



# California Dreamers:

A public opinion portrait of the most diverse generation the nation has known

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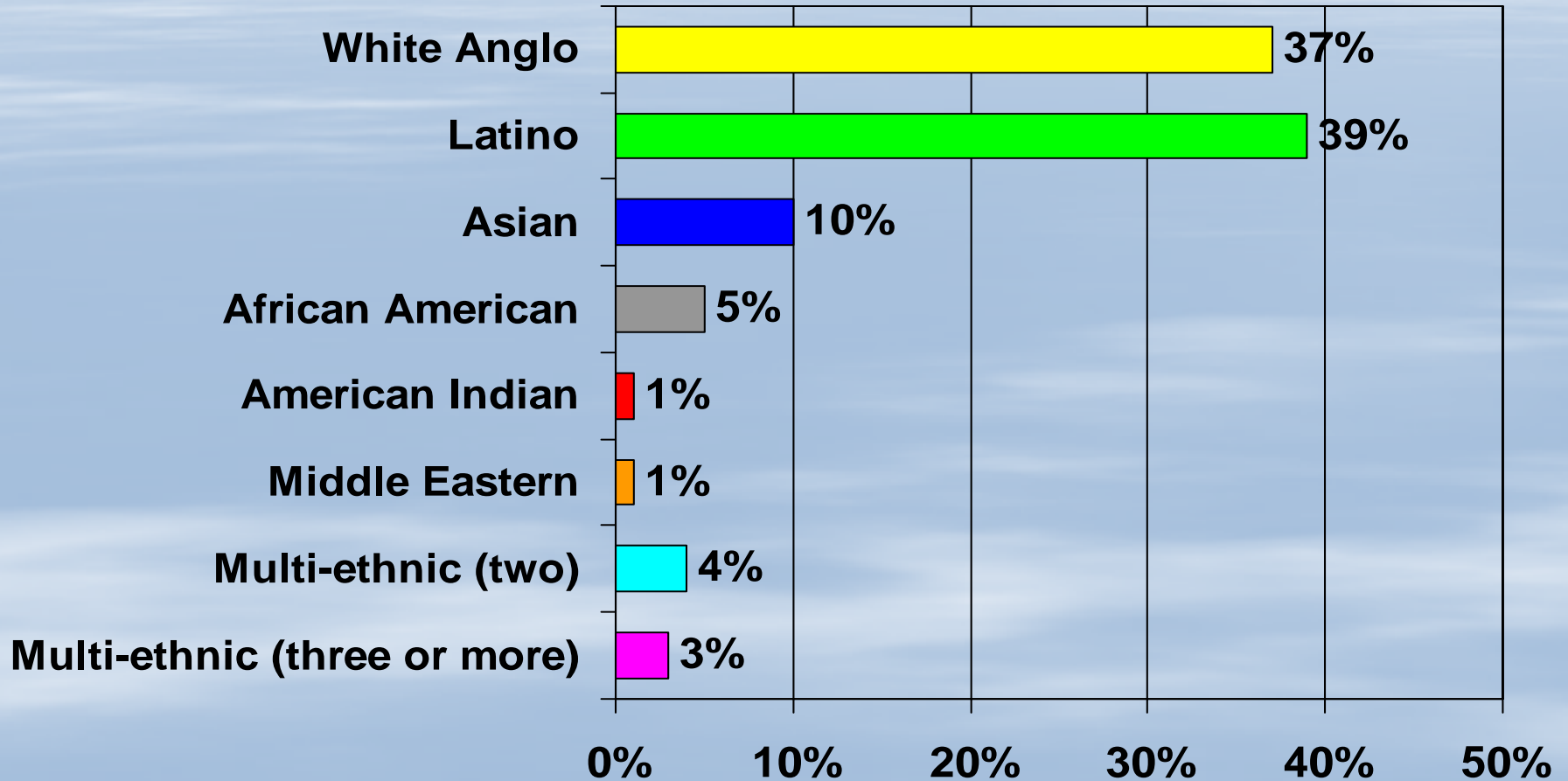
# Methodology

<b>Sample size</b>	601 cellular phone interviews with Californians between the ages of 16 and 22
<b>Dates of interviews</b>	October 6 – November 13, 2006
<b>Margin of error</b>	4 percentage points

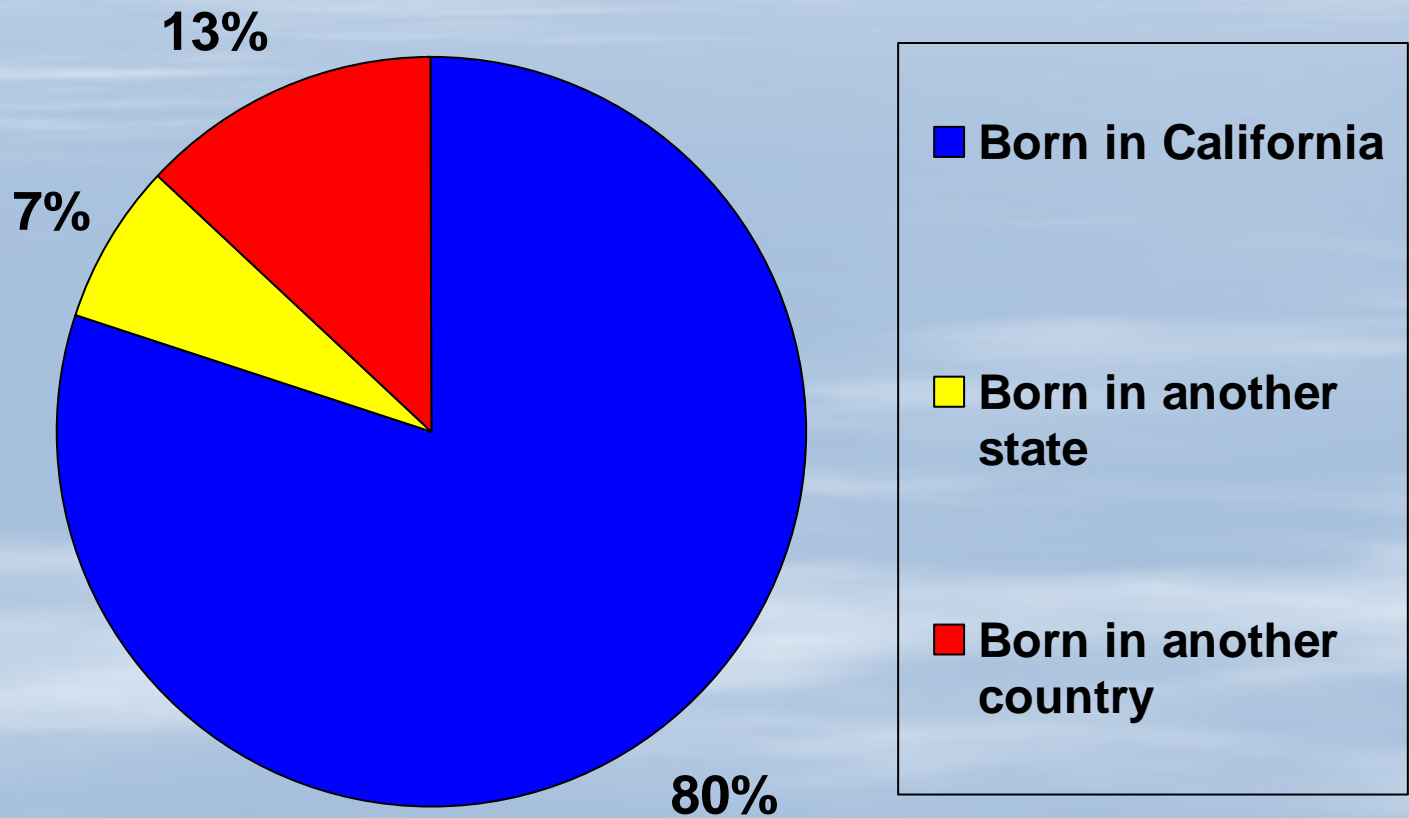
# Demographics of California Youth



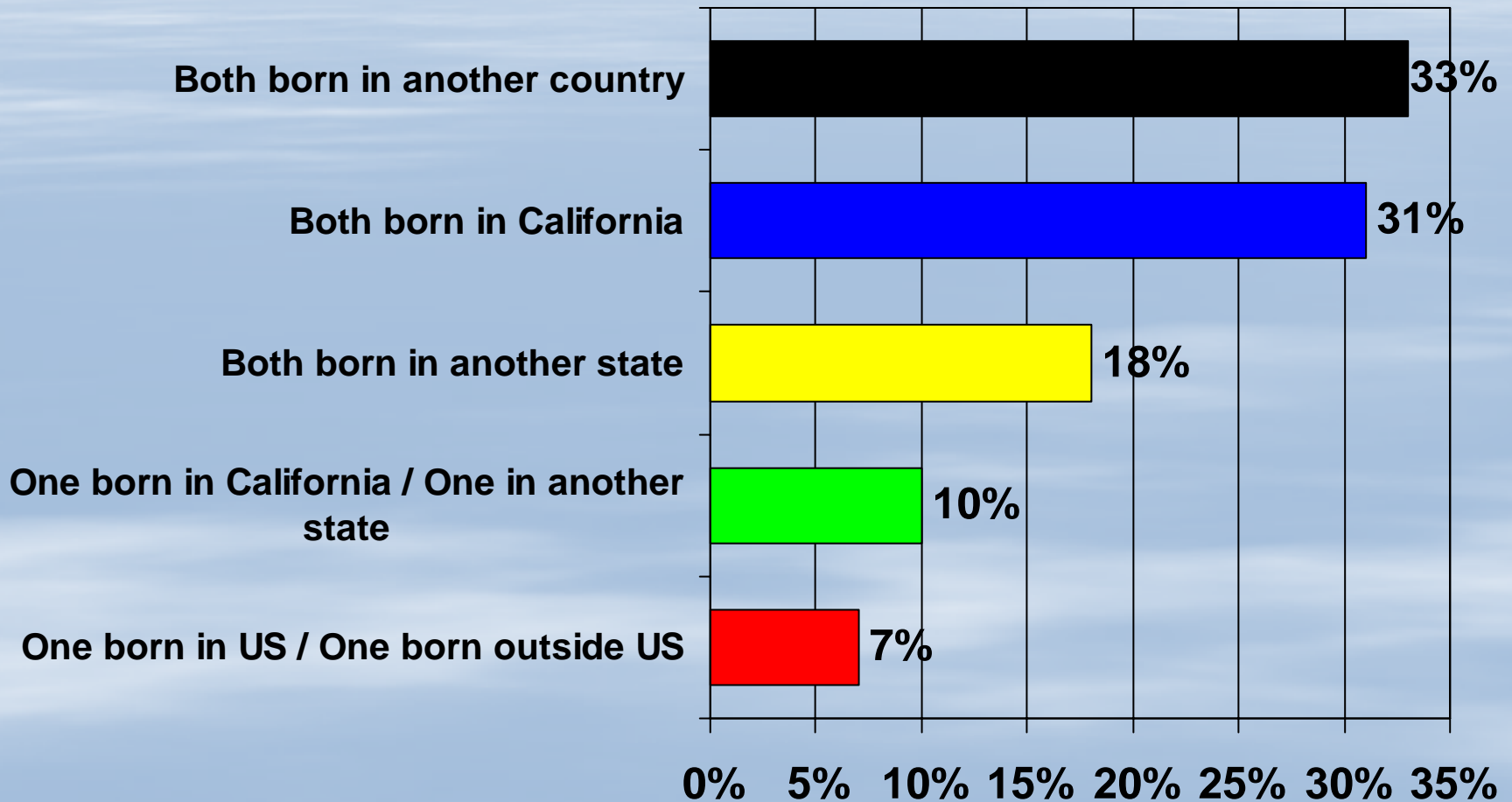
# Race / Ethnicity



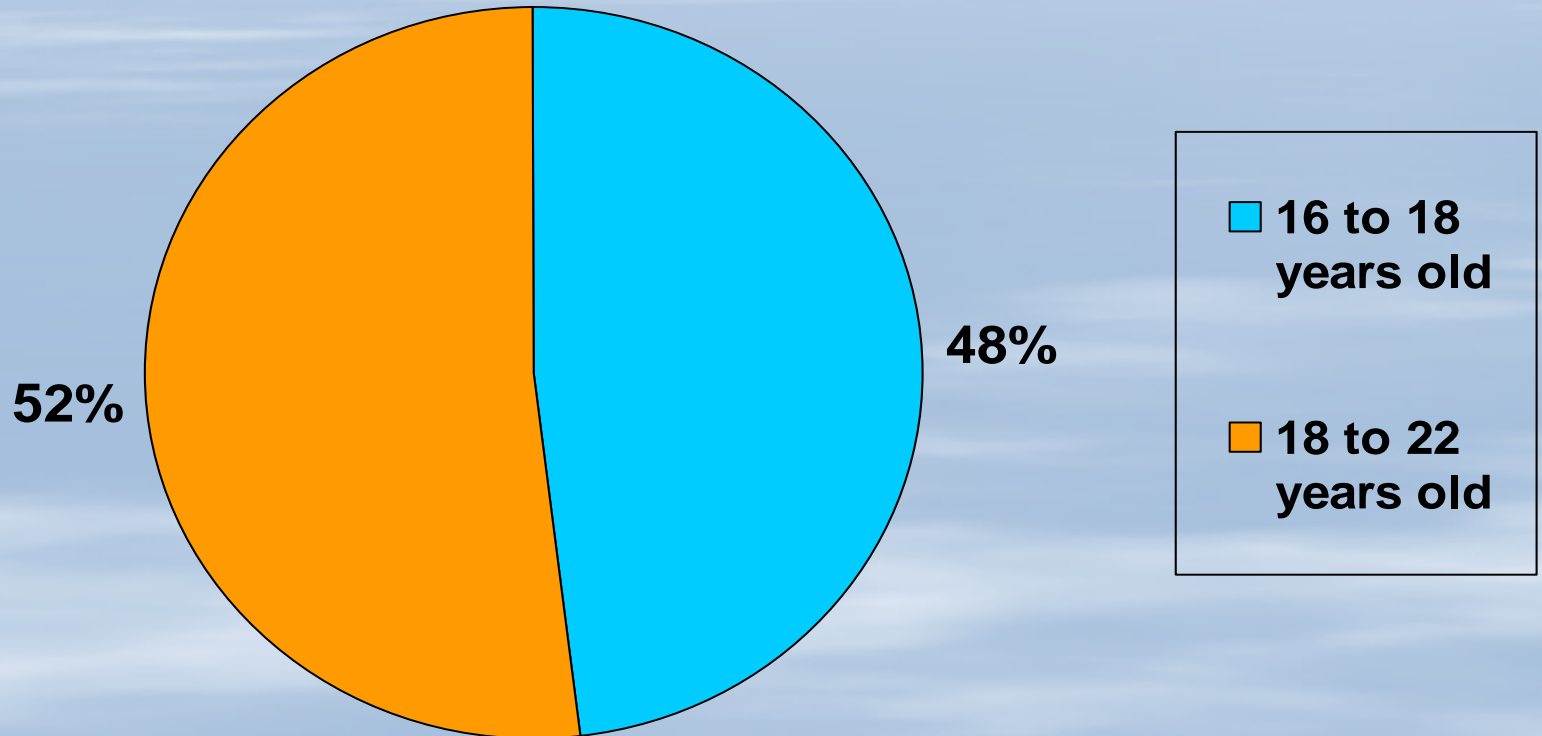
# Where were you born?



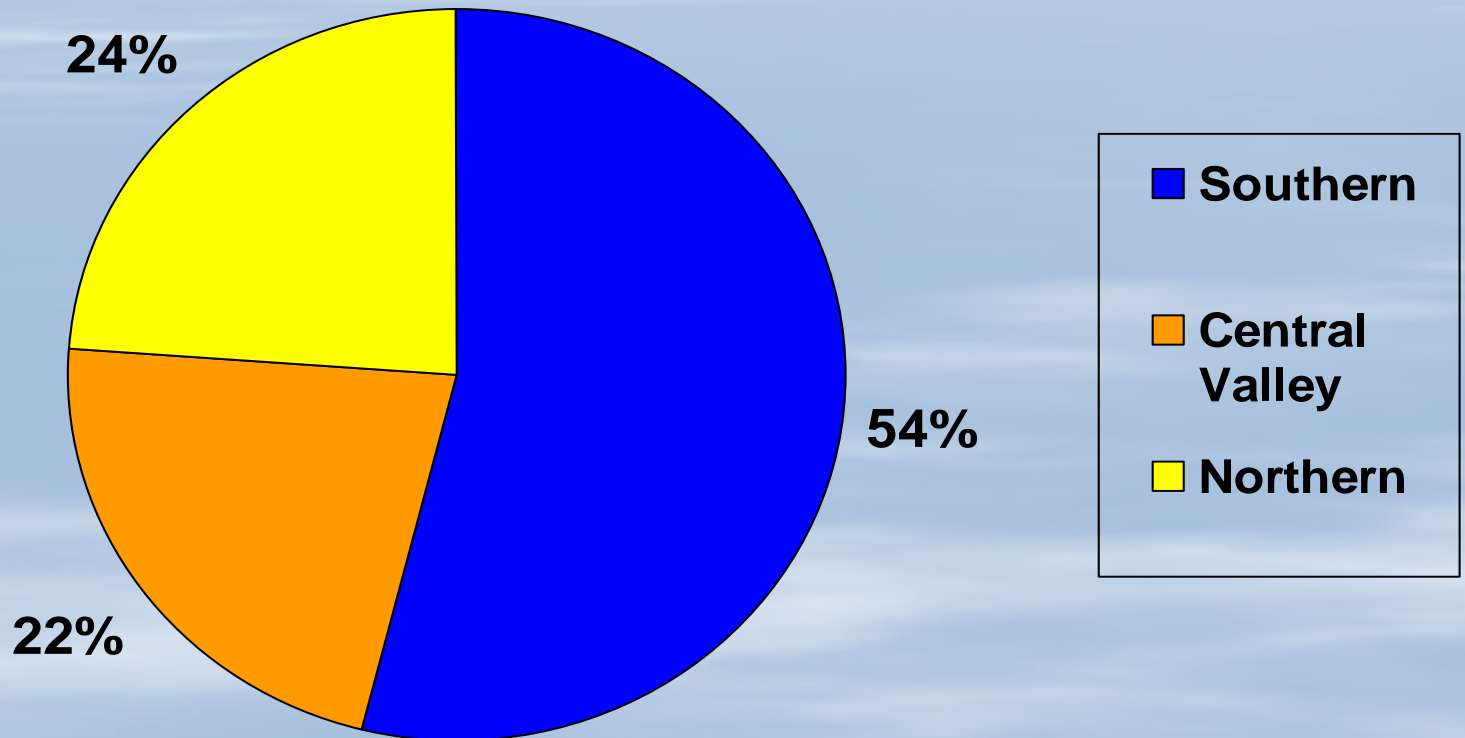
# Where were your parents born?



