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Racial & Ethnic Differences in Issue Concerns and Support for Health Policy Change in New Jersey

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How the Poll Was Conducted

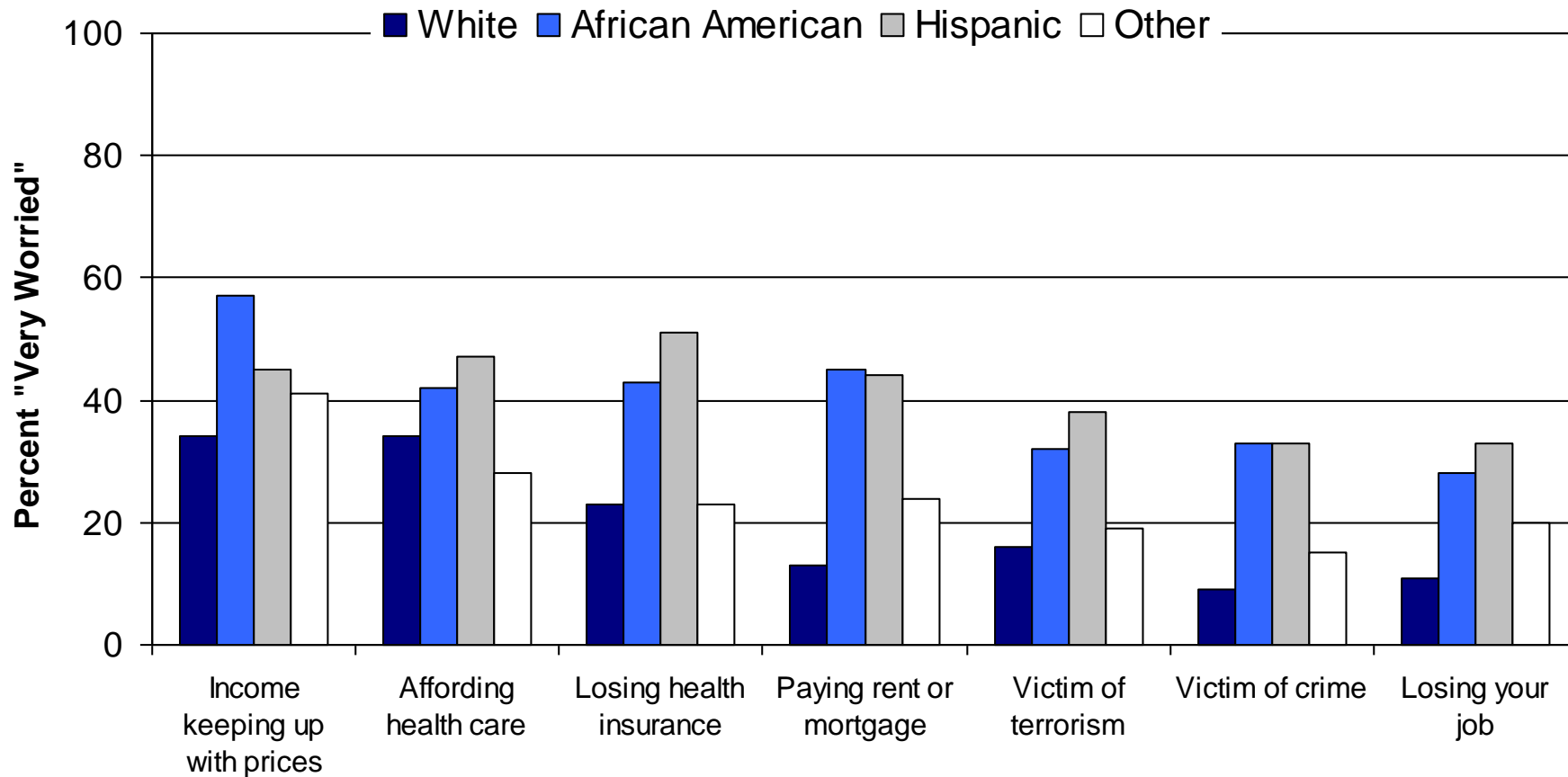
- Designed to represent the New Jersey adult population
- June 1 through July 9, 2007
- English and Spanish
- Total of 1,104 interviews
 - 804 landline
 - 300 cell phone
 - Weighted to reflect Census demographics
- Differences shown are not adjusted for other factors
- All racial/ethnic differences shown are statistically significant except where noted



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Worries about Economic, Social, and Health Care Issues Highest among Black & Hispanic Residents

How worried are you about ...



