

## **How We Decide to Get Serious About Climate Solutions:** *Politics, Communication, and Framing*

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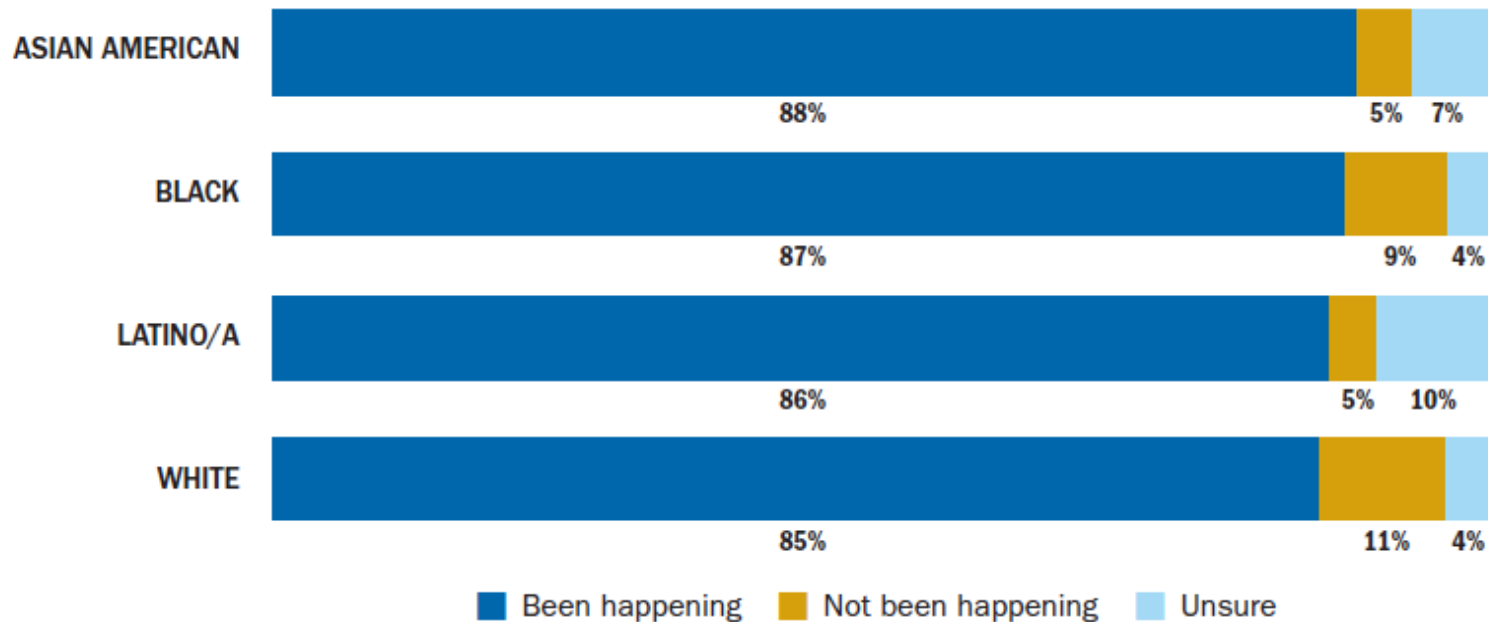
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# PERCEPTIONS OF REALITY, SERIOUSNESS

