



# Americans' Views on Child Abuse and Neglect

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National public opinion survey commissioned  
by Research!America

# Partner

Support for this survey was provided, in part,  
by EndCAN:



# Survey Methodology

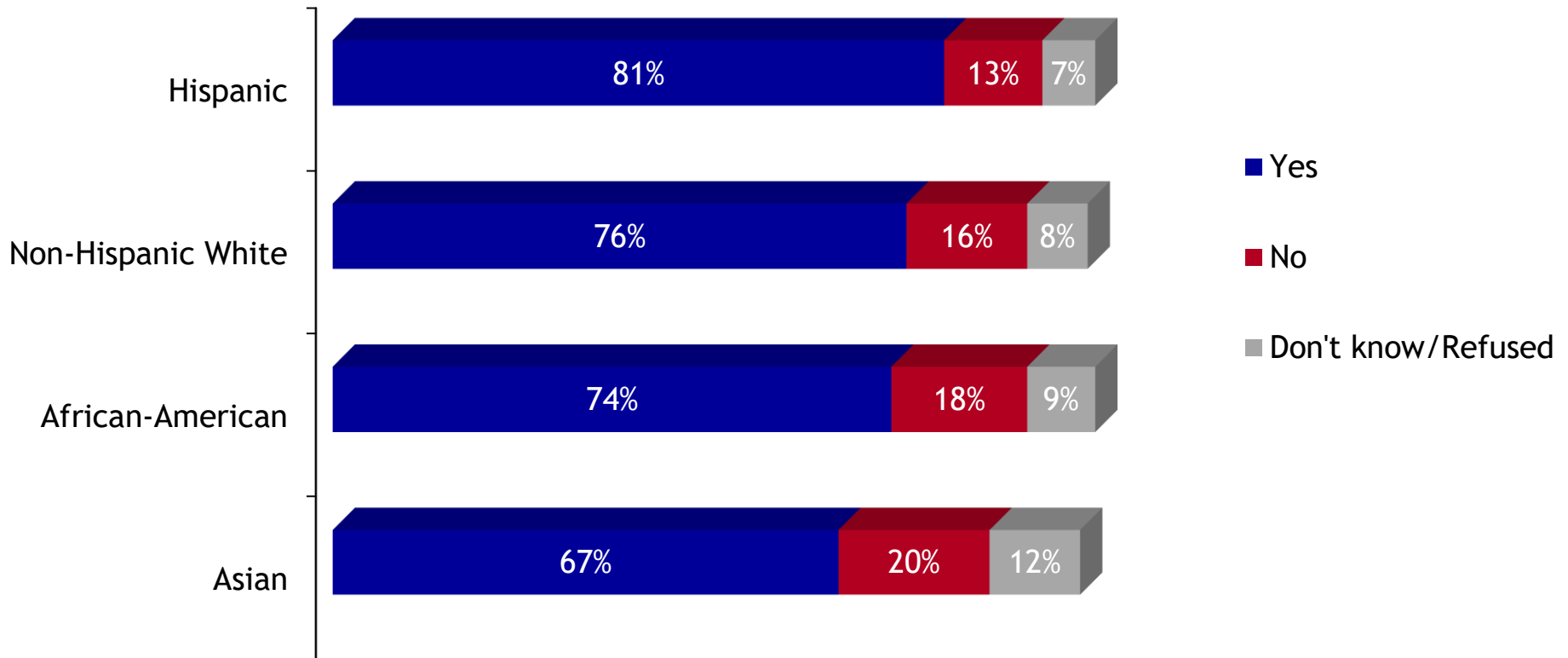
The nationwide survey was conducted by Zogby Analytics for Research!America and EndCAN. Sample sizes and theoretical sampling errors are as follows:

- African-American: sample size, 418; margin of error, +/-4.8%
- Asian: sample size, 417; margin of error, +/- 5.6%
- Hispanic: sample size, 420; margin of error, +/- 4.8%
- Non-Hispanic White: sample size, 643; margin of error, +/- 3.1%

Due to rounding, the total may not add to 100% on some charts.

# Strong Majority View Child Abuse as Public Health Problem in U.S.

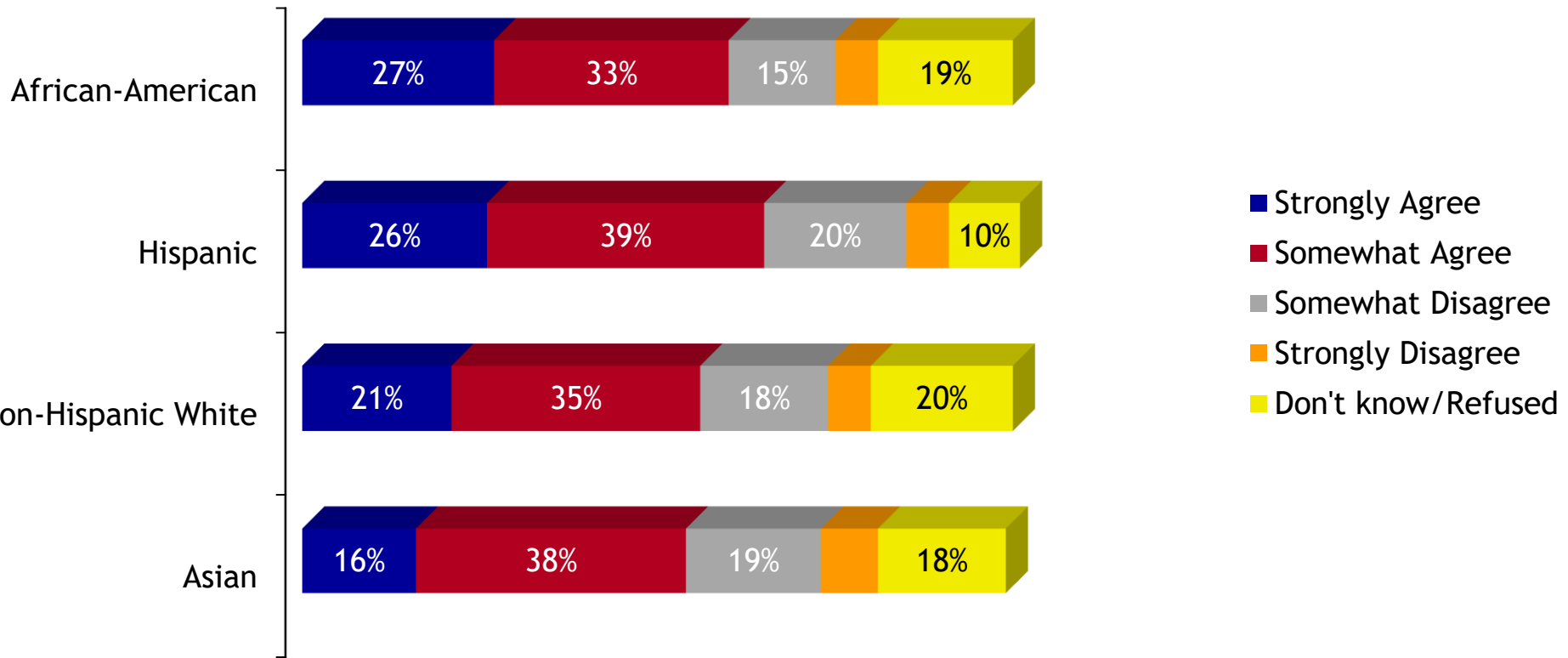
Do you view child abuse and neglect as a public health problem in the United States?



Source: A Research!America survey of U.S. adults conducted in partnership with Zogby Analytics in June 2018.

