
Chartpack



Pew Hispanic Center/Kaiser Family Foundation

2002 National Survey of Latinos

December 2002

Methodology

The Pew Hispanic Center/Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation *2002 National Survey of Latinos* was conducted by telephone between April 4 and June 11, 2002 among a nationally representative sample of 4,213 adults, 18 years and older, who were selected at random. Representatives of the Pew Hispanic Center and The Kaiser Family Foundation worked together to develop the survey questionnaire and analyze the results. International Communications Research of Media, PA conducted the fieldwork in either English or Spanish, based on the respondent's preference.

The sample design employed a highly stratified disproportionate RDD sample of the 48 contiguous states, including oversamples for Salvadorans, Dominicans, Colombians, and Cubans. The results are weighted to represent the actual distribution of adults throughout the United States. The Latino sample in particular was weighted to reflect the actual distribution among Latino adults of country of origin, age, sex, and region.

Of those who were interviewed, 2,929 identified themselves as being of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent (based on the question "Are you, yourself of Hispanic or Latin origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American, Caribbean or some other Latin background?") and throughout this report they will be referred to interchangeably as either "Latinos" or "Hispanics." In addition, interviews were conducted with 1008 non-Hispanic whites and 171 non-Hispanic African Americans. The margin of sampling error is +/- 2.41 percentage points for Latinos overall, +/- 3.32 percentage points for whites, and +/- 9.9 percentage points for African Americans. The report also highlights results for various subgroups of Latinos. Please see the Introduction section of the report *2002 National Survey of Latinos* for definitions of these key groups. The sample size and margin of sampling error for these groups are shown in the adjacent table.

Note that sampling error may be larger for other subgroups and that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

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Results from the *2002 National Survey of Latinos* that relate to politics and elections were released in October, 2002 under the title *National Survey of Latinos: The Latino Electorate*. The summary/chartpack and toplines for this previously released section of the survey are available online at www.kff.org and www.pewhispanic.org or by calling the Foundation's publications request line at 1-800-656-4533 (summary/chartpack: publication #3265, toplines: publication #3266).

Unweighted Number of Respondents and Margin of Sampling Error for Latino Sub-groups

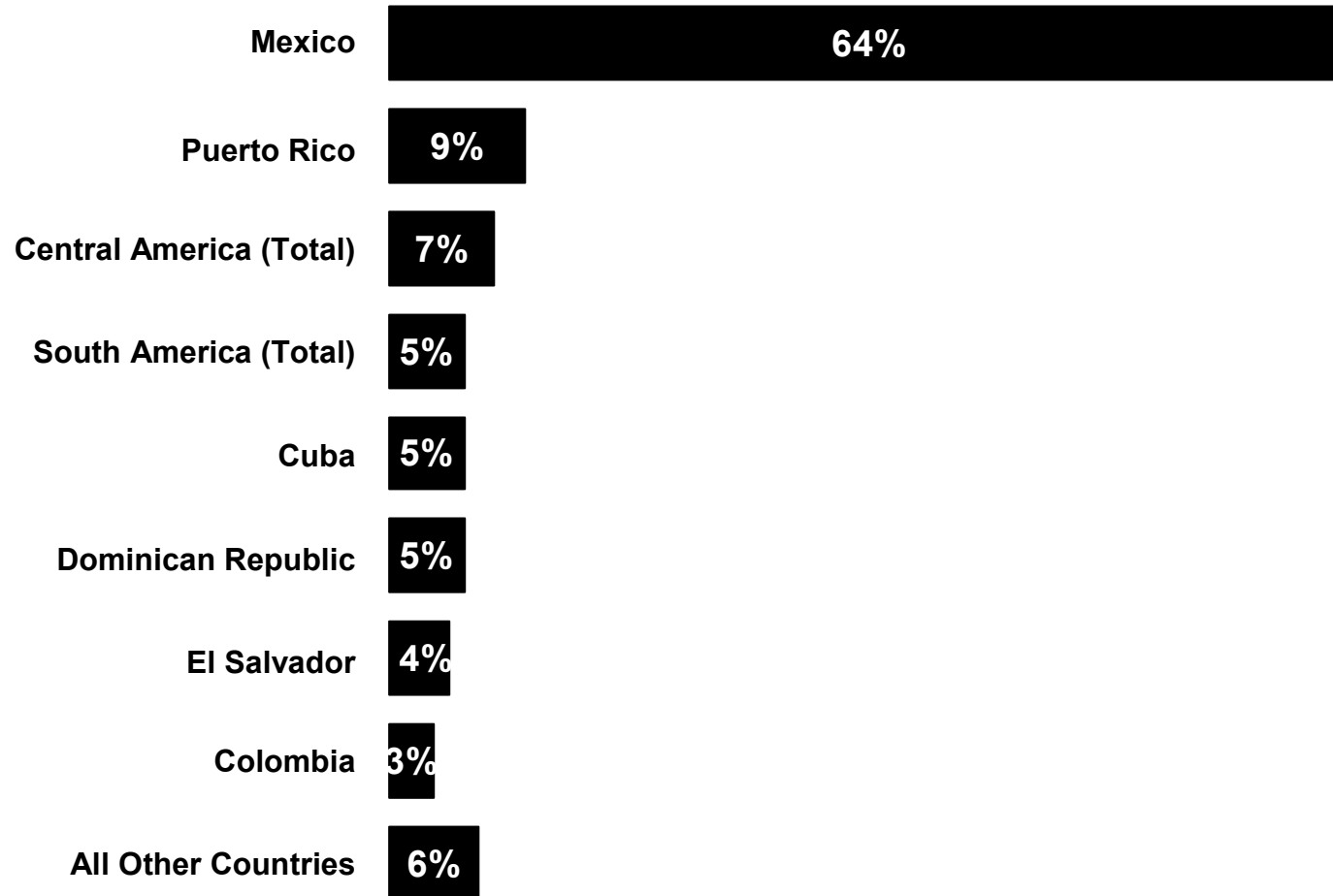
	Number of Respondents (n)	Margin of Sampling Error
Total Latinos	2929	+/-2.41 percentage points
Foreign/Native-Born		
Foreign-Born	2014	2.99
Native-Born	915	4.06
<small>*Note: Foreign born includes Hispanics born on the island of Puerto Rico.</small>		
Generation		
1st Generation	2014	2.99
2nd Generation	526	5.58
3rd Generation	362	5.93
Primary Language		
English Dominant	687	4.82
Bilingual	933	4.40
Spanish Dominant	1309	3.59
Country or Place of Origin		
Mexico	1047	3.31
Mexico	317	6.65
Puerto Rico	343	6.38
Cuba	341	8.08
Central America (total)	394	7.95
South America (total)	235	7.30
Dominican Republic	204	10.11
El Salvador	214	10.45
Colombia	252	9.18
All Other		

I. DEMOGRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF ADULT LATINOS

Chart 1

Place or Country of Origin Among Latinos

Percent of Latino Adults

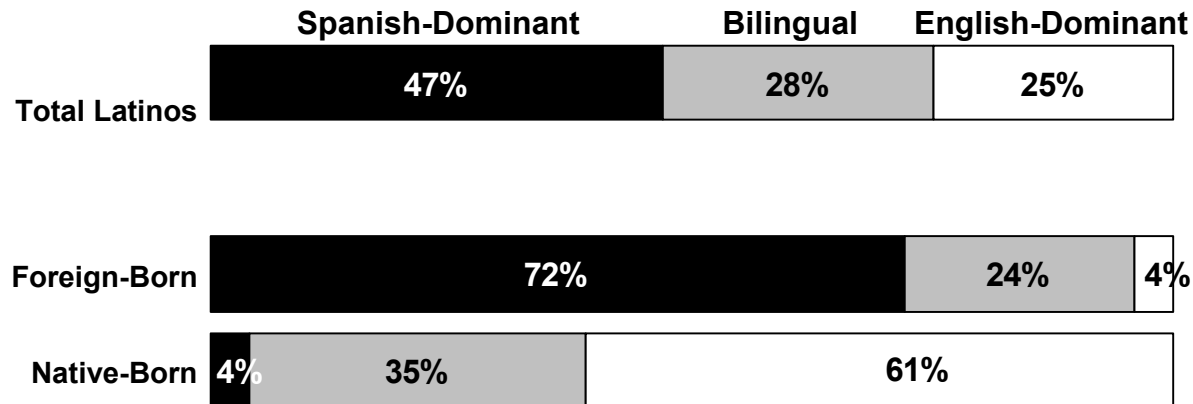


Note: Latinos are classified into a "country of origin" based on the country or region they are from if they are foreign-born, or the country their parents or ancestors are from if they are native-born.

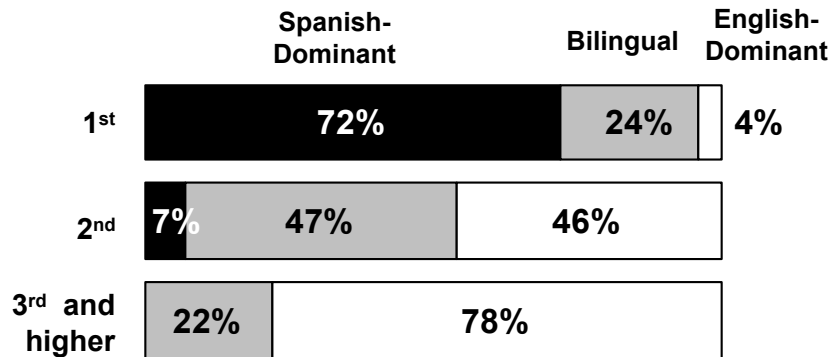
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Chart 2

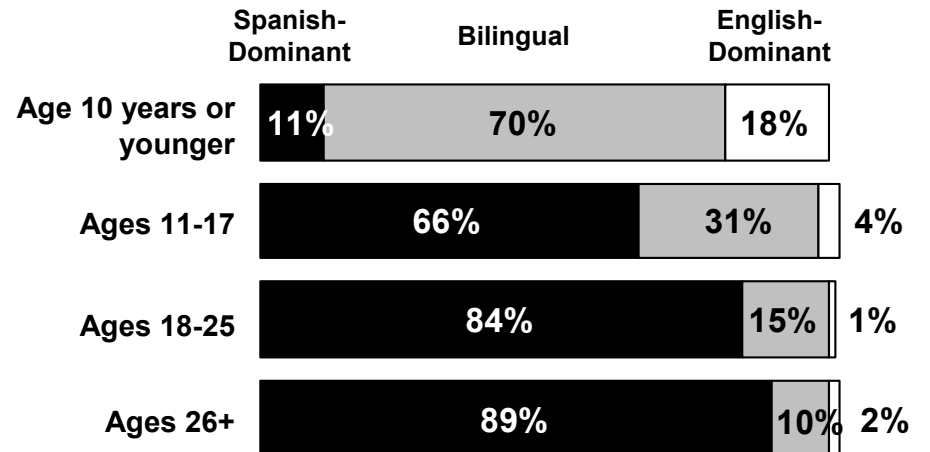
Primary Language Among Latinos



By Generation



By Age of Immigration Among Foreign-born Latinos

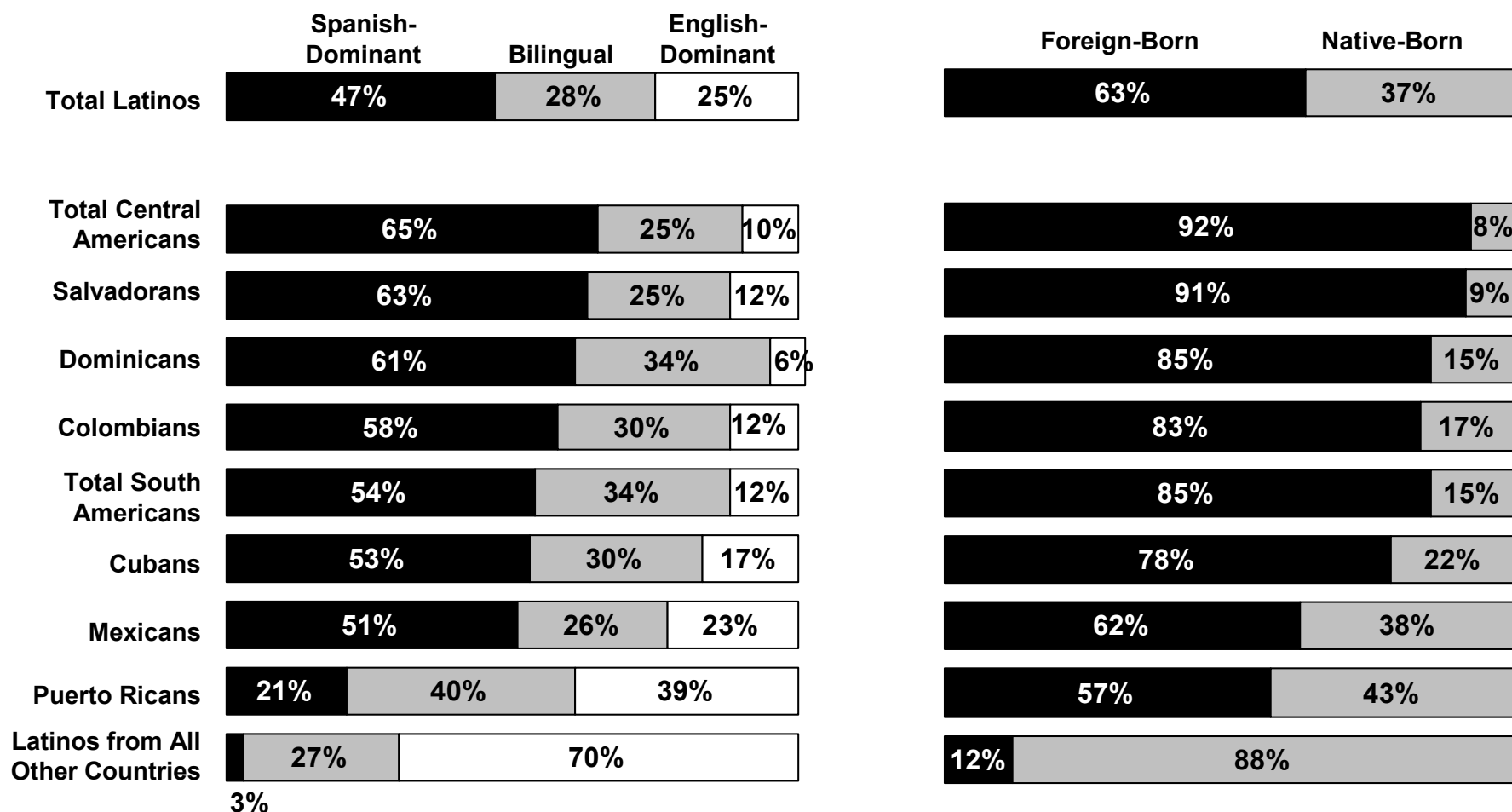


Note: Primary language was derived using responses to four questions which determined how well English and Spanish are understood in conversation and when read.

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Chart 3

Primary Language and Foreign/Native-Born Among Latino Adults by Country of Origin



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Note: "Don't know" responses not shown.

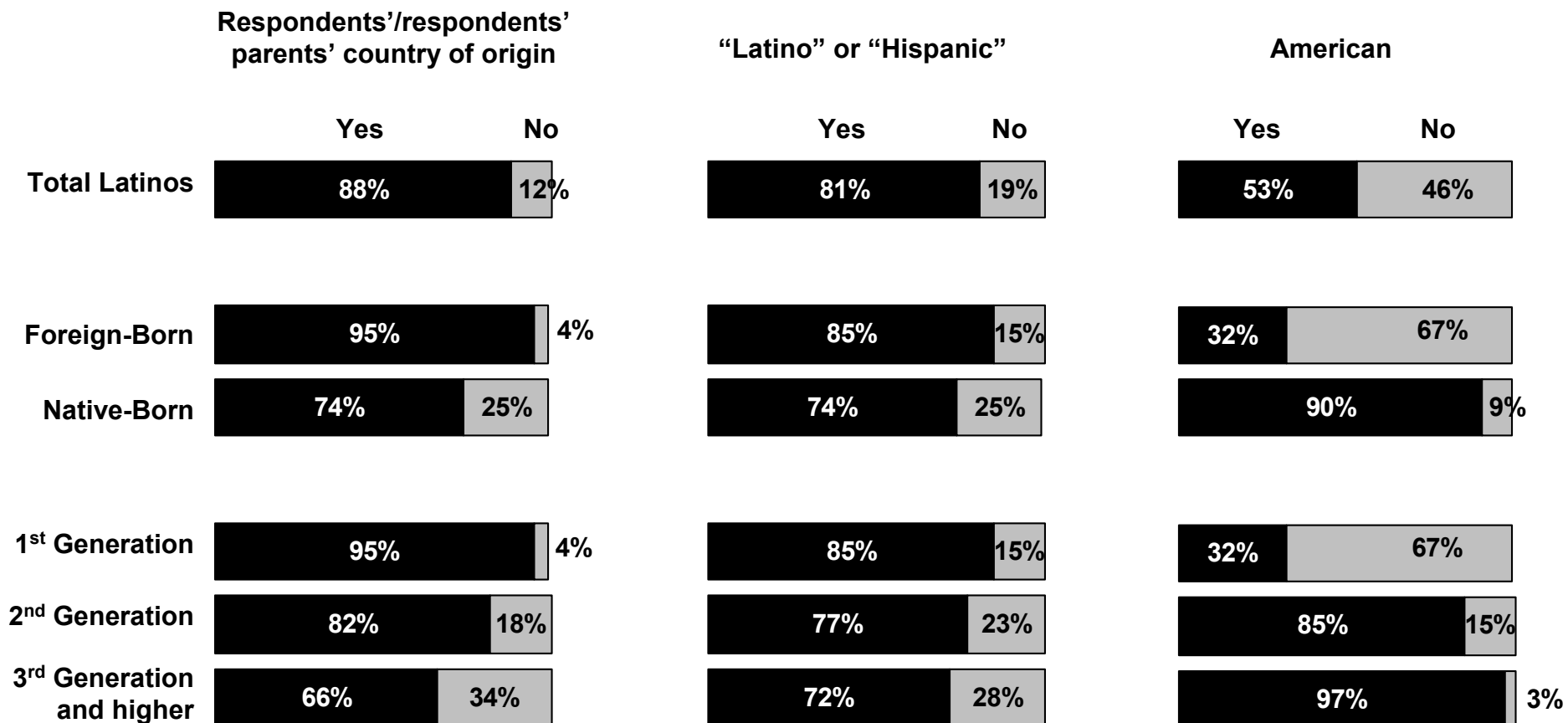
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II. IDENTITY

Chart 4

The Terms Latinos Use to Describe Themselves

People choose different terms to describe themselves. I'm going to read you a few different descriptions. Please tell me whether you have ever described yourself as any of the following...