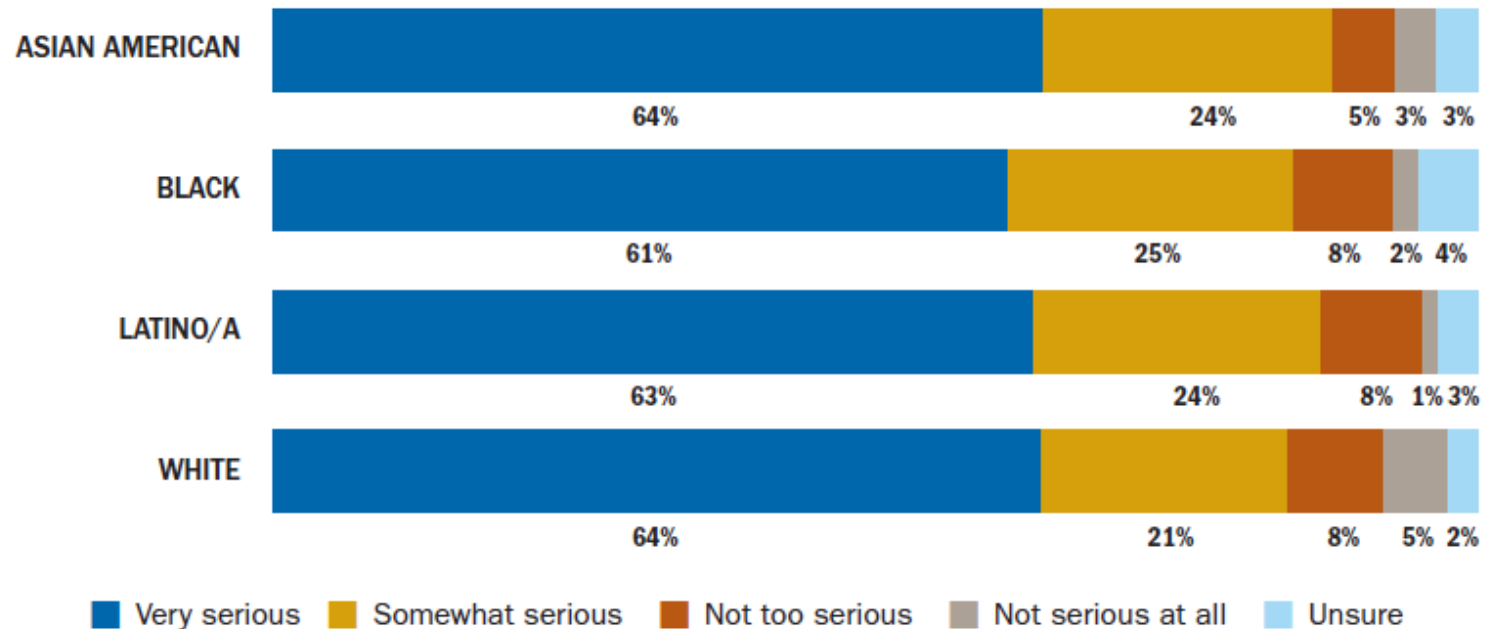
# Is climate change real?

You may have heard about the idea that the world's temperature has been going up slowly over the past 100 years, often called climate change or global warming. Do you think this has...



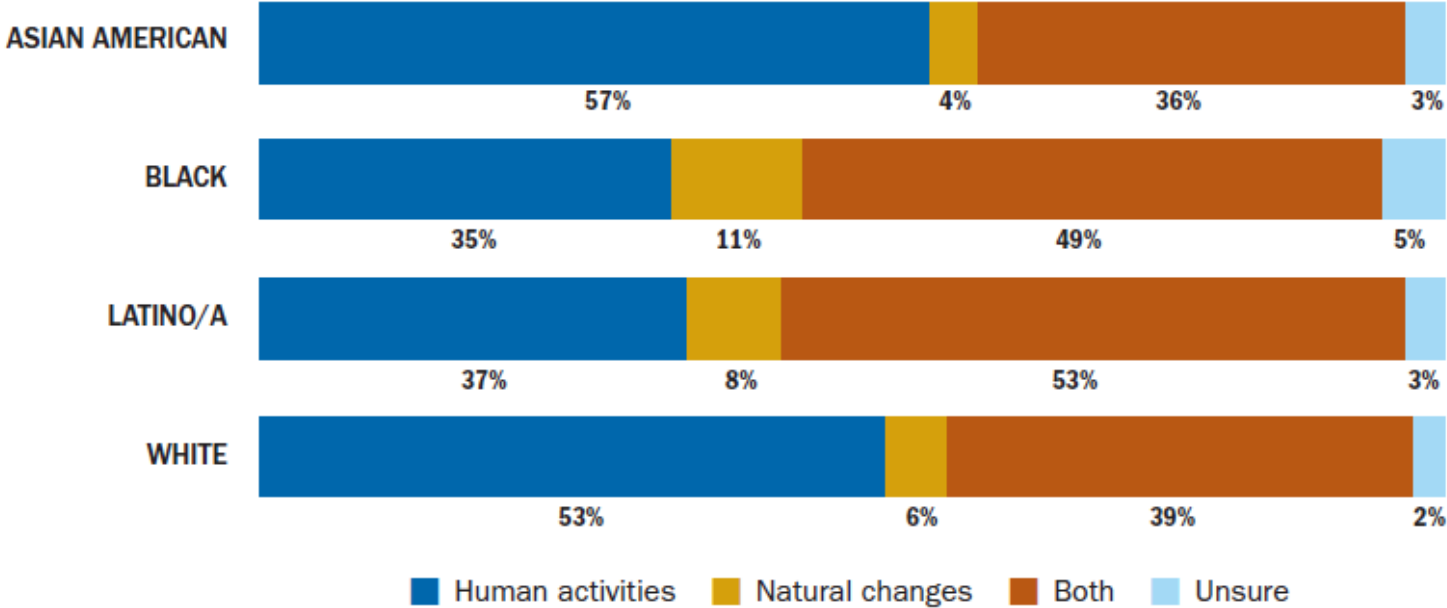
# Seriousness if unaddressed

If nothing is done to reduce climate change in the future, how serious of a problem do you think it will be for Massachusetts?



