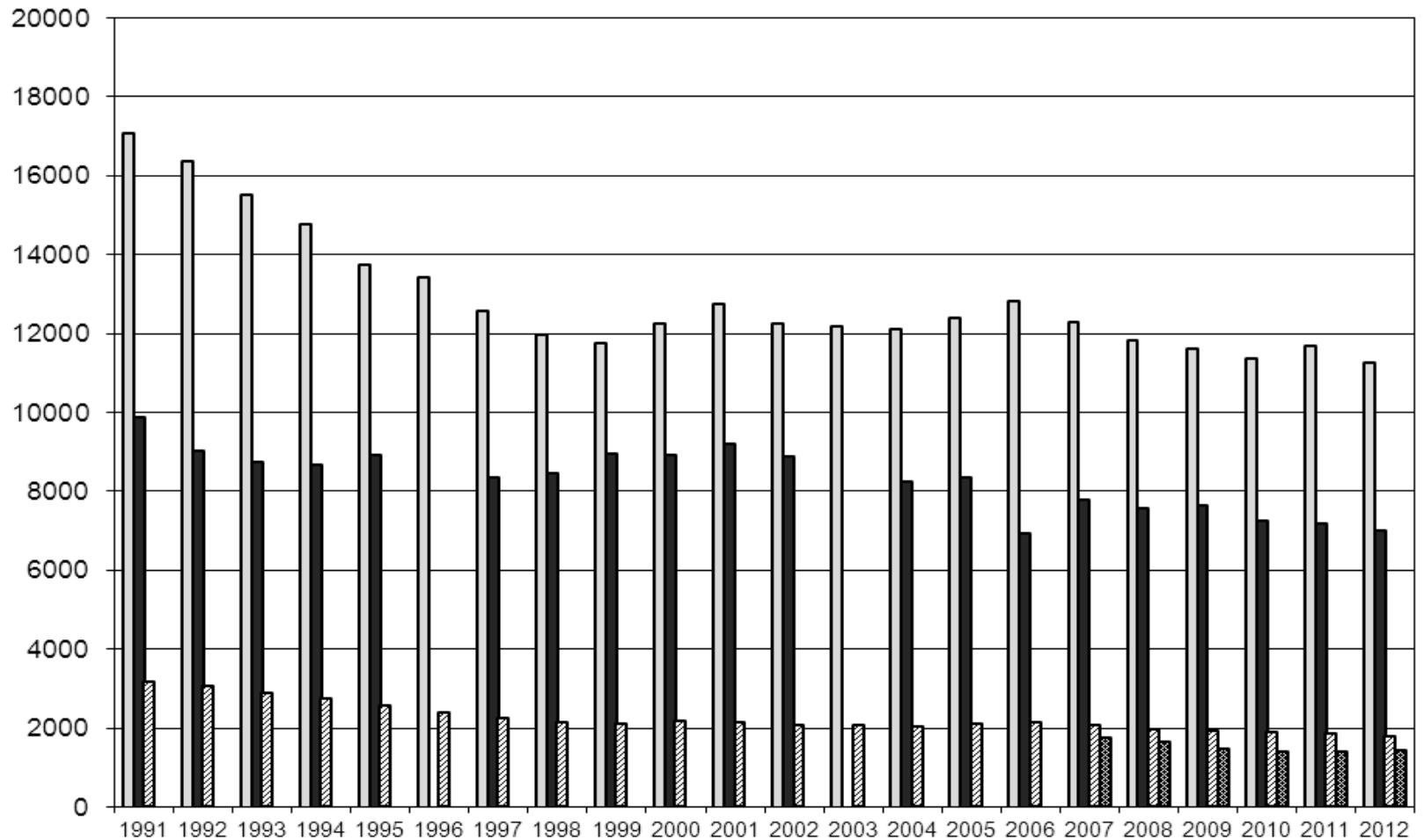




**THE INFLUENCE OF CONFIRMATION WORK ON THE
COMMITMENT TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IN HUNGARY**
– SOME CONCLUSIONS OF THE SECOND EUROPEAN
CONFIRMATION STUDY

Balázs SIBA
PhD, senior lecturer

NUMBER OF 13-14-YEAR-OLD PROTESTANTS AND PROTESTANT CONFIRMANDS



■ Estimated number of 14-year-old Reformed Calvinists ■ Reformed confirmands (children)
 ▨ Estimated number of 14-year-old Lutherans ▩ Evangelical-Lutheran confirmands (<18)

