

The Windsor Report

Reception Reference Process

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The Responses

Reception Reference Group met on February 10 & 11 2005



The Responses

322 responses were submitted



The Responses

Sectors (108 responses)

- ✧ *Defined as:* dioceses and bishops, provinces, organisations, primates, theological institutes, ecumenical partners, mission agencies and the networks and commissions of the Communion

Individuals (214 responses)

- ✧ 140 came from Anglicans in the USA and Canada, 34 from other Anglicans, 30 from other Christians, 10 no faith stated.

Submissions continue to arrive

The Responses

A desire for the Anglican Communion to stay together?

Of those expressing a preference, many respondents wish...

- ✦ the Communion to stay together (113)
- ✦ or its Churches to move closer together (28)
- ✦ 29 can be said to accept the possibility of the Communion separating

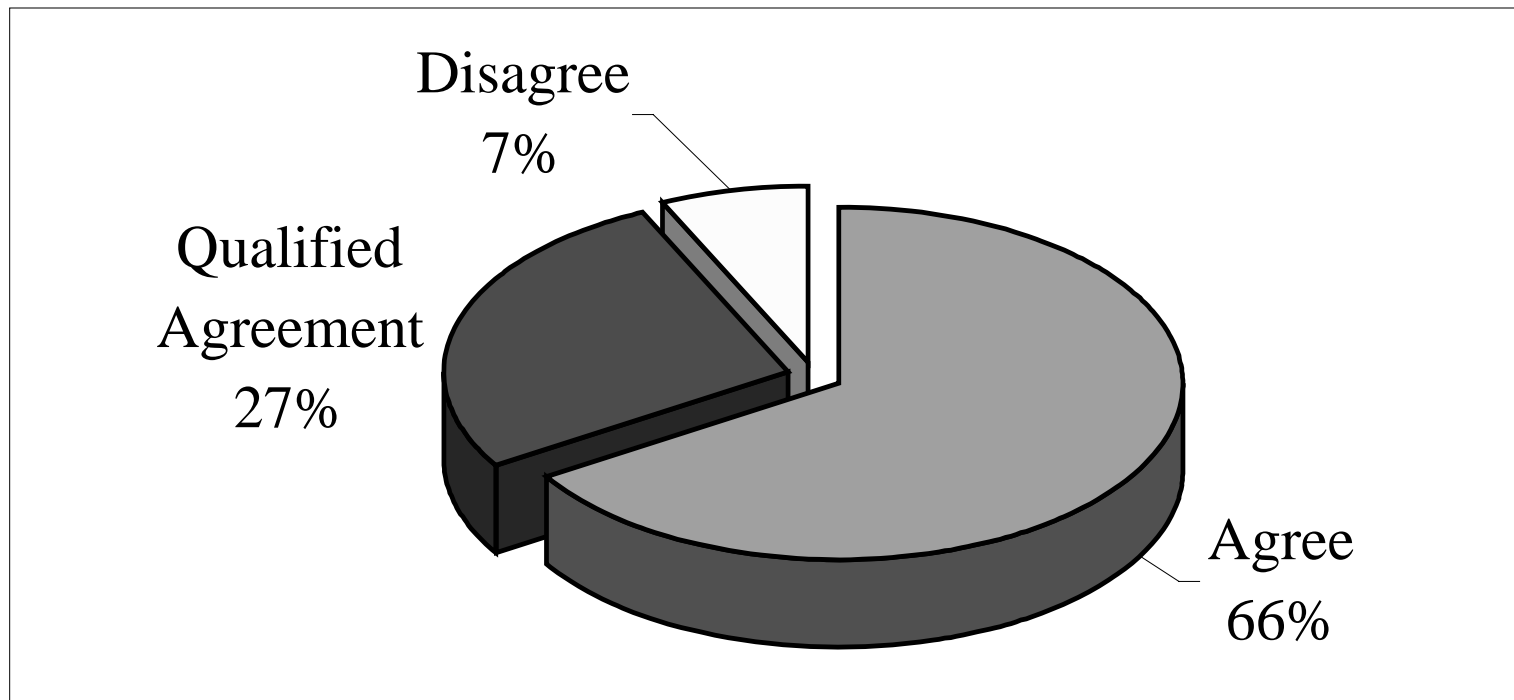
Sections A and B

Sectors

66% agree

27% qualified agreement

7% disagree



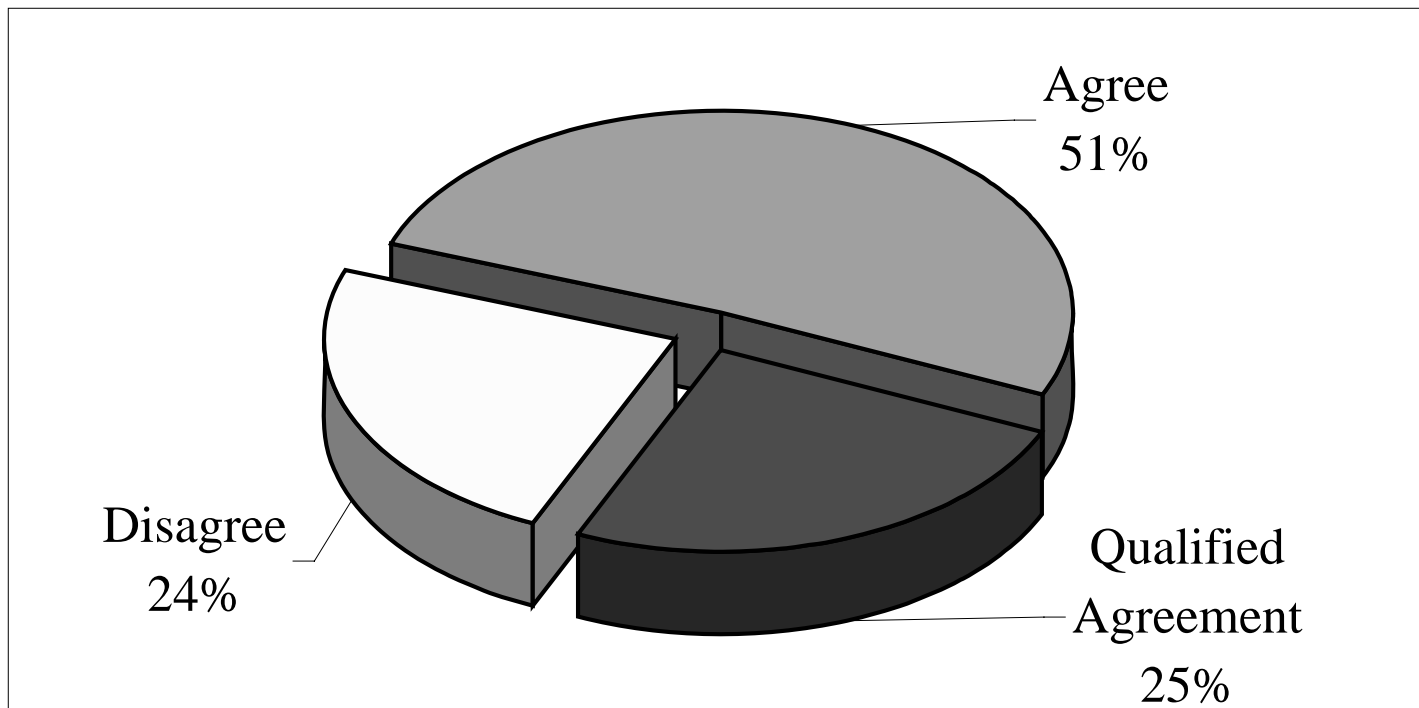
Sections A and B

Individuals

51% agree

25% qualified agreement

24% disagree



Sections A and B

- ✦ *Scripture*

 - ✦ Authority

 - ✦ Interpretation

- ✦ *Episcopate*

 - ✦ Teaching

 - ✦ Authority

- ✦ *Bonds of Affection*

 - ✦ Autonomy-in-Communion

- ✦ *Adiaphora*

 - ✦ Communion Issues

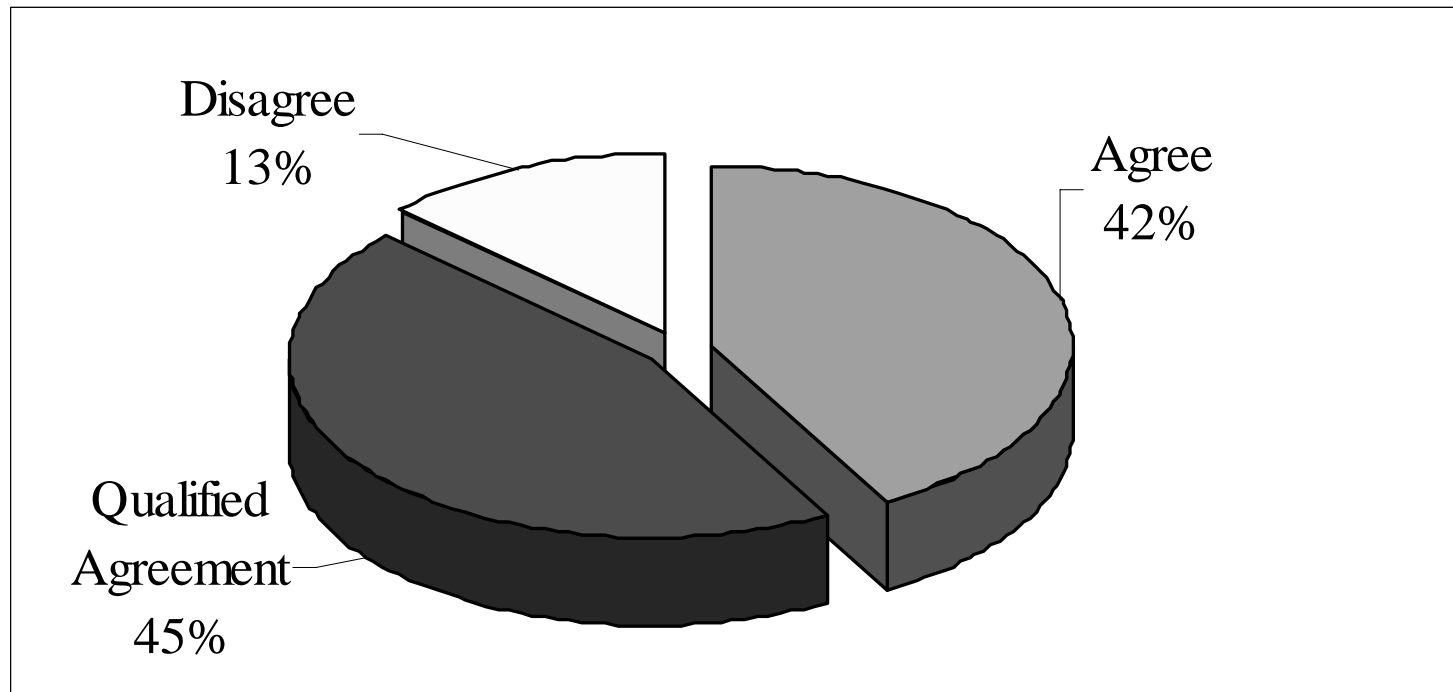
Section C

Sectors

42% agree

45% qualified agreement

13% disagree



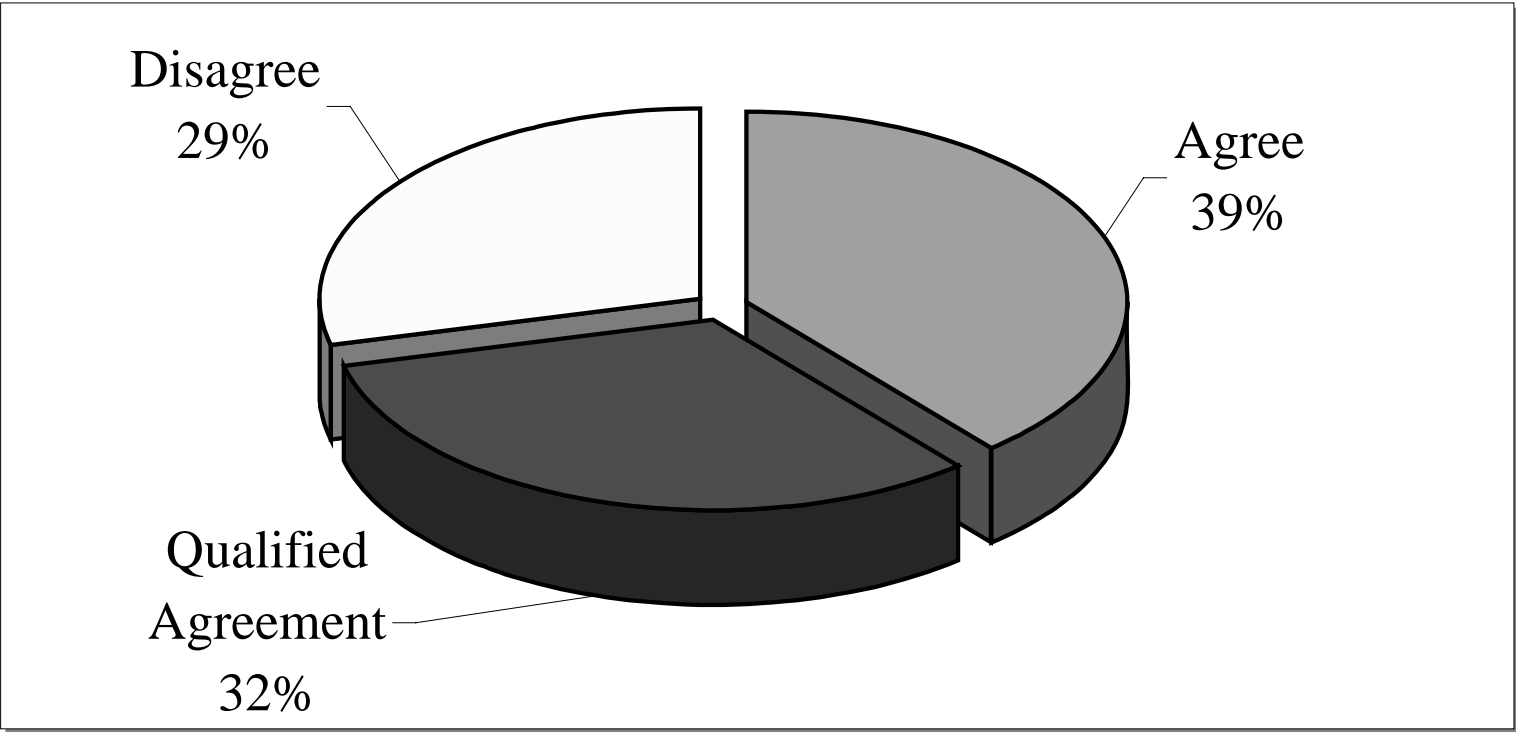
Section C

Individuals

39% agree

32% qualified agreement

29% disagree



Section C

Instruments of Unity

- ✦ Lambeth Conference
- ✦ Primates' Meeting
- ✦ Anglican Consultative Council
- ✦ Archbishop of Canterbury
 - ✦ Council of Advice