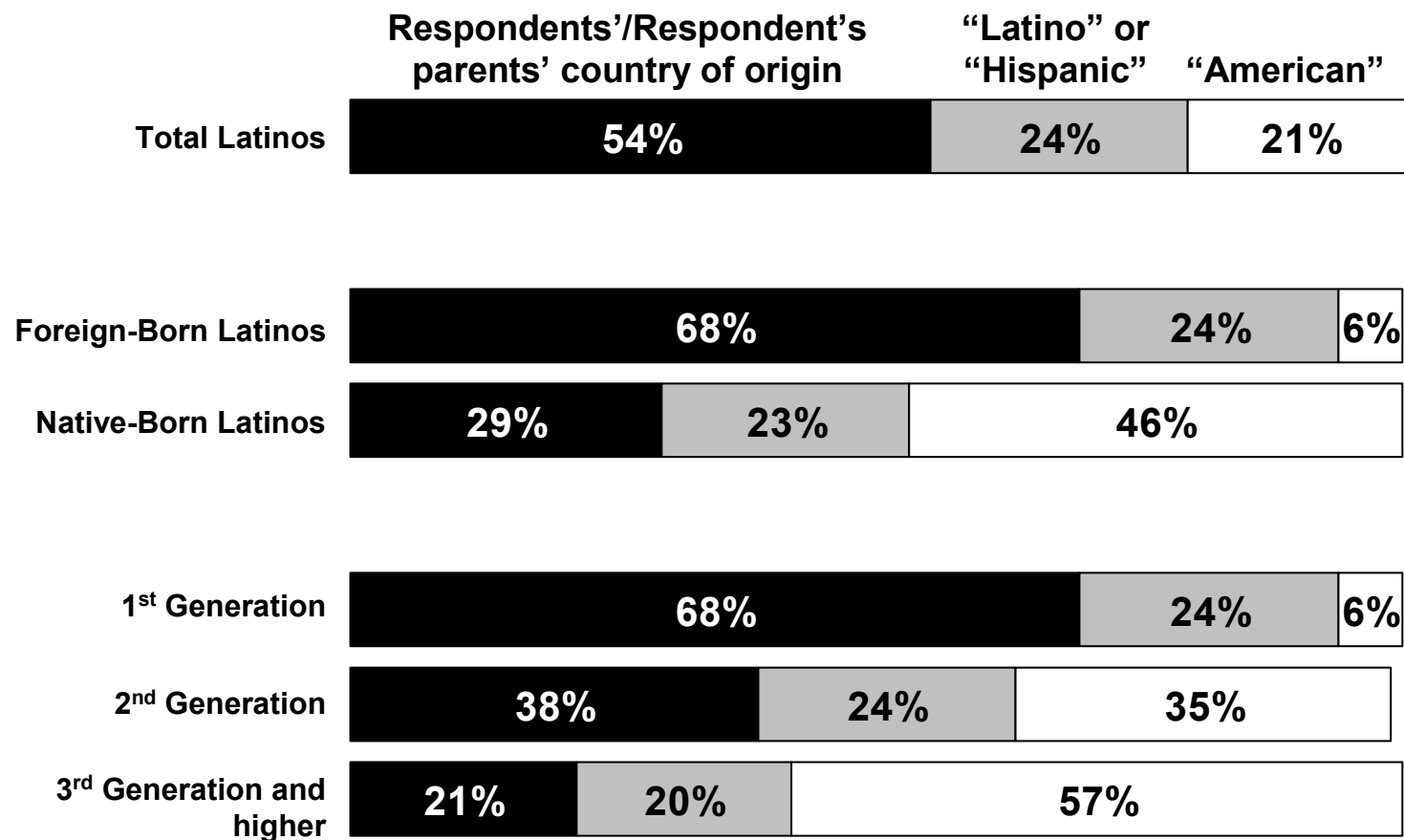
Note: "Don't know" responses not shown.

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Chart 5

The First or Only Term Latinos Choose to Describe Themselves

The first or only term Latinos use to describe themselves...



Note: "Don't describe themselves as any of these" not shown.

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Chart 6

“Latino” vs. “Hispanic” Preference Among Latinos

The terms Latino and Hispanic are both used to describe people who are of Hispanic or Latino descent. Do you happen to prefer one of these terms more than the other?

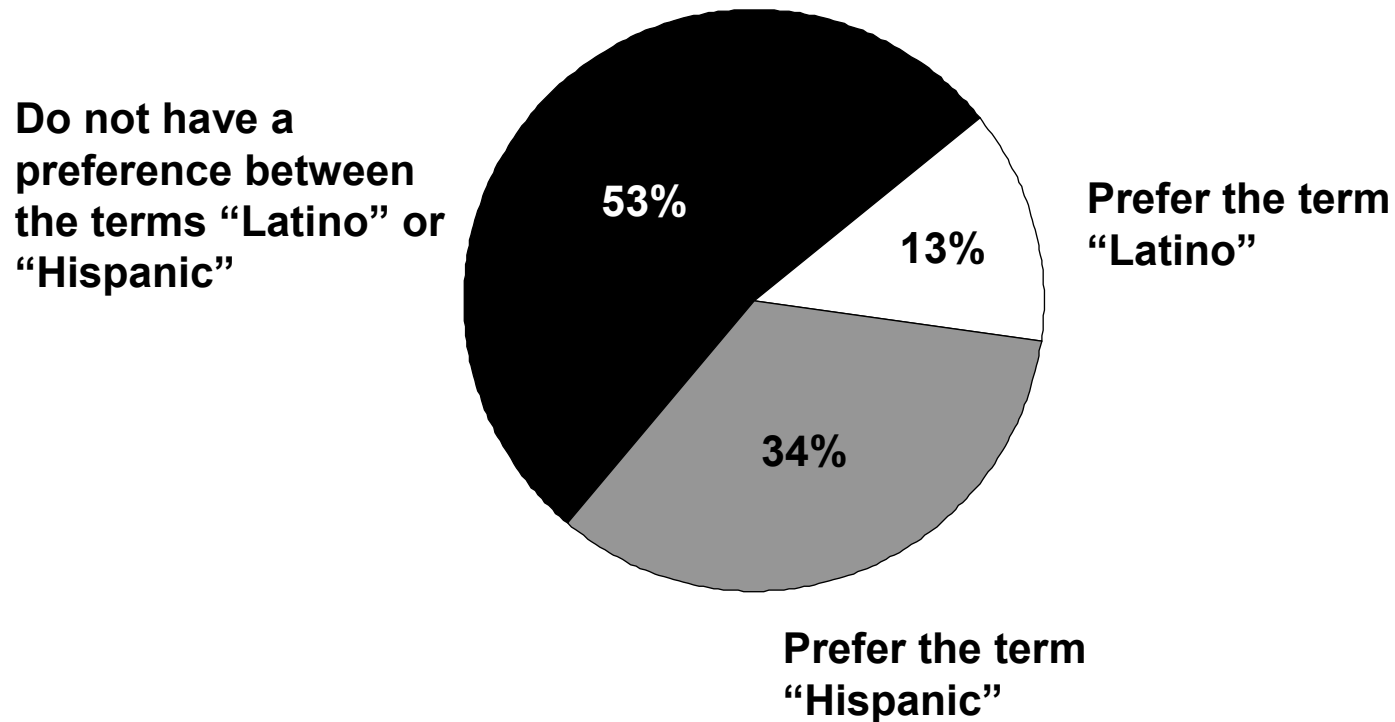


Chart 7

Latinos' Preferred or Volunteered Racial Categories

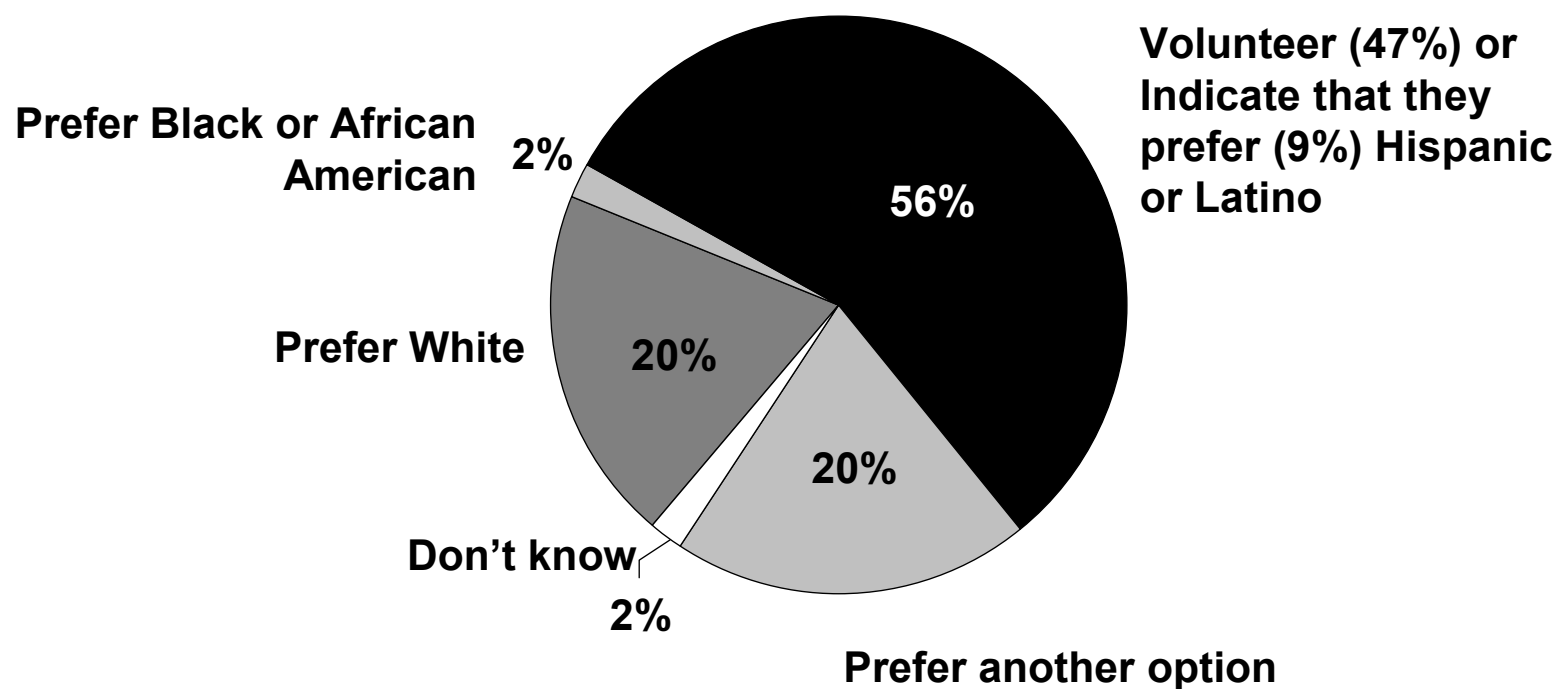
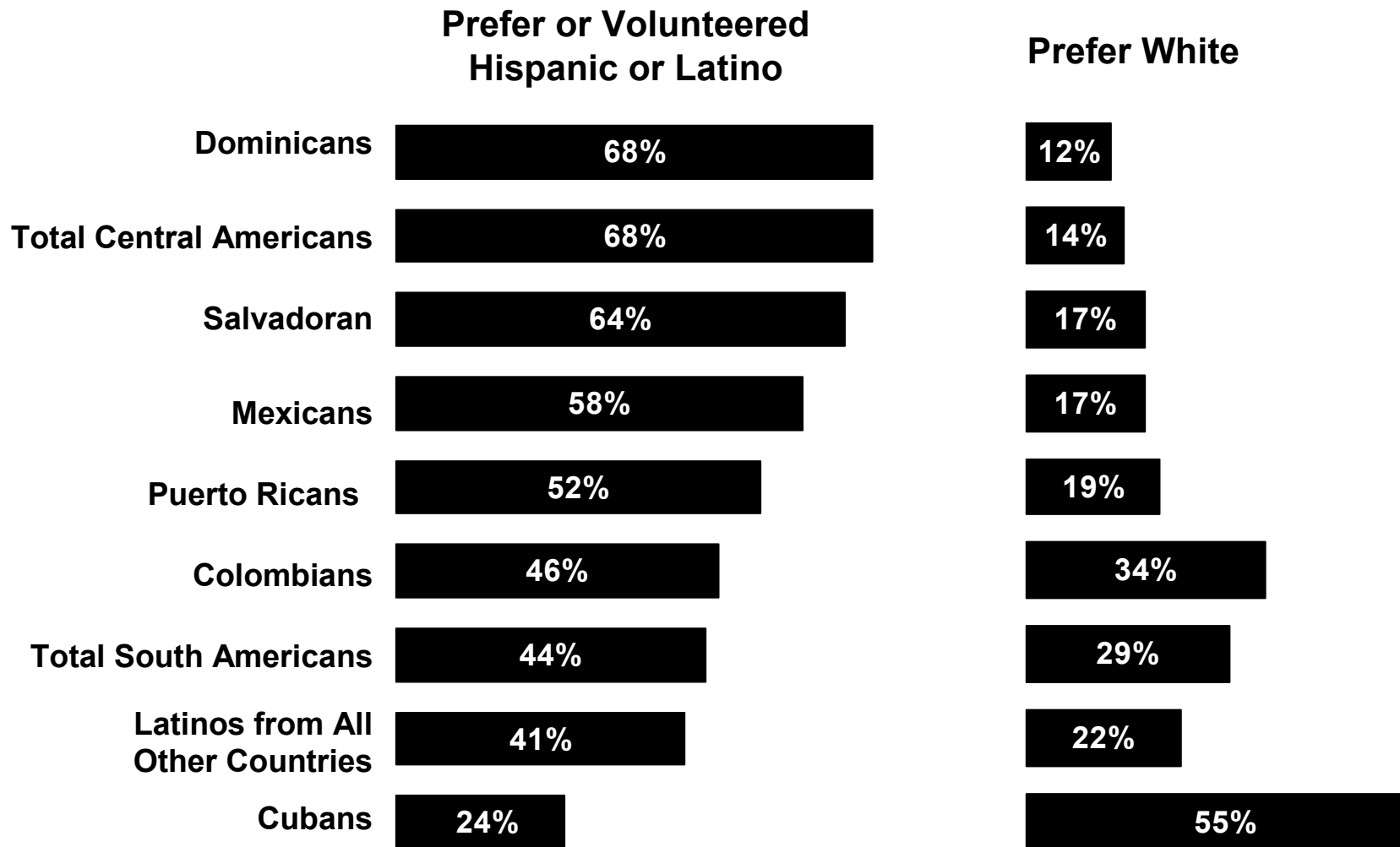


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Latinos' Preferred or Volunteered Racial Categories, by Country of Origin



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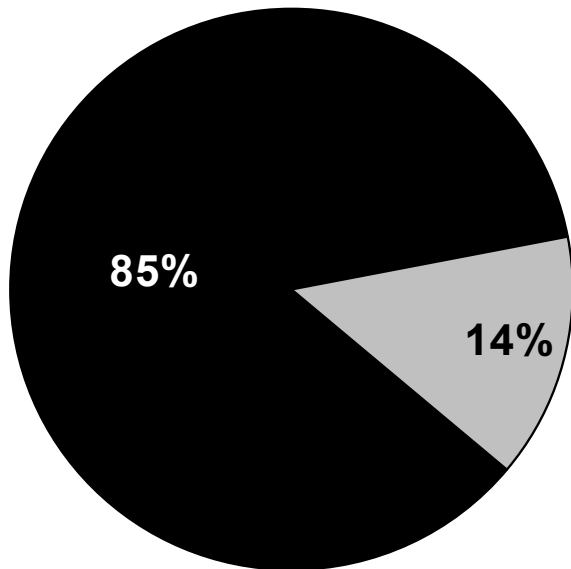
Chart 9

Latinos' Views on Pan-ethnic Identity and Latino Political Movement

Which comes closer to your views?

Hispanics from different countries...

All have separate and distinct cultures

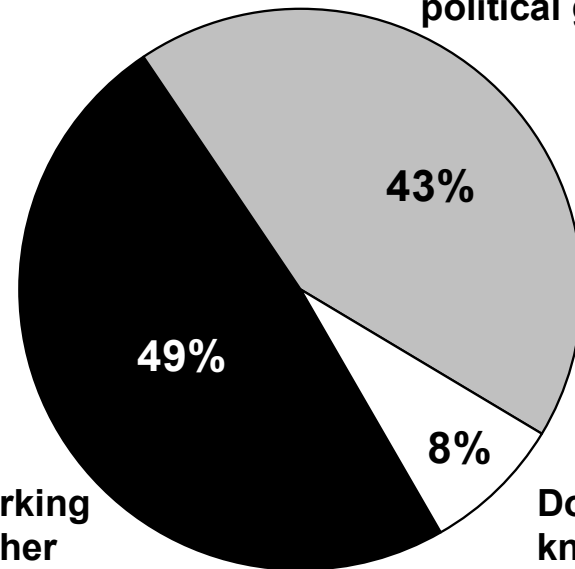


Share one Hispanic/Latino culture

Which comes closer to your views?

