

# Future Faith

Challenge #8:  
Defeating Divisive Culture Wars  
November 10, 2019

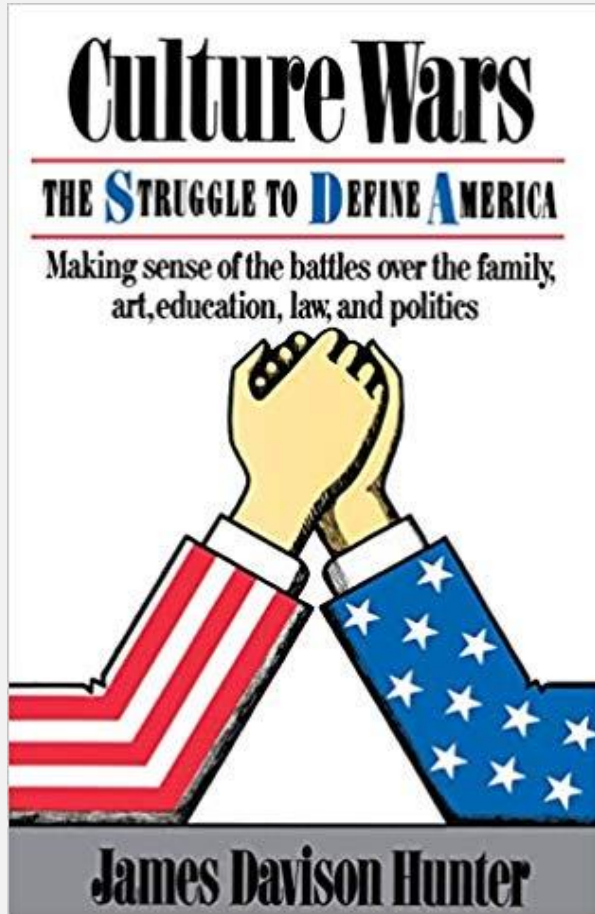


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# Agenda

- Announcements, Attendance, & Prayer
- A Brief History of America's Culture Wars
- Growing Support for Same-Sex Marriage
- LGBTQIA+ Vocabulary & Authentic Welcome
- So What? Continuing the Conversation

# Culture Wars

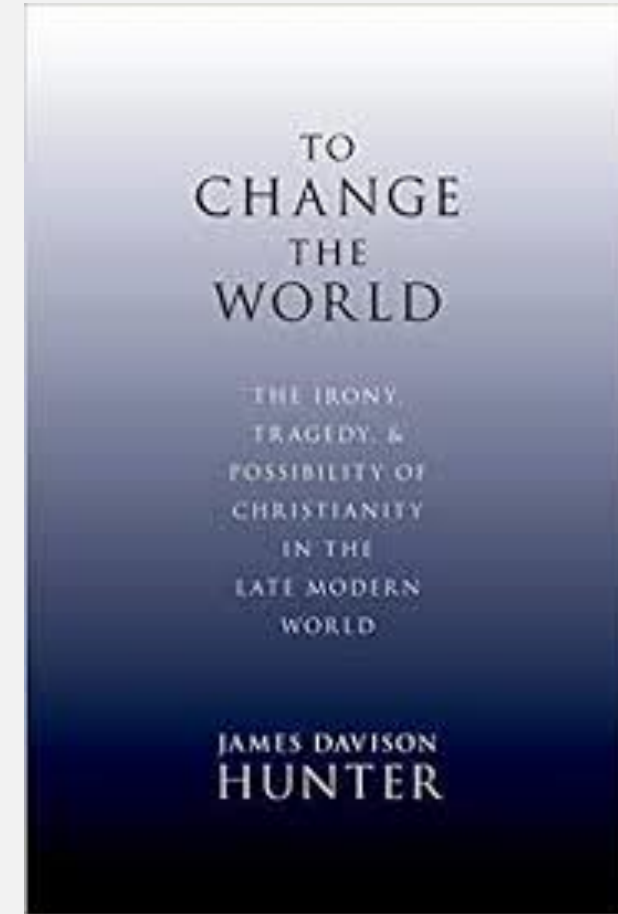


1991



Popularized the term  
“Culture Wars”

Christians are called to be a  
“faithful presence within culture”



