

BEHAVIORAL AND ATTITUDINAL IMMIGRANT NATIONAL SURVEY 2026



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Methodology – Survey Specifications

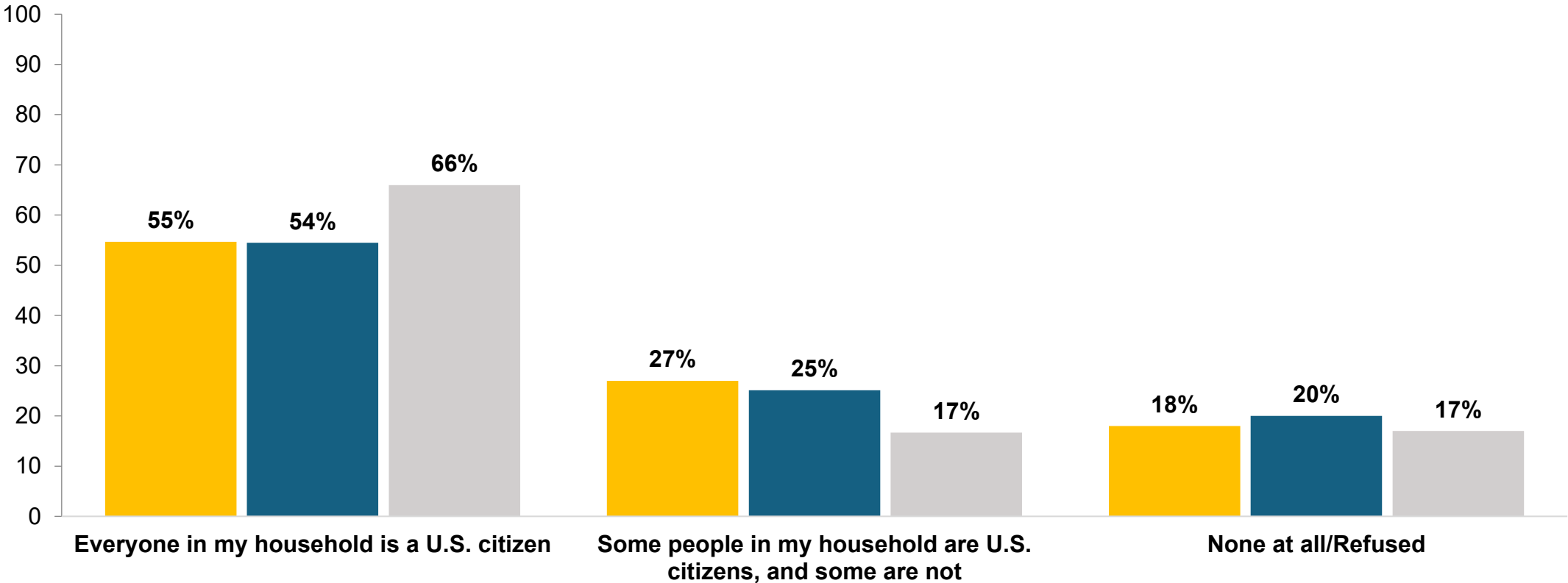
- The survey is a follow up to the LINAS 2025 Survey on Latino immigrants. Conducted with oversamples of Latino immigrants (N=1032, +/- 3.1%), Black immigrants (N=1009, +/- 3.1%), and Asian immigrants (N = 1040, +/- 3.1%).
 - For the **Latino immigrants** there are 54% naturalized immigrants and 44% non-citizens in the sample
 - For **Black immigrants** there are 39% naturalized immigrants and 57% non-citizens in the sample
 - For **Asian immigrants** there are 62% naturalized immigrants and 35% non-citizens in the sample
 - Respondents had the opportunity to take the survey in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Somali, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Japanese.
- **Field Dates:** June 17- August 17, 2026 with extended field time required due to current immigration climate.
- Data was collected through a blended approach including live telephone and web-based interviews (both landlines and cell phones) in multiple languages.
- The data was weighted to ensure that the demographics of the sample match those defined by the U.S. Census for foreign-born residents.

Sample Demographics

Mixed Immigration Status is Common Within Households

Which of the following describes the people who live in your home?

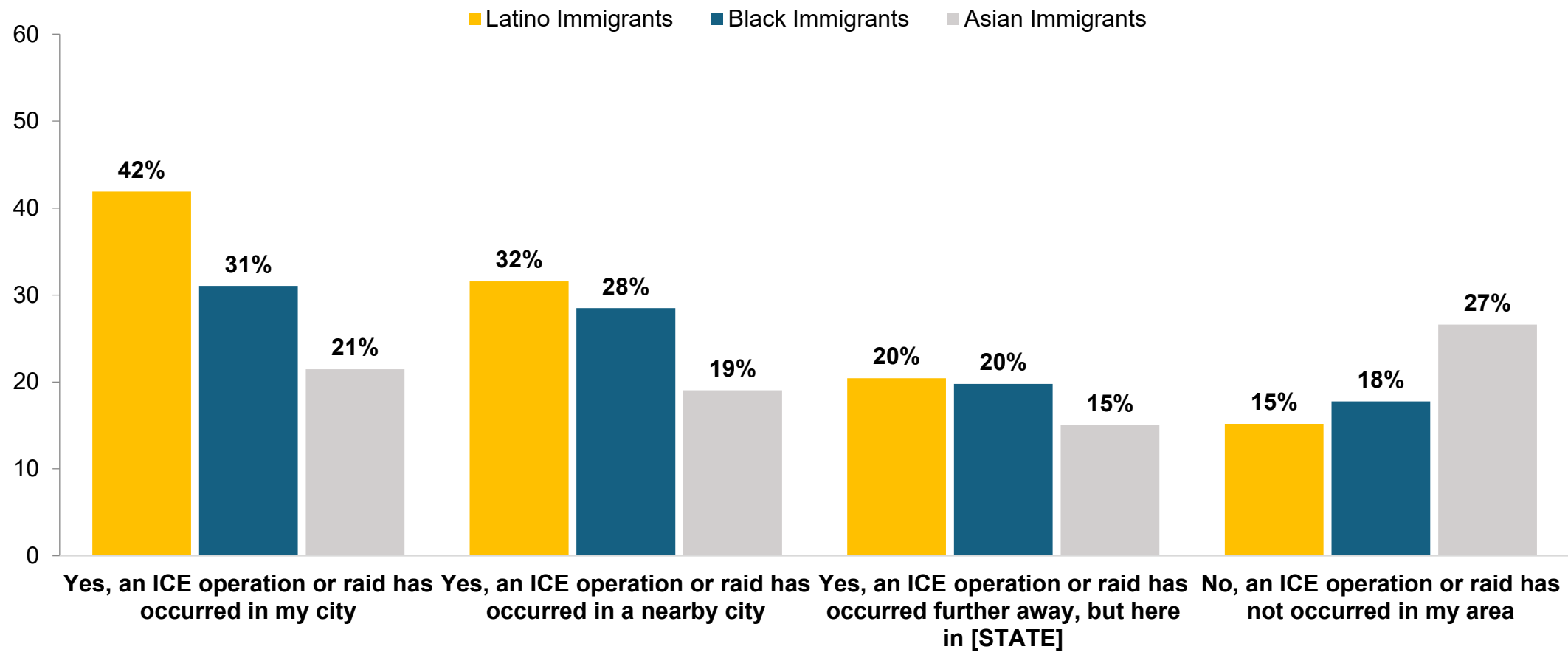
Latino Immigrants Black Immigrants Asian Immigrants



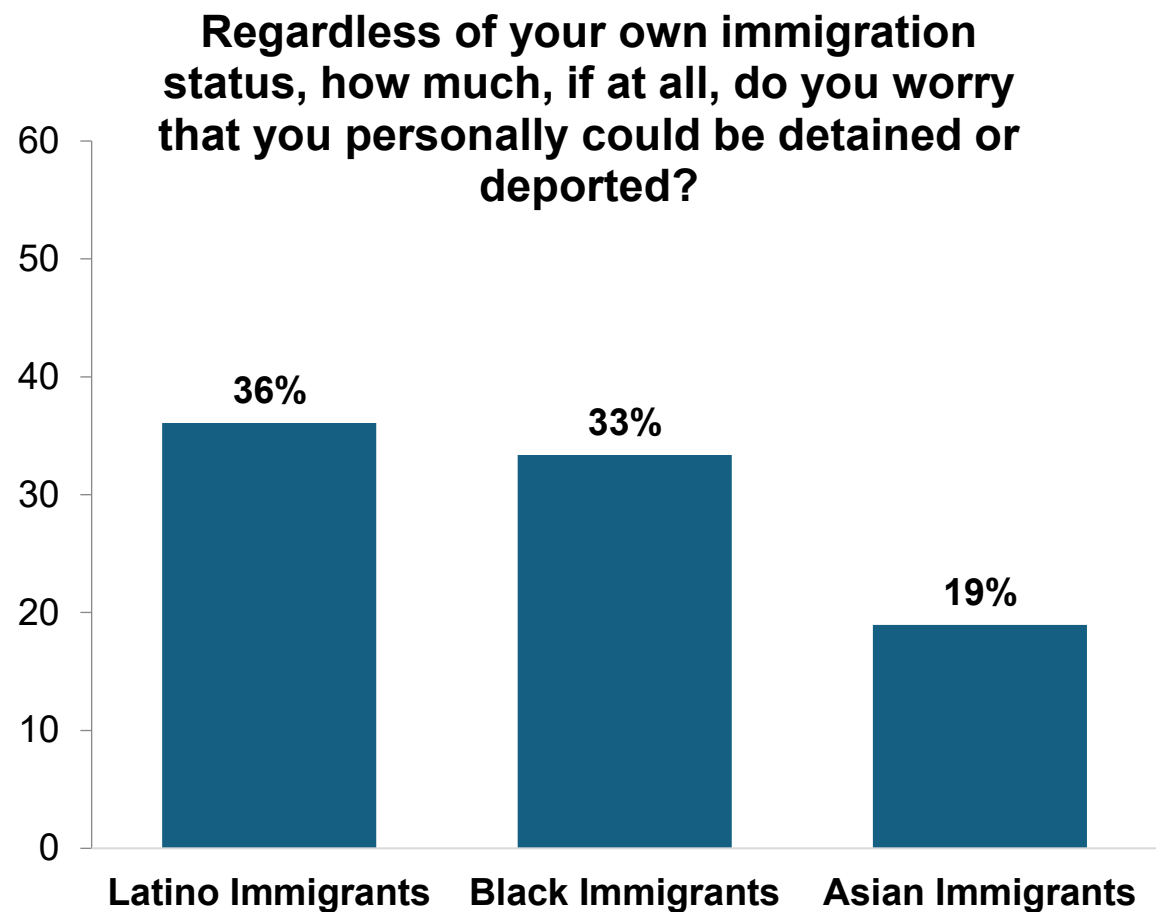
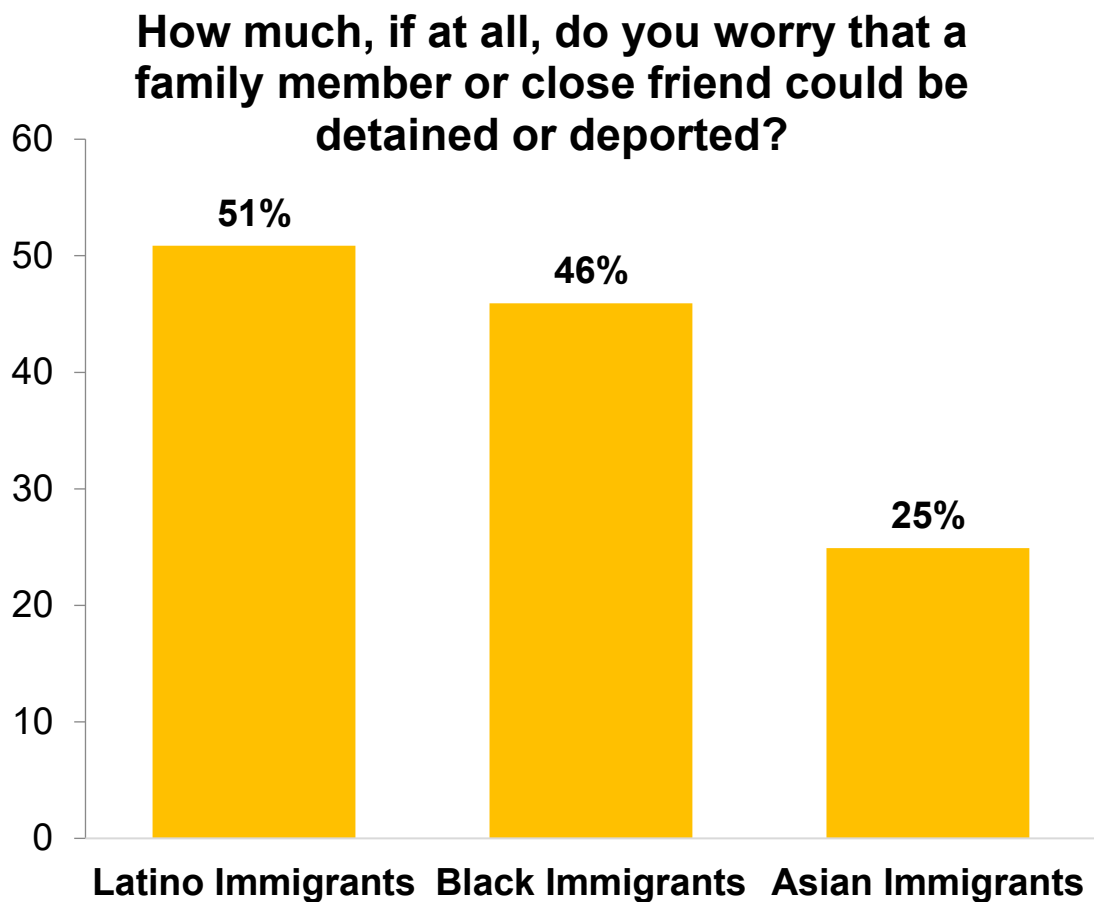
Strong Evidence of Current Climate Generating a “Chilling Effect” Among Latino, Black, and Asian Immigrants

Immigrant Communities Are Aware of ICE Operations in Their Area

As far as you know, have there been any Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations or raids in your area since Donald Trump resumed office in January 2025? Select all that apply.