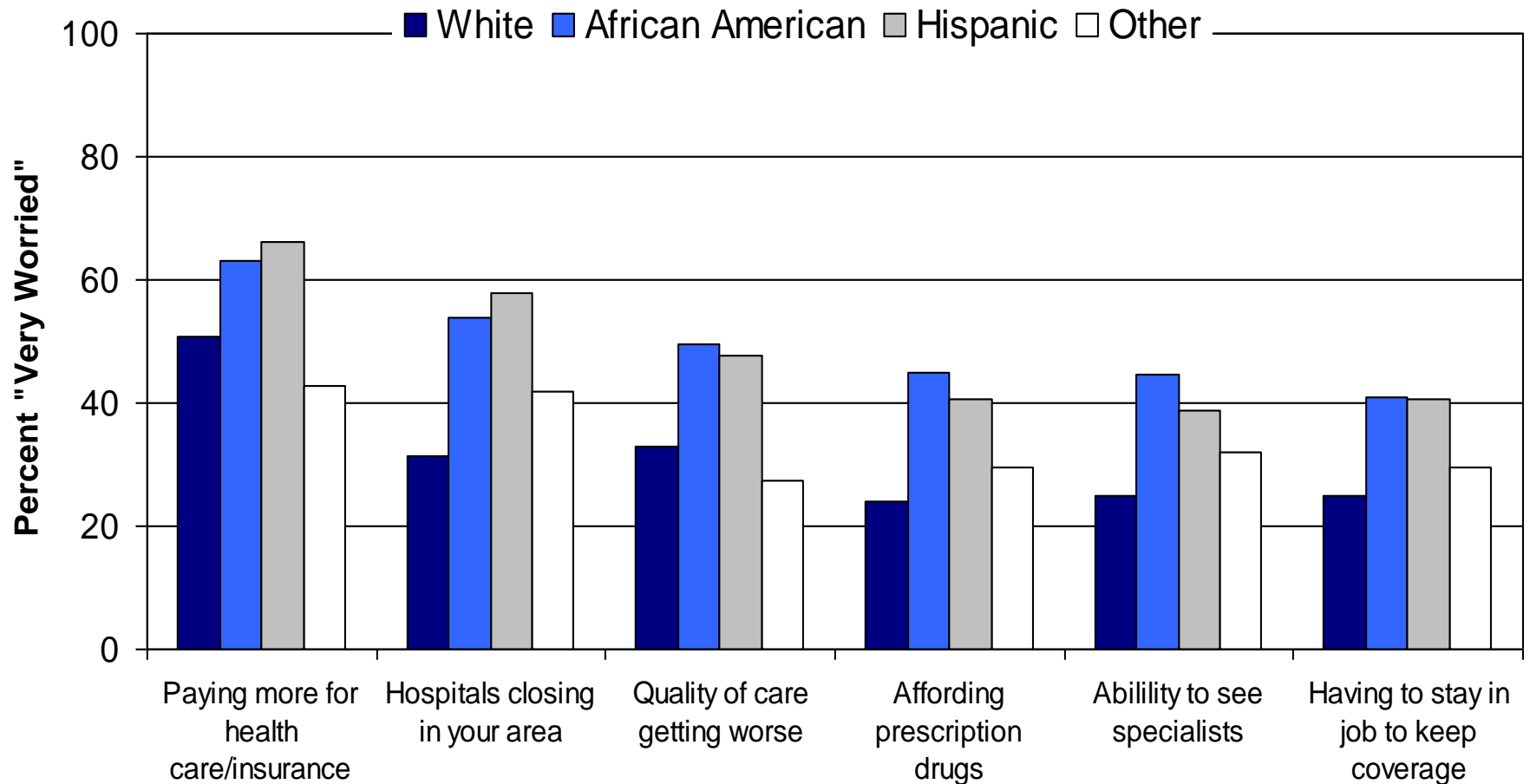
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Specific Health Care Worries also Higher among Minority Residents

How worried are you about ...