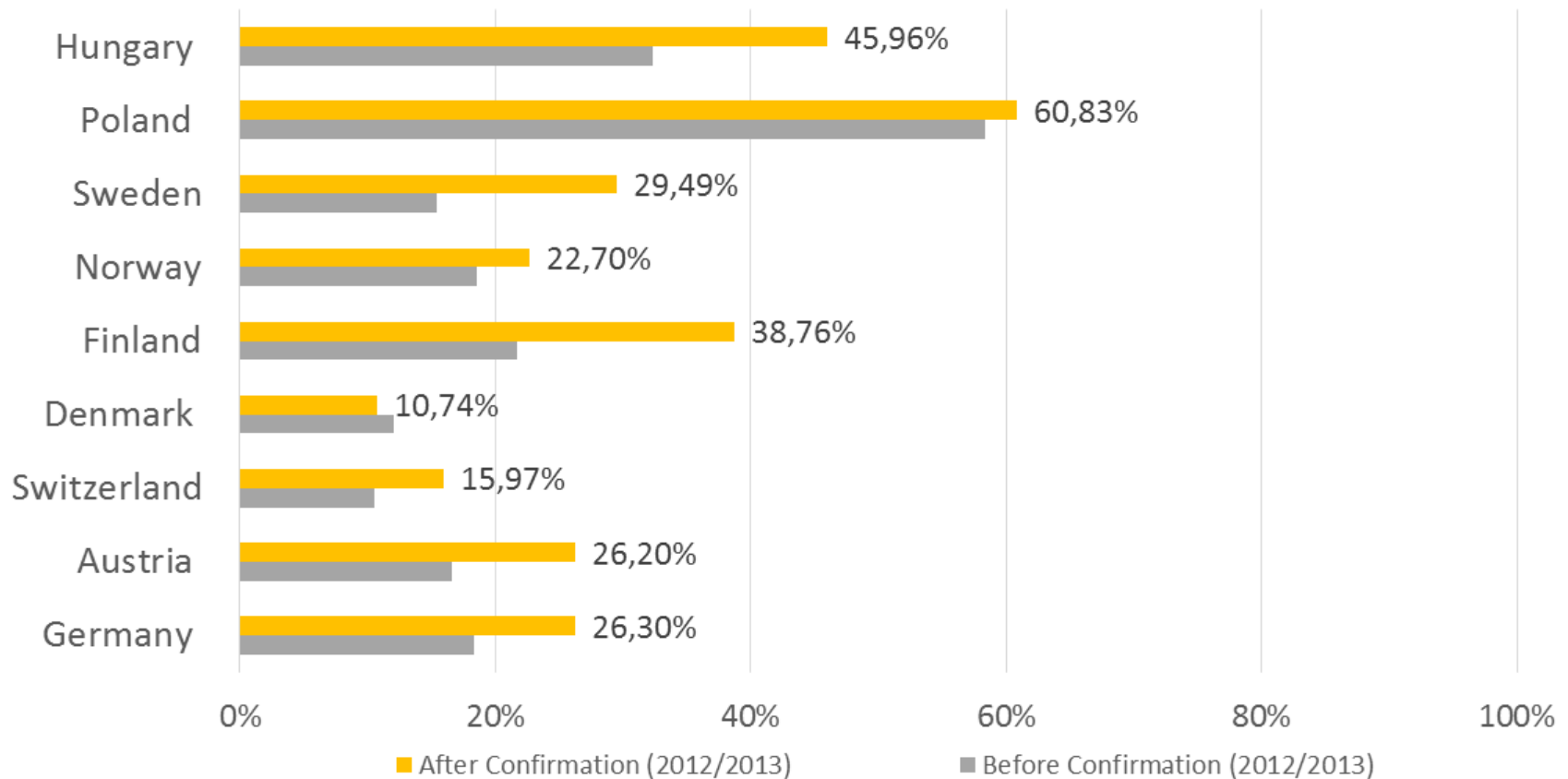
OVERALL SATISFACTION IN NUMBERS

| | Average | DE | AT | CH | DK | FI | NO | SE | PL | HU |
|--|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Whole confirmation time | 76% | 75% | 81% | 71% | 72% | 79% | 73% | 90% | 86% | 90% |
| Had a lot of fun | 86% | 90% | 92% | 89% | 75% | 79% | 76% | 93% | 71% | 68% |
| Experience community in the group | 77% | 75% | 78% | 79% | 78% | 78% | 82% | 89% | 79% | 82% |
| Personal contact with leaders | 59% | 52% | 66% | 59% | 55% | 71% | 67% | 84% | 85% | 64% |
| Interesting sermons | 39% | 47% | 38% | 41% | 28% | 21% | 27% | 42% | 91% | 61% |