# Child Abuse and Neglect Problem in Local Community

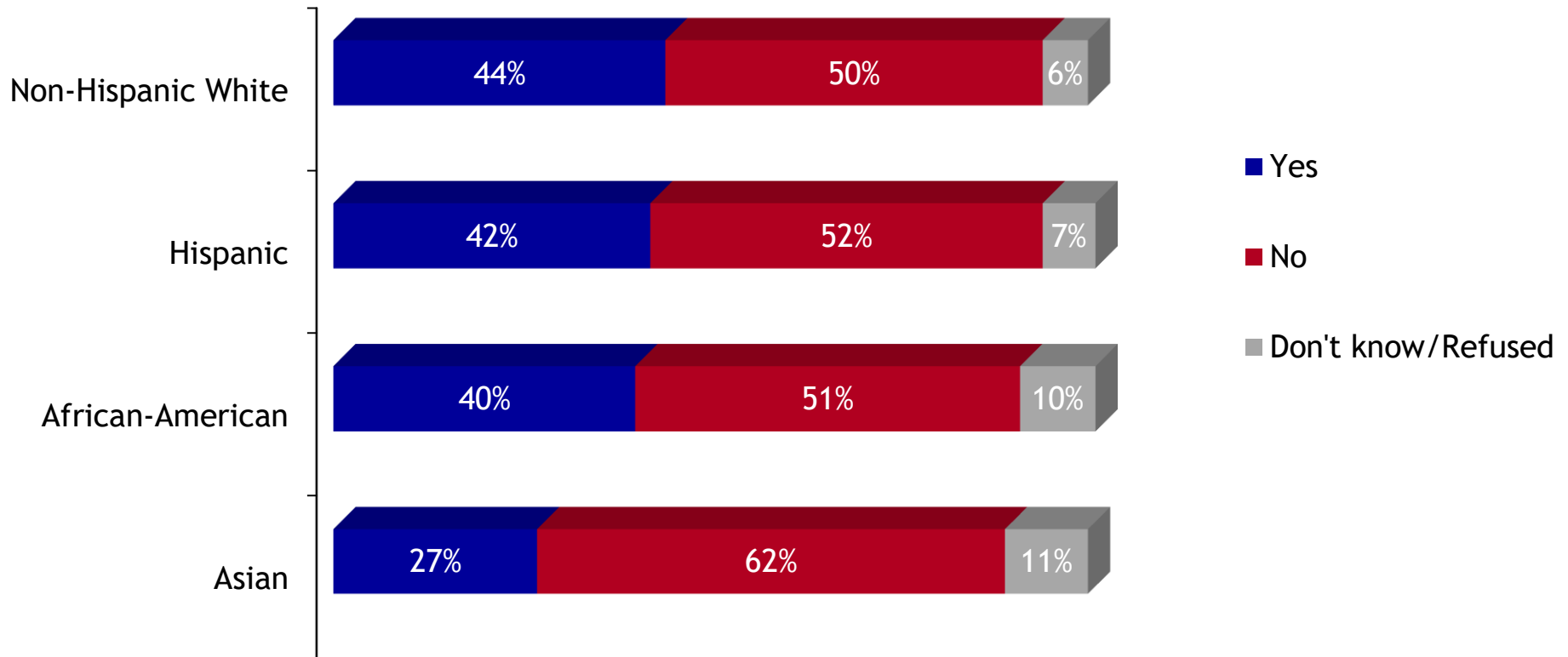
Do you agree or disagree that child abuse and neglect is a problem in your local community?



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# Many Know Someone Who Has Experienced Child Abuse

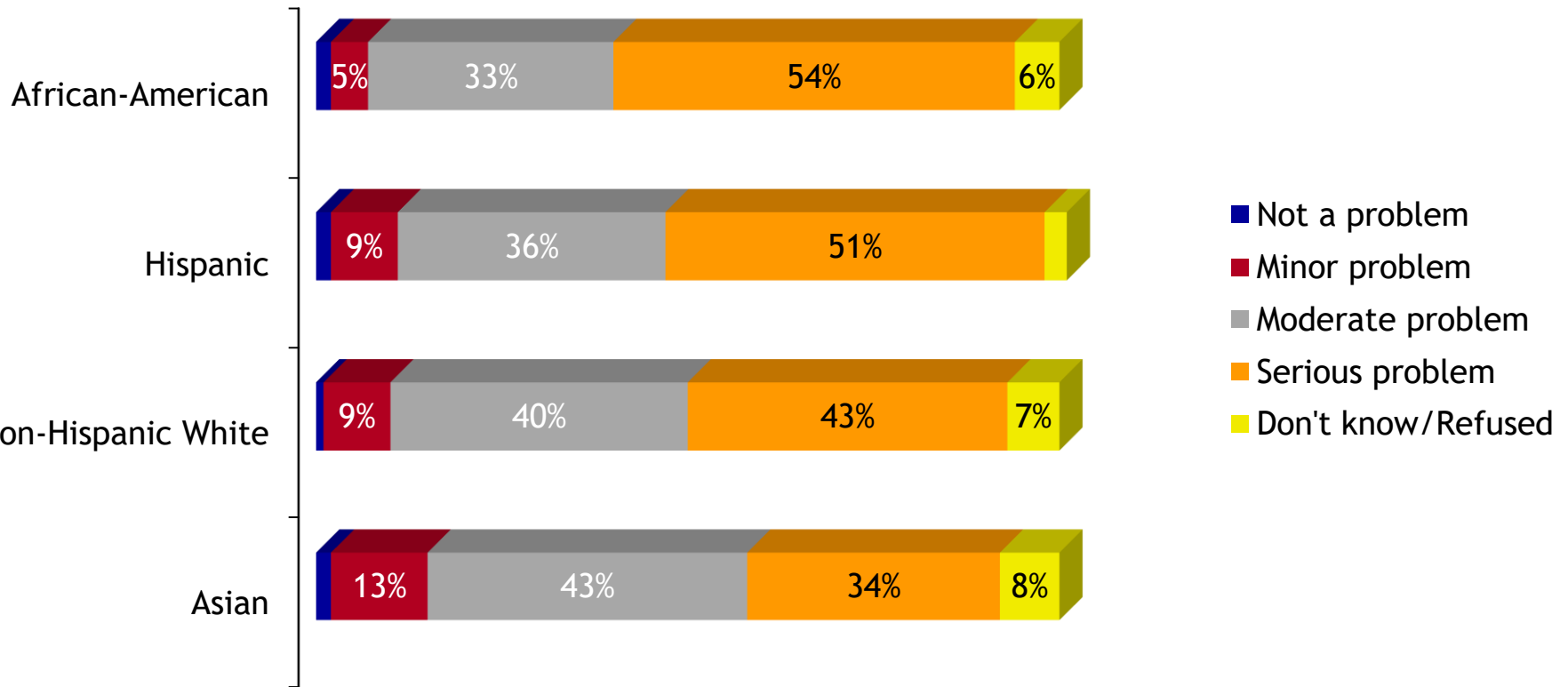
Do you know of someone (friend or family) who has experienced child abuse and/or neglect?



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# Child Abuse 'Serious Problem' in U.S.

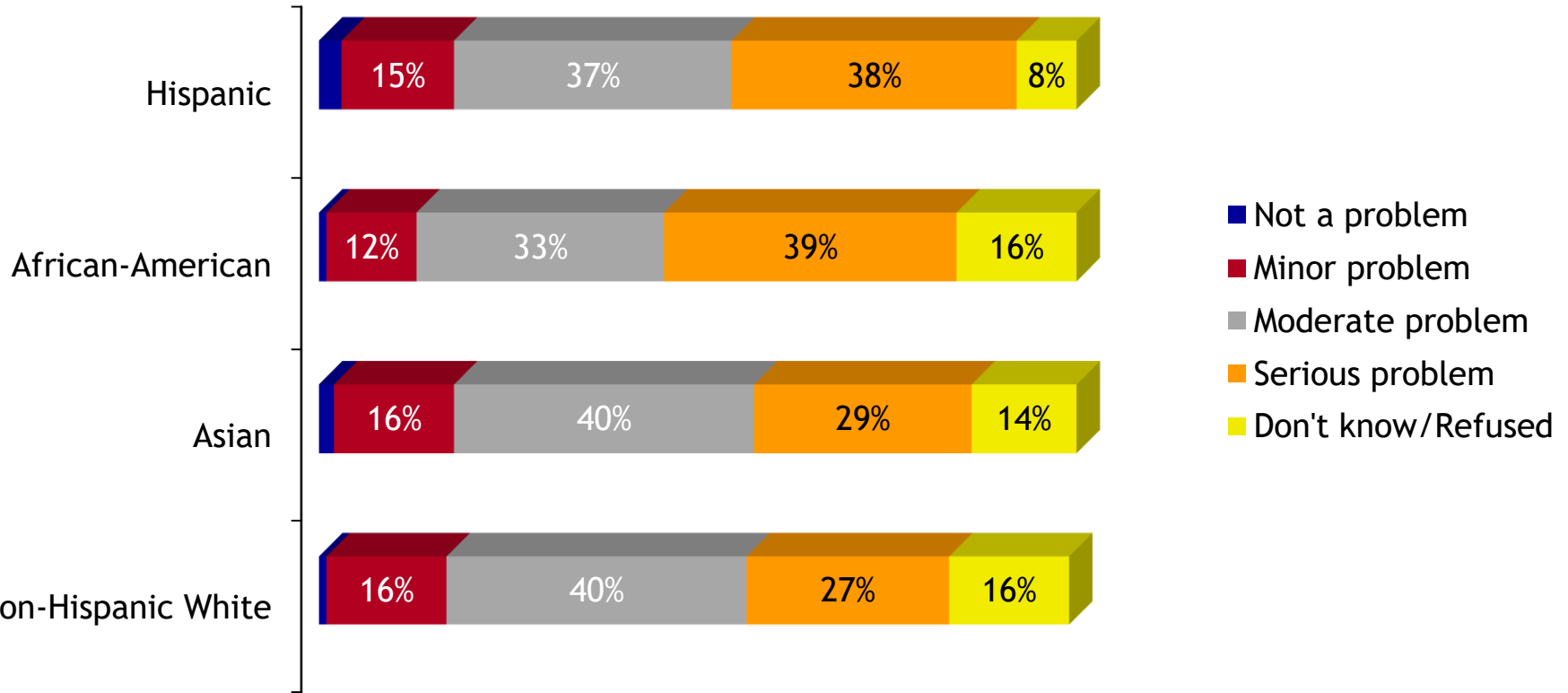
In your view, how much of a problem is child abuse and neglect in terms of severity in the United States?