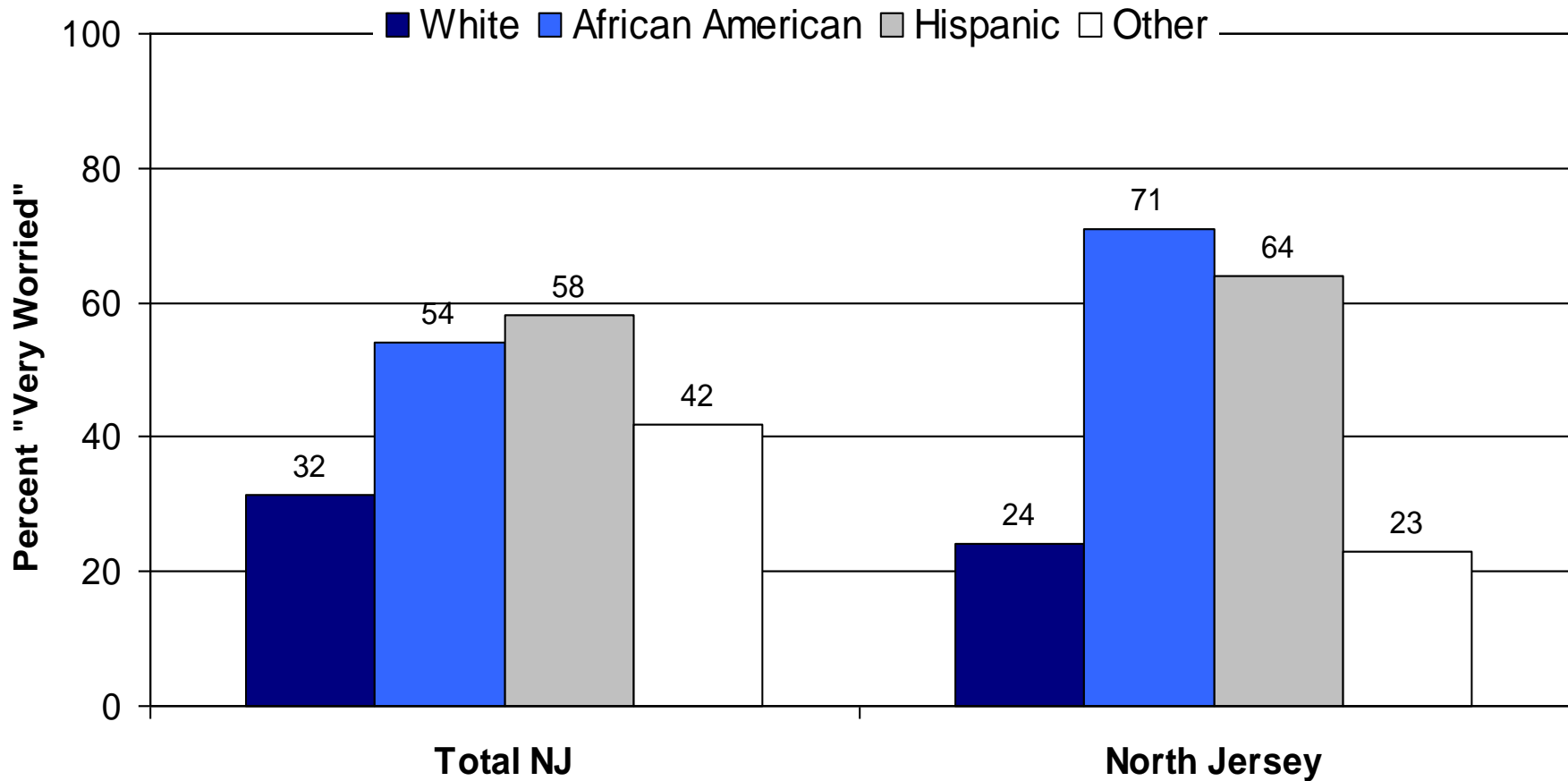
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Large Racial/Ethnic Divide in Worry about Hospitals Closing in Northern New Jersey

How worried are you about hospitals closing in your area?