2010

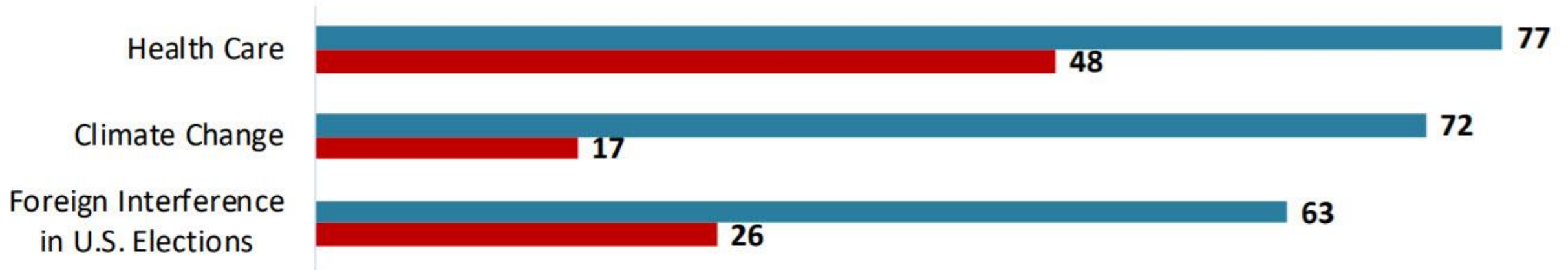
# Partisan Polarization (2019)

## No Partisan Overlap in Top Three Critical Issues

Percent who rate the following issues as critical

■ Democrat

■ Republican

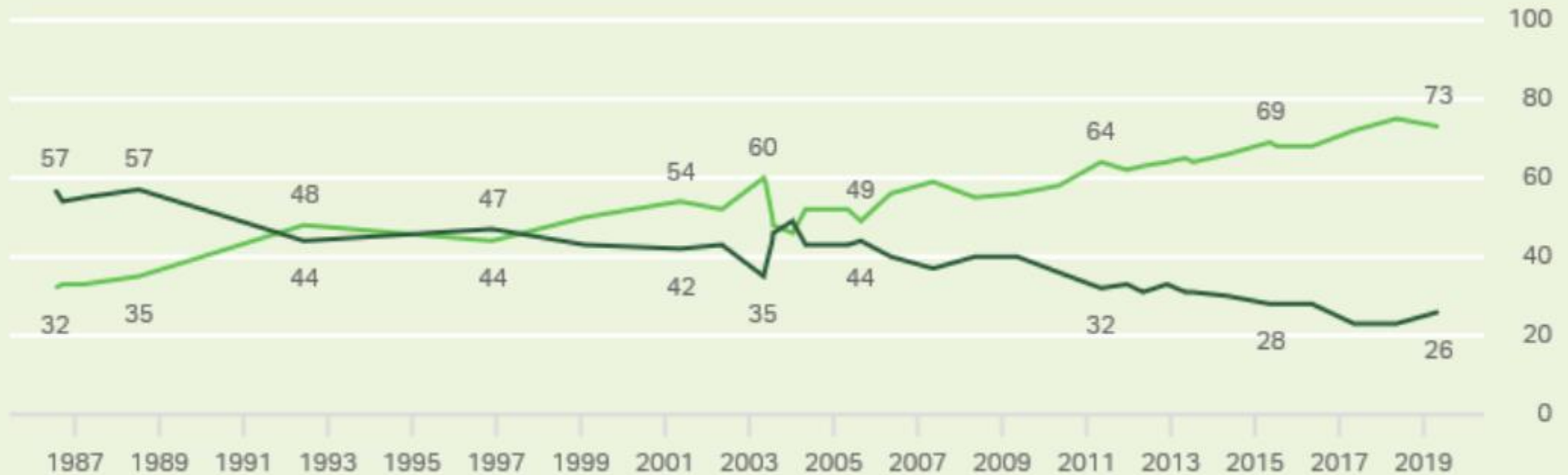


# Should Gay or Lesbian Relationships be Legal?

Do you think gay or lesbian relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?