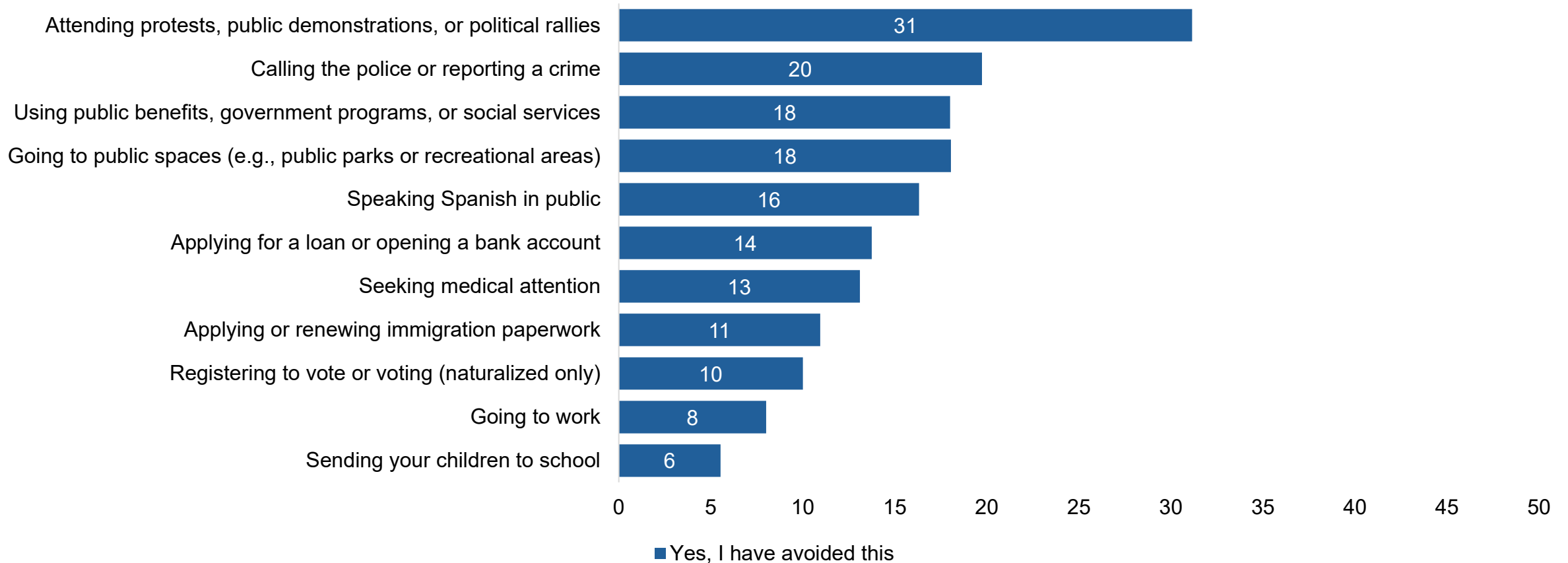


High Fears of Family or Friends Being Detained or Deported



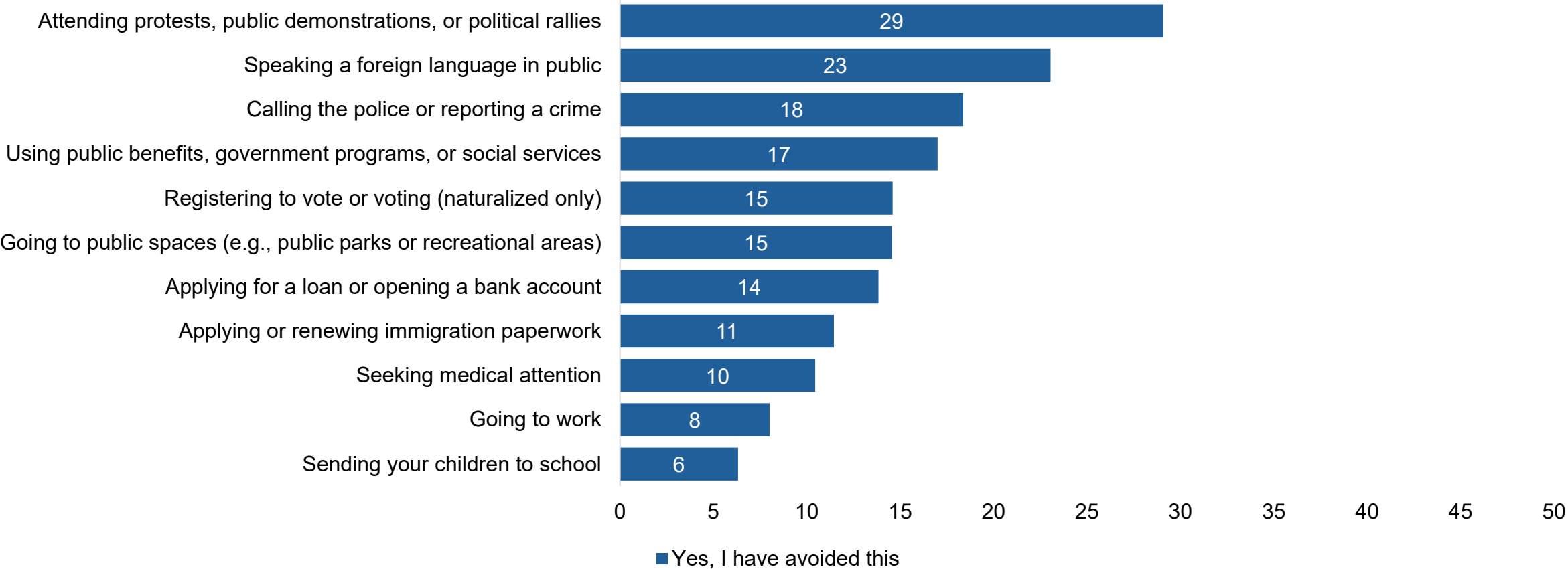
Activities and Places Latino Immigrants Avoid Due to Deportation Concerns

Due to deportations, have you avoided any of the following places and activities that could put you in a situation where you could be asked about your immigration or citizenship status? (Latino Responses)



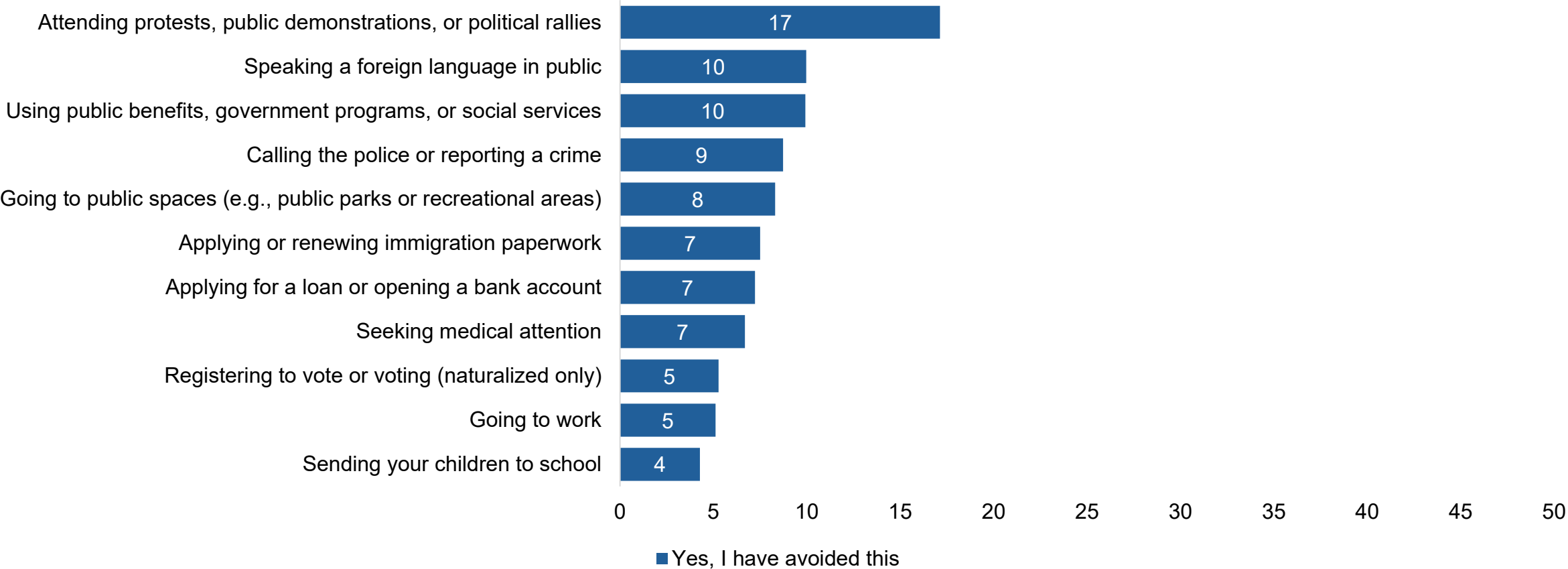
Activities and Places Black Immigrants Avoid Due to Deportation Concerns

Due to deportations, have you avoided any of the following places and activities that could put you in a situation where you could be asked about your immigration or citizenship status? (Black Responses)



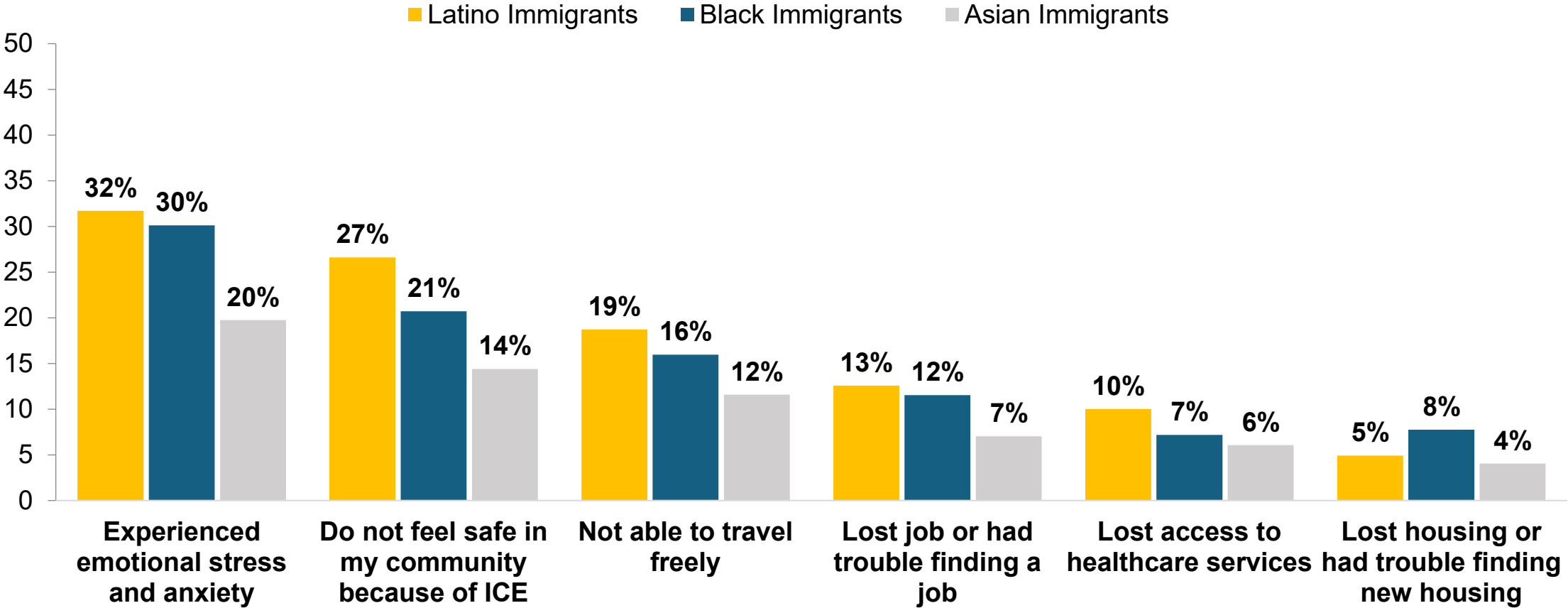
Activities and Places Asian Immigrants Avoid Due to Deportation Concerns

Due to deportations, have you avoided any of the following places and activities that could put you in a situation where you could be asked about your immigration or citizenship status? (AAPI Responses)