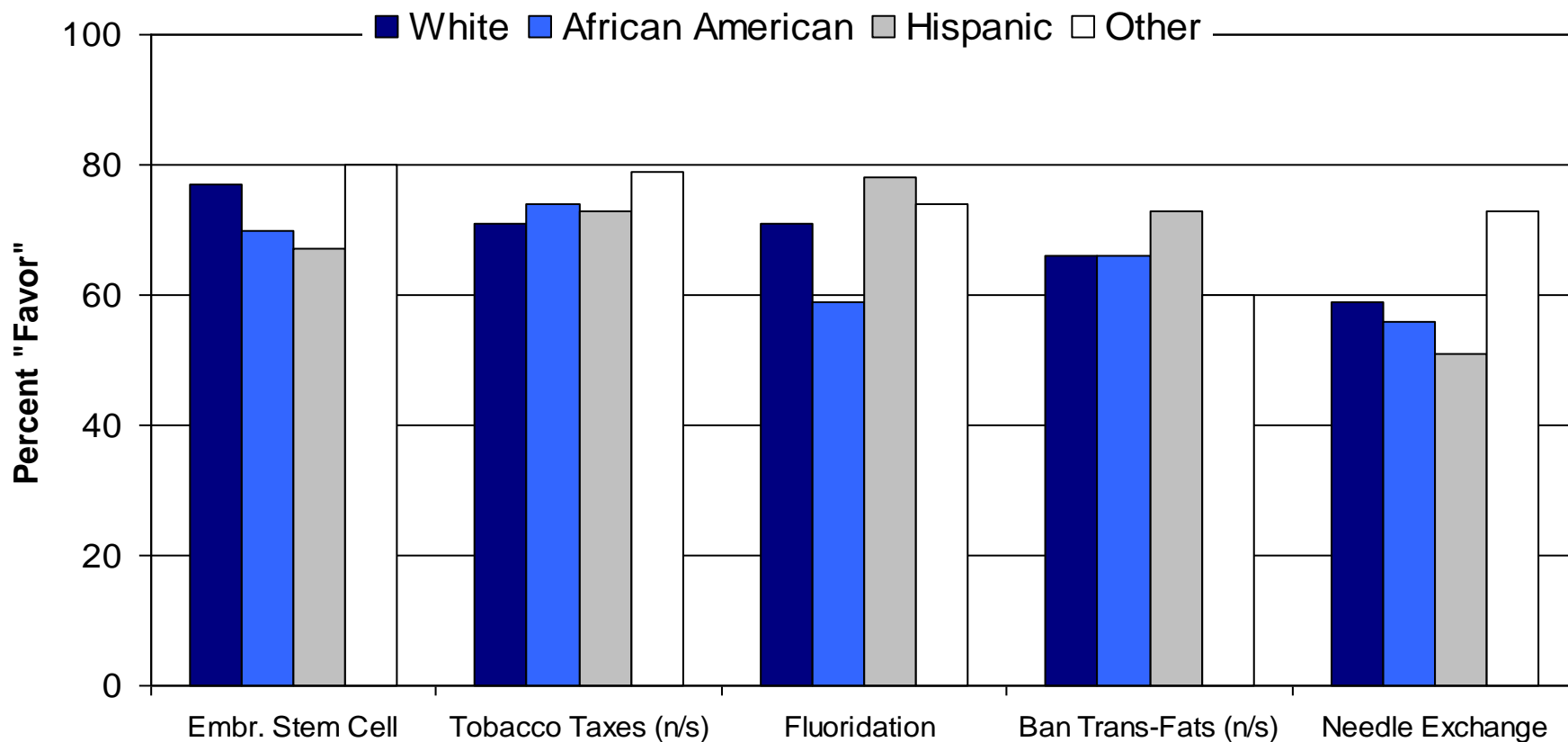
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Smaller Race/Ethnicity Differences in Support for Selected Public Health Interventions

Do you favor or oppose ...