# Causes of climate change

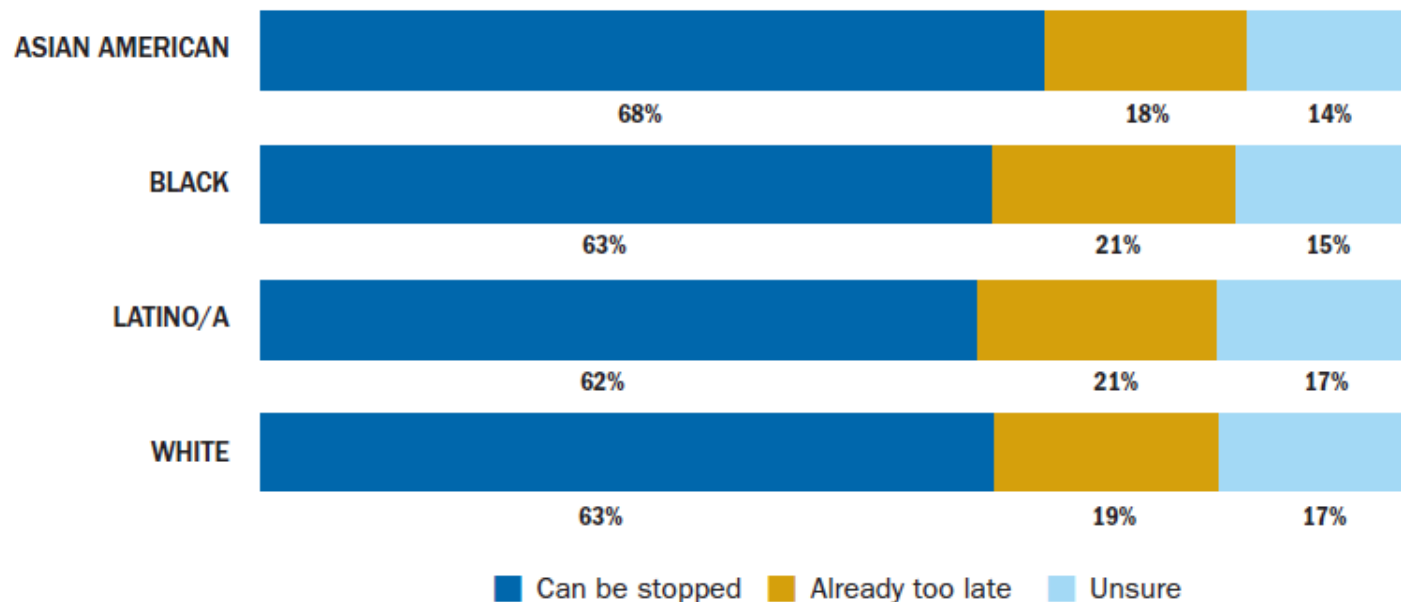
Do you believe climate change is due to \_\_\_\_\_ ?





