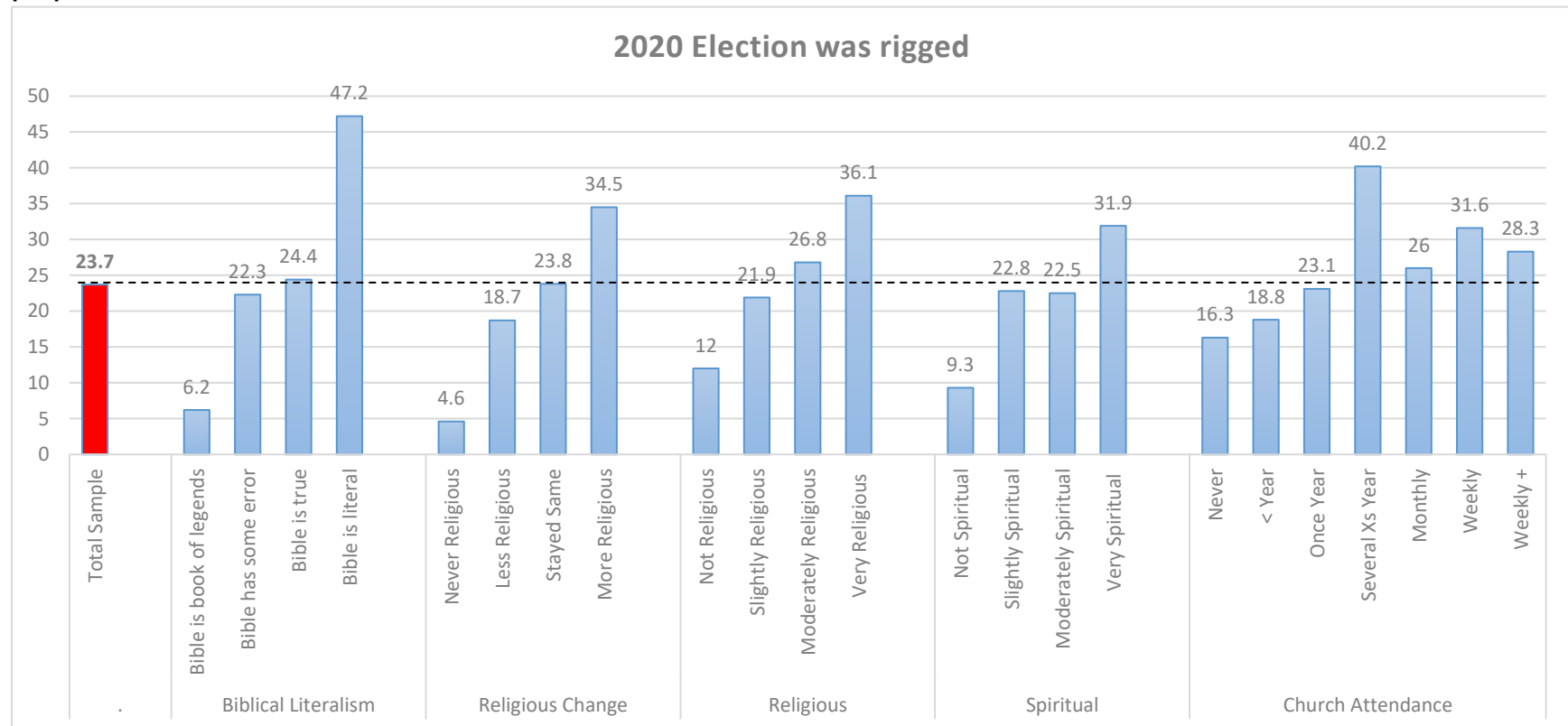


Figure 1: Percent of Americans who agree that “the 2020 Presidential election was rigged and its outcome did not reflect the will of the people.”