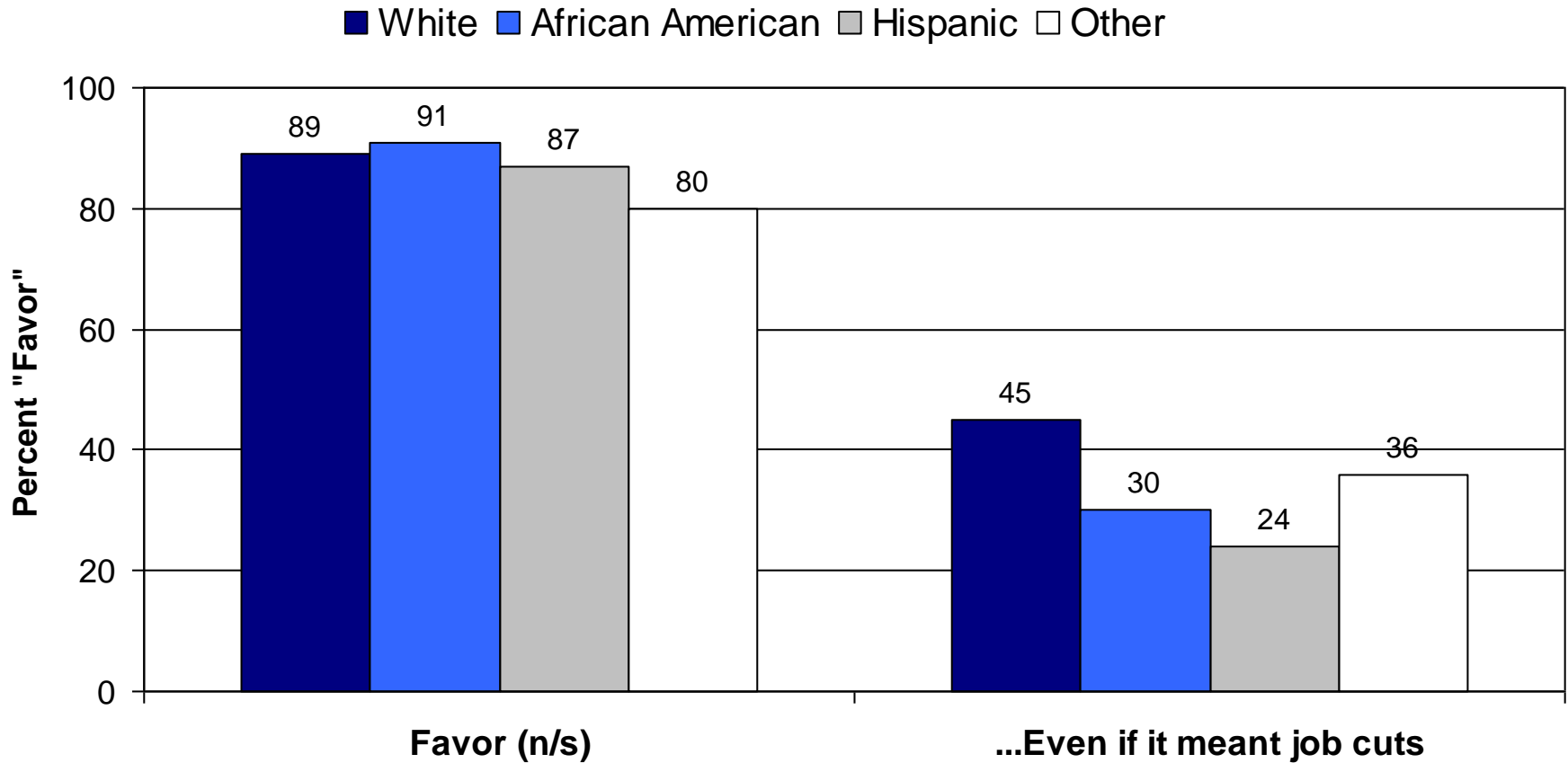
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Wide Support for Requiring Large Businesses to Contribute to Coverage, Falls if it Means Job Loss

Do you favor or oppose requiring large businesses...to pay a portion...