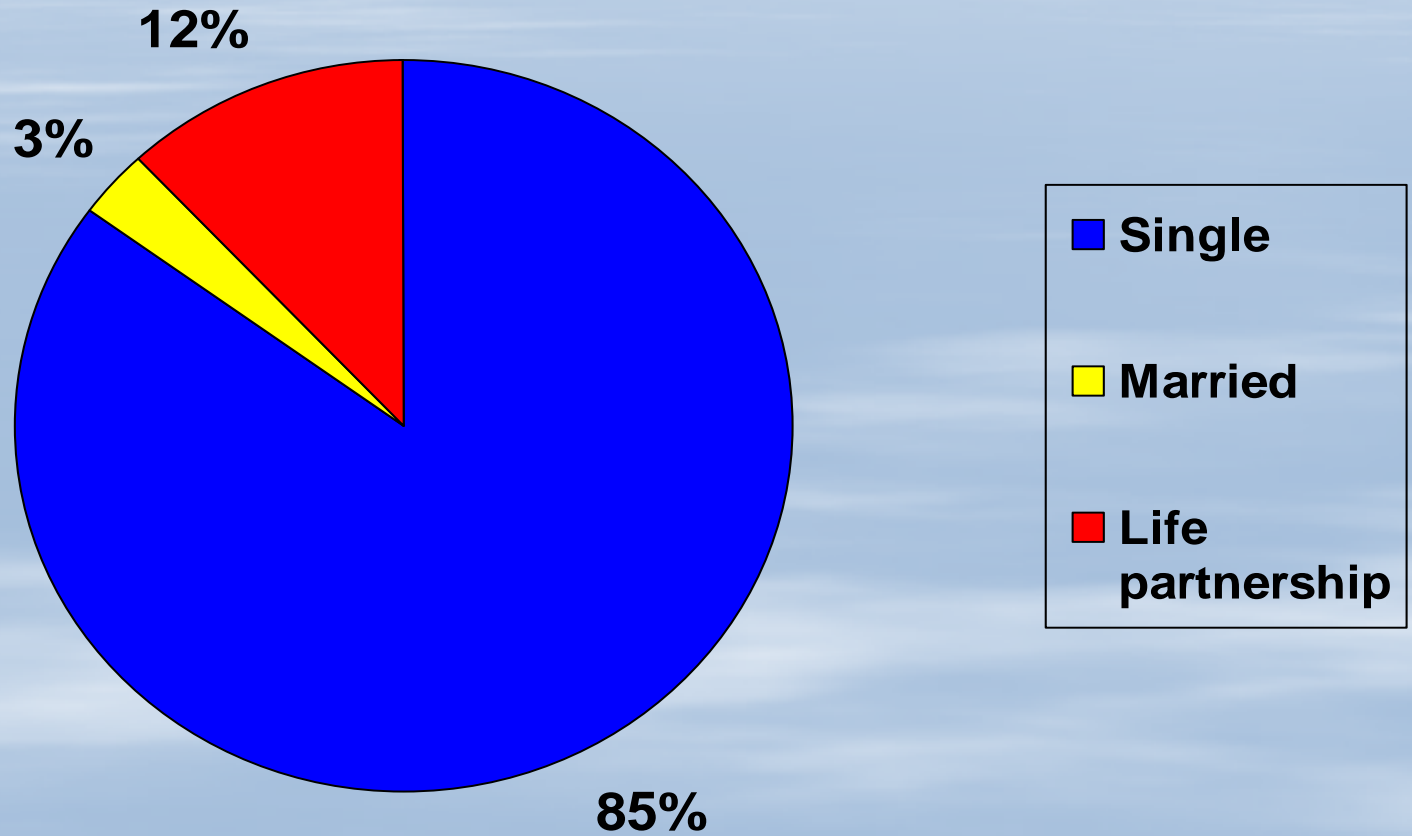
# Age



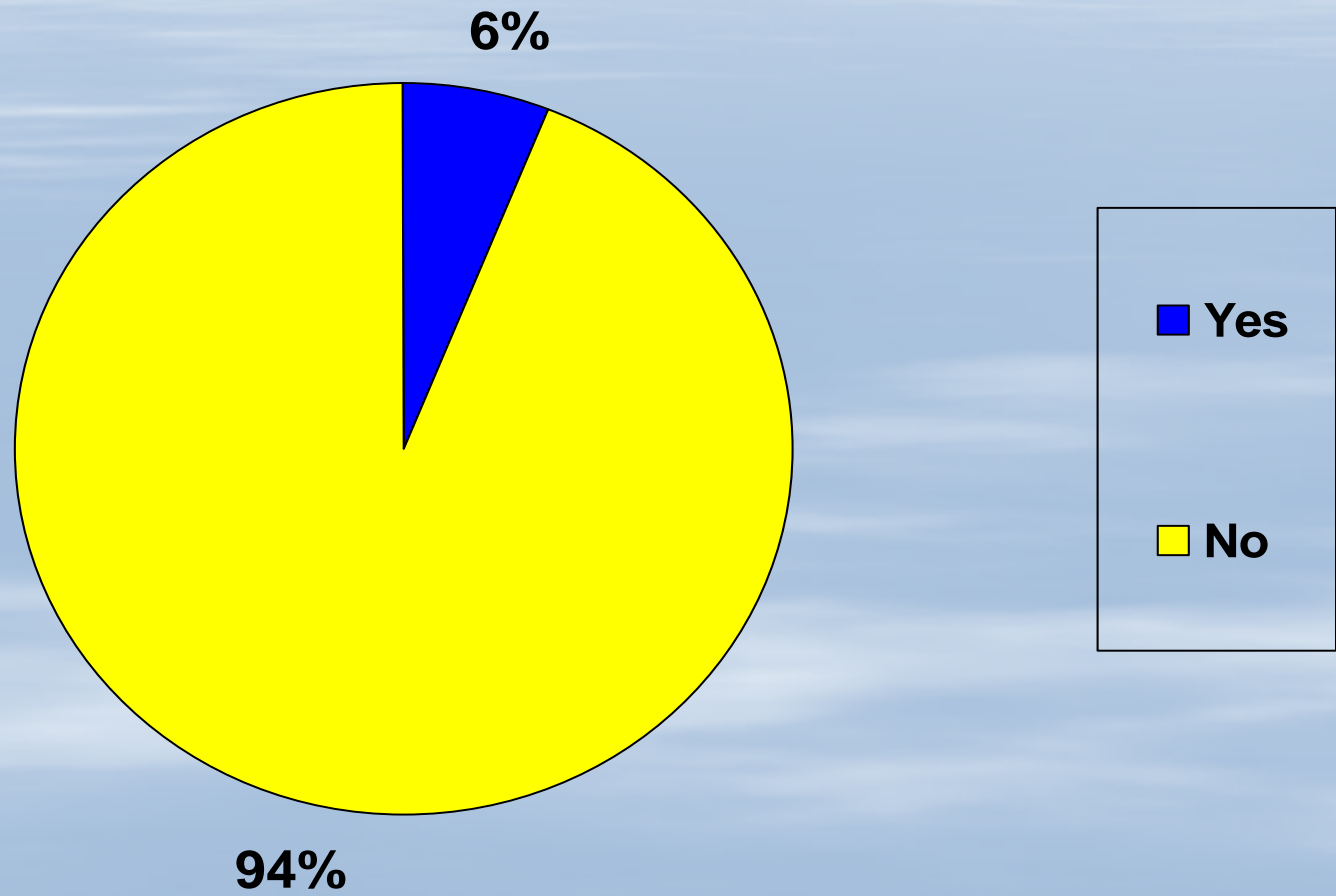
# Region of California



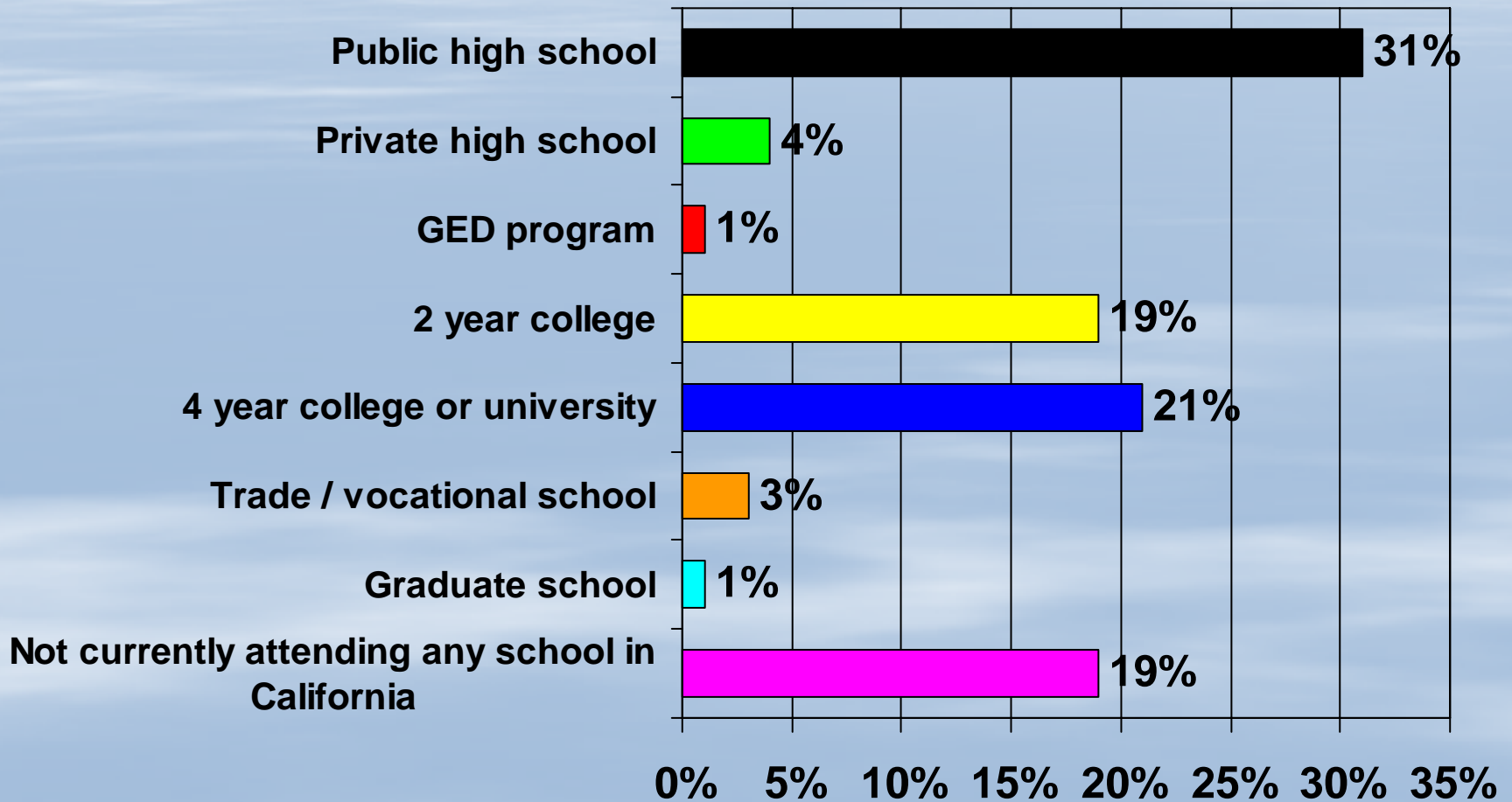
# Marital Status



# Do you have any children?

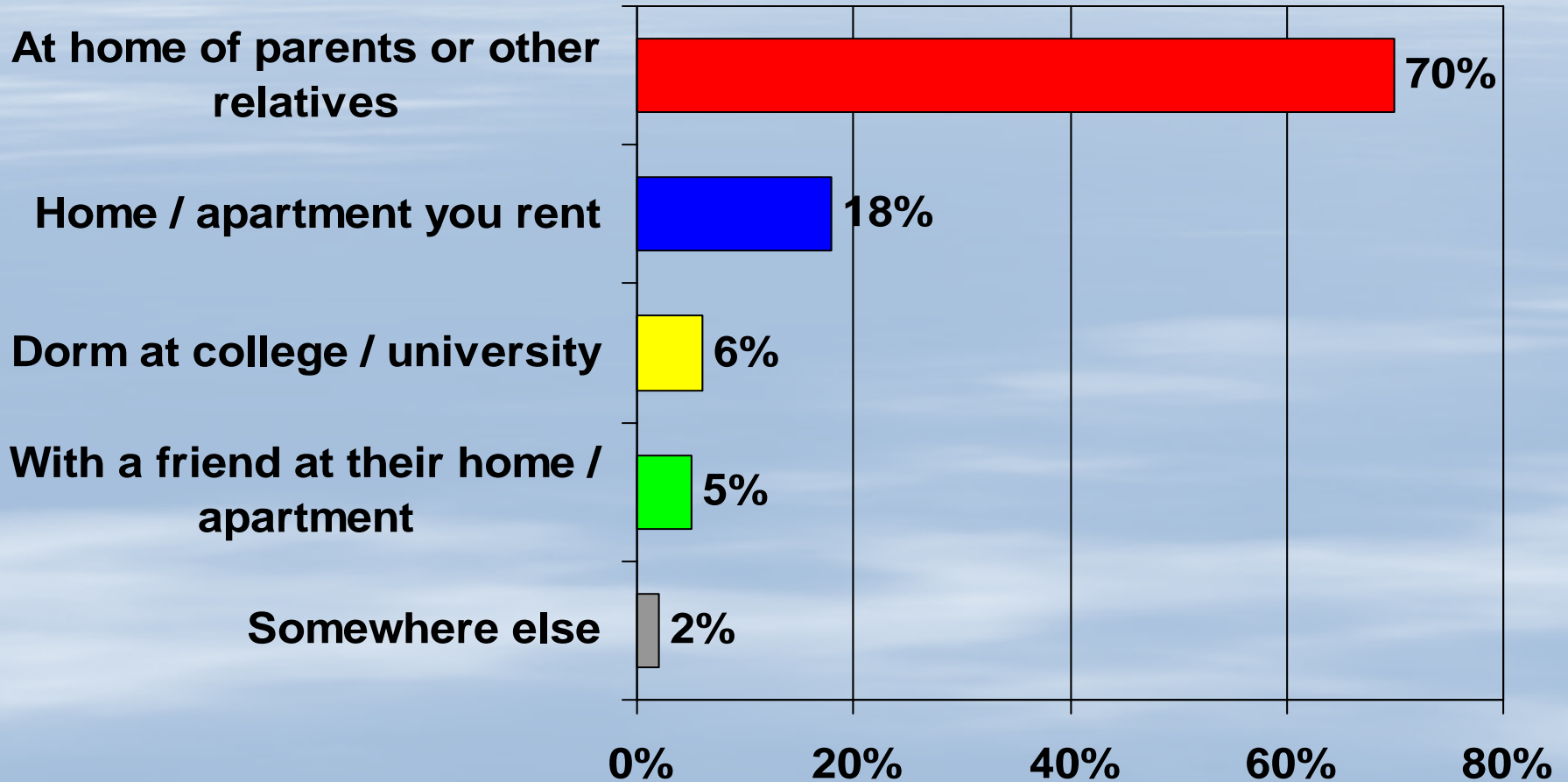


# What kind of school do you currently attend in California?

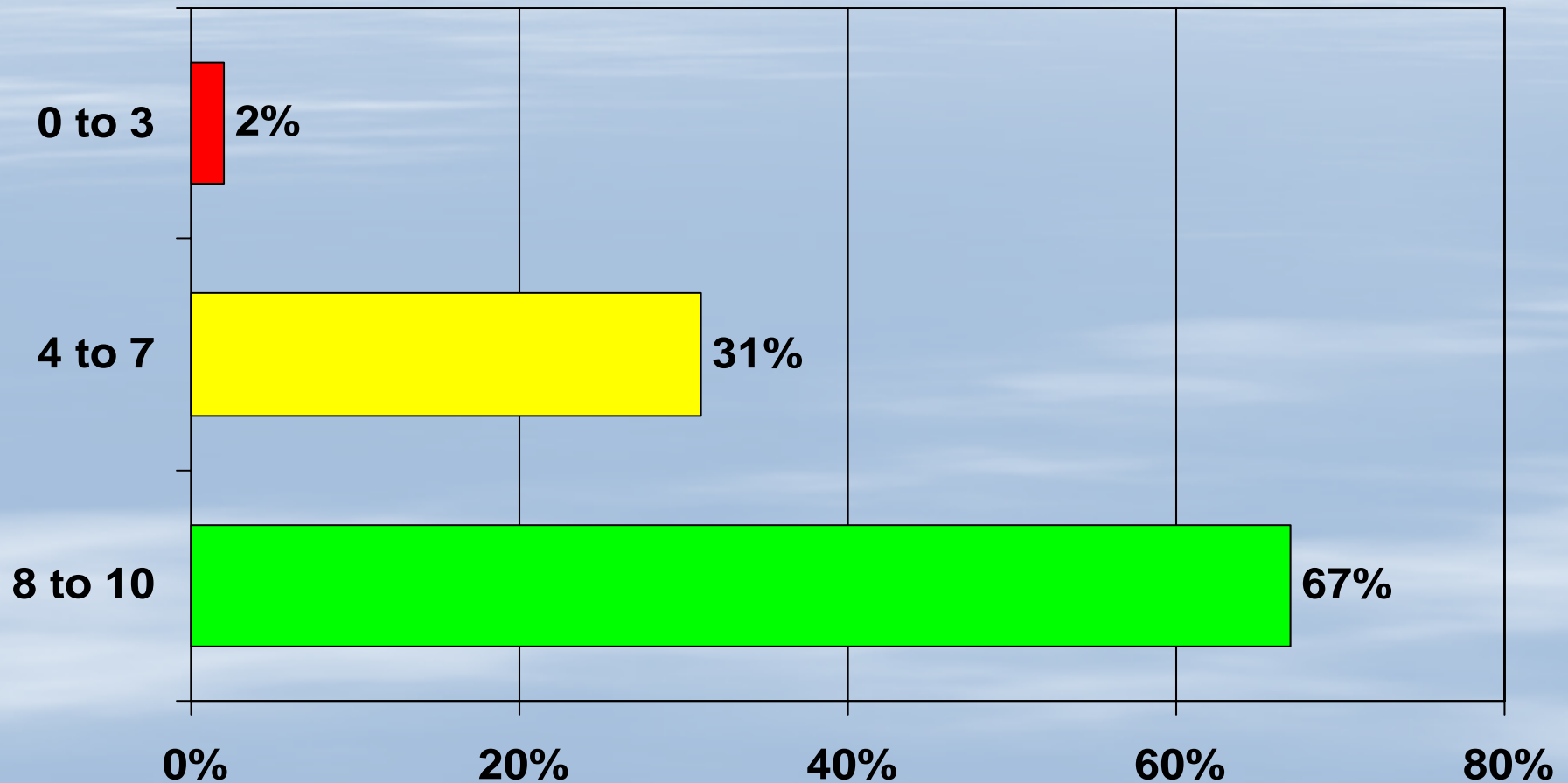


# Lifestyle of California Youth

# Where do you live most of the year?

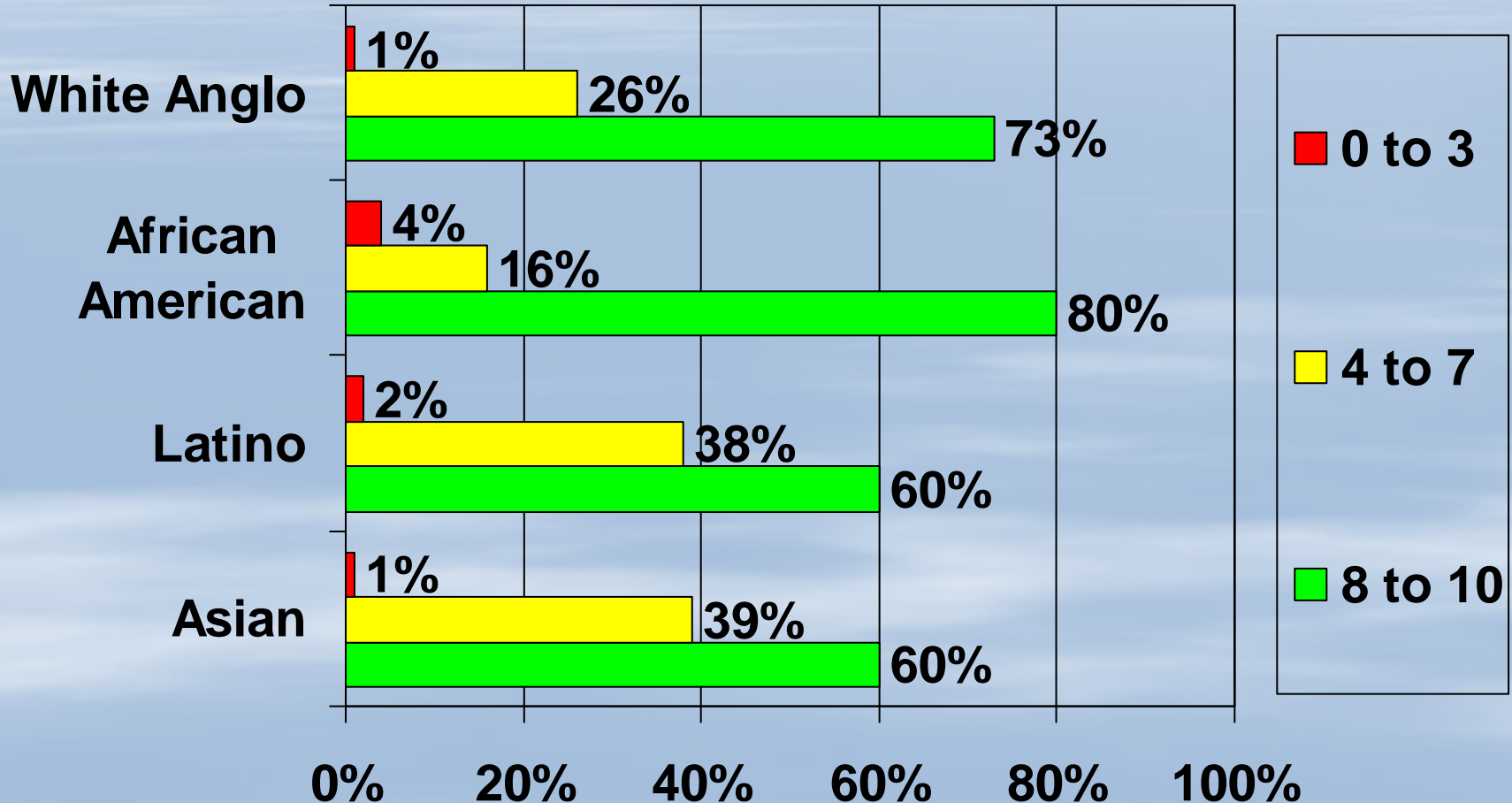