Section C

Covenant

- ✘ Agreement but
- ✘ Legalism / principle
- ✘ “Confessional Church”

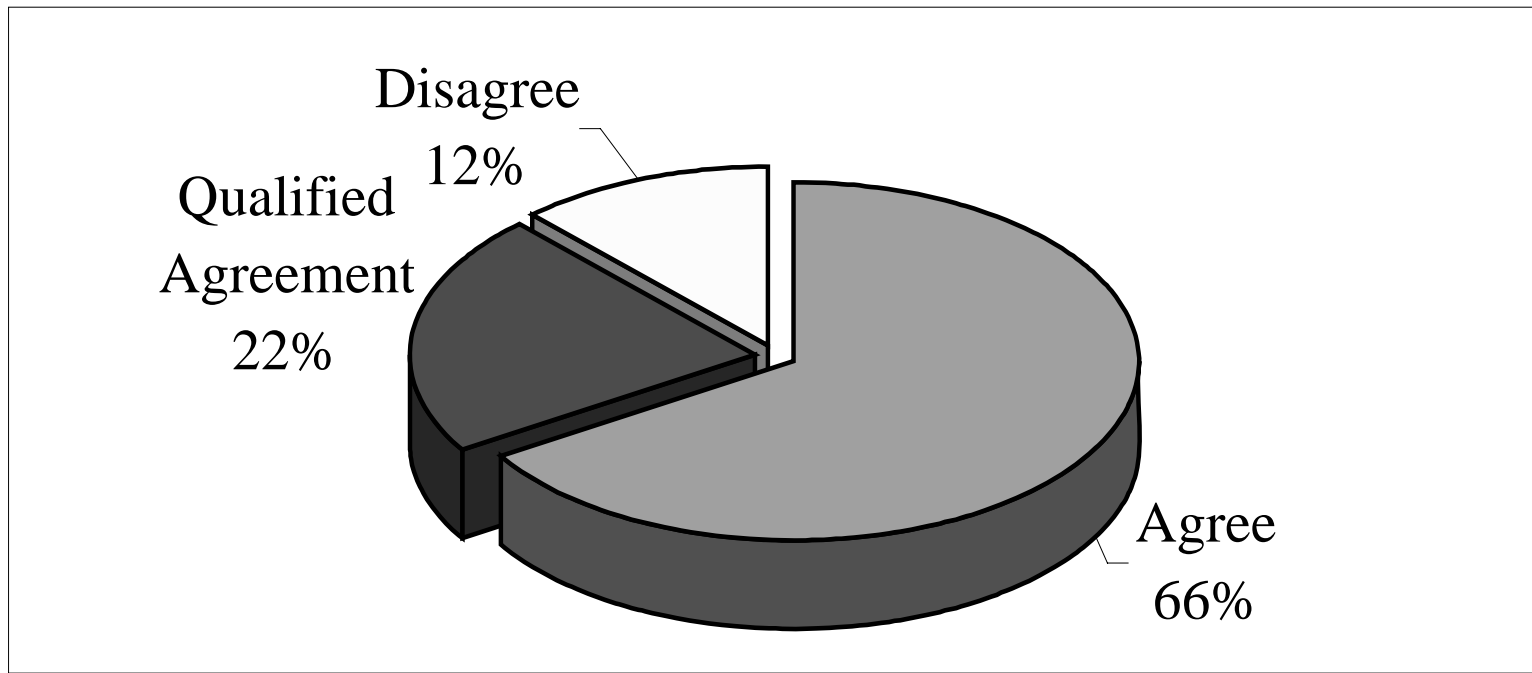
On the Election of Bishops (§131-132)

Sectors

66% agree

22% qualified agreement

12% disagree



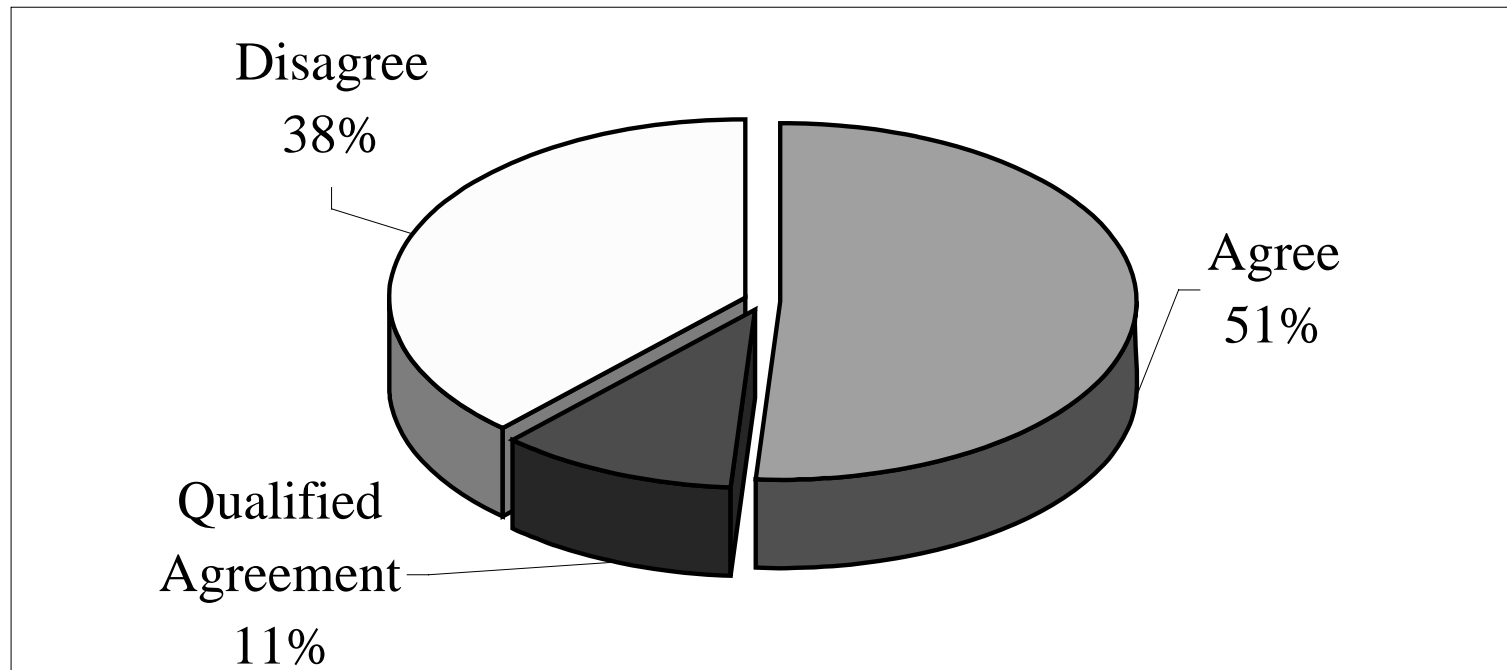
On the Election of Bishops (§131-132)

Individuals

51% agree

11% qualified agreement

38% disagree



On the Election of Bishops (§131-132)

