



LESSONS OF KATRINA:

AMERICA'S MAJOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS FIND COMMON GROUND AFTER THE STORM

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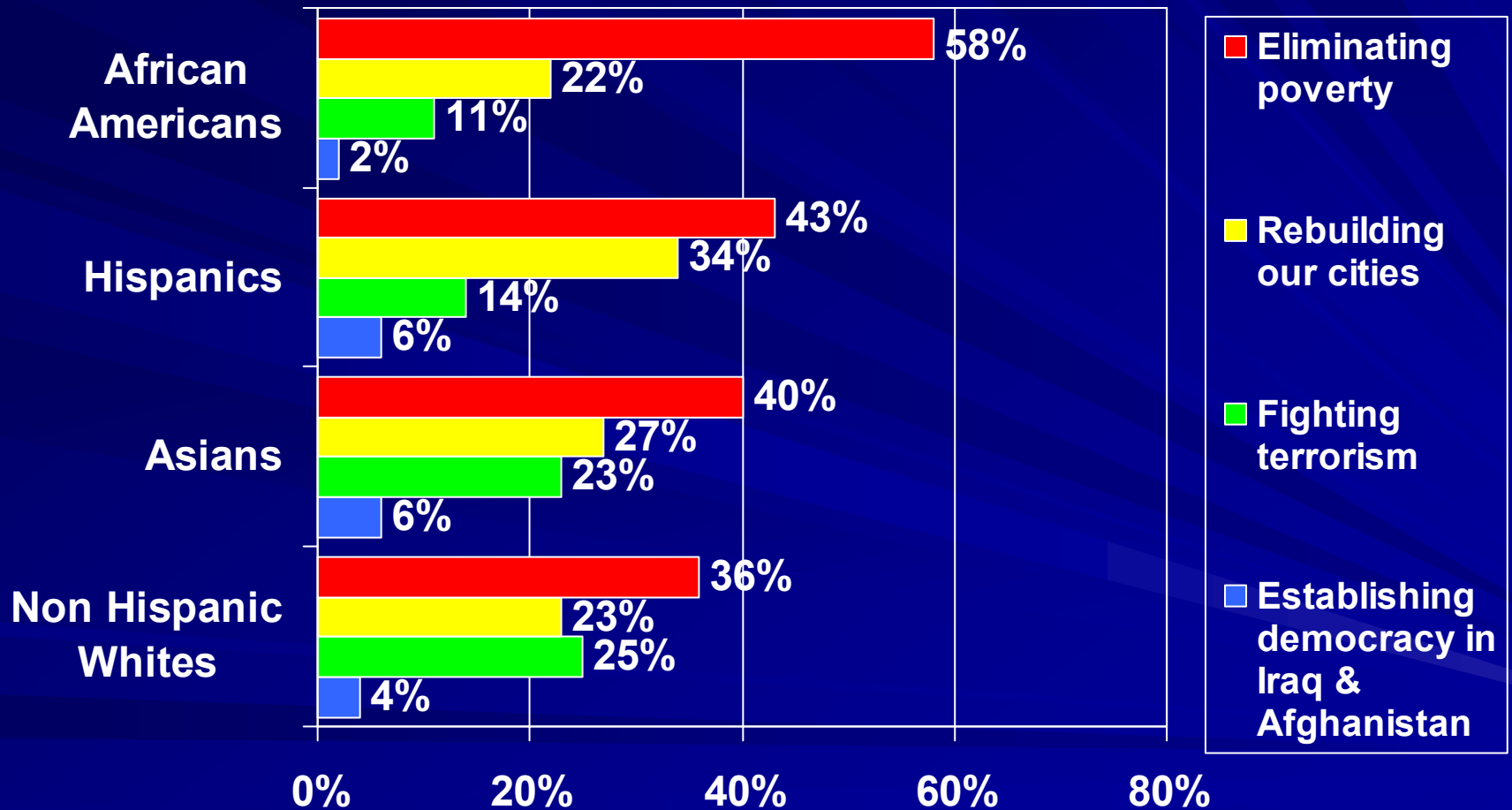


Methodology

Sample size	1,035 total interviews 258 Non Hispanic Whites, 268 Hispanics, 259 African Americans, 250 Asians
Margin of error	6 percentage points for each racial and ethnic subgroup
Dates of Interviews	October 14-21, 2005
Languages of Interviews	Spanish, English, Vietnamese, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese

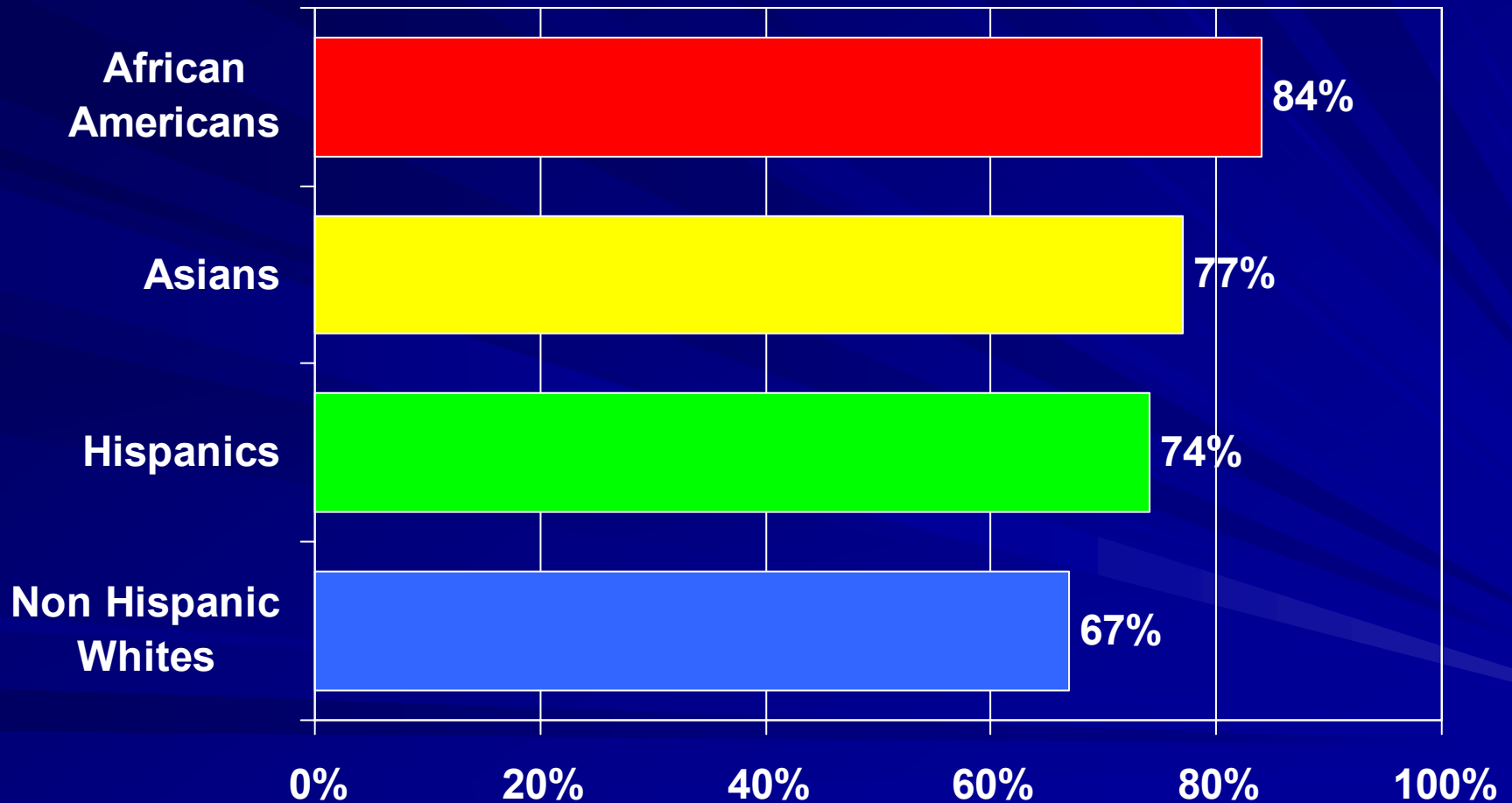
Poverty

What do you think should be the most important priority for the U.S.?

