



Poll of the Haitian Diaspora on the Earthquake

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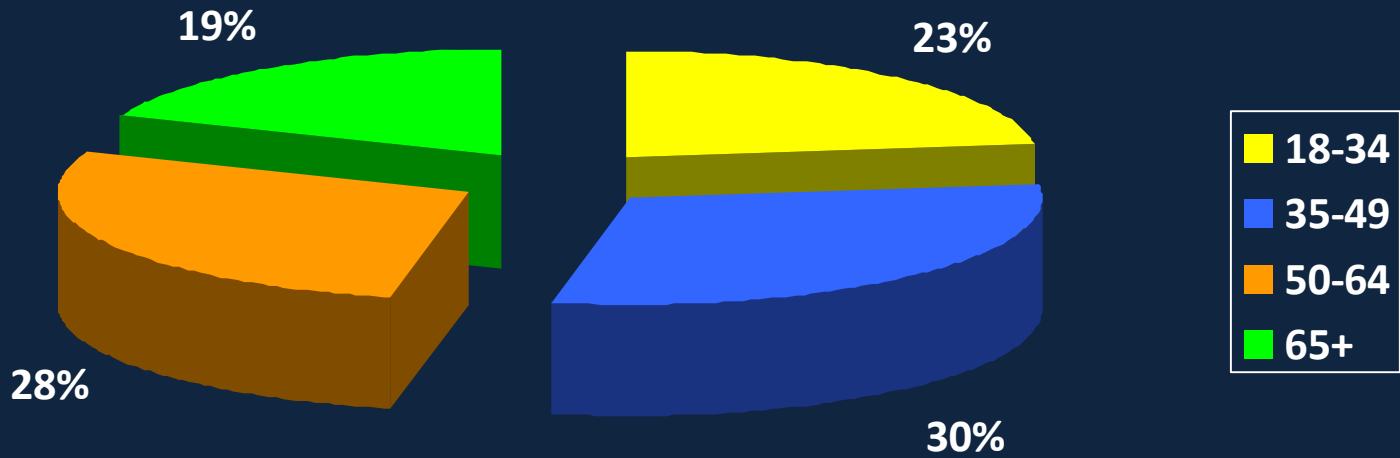
Methodology

<i>Sample size</i>	400 Haitian adults in the United States
<i>Dates of interviews</i>	January 22 – 24, 2010
<i>Margin of error</i>	5 percentage points
<i>Languages of interviews</i>	English, Haitian-Creole