Selected Trend

■ % Should be legal ■ % Should not be legal

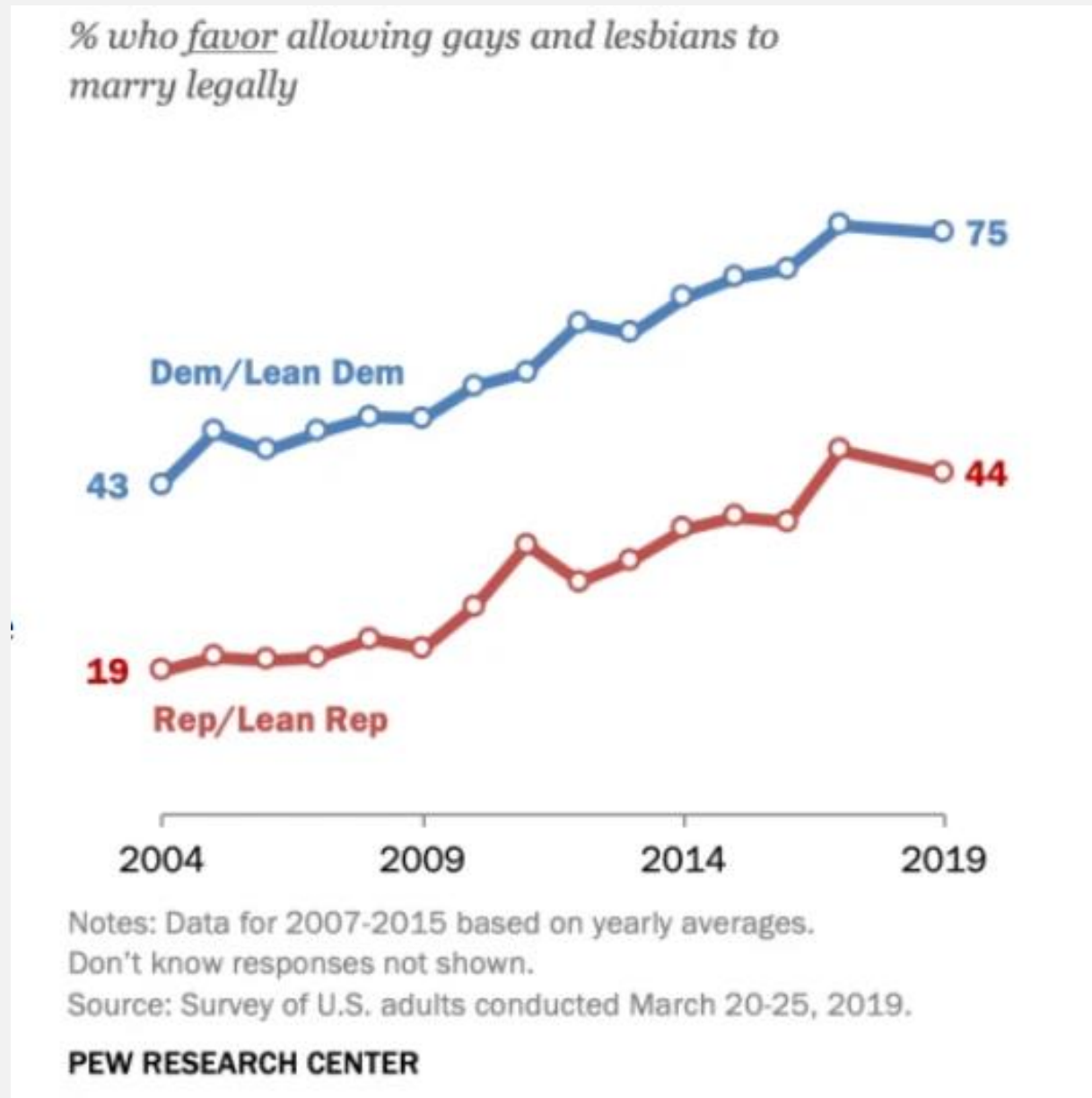


1986-2008 wording: Do you think homosexual relations between consenting adults should or should not be legal?