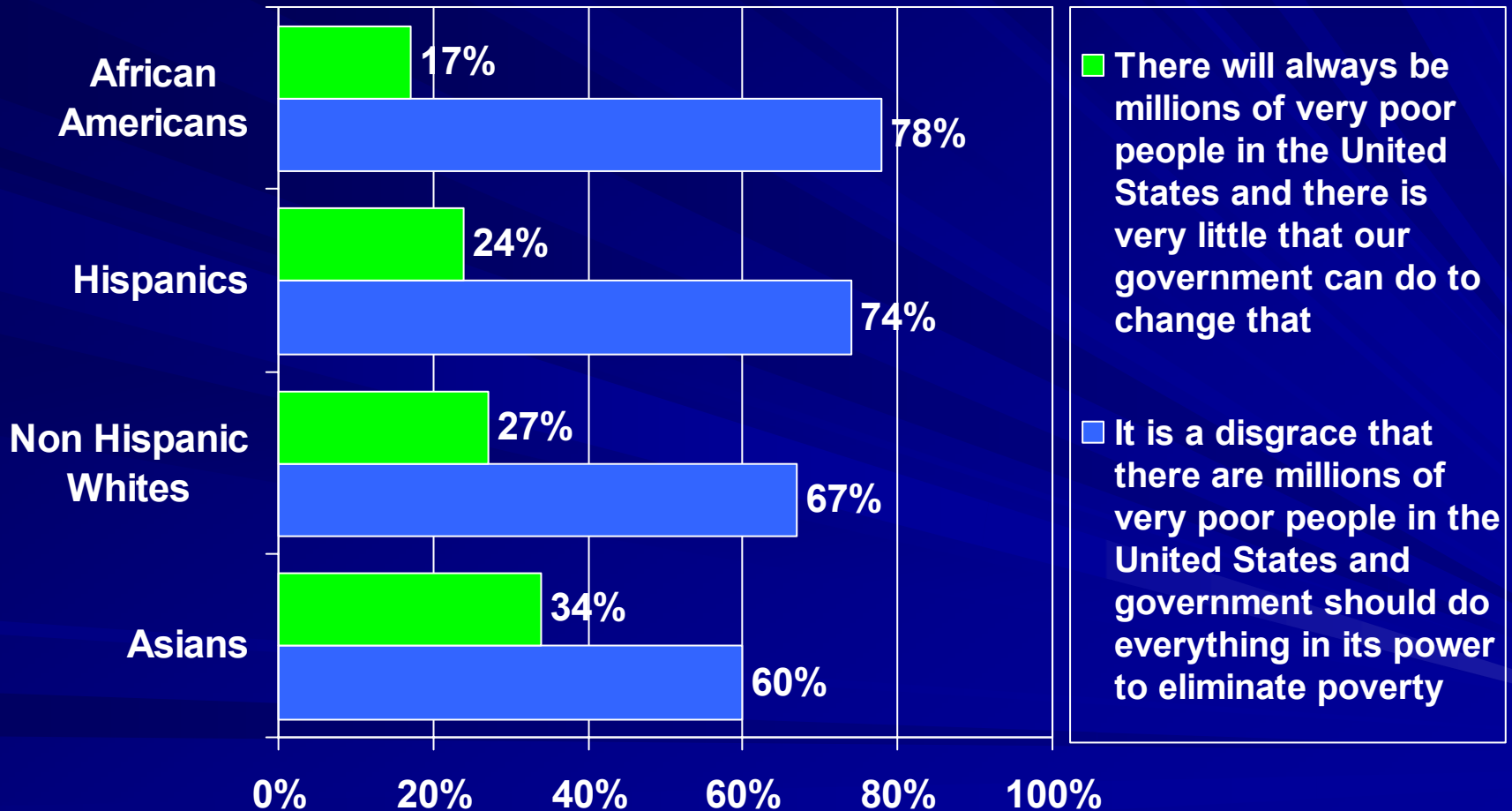


Life is a lot more difficult for poor people in the United States than I ever imagined.

“Agree” answers

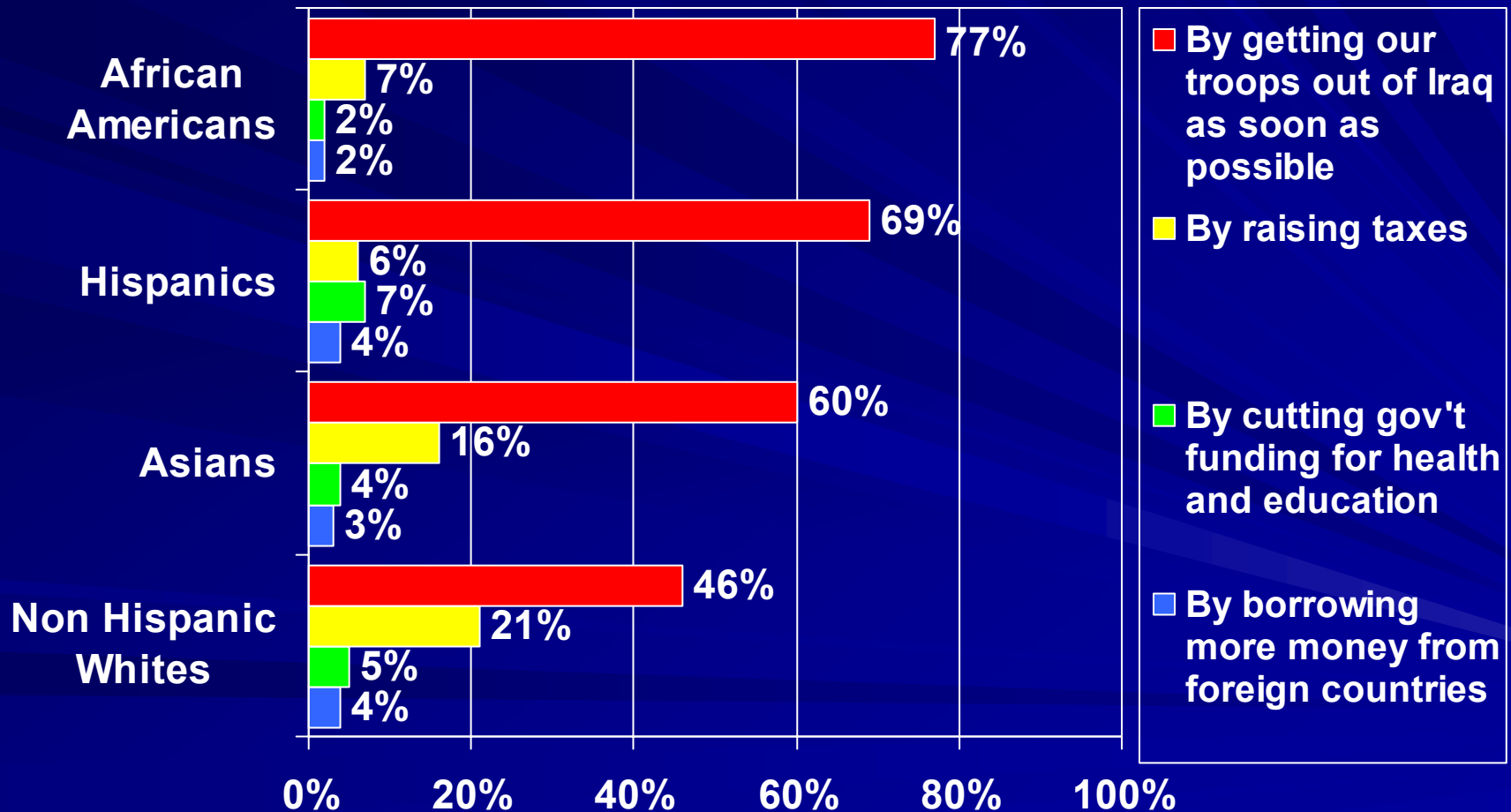


Which statement is closer to your opinion?