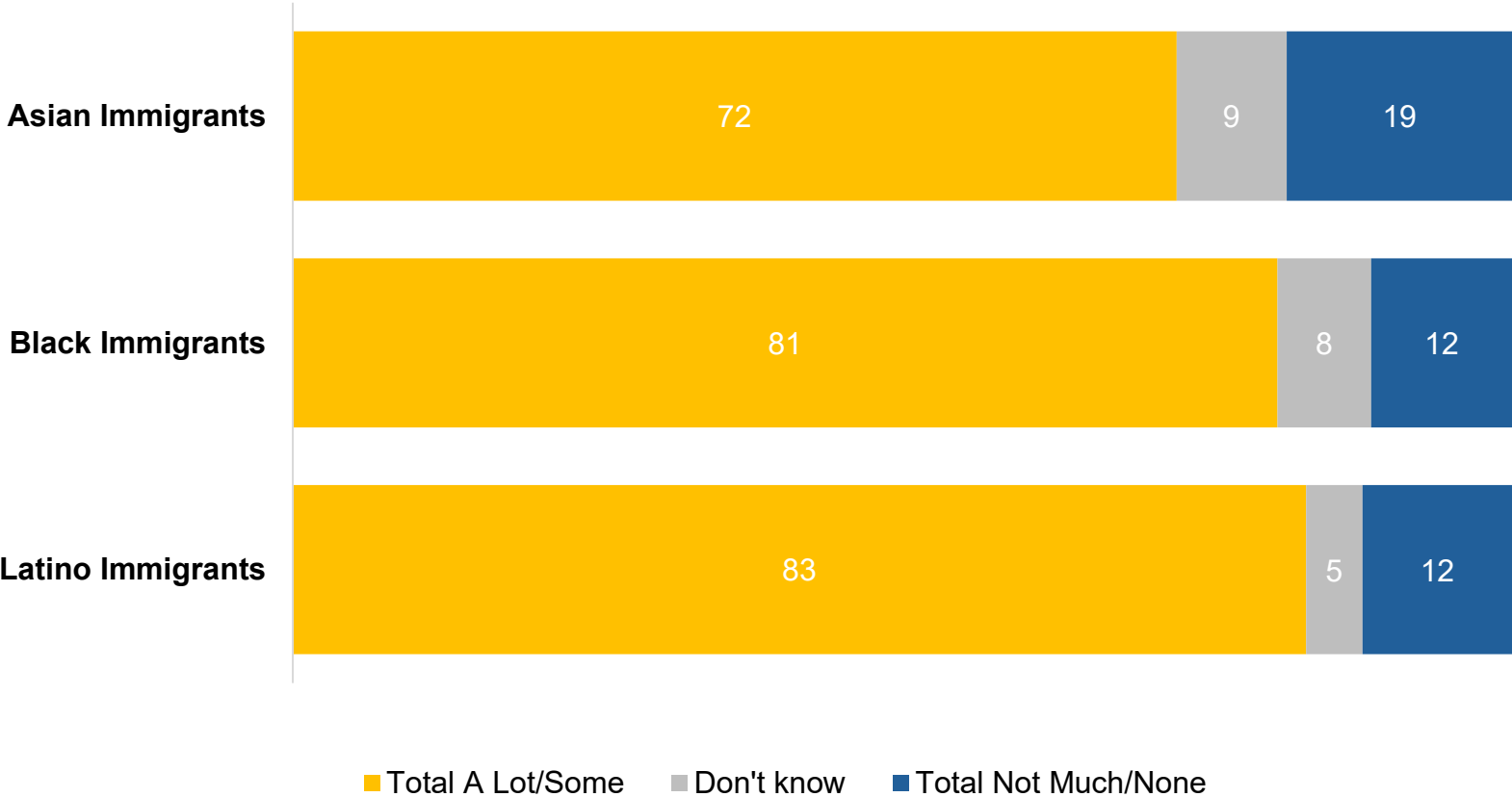
Current Immigration Policies Have Negative Impacts on Immigrants

Due to current immigration policies, have you experienced any of the following:

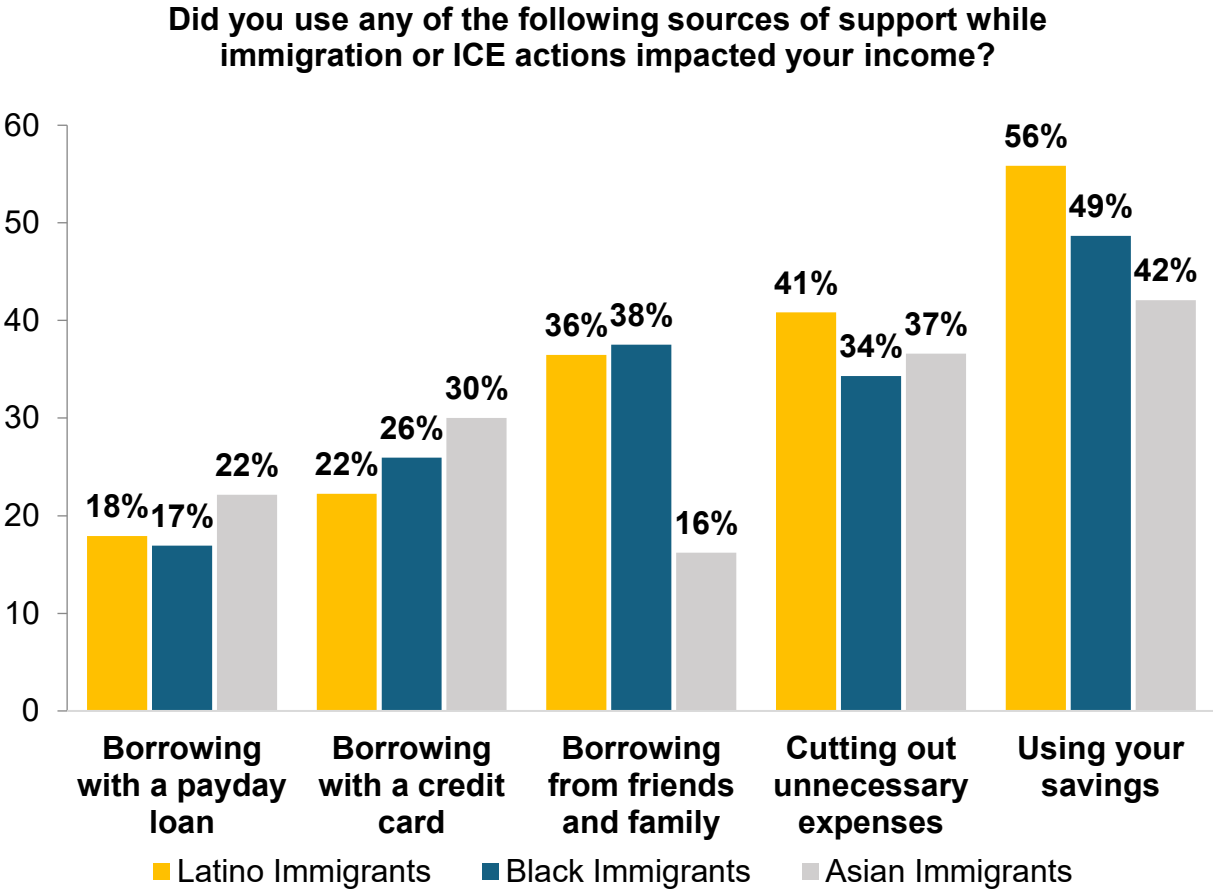
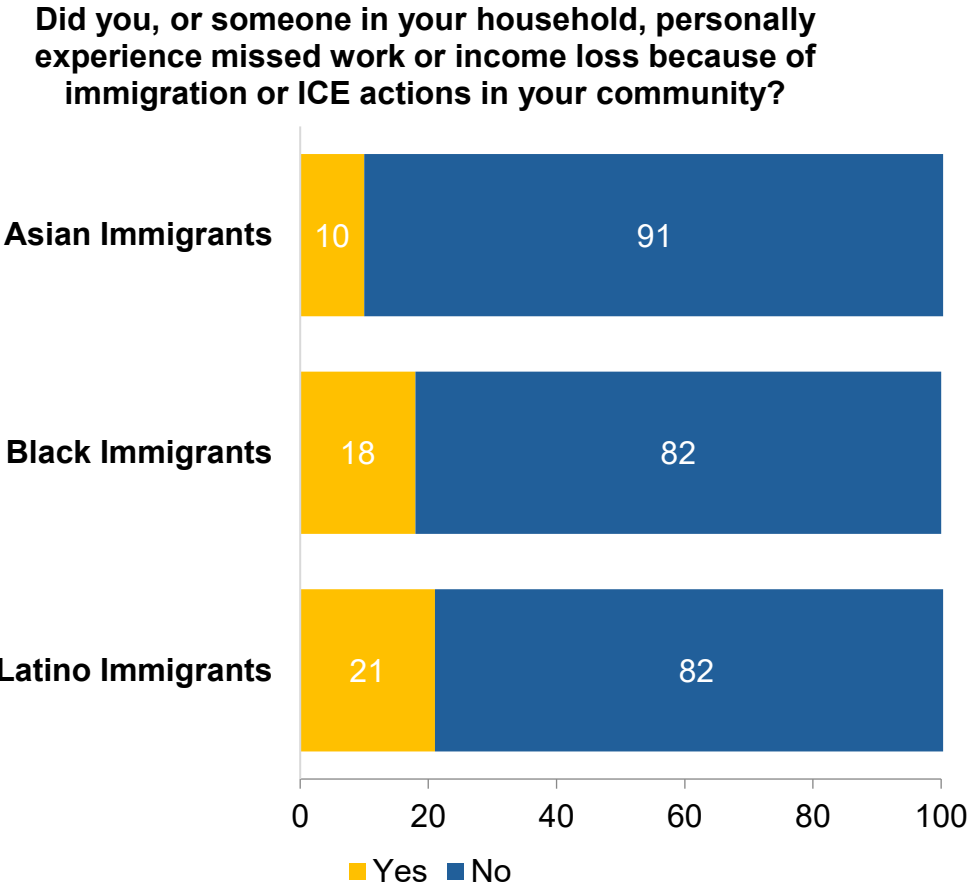


Report Discrimination Against Immigrants in the U.S.

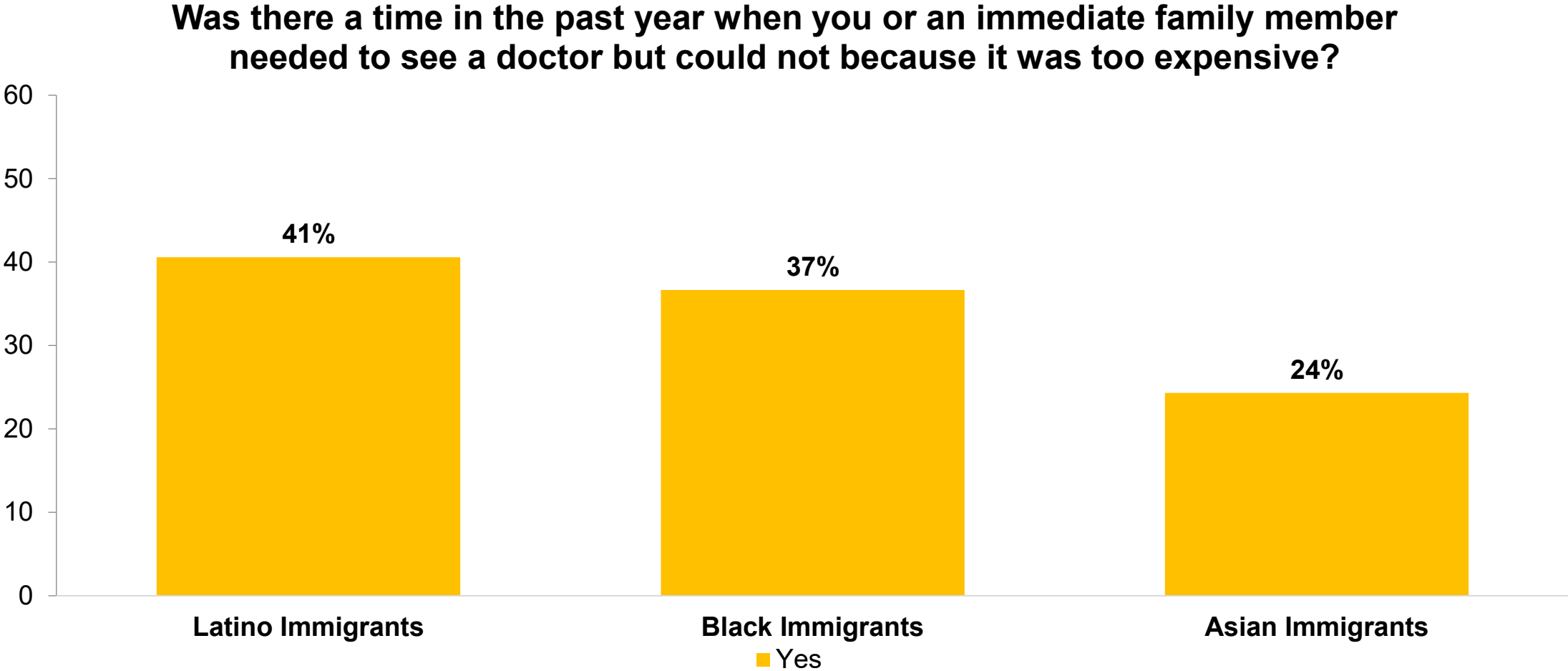
How much discrimination is there in the United States today against immigrants?