CONFIRMANDS REGARDING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS IMPORTANT

| | Regard church membership as important | Share of members of this Church in the country | Parents interested in religion |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Sweden | 19 | 66 (Lutheran) | 31 |
| Denmark | 27 | 78 (Lutheran) | 25 |
| Finland | 28 | 75 (Lutheran) | 20 |
| Norway | 32 | 75 (Lutheran) | 22 |
| Switzerland | 27 | 30 (Reformed) | 23 |
| Germany EKD | 41 | 31 (EKD) | 25 |
| Austria | 43 | 2 (Lutheran) | 31 |
| Hungary | 63 | 12 (Reformed) 2 (Lutheran) | 69 |
| Poland | 83 | <1 (Lutheran) | 75 |
| Germany EmK | 70 | <1 (Methodist) | 77 |

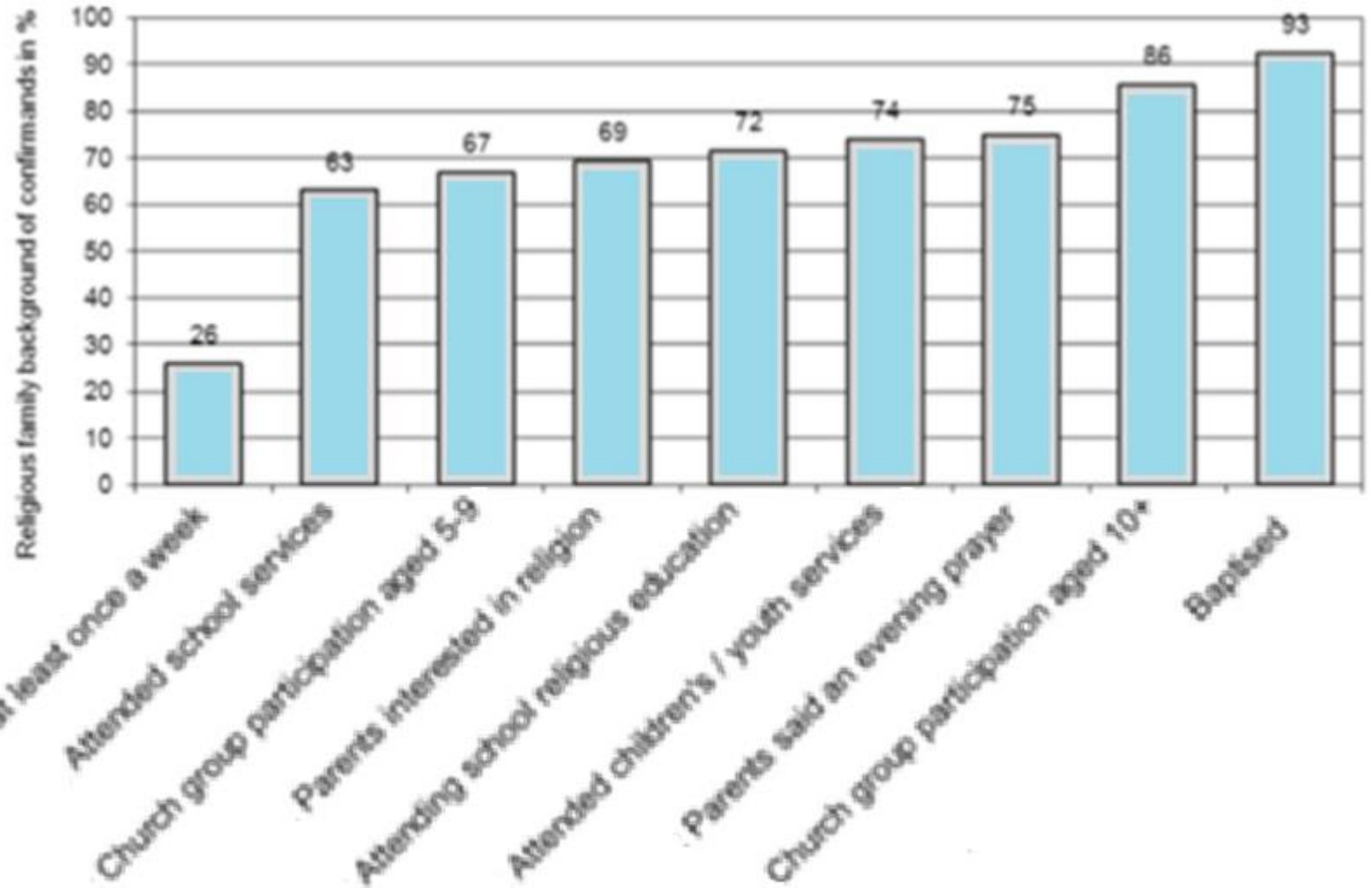
„I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN A CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUP AFTER CONFIRMATION.”