✦ *Nature of a bishop*

- ✦ *the local church*
- ✦ *wider Communion*

✦ *Terminology*

- ✦ *consultation*
- ✦ *acceptability*

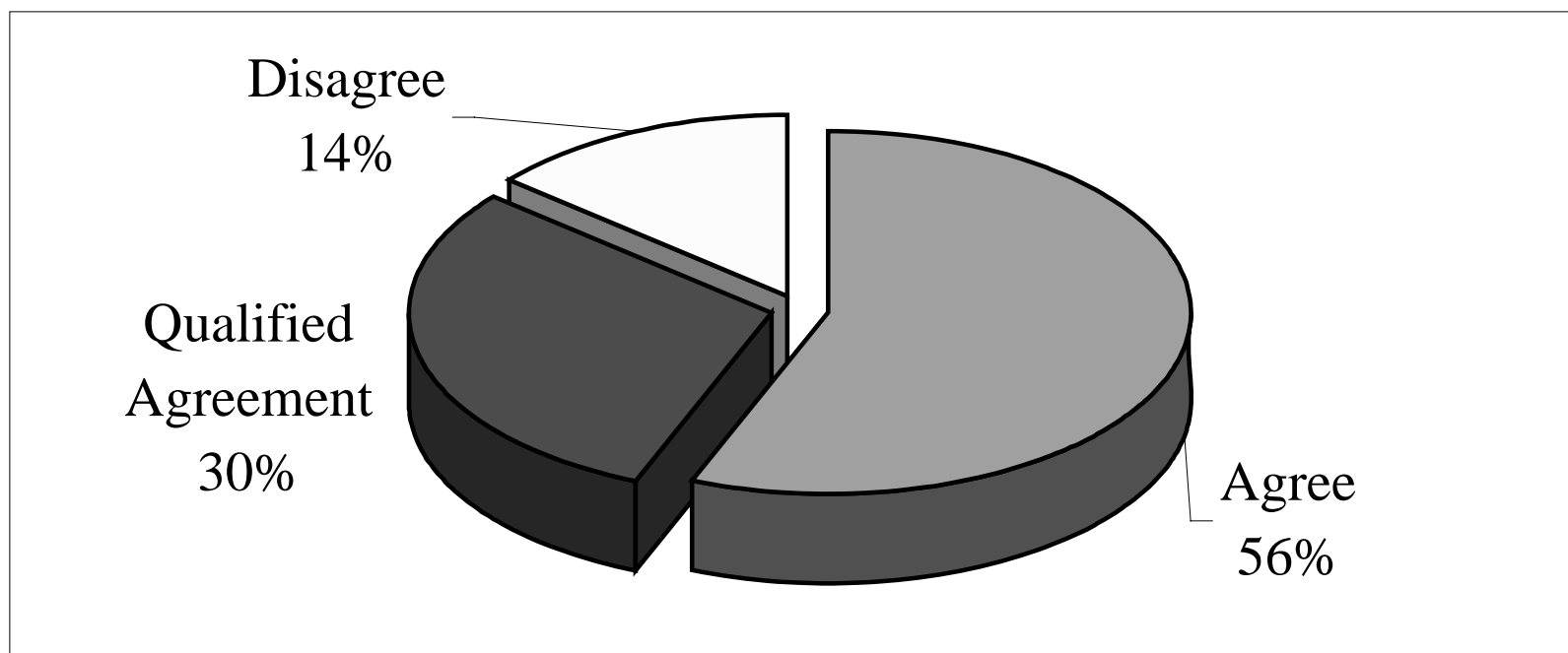
Public Rites of Blessing for Same-sex Unions (§143-144)

Sectors

56% agree

30% qualified agreement

14% disagree



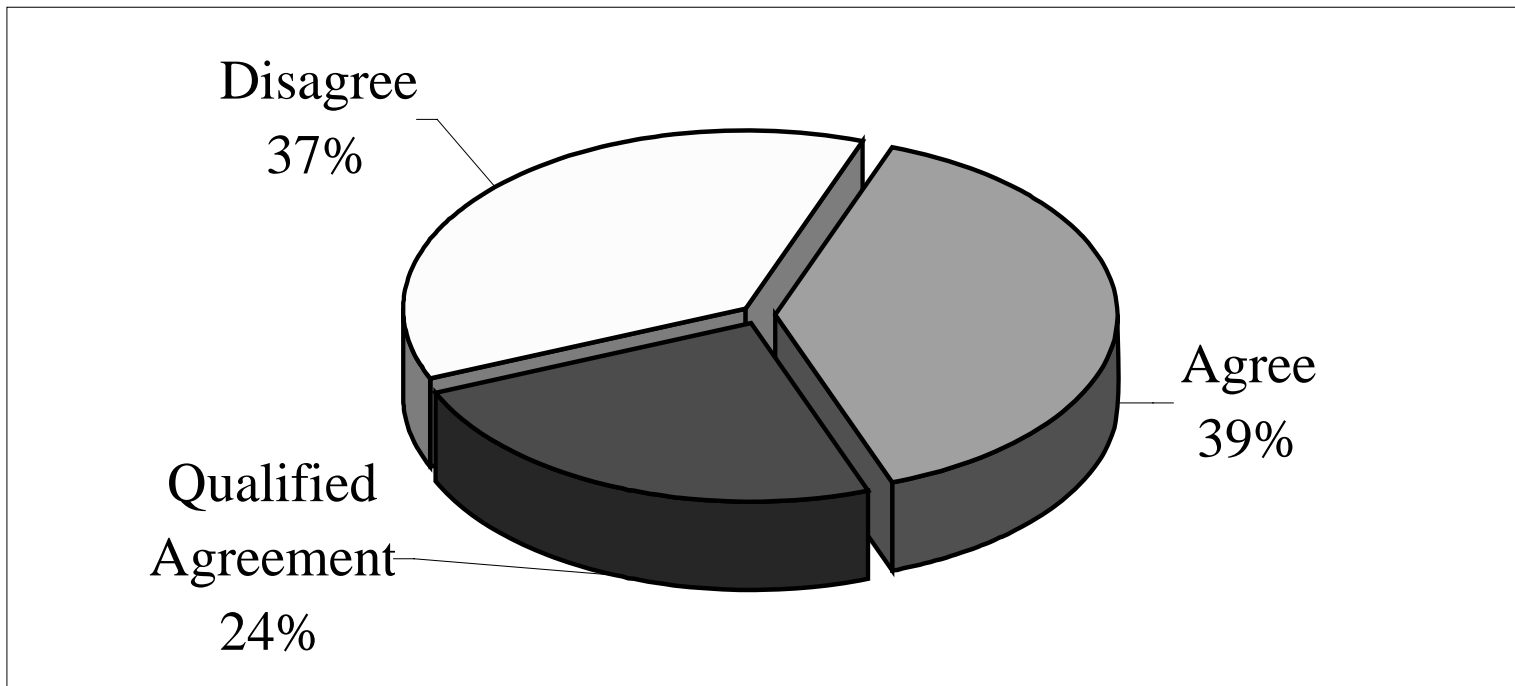
Public Rites of Blessing for Same-sex Unions (§143-144)

Individuals

39% agree

24% qualified agreement

37% disagree



Public Rites of Blessing for Same-sex Unions (§143-144)