Immigration Enforcement Creates Financial Strain on Immigrants

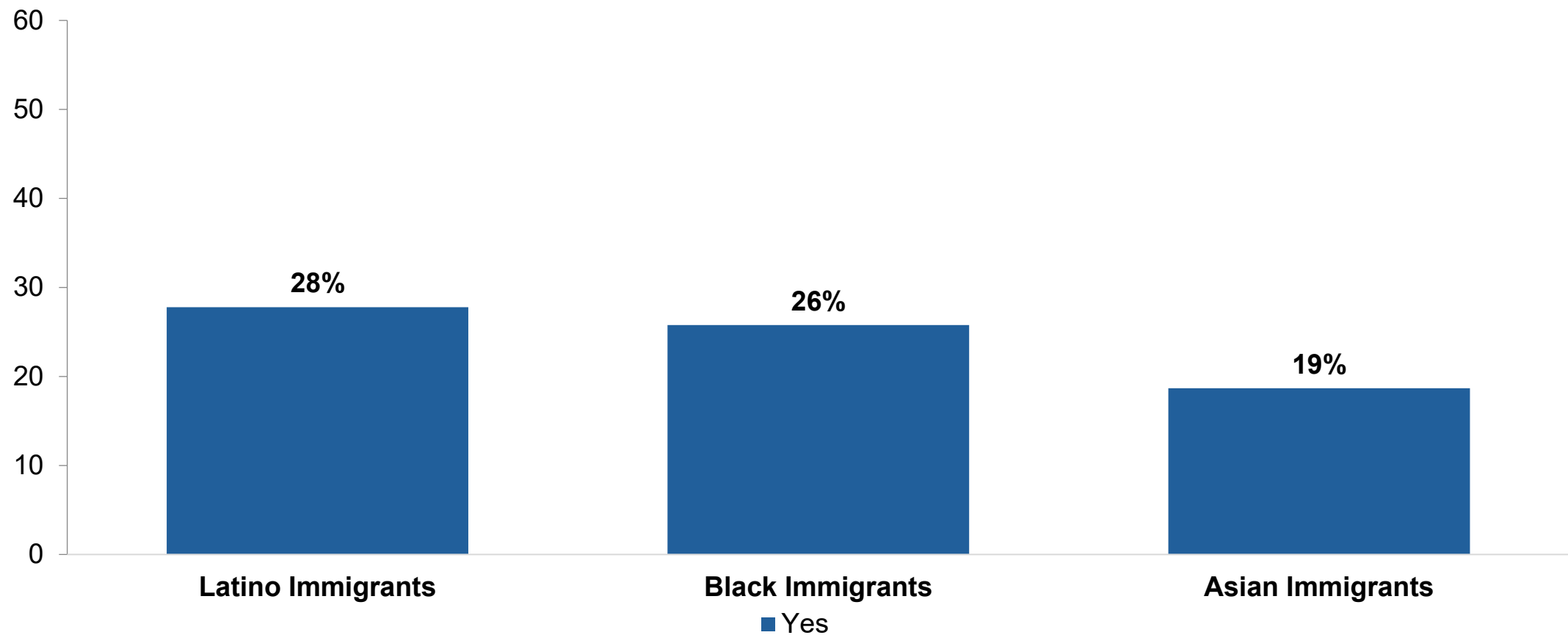


Cost Concerns Leads to Delay in Physical Care



Need for Mental Health Assistance

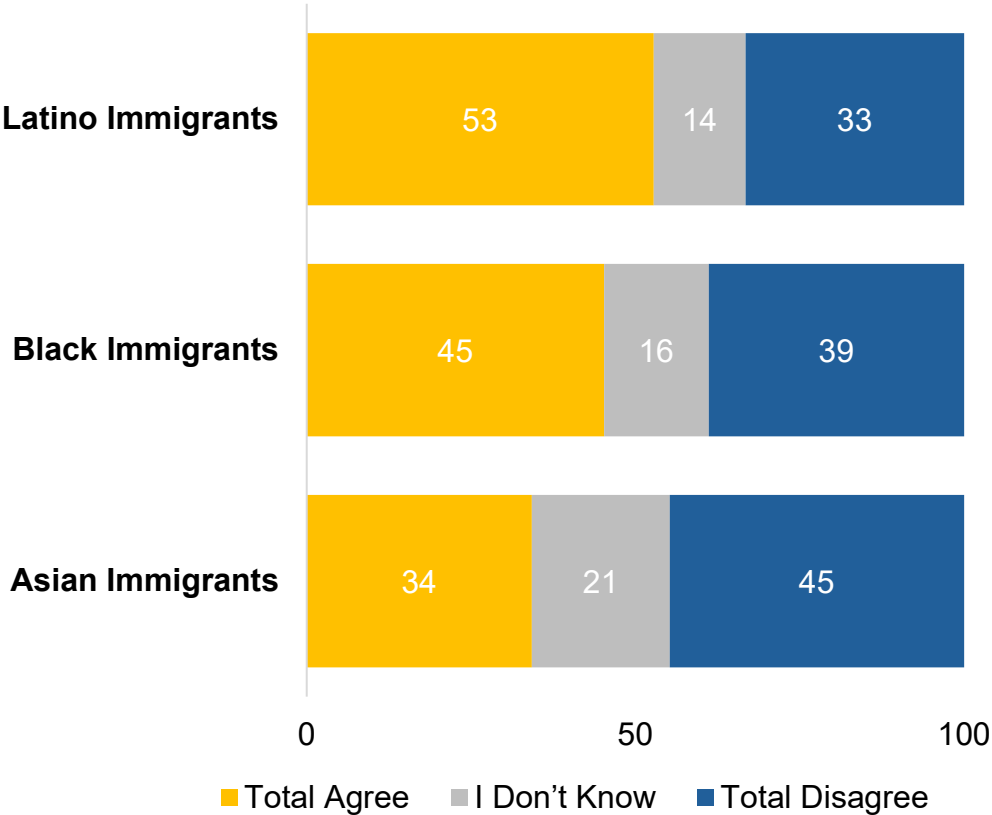
In the past 12 months, did you think you needed help for emotional or mental health problems, such as feeling sad, anxious, or nervous?



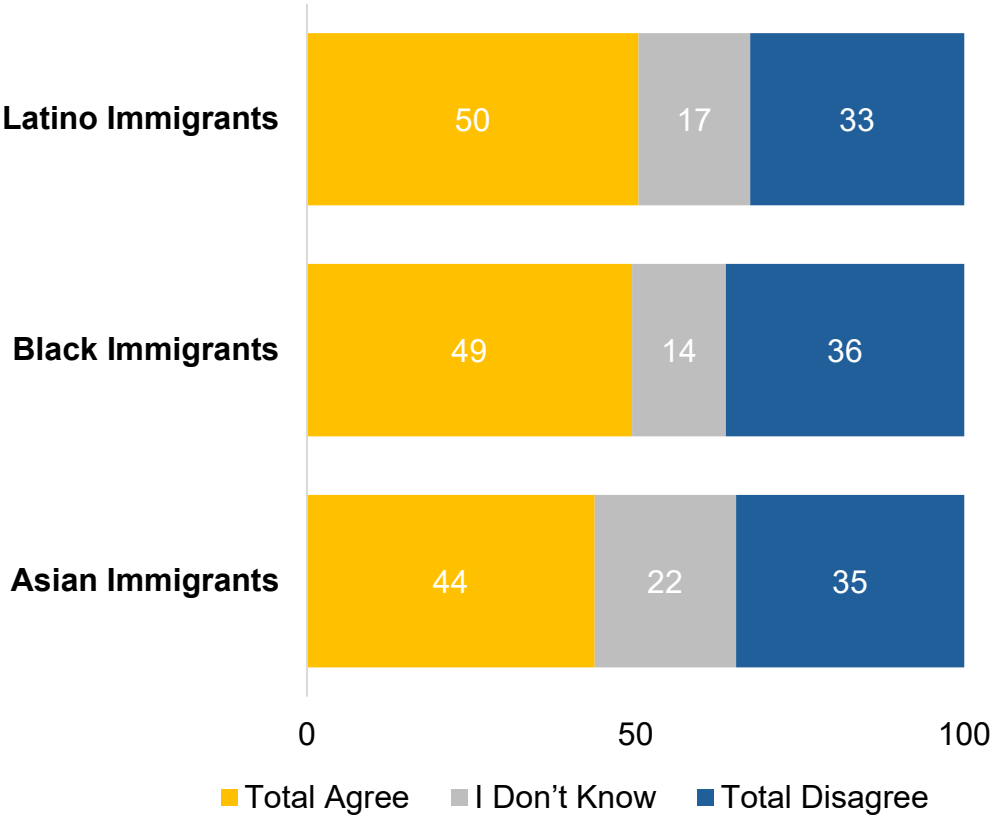
Evidence of Current Climate Generating a “Chilling Effect” on 1st Amendment Rights and Civic Engagement

Suppression of Views on Immigration and ICE/Trump

[SPLIT A] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is not safe for people like me to stand up in support for immigrant rights and be public right now.

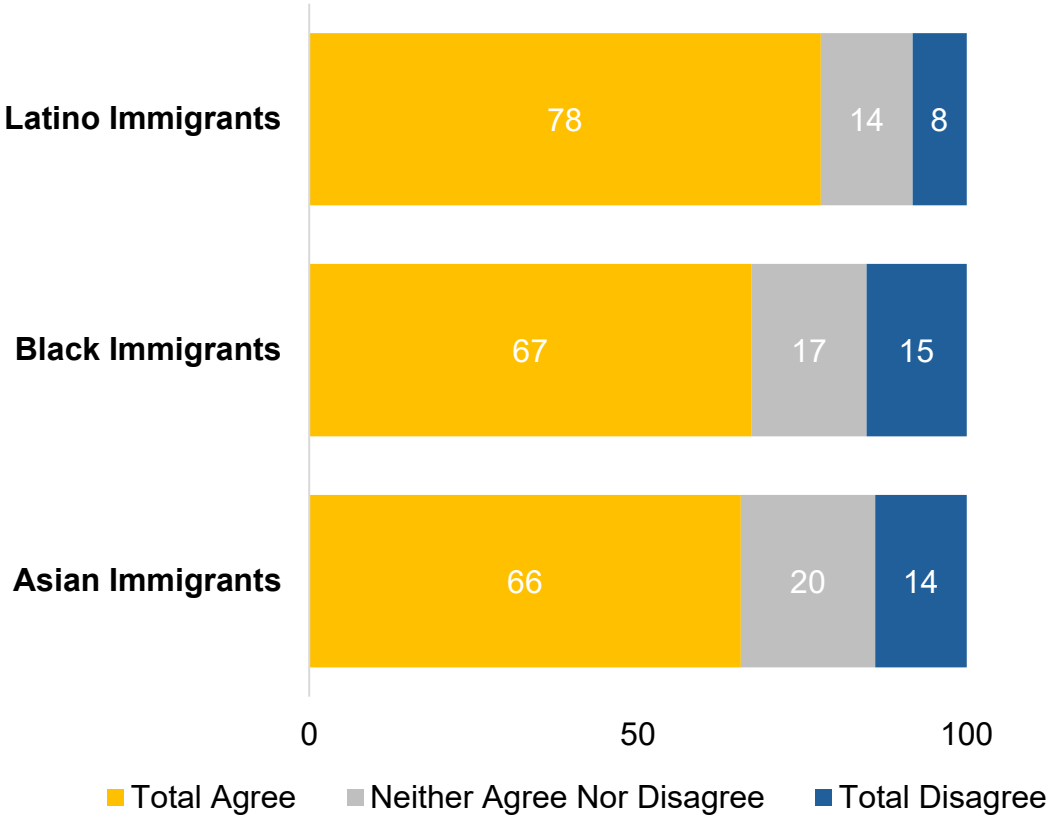


[SPLIT B] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: It is not safe for people like me to publicly express opinions opposed to Trump or ICE right now.

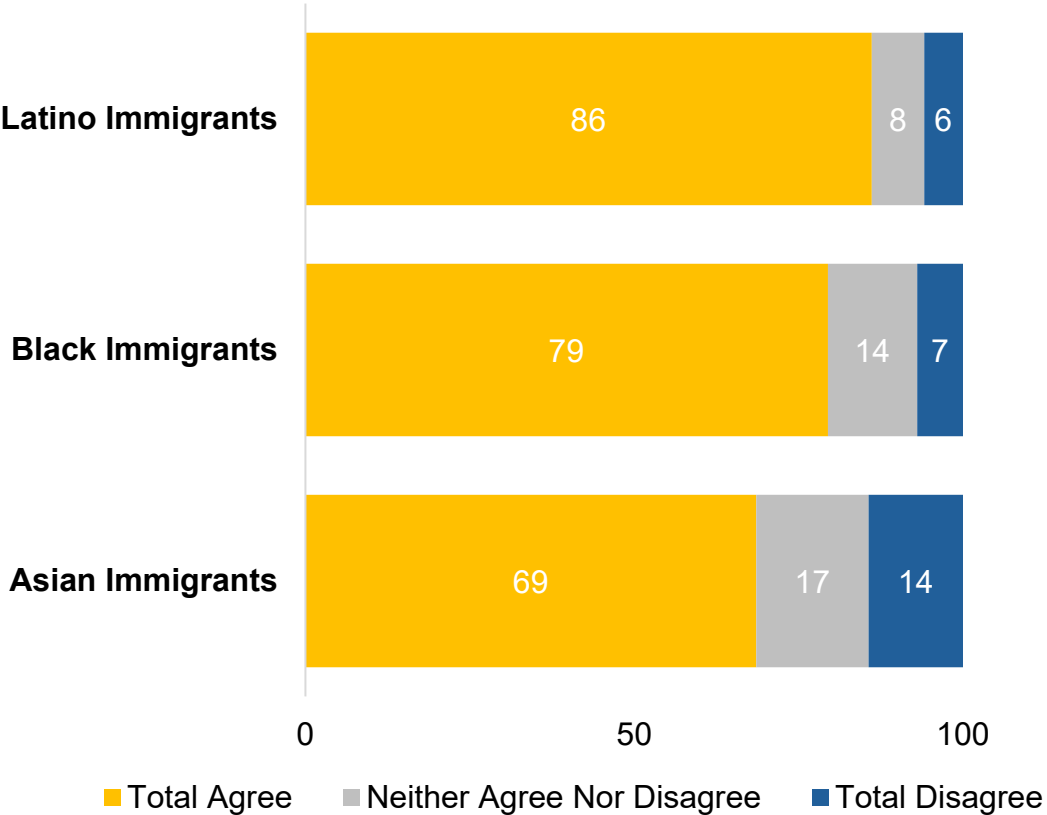


Strong Support for Medical Care for Undocumented Immigrants in ICE Custody

[SPLIT A] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All undocumented immigrants in ICE custody should have access to medical care.