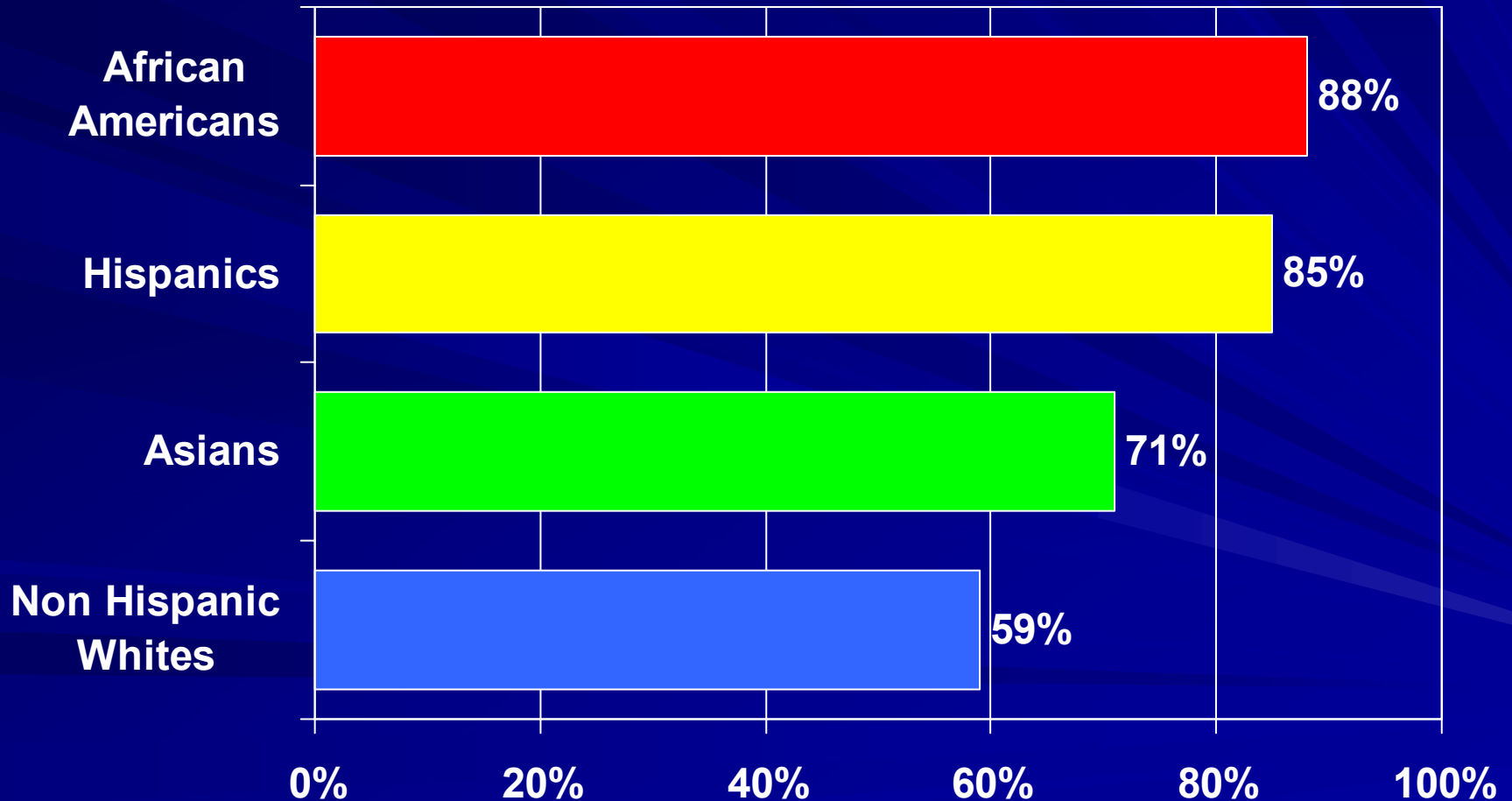
Reconstruction

How should the government finance its share of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort?



We need to stop spending so much money and resources in Iraq & Afghanistan so that we can afford to take care of people in the U.S.

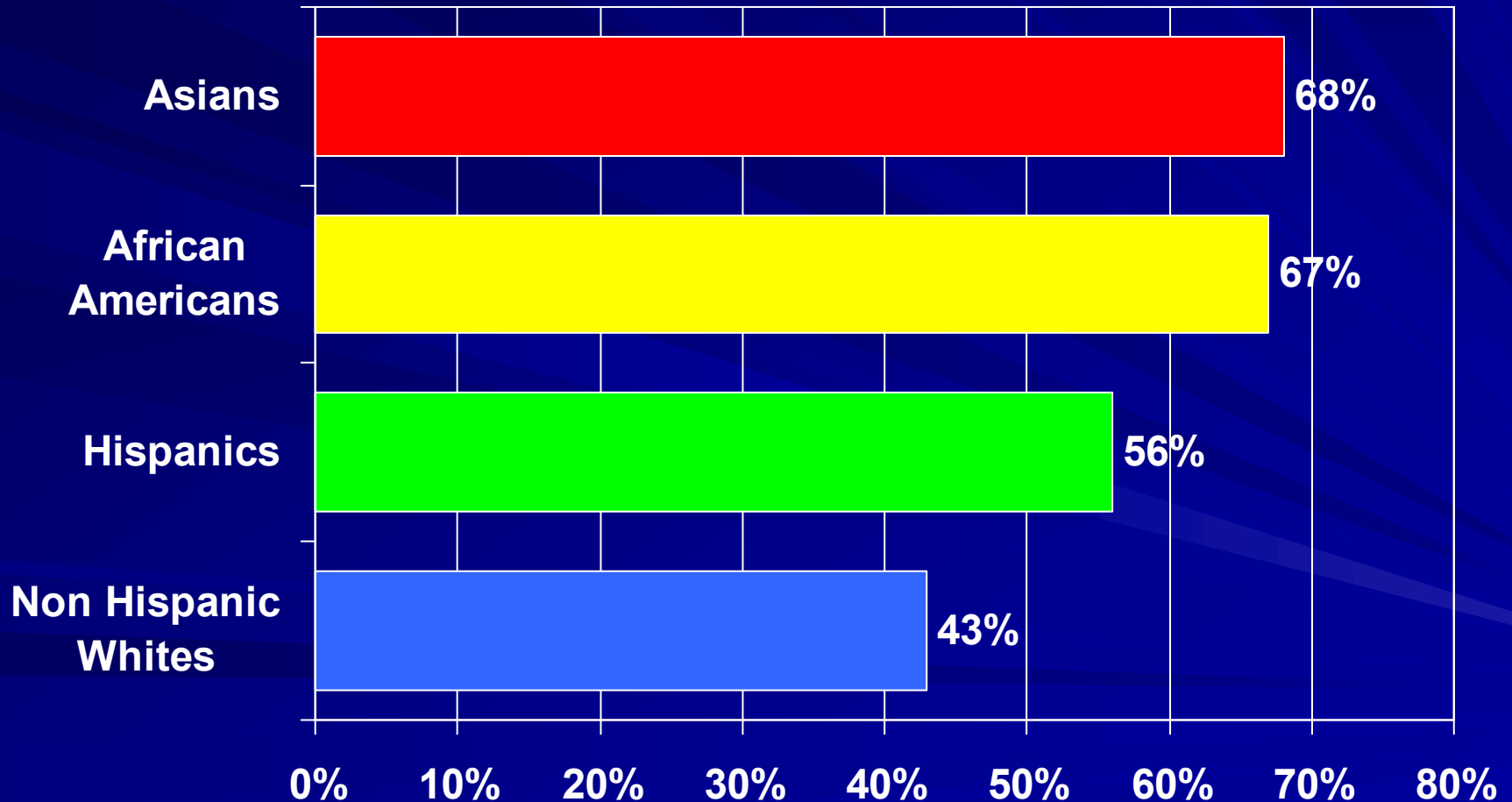
“Agree” answers



Environment

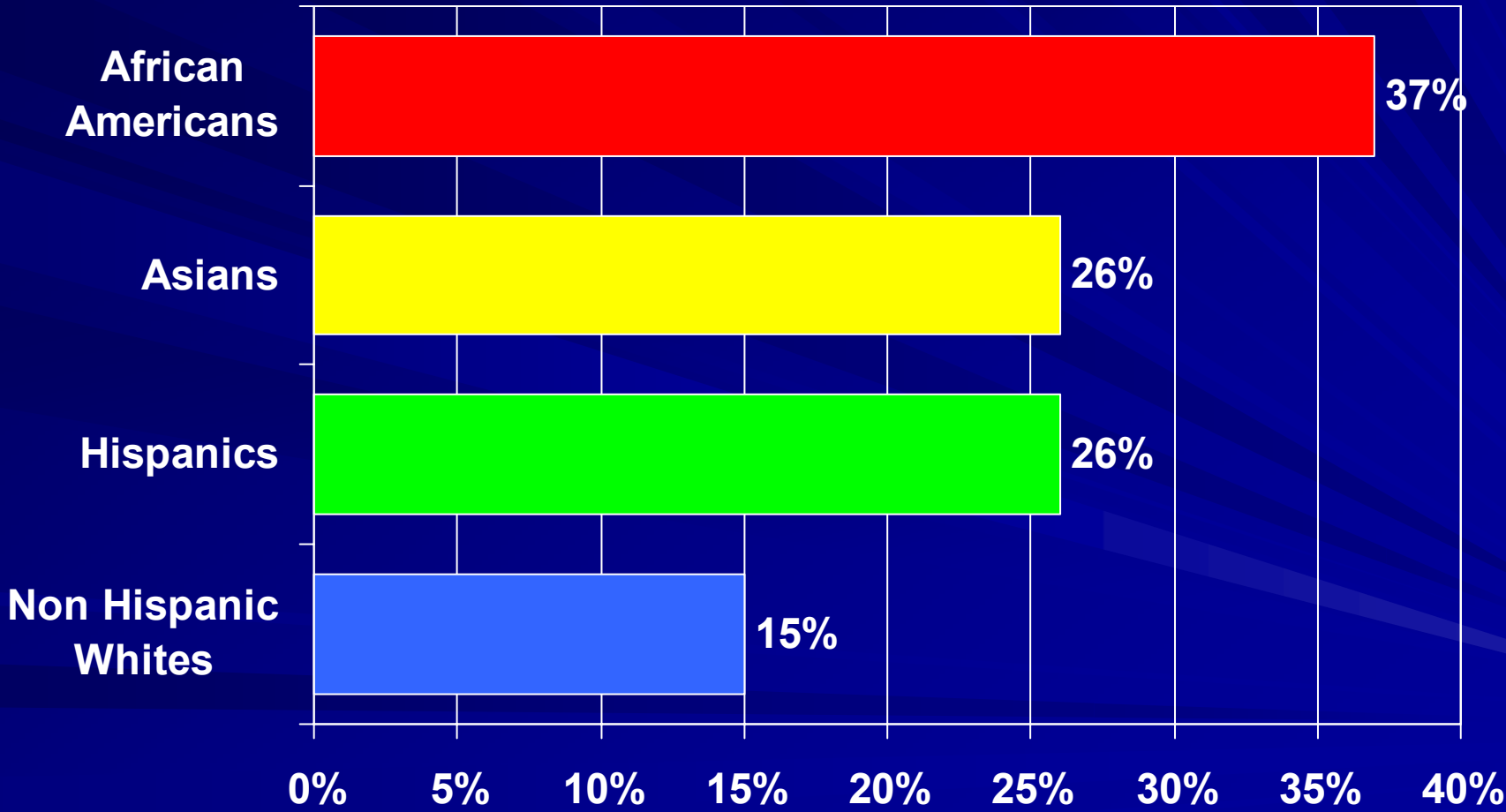
Global warming and weak environmental protection policies have resulted in an increase in the number and power of hurricanes.