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# How Others View Child Abuse as 'Serious Problem'

How do you think others view child abuse and neglect as a problem in terms of severity?

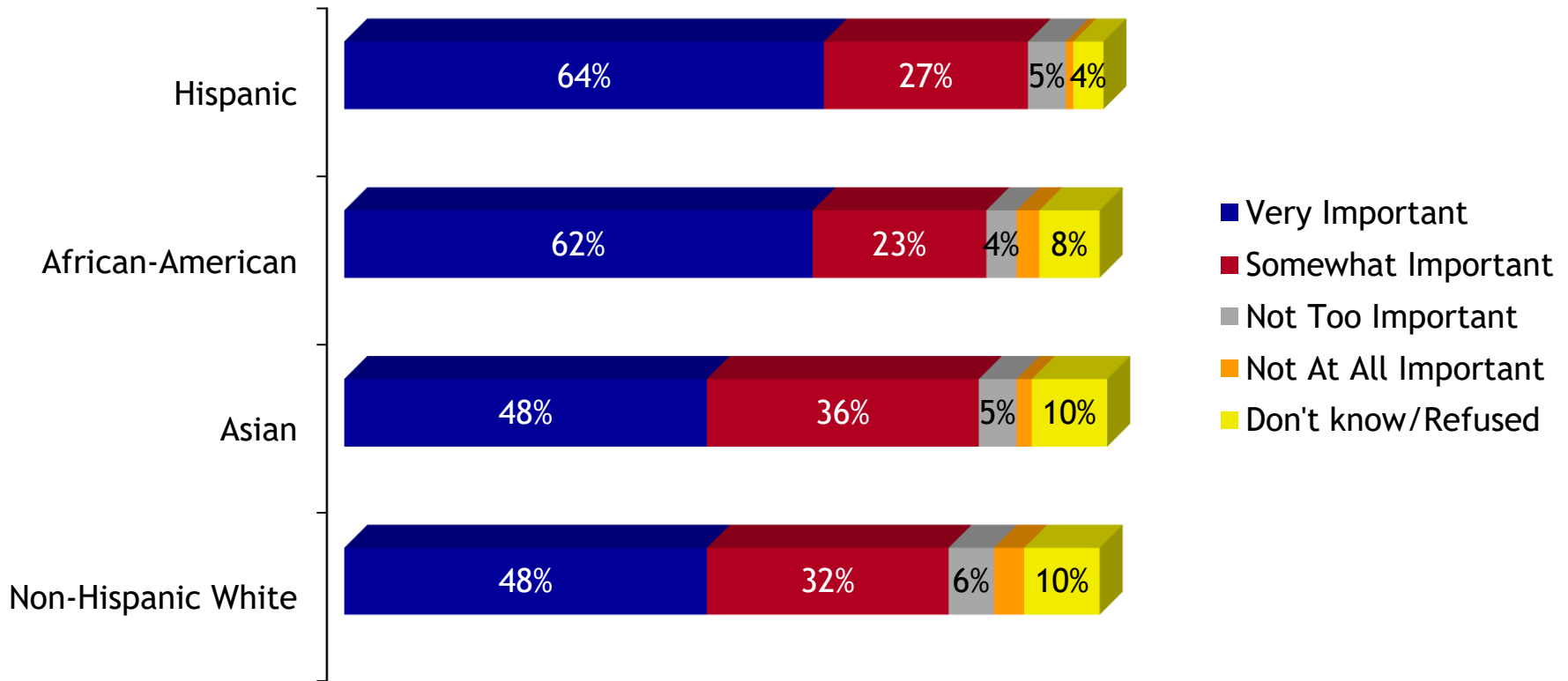


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# Important to Increase Federal Funding For Research on Child Abuse

How important is it to increase federal funding for research on child abuse and neglect?



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# Prevention and Treatment Should be Prioritized in Research

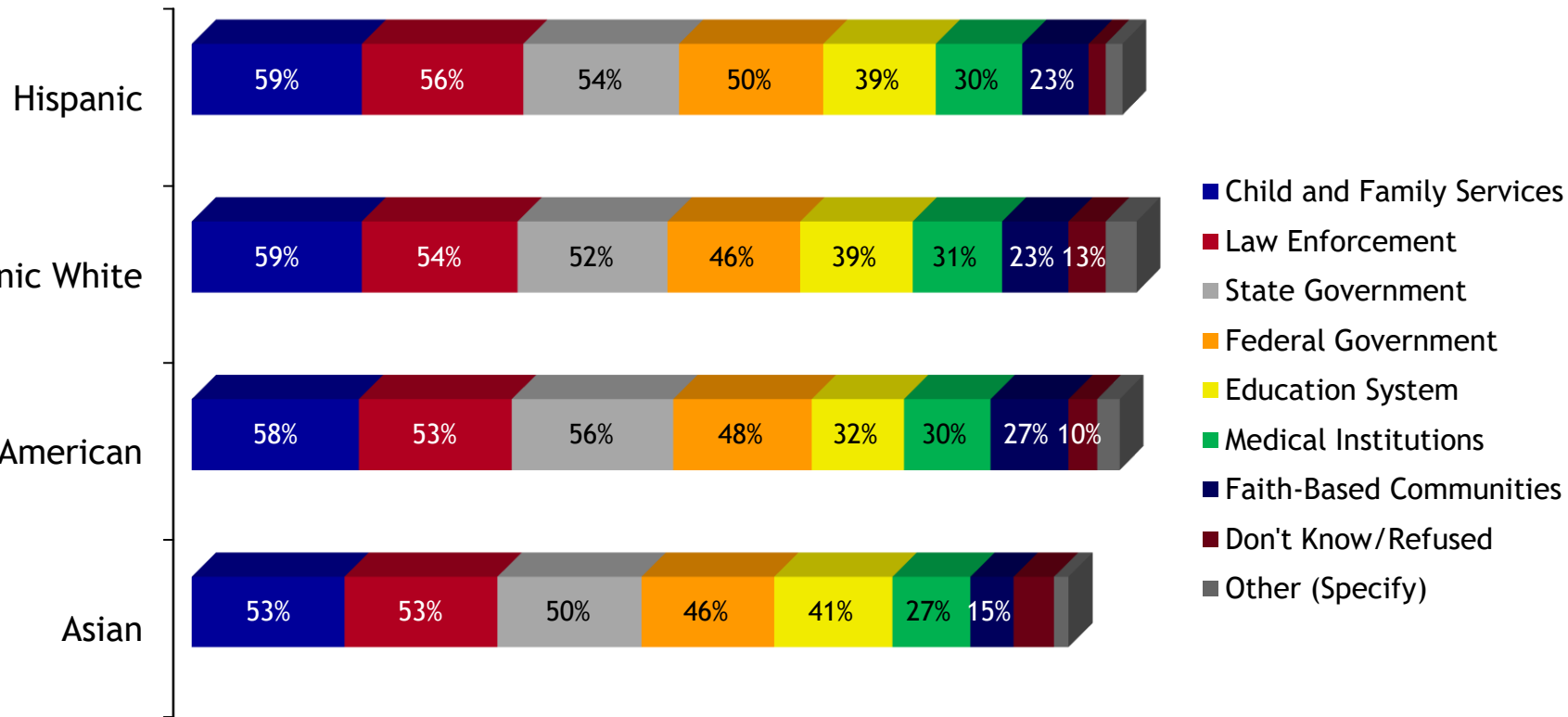
Which of the following areas should be prioritized in research to address child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)

	<b>Non-Hispanic White</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>Asian</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>
How best to prevent each form of child abuse and neglect	65%	58%	65%	61%
Best treatments for victims of abuse and neglect	64%	56%	58%	62%
Causes of abusive behavior and treatment to stop it	61%	61%	61%	61%
Measure the quality of services provided to the children and families who are in the child protective services system	51%	49%	44%	49%
Measure the outcomes (e.g. what happens over time) to children and families served by the child protection system	48%	40%	41%	45%
Don't know/refused	9%	11%	7%	4%
Other (Specify)	2%	3%	1%	1%

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# Child and Family Services, Law Enforcement, Gov't Bear Responsibility to End Child Abuse