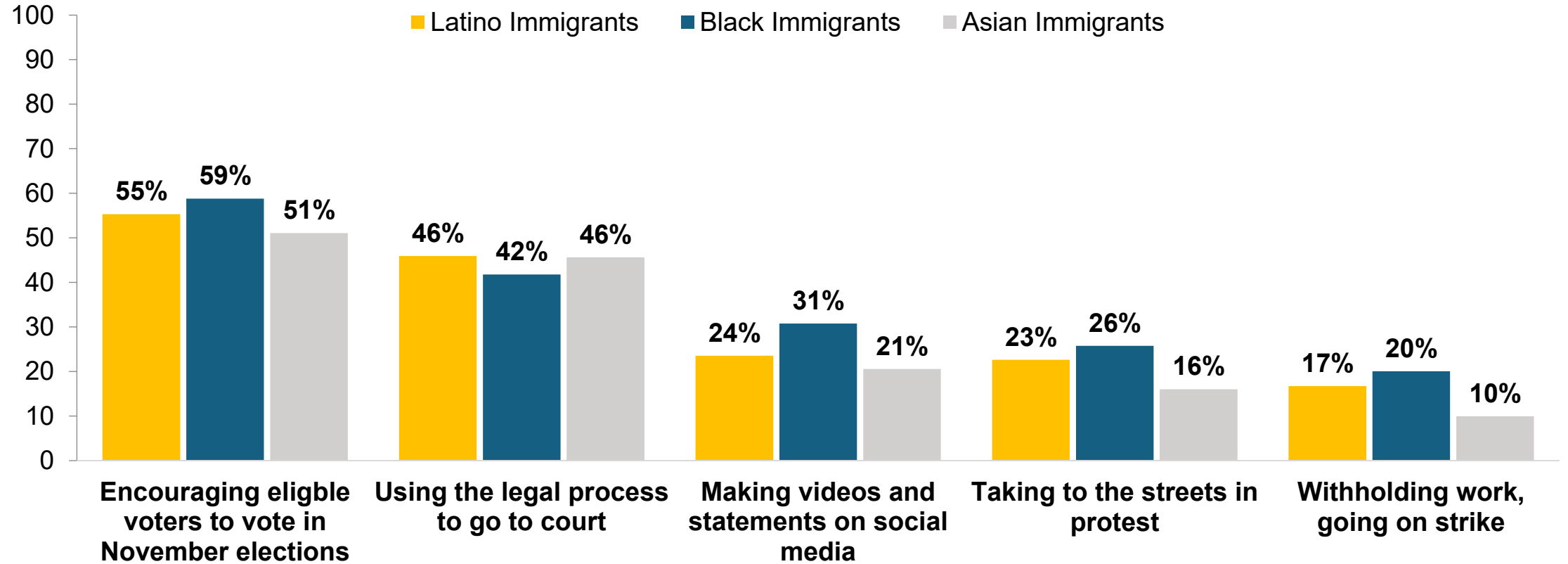


[SPLIT B] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? All undocumented children in ICE custody should have access to medical care.

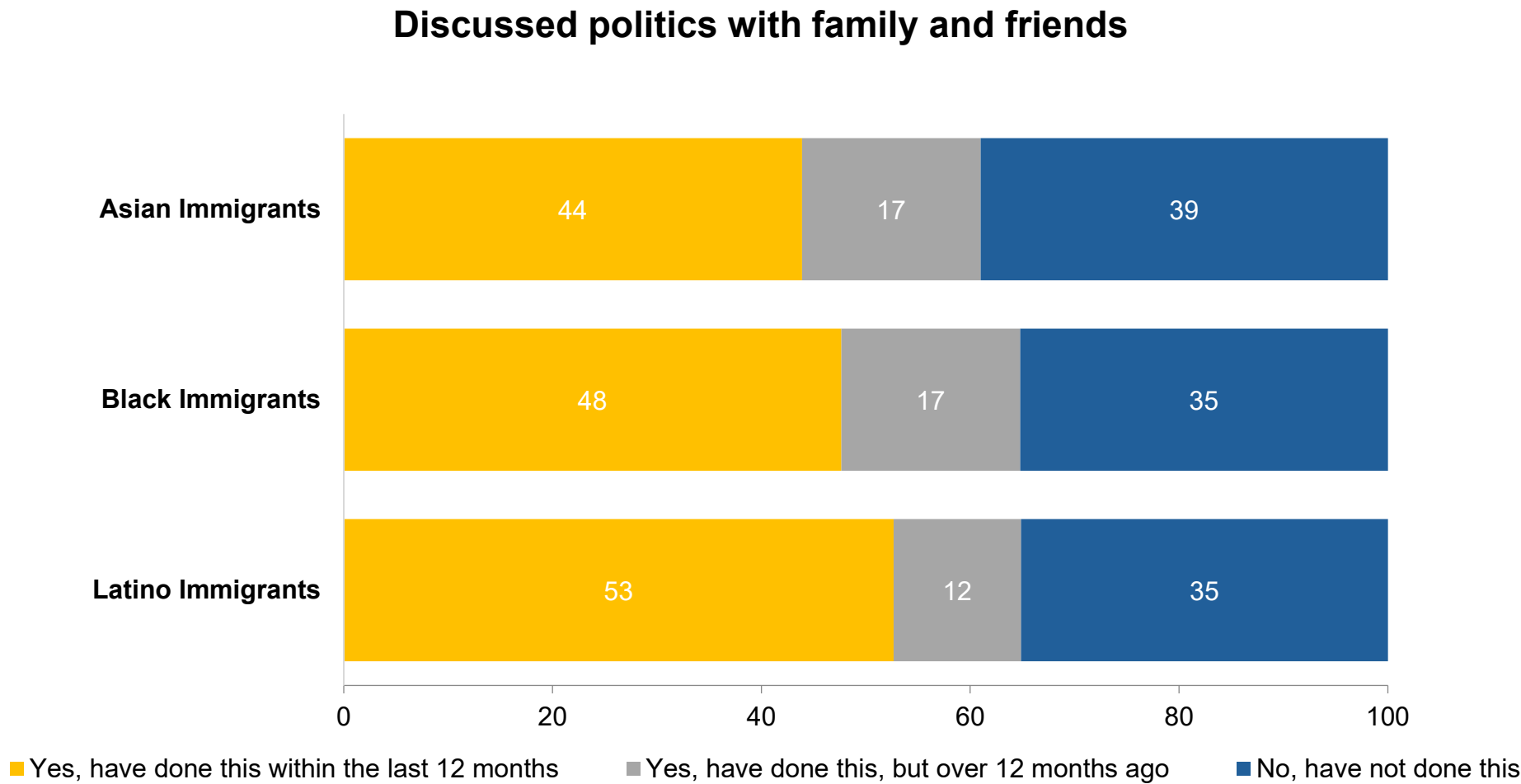


Voter Mobilization and Use of Legal System Viewed as Strongest Paths to Support Immigrant Rights

Thinking about political action today, which of the following do you think are the most effective to bring support to immigrants in America? Select all that apply.

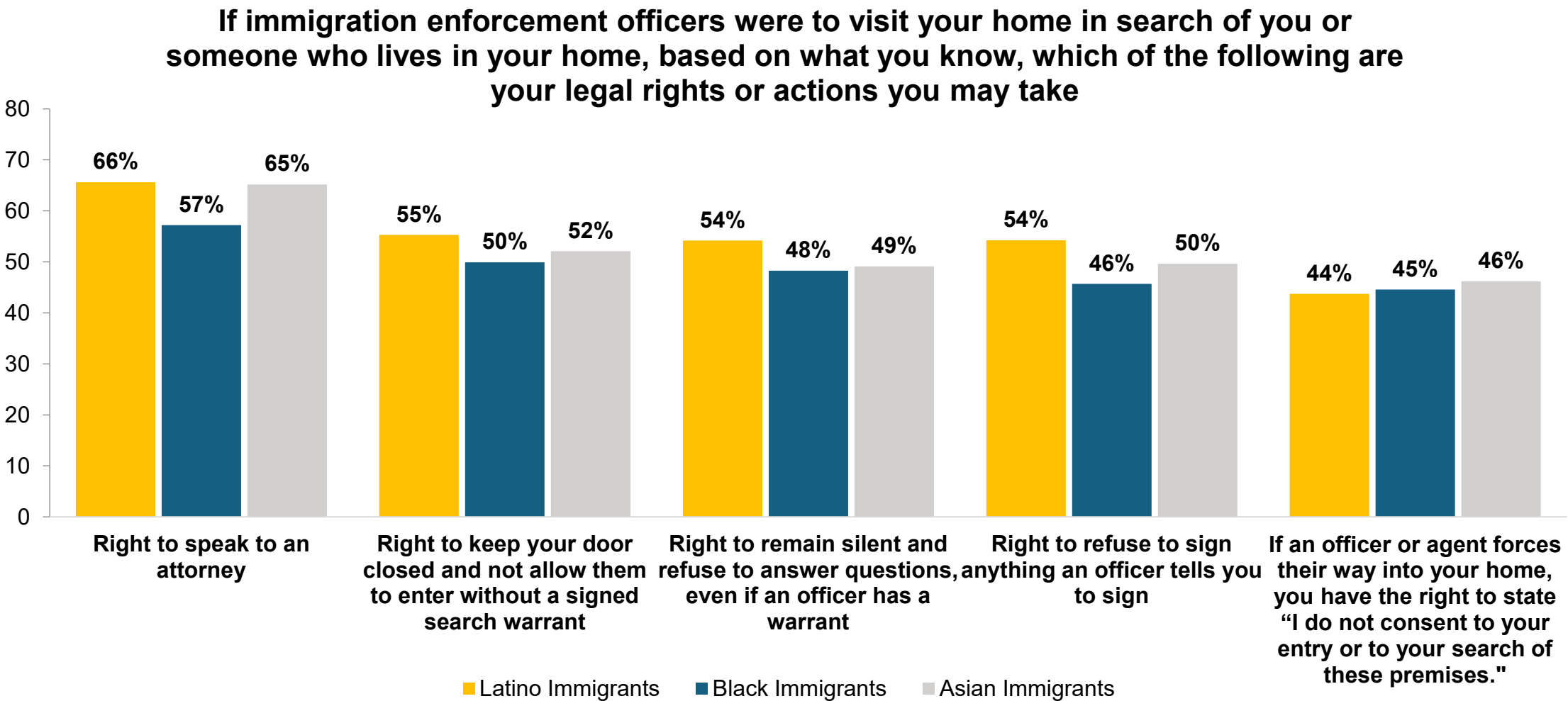


Immigrant Communities Engaged Family and Friends in Political Discussions



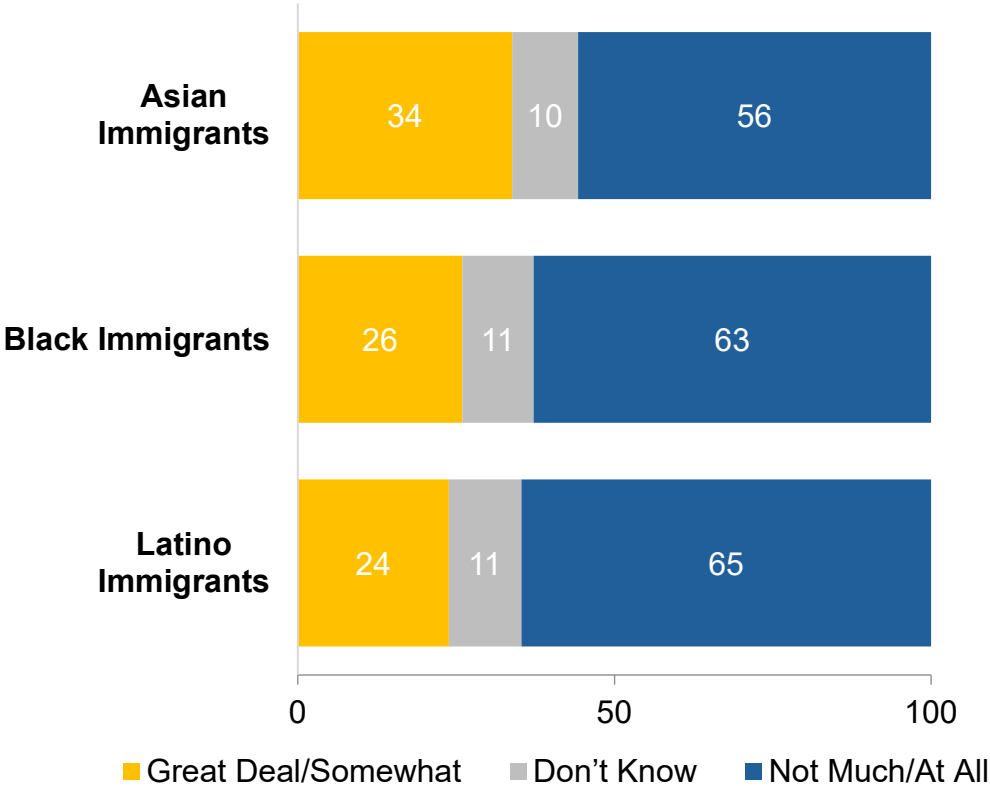
Reported Knowledge of Legal Rights and Low Opinions of Federal Government and ICE

Top Five Responses if Faced with Immigration Enforcement

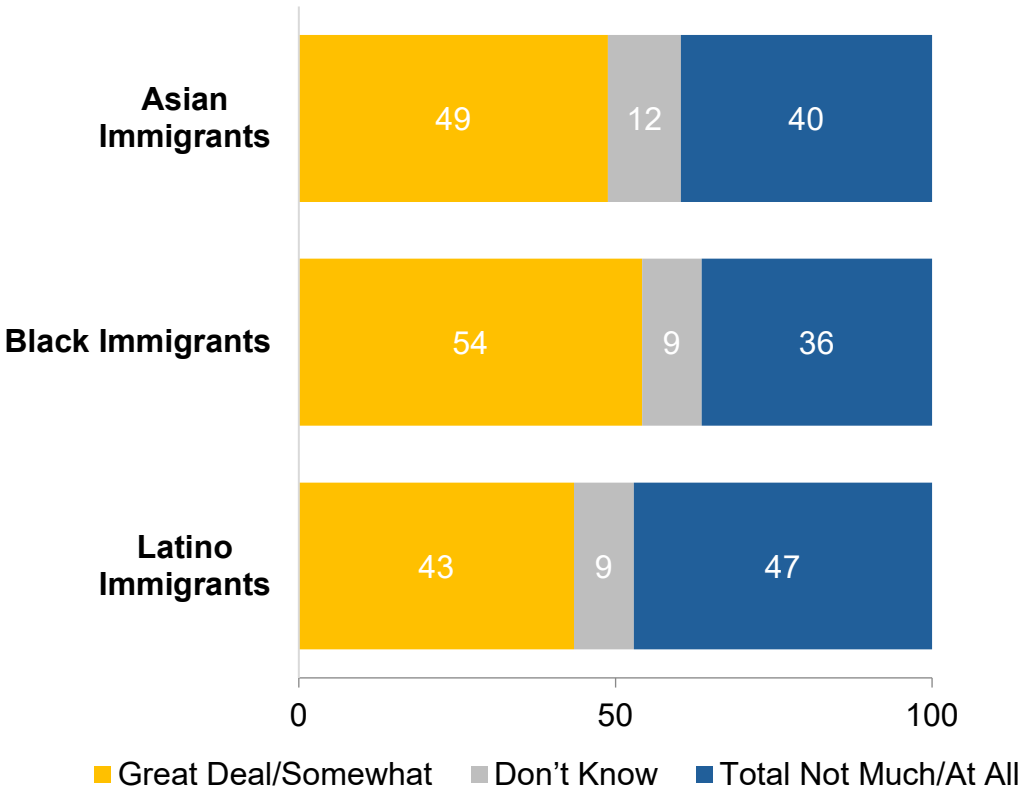


Immigrants Have More Positive Views About Local Government's Concern for Immigrant Communities Than Federal Government

[SPLIT A] How much do you think the American federal government in Washington D.C. cares about people like you?