# Is it too late to stop climate change?

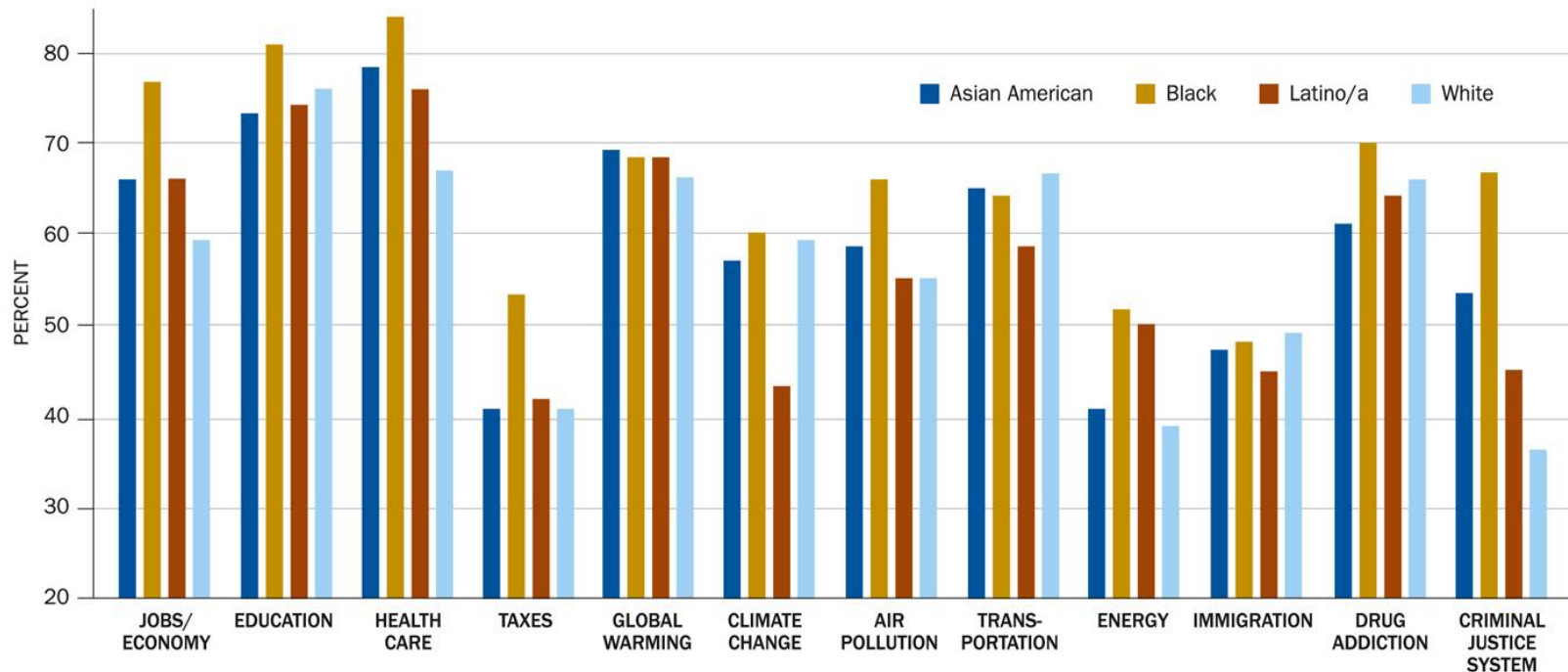
If global action were taken to try to stop climate change by reducing carbon emissions, do you think future effects of climate change could be stopped or is it already too late?



# ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

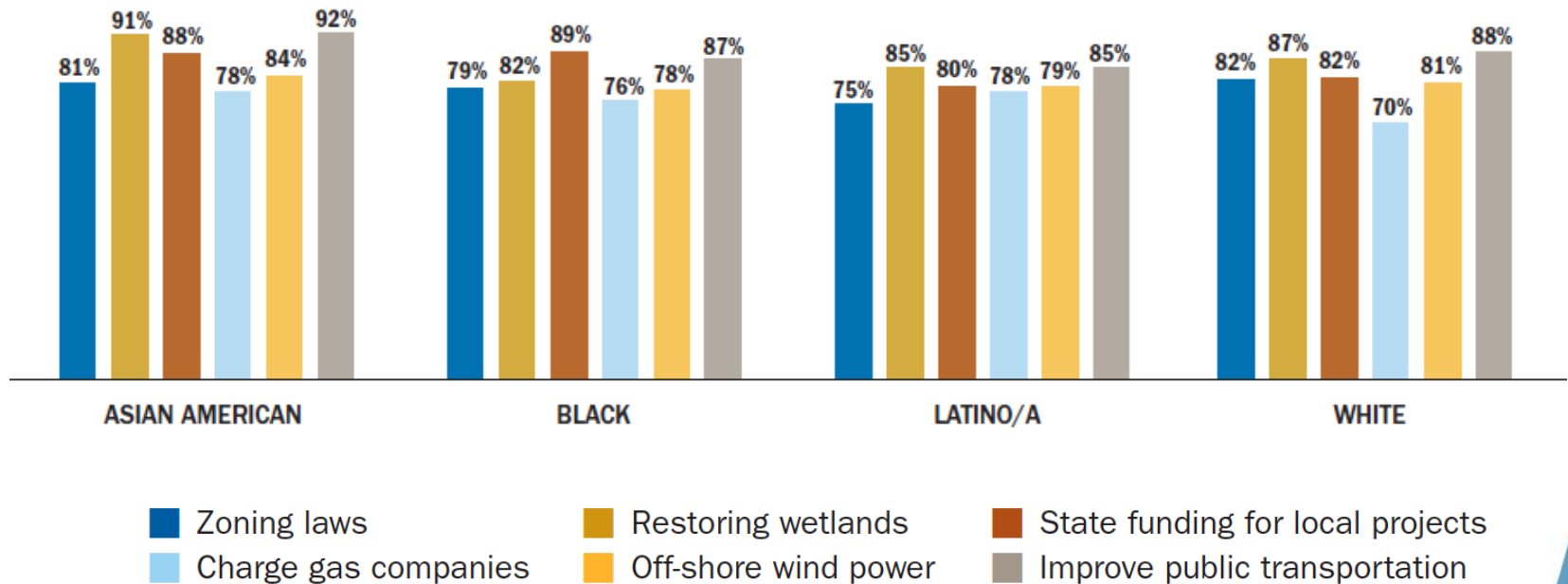
# State policy options identified as a “High Priority”

Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ should be a high priority for the Massachusetts state government?