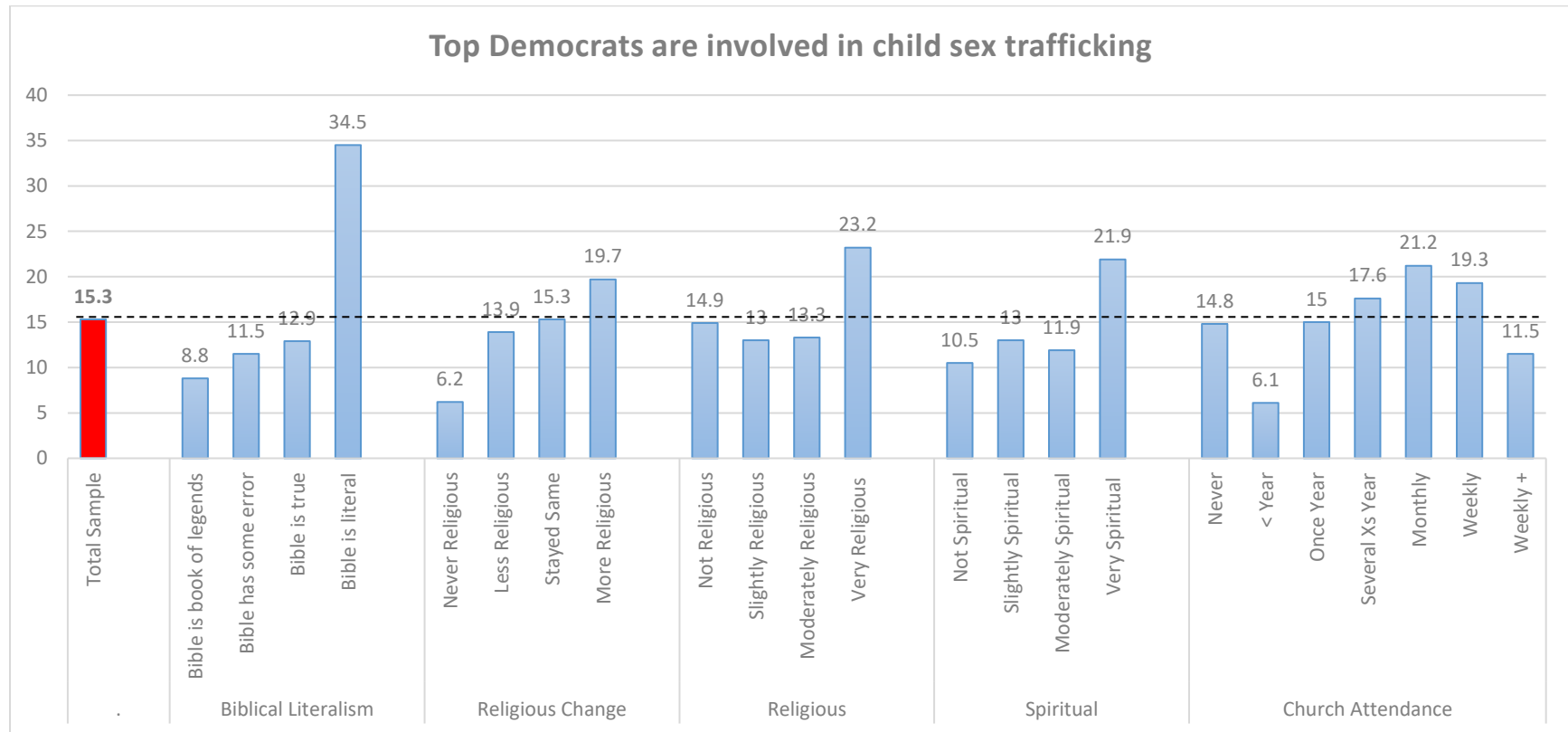


Source: Baylor Religion Survey, wave 6 (2021), n=1248

Nearly one-quarter of Americans (24%) believe that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump.

When looking at sub-populations of the American public, we find that religious Americans are significantly more likely to believe in the “big lie” that the 2020 election was rigged against Trump. In particular, nearly half (47%) of self-identified Biblical Literalists agree with this falsehood. And over one-third (36%) of “very religious” Americans subscribe to this fiction. The group least likely to believe in the “big lie” are individuals who believe the Bible is a book of legends and Americans who were “never religious” during the past 10 years.

Figure 2: Percent of Americans who agree that “top Democrats are involved in elite child sex-trafficking rings.”