✦ *Moratorium*

- ✦ A set time period

- ✦ Commitment to listening / dialogue

✦ *Polarized views*

✦ *ECUSA clarification*

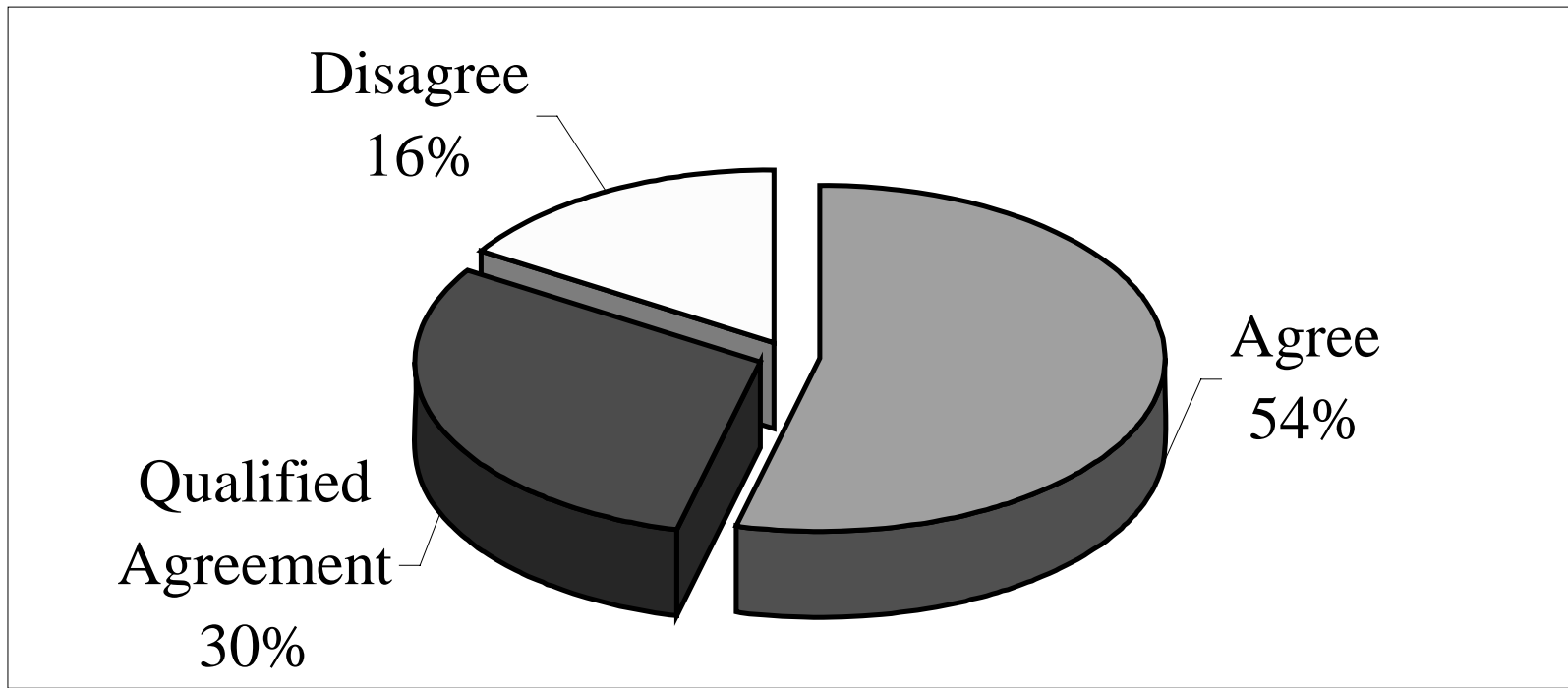
Call to the Episcopal Church (USA) (§134)

Sectors

54% agree

30% qualified agreement

16% disagree



Call to the Episcopal Church (USA)

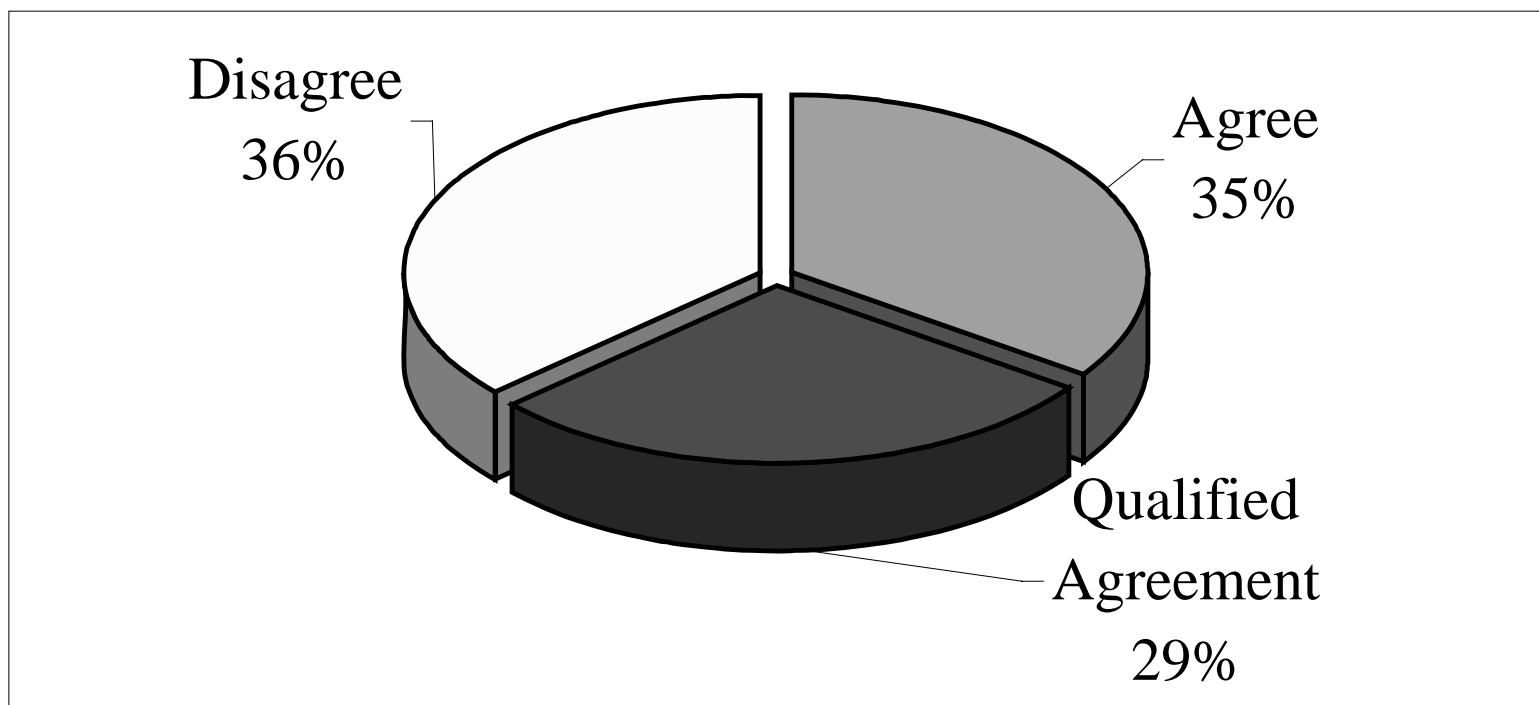
(§134)

Individuals

35% agree

29% qualified agreement

36% disagree



Call to the Episcopal Church (USA)

(§134)

✦ *Regret or repentance*

- ✦ Not enough
- ✦ Goes too far

✦ *Attendance at Anglican gatherings*

- ✦ Who decides?