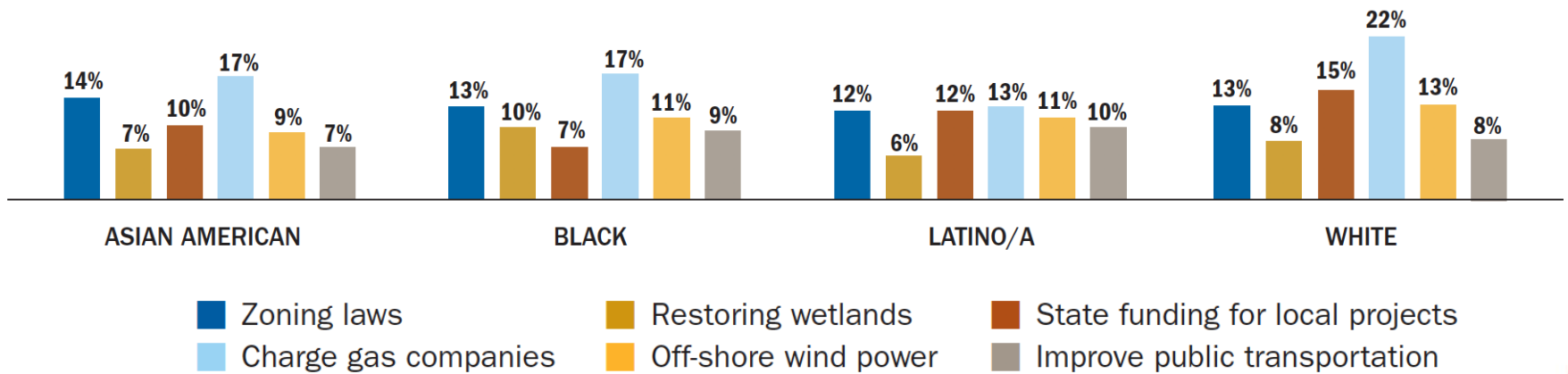
# Residents' support for MA state government policy proposals to address climate change

Would you support or somewhat support each idea?