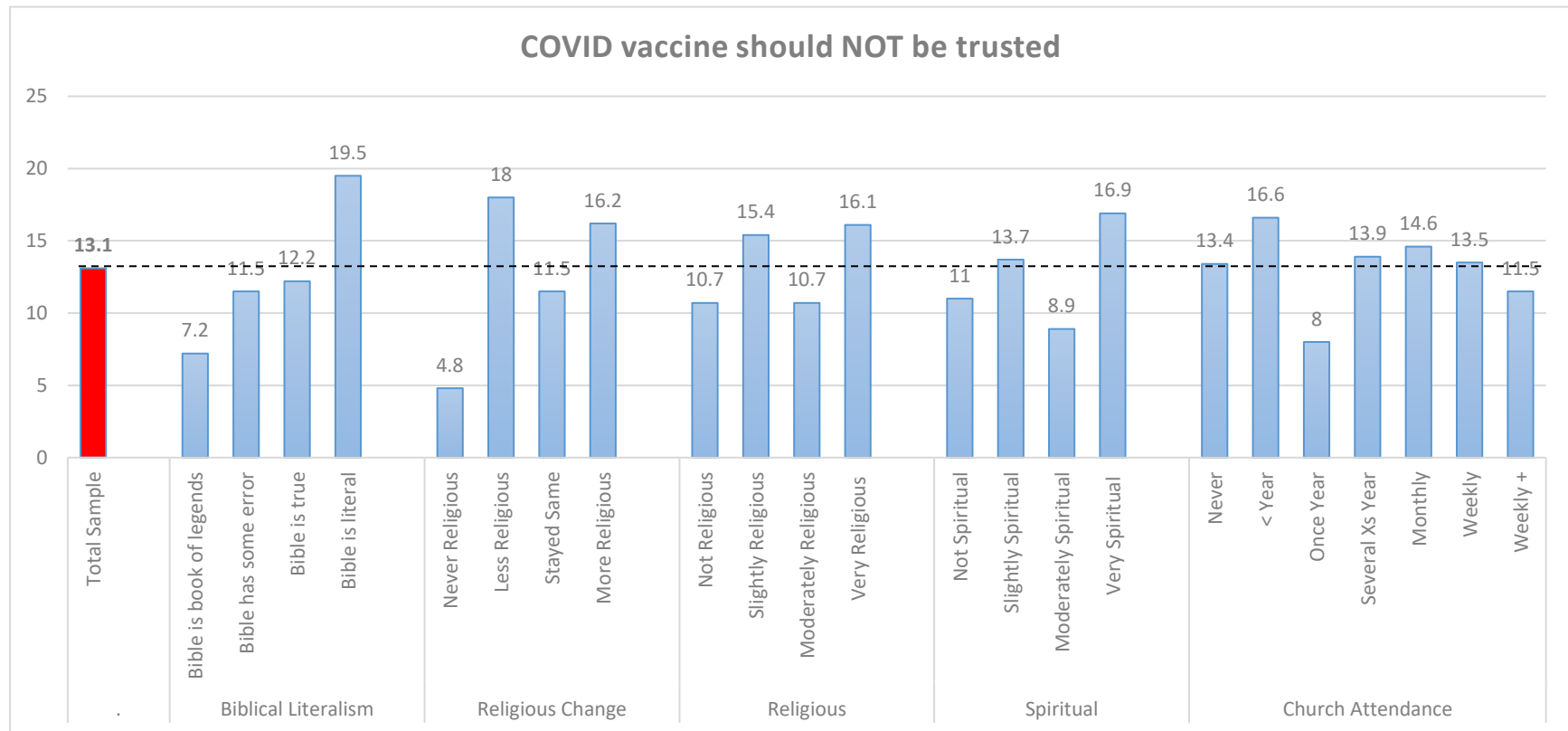


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A little over 15 percent of Americans believe in the QAnon-inspired conspiracy that leaders of the Democratic Party run a pedophile ring.

When looking at sub-populations of the American public, we find that religious Americans are significantly more likely to believe in this conspiracy. In particular, over one-third (35%) of self-identified Biblical Literalists agree with this falsehood. And 23% of “very religious” Americans subscribe to this fictional narrative. The group least likely to believe in this QAnon conspiracy are individuals who were “never religious” over the past 10 years and Americans who attend church less than once a year.

Figure 3: Percent of Americans who agree that “a vaccine for COVID-19 should not be trusted.”



Source: Baylor Religion Survey, wave 6 (2021), n=1248

A little over 13 percent of Americans do not trust the COVID-19 vaccine. When looking at sub-populations of the American public, we find that religious Americans are significantly more likely to distrust the vaccine. In particular, one-fifth (20%) of self-identified Biblical Literalists question the efficacy of the vaccine, as does 17% of “very spiritual” Americans. The group most likely to trust the COVID vaccine are Americans who believe the Bible is a book of fiction and those who were never religious in the past 10 years. Interestingly, the religion effects of rejecting the COVID vaccine are weaker and more complex than the religion effects on believing in the “big lie” (stolen election) and the QAnon conspiracy about liberal sex trafficking.