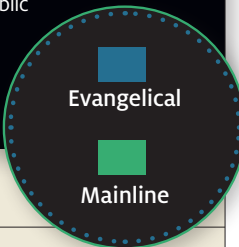
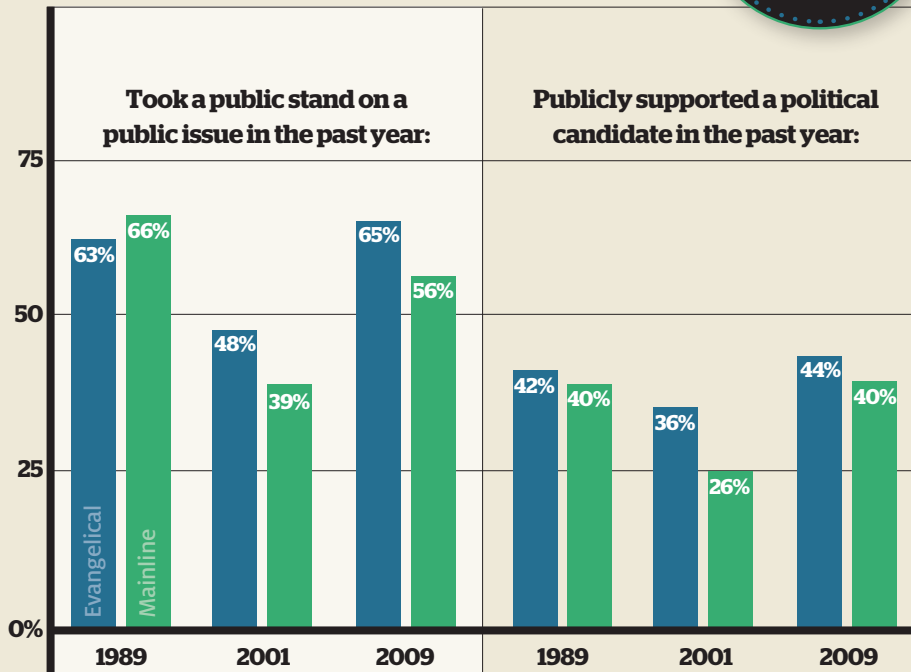


# SPOTLIGHT: Evangelical vs. Mainline Politics

➔ There was a time when evangelical pastors dismissed mainline churches as too political and beholden to "the social gospel." But a new study from Calvin College's Paul B. Henry Institute shows that for the past decade, evangelical pastors have been more likely to take public stances on political issues and candidates than have their mainline cohorts. Overall, some differences between evangelical and mainline clergy are shrinking as mainline pastors become more conservative and evangelical pastors become more socially active.

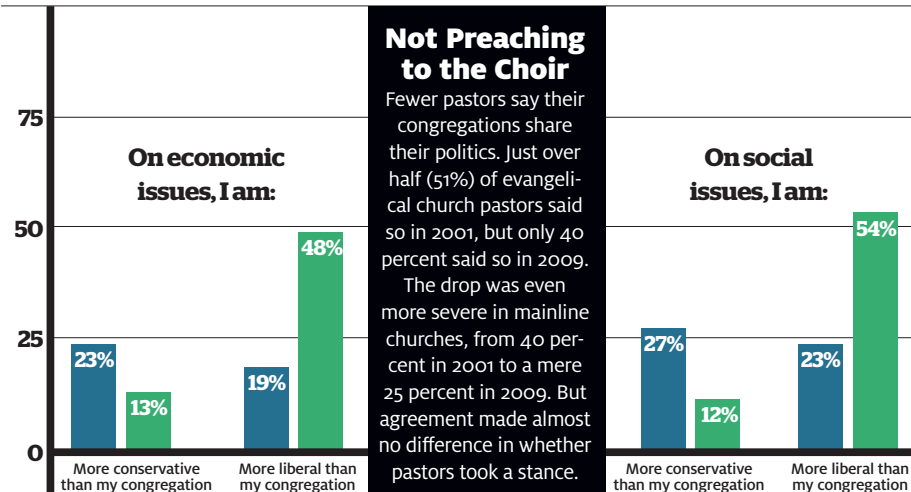
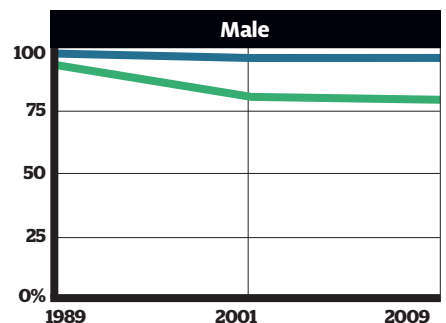
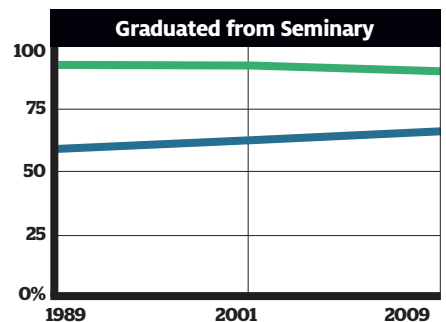
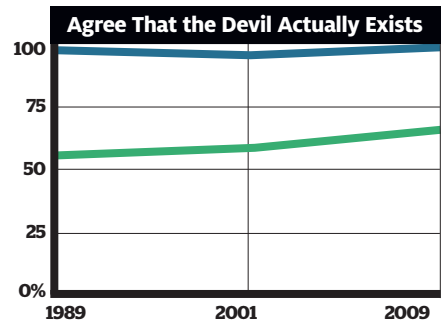
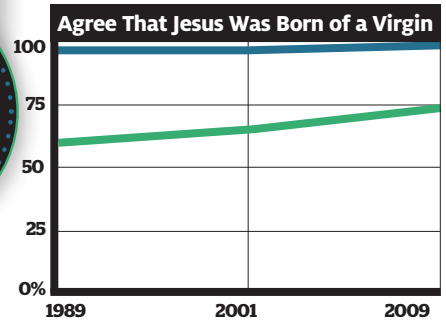