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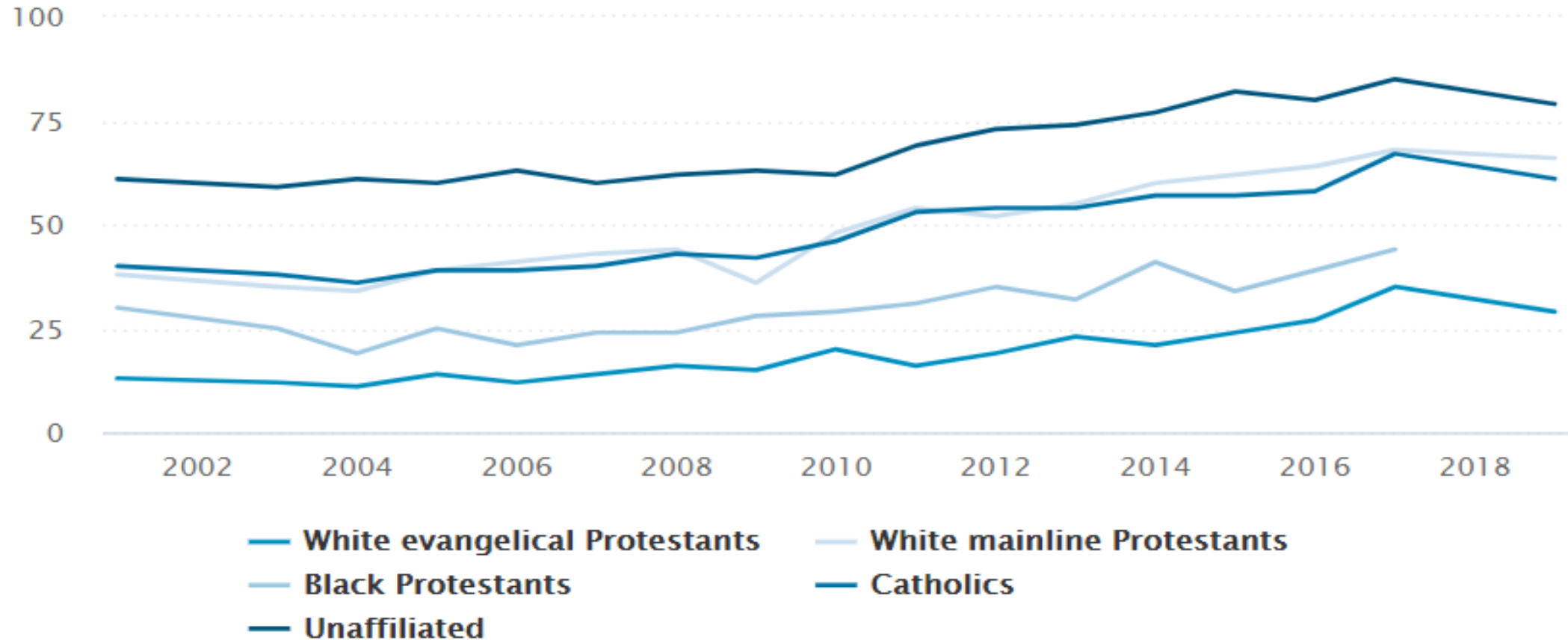
*[Gay and Lesbian Rights.](#)*  
(Gallup, ND.)