# Residents' opposition for MA state government policy proposals to address climate change

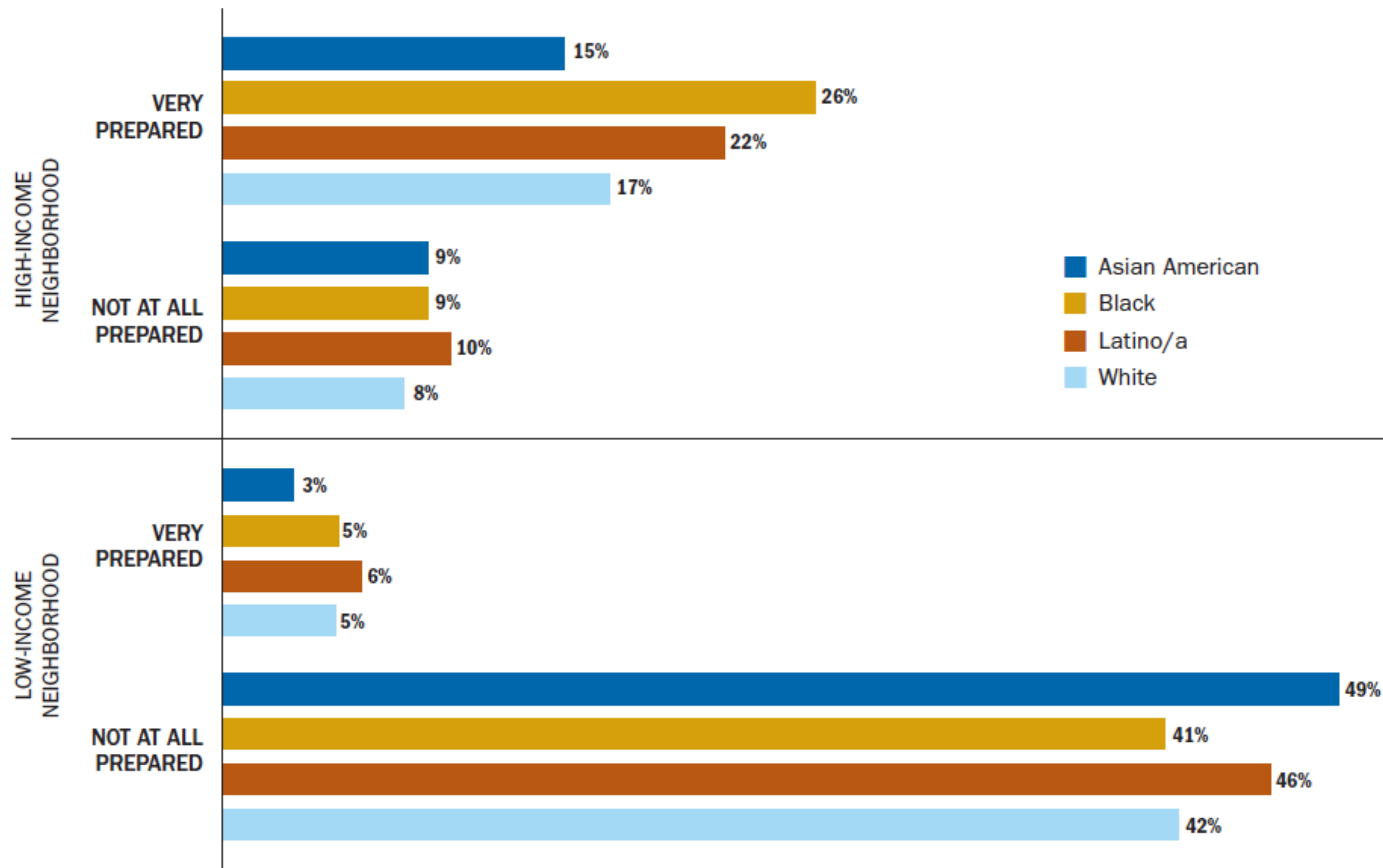
Would you oppose or somewhat oppose each idea?



# PERCEPTIONS OF PREPAREDNESS

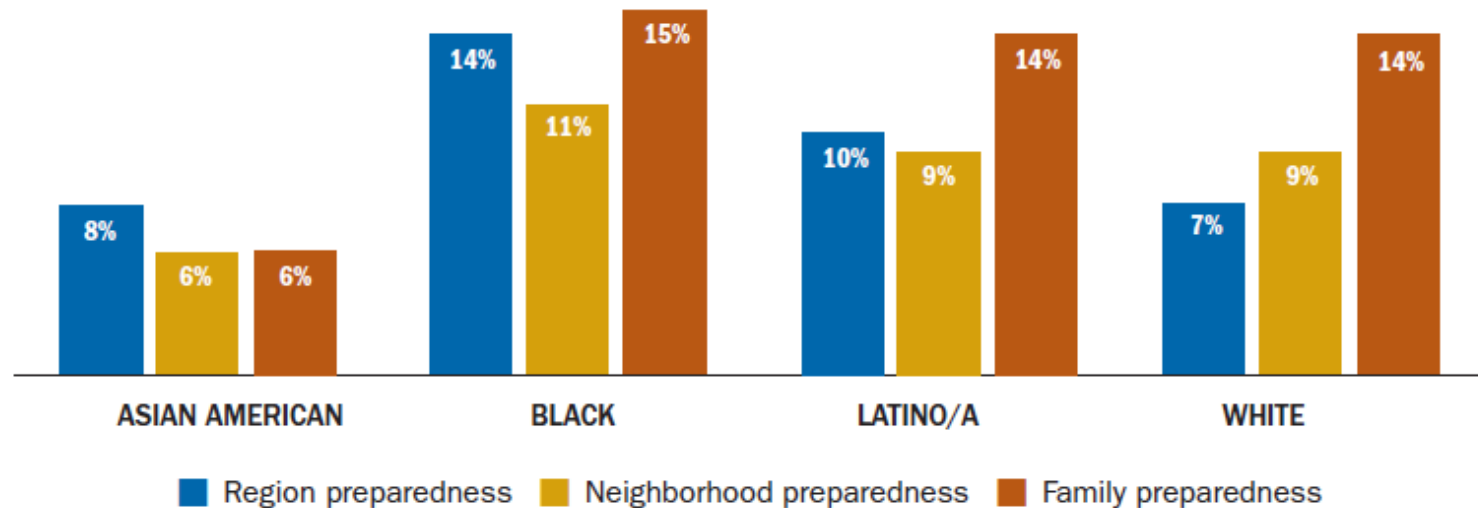
# Residents' perceptions of preparedness for high-and low-income neighborhoods

How well prepared do you think \_\_\_\_\_ are for the severe weather effects often associated with climate change?