Hispanics from different countries are...

Working together to achieve common political goals



Not working together politically

Don't know

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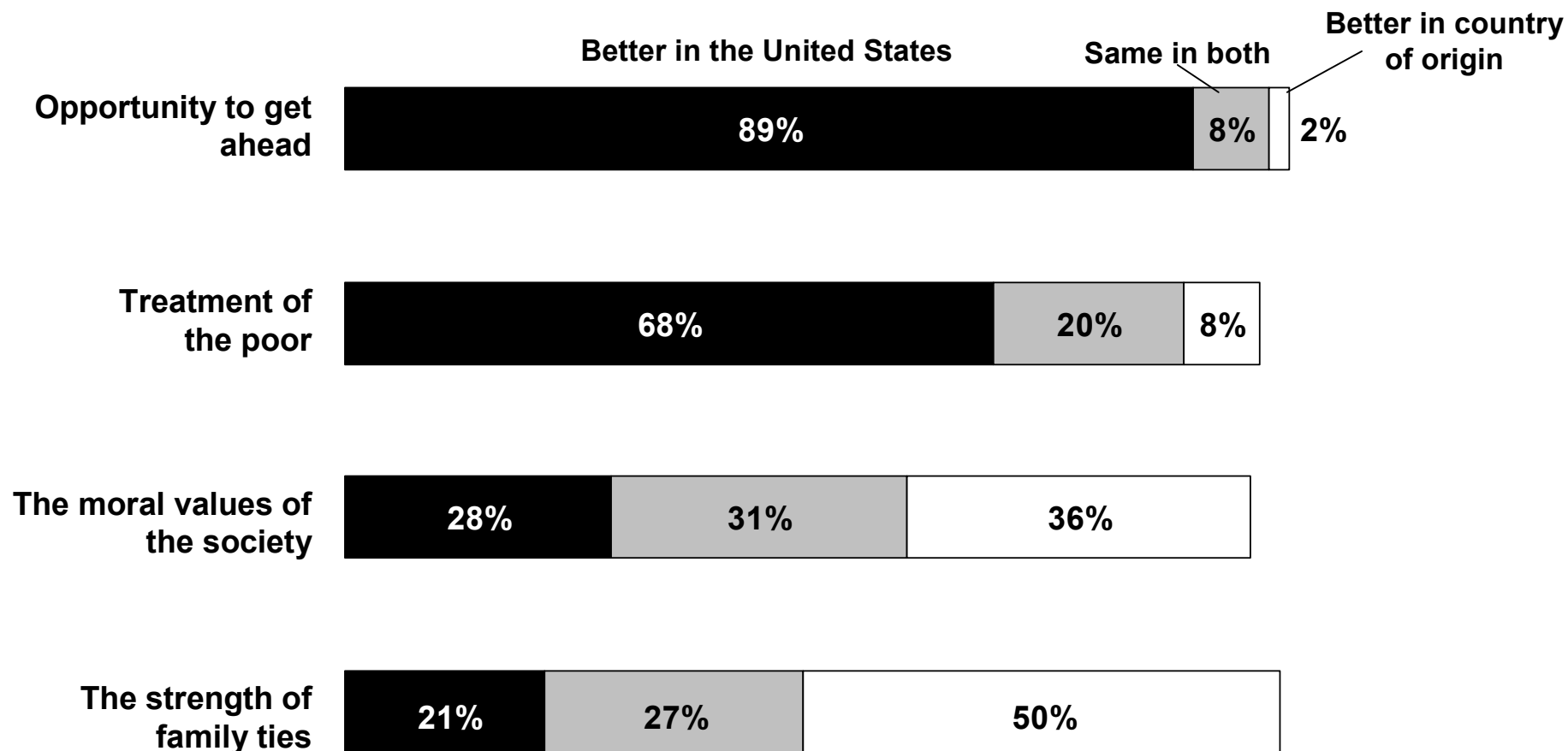
III. ASSIMILATION

Chart 10

United States Compared to Country of Origin

Overall would you say the following are better in the United States, better in the country you or your ancestors came from, or about the same in both?

Among Latinos...



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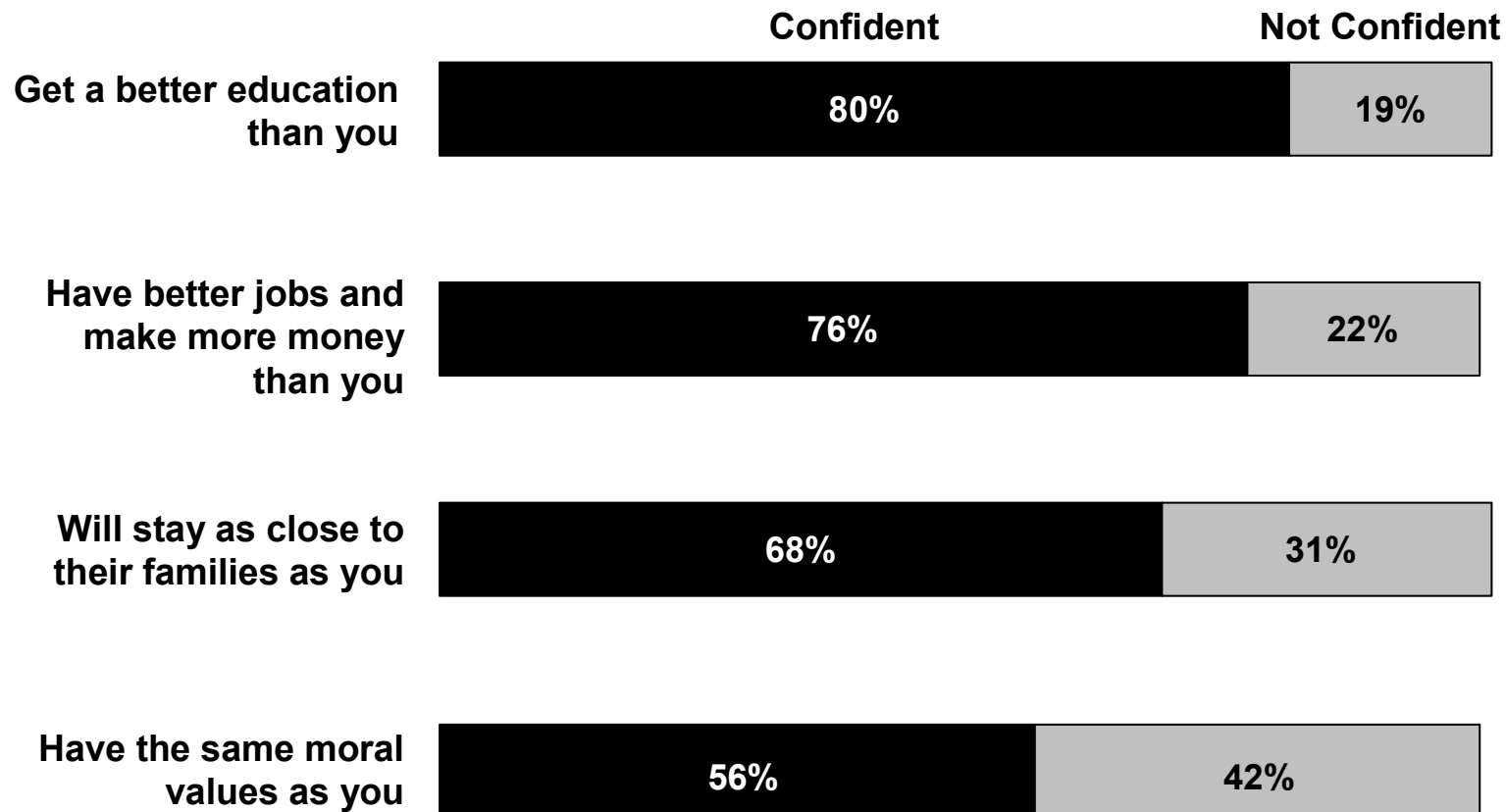
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Chart 11

Confidence in a Positive Future for Hispanic Children Growing Up Now in the United States

How confident are you that Hispanic children growing up now in the United States will...

Among Latinos...



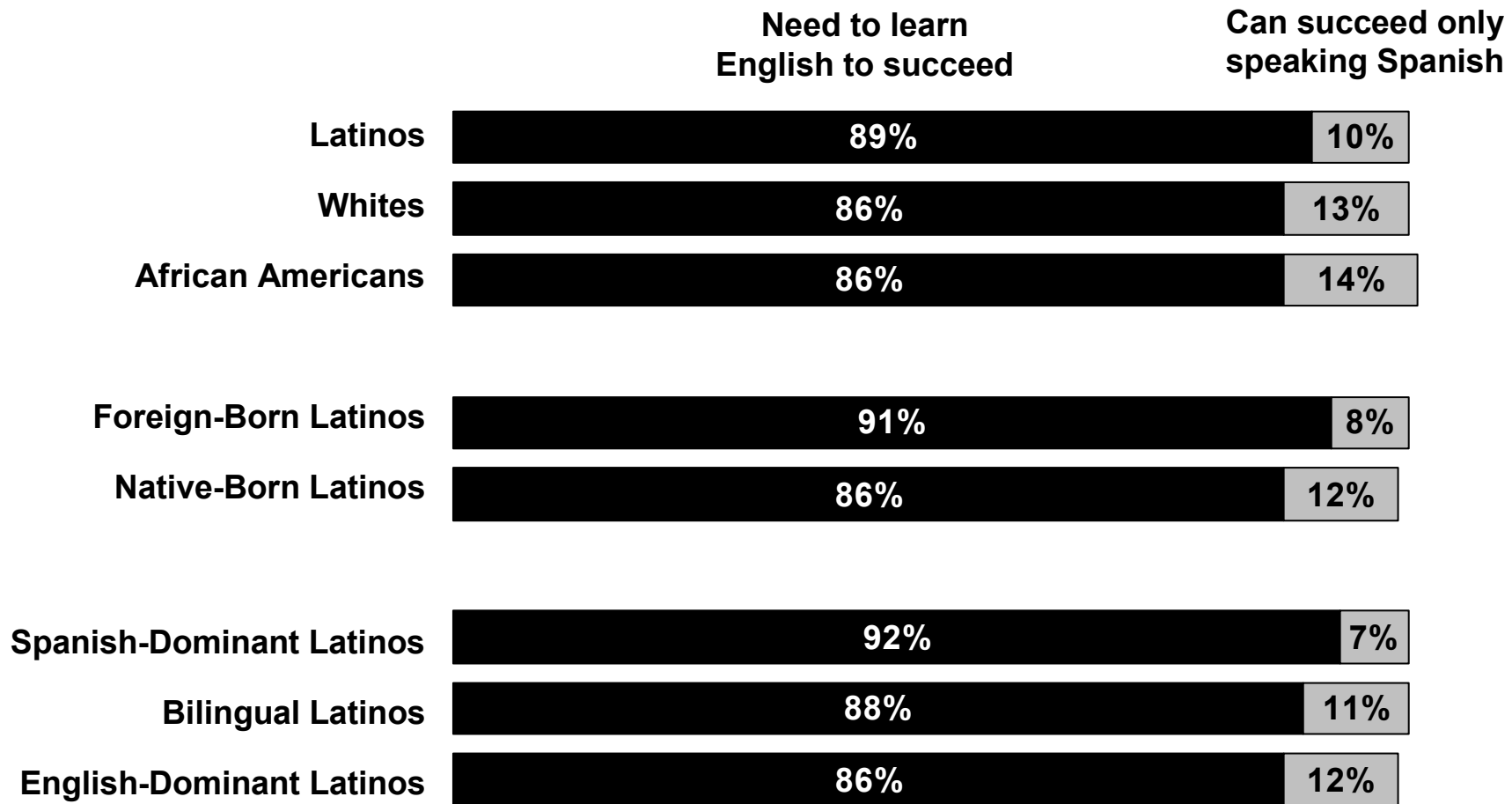
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Chart 12

English Seen as Necessary for Success in the United States

Do you think adult Latino immigrants need to learn English to succeed in the United States or can they succeed even if they only speak Spanish?



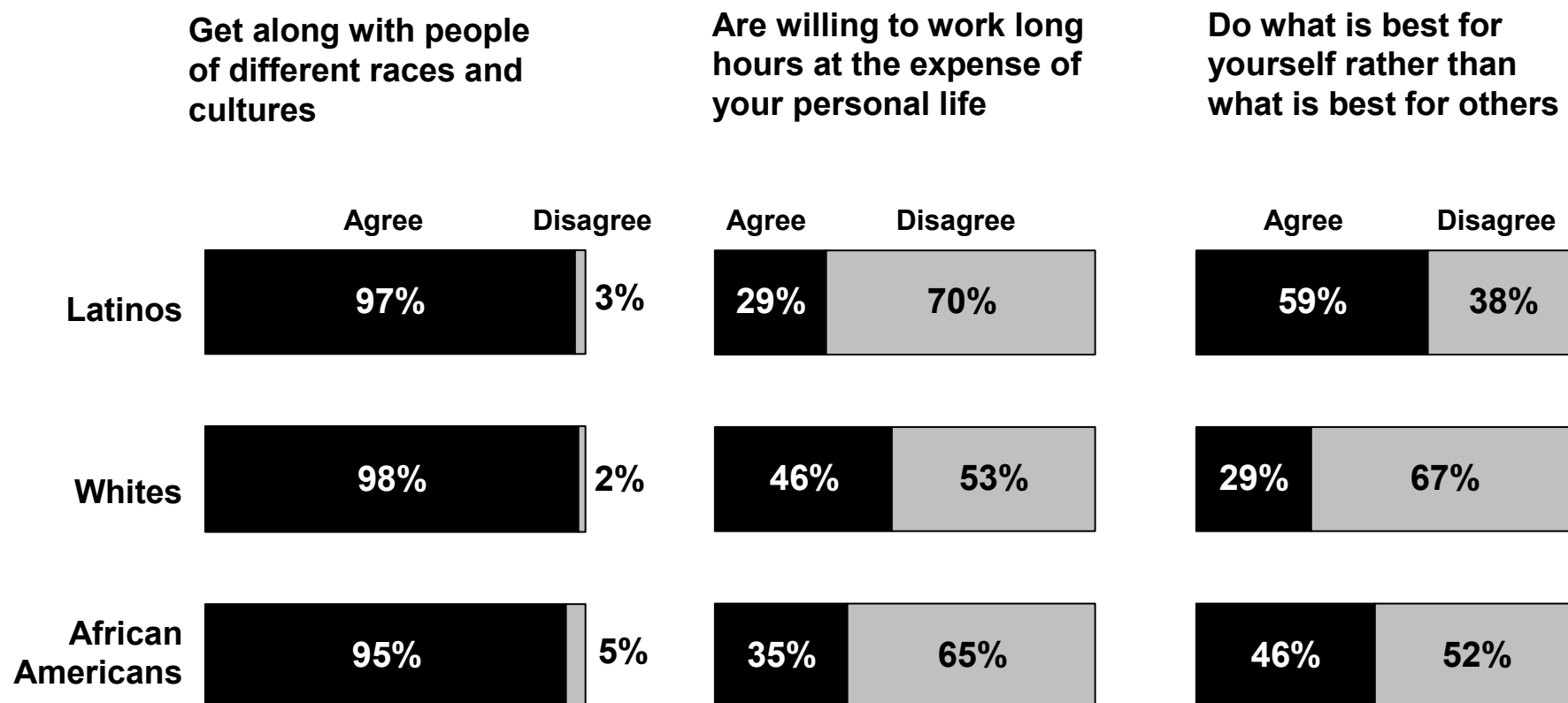
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Chart 13

Views on What it Takes to Be Successful in U.S. Workplaces

Do you agree or disagree that you can be more successful in American workplaces if you...



