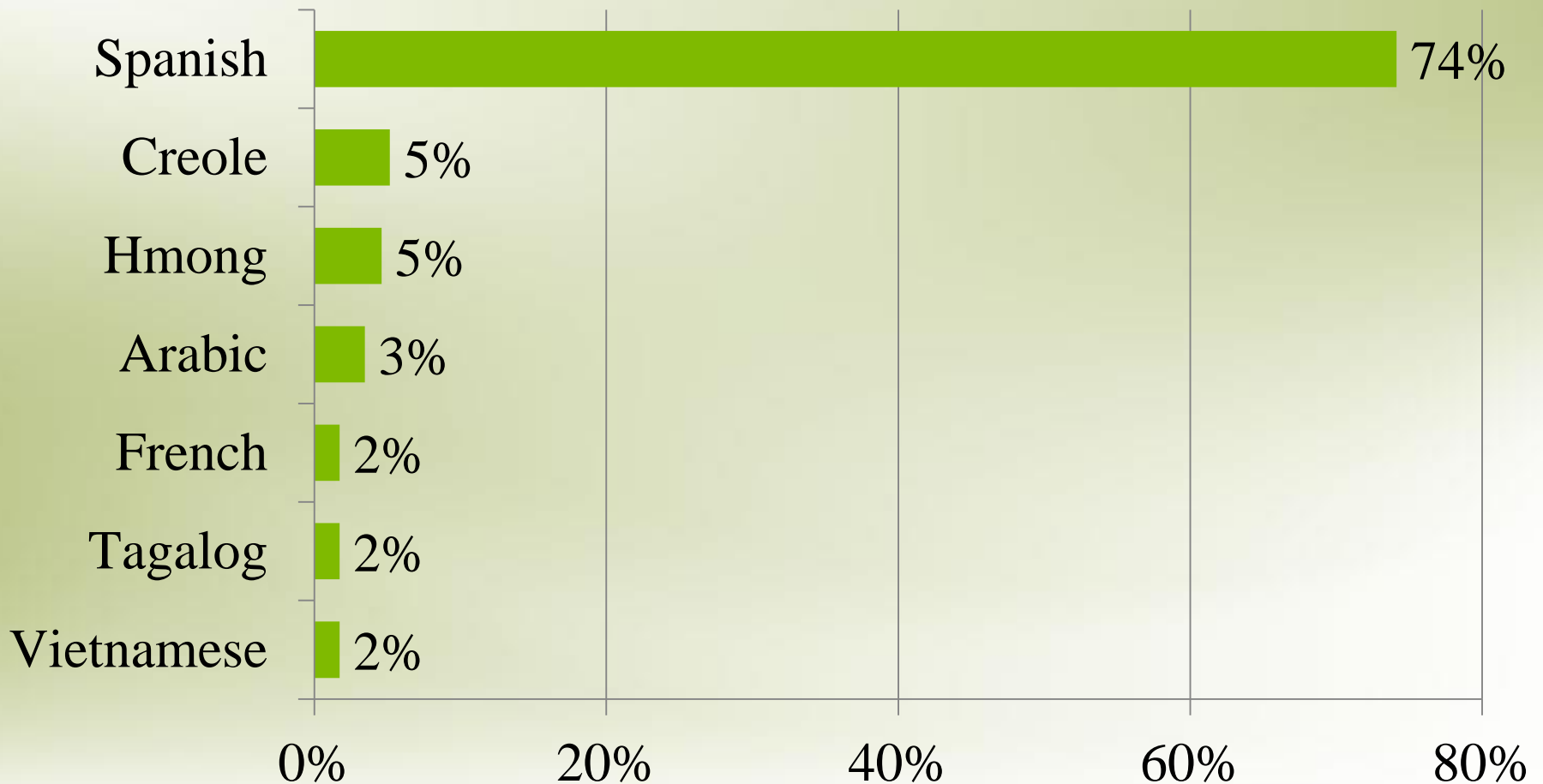


Types of Immigrant Member Institutions



Organizing Languages

Percentage of FBCOs that conduct some activities in...