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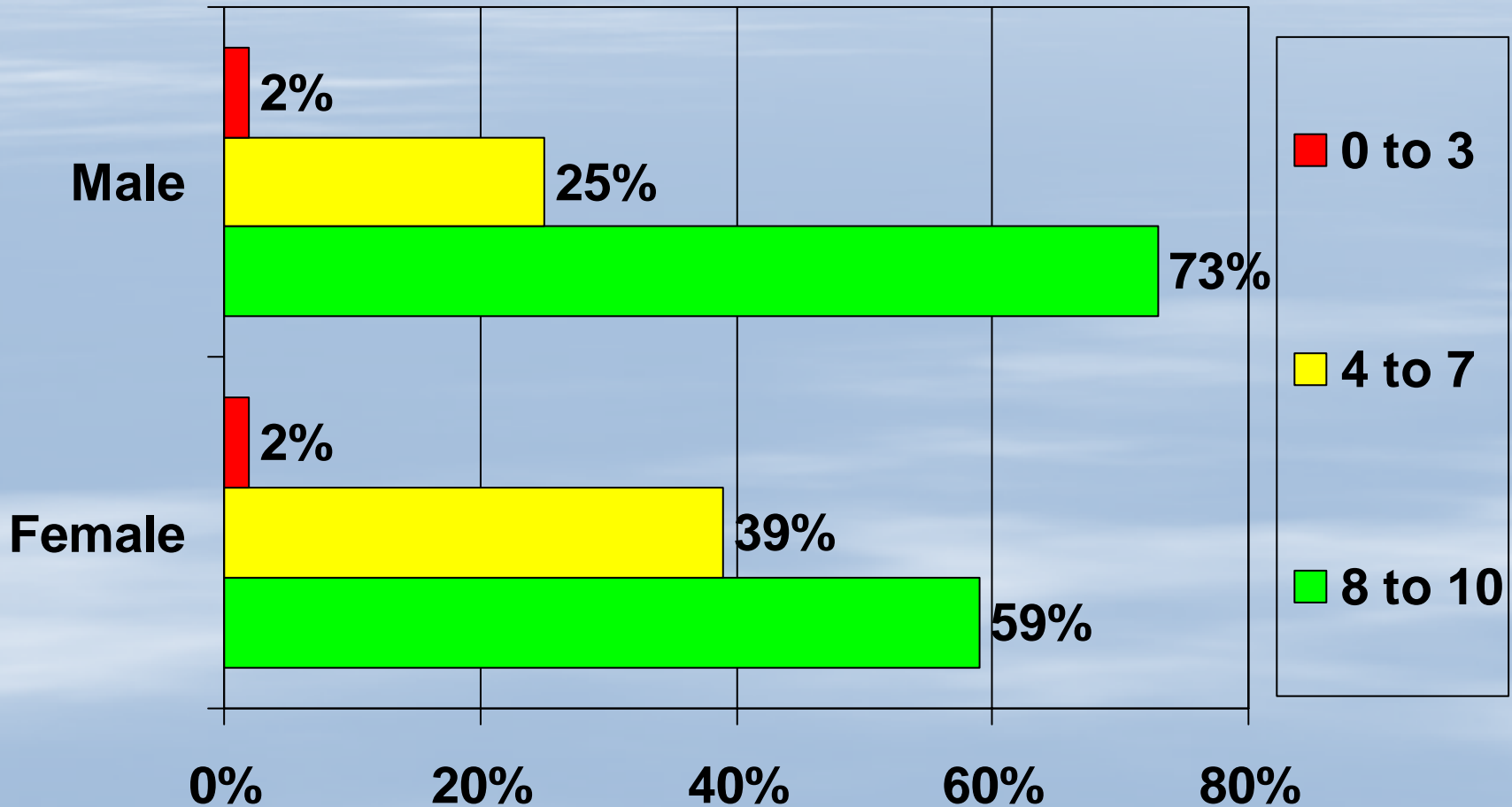
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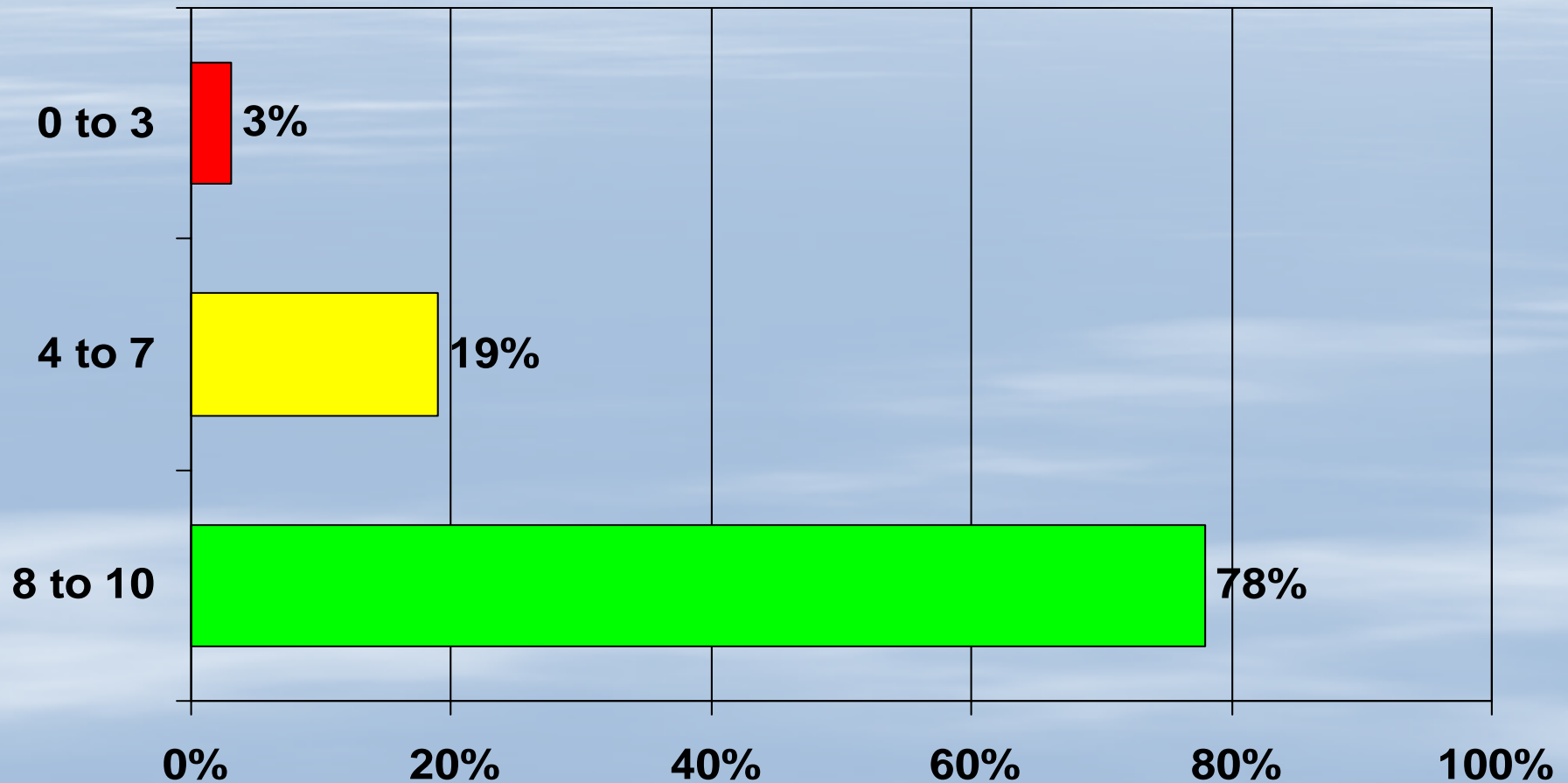


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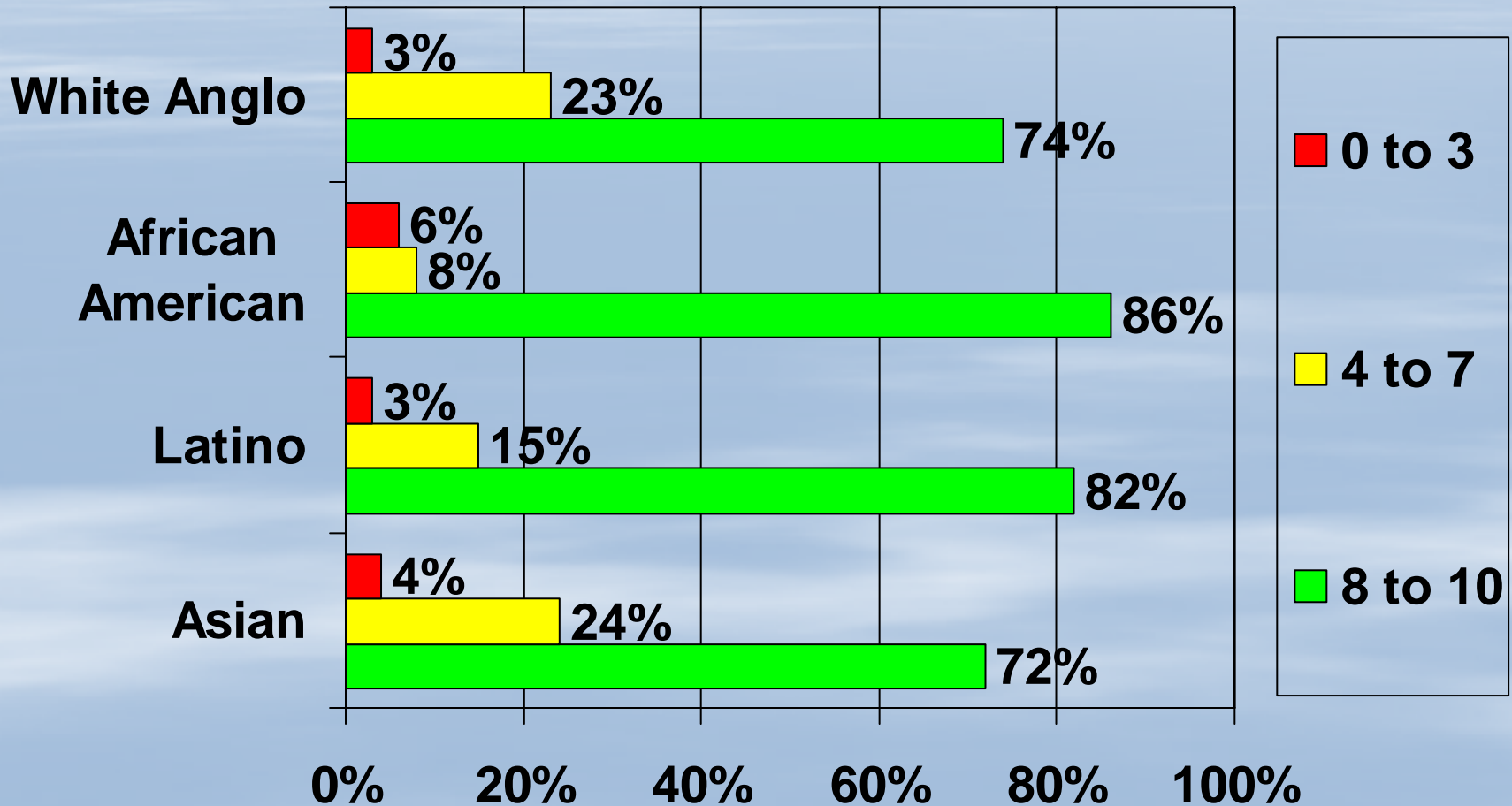


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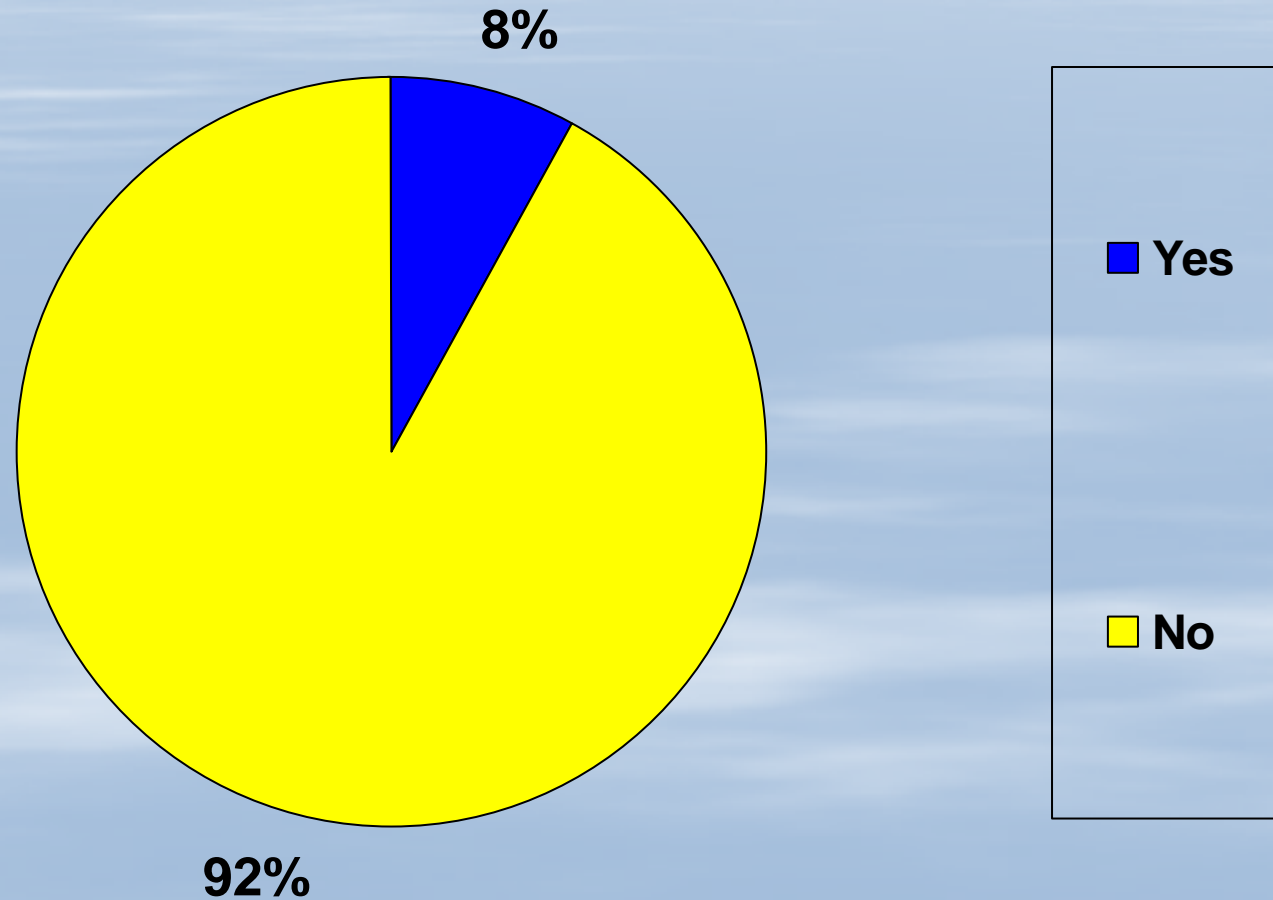


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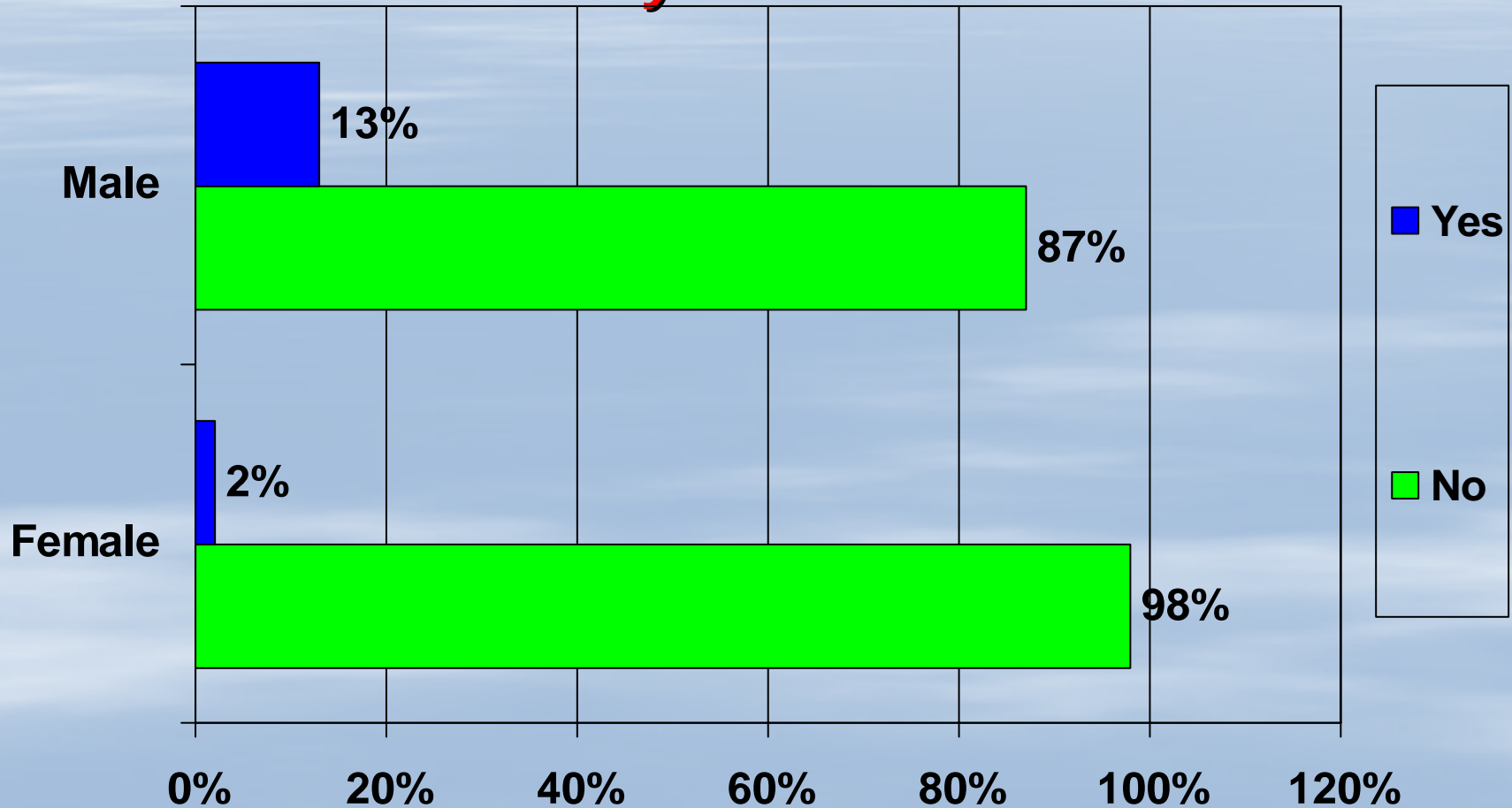