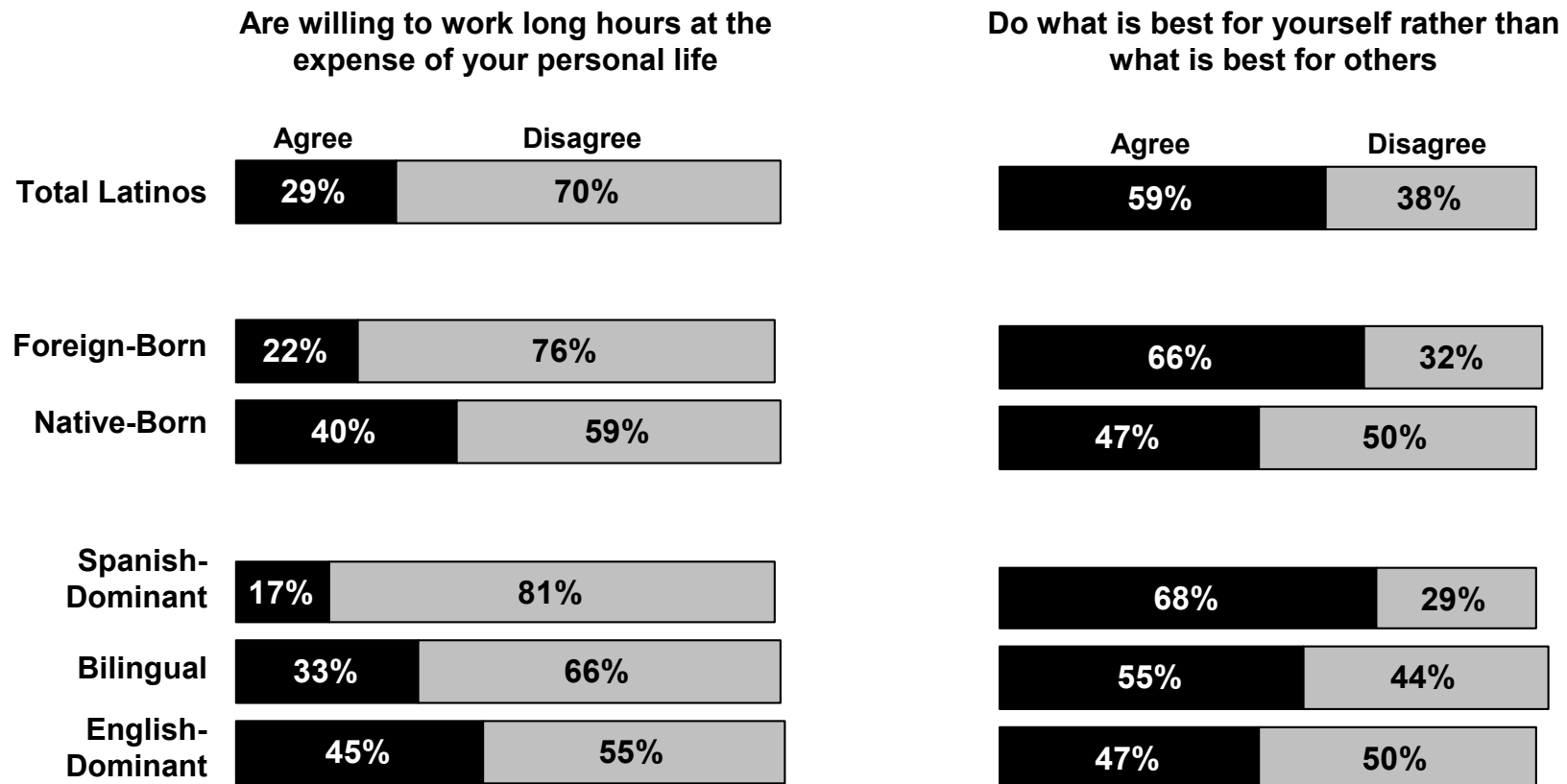
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Chart 14

Latinos' Attitudes about Behaviors that Lead to Success in American Workplaces

Do you agree or disagree that you can be more successful in American workplaces if you...



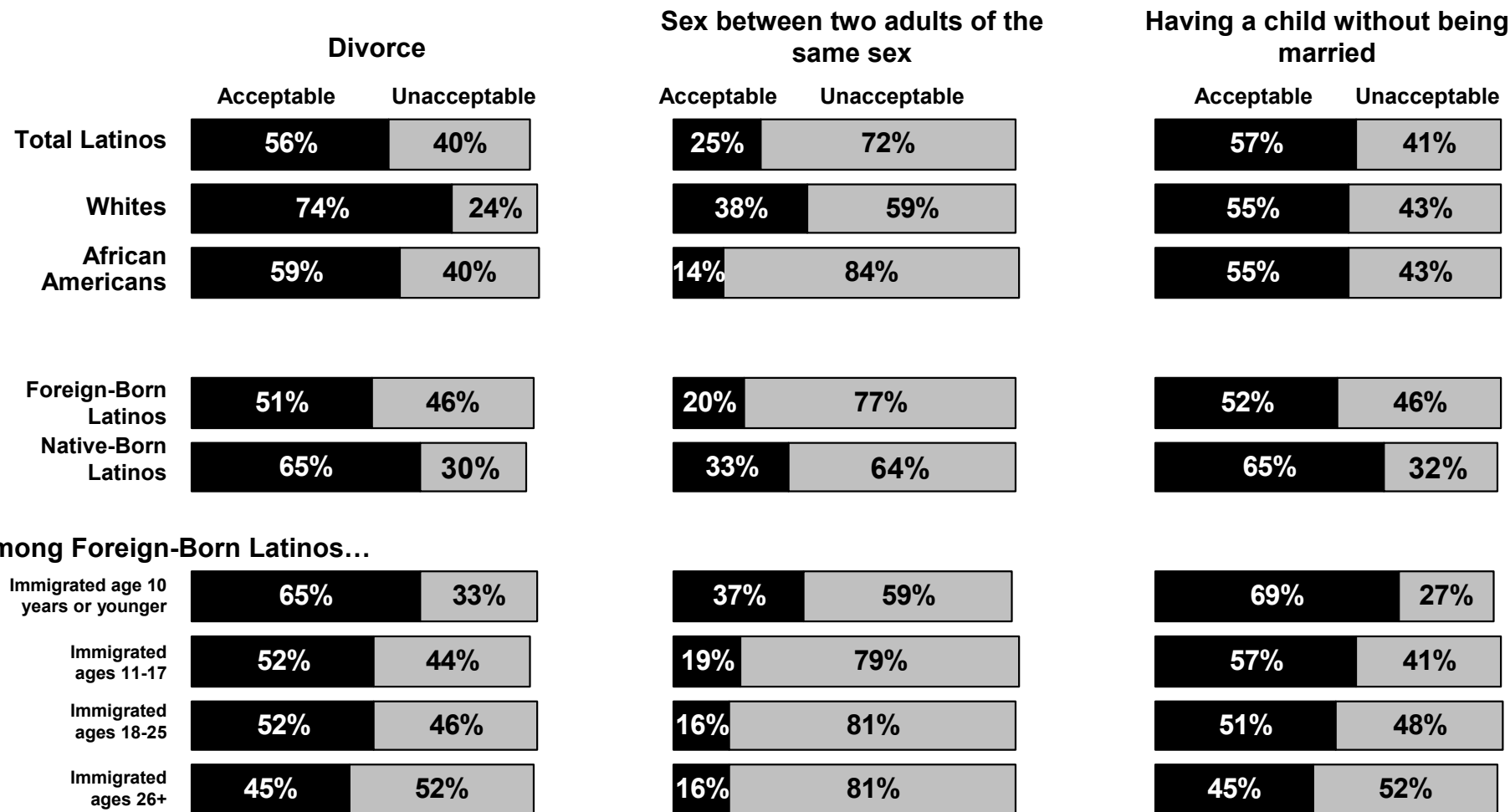
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Chart 15

Views on Some Social Issues

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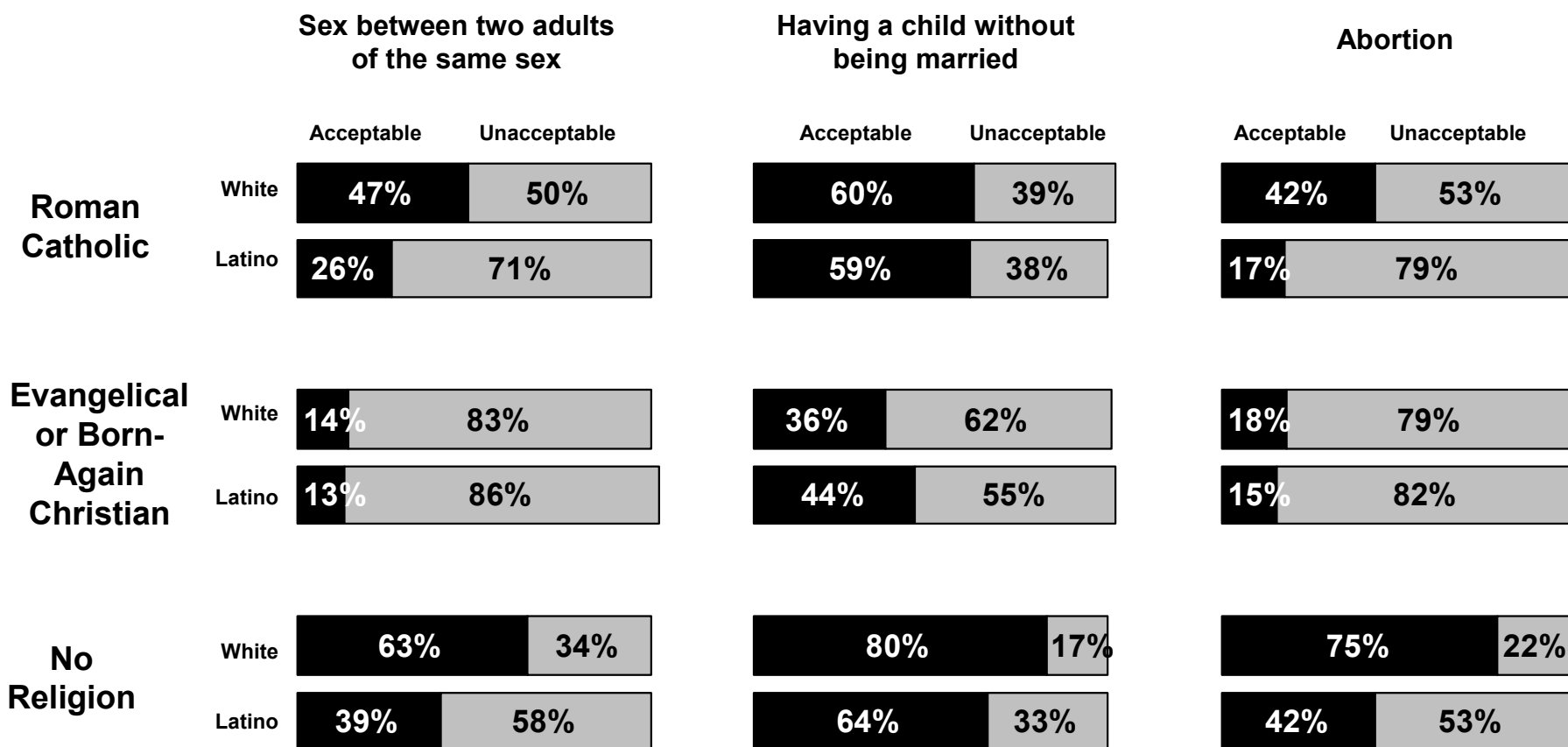
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Chart 16

Views on Some Social Issues by Religious Preference and Race/Ethnicity

For each, thinking about your own values and morals, I'd like you to tell me whether you think in general, it is acceptable or unacceptable.



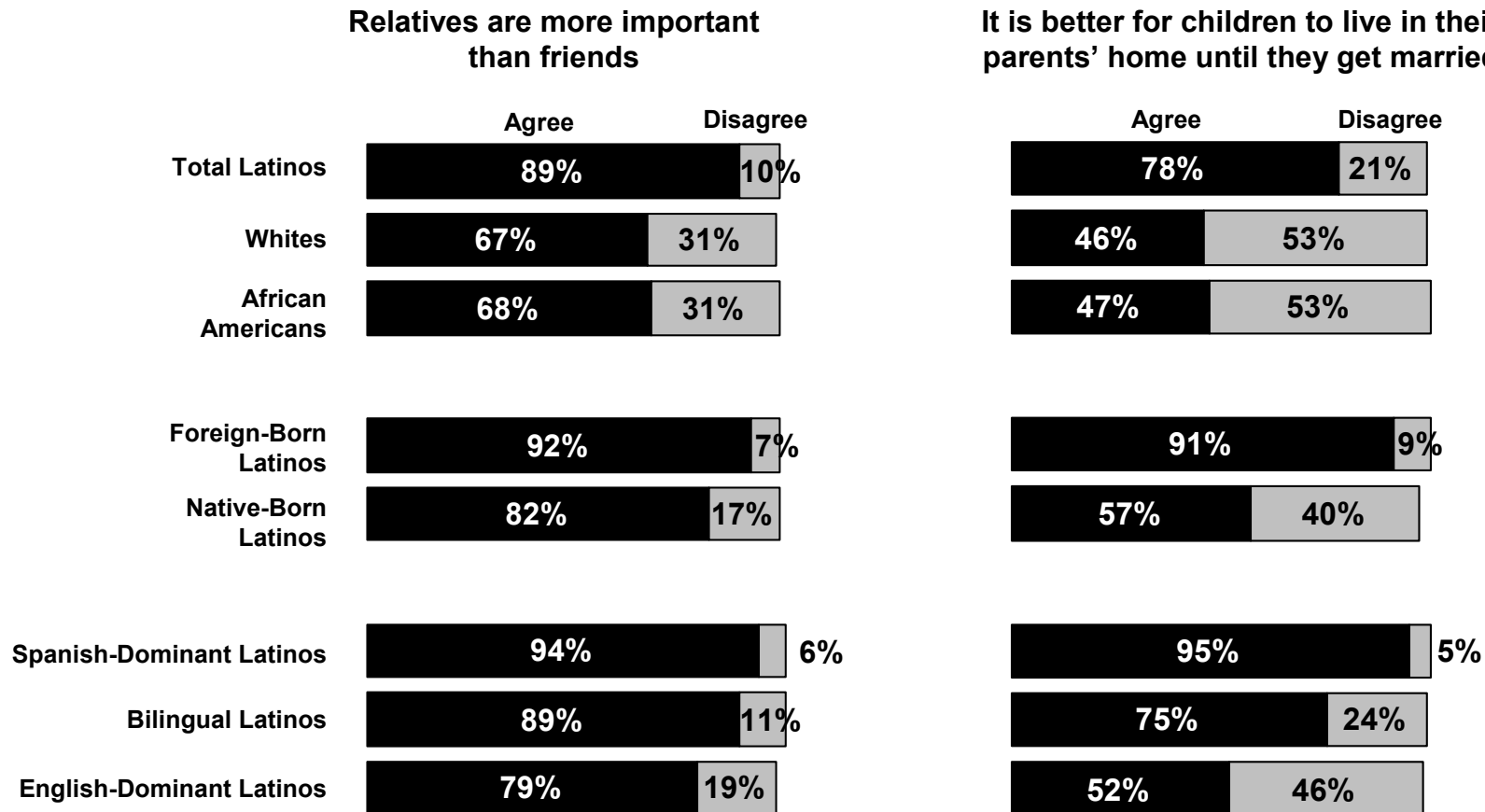
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Chart 17

The Importance of Family

Will you tell me for each of the following whether it is something you personally agree with or disagree with?



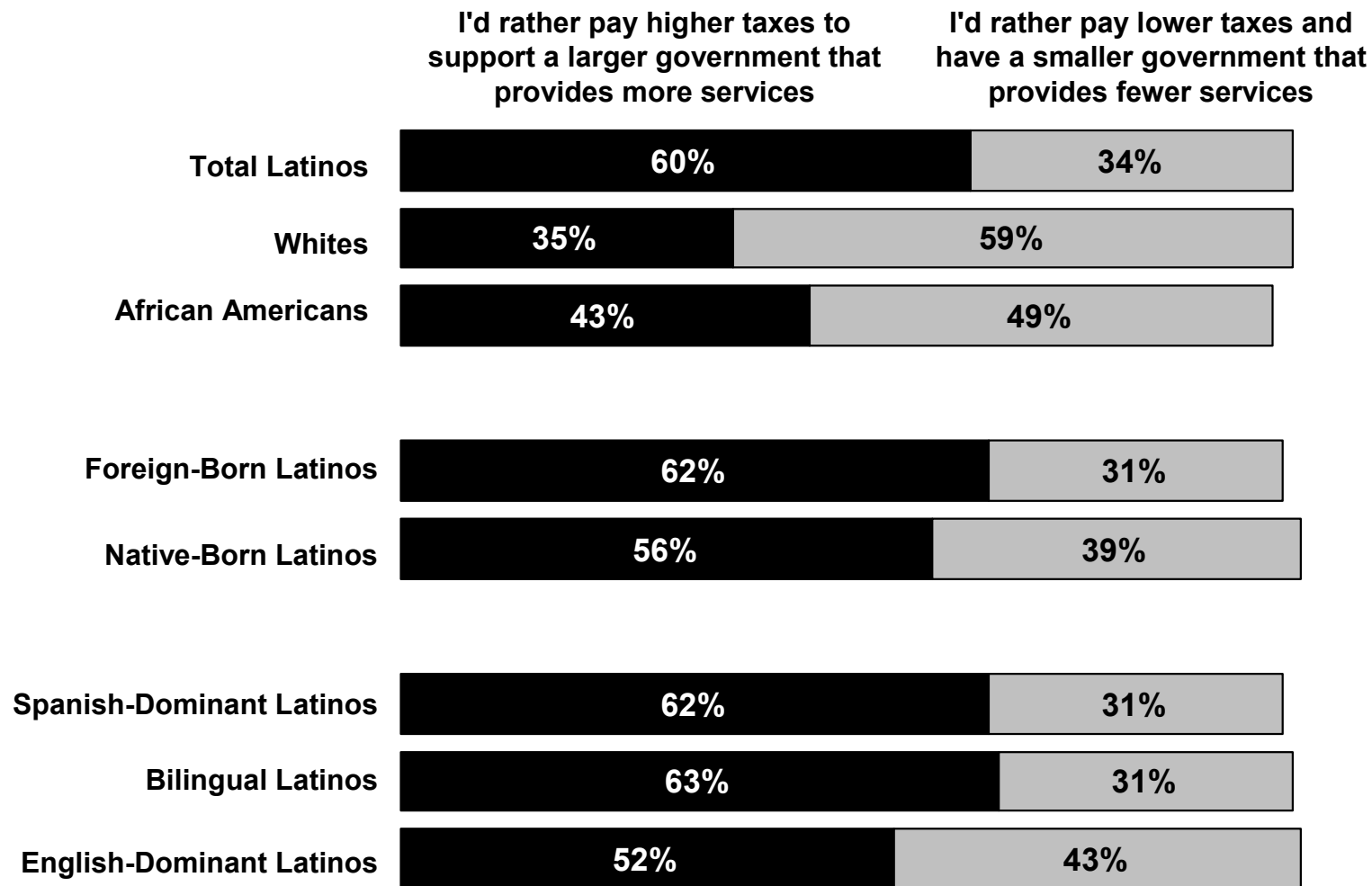
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Chart 18

Bigger vs. Smaller Government

Which of the following statements do you agree with more...