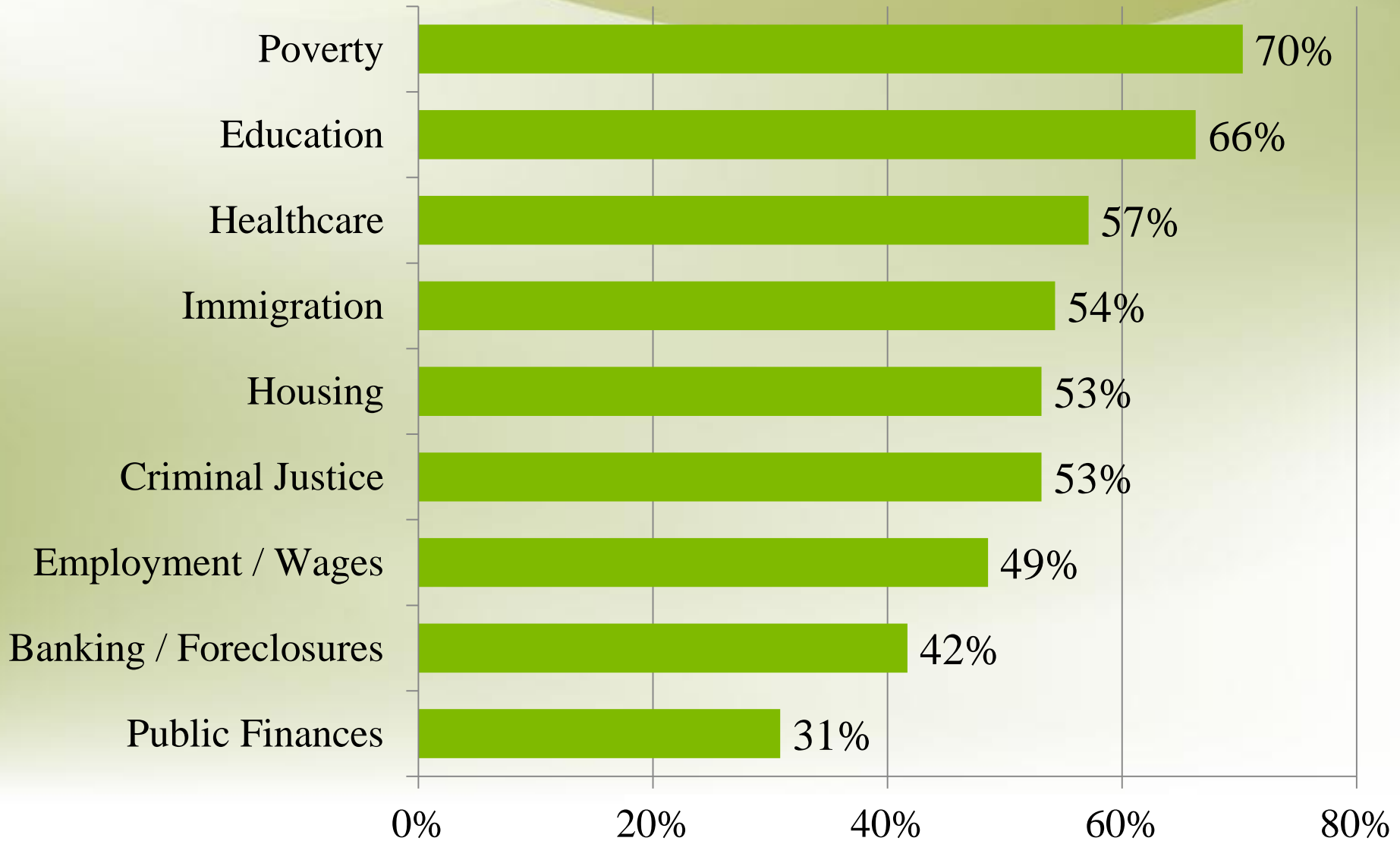


Organizing Activity



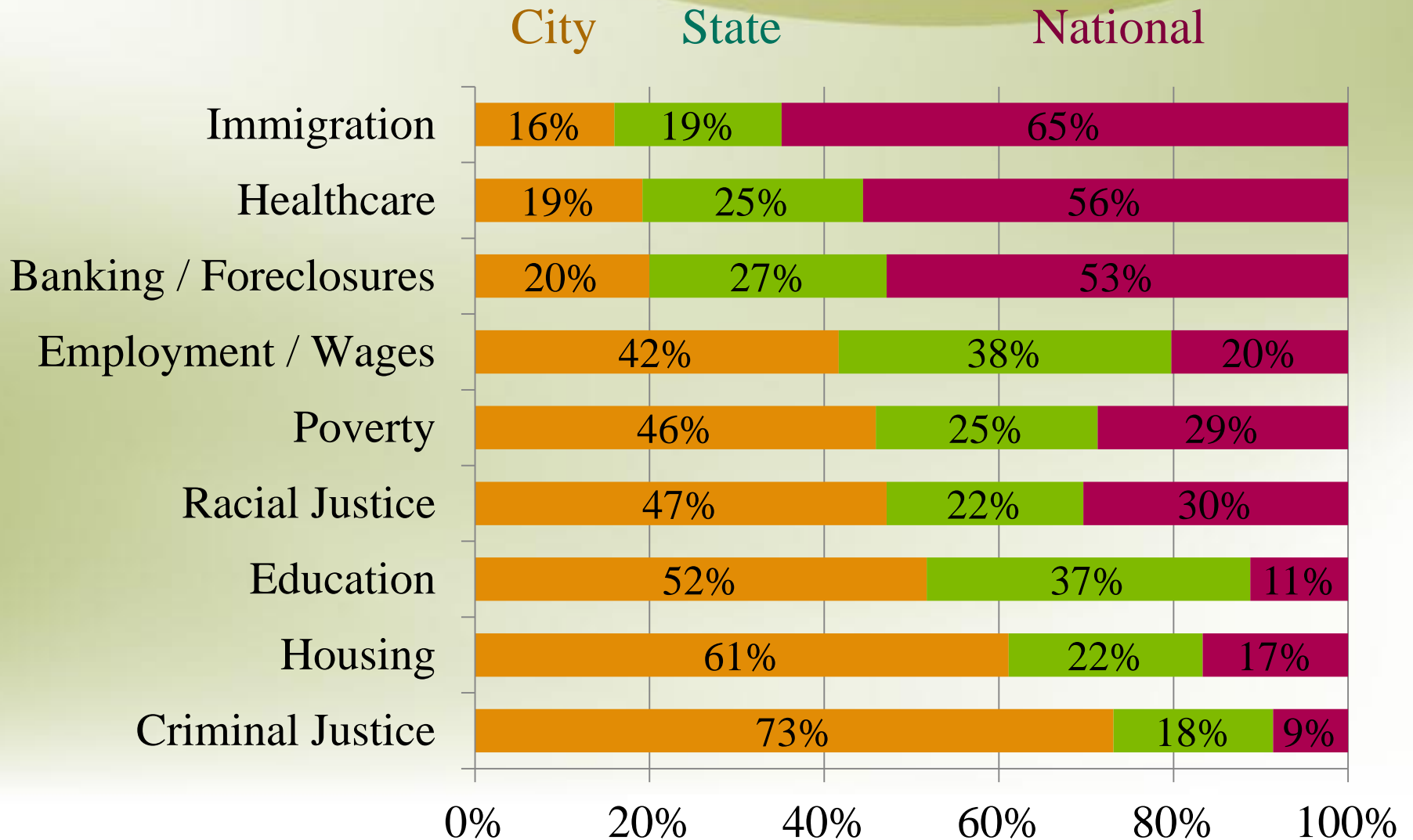
Primary Issues: highest engagement

Percentage of FBCOs actively addressing:



Primary Issues

Highest level at which FBCOs are addressing these issues:



Thus, the Unitarian-Universalist movement serves as leaven within an important and dynamic terrain of democracy in America



The tensions that come with being leaven:

1. Expressive UU culture



Strategic social change

2. Witness and push forward....



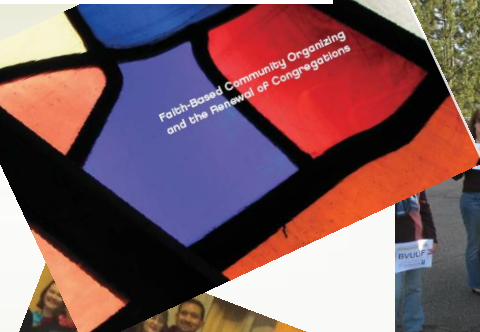
...but do not blow up the “reform coalition”

3. All dependent on vibrant UU congregations:

Externally: faith-based organizing (?)