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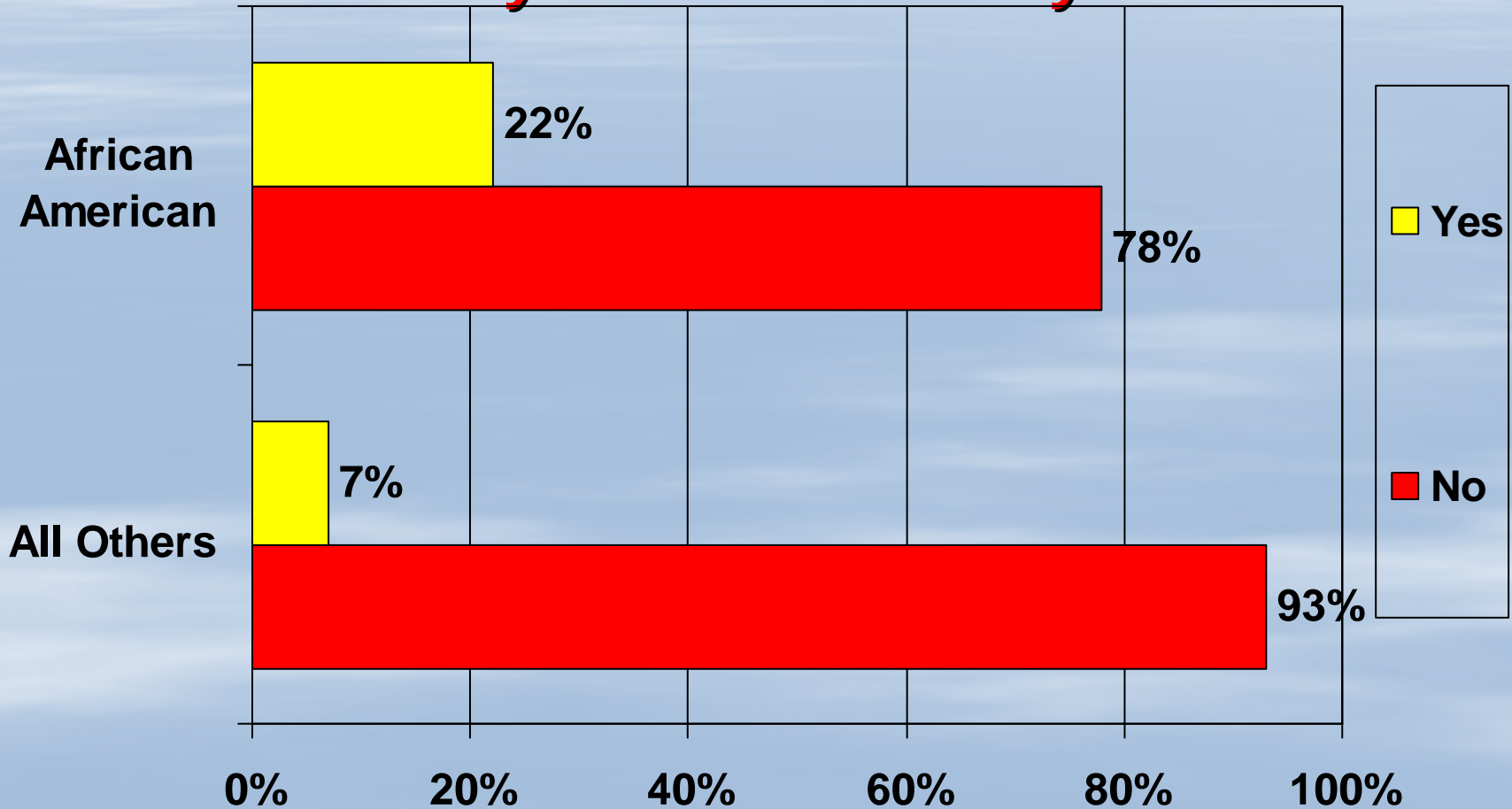
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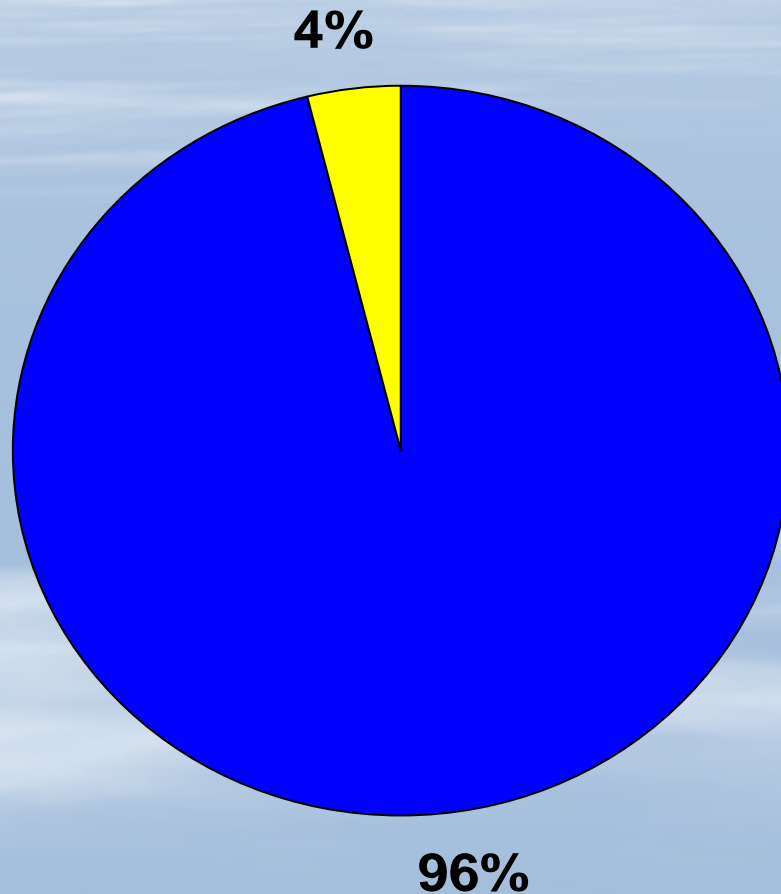


# Major Findings

1. California youth embrace the core concept of the American Dream: across race, ethnicity and gender, they believe strongly in their ability to determine their own futures. In spite of all of the state's problems, California young people remain overwhelmingly optimistic about their future prospects.

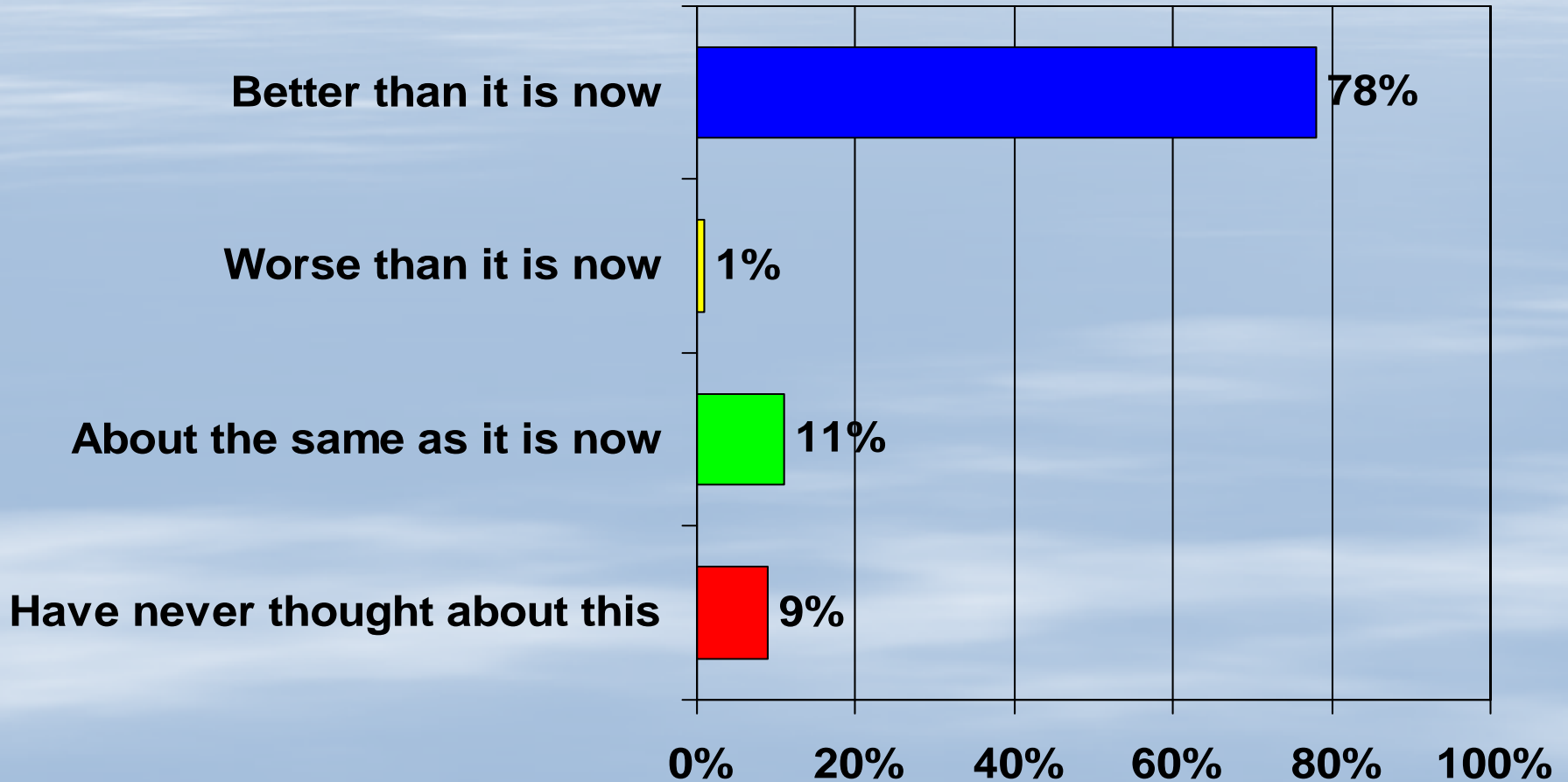


# Which statement best describes your view of the future?

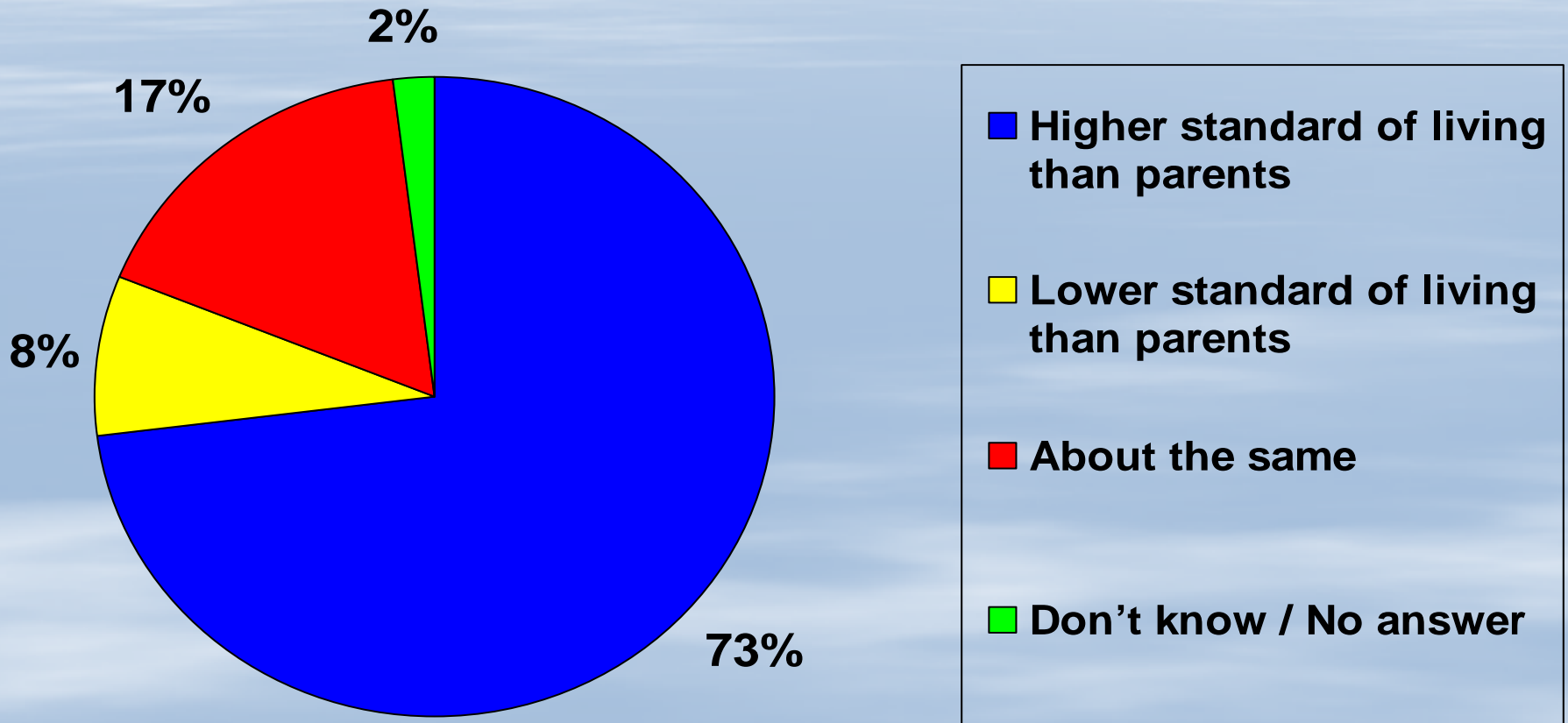


- If I work hard, I can achieve my goals**
- No matter how hard I work, there are too many things beyond my control that will prevent me from reaching my goals**

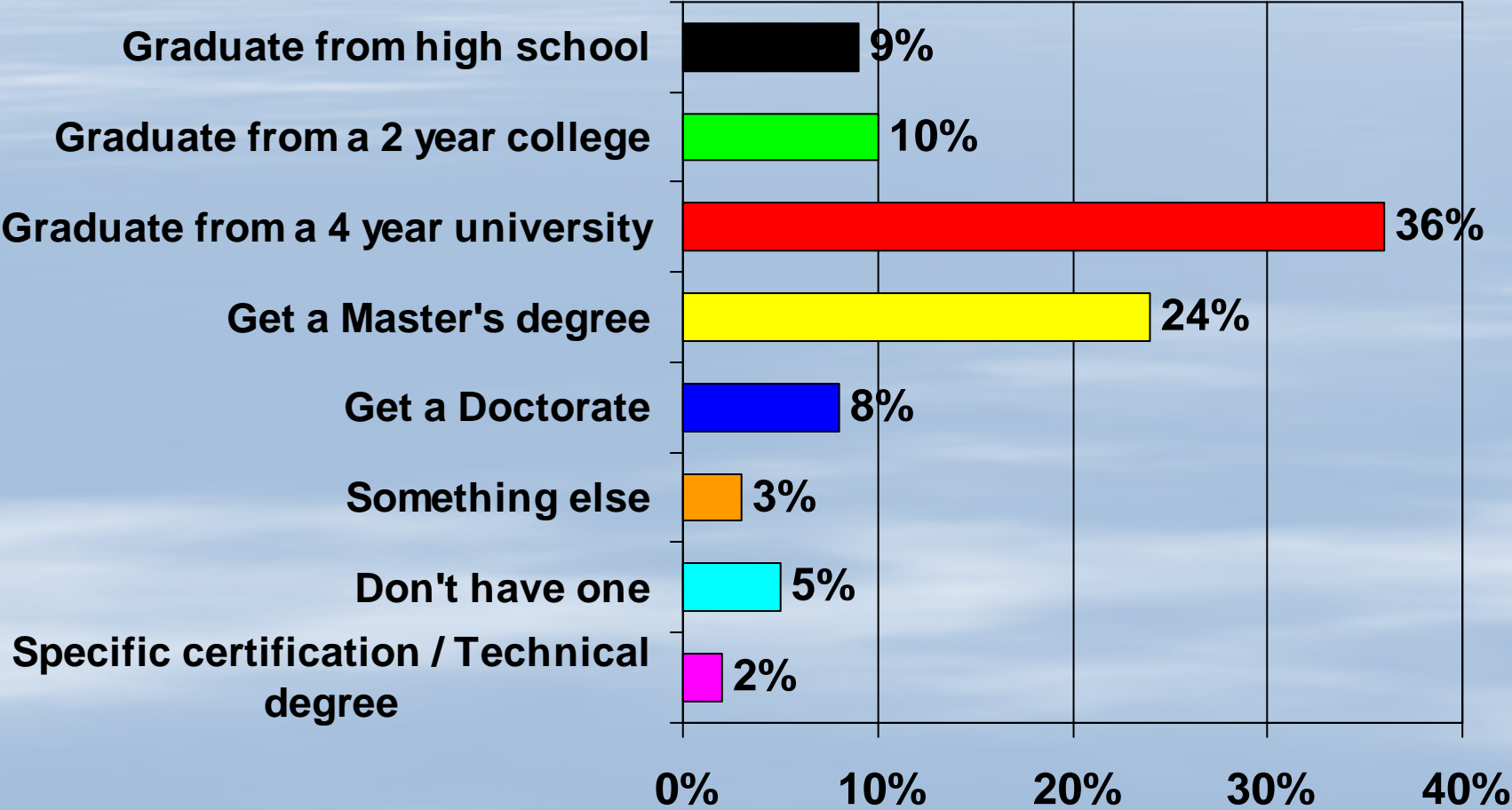
# In the next 10 years, how do you think your life will be?



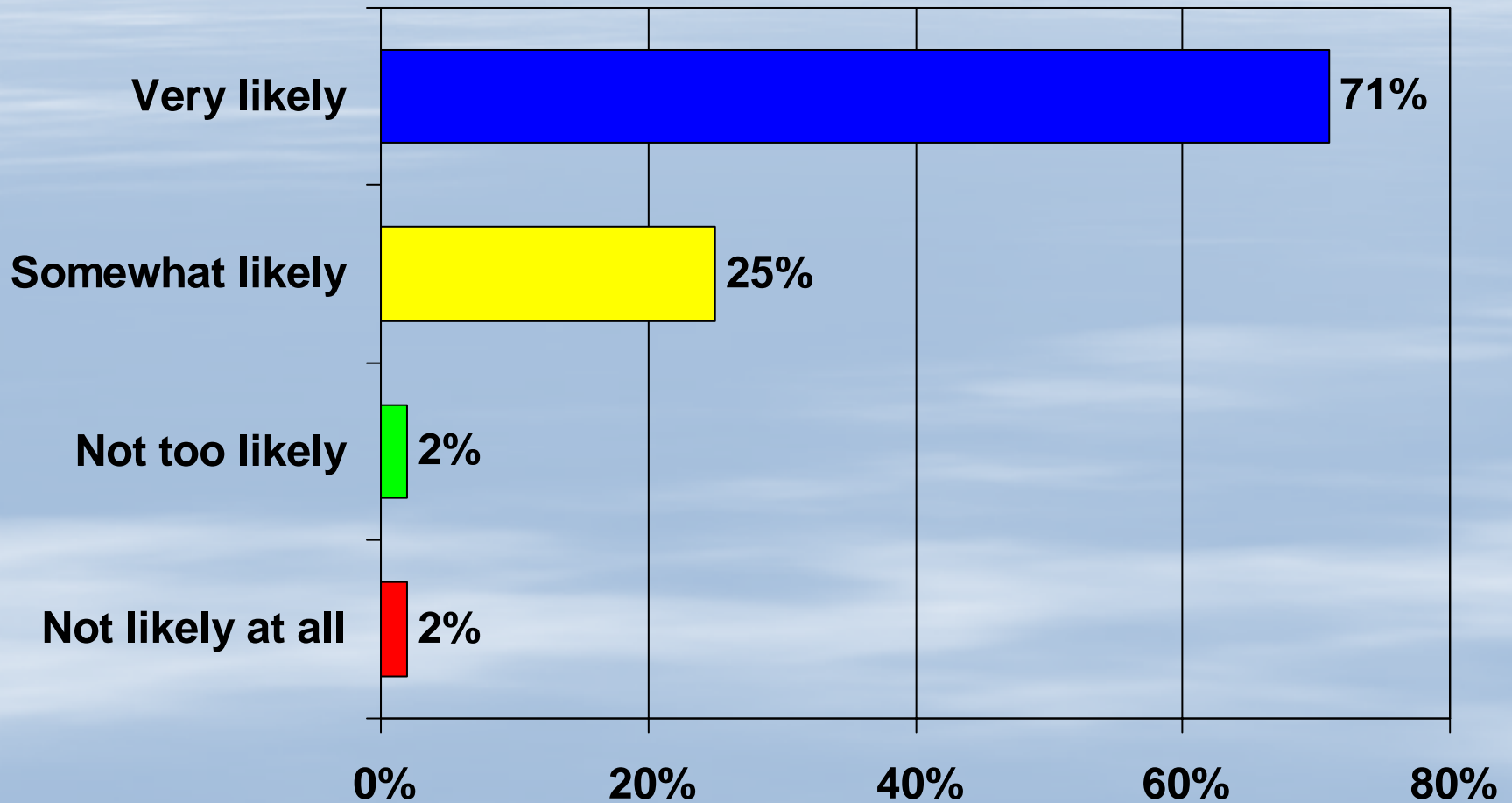
# Do you expect to have a higher or lower standard of living than what your parents have?