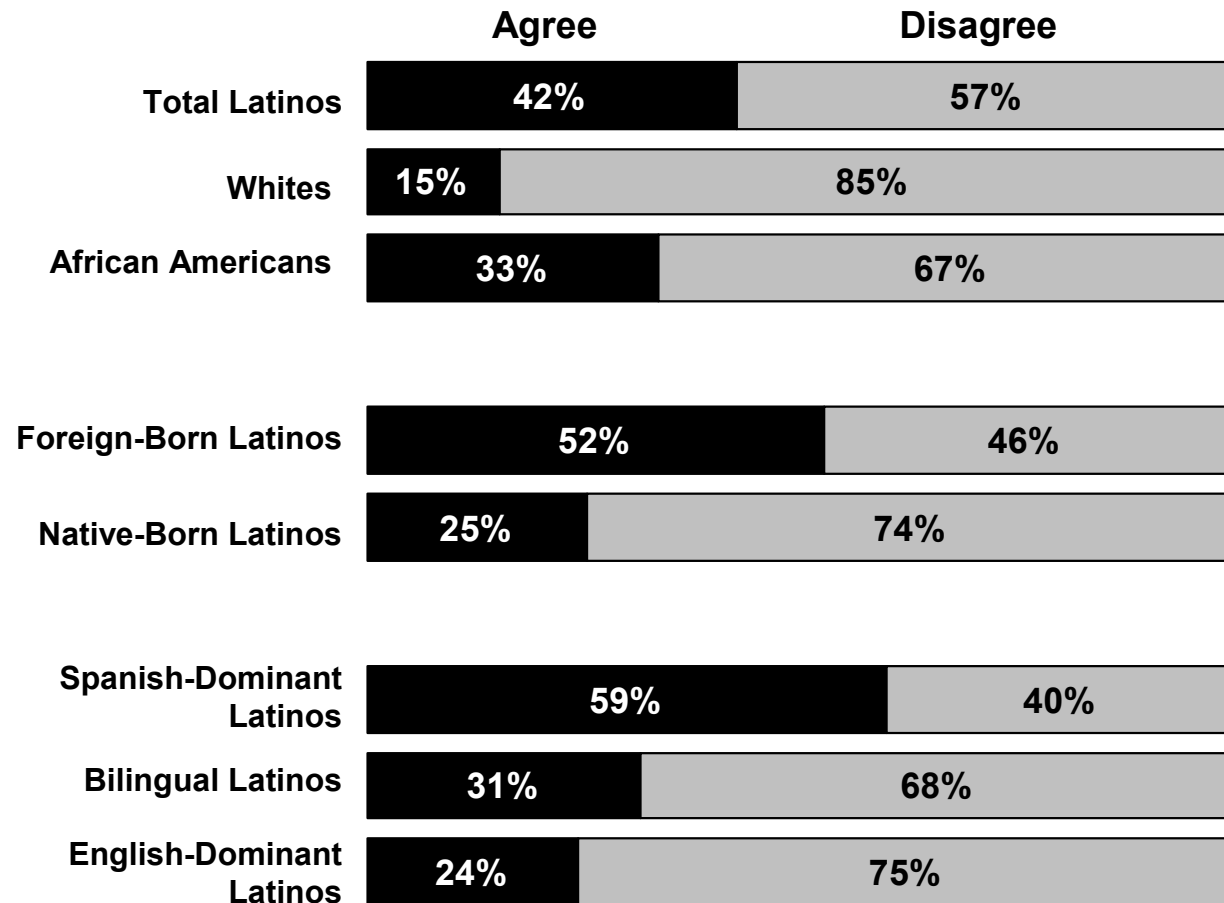
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Chart 19

Fatalism

Do you agree or disagree that it doesn't do any good to plan for the future because you don't have any control over it?



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IV. VIEWS OF AND EXPERIENCES WITH DISCRIMINATION

Chart 20

Is Discrimination Against Latinos a Problem?

Percent who think discrimination against Latinos is a major or minor problem in...

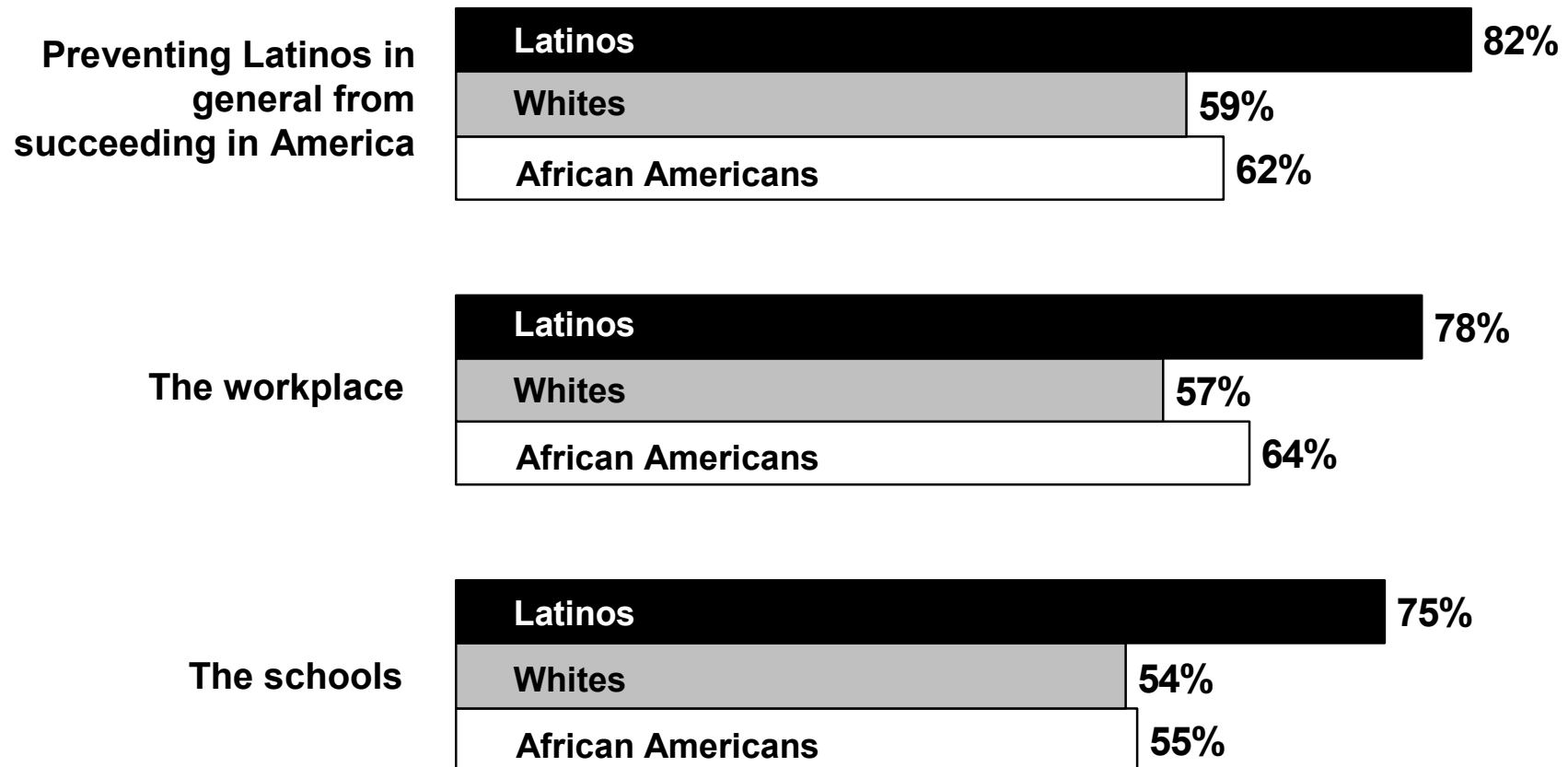
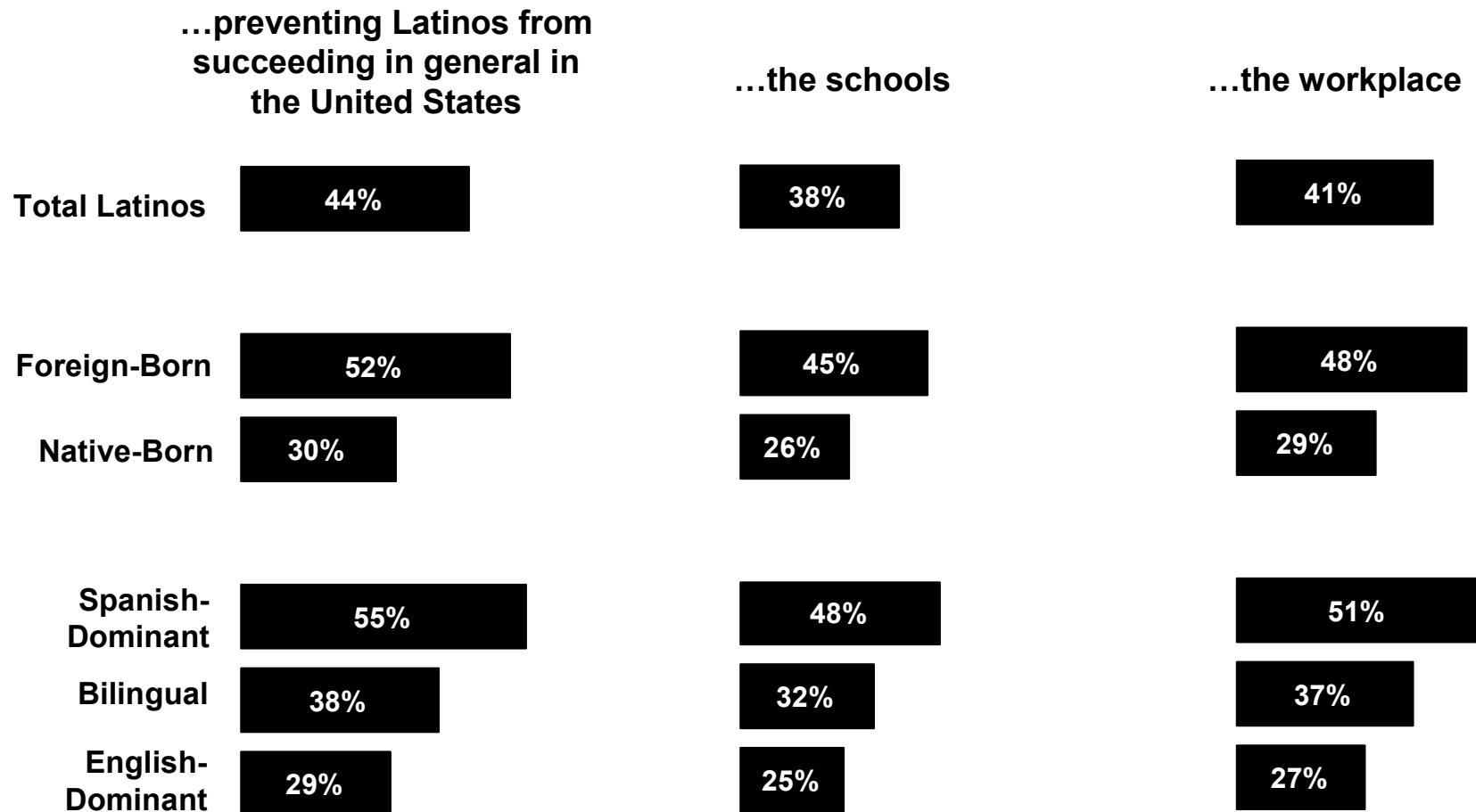


Chart 21

Latinos' Views on Discrimination Against Latinos

Percent of Latinos who say discrimination against Latinos is a "major problem" in...



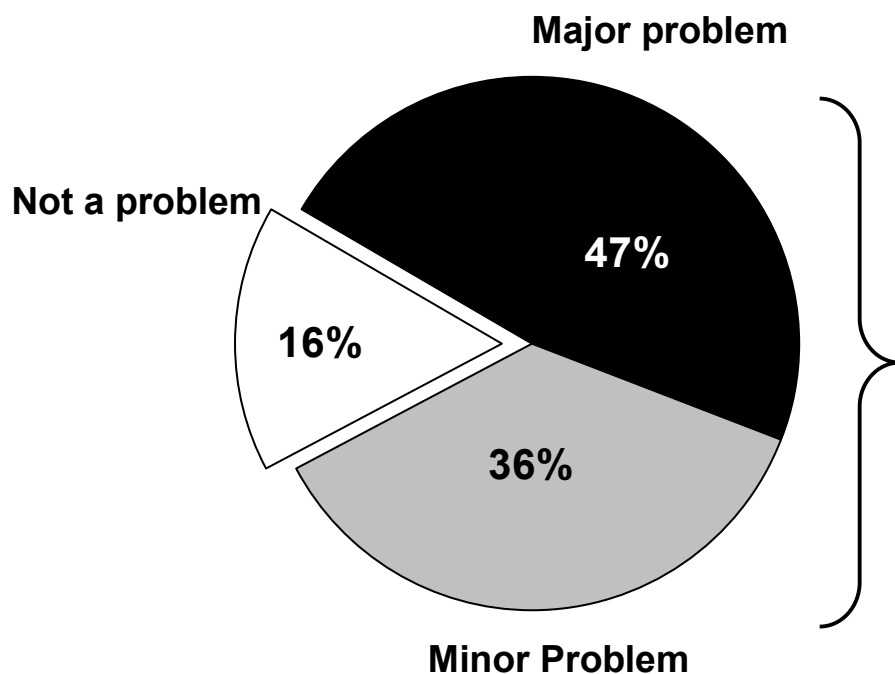
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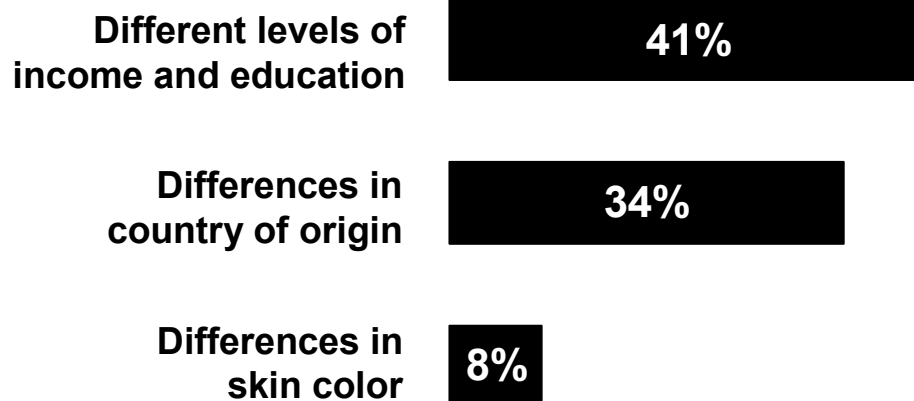
Latinos' Views on Discriminating Against Other Latinos

Do you think Latinos discriminating against other Latinos is a major problem, minor problem or not a problem...

Which of the following do you think is the main reason that Latinos discriminate against other Latinos?



Among the 83% who think Latinos discriminating against other Latinos is a problem...



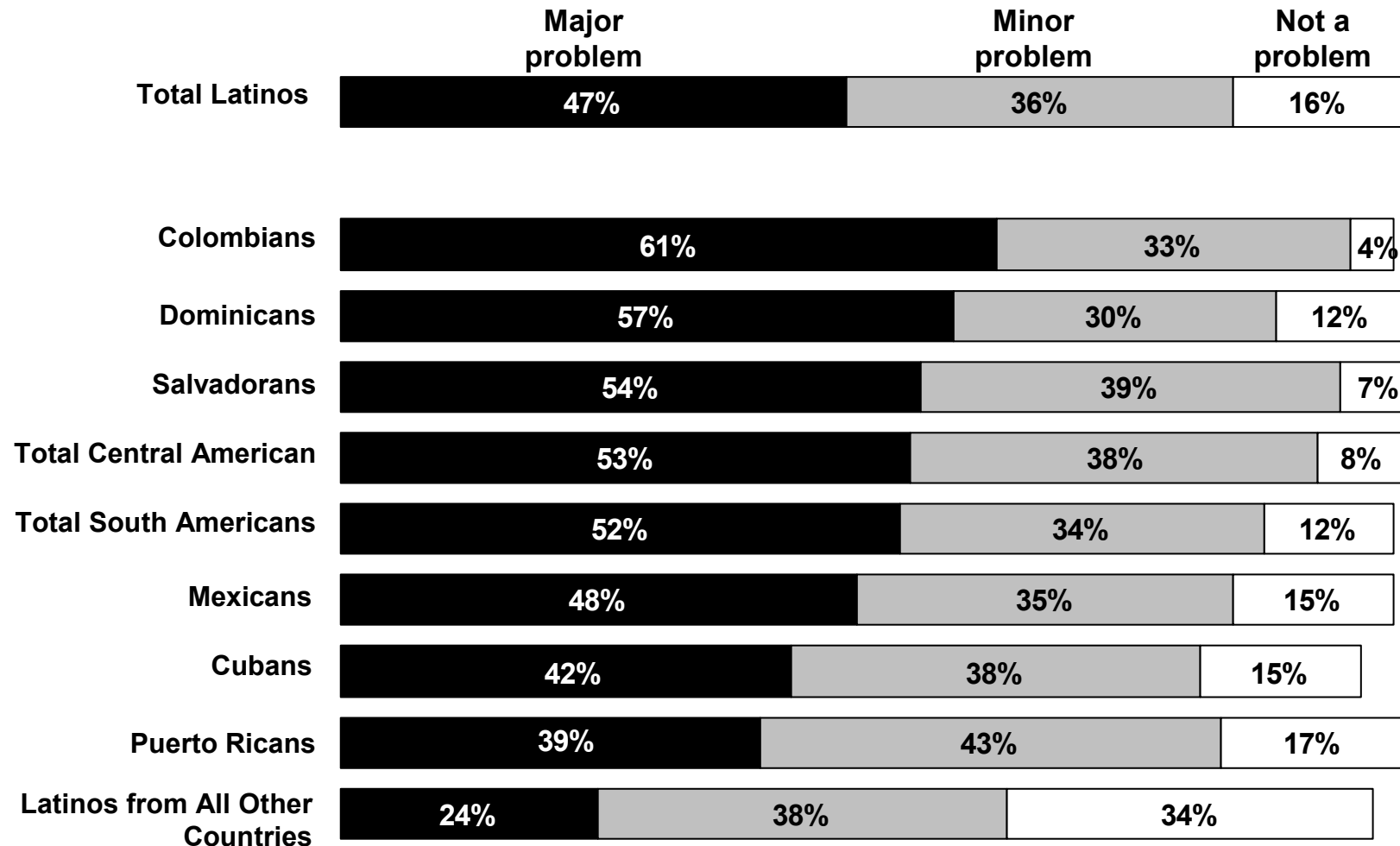
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Chart 23

Latino Views on Latinos Discriminating Against Other Latinos, by Country of Origin

Do you think Latinos discriminating against other Latinos is a...