“Agree” answers



Hurricane Katrina was an Act of God meant to warn and punish the United States.

“Agree” answers



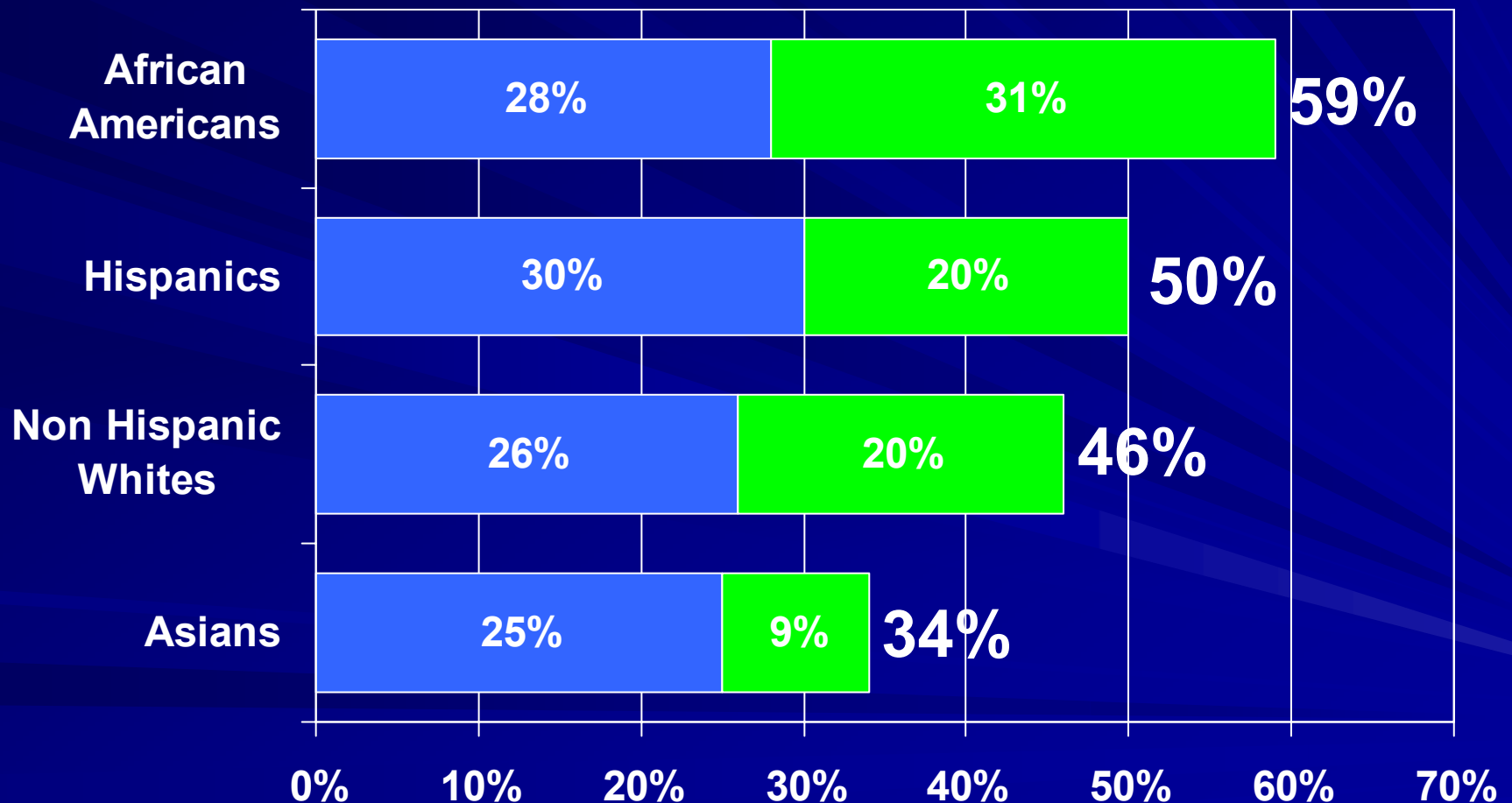
Government

If your community was impacted by a natural disaster similar to Hurricane Katrina whom do you think you could count on the most to help your family?

	<i>African Americans</i>	<i>Non Hispanic Whites</i>	<i>Hispanics</i>	<i>Asians</i>
Families and friends	31%	32%	23%	22%
Red Cross & Salvation Army	28%	24%	32%	25%
Religious / church / community groups	22%	18%	14%	16%
Subtotal	81%	74%	69%	63%
State / local governments	6%	7%	10%	17%
FEMA	6%	5%	7%	8%
U.S. Armed Forces	5%	7%	11%	9%
Subtotal	17%	19%	28%	34%

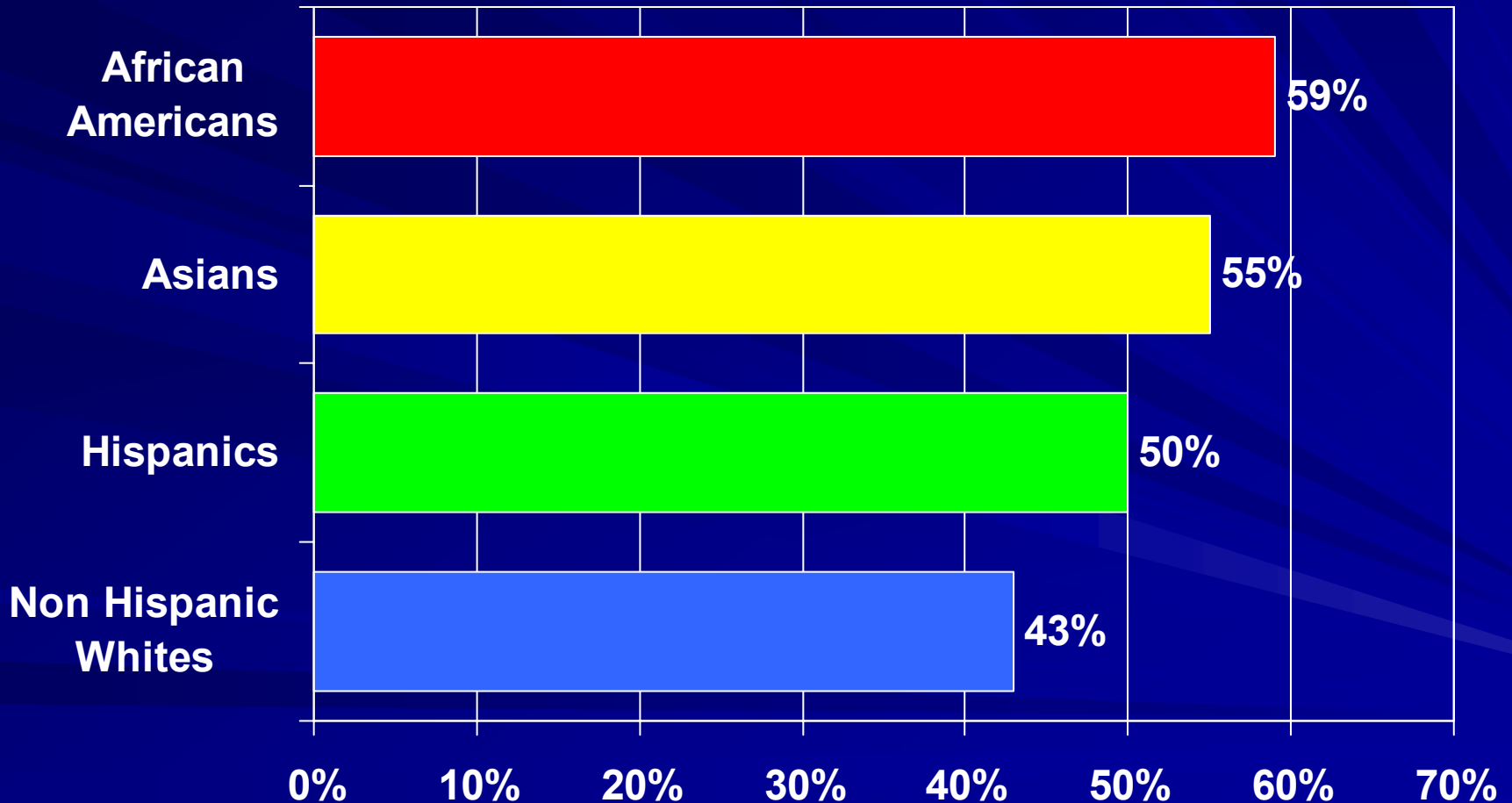
How confident are you that the United States is well prepared for a major terrorist attack?

“Not confident / Not confident at all” answers



I cannot rely on the American system and its institutions to protect my family in a crisis.