✦ *Moratorium*

- ✦ Timescale
- ✦ Dialogue

Care of Dissenting Groups (§150-154)

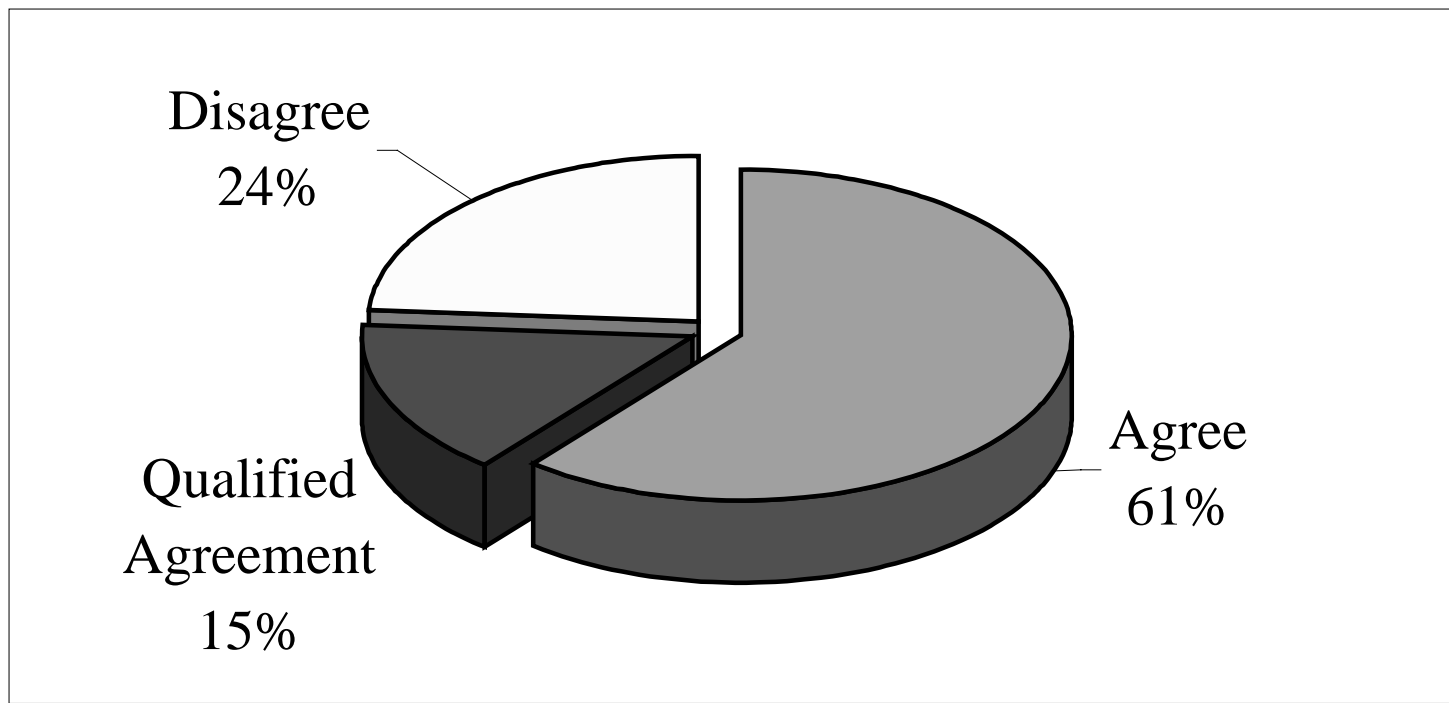
Situations of Intervention (§155)

Care of Minority Groups - Sectors

61% *agree*

15% *qualified agreement*

24% *disagree*



Care of Dissenting Groups (§150-154)

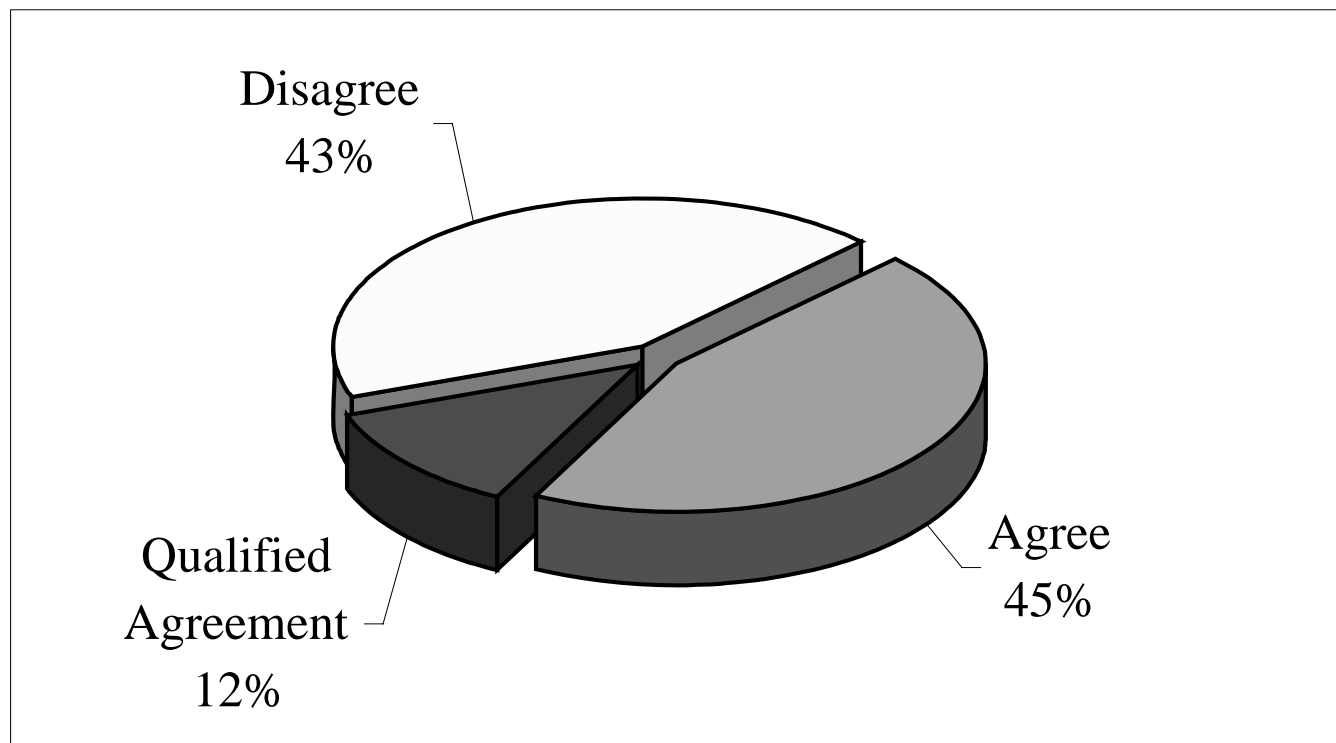
Situations of Intervention (§155)

Care of Minority Groups - Individuals

45% agree

12% qualified agreement

43% disagree



Care of Dissenting Groups (§150-154)