# What is your current educational goal?



# How likely do you think it is that you will reach your educational goals?

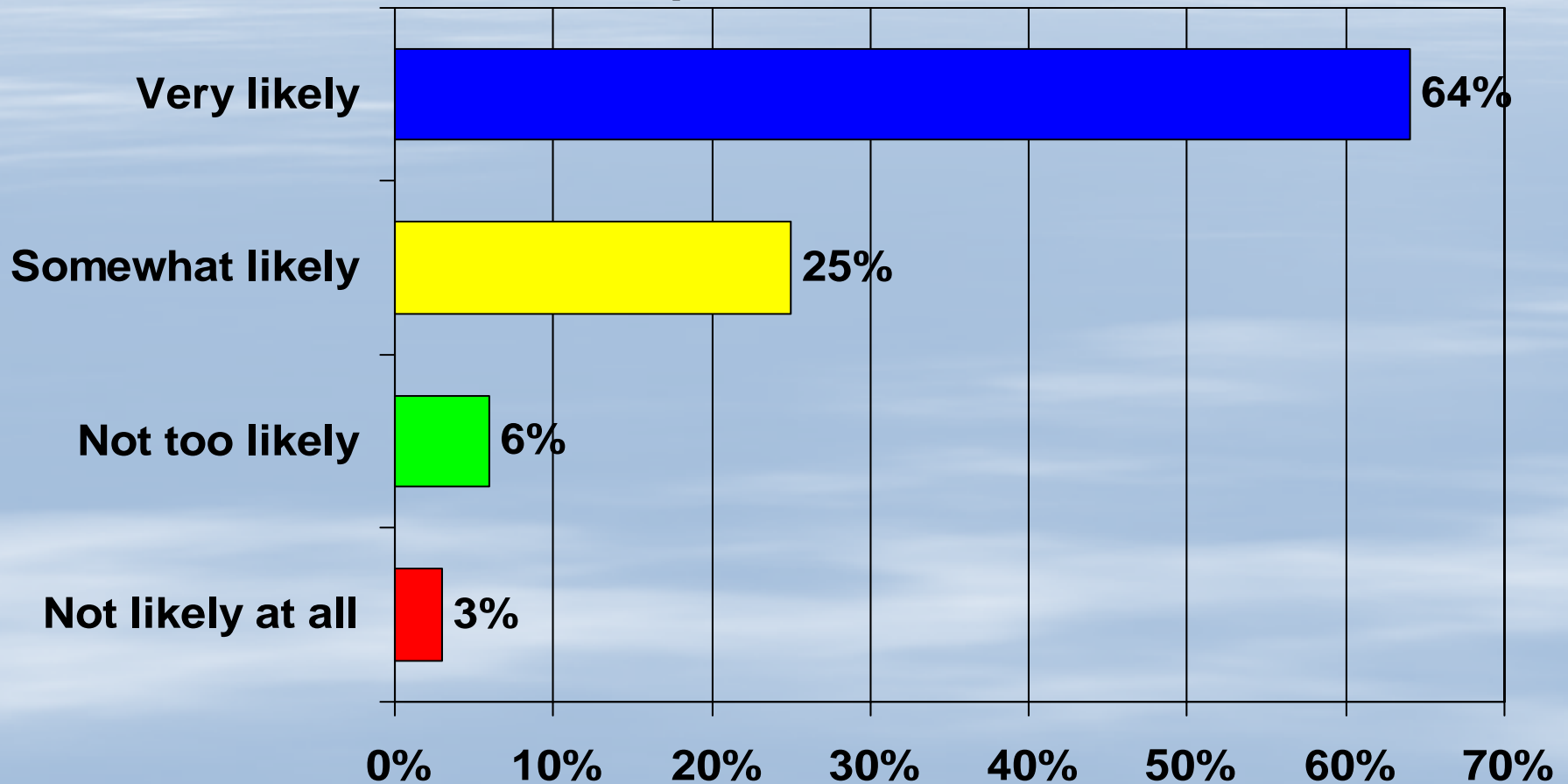


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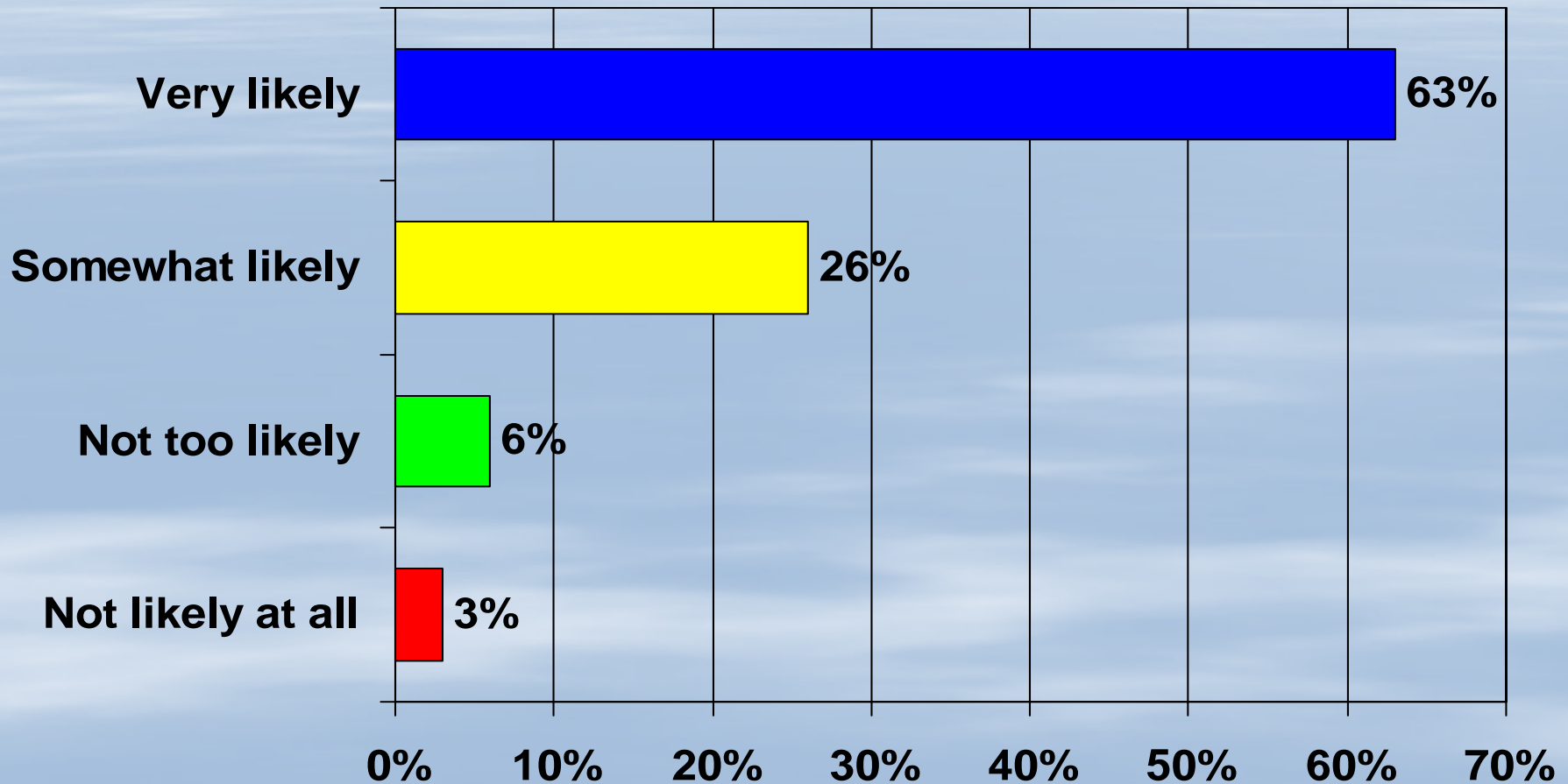
2. California youth cite marriage and parenthood as life goals but harbor deep concerns about family stability.



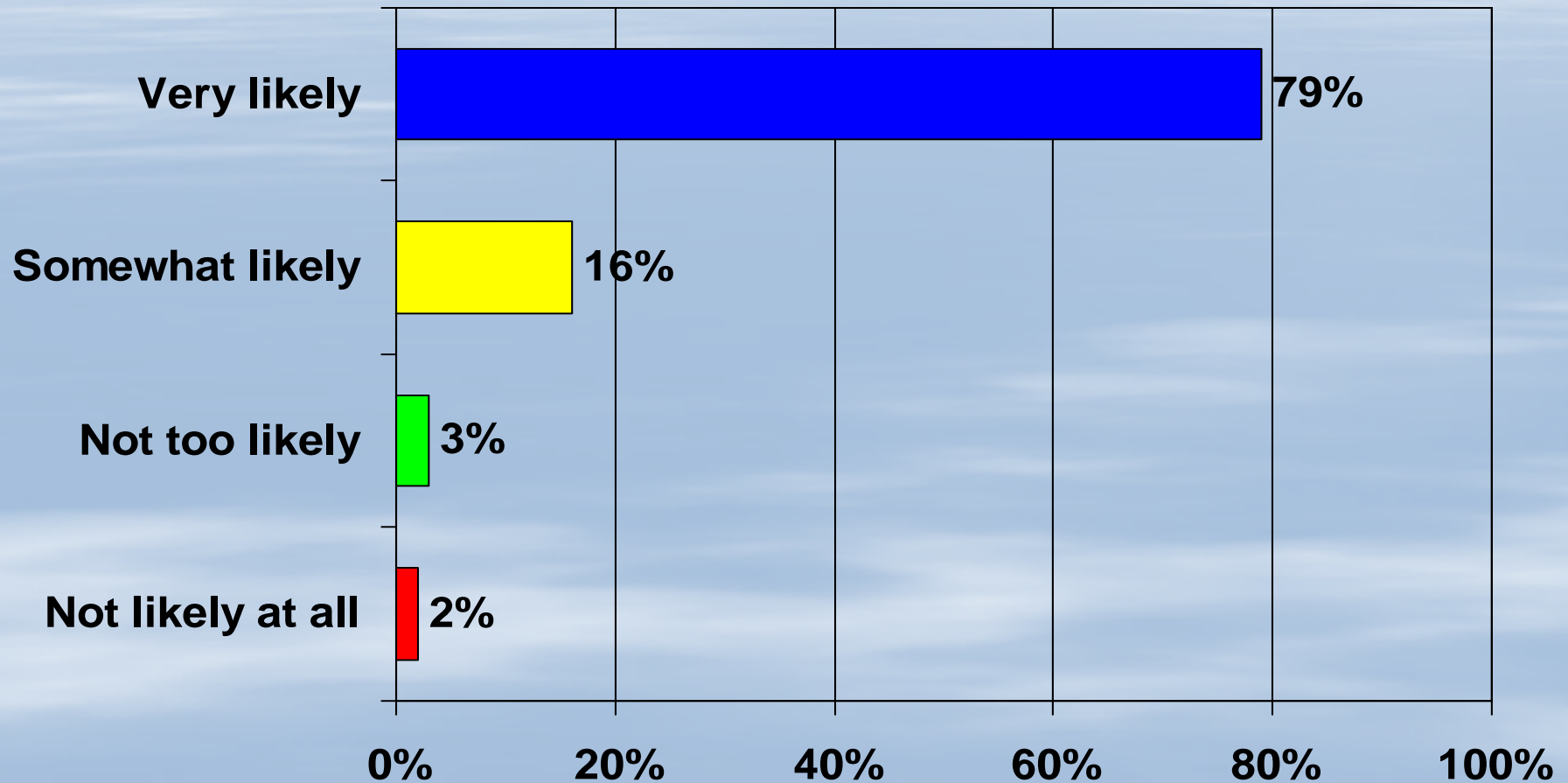
# How likely do you think it is that you will be married or have a life partner at some point?



# How likely do you think it is that you will have children in the future?



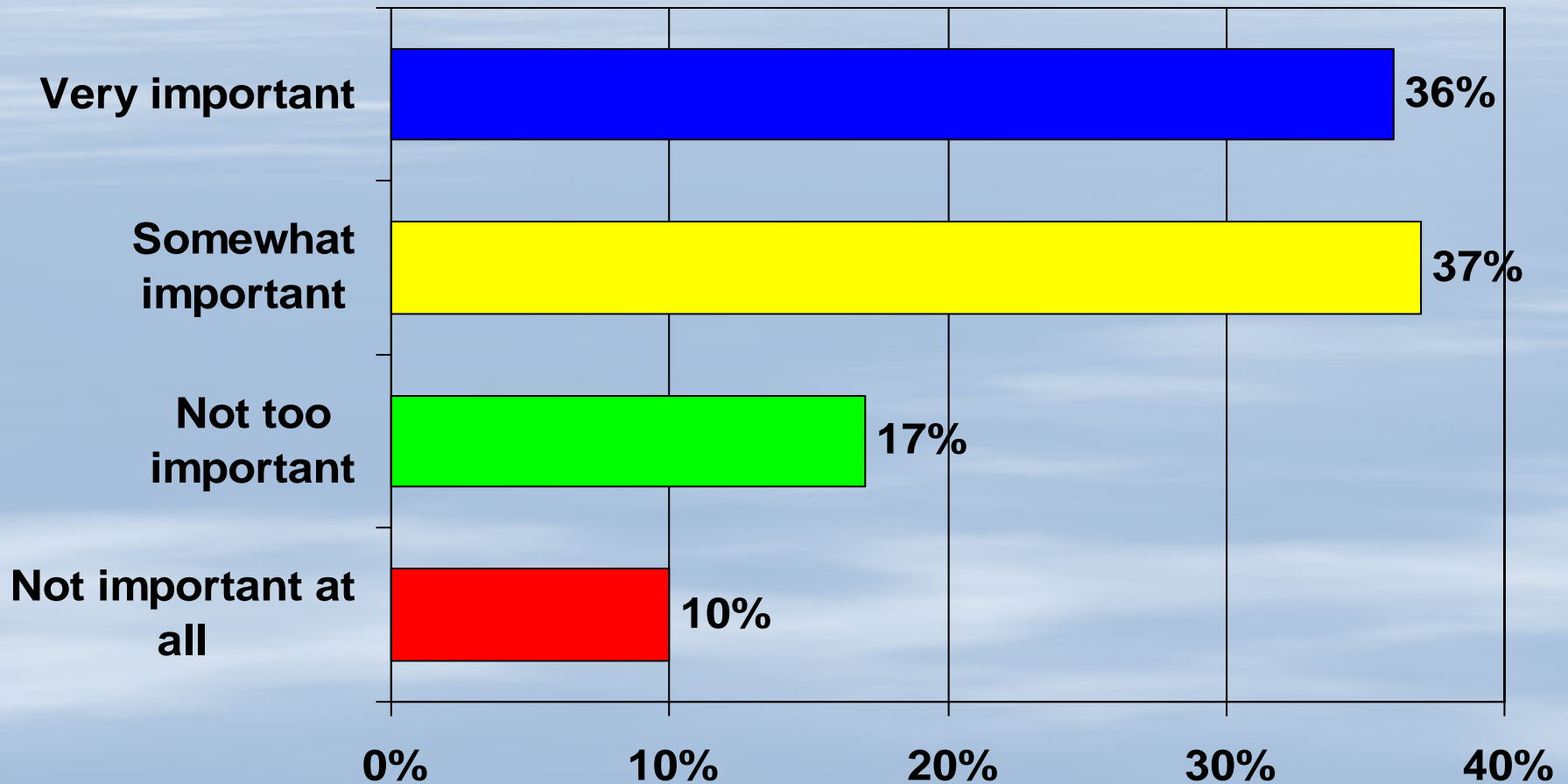
# How likely do you think it is that you will own a home during your lifetime?



# What do you think you will most likely be doing in 10 years?

- Working in a specific job career
- Working in a general job
- Married / Have kids / Start a family
- Attending college, graduate or professional school
- Owning my own business
- Serving in the military (general)
- Serving in the military (sniper/sharpshooter)

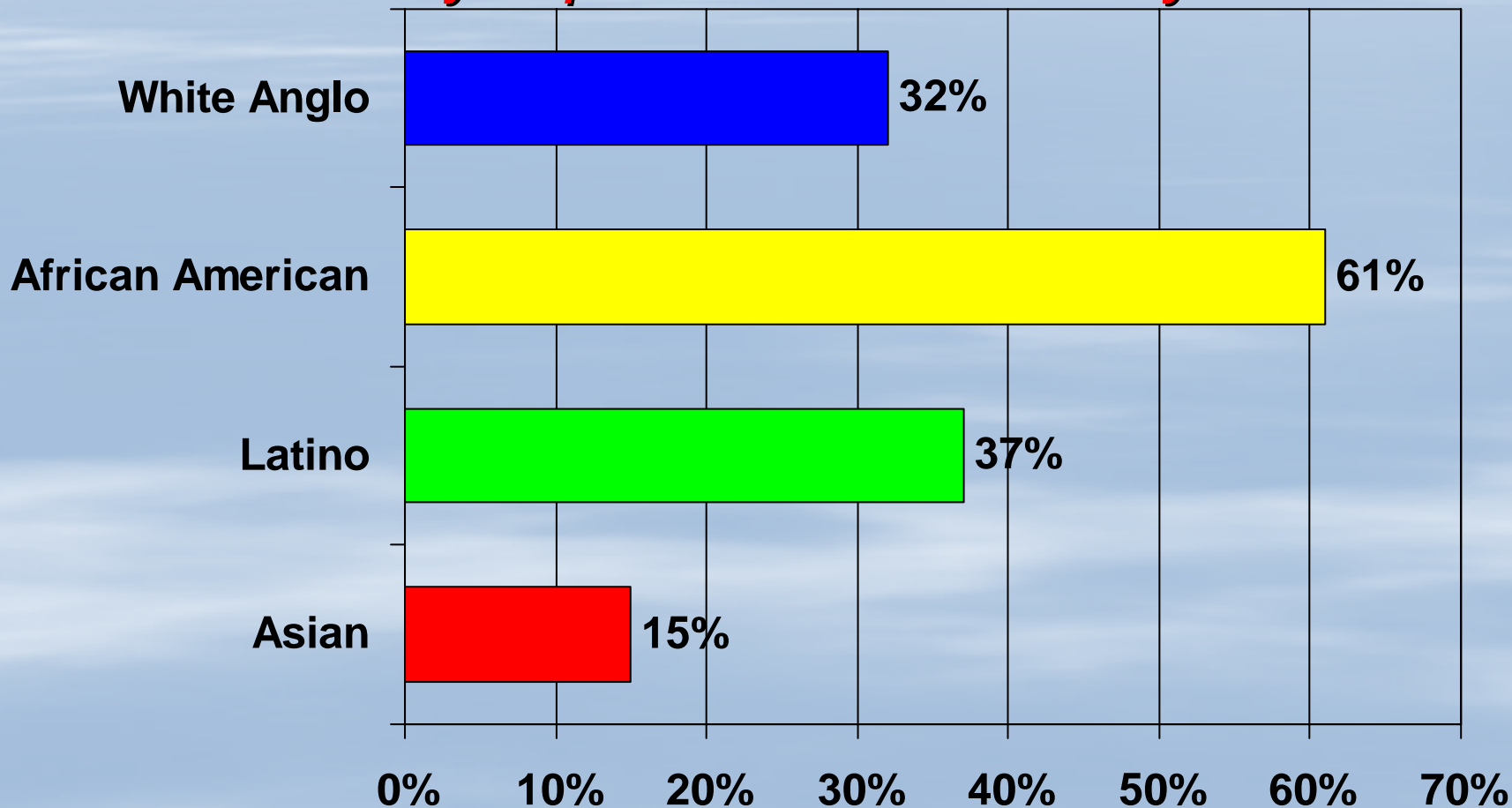
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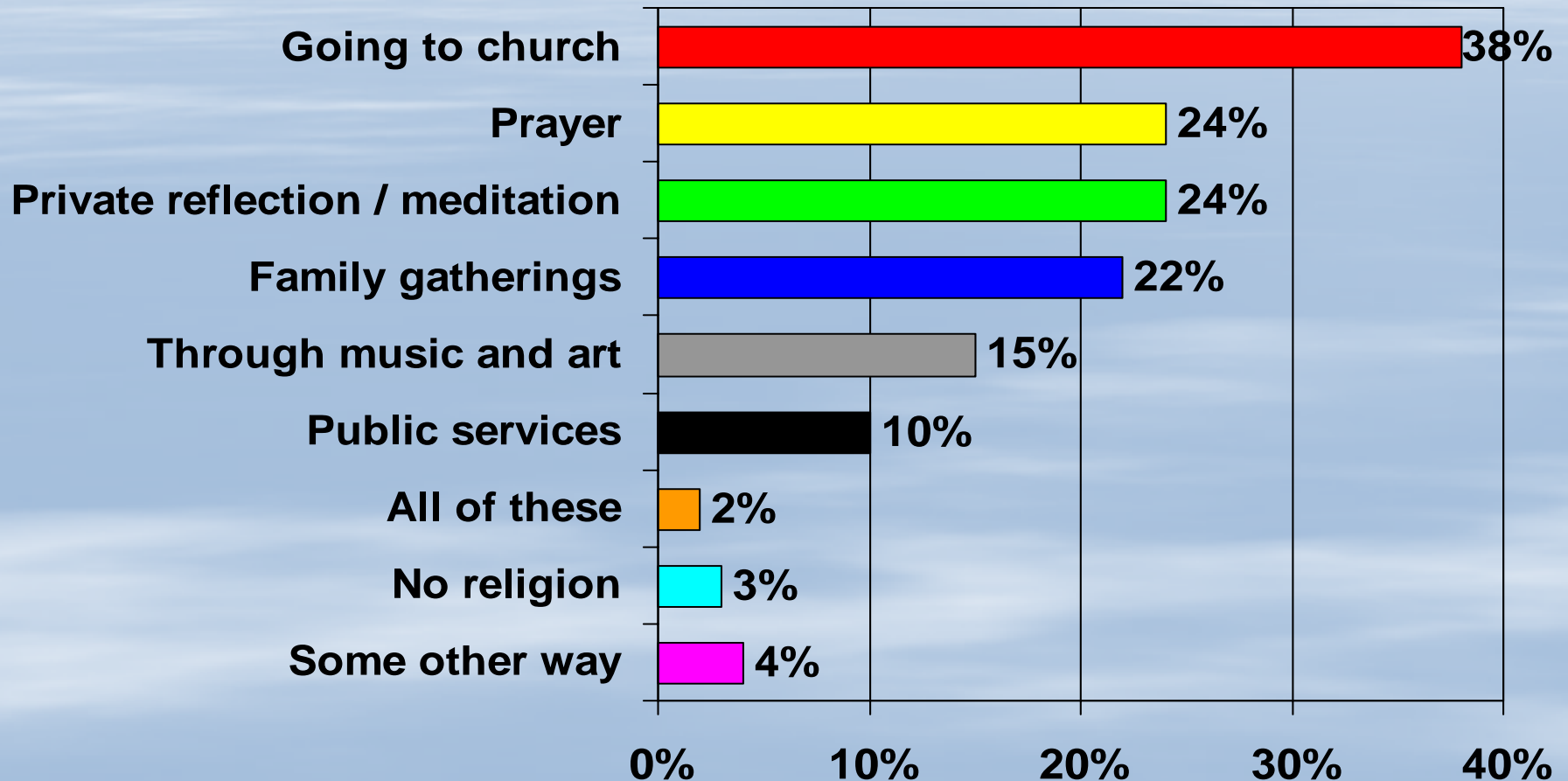
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*By Race / Ethnicity*