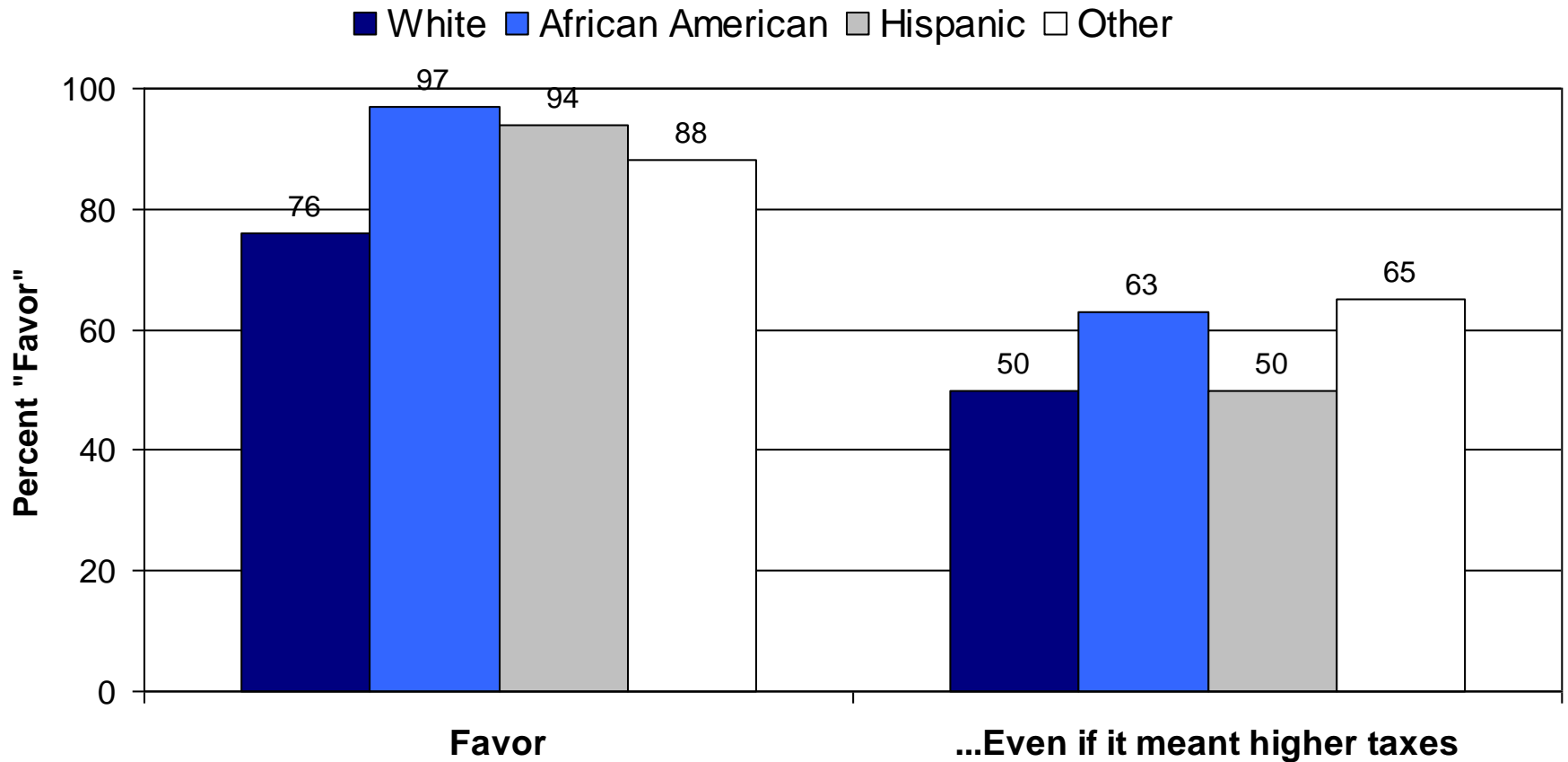
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Deep Support for Expanding Medicaid & FamilyCare among Minority Residents, Dampened by Potential Cost

Do you favor or oppose expanding public programs...