# Residents who describe their region, neighborhood, and family as “very prepared”

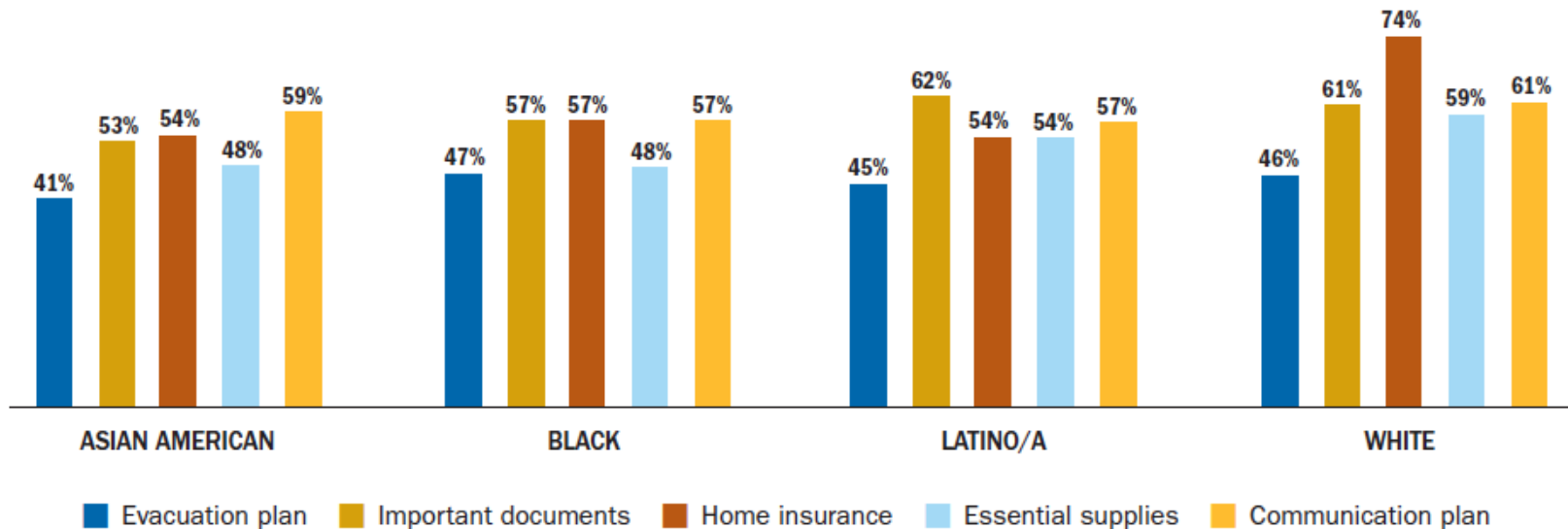
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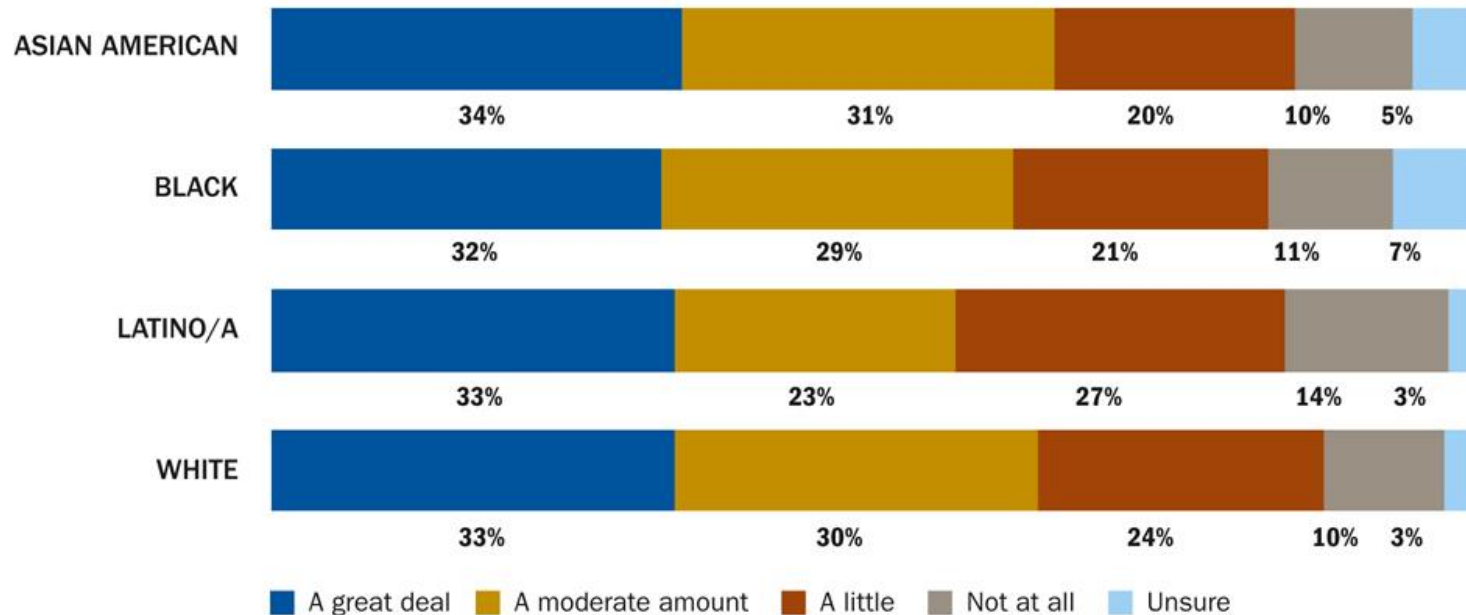
# Do you have a plan for...?