*“Very important” answers only*

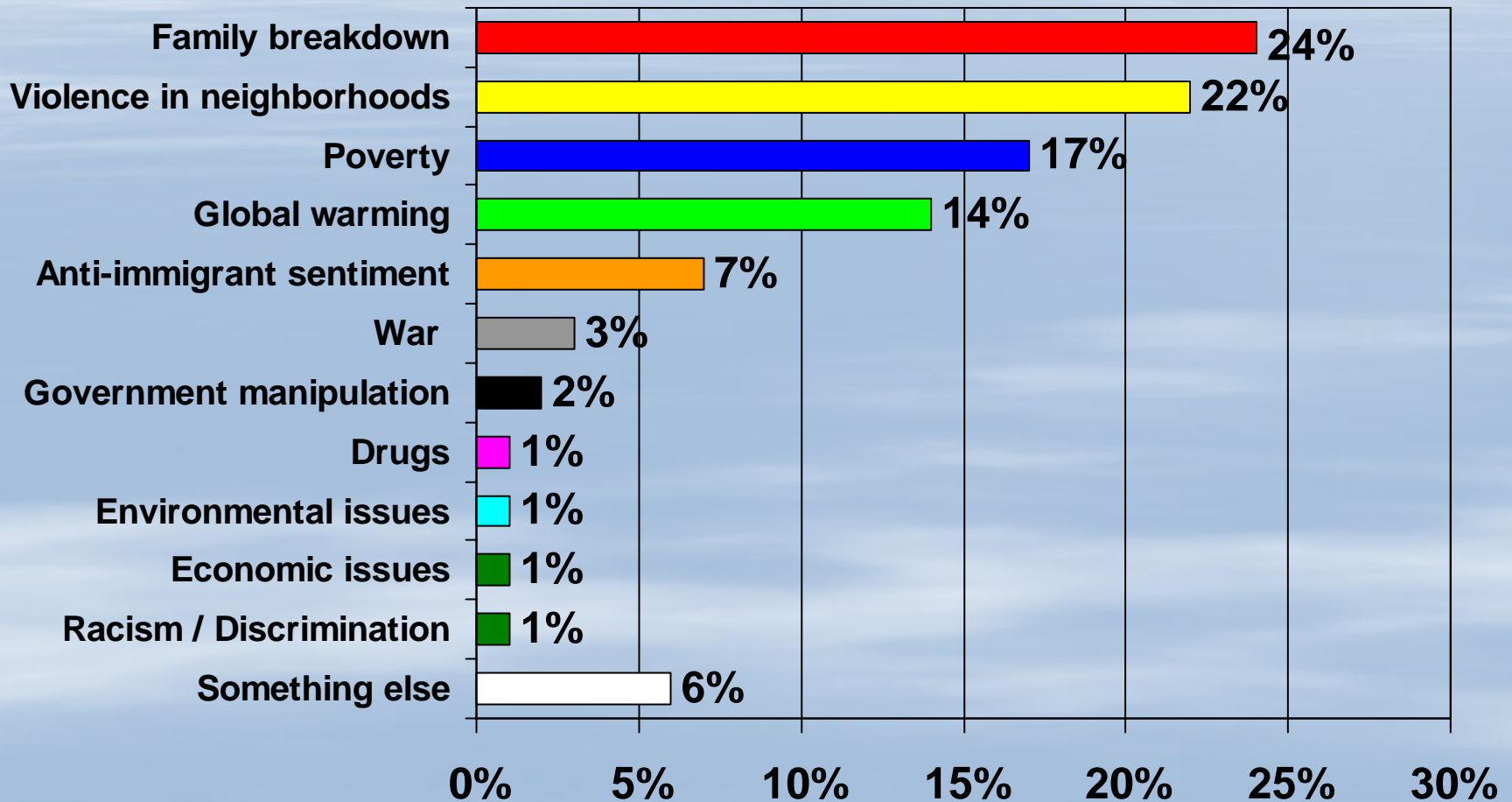


# How do you express your religion or spirituality?

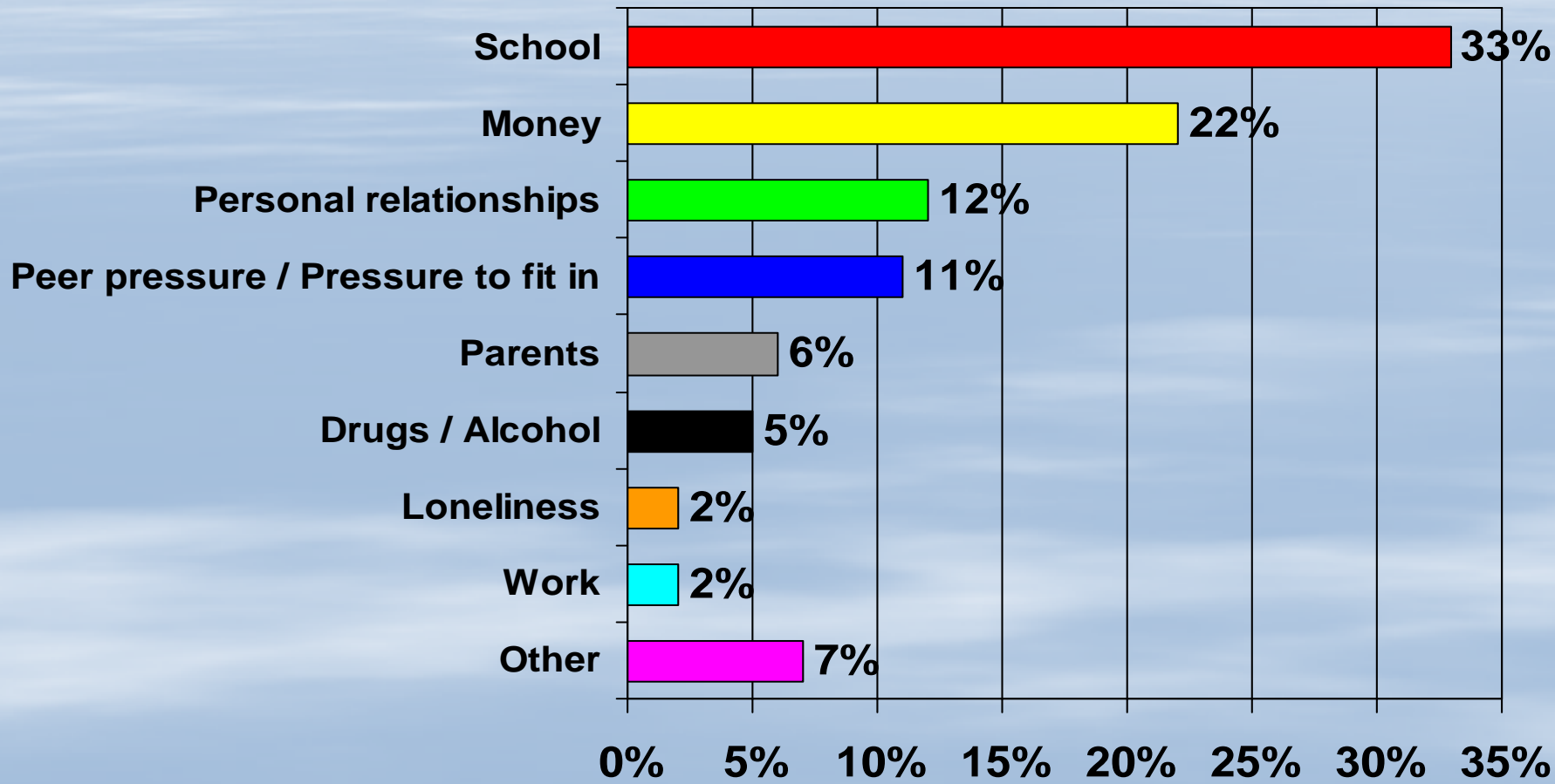


\*Multiple responses accepted

# What do you consider the most pressing issue facing your generation in the world today?

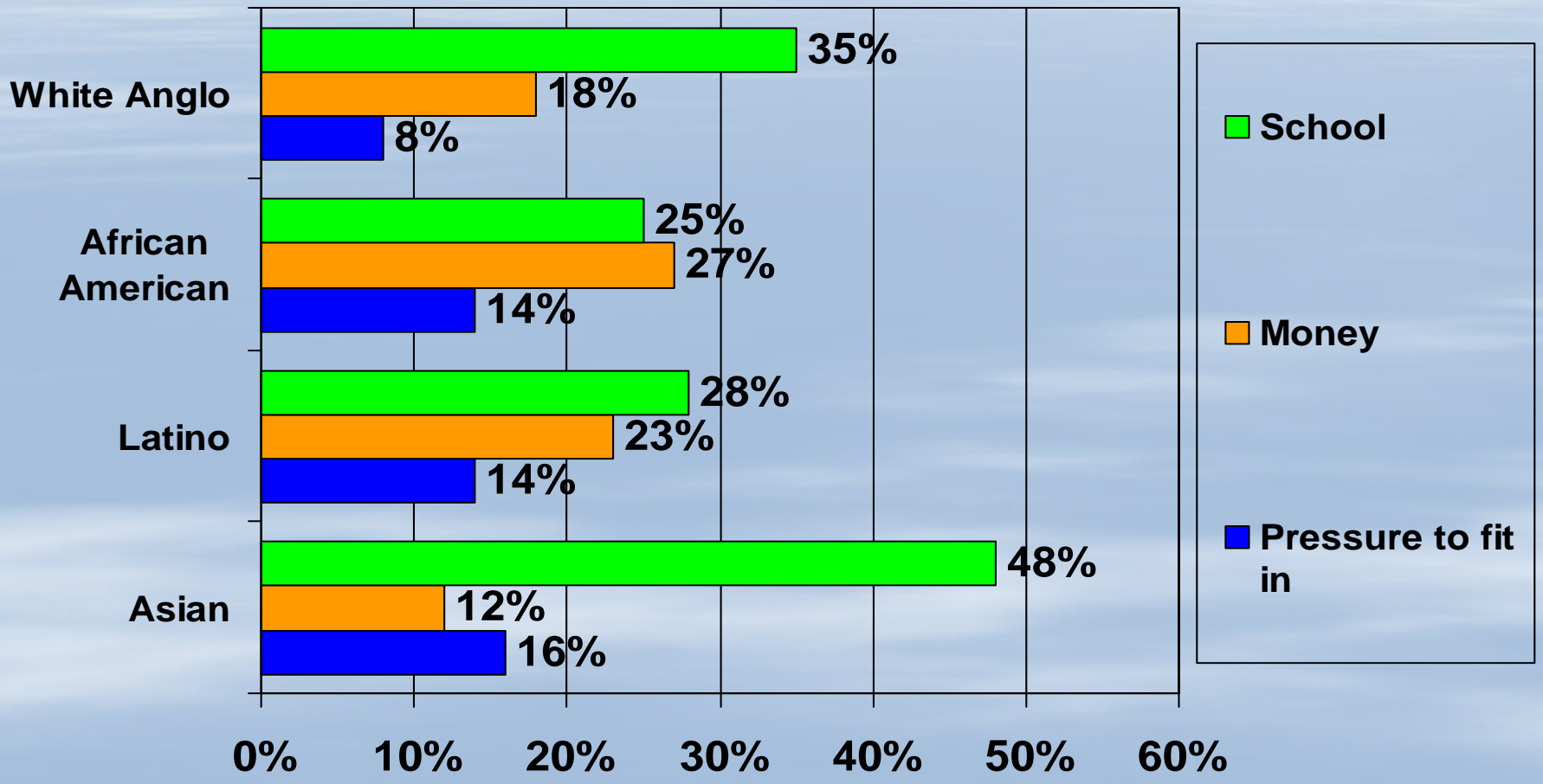


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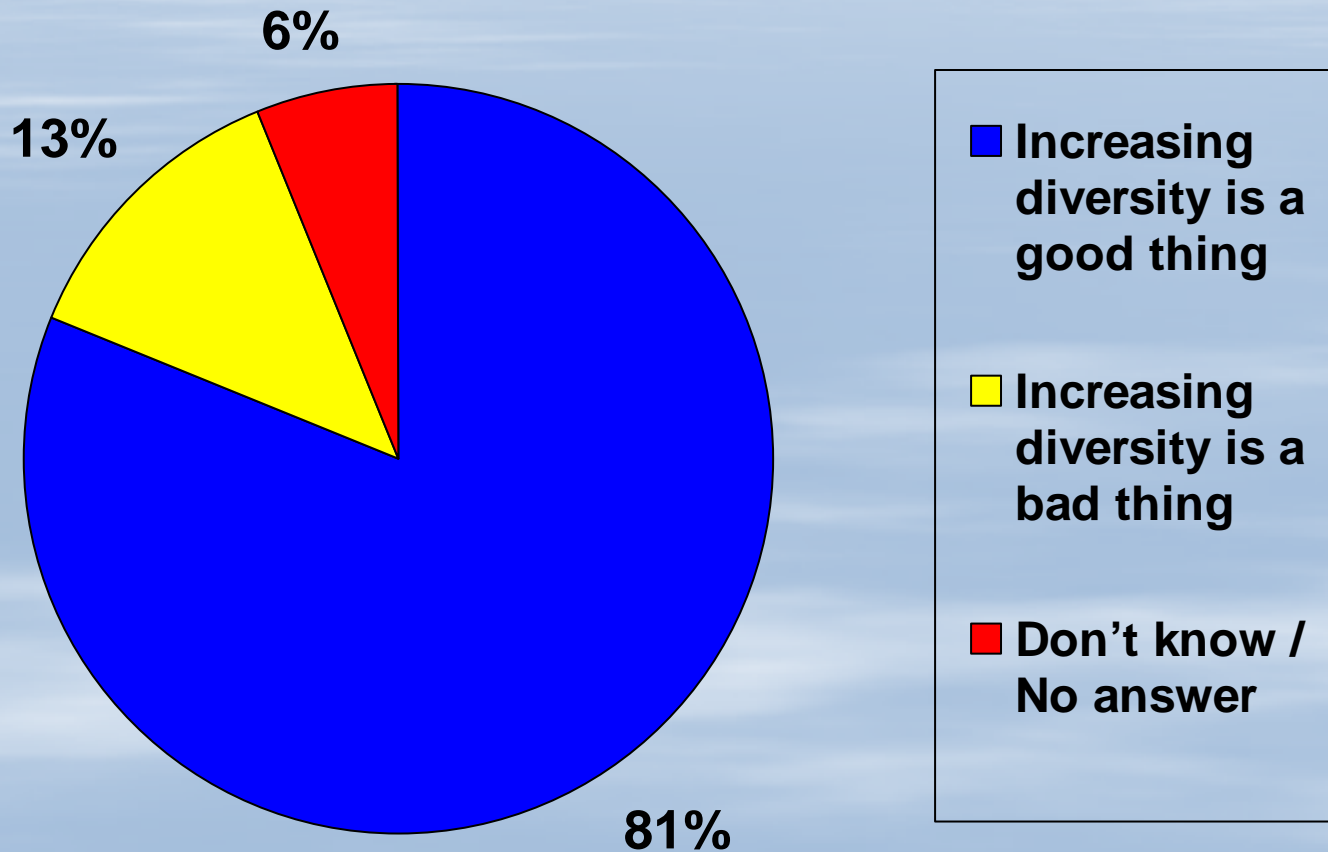