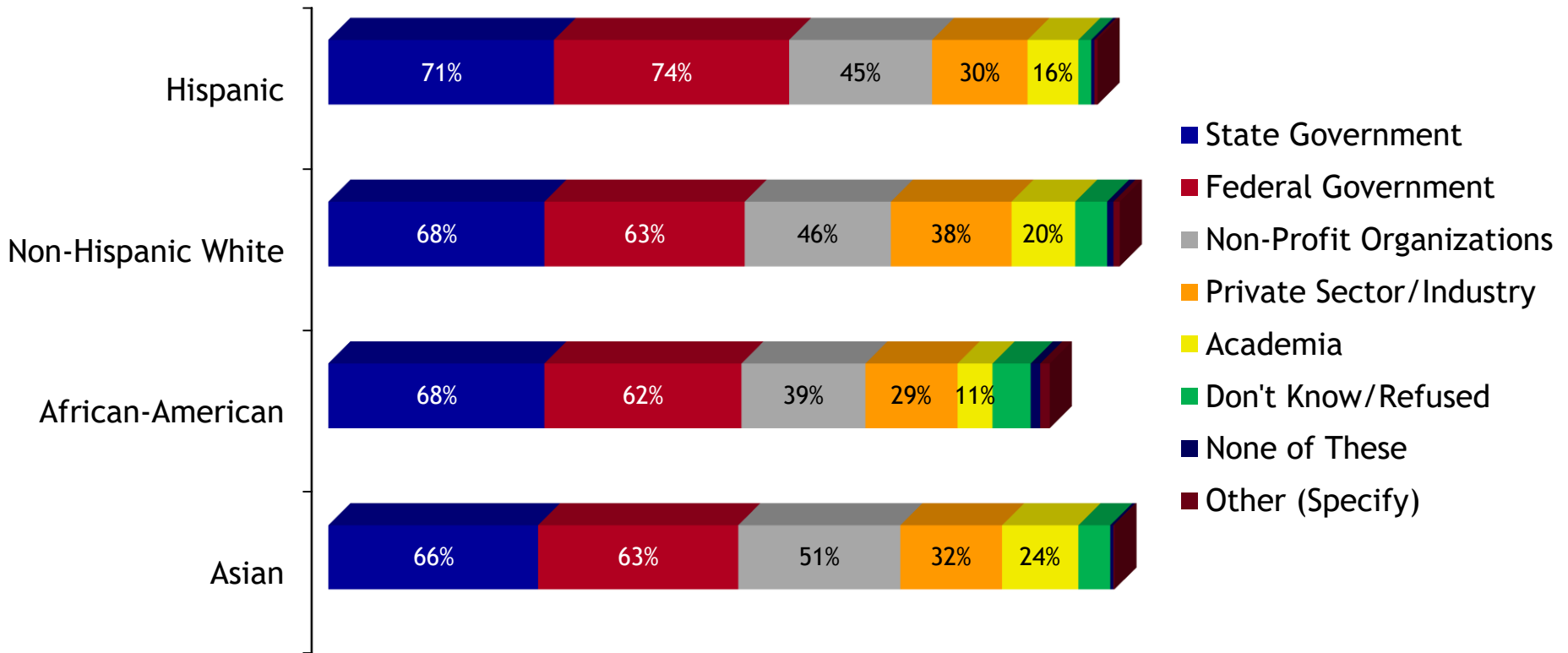
Who bears the responsibility to end child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)



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# State and Federal Government Should Fund Research to Understand, Prevent Child Abuse

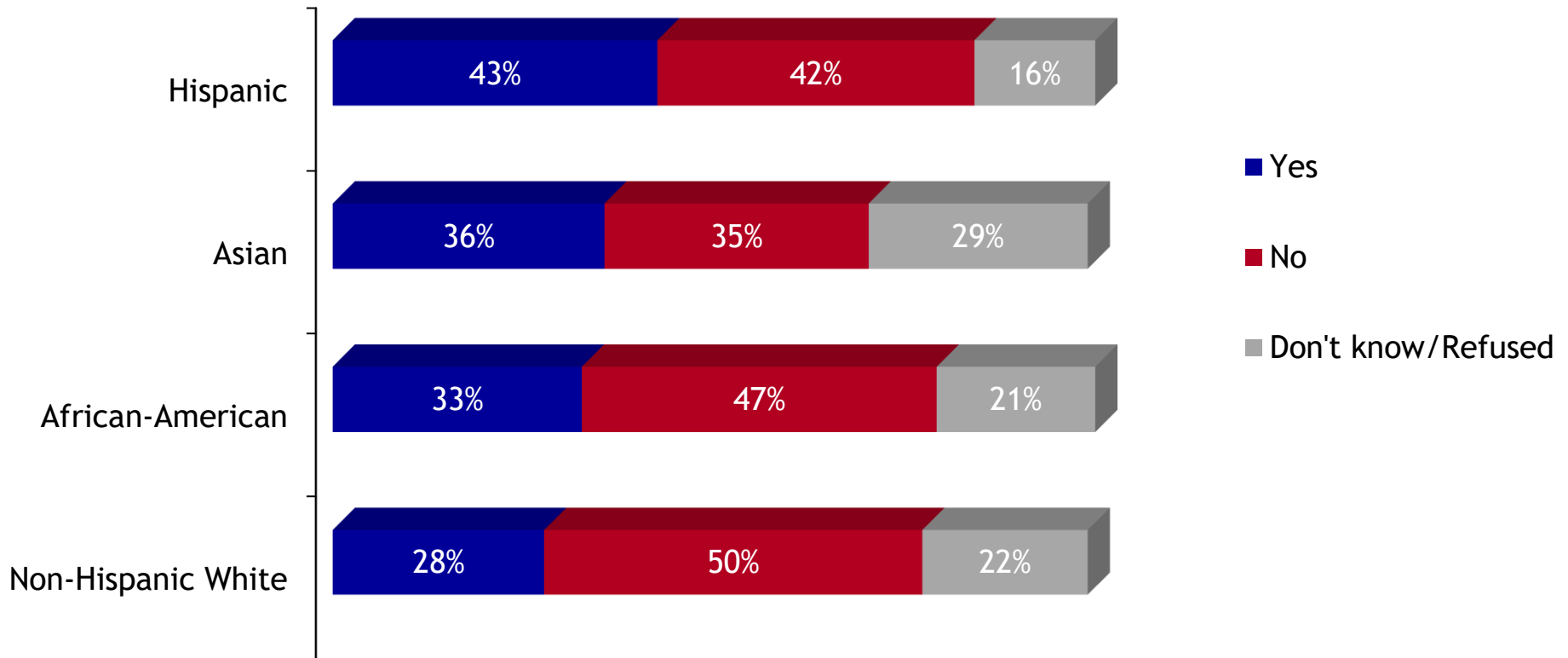
Which of the following should fund research to better understand, prevent and intervene in child abuse and neglect? (Choose all that apply)



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# Health Professionals Not Effective at Appropriately Treating Victims

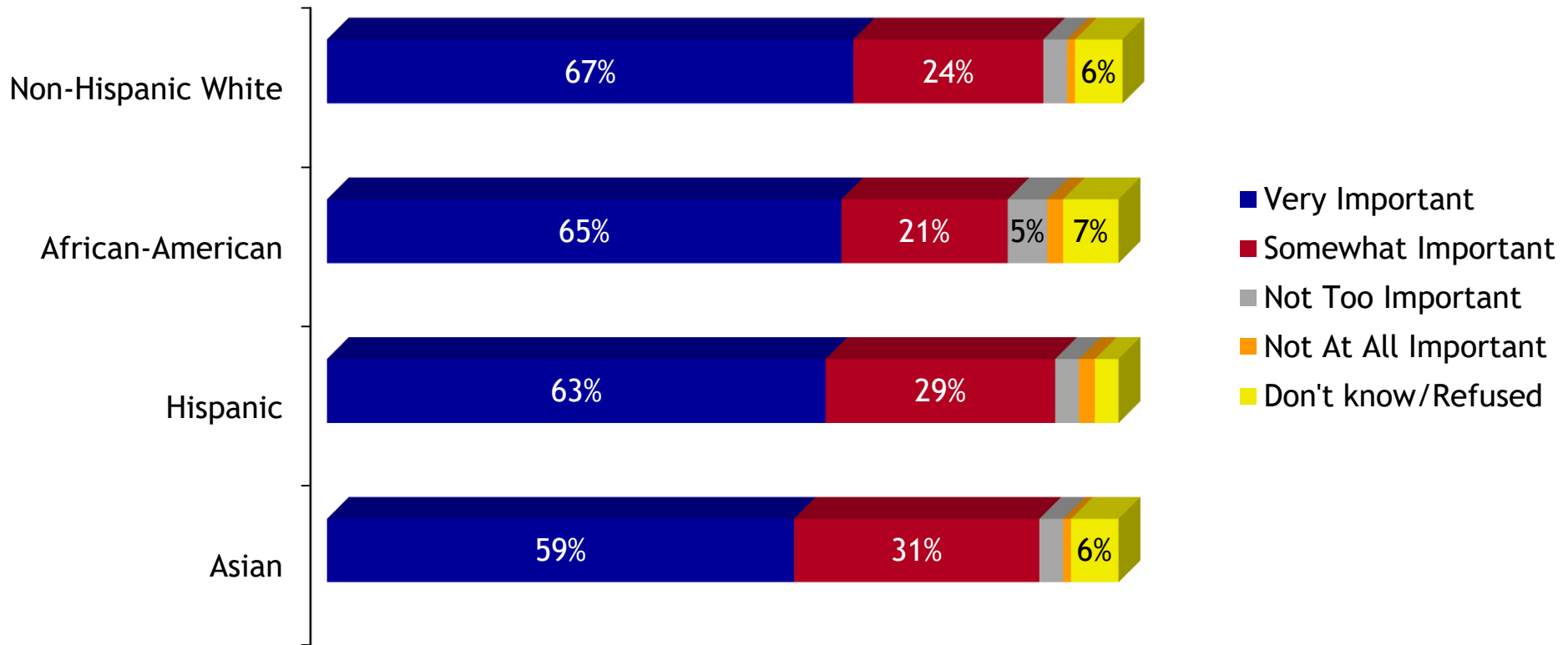
Do you think health professionals are effective in intervening, preventing, or stopping abuse and appropriately treating victims?