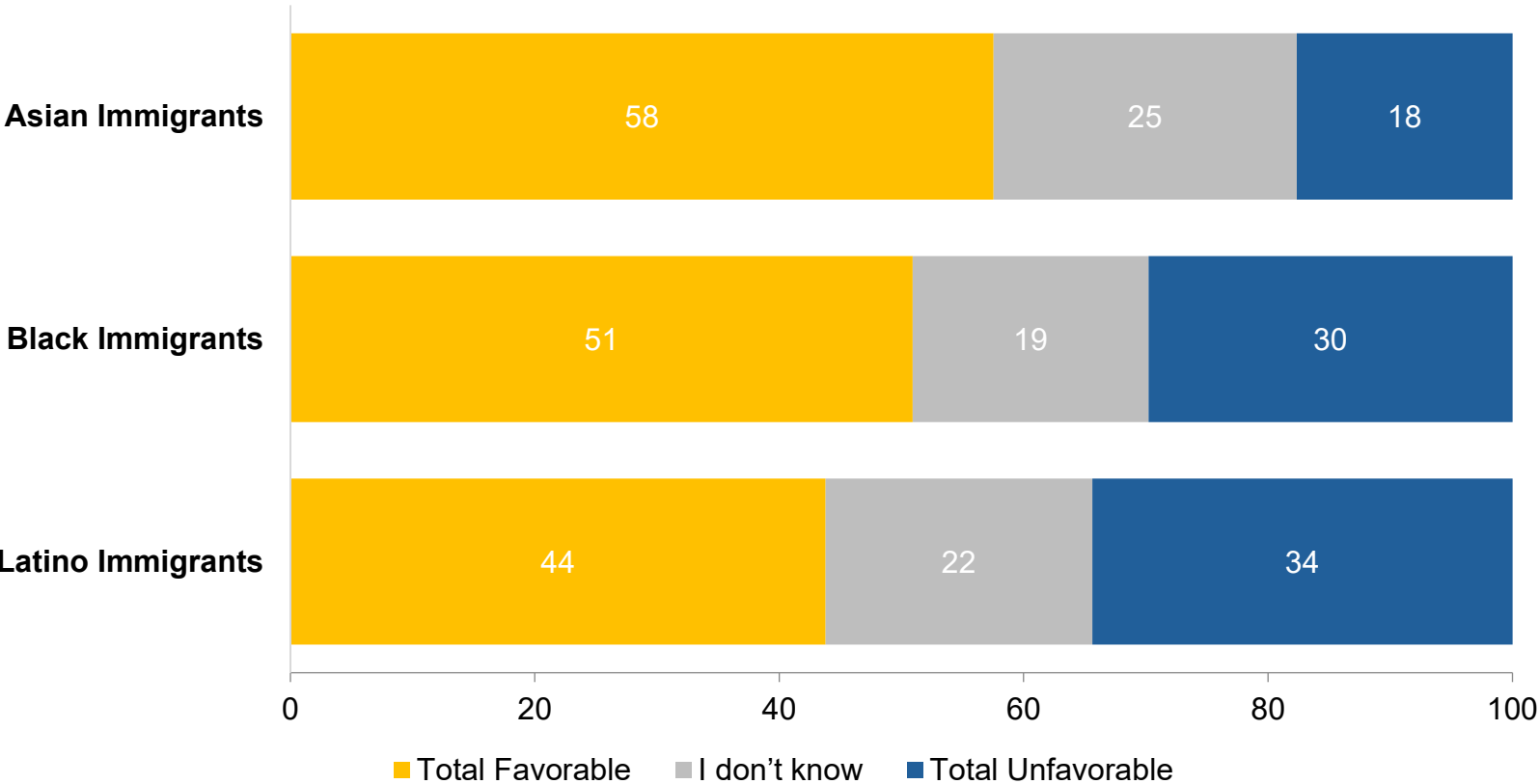


[SPLIT B] How much do you think your local government, such as your mayor or city council, cares about people like you?



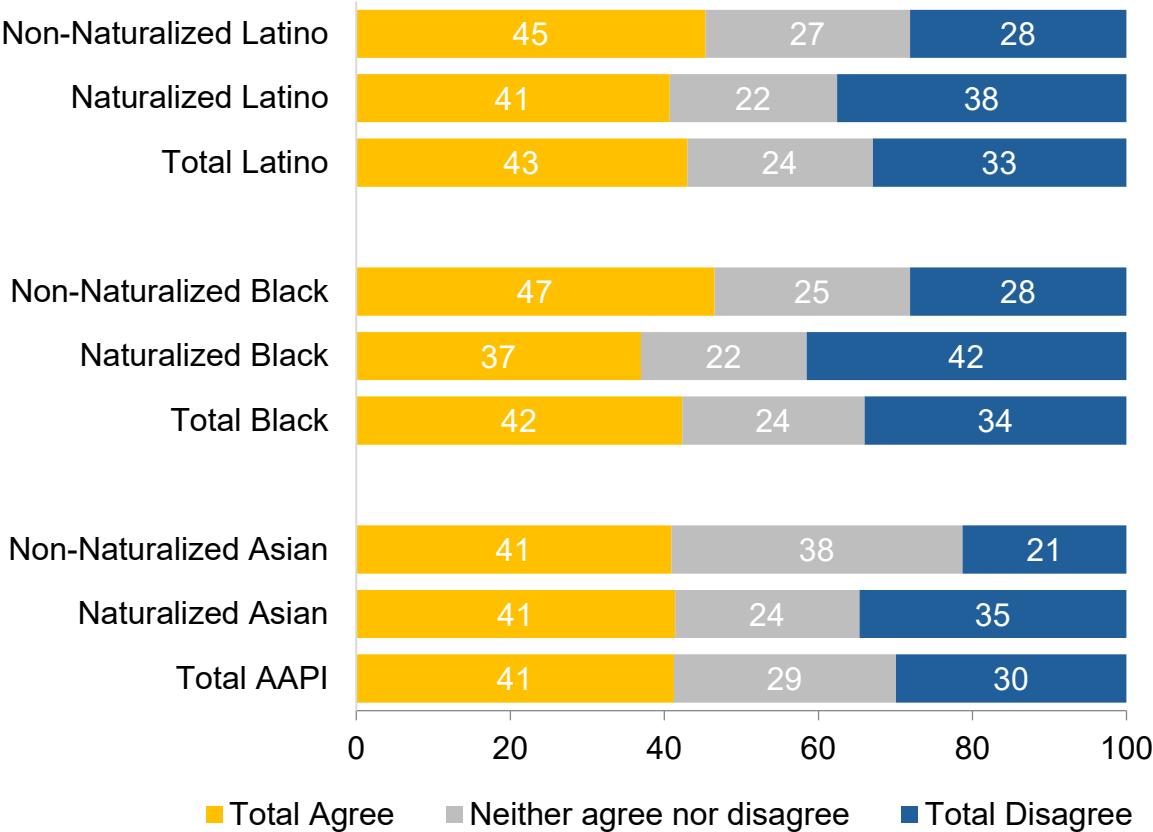
Latinos View Their State's Immigration Policies Less Favorably Than Black and AAPI Immigrant Communities

Thinking about the immigration laws specifically in your state, would you describe [STATE] policies as favorable or unfavorable towards immigrants today?

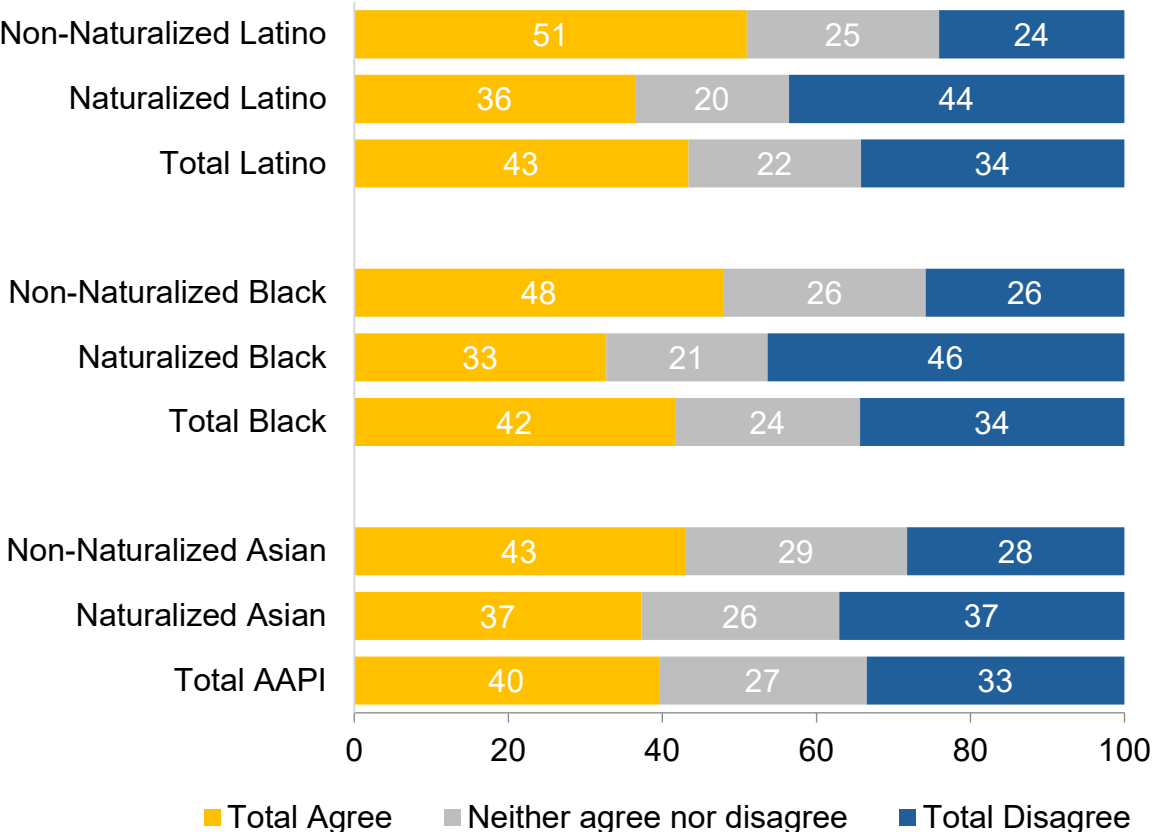


Do Immigrants Feel Shut Out of Federal and State Decision-Making?

[SPLIT A] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People like me do not have opportunities to influence the decisions
of the federal government.

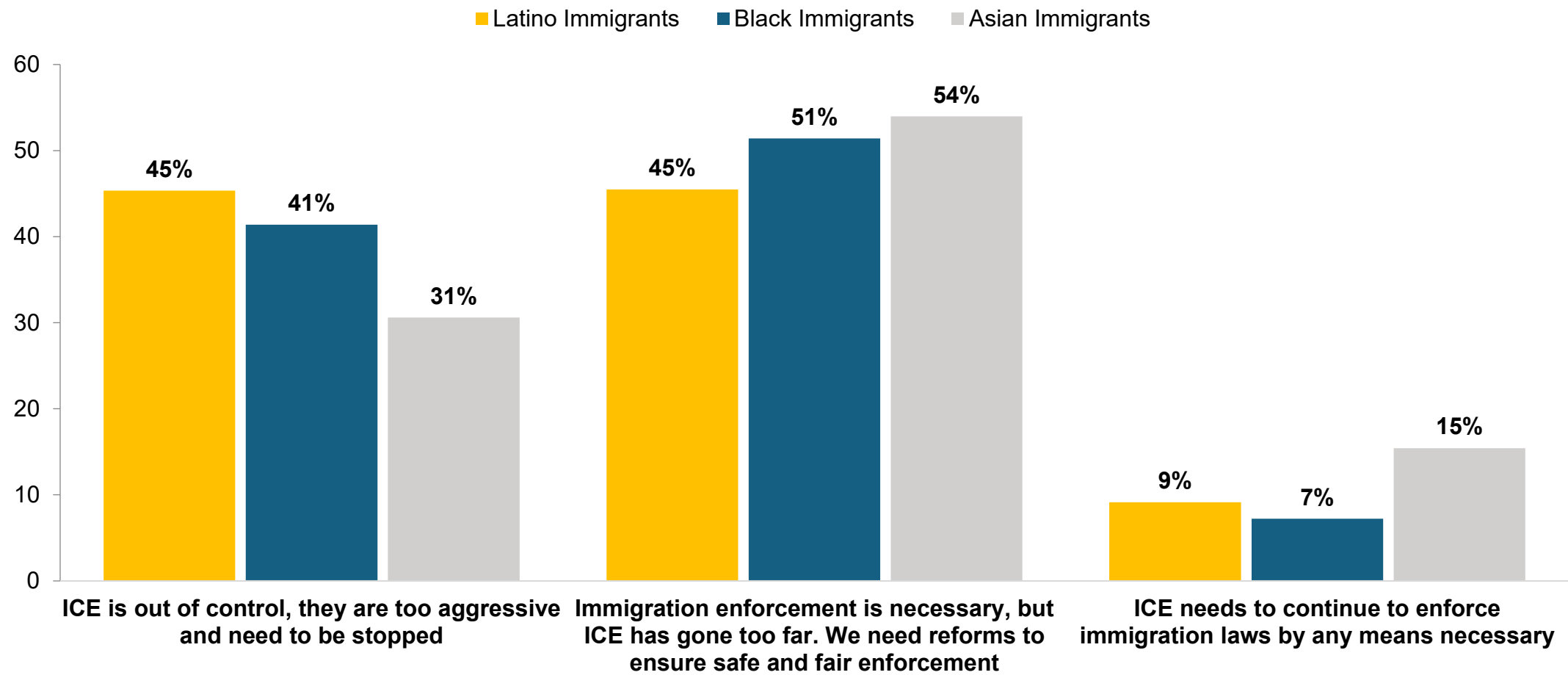


[SPLIT B] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
People like me do not have opportunities to influence decisions
made by the [STATE] government.