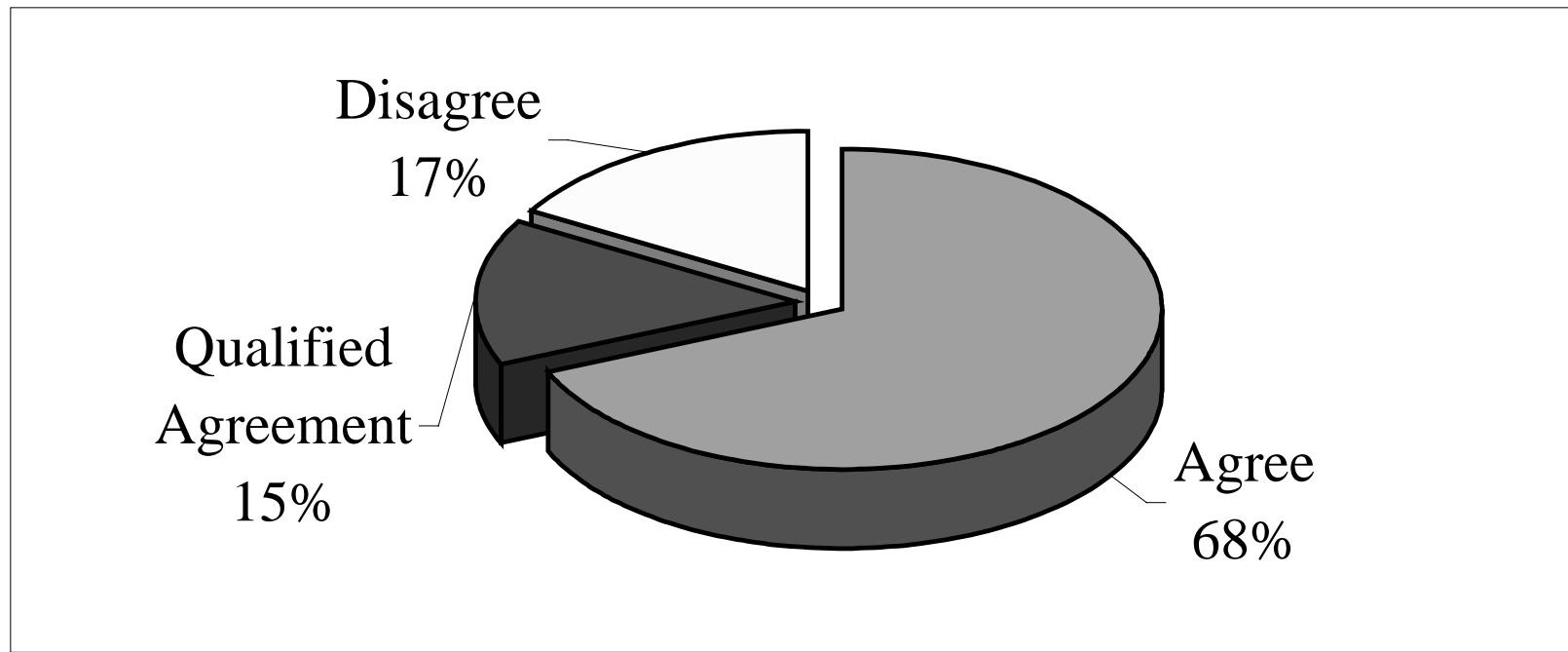
Situations of Intervention (§155)

Intervention - Sectors

68% agree

15% qualified agreement

17% disagree



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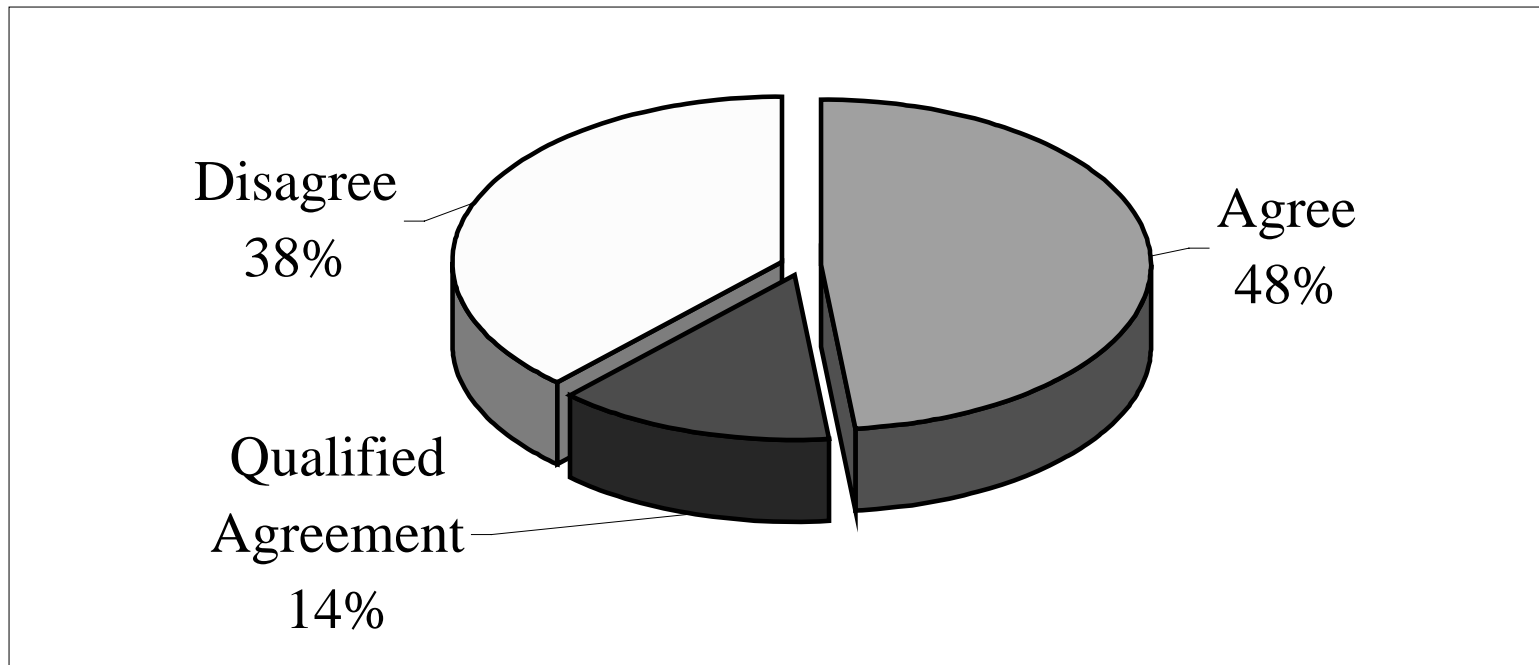
Situations of Intervention (§155)

Intervention - Individuals

48% agree

14% qualified agreement

38% disagree



Care of Dissenting Groups (§150-154)

Situations of Intervention (§155)

✧ *Issues*

- ✧ Moral equivalence

 - ✧ Language

 - ✧ Naivety

- ✧ Inadequacy

- ✧ Jurisdiction

Care of Dissenting Groups (§150-154)

Situations of Intervention (§155)