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# Important for Health Care Providers to Identify Families at Risk

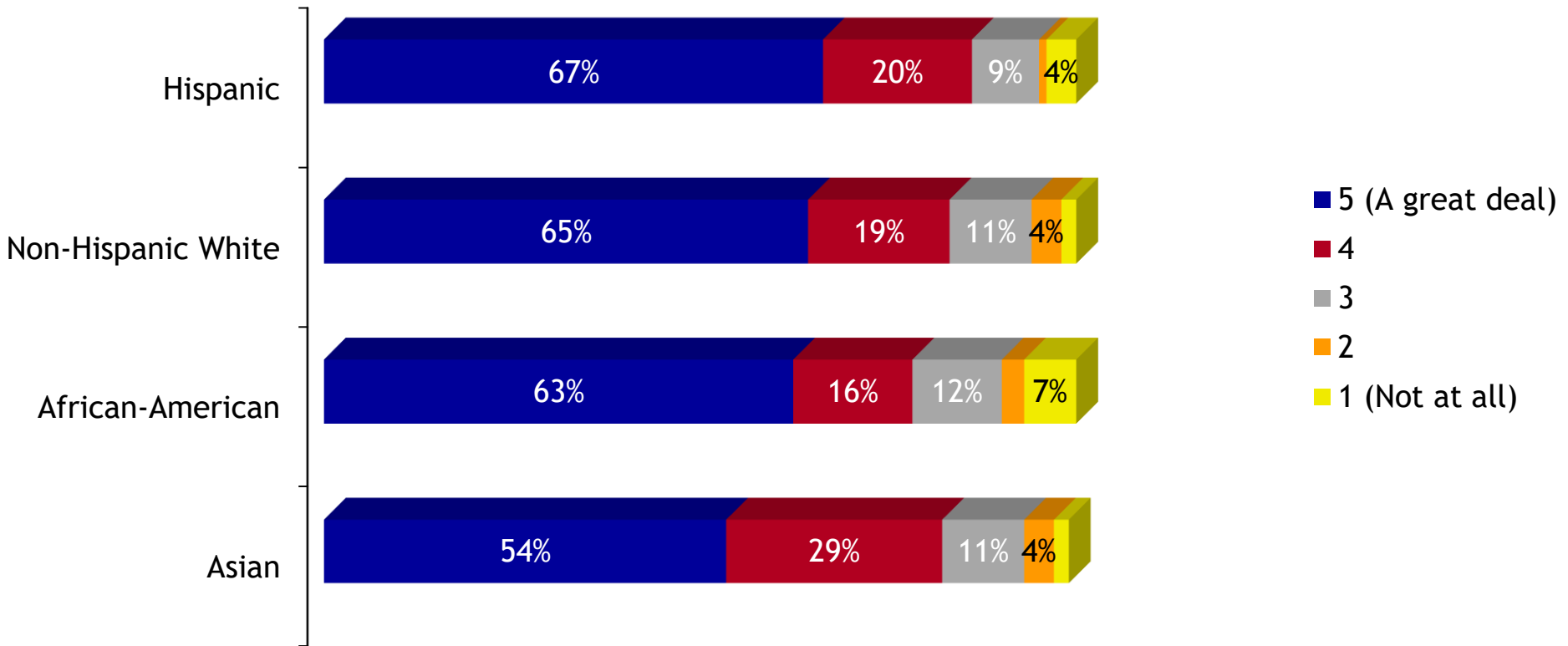
How important is it for health care providers to identify families at elevated risk of child abuse and neglect?



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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Depression

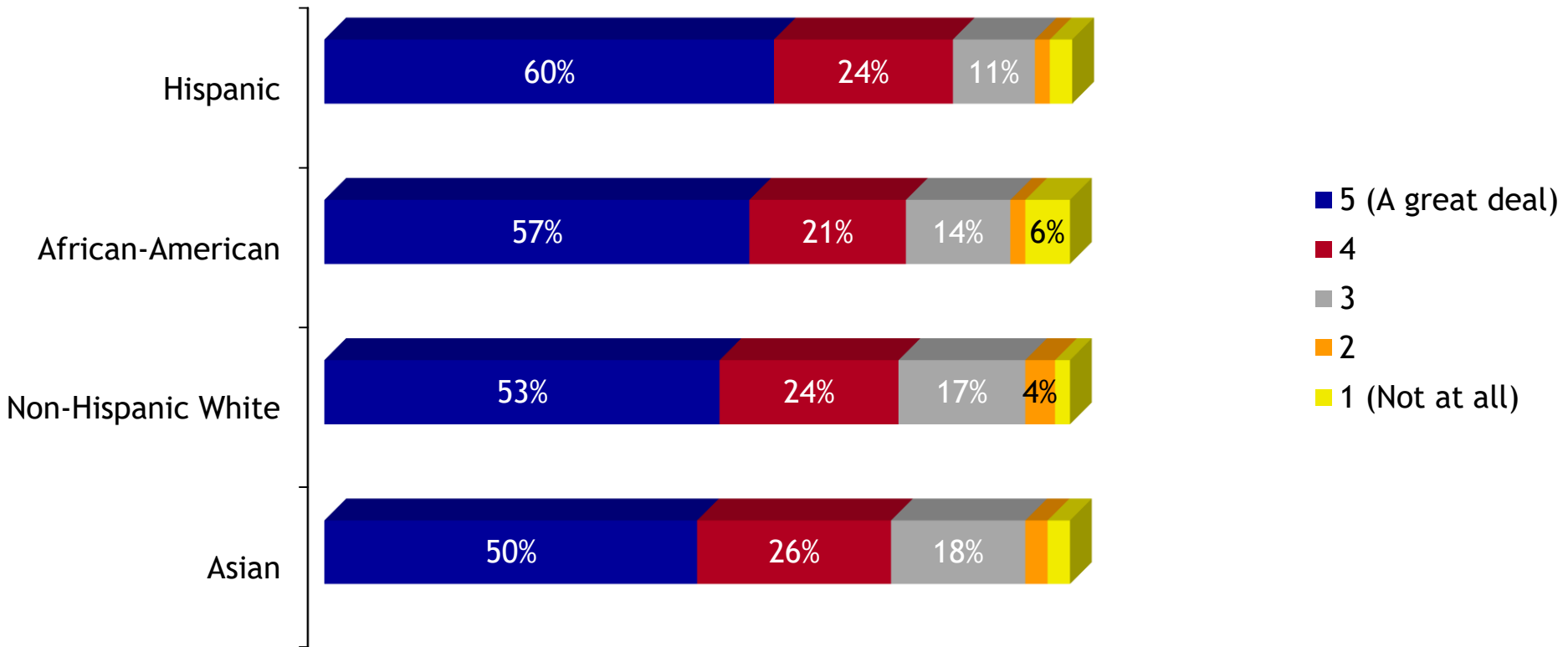
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Depression



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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Violence