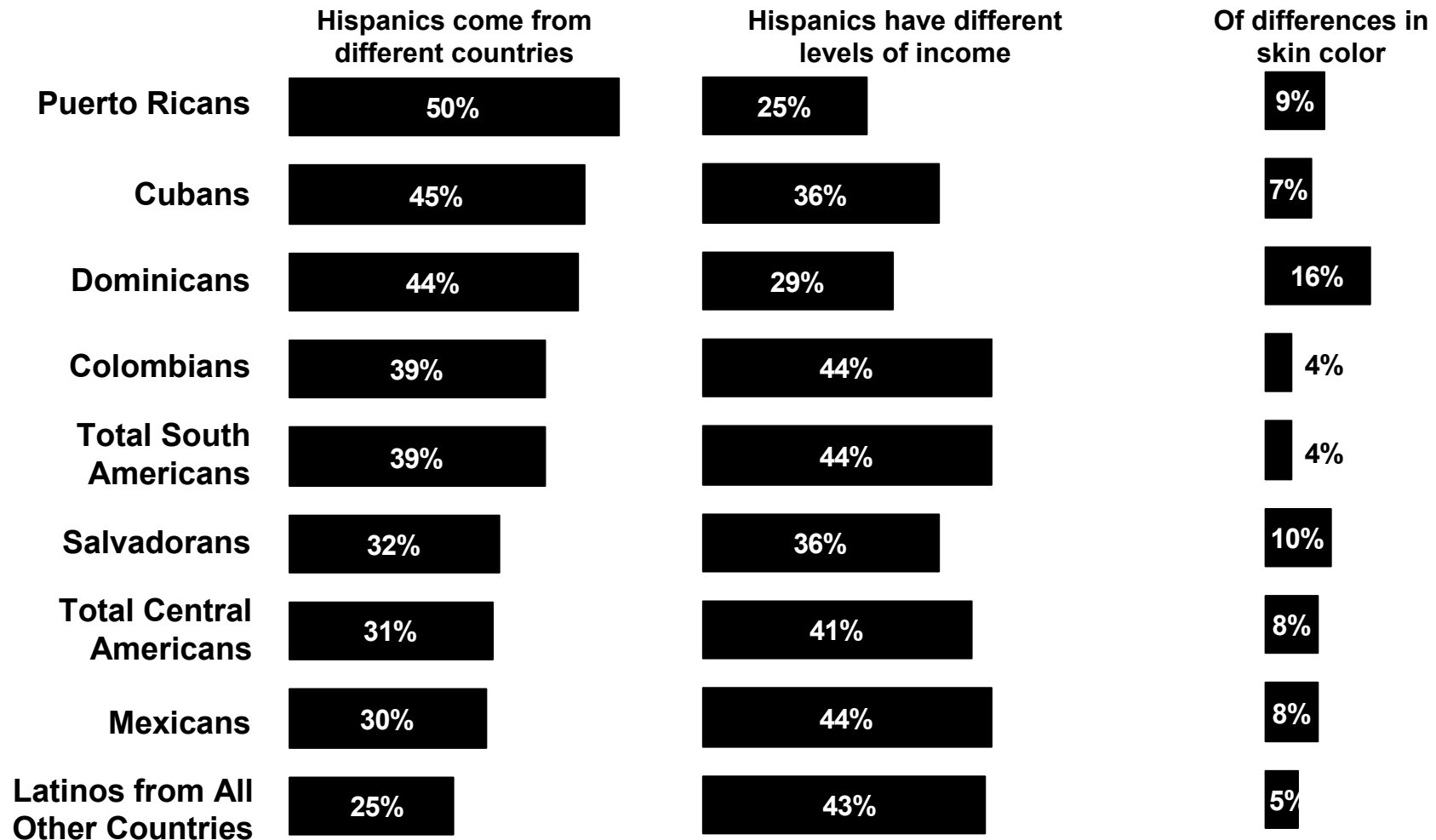
Note: "Don't know" responses not shown.

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Chart 24

Reported Reasons Latinos Discriminate Against Other Latinos Among Those Who Think It is a Problem, by Country of Origin

Do you think Hispanics discriminate against each other mainly because...



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Chart 25

Personal Experience with Discrimination

During the last five years, have you, a family member, or close friend experienced discrimination because of your racial or ethnic background, or not?

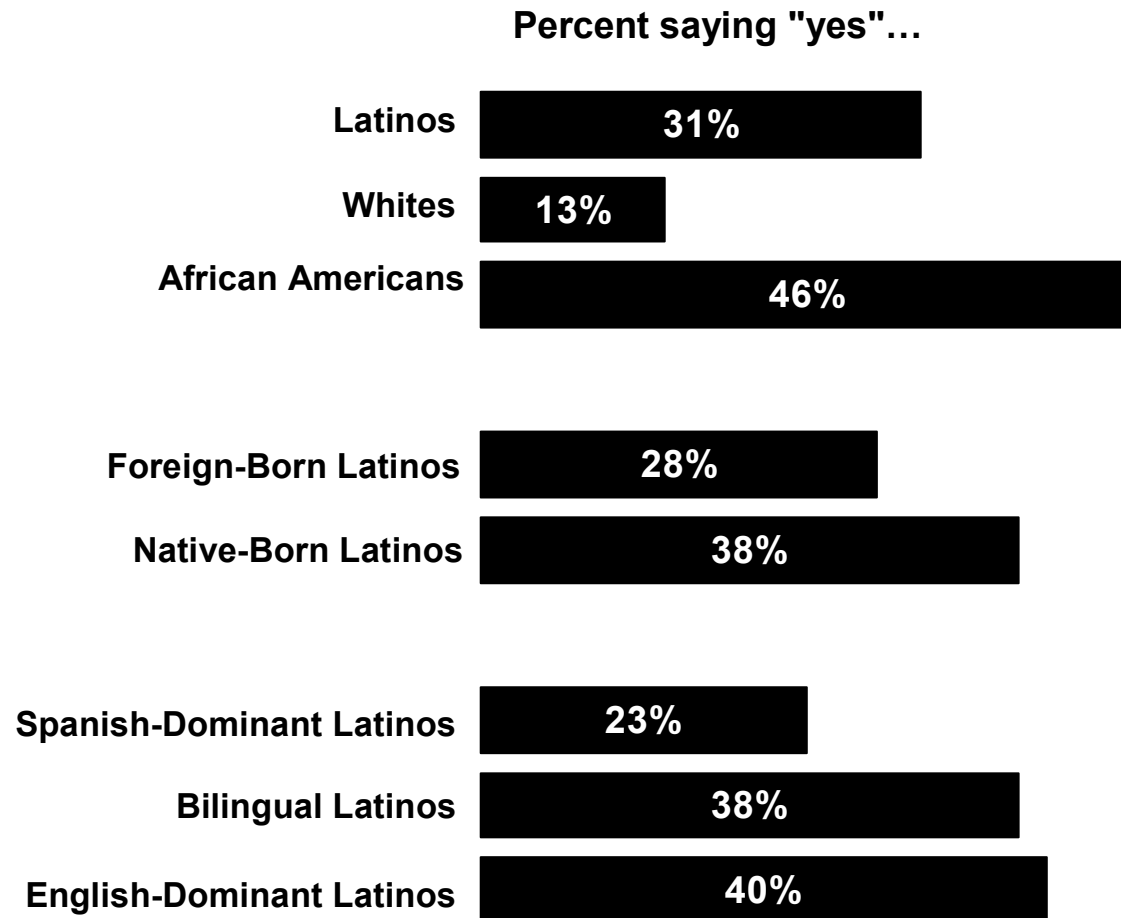
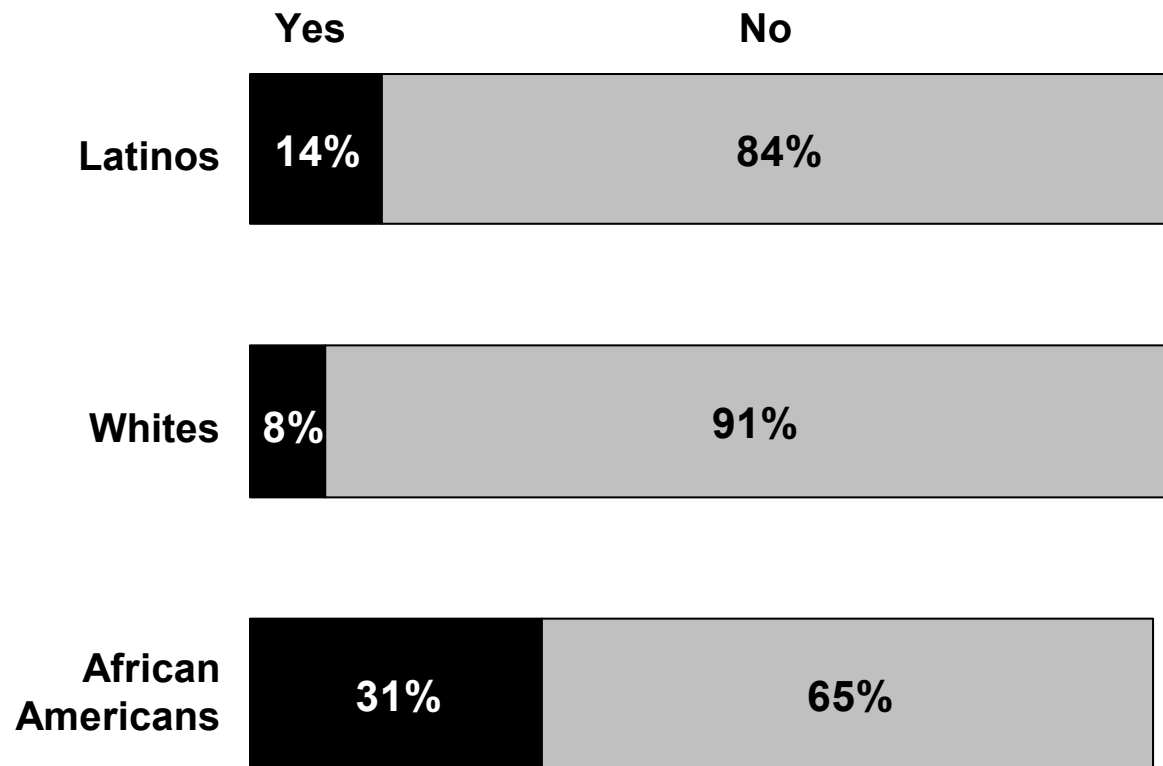


Chart 26

Personal Experience with Workplace Discrimination

Has there ever been a time when you have NOT been hired or promoted for a job because of your race or ethnic background, or has this not happened to you?



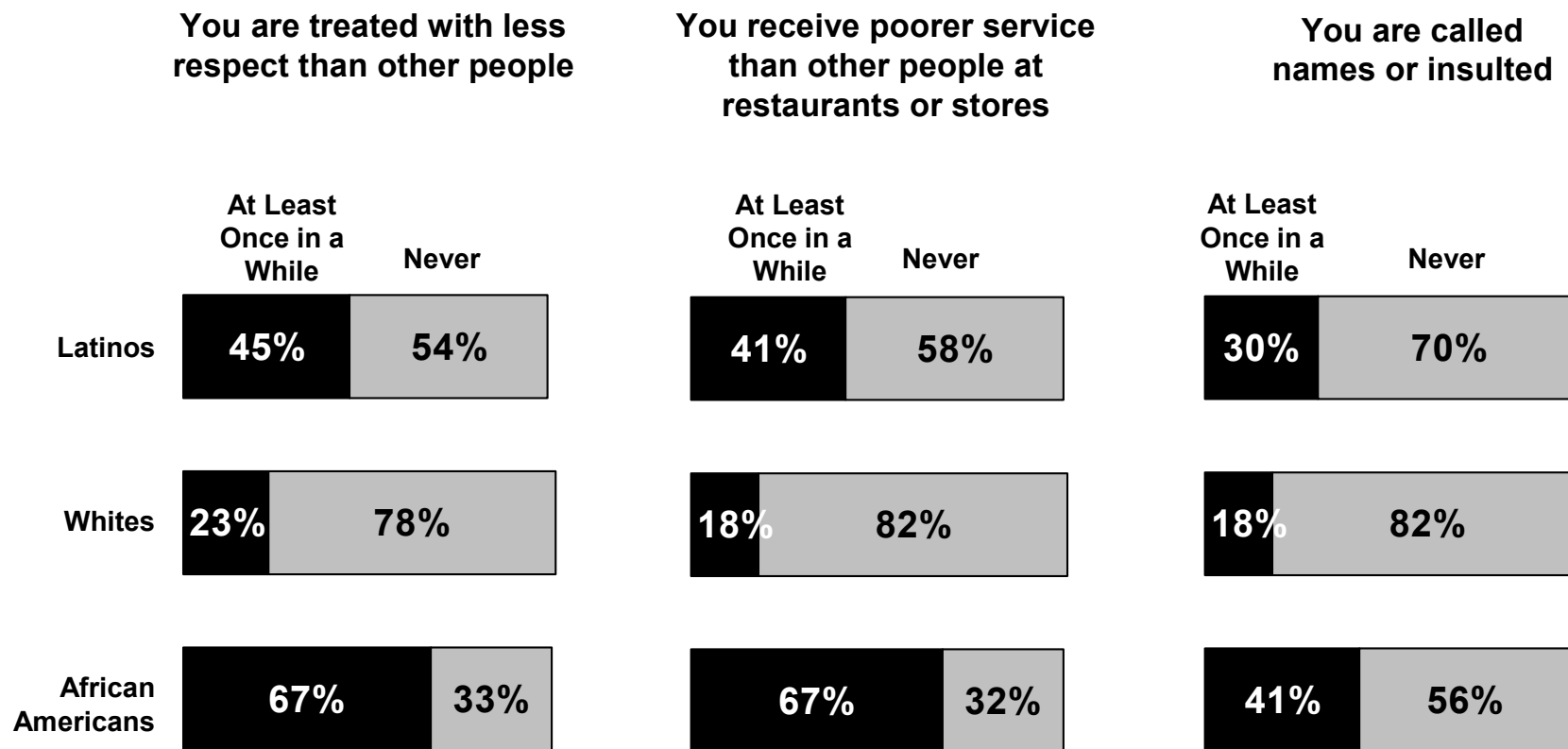
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Chart 27

Reported Experiences of Unfair Treatment

In your day-to-day life, how often do any of the following things happen to you because of your racial or ethnic background?



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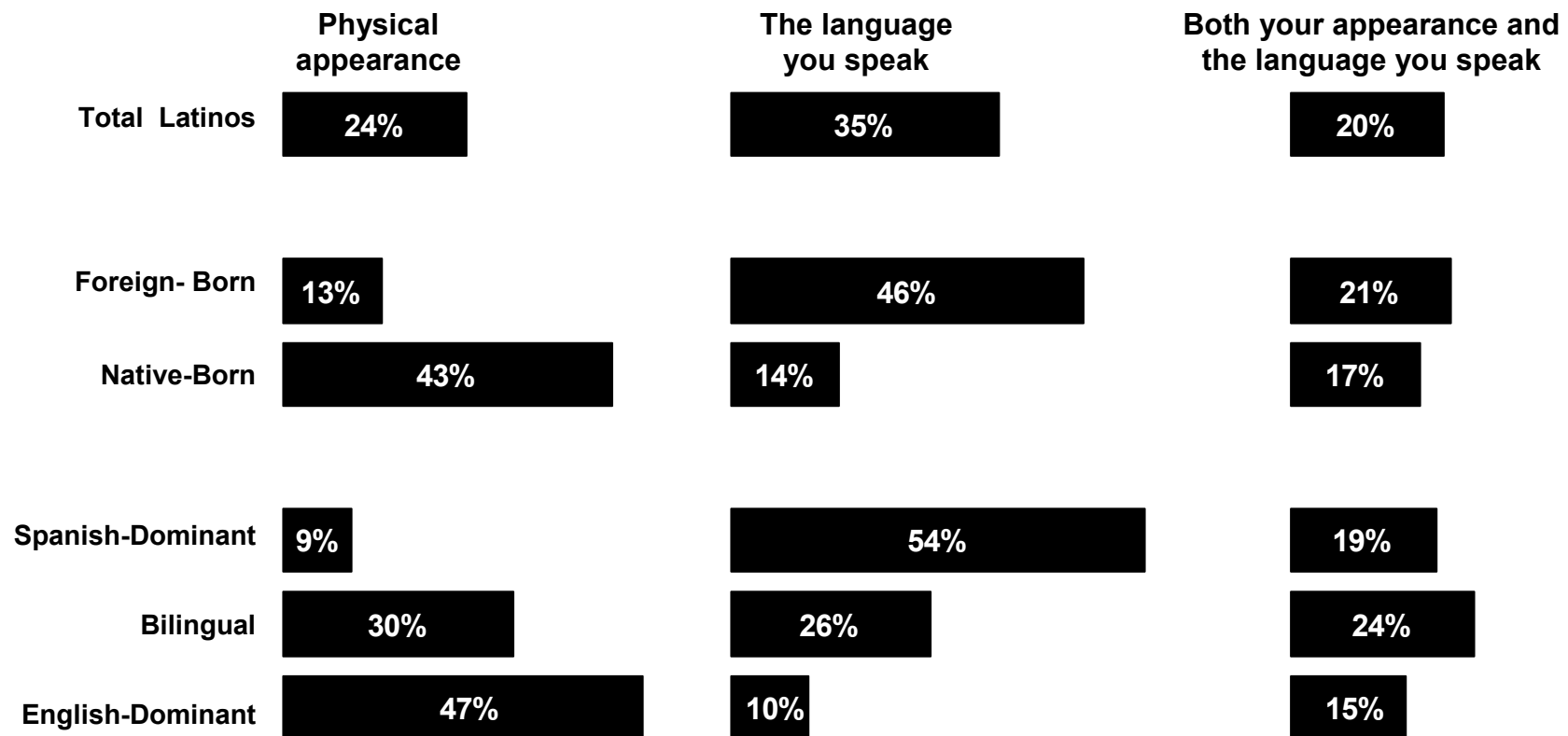
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Chart 28

Latinos' Reported Reasons for Discrimination and Unfair Treatment

Thinking in general about when you have been treated unfairly or discriminated against, which of the following explains why you were treated unfairly. Was it **MAINLY** because of your...