✧ *Principles*

- ✧ Constitutional difficulties

- ✧ Voluntary Schemes

- ✧ Trust

- ✧ Monitored

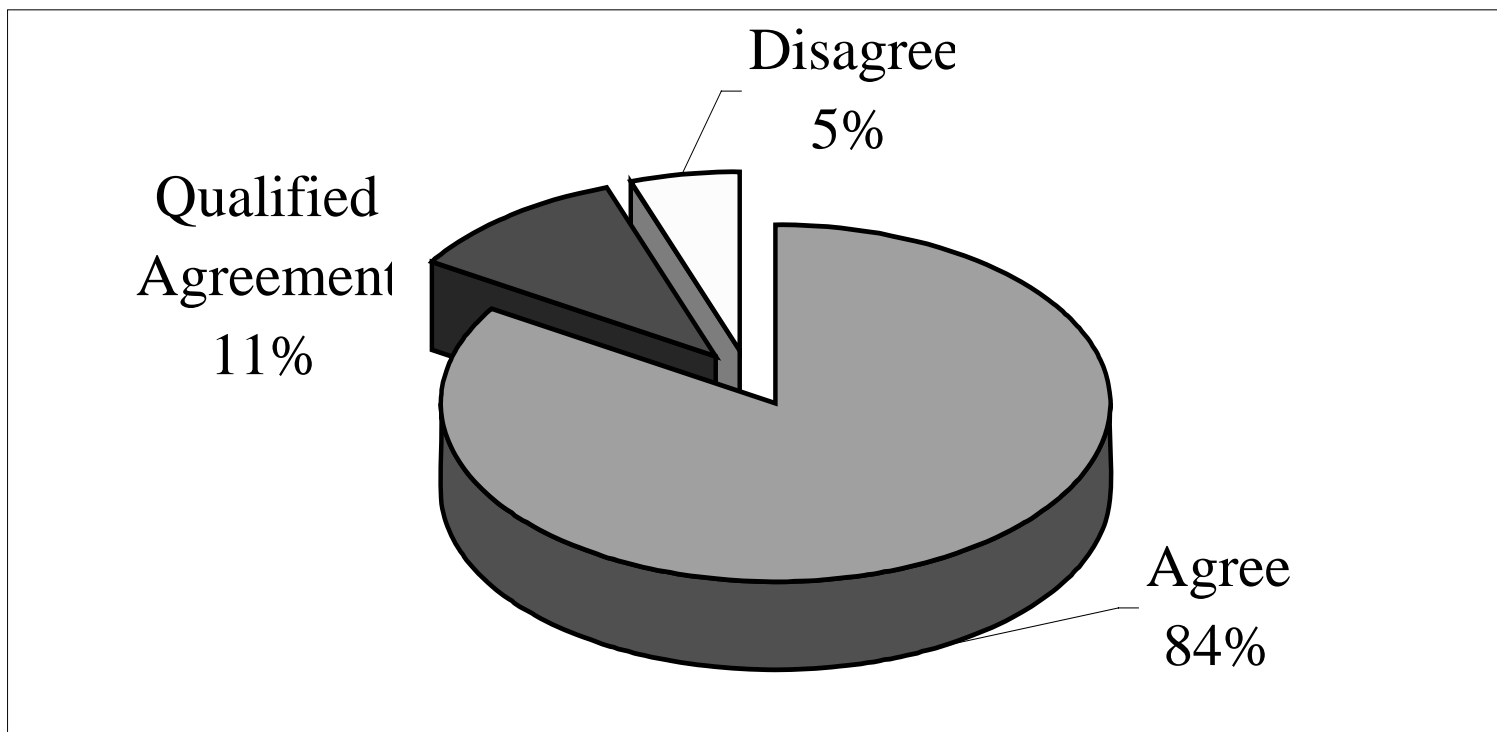
The Listening Process (§135, 136, 146)

Sectors

84% *agree*

11% *qualified agreement*

5% *disagree*



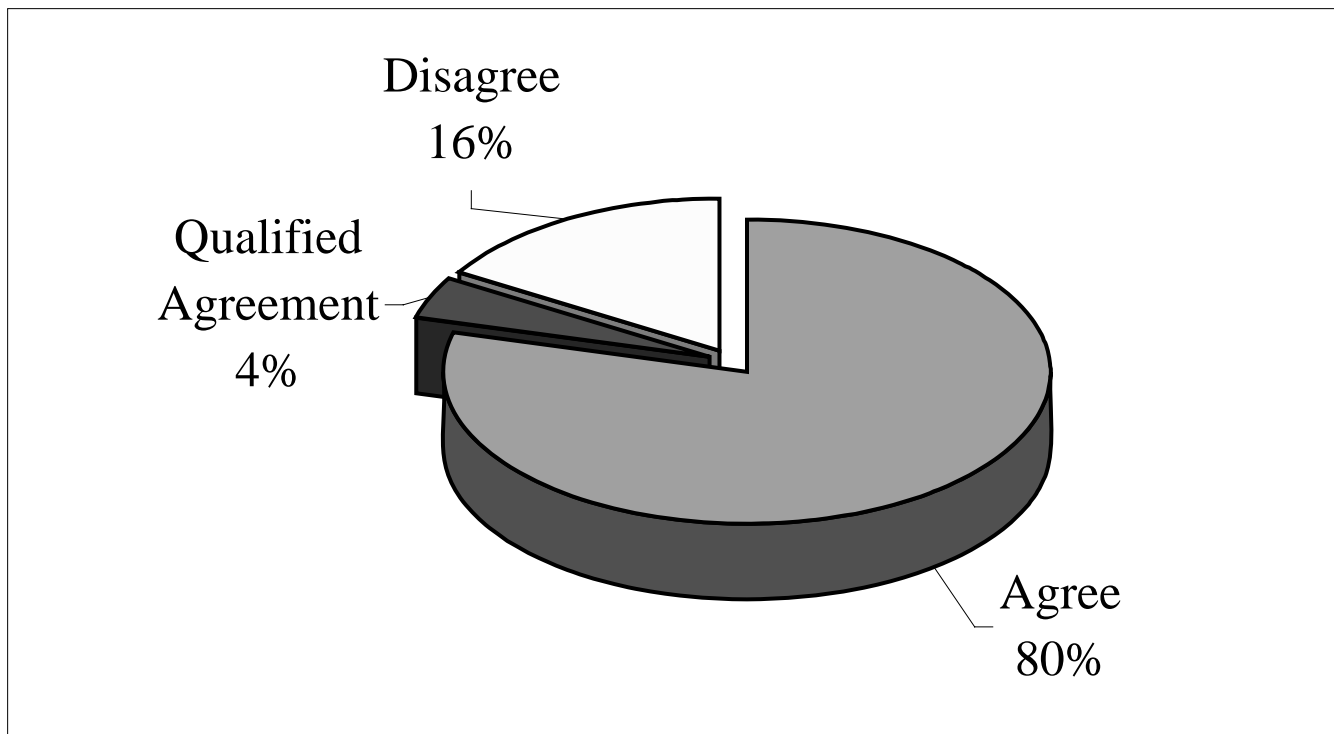
The Listening Process (§135, 136, 146)

Individuals

80% agree

4% qualified agreement

16% disagree



The Listening Process (§135, 136, 146)

- ✧ *Dialogue and study*

 - ✧ Responsibility

- ✧ *Concerns*

 - ✧ Hearing Gay and lesbian voices

 - ✧ Is debate closed?

 - ✧ How enabled?

Responses from Primates

- ✠ Initial statements
- ✠ Global South Primates

Ecumenical Responses to the Windsor Report

- ✠ Other Churches
 - ✠ IAS CER

Other Issues and Comments

✧ **The Bigger Picture**

✧ **The Report**

✧ **The Responses**

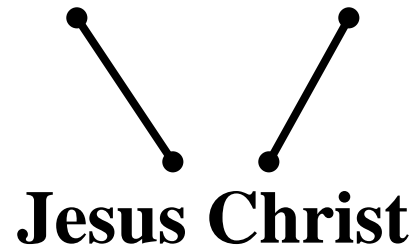
✧ **Sex and Sin**

✧ **God**

A Personal Reflection

- ✧ **Reconciling the irreconcilable**
 - ✧ **Convictions or Consensus**
 - ✧ **Systematic or Organic**
- ✧ **Central paradox of our Christian faith**

✧ **Human and Divine**



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