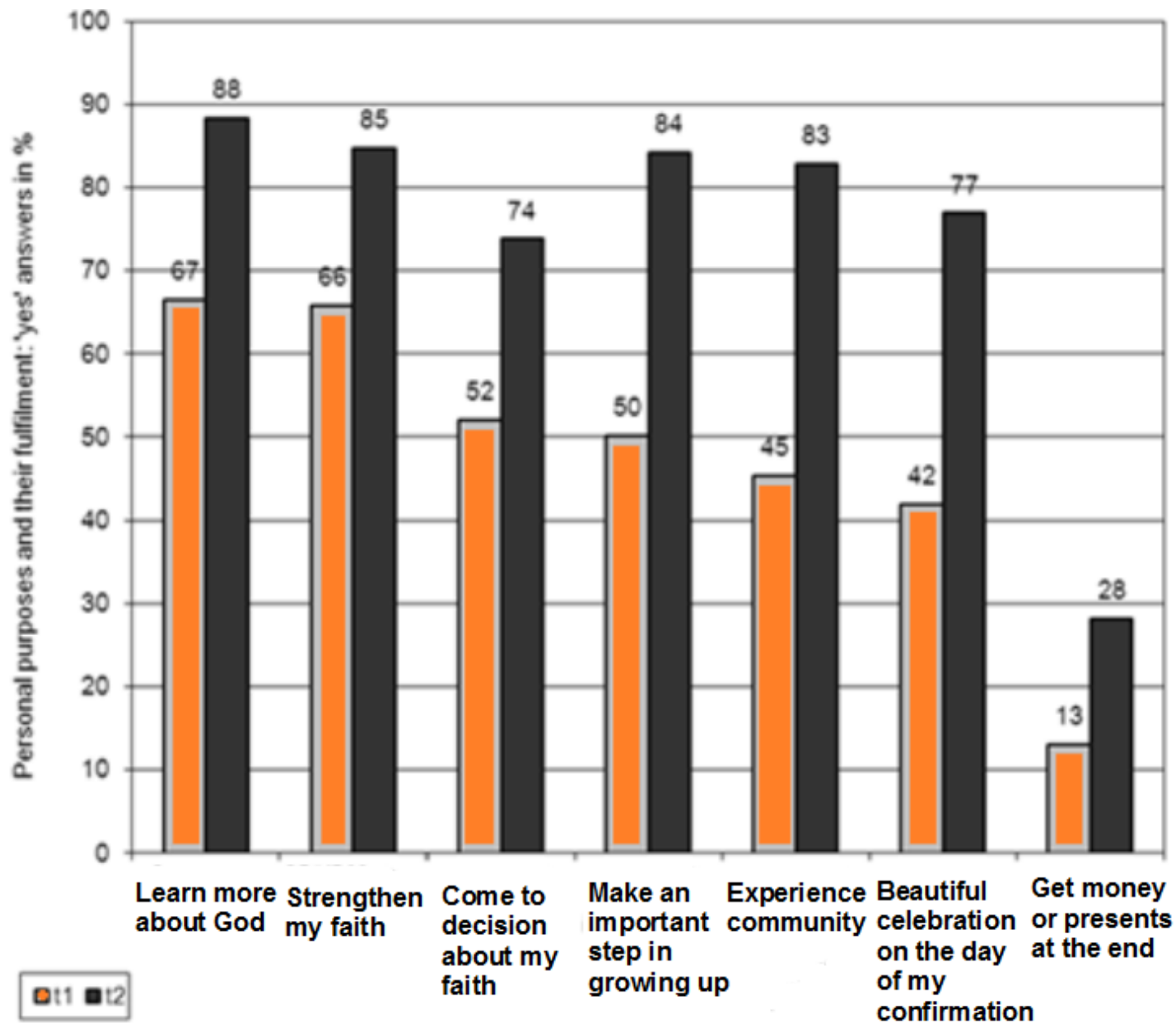
Hungarian results



PRIOR RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES OF CONFIRMANDS



PERSONAL PURPOSES OF CONFIRMANDS

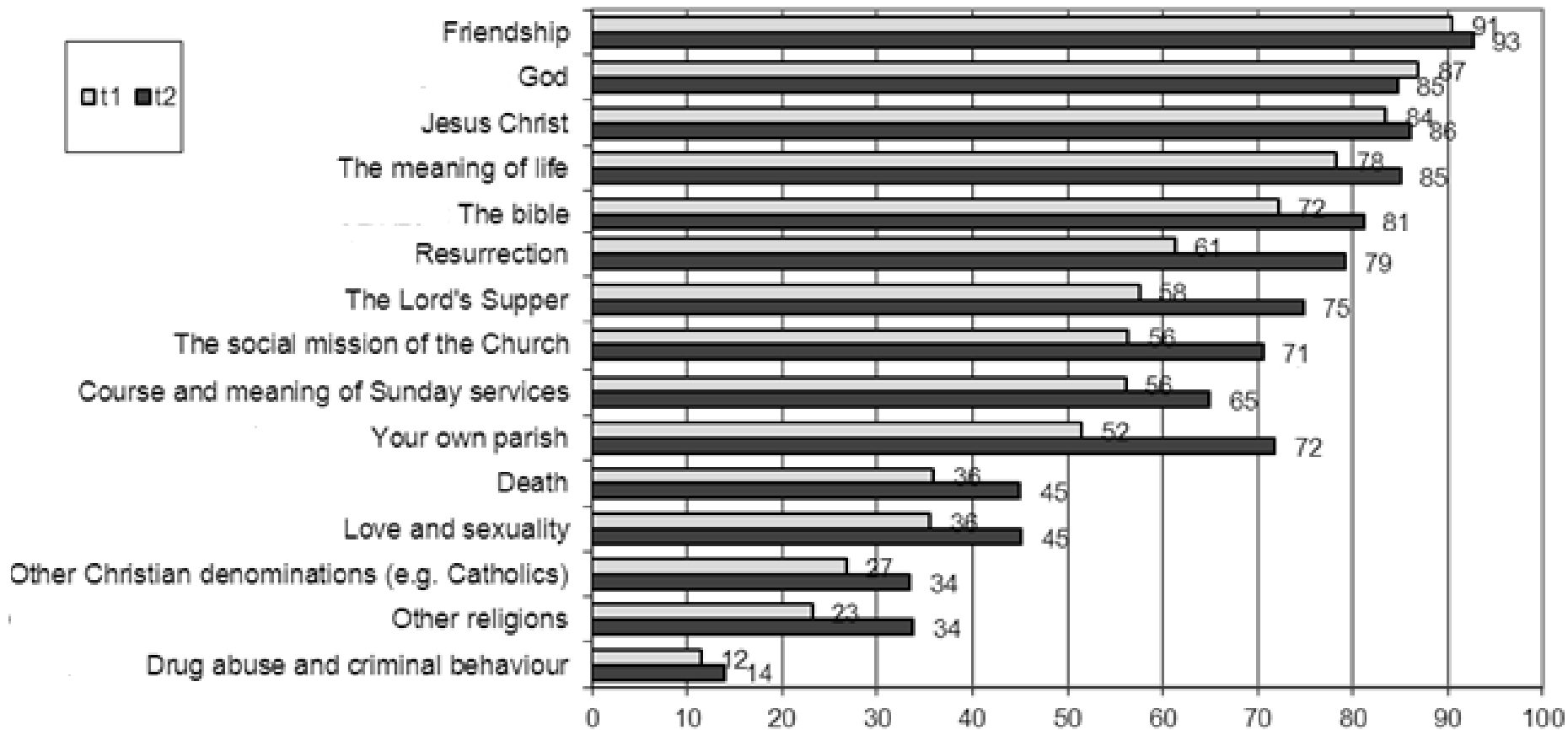