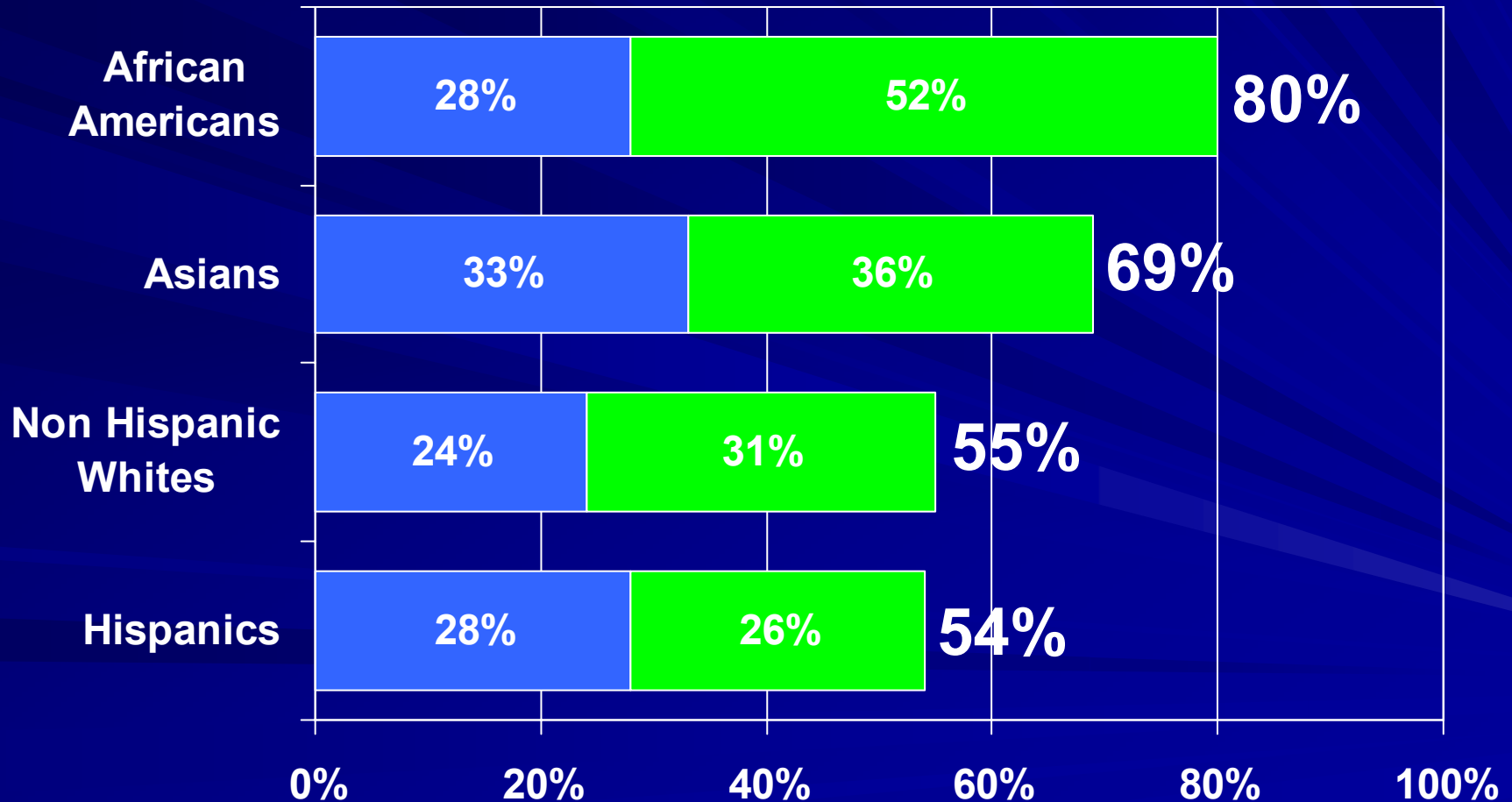
“Agree” answers



President George W. Bush

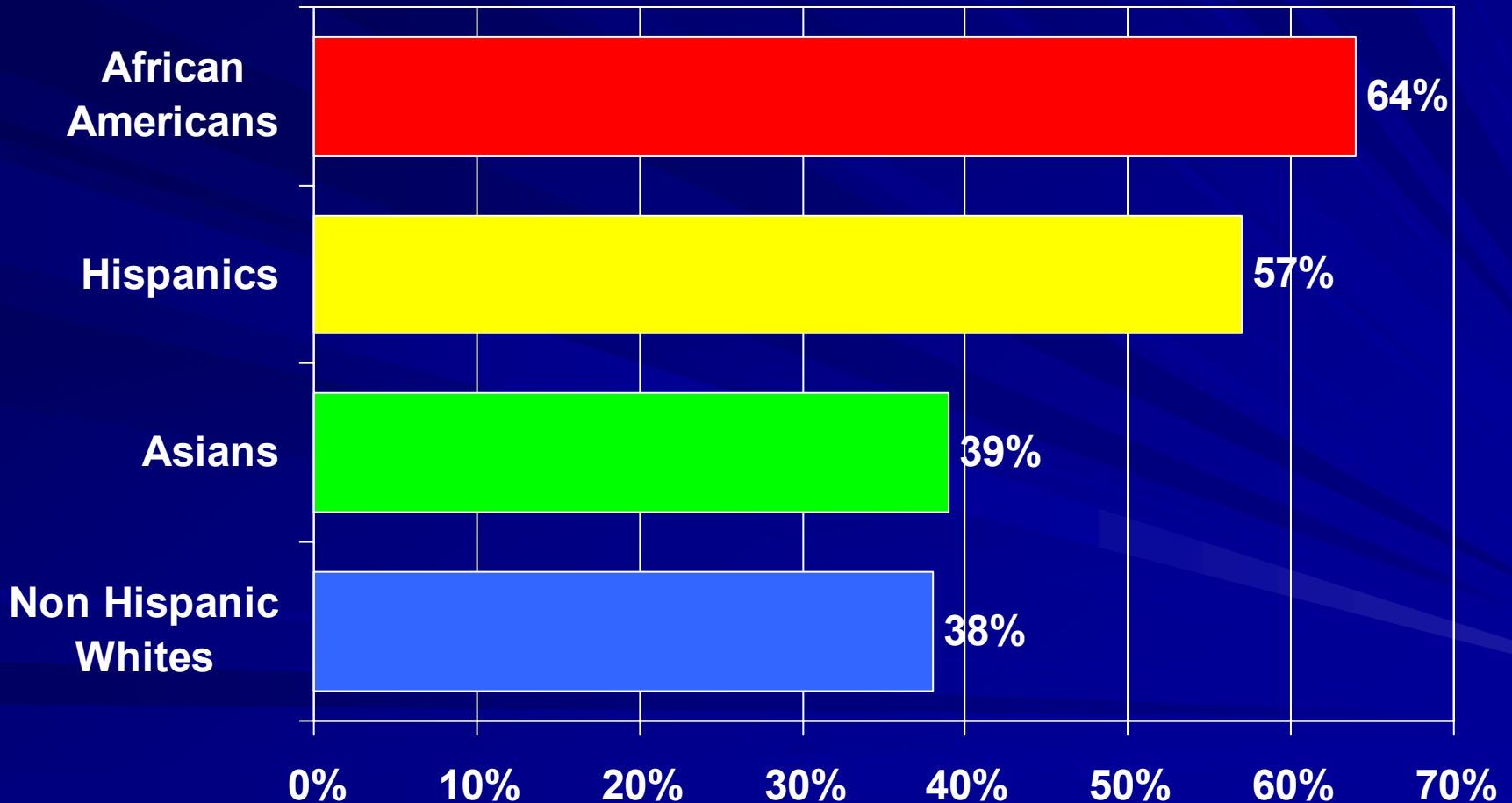
How would you generally rate the job that President George W. Bush has done on the Hurricane Katrina crisis?

“Mediocre / Poor” answers



I am very angry with President Bush for the way he handled the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

“Agree” answers



Relief Effort

Who do you think has done a better job of helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina?

	<i>Non Hispanic Whites</i>	<i>African Americans</i>	<i>Hispanics</i>	<i>Asians</i>
Red Cross & Salvation Army	51%	49%	60%	47%
Religious / church / community groups	22%	23%	14%	18%
Government	12%	6%	14%	18%
Family / friends of the victims	7%	12%	6%	5%

Have you personally contributed money to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort?