How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Violence

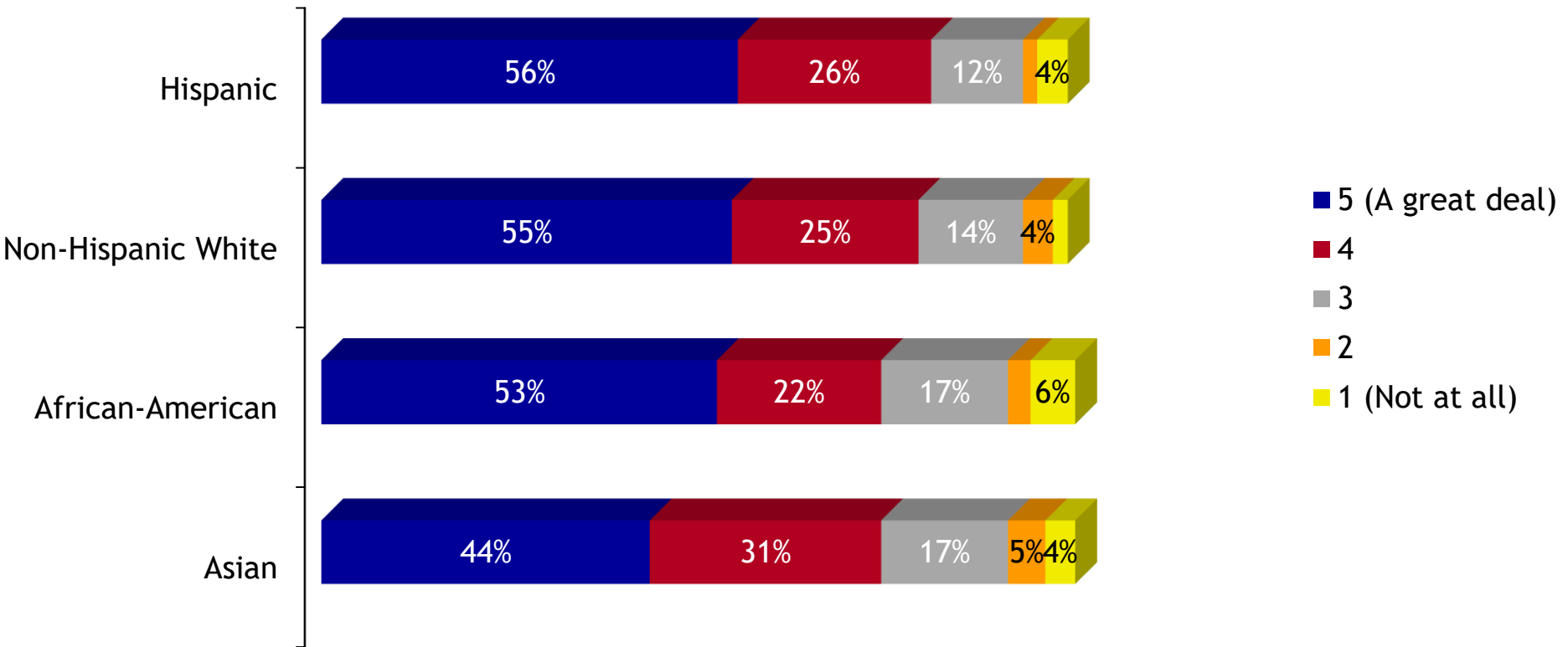


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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Substance Abuse

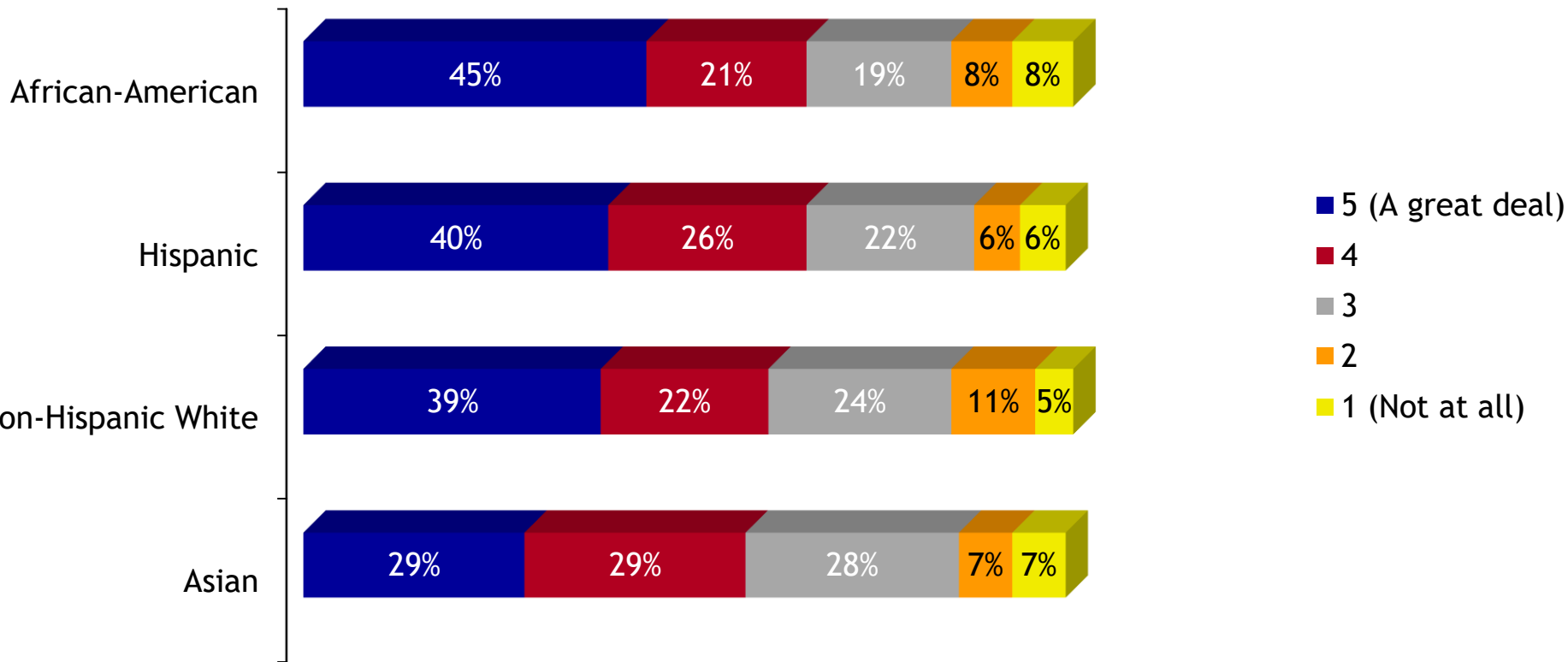
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Substance Abuse



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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Obesity/Eating Disorders

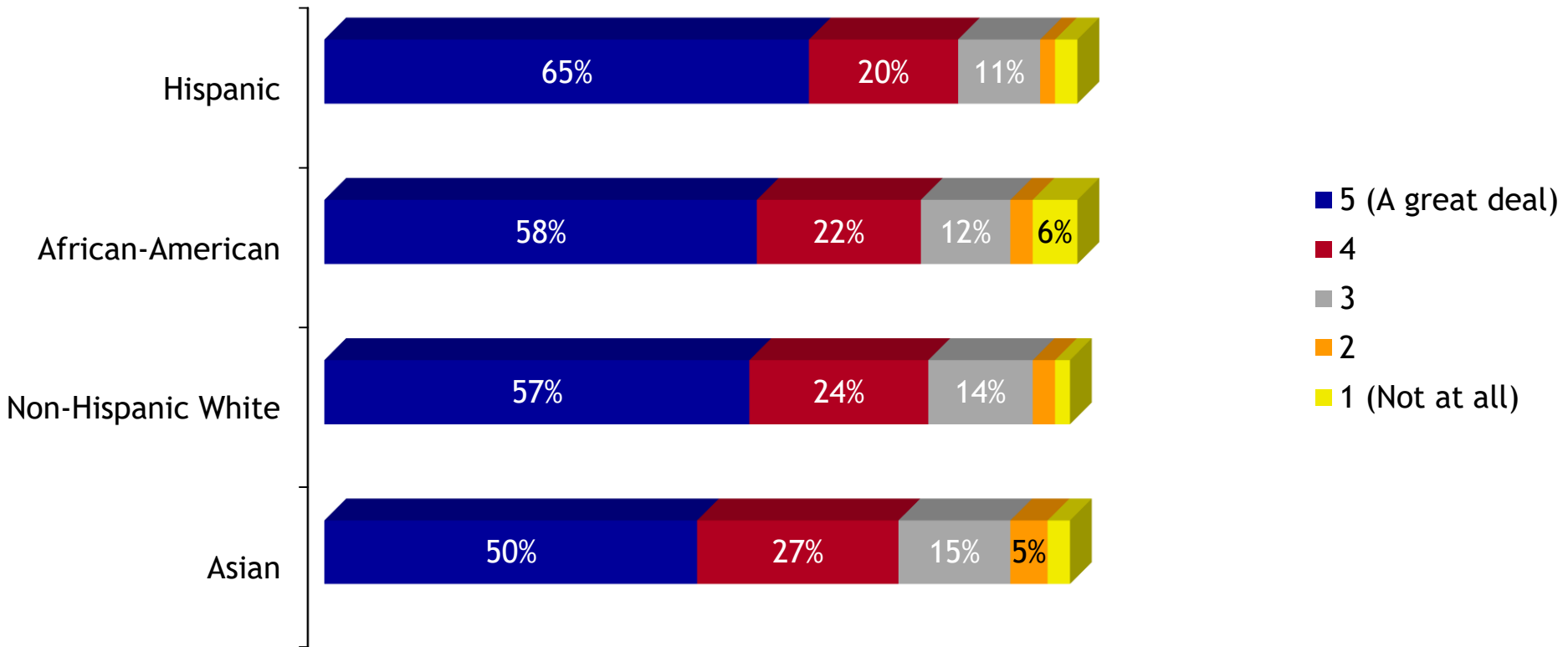
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Obesity/Eating Disorders