N(total) = 238

EXPERIENCES FROM CONFIRMATION WORK

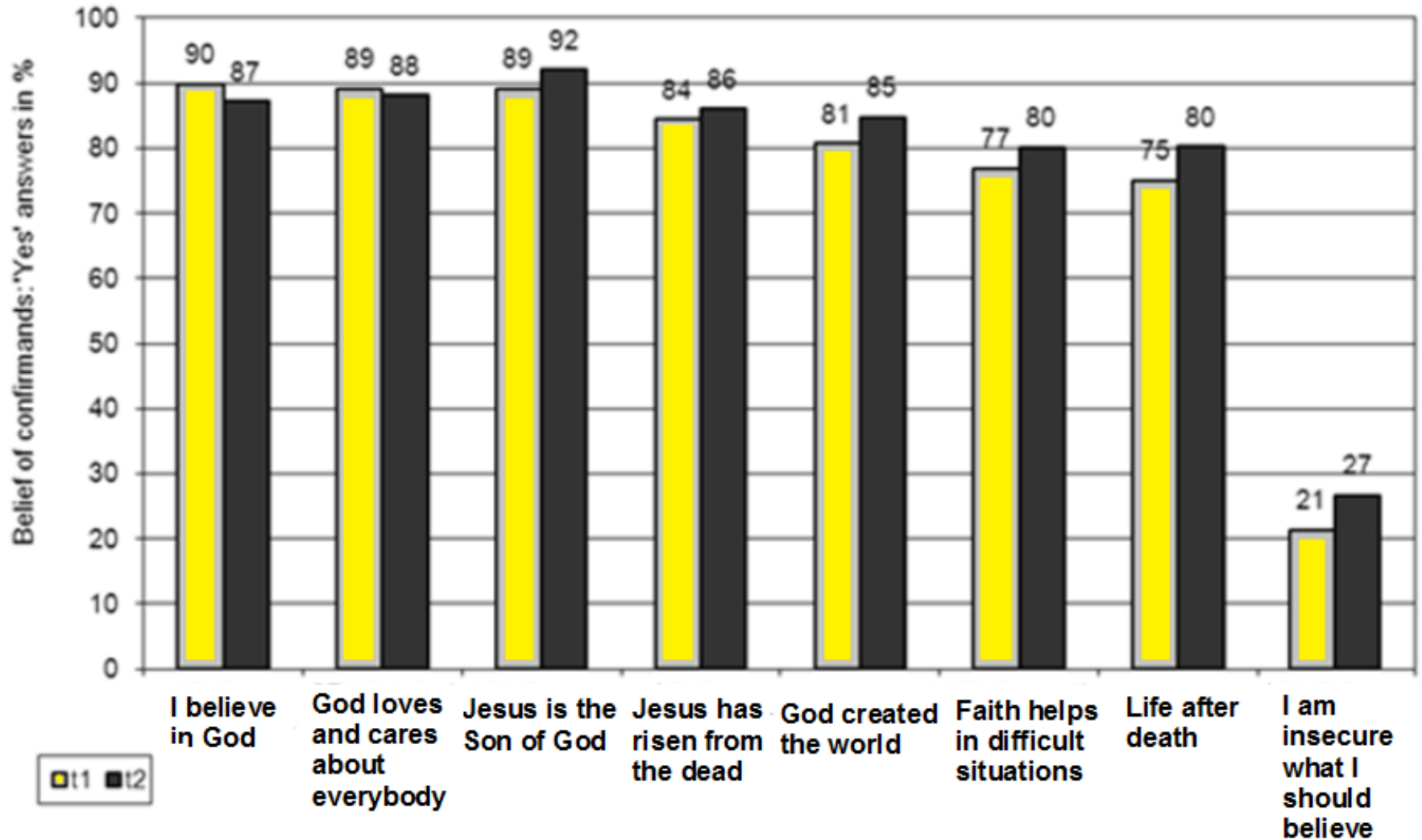


INTEREST OF CONFIRMANDS IN TOPICS OF CONFIRMATION WORK

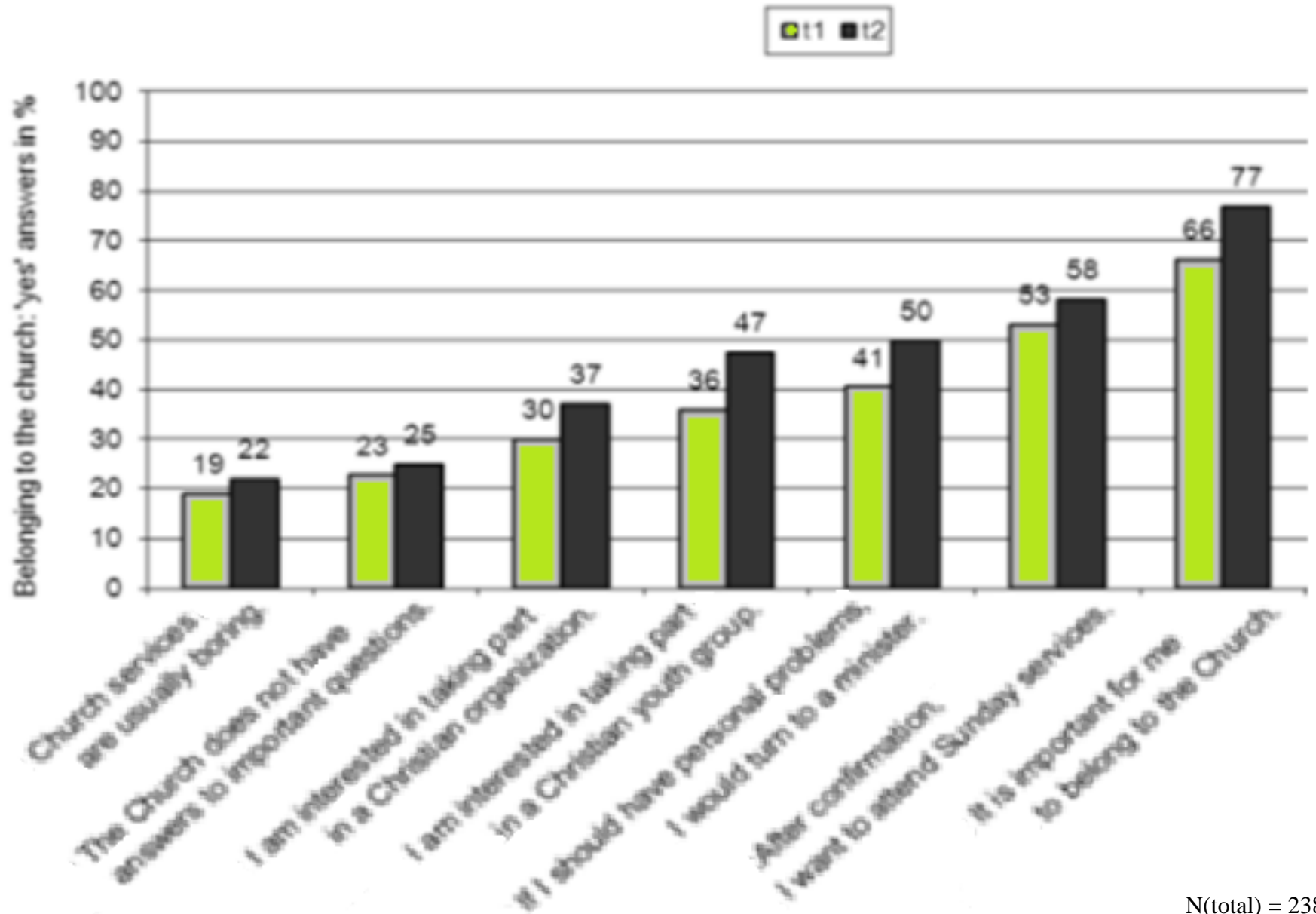


N(total) = 238

BELIEF OF CONFIRMANDS



SERVICES OF AND BELONGING TO THE CHURCH



IMPLICATIONS

- **confirmation work moves away from the school-type to the youth-work-type**
- **it is time now to focus on the renewal of confirmation work and youth work in general**
- **need a curriculum for church based activities**



***Thank you very much for
your attention!***

Rev. Balázs Siba, Ph.D.
siba.balazs@reformatus.hu