“Yes” answers

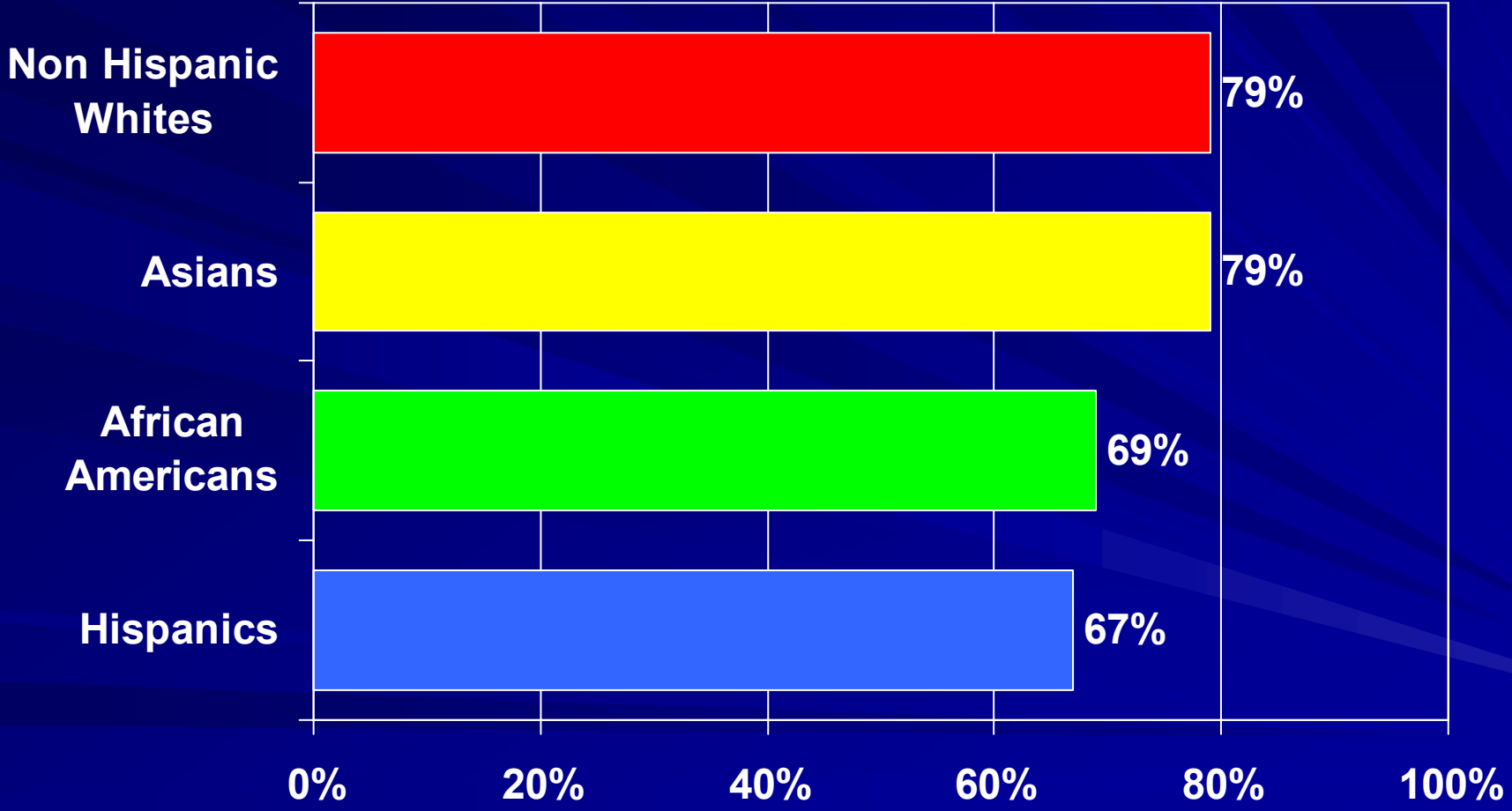
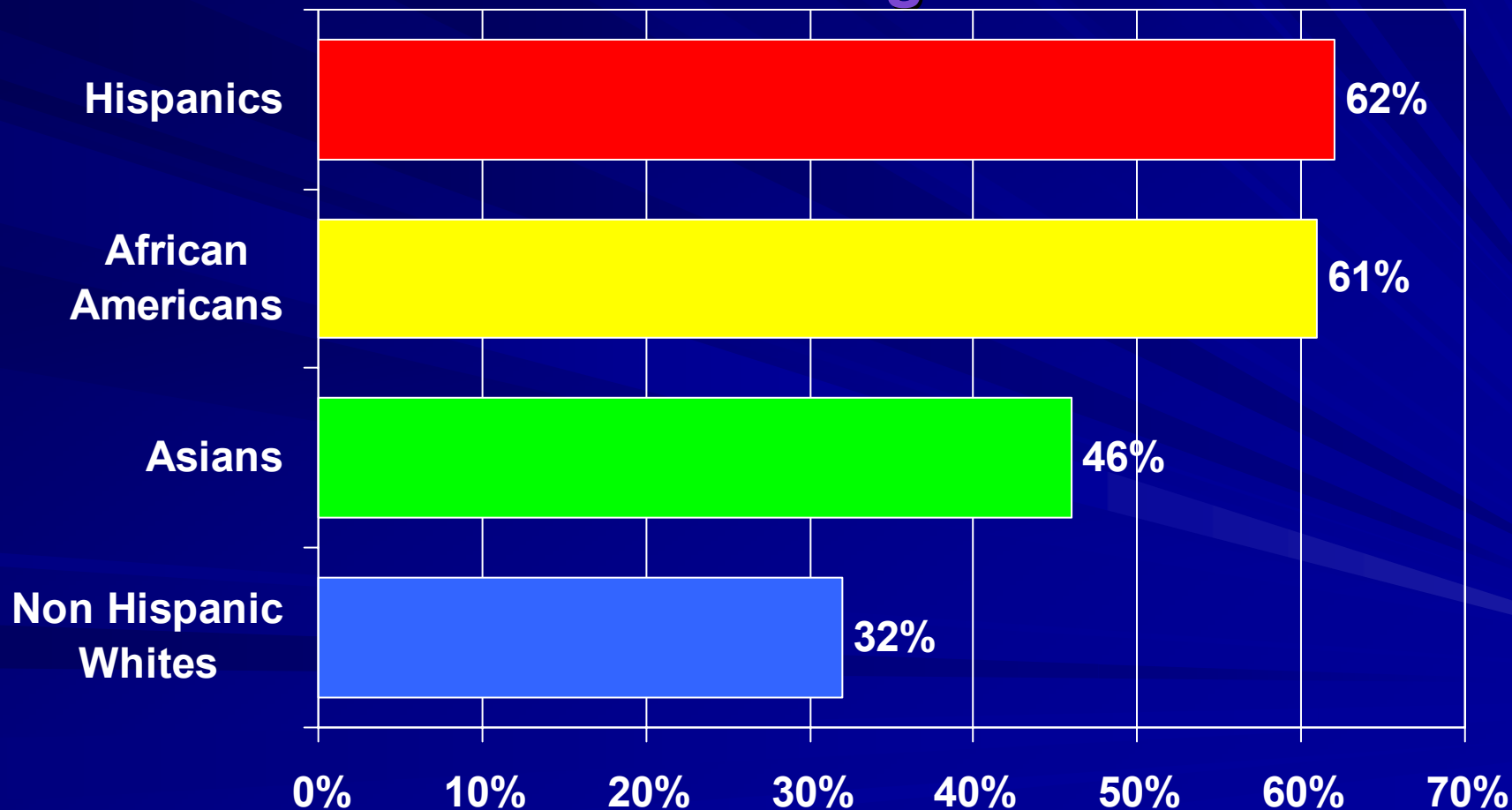


Image of the United States

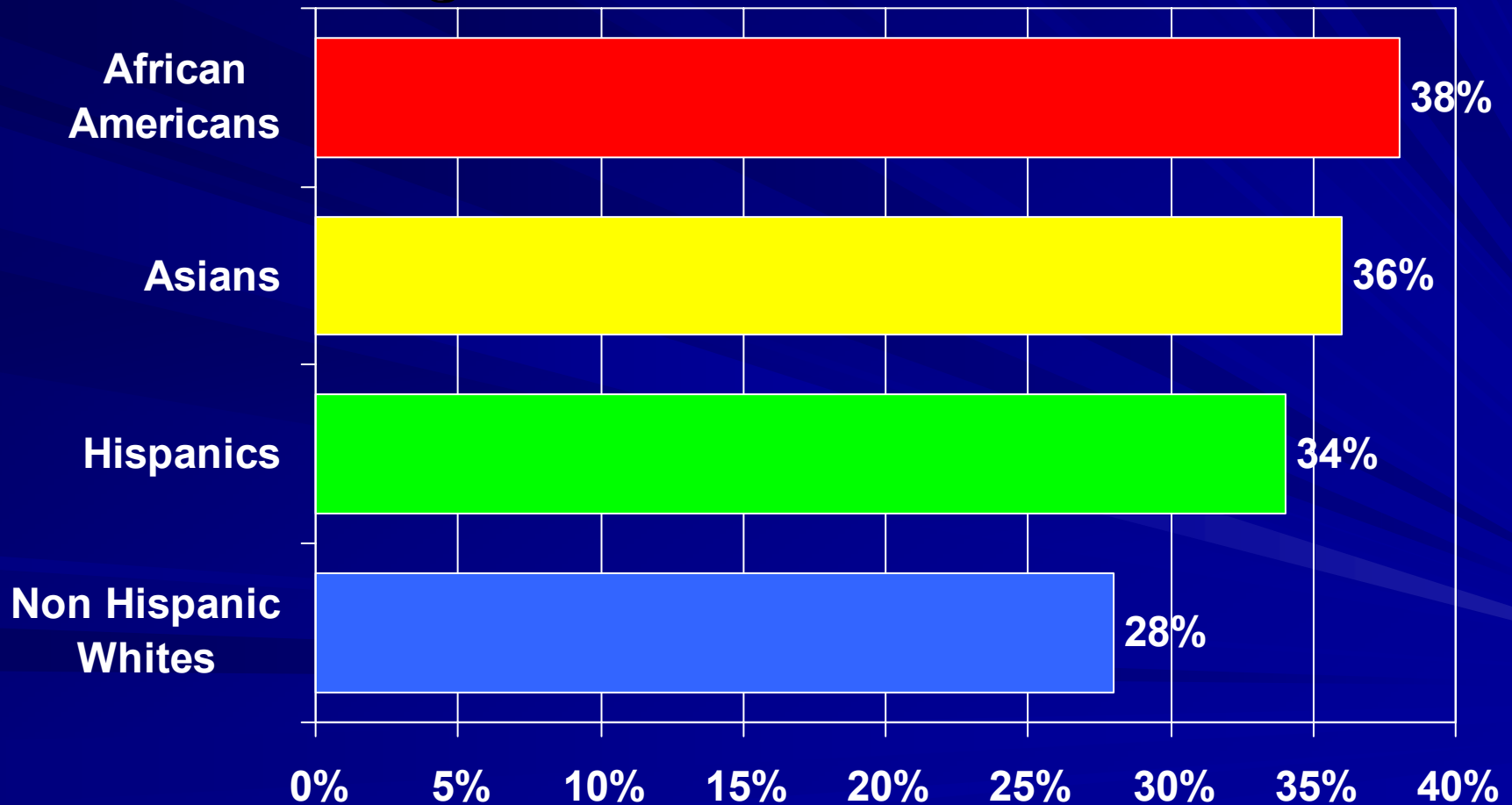
Level of damage that the image of the United States has suffered internationally because of Hurricane Katrina