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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Problems at School

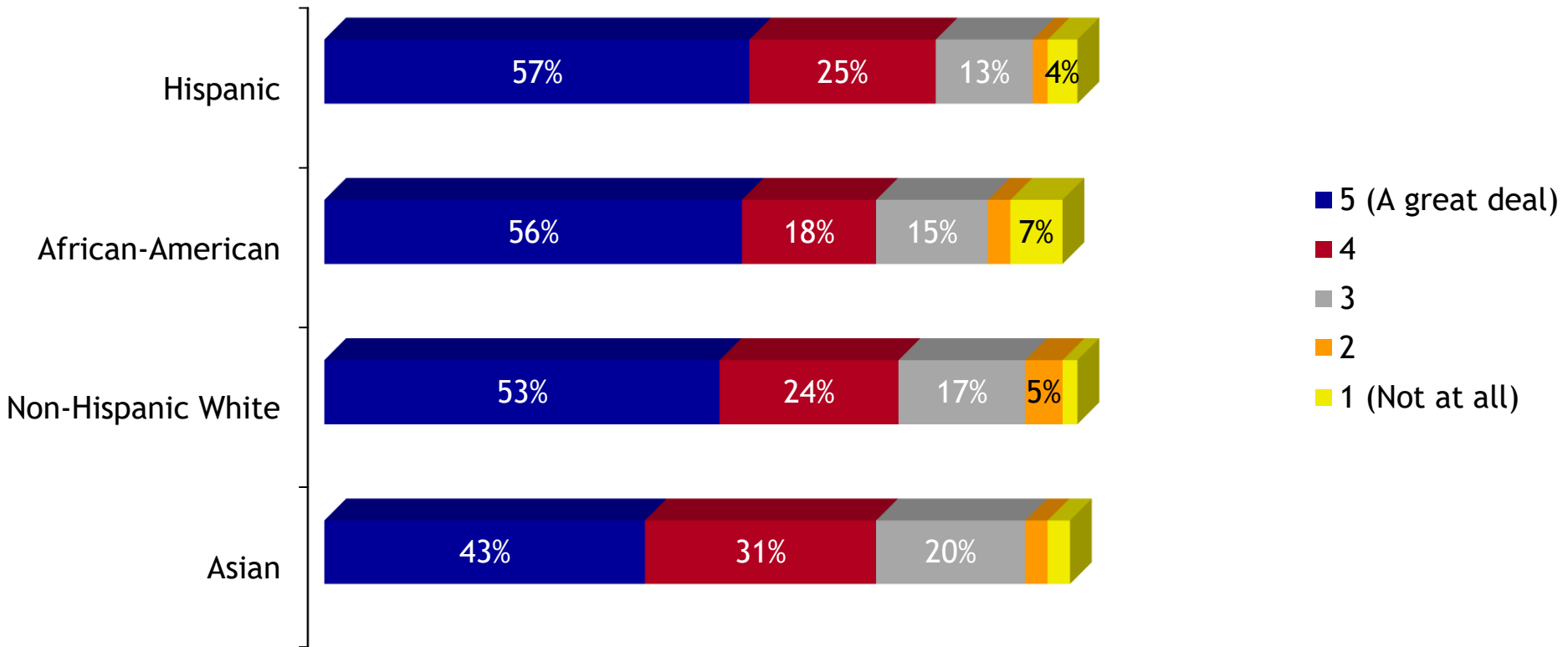
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# Child Abuse and Neglect Contribute to Suicide

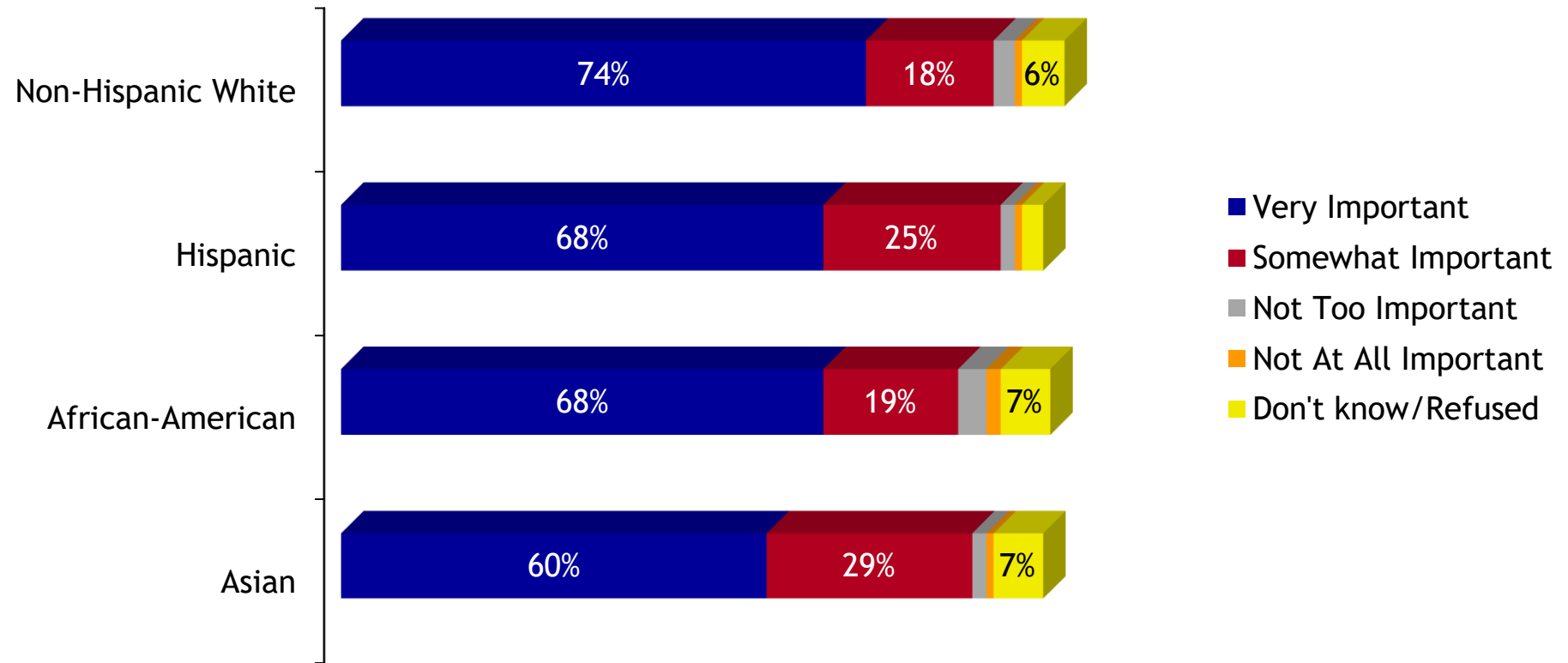
How do you think child abuse and neglect contributes to the following from 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not at all' and 5 being 'a great deal' - Suicide/Suicidality



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# Important for Systems to Share Data on Child Abuse