# Major Findings

3. Young Californians embrace the increasing diversity of the state in concept and in practice.

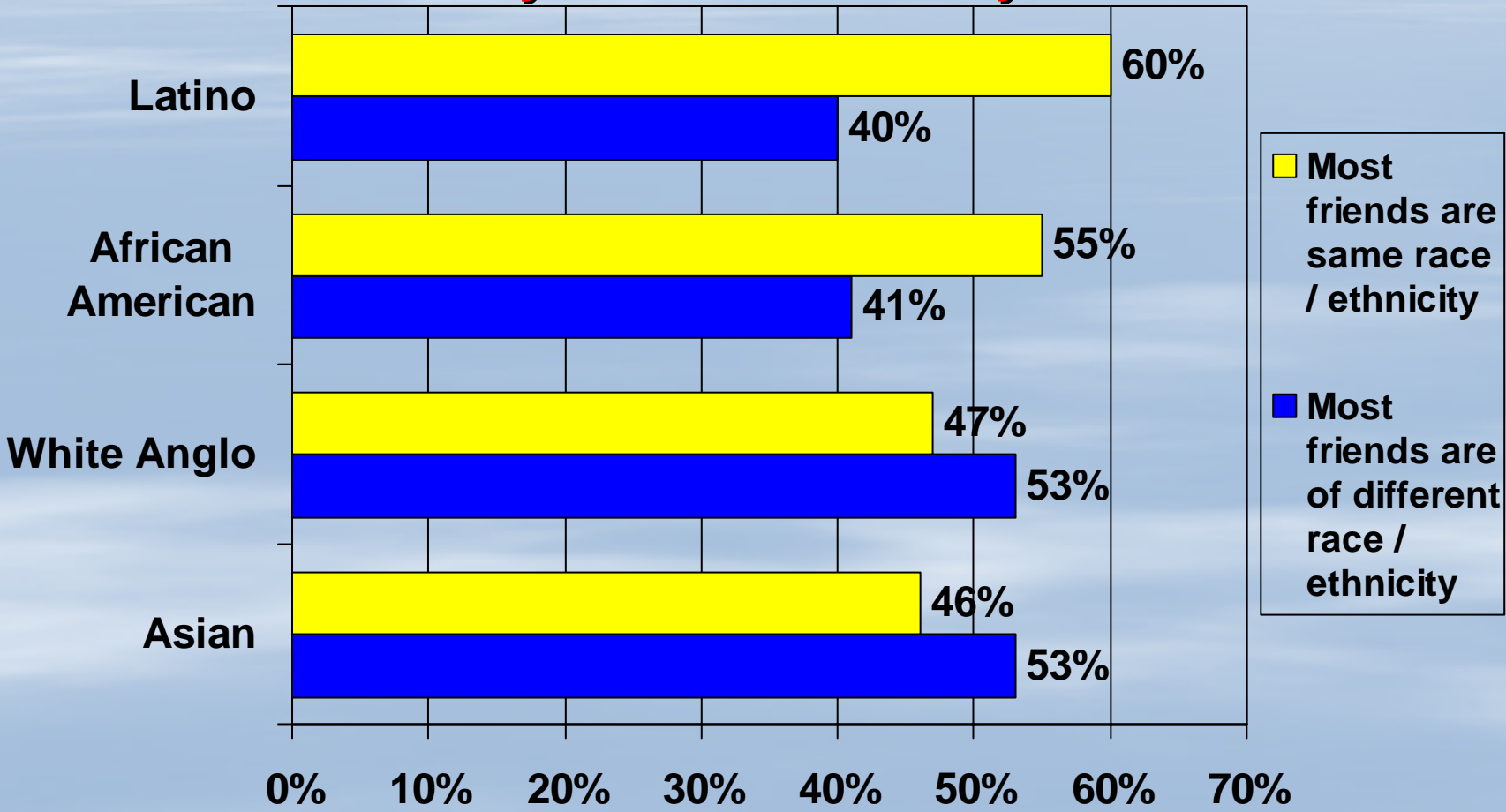


# Do you think the increasing racial and ethnic diversity in California is a good thing or a bad thing?

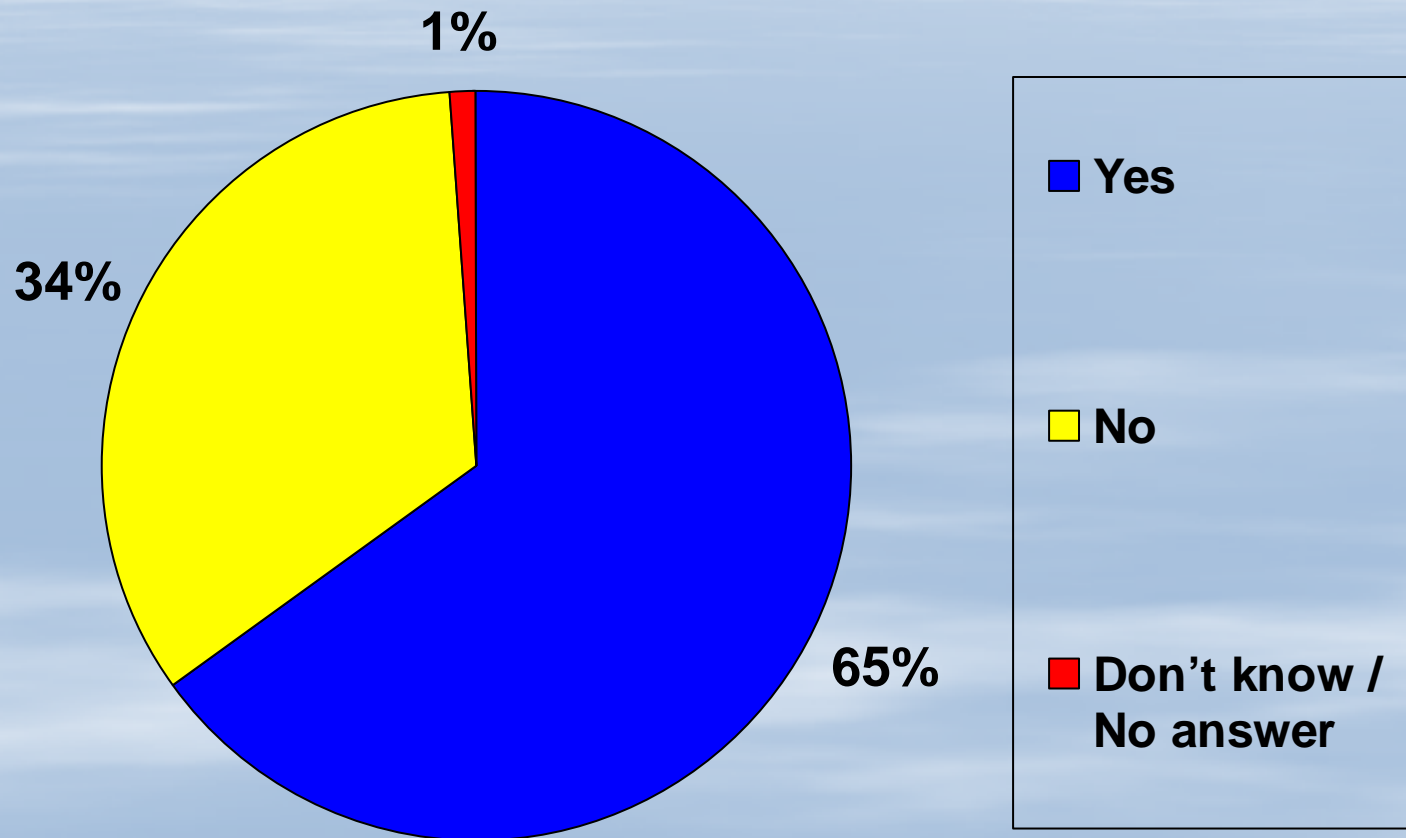


Would you say that most of your friends are of the same race or ethnicity as you or most of your friends are of a different race or ethnicity as you?

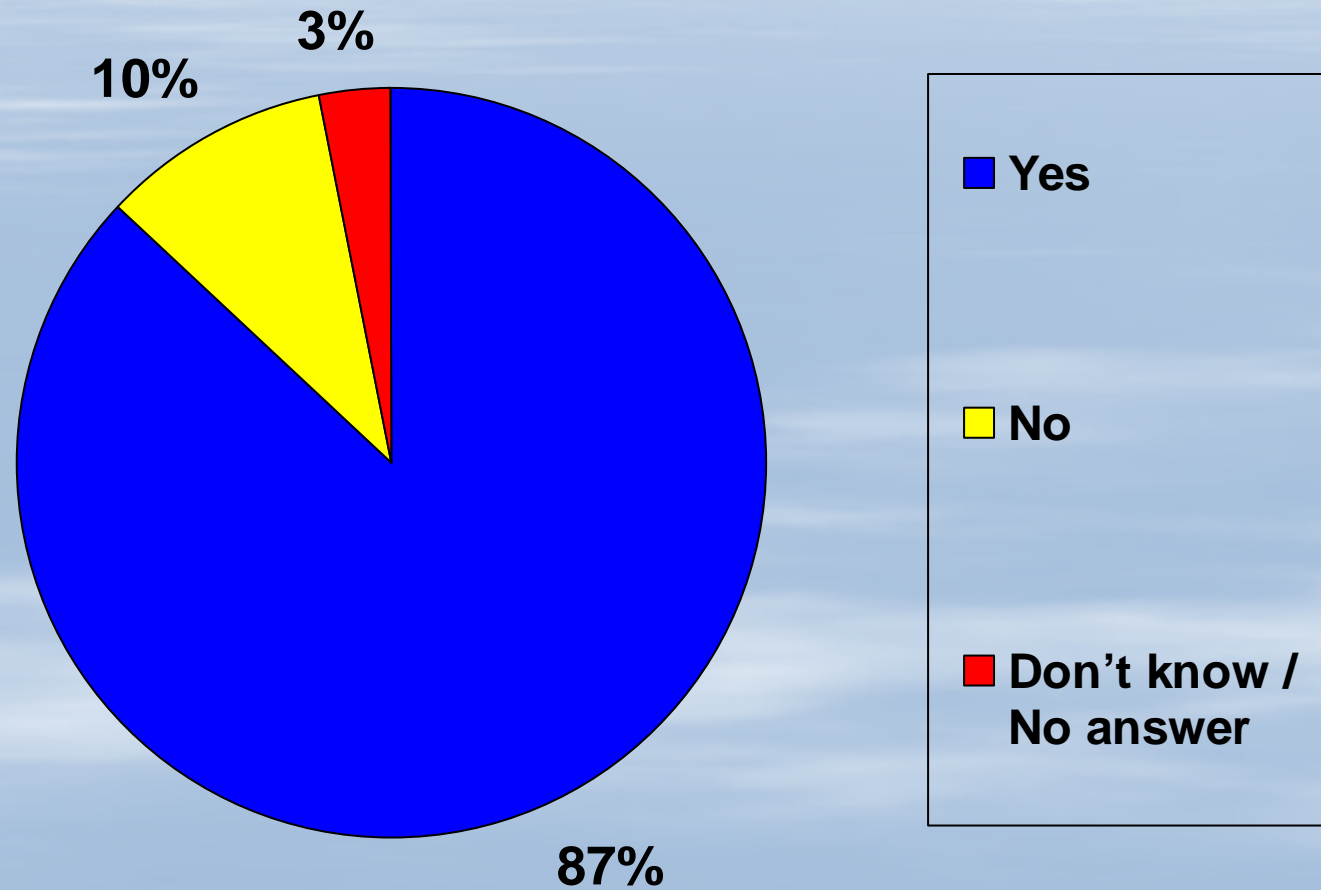
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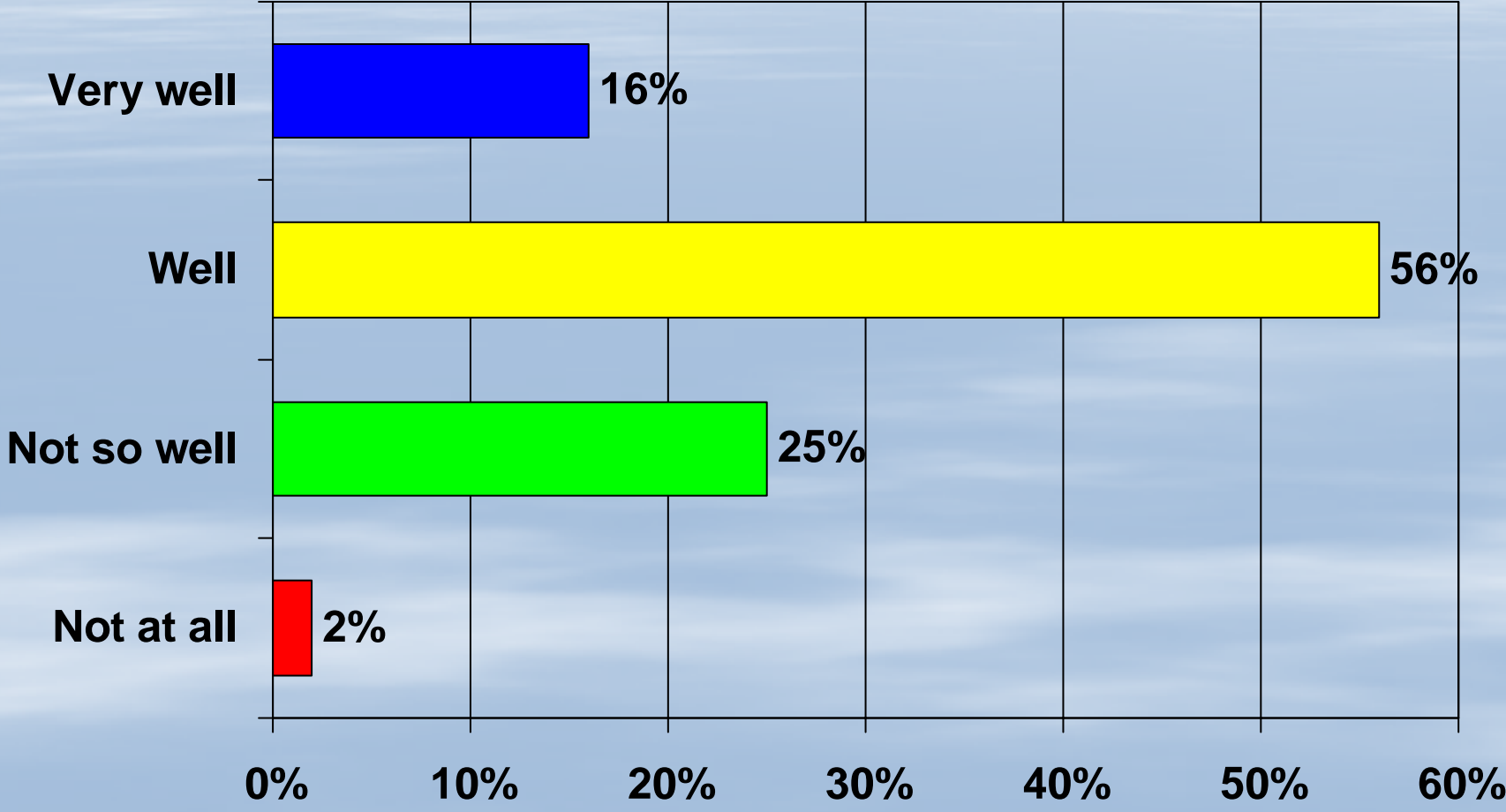
# Have you ever dated someone of a different race?



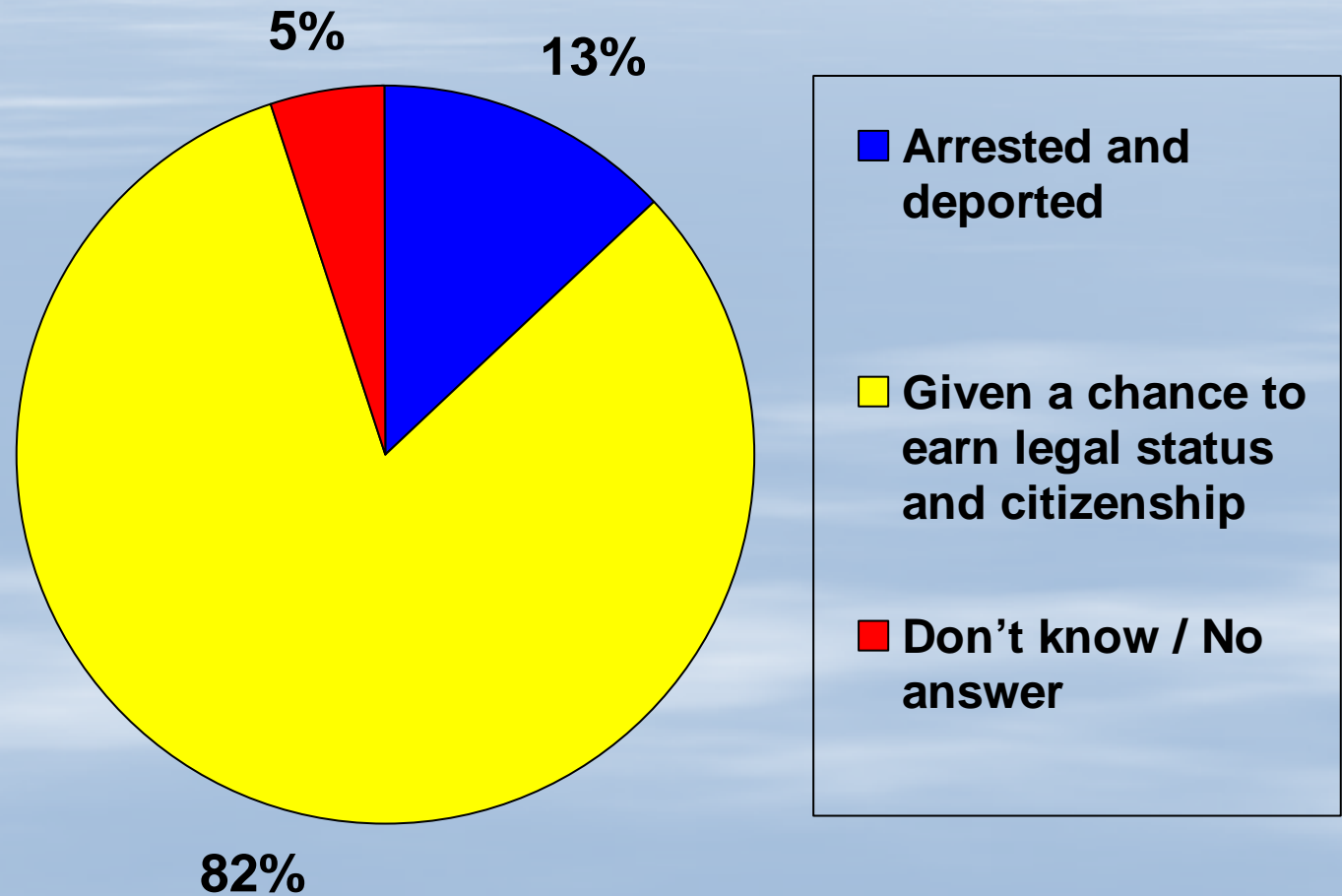
# Would you marry or enter into a life partnership with someone of a different race?



# How well do you think that young people of different ethnic and racial groups get along in California?

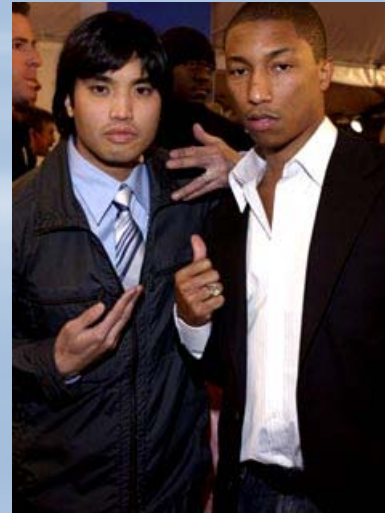


# When it comes to illegal immigration, do you think that most of the 3 million illegal immigrants in California should be...?

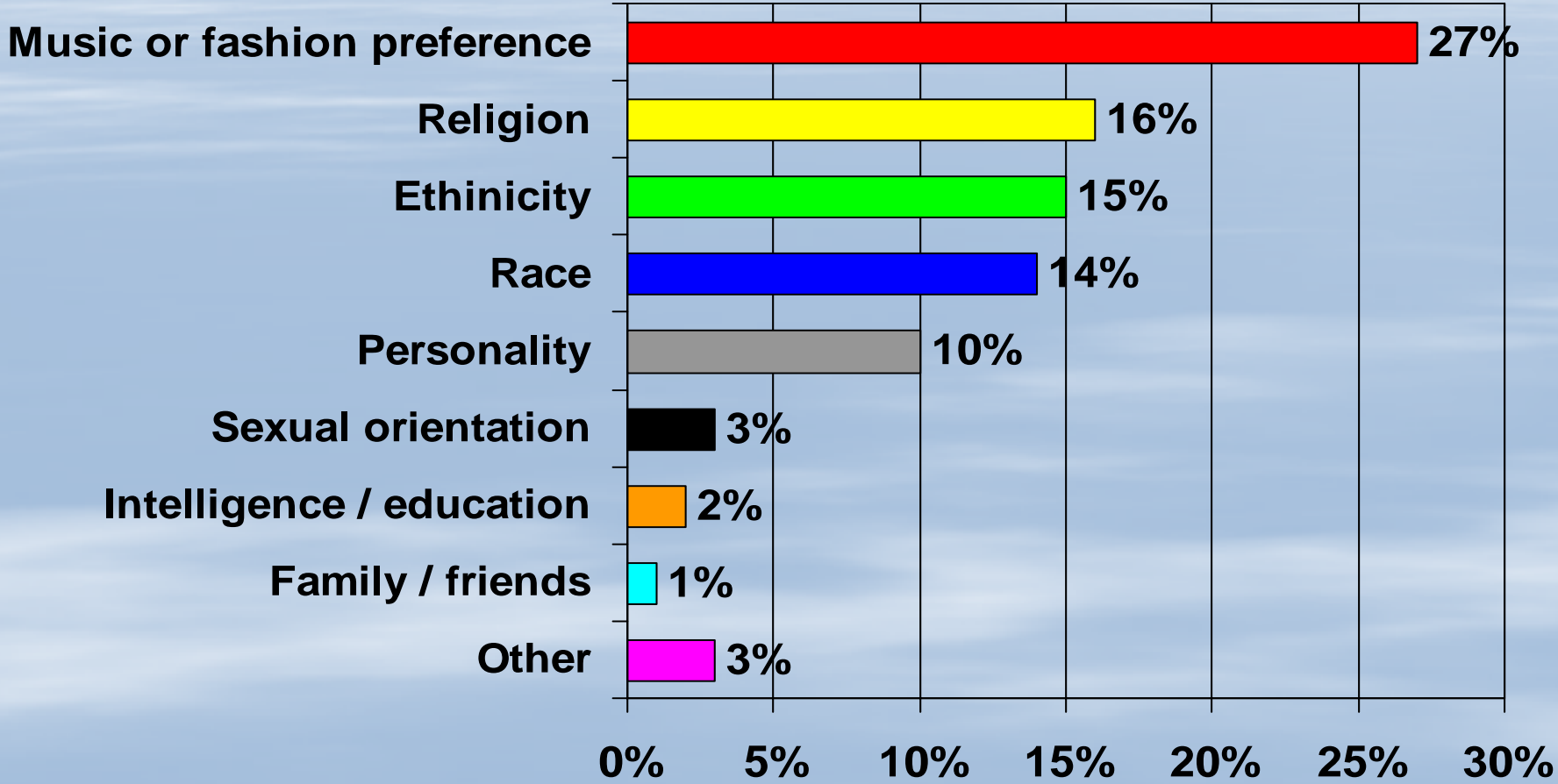


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4. Indicative of what it means to come of age in a global culture, California young people are just as likely to identify themselves by personal tastes such as music and fashion as by traditional markers of identity such as race and ethnicity.