“Substantial” damage answers

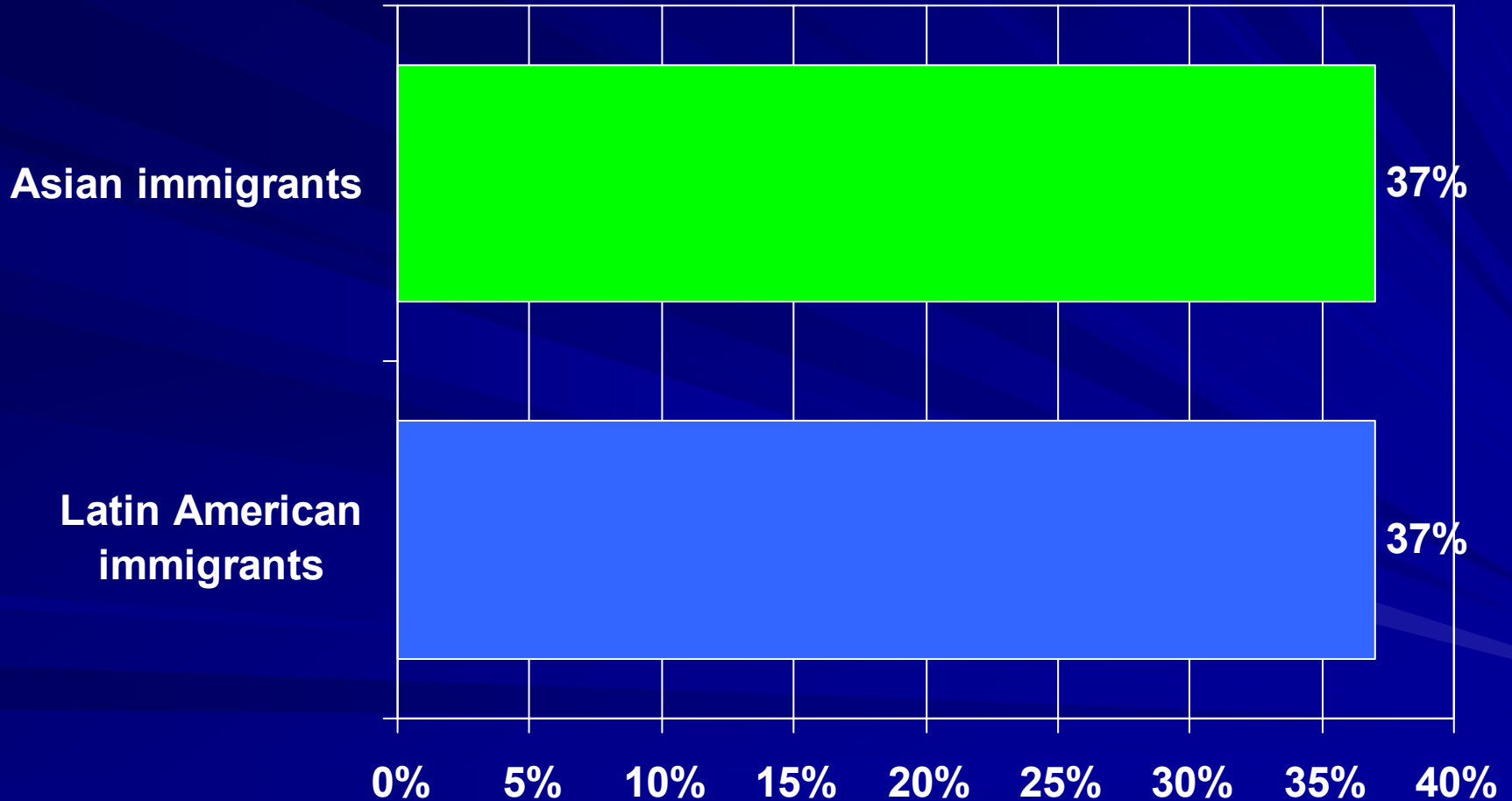


Would you say that Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath has changed your view of the United States?

“Changed for the worse” answers

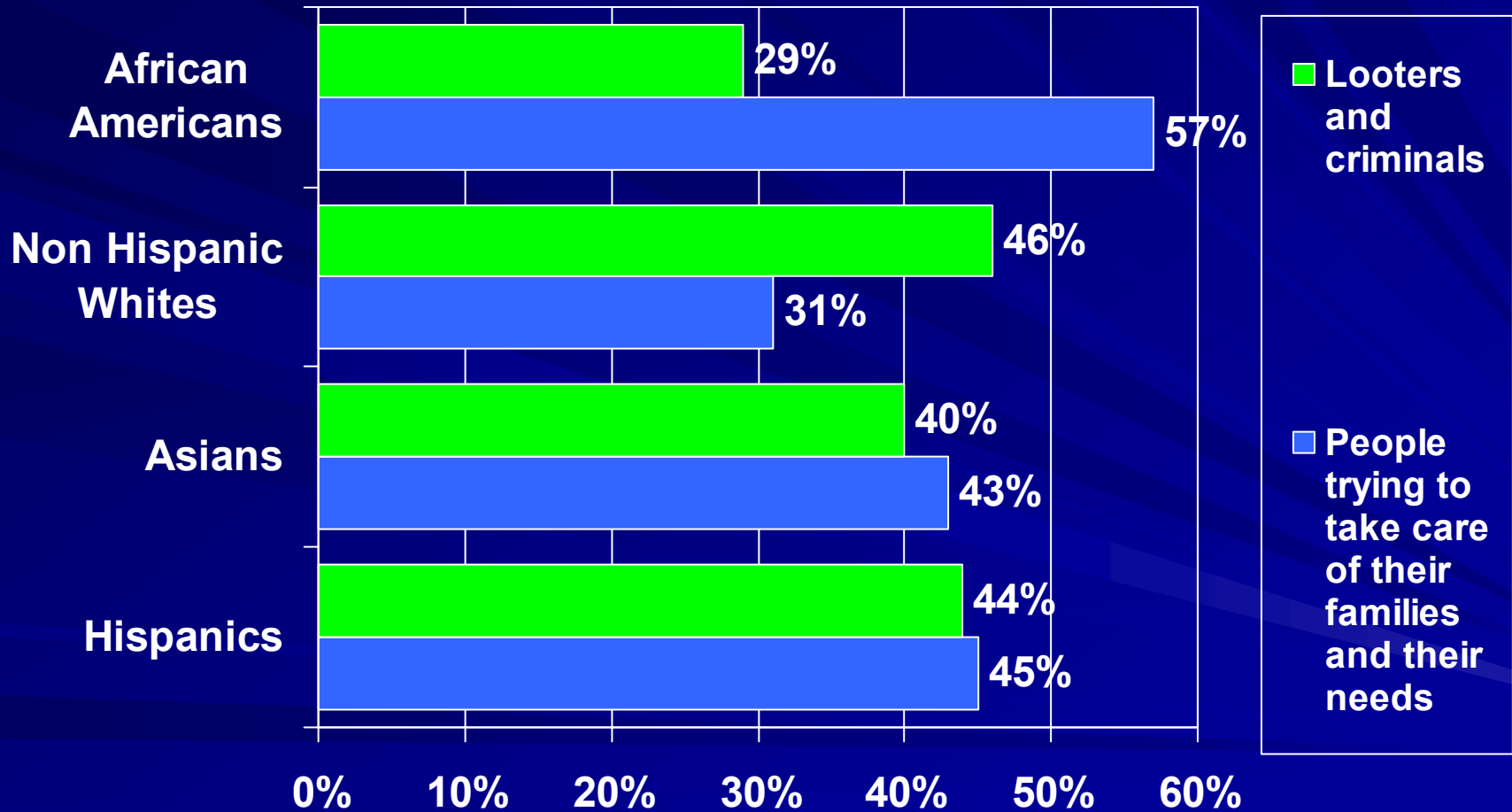


My country would have done a better job than the United States in its response to Hurricane Katrina.