Among the 62% who report having experienced discrimination or unfair treatment...



Note: "None" and "All other reasons" not shown

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V. FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES

Chart 29

Reported Use of Credit Cards, Bank Accounts, and Homeownership

Percent who say they...

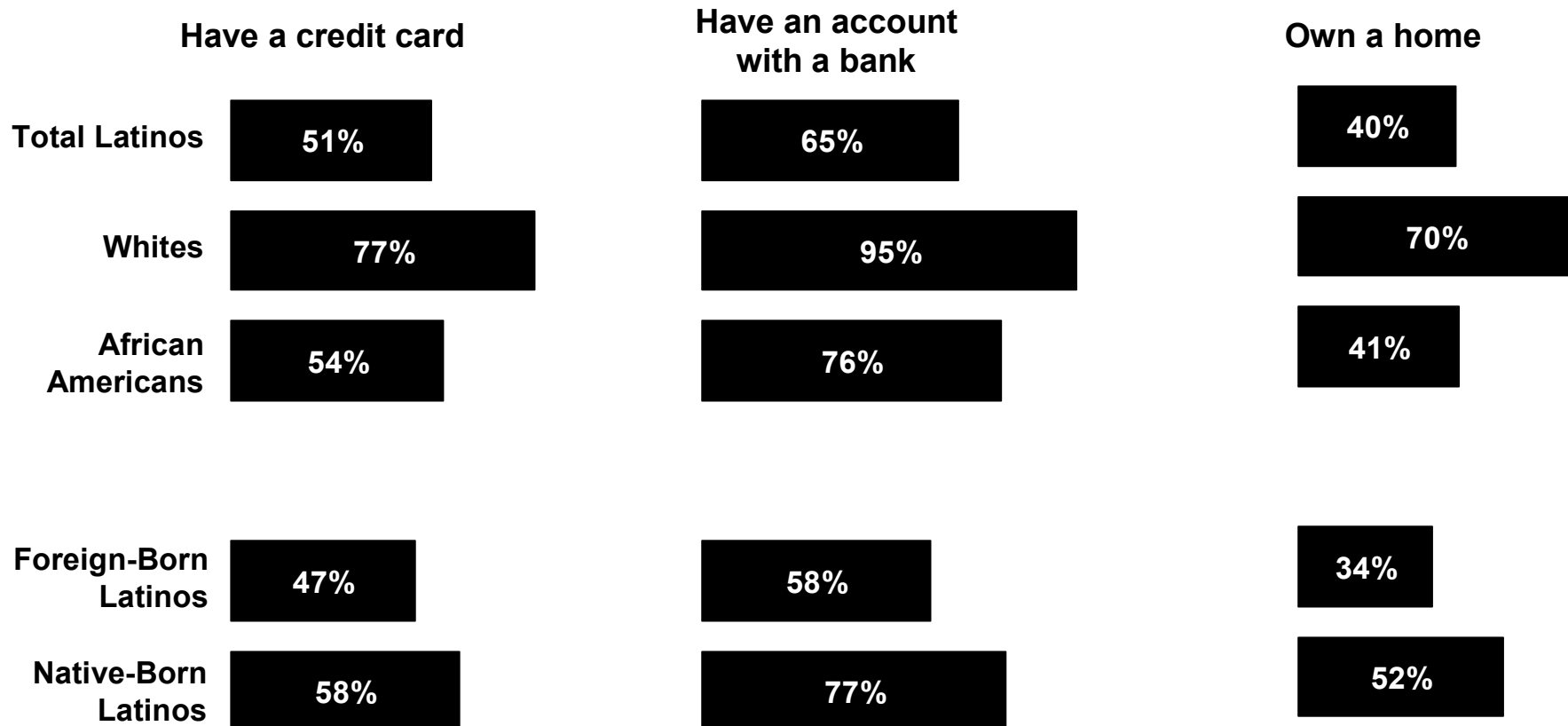
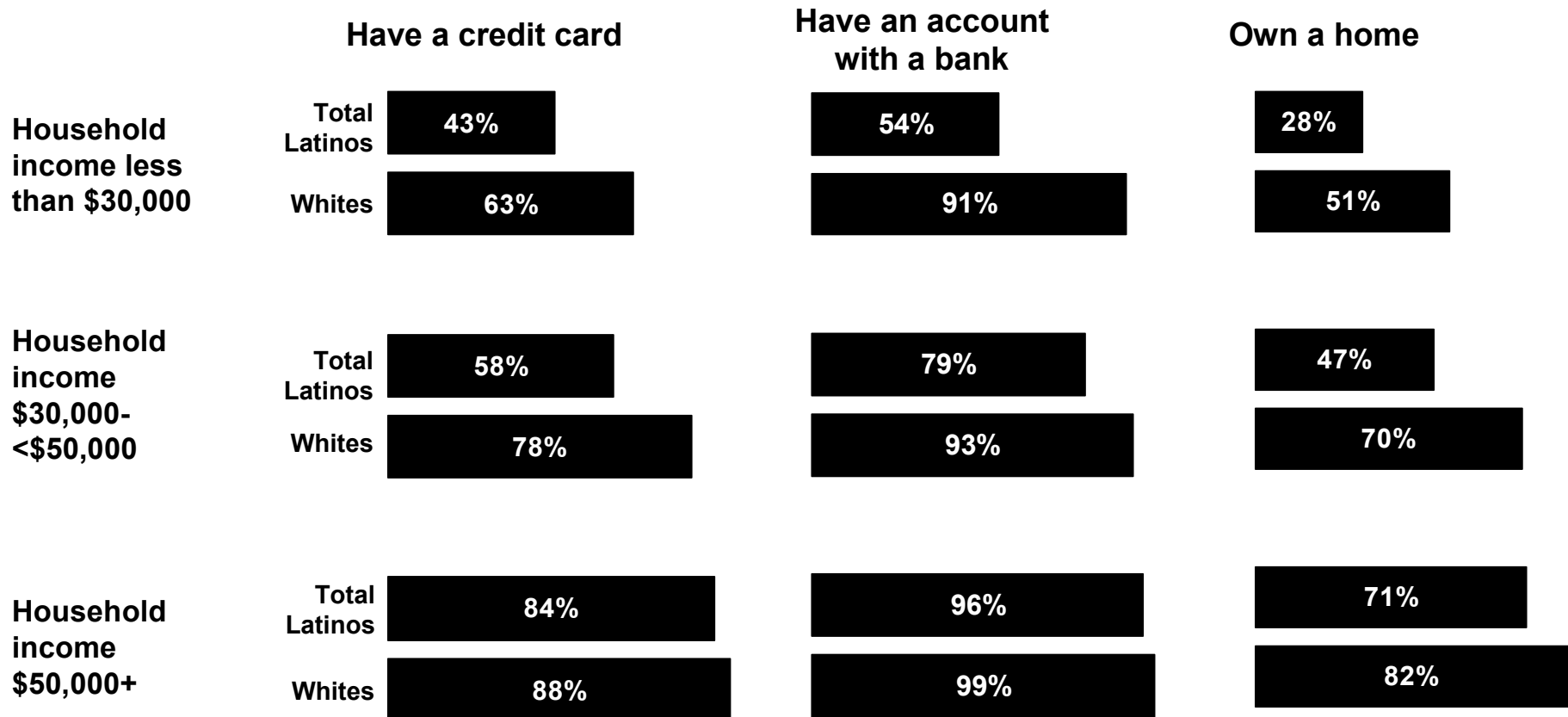


Chart 30

Reported Use of Credit Cards, Bank Accounts and Homeownership, by Income

Percent by reported income who say they...

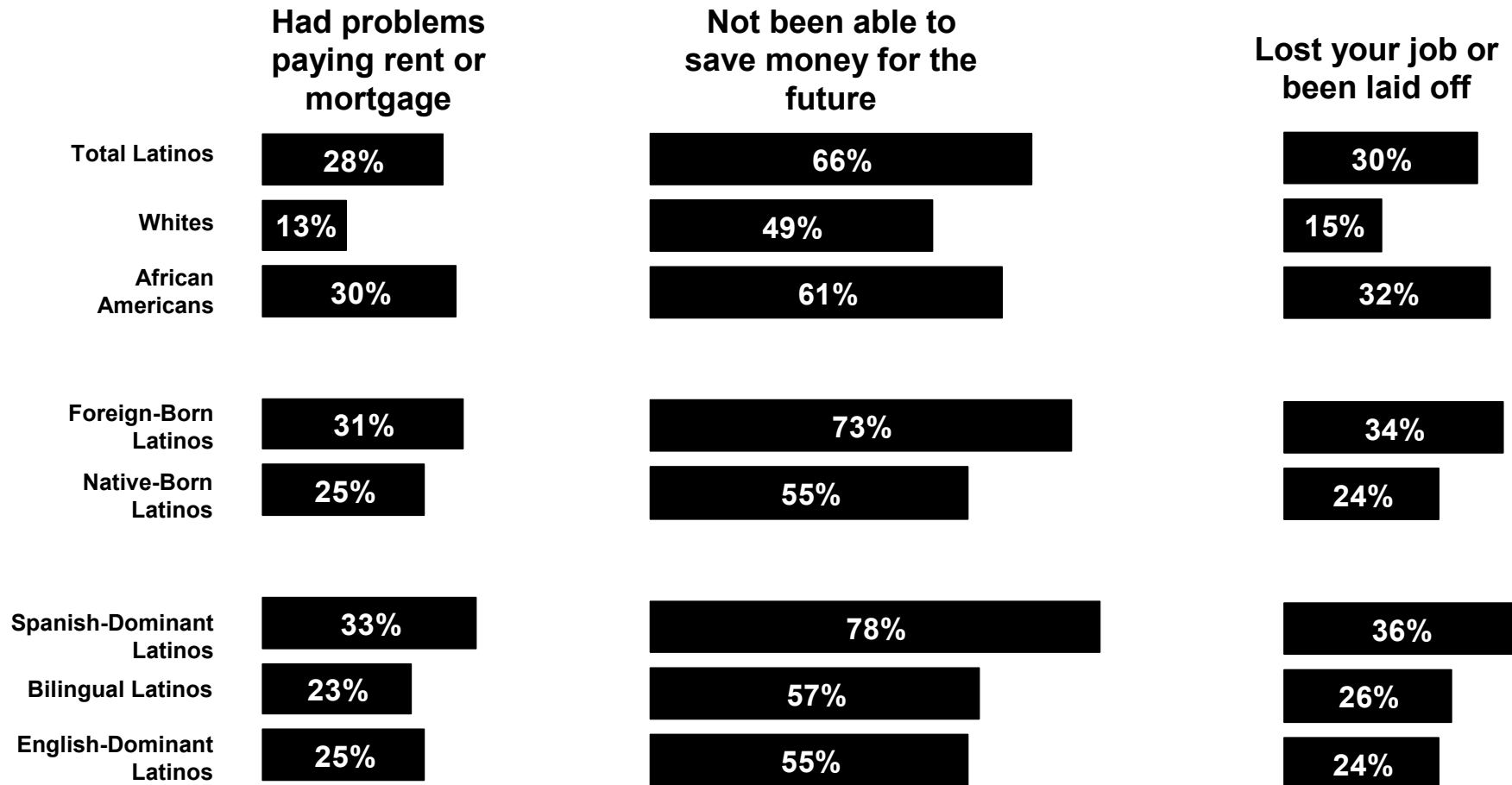


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Chart 31

Reported Financial Hardships

For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you or your immediate family during the past year.

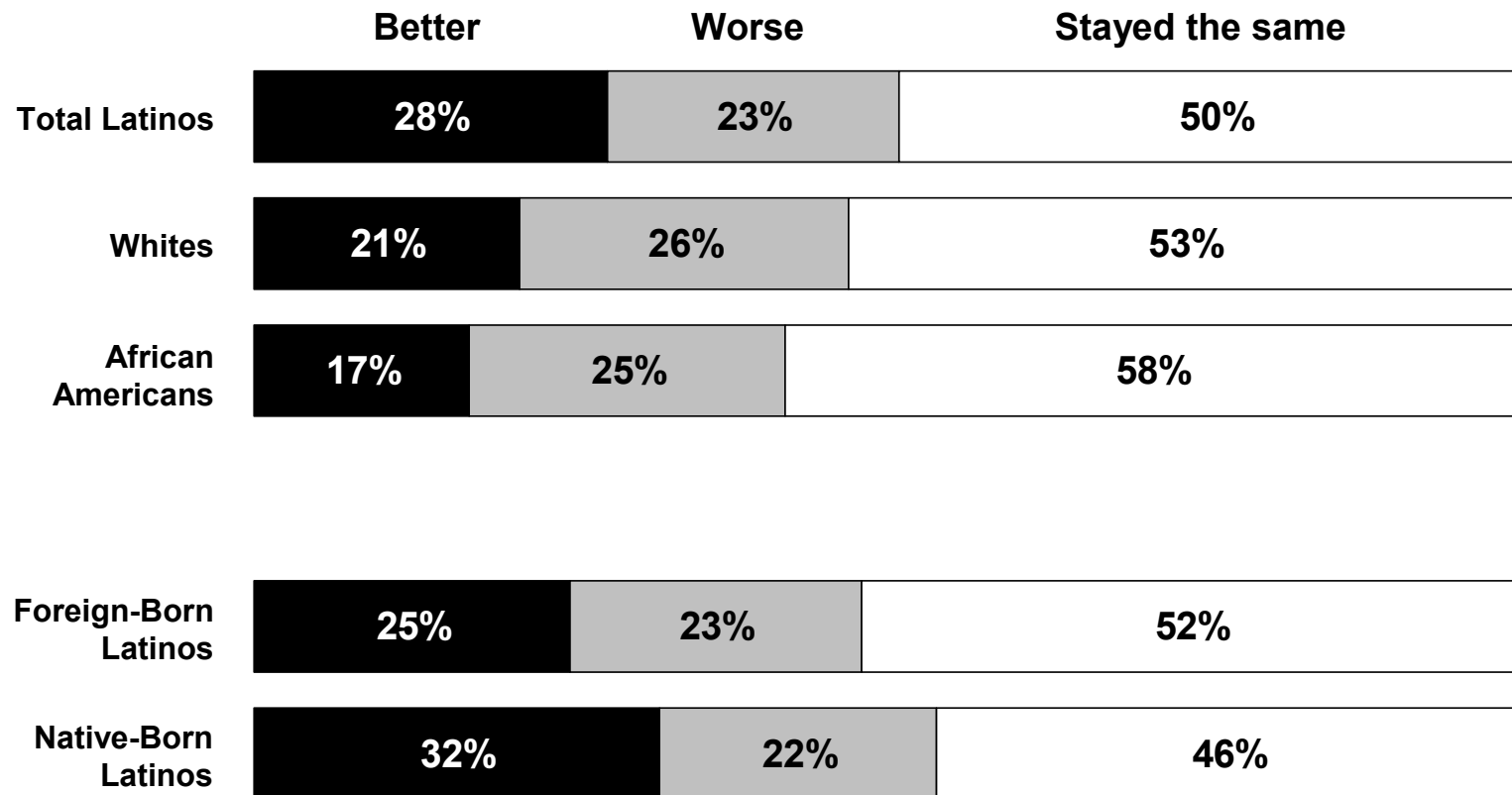


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Chart 32

Outlook on Personal Financial Situation

In the past year, has your personal financial situation gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

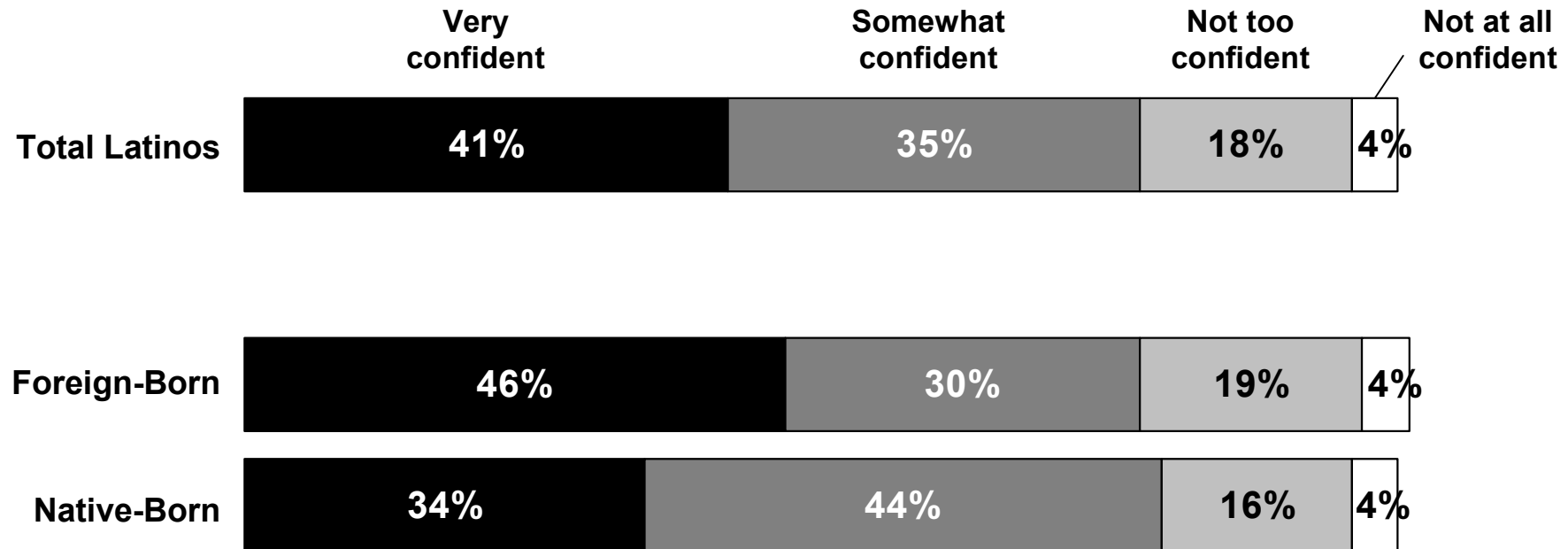


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Chart 33

Latinos' Outlook on the Economic Future of Latino Children in the United States

How confident are you that Latino children growing up in the United States will have better jobs and make more money than you?