If there were a severe weather event where you live, do you have...?



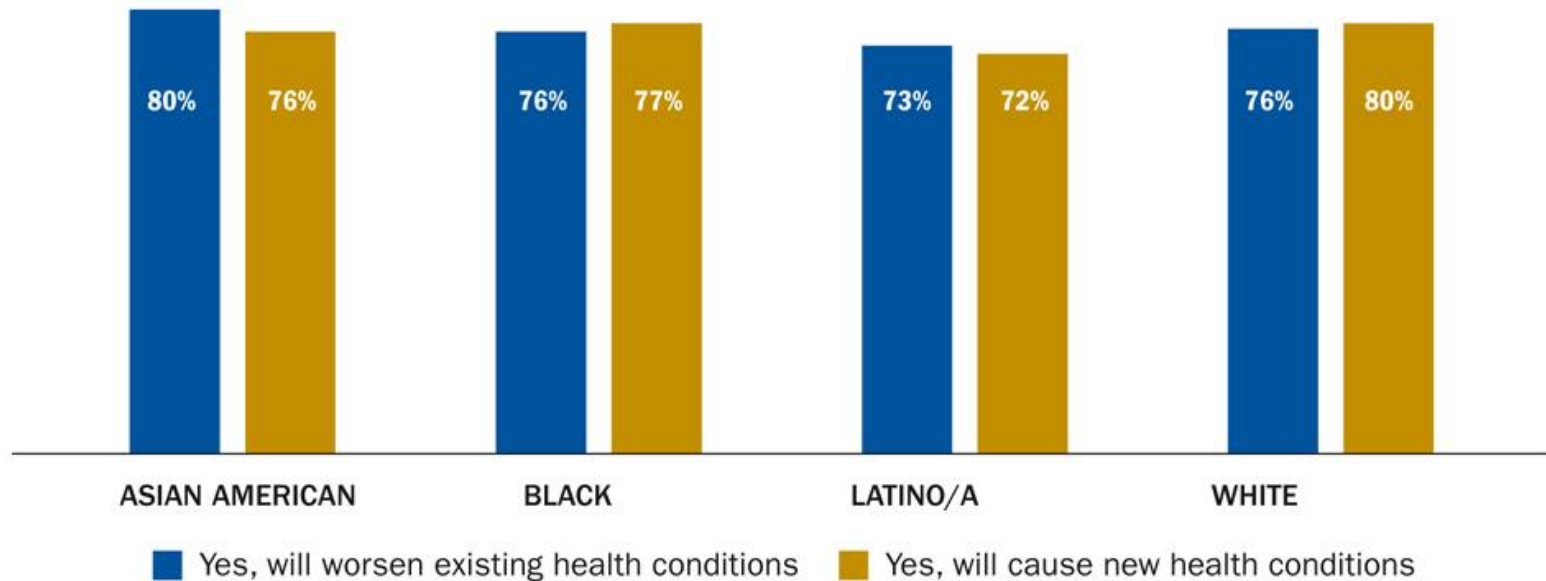
# Amount of thought about the impact of climate change on human health

Before taking this survey, how much, if at all, had you thought about how climate change might affect people's health?



# Impact on existing and new health conditions

Thinking about the possible impacts of climate change, do you think 1) it will make existing health conditions worse? 2) it will cause people to develop new conditions?



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