How Have Attitudes Toward Immigration and ICE Shifted

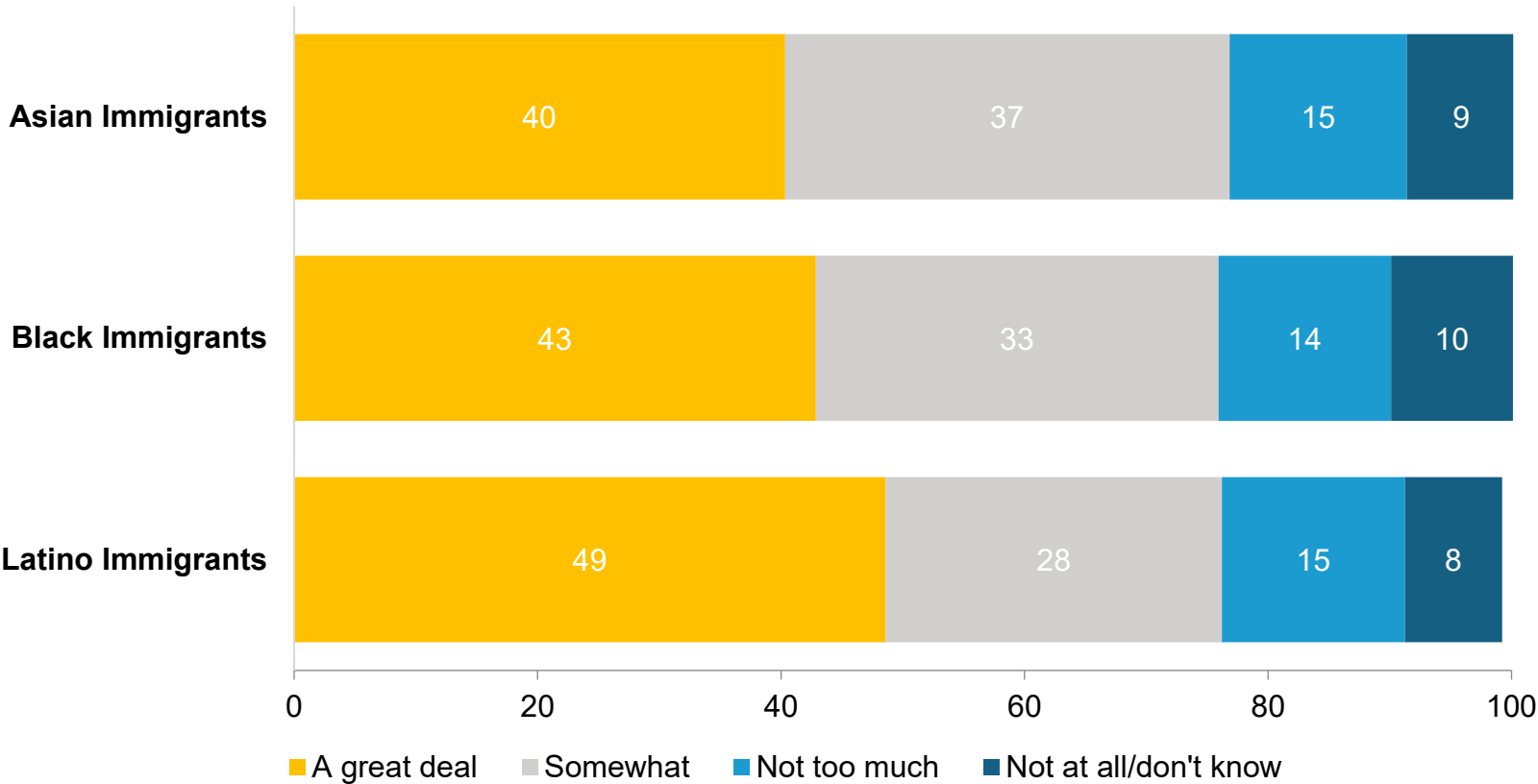
Which comes closest to your view about immigration and ICE actions over the past 18 months?



Despite the Current Climate, Immigrants Maintain a Strong Sense of Belonging and Continue to Pursue the “American Dream”

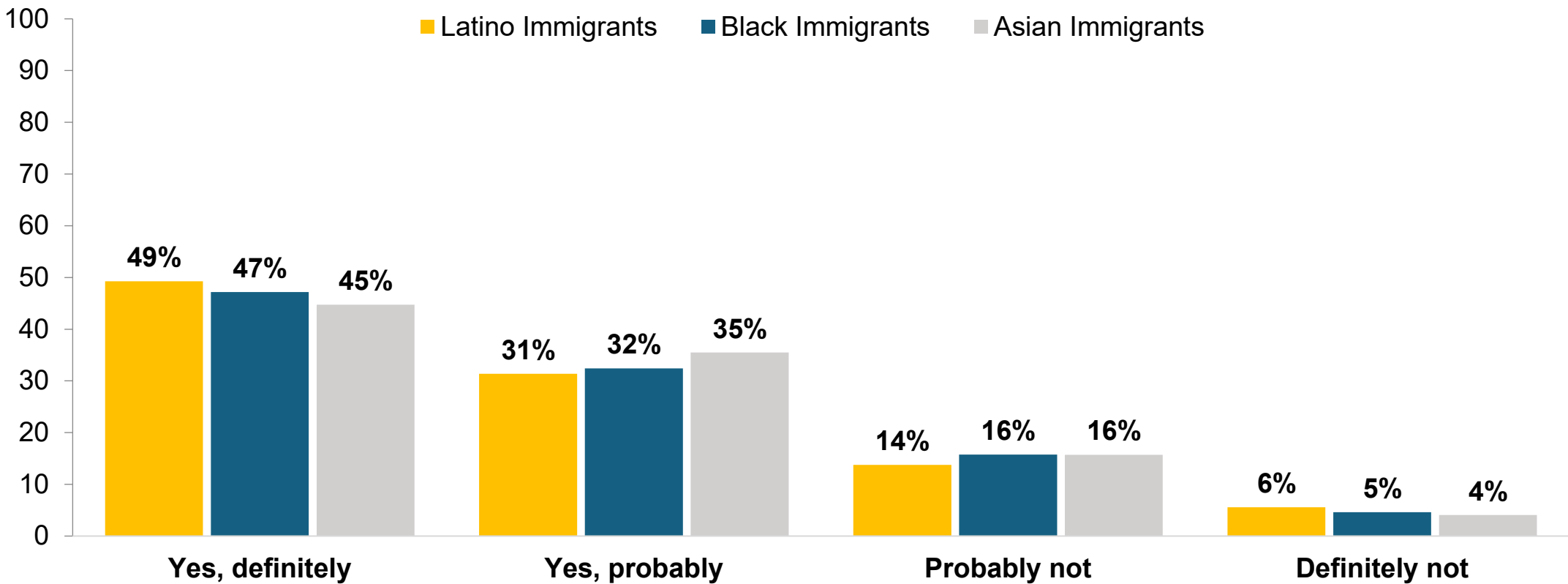
Immigrant Communities Report a Strong Sense of Belonging in the U.S. Despite Current Challenges

[SPLIT A] How much do you feel like you belong in the United States?



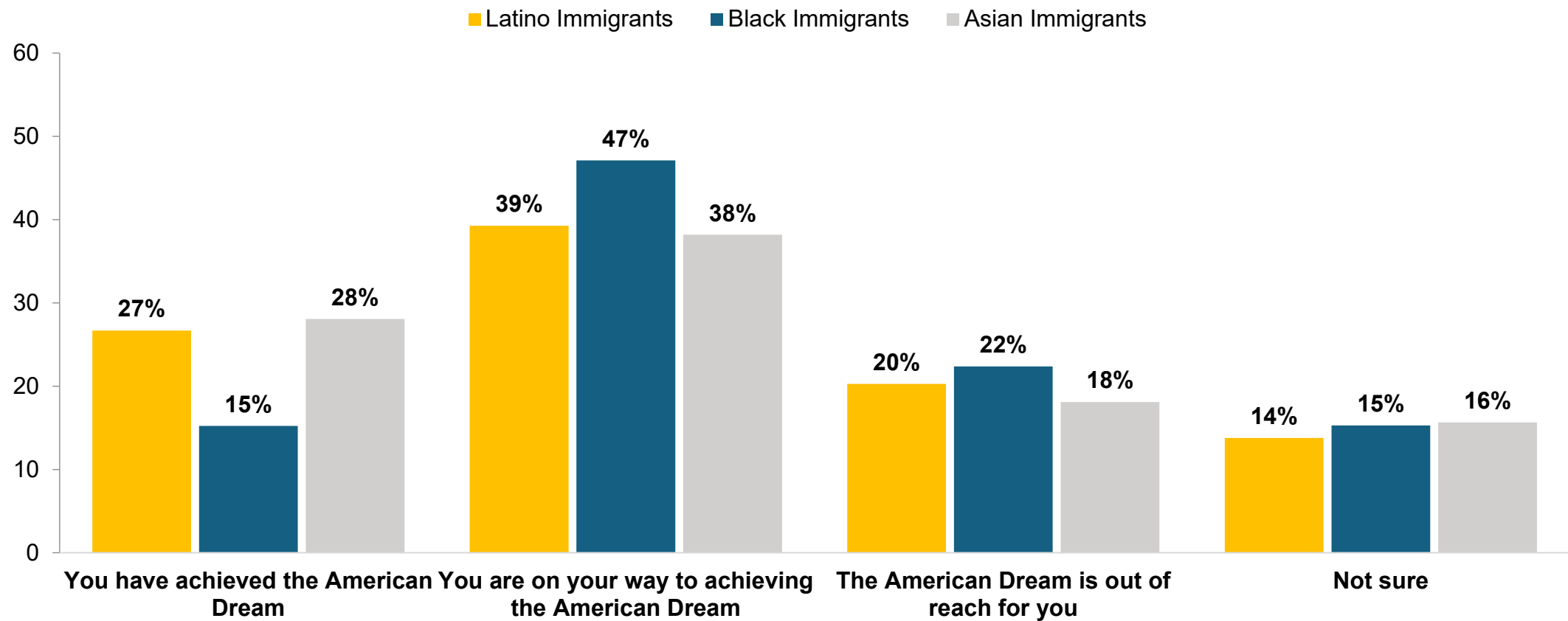
Despite Today's Challenges, Many Would Still Choose to Migrate to the U.S.

If you had to make the decision again today, would you still choose to migrate to the United States?



Still Pursuing the “American Dream” but One in Five Think is no Longer in Reach

The term ‘American Dream’ can mean different things to different people. No matter how you define it, do you believe:



Questions?