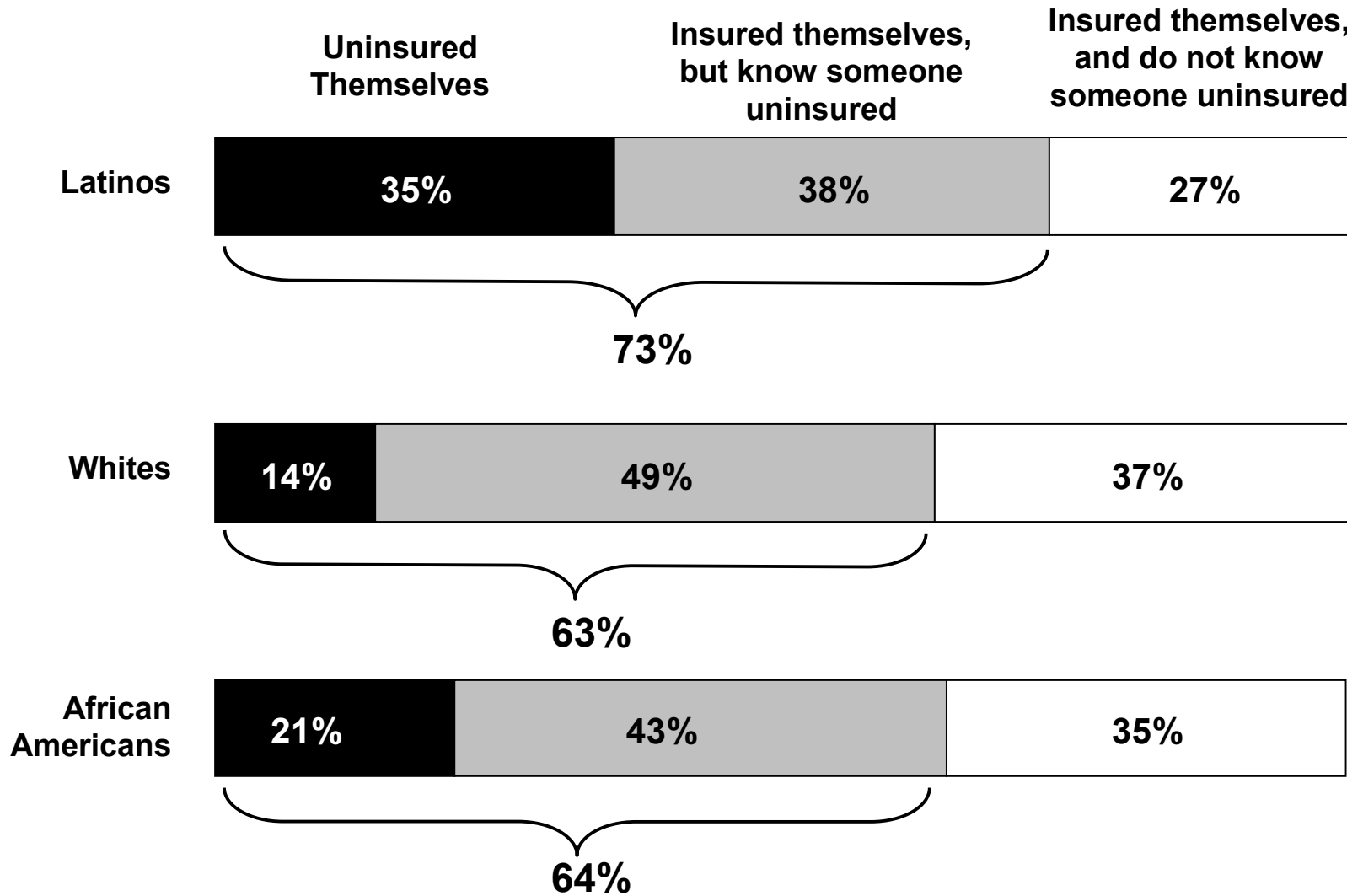
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VI. HEALTH CARE ATTITUDES AND EXPERIENCES

Chart 34

Reported Experiences with Health Insurance Coverage



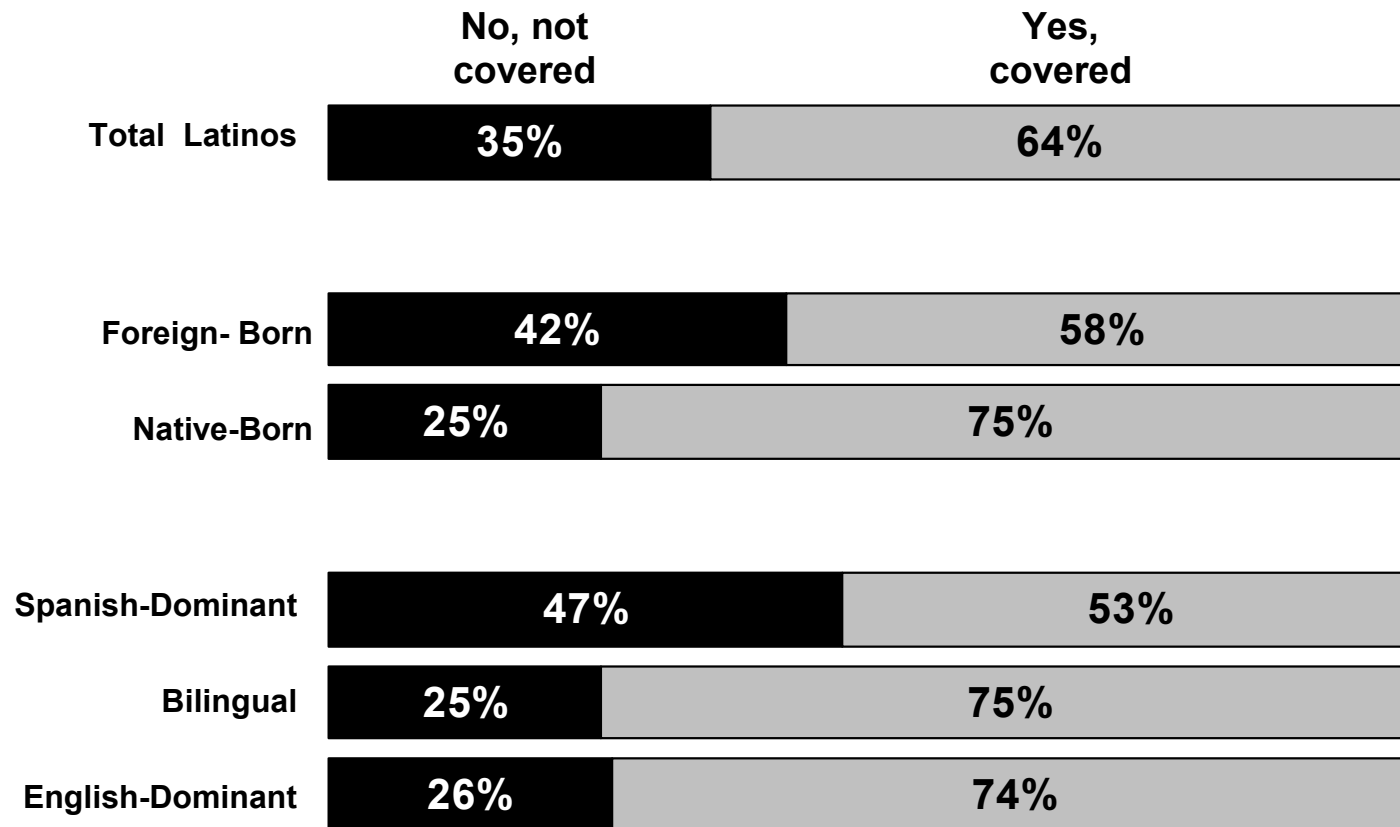
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Chart 35

Latinos' Reported Health Insurance Coverage

Are you, yourself now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have any health insurance at this time?



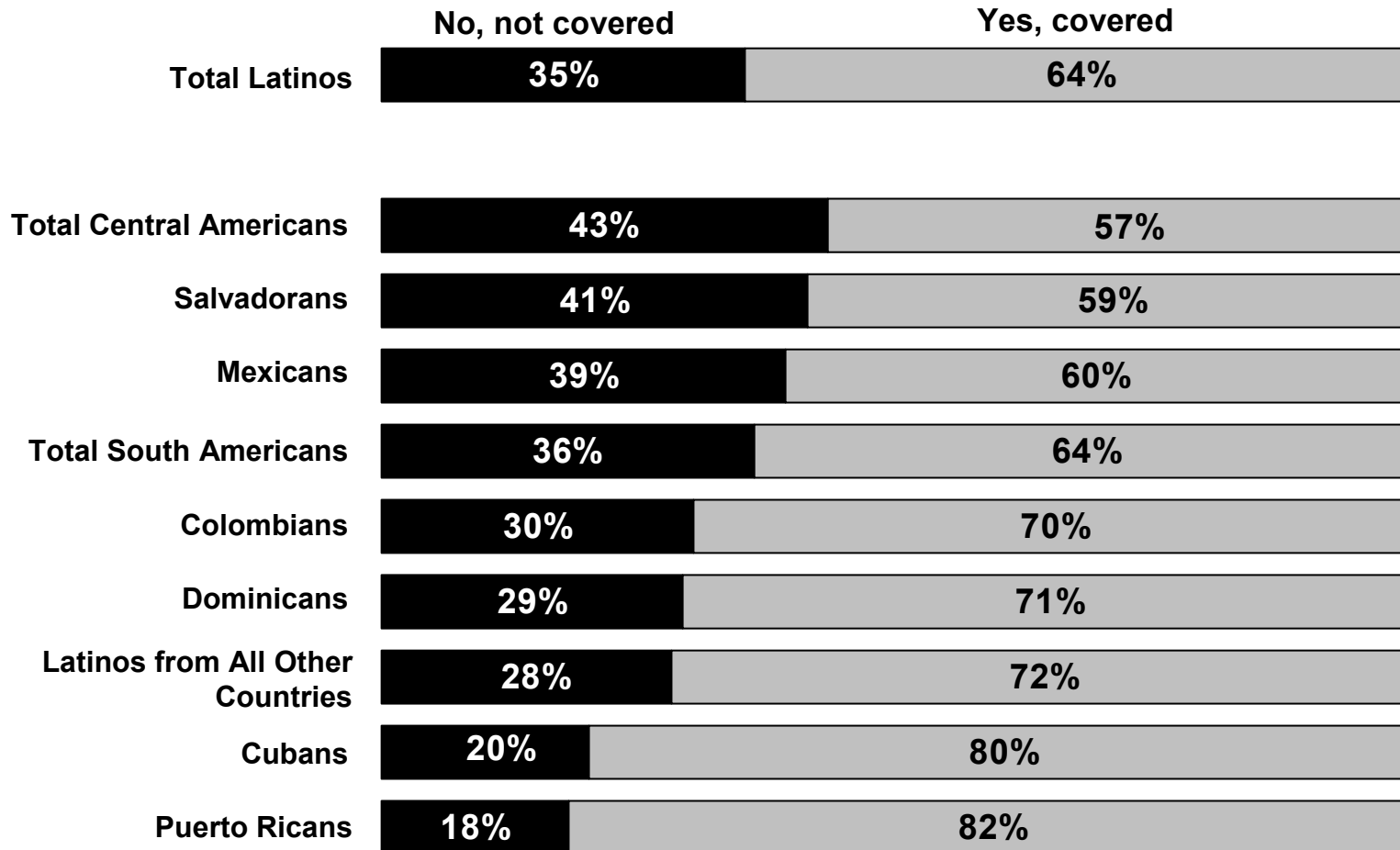
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Chart 36

Latinos' Reported Health Insurance Coverage, by Country of Origin

Are you, yourself now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have any health insurance at this time?



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Chart 37

Latinos' Reported Problems with Getting, Accessing and Paying for Health Care Services

Percent saying yes...

In the past year, did you have any problems paying medical bills, including doctor or hospital, prescription drugs, nursing home, or home care bills?

22%

Was there a time over the past year when you or another family member living in your household needed medical care, but did not get it?

15%

In the past 12 months, have you (or someone else in your household) ever put off or postponed seeking health care you felt you needed but you could not afford?

20%

Answered yes to at least one of the above problems with health care

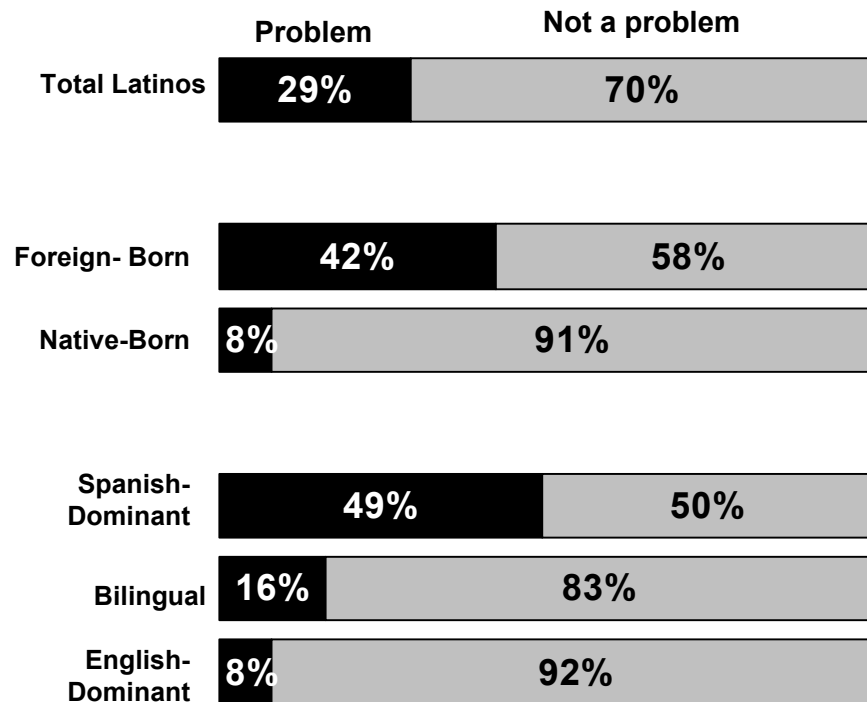
35%

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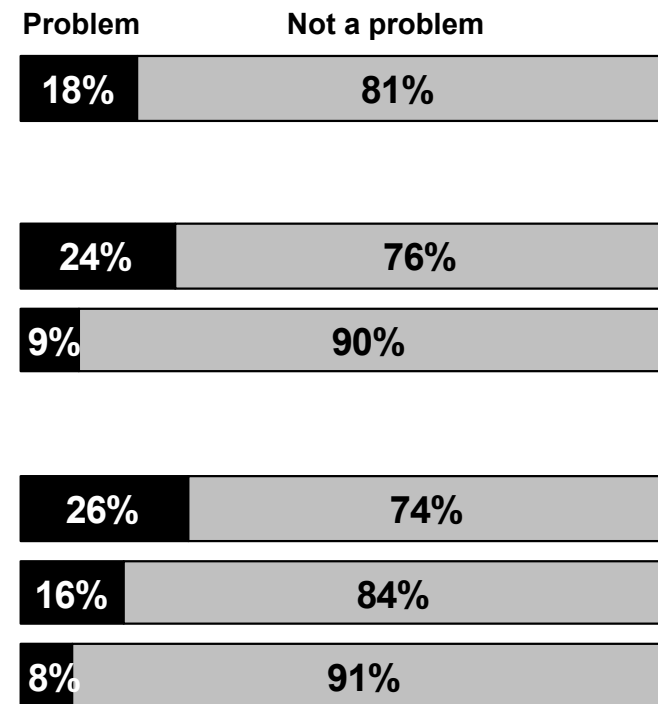
Latinos' Reported Difficulties Communicating with Providers and Getting Health Care

Please tell me if each of these has been a major problem for you, a minor problem for you, or not a problem during the last 12 months? How about...

Difficulty communicating with doctors or other health care providers because of language



Having difficulty getting care because of your race or ethnic background



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