 Internally: compelling worship & deep spirituality

good for the soul,
good for the whole



.....all this as part of building
the beloved community of the present & future



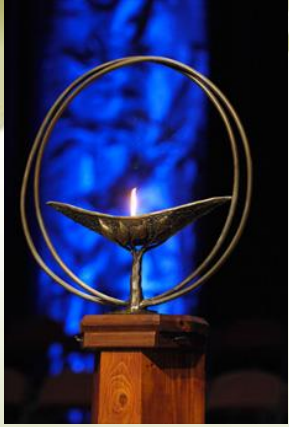


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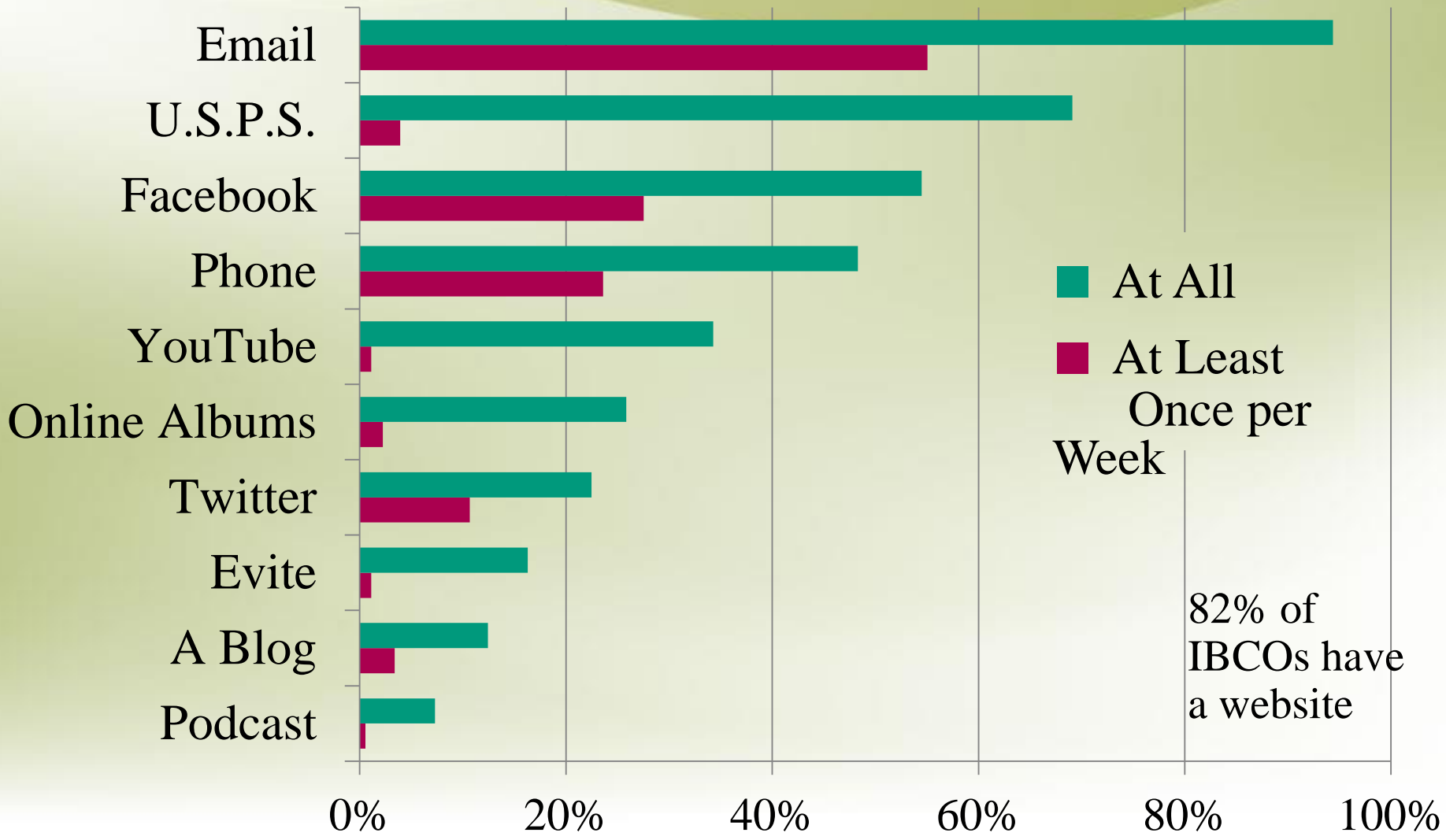
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Bonus Slides