# What is the most important characteristic that defines your identity?



# How would you best describe most Californians?

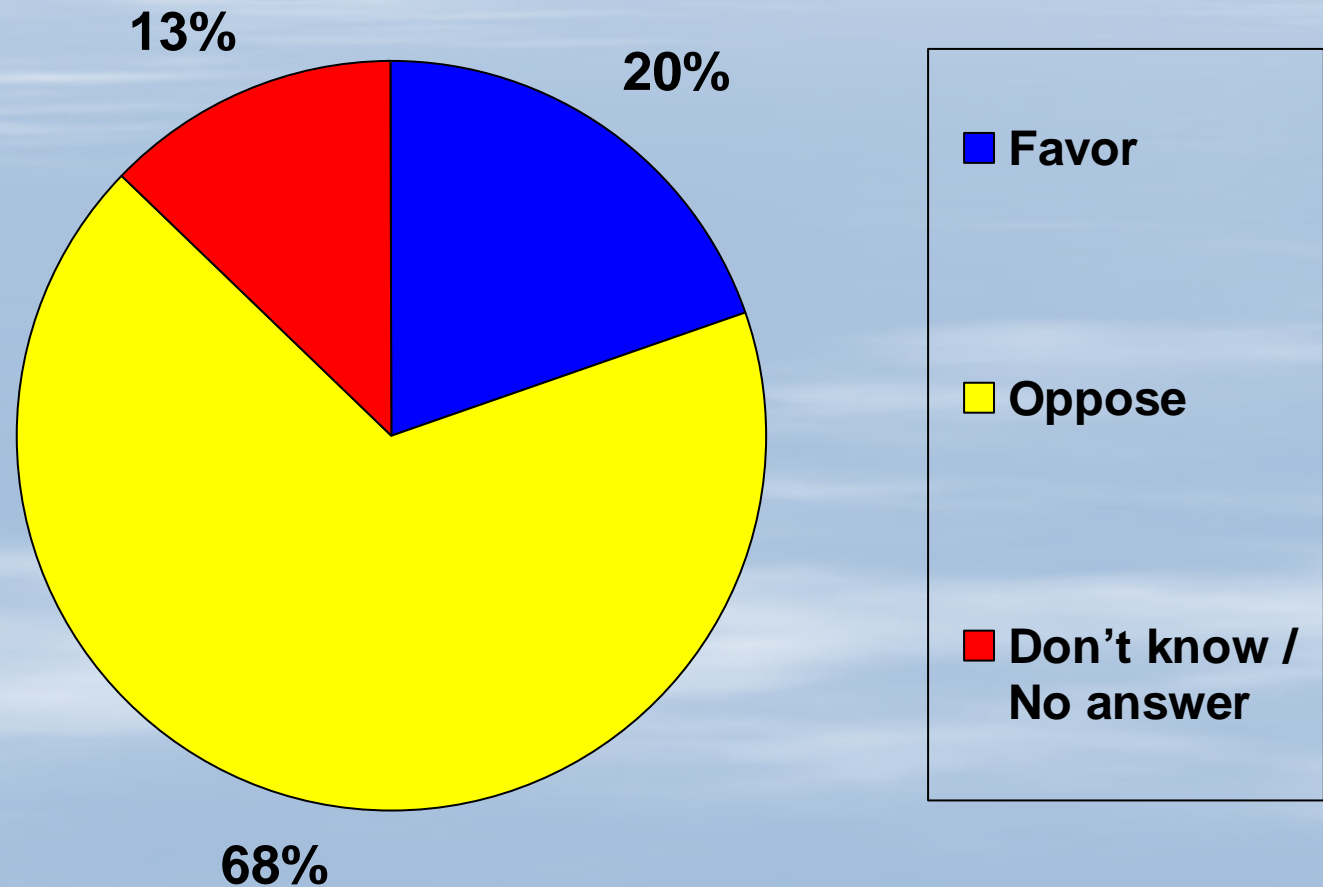
<b><i>Positive responses</i></b>	<b><i>Negative responses</i></b>	<b><i>Other responses</i></b>
Laid back / Relaxed / Fun in the sun	Materialistic / Greedy	Busy / Always in a rush
Hard working / Driven	Lazy	Liberal / Democrats
Friendly / Nice	Stuck up / Snobby / Selfish	Different / Unique / Interesting
Adventurous / Outgoing	Rude	Crazy / Weird
Diverse / Many cultures and races	Stupid / Ignorant	Rich
Open minded	Gangs / Gangster	
Cool / Trendsetters		
Active / Healthy		

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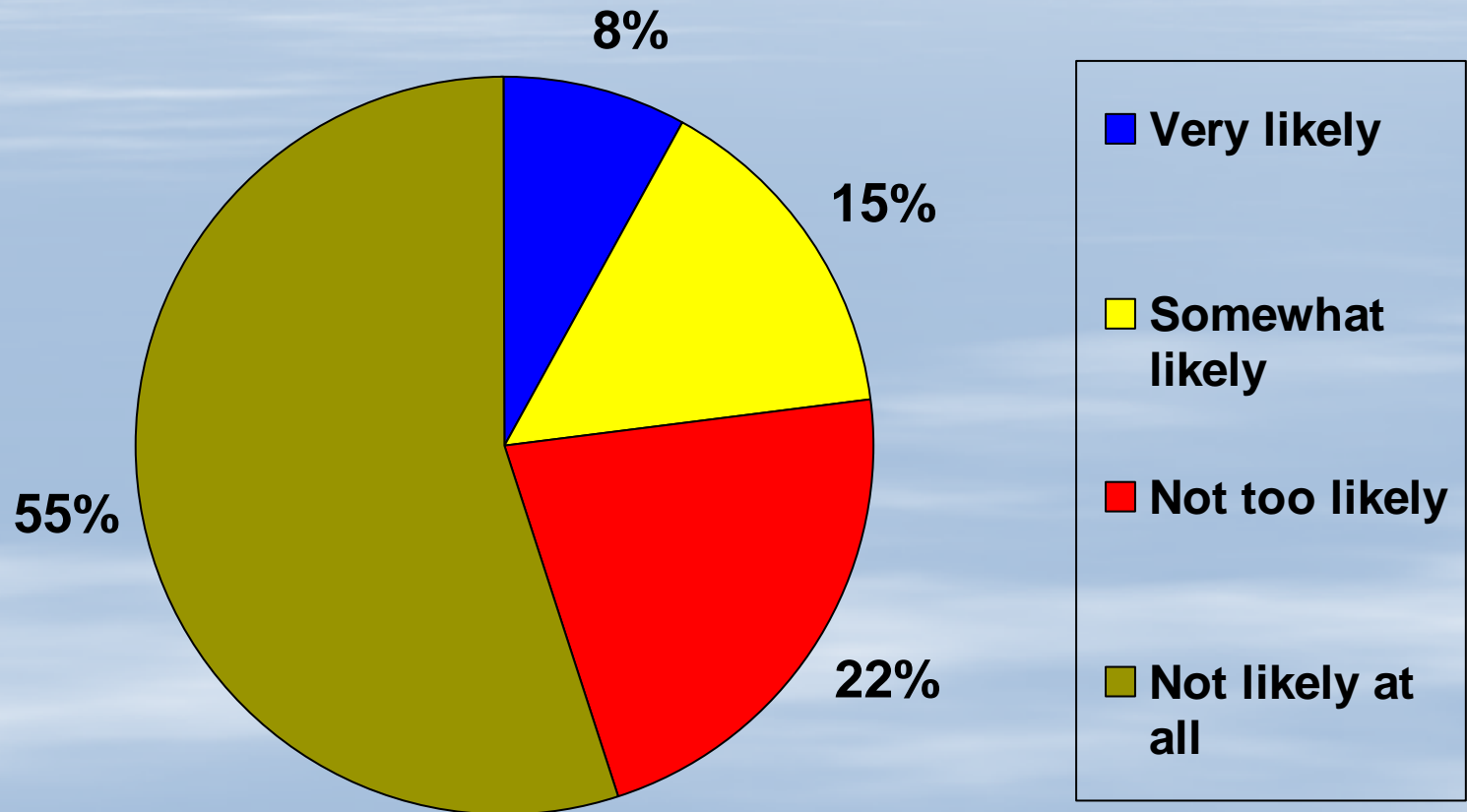
5. Even though an overwhelming majority of California young people oppose the current war in Iraq, a significant minority consider it likely that they will, in fact, join or volunteer for military service.



# Do you favor or oppose the U.S. war in Iraq?



# How likely is it that you will volunteer to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces?

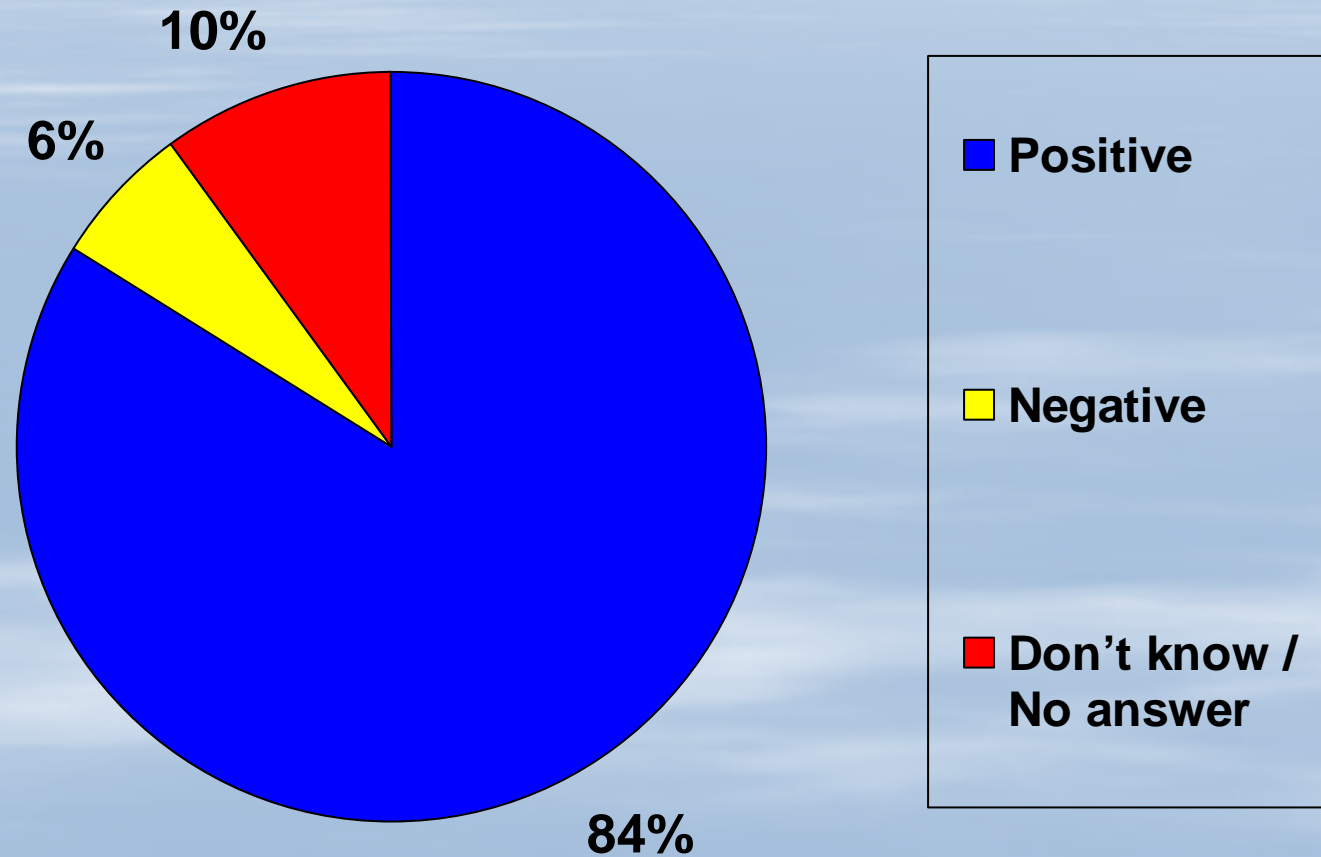


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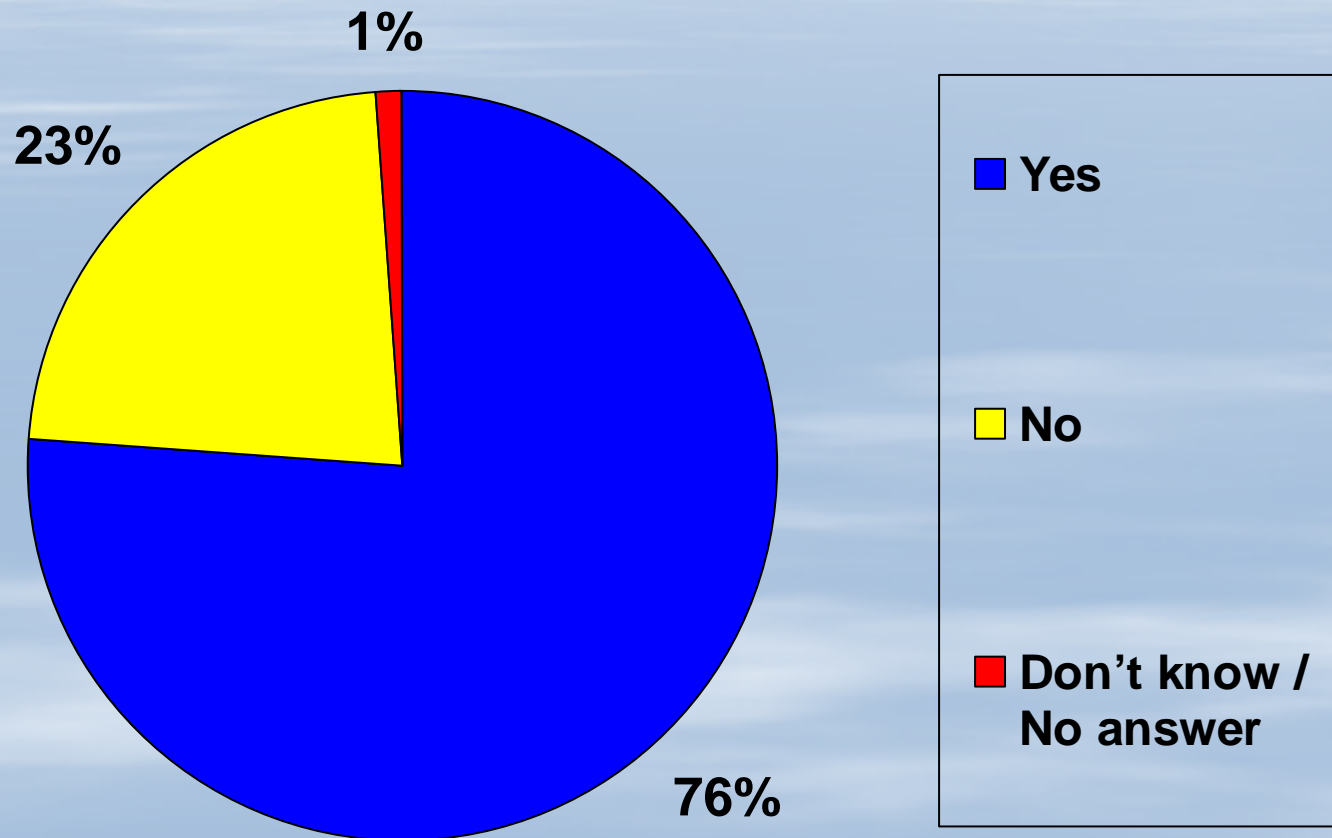
6. The vast majority of young people in California has a positive opinion of the University of California and most would consider attending a school in the UC system.



# Do you have a positive or negative opinion of the University of California or UC system?

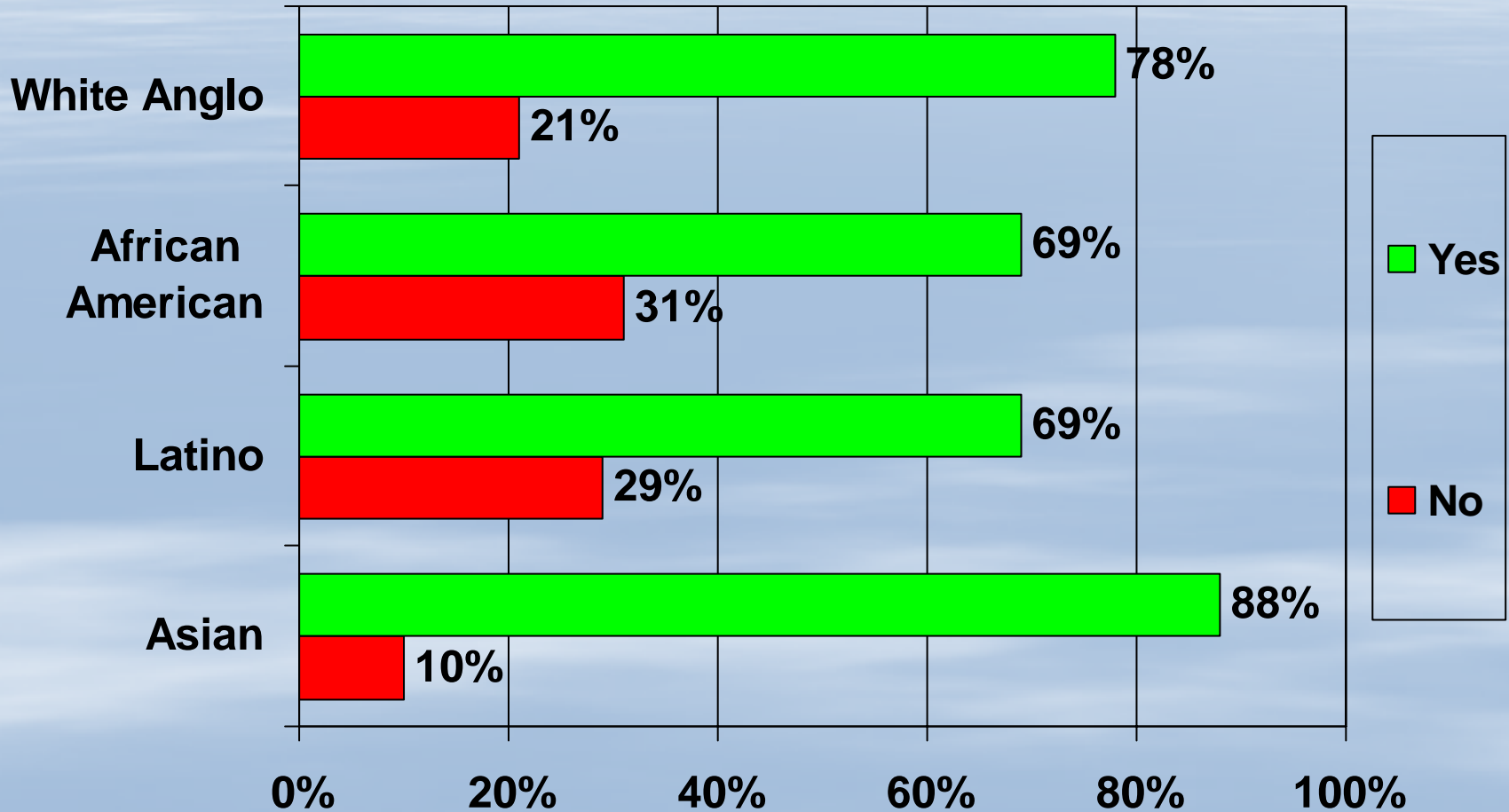


# Have you ever considered attending the University of California or UC system?



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## *By Race / Ethnicity*



# In which of the following areas do you think the University of California or UC system could be doing more to help solve the problems facing society?