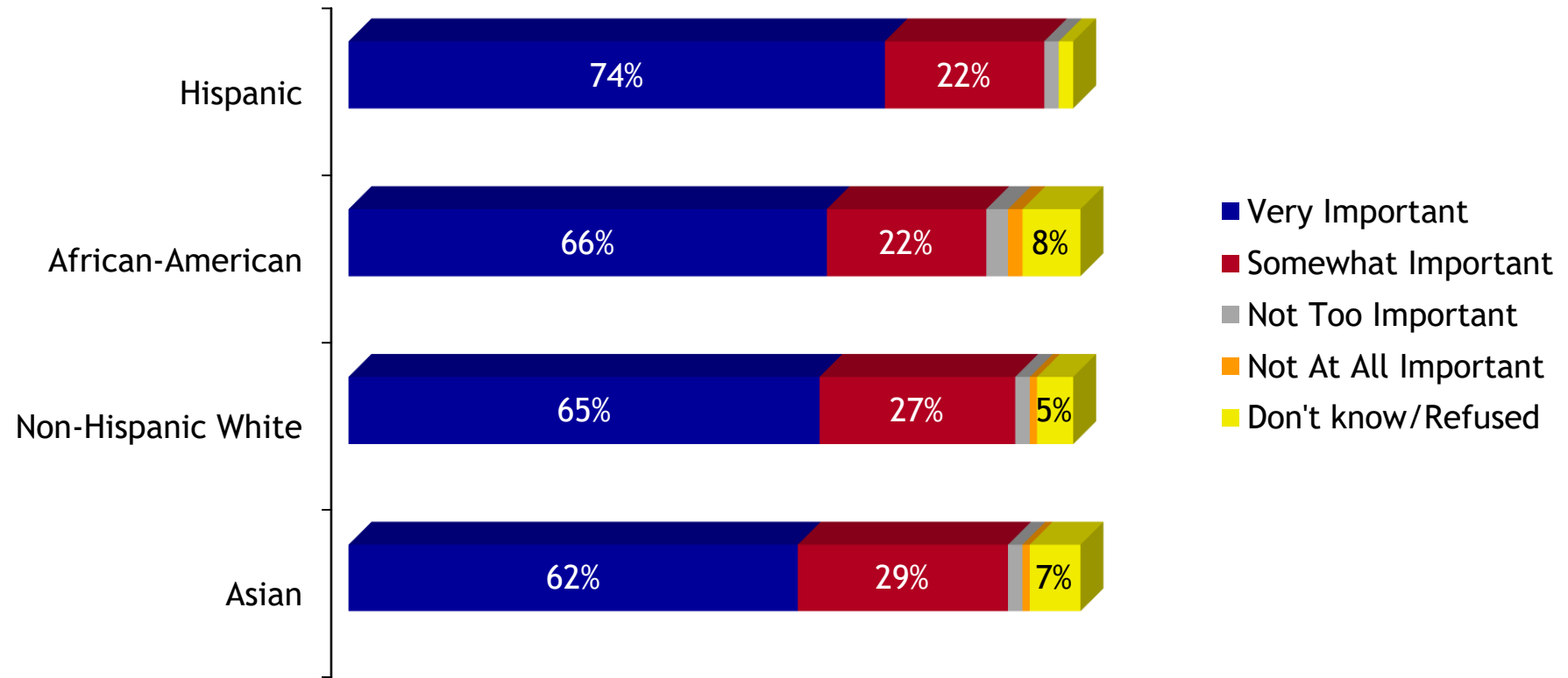
How important is it for national and local systems to share data such as reports of child abuse and neglect?



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# Early Education and Family Support Services Important to Reduce Child Abuse

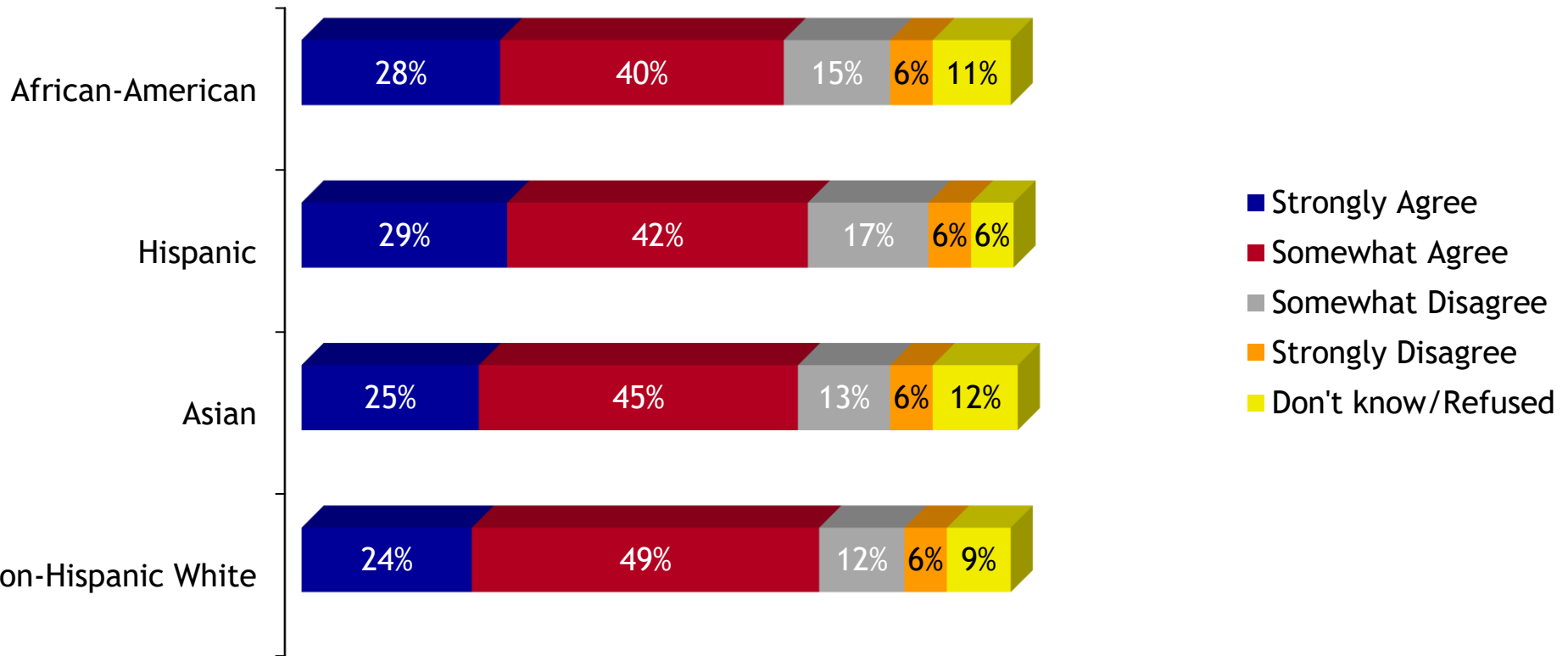
How important is early education and family support services to decrease the likelihood of child abuse and neglect?



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# Strong Majority Agree People Who are Abused Likely to Abuse their Children

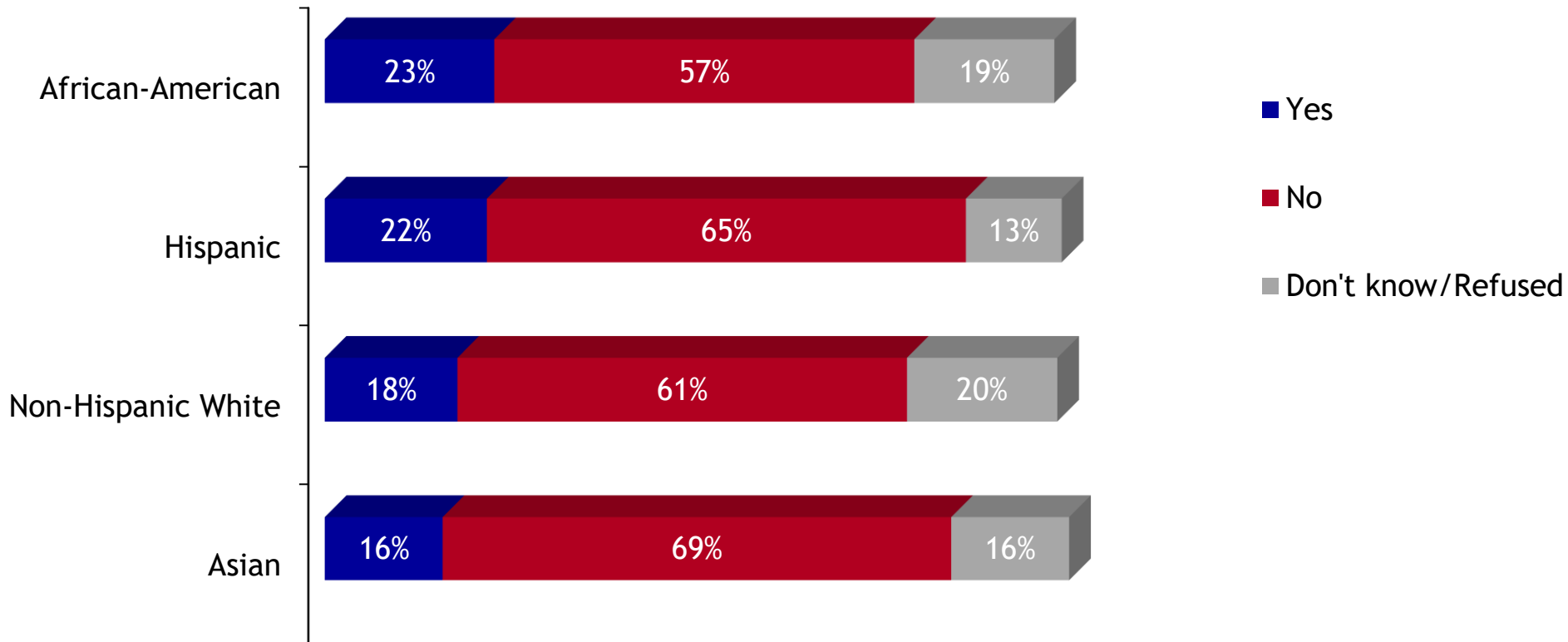
Do you agree or disagree that people who are abused or neglected are likely to abuse or neglect their own children?



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# Majority Do Not Believe Physical Punishment Needed to Raise Children

Do you believe that in order to bring up, raise, or educate a child properly, the child needs to be physically punished?



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