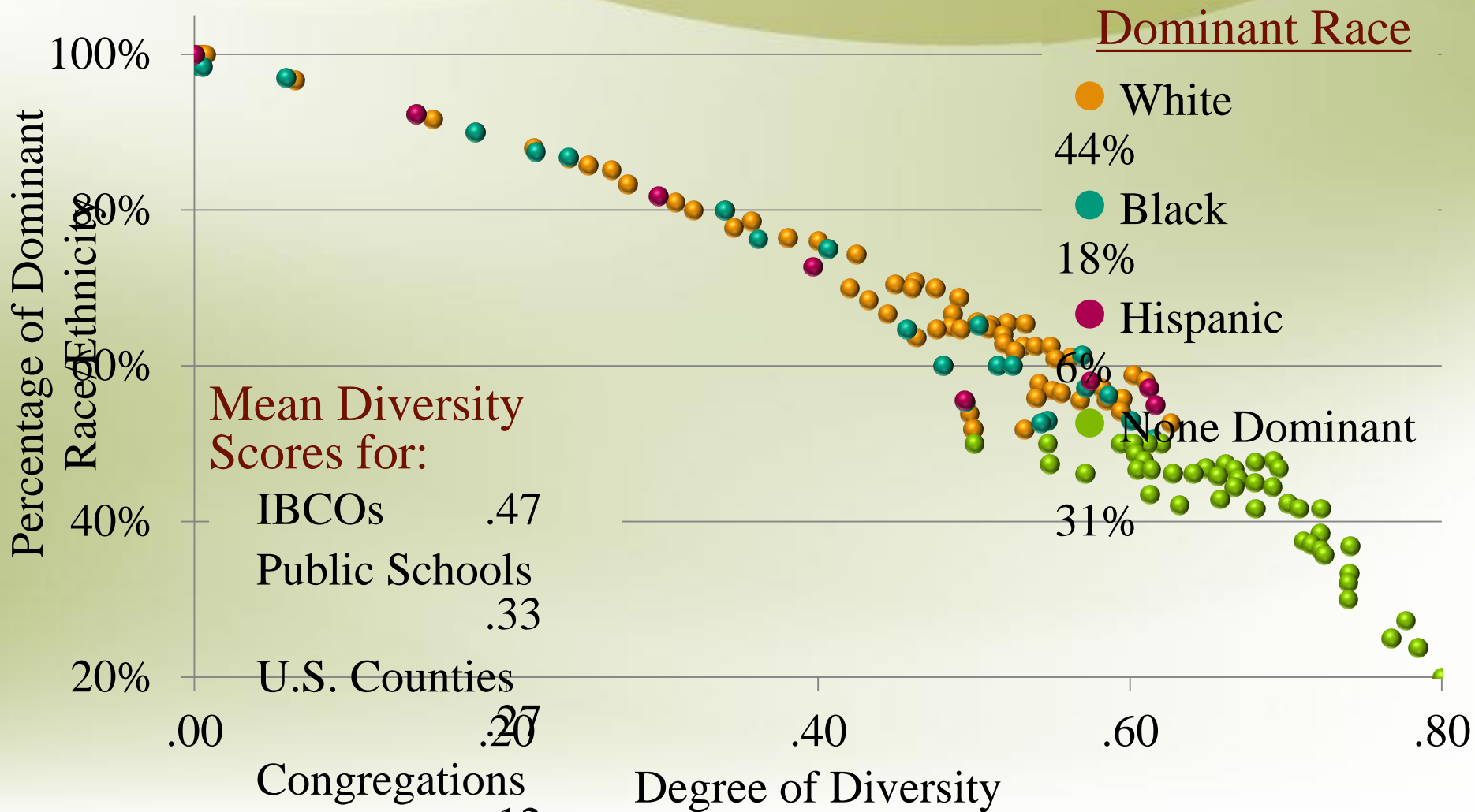


Modes of Mass Communication



Racial/Ethnic Diversity

Member Institutions



Sources for public schools, U.S. counties and congregations are the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Census, and National Congregations Study

Geographic Scope