## Political Activity of Pastors



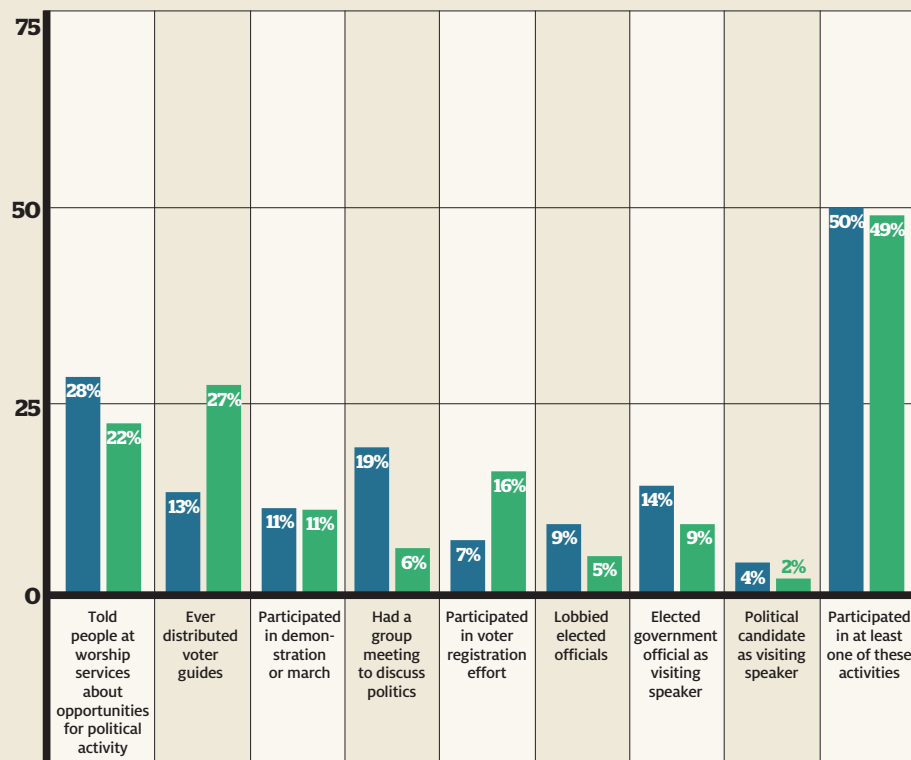
## A Narrowing Gap?

Characteristics of Protestant Clergy



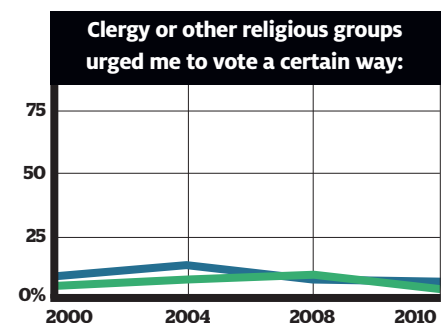
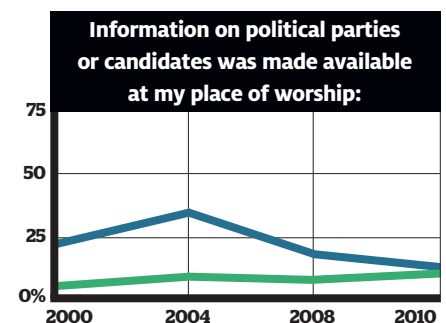
## Political Engagements

In 1998 and 2006-2007, the National Congregations Study surveyed churchgoers on their congregations' political activities, finding that evangelical and mainline styles often vary.



## Pulpit vs. Pew

Few regular churchgoers (1-2x/month) report much politicking in their congregations, according to Pew Forum surveys.



Sources: Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, National Congregations Study, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. A version of the "Political Engagements" chart first appeared at Faith & Leadership.