# Favor Same Sex Marriage by Political Party



# Favor Same Sex Marriage by Religion

*% of U.S. adults who favor same-sex marriage, by religion (2001-2019)*

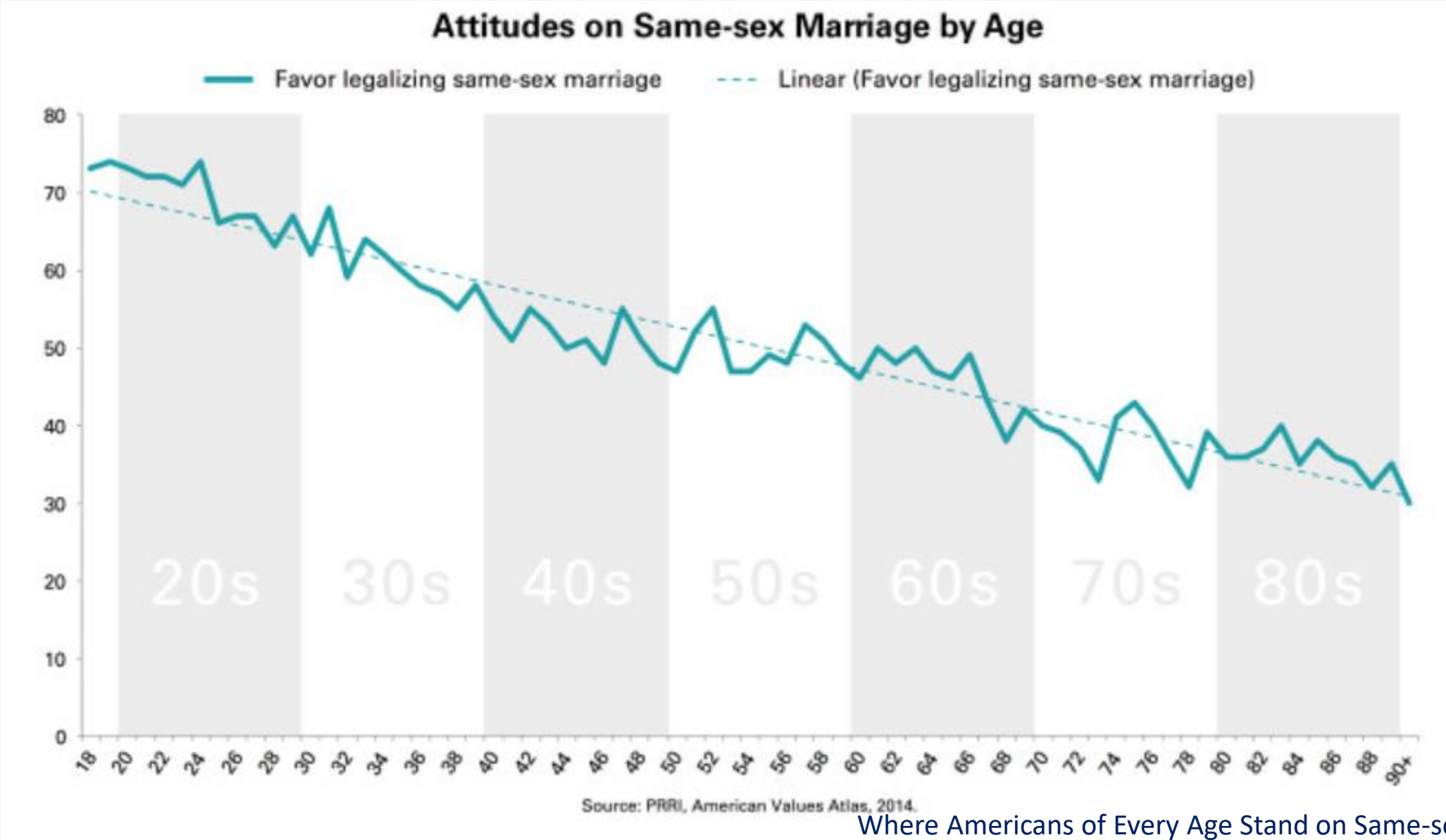


“In our present time, no issue has become more divisive than same-sex relationships and the role of gay and lesbian persons in the life of the church.” (Future Faith, p.166)

*Attitudes on Same Sex Marriage.*  
(Pew Research Center. May 14, 2019.)



# Before 2015 Supreme Court Ruling – Attitudes by Age



Where Americans of Every Age Stand on Same-sex Marriage (PRRI. June 15, 2015.)



# Same-Sex Marriage Becomes Legal Nationwide (June 2015)



# LGBTQIA+ Vocabulary



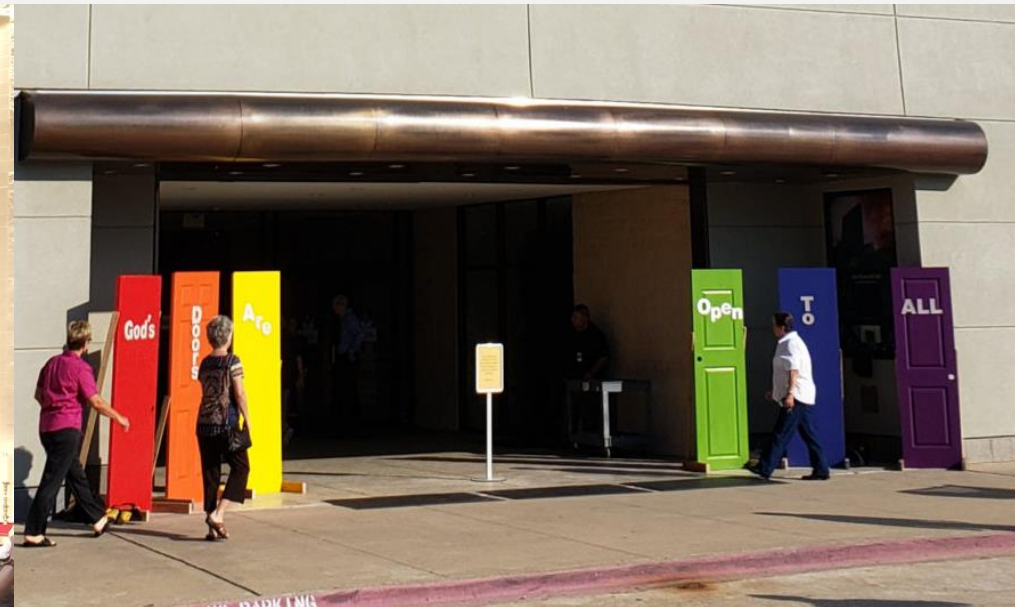
- ✓ Lesbian
- ✓ Gay
- ✓ Bisexual
- ✓ Transgender
- ✓ Queer or Questioning
- ✓ Intersex
- ✓ Asexual



**Handout**  
Common LGBTQ “Definitions”  
and Terms



# Cathedral of Hope (Dallas, TX)



# So What? Continuing the Conversation



- ✓ How has your view of same-sex marriage evolved over time?
- ✓ How welcoming is FPC FW to LGBTQIA+ newcomers? What changes would you recommend? Why?

Rev. Alex McNeill, Executive Director, More Light Presbyterians gives the benediction at his PCUSA ordination on October 11, 2019.



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