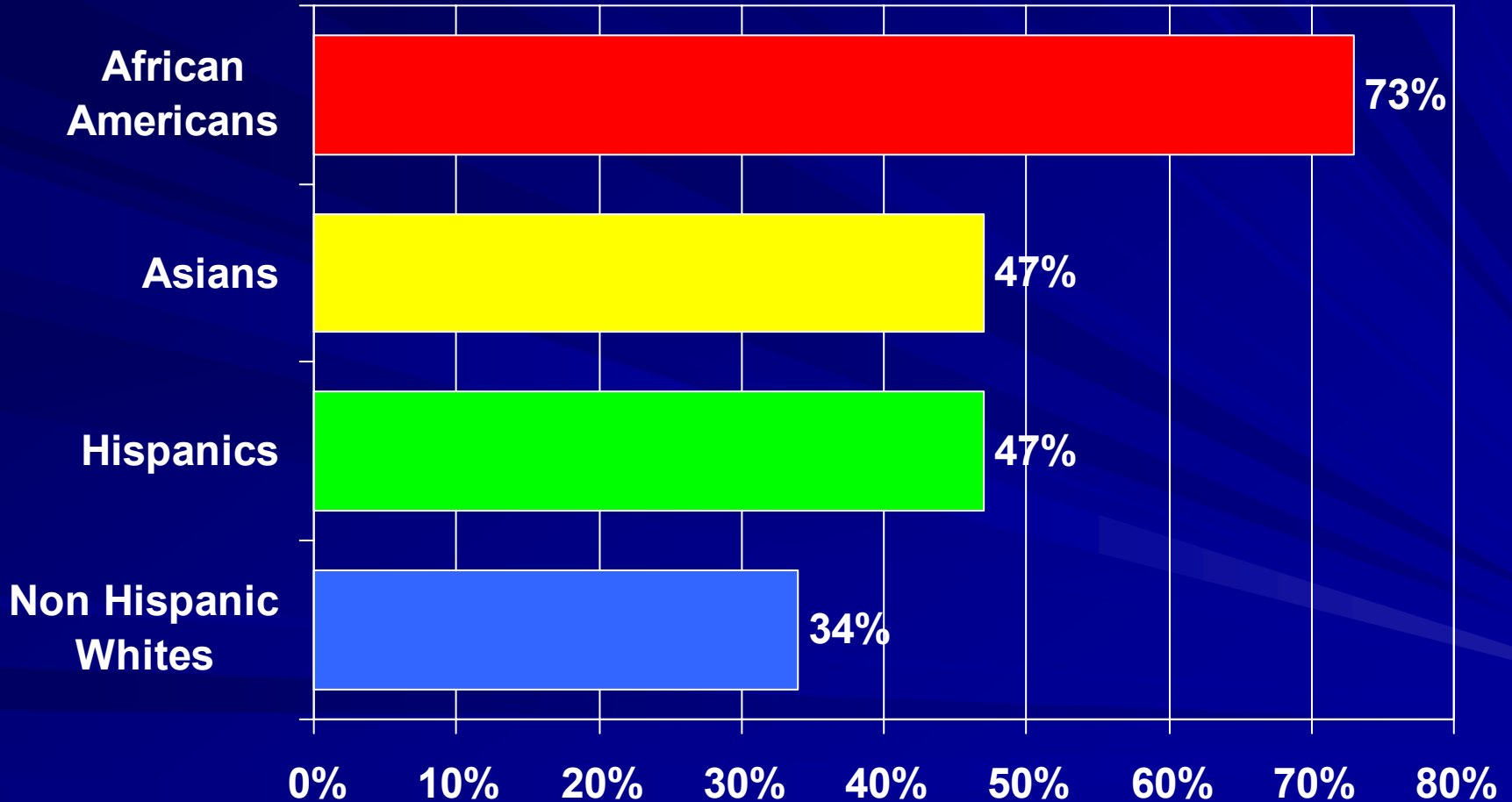
Race

Do you think they were looters and criminals or do you think they were people trying to take care of their families and their needs?

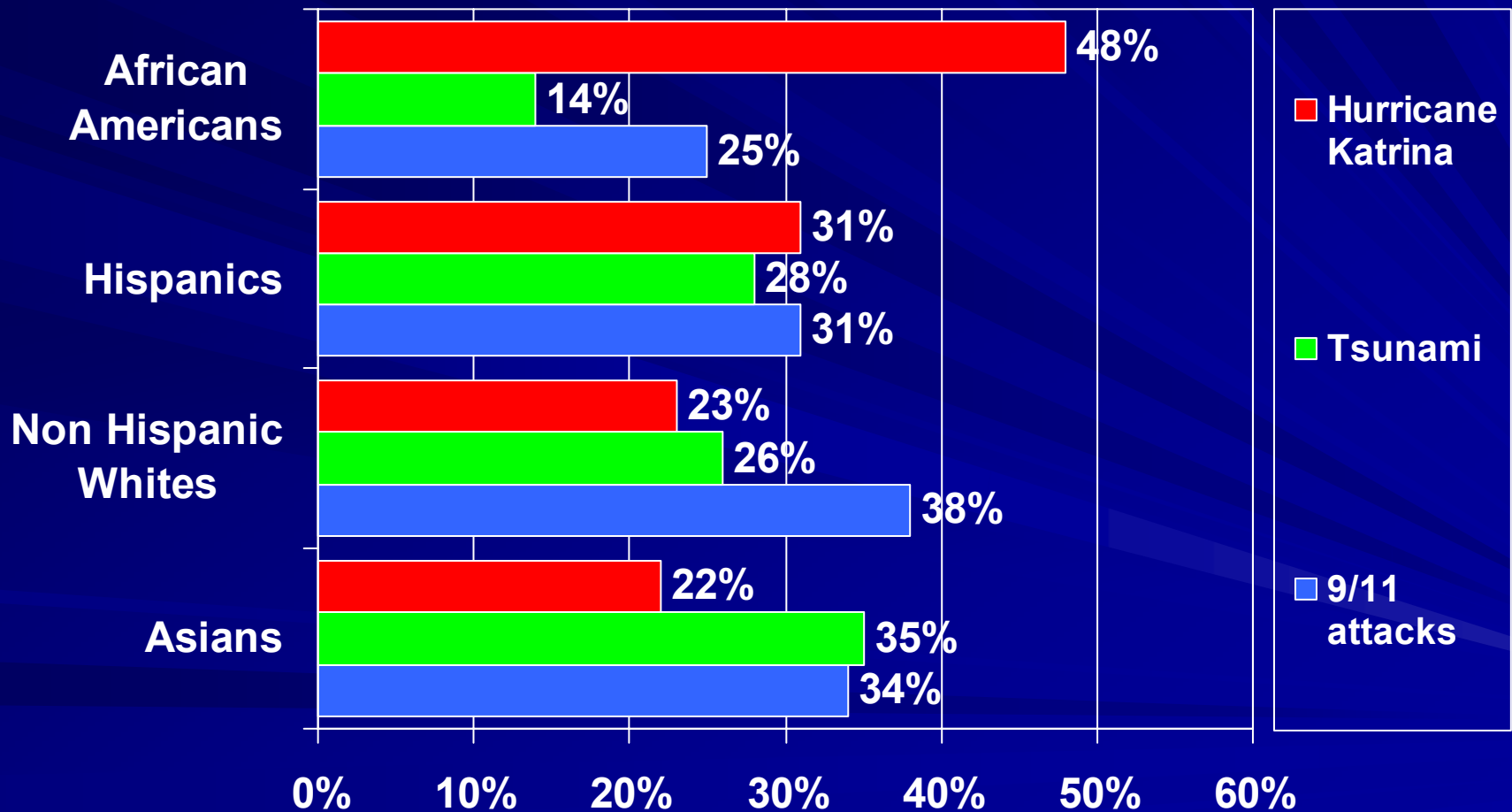


Life is a lot more difficult for African Americans in the United States than I ever imagined.

“Agree” answers



Which of the following was the greater disaster – Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami that struck Indonesia and other nations last December or the 9/11 terrorist attack on New York City and Washington D.C. in 2001?



Katrina Images

What is the image from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath in New Orleans that you think you will always remember?

	<i>African Americans</i>	<i>Hispanics</i>	<i>Asians</i>	<i>Non Hispanic Whites</i>
Dead bodies on the streets and in the flooded waters	32%	31%	30%	17%
Elderly and sick patients abandoned	23%	18%	21%	25%
Families stranded on the interstate for days	22%	8%	18%	19%
Victims waiting to be rescued on rooftops	10%	28%	22%	22%
Residents looting	2%	3%	4%	5%
People fleeing the Hurricane being denied entry into the wealthy New Orleans' suburb of Gretna	2%	5%	2%	2%

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