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Demographics

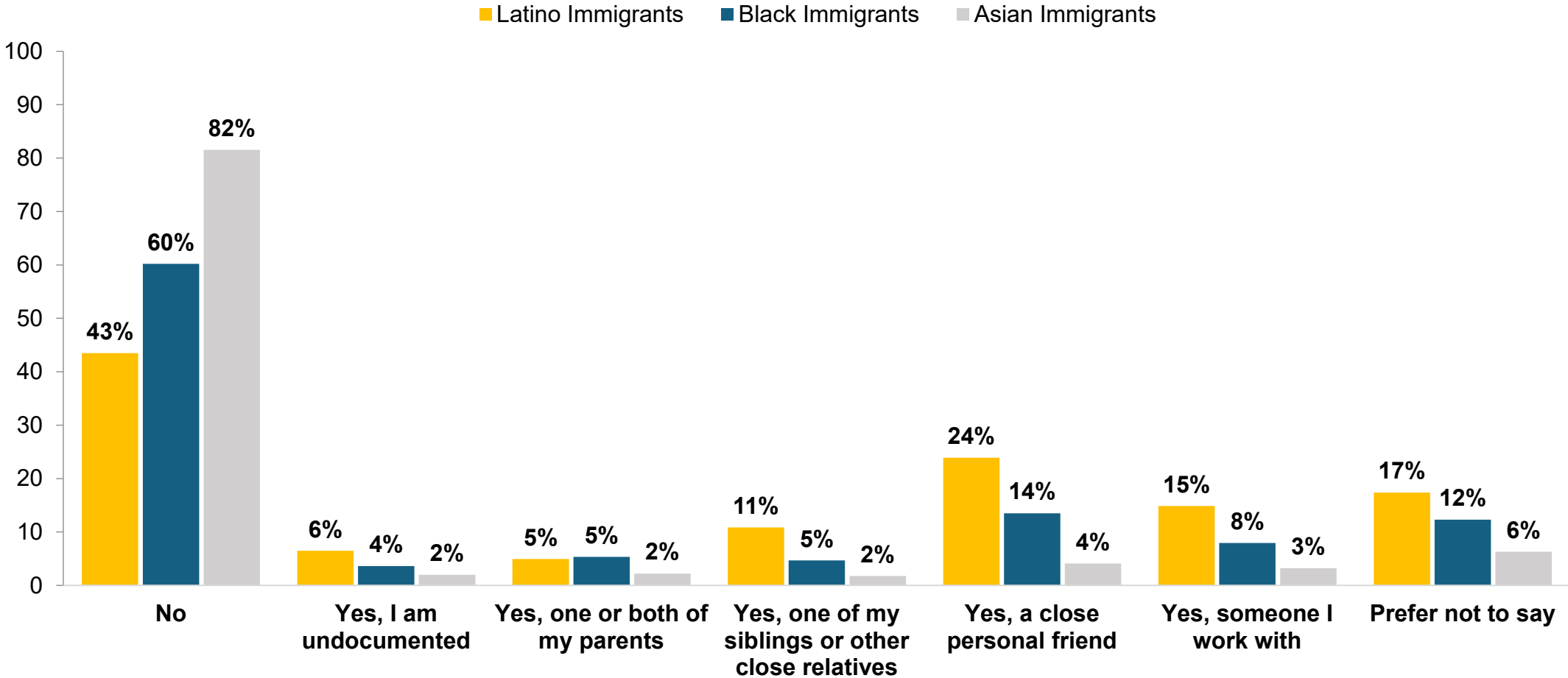
	Latino Immigrants	Black Immigrants	Asian Immigrants
Sample Size	1032	1009	1040
Male	43%	52%	49%
Female	55%	44%	50%
18-29 yrs	22%	28%	14%
30-49 yrs	45%	47%	42%
50+ yrs	31%	21%	42%
<=HS	39%	27%	10%
Some College	29%	31%	21%
4 Year Deg	30%	39%	67%
Naturalized Citizen	54%	39%	63%
Non-Citizen	44%	57%	35%
Did Not Report	2%	4%	2%

Country of Origin

Latino Immigrant		Black Immigrant		Asian Immigrant	
Country of Origin	% of Latino Immigrants	Country of Origin	% of Black Immigrants	Origin Group	% of Asian Immigrants
Mexico	51%	Haiti	18%	Chinese	27%
South America	16%	Somalia	16%	Filipino	15%
Central America	13%	Jamaica	14%	Vietnamese	14%
Cuba	10%	Nigeria	13%	Korean	13%
		Other Caribbean	11%	Indian	13%

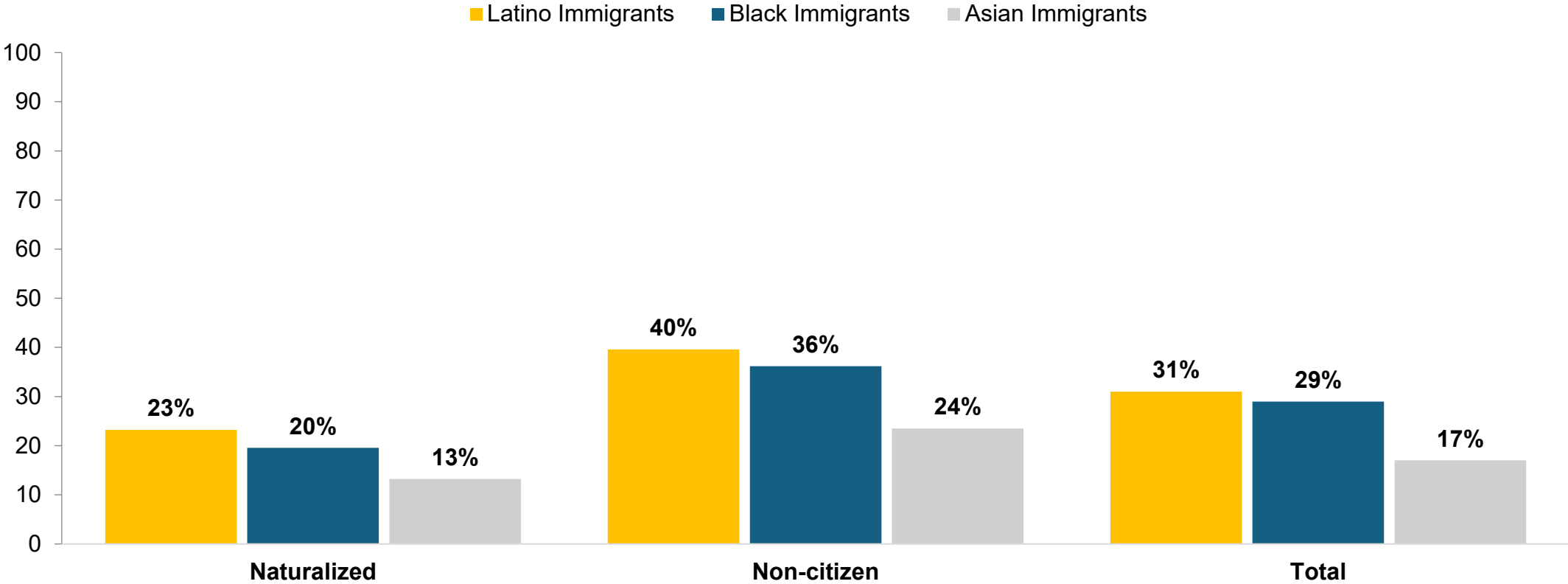
Undocumented Immigrants Common Within Personal Networks

Do you happen to know anyone who is an undocumented immigrant? Select all that apply.



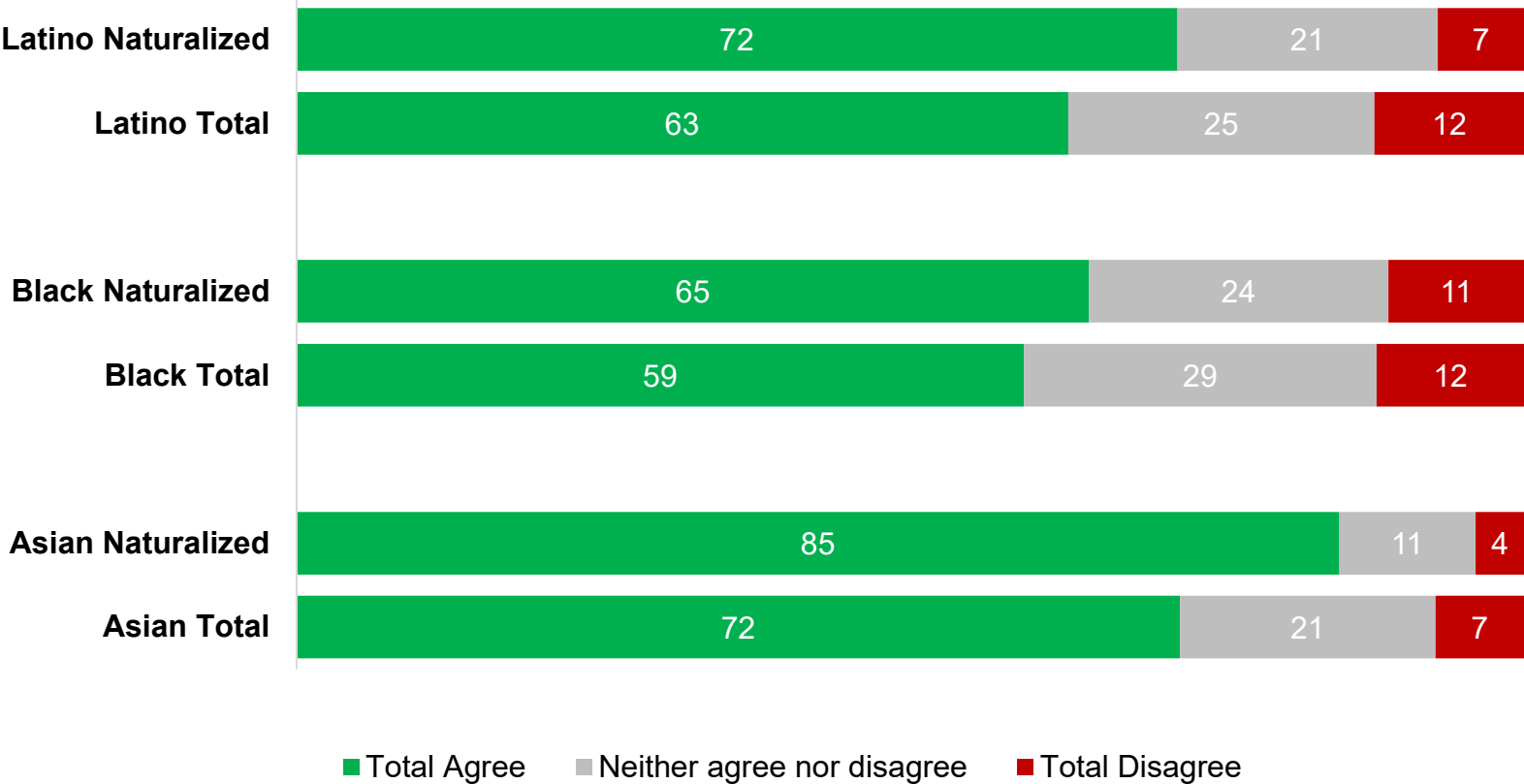
Deportation Announcements Impacting 1st Amendment Rights

Due to Deportations Announced by President Trump, Have You Avoided Protests, Public Demonstrations, or Political Rallies by Immigration Status [Yes Responses Only]



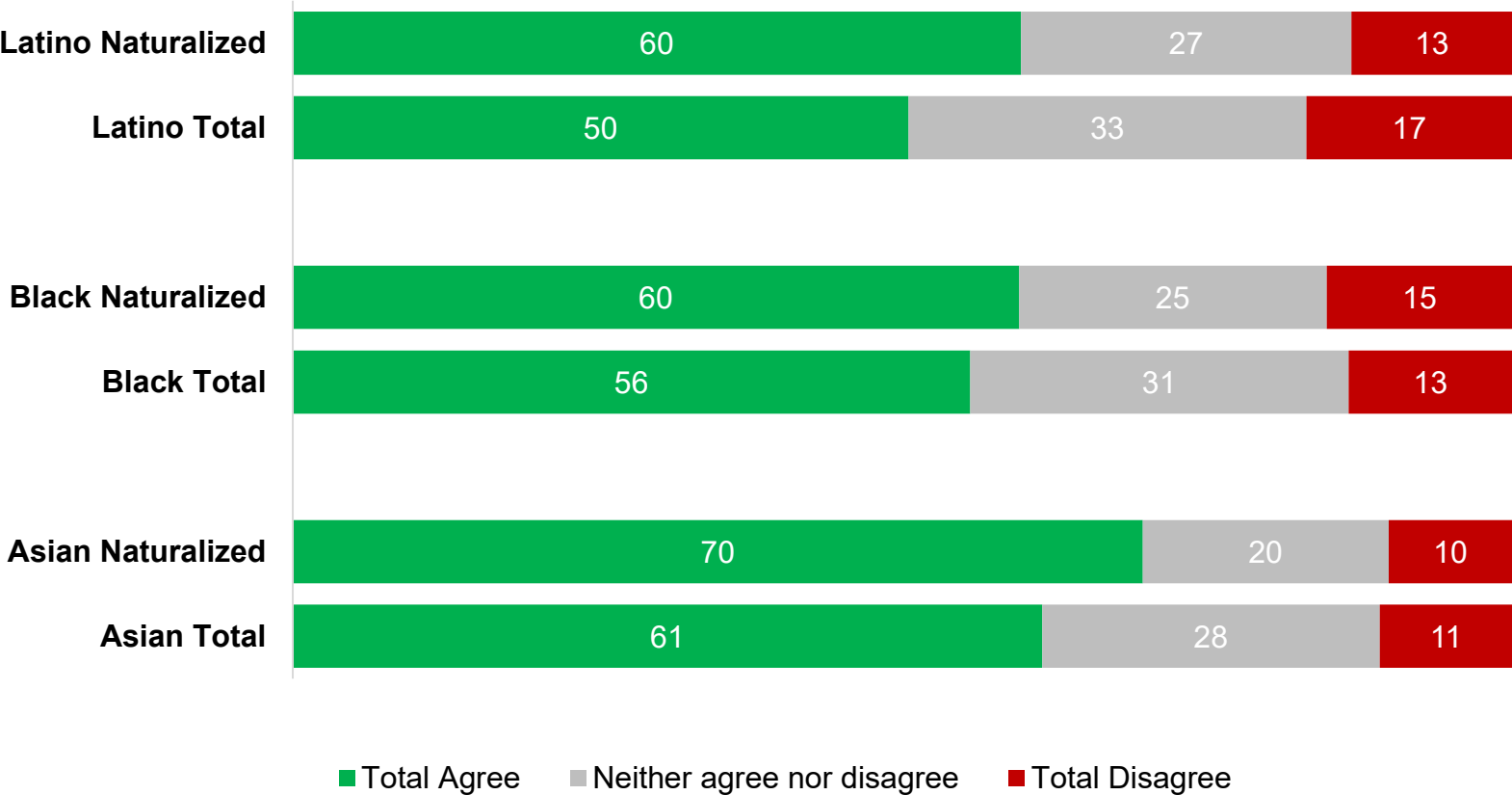
Being American Is an Important Part of Naturalized Immigrants' Identity

Being American is an important part of my identity.



Naturalized Immigrants Say Being American Shapes How They See and Engage With the World

Being American shapes the way I view the world and interact with others.



Immigrants Report Personal or Household Experiences with Immigration Detention

Have you, or anybody in your household, ever been detained or taken into custody by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Border Patrol, or other immigration law enforcement? [Yes Responses]