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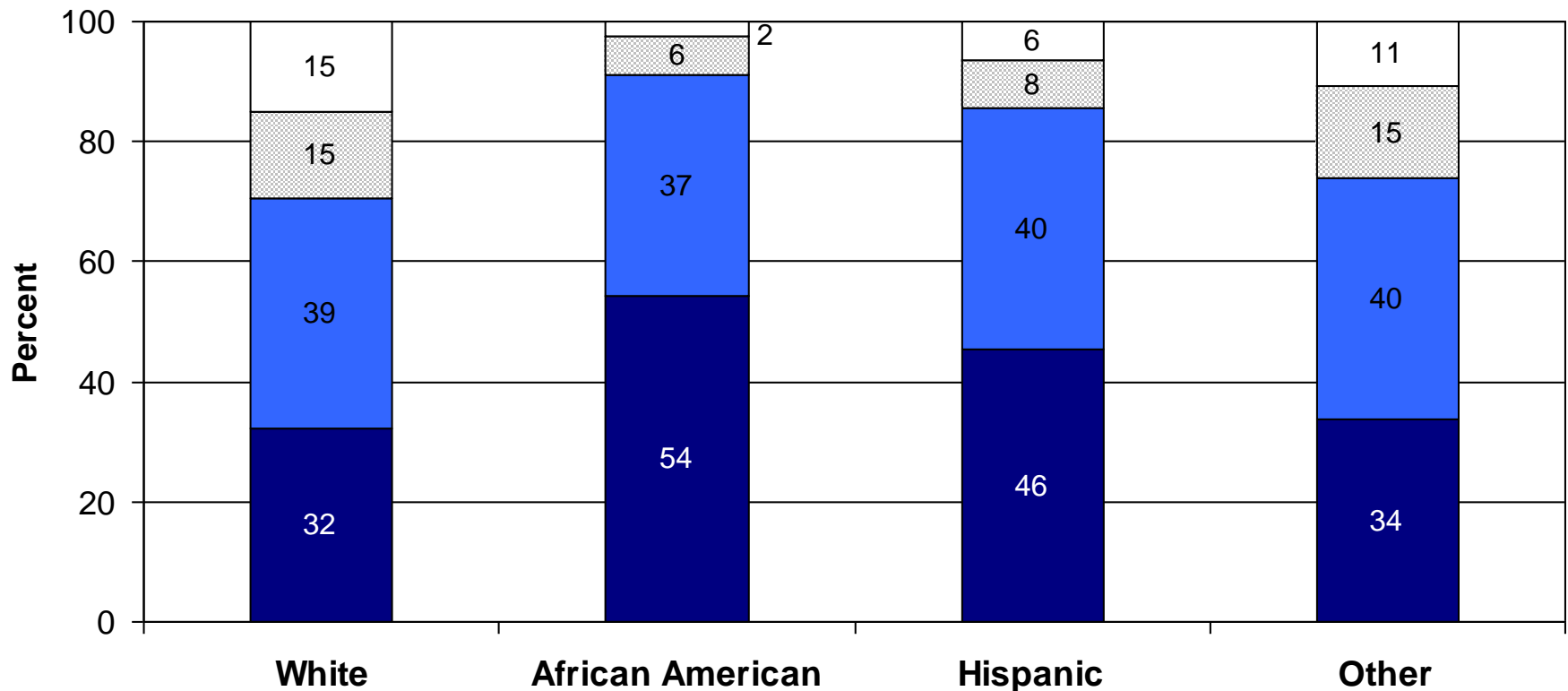
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Most Black and Hispanic Residents Support Requiring Everyone to Buy Coverage, with Subsidies for those who Can't Afford it

Do you favor or oppose ...

■ Favor Strongly ■ Favor Somewhat ■ Oppose Somewhat □ Oppose Strongly



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Summary

- Very large racial/ethnic differences in worries about pocketbook issues, health care and violence
 - Health care concerns rank as high as economic worries
 - Affordability of care and hospital closure highest among health care concerns of minority residents
- Broad support for public health interventions and coverage reforms
 - Very deep support for health care reform among African American and Hispanic residents