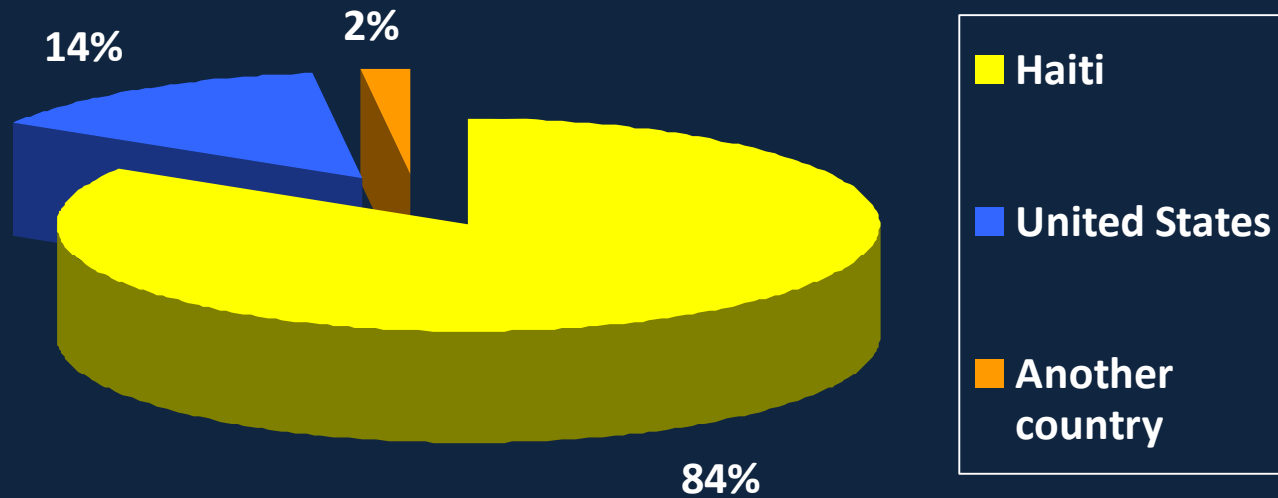
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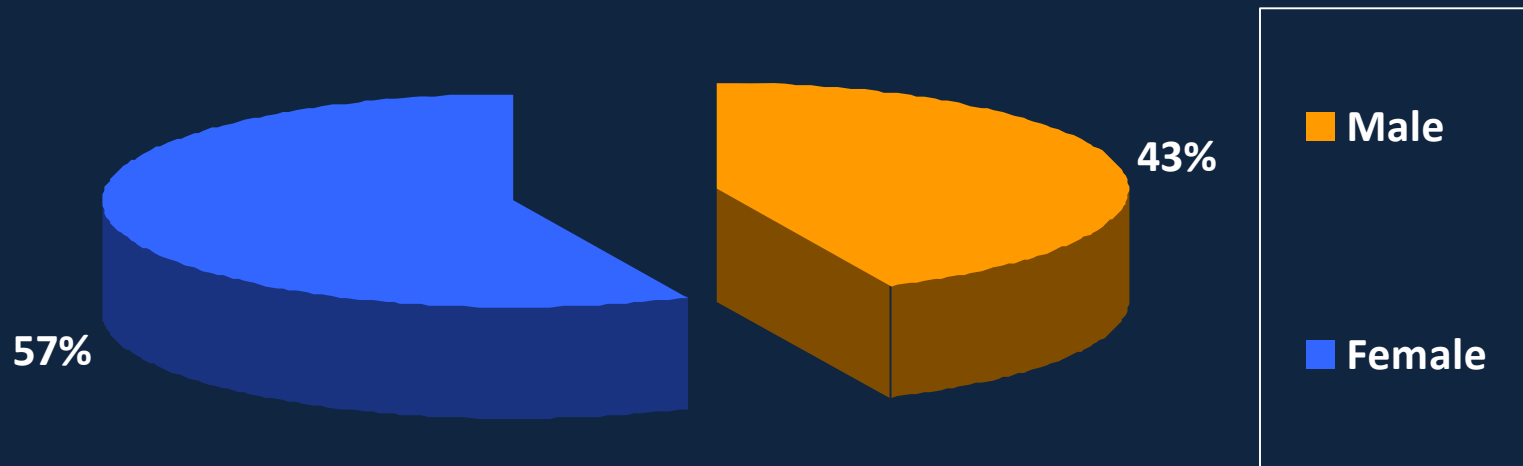
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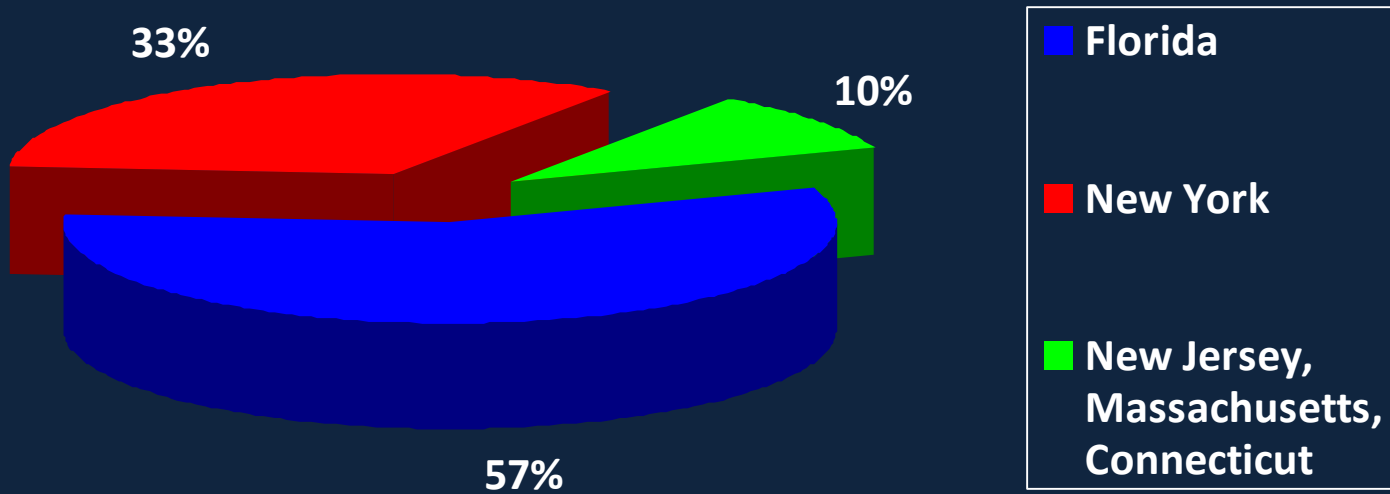
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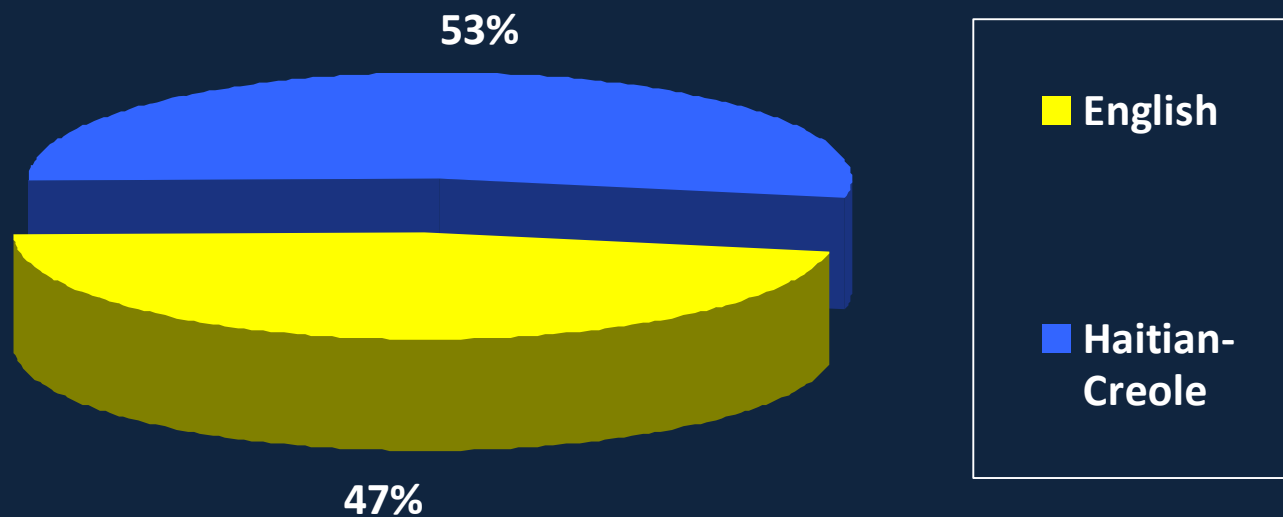
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State of Residence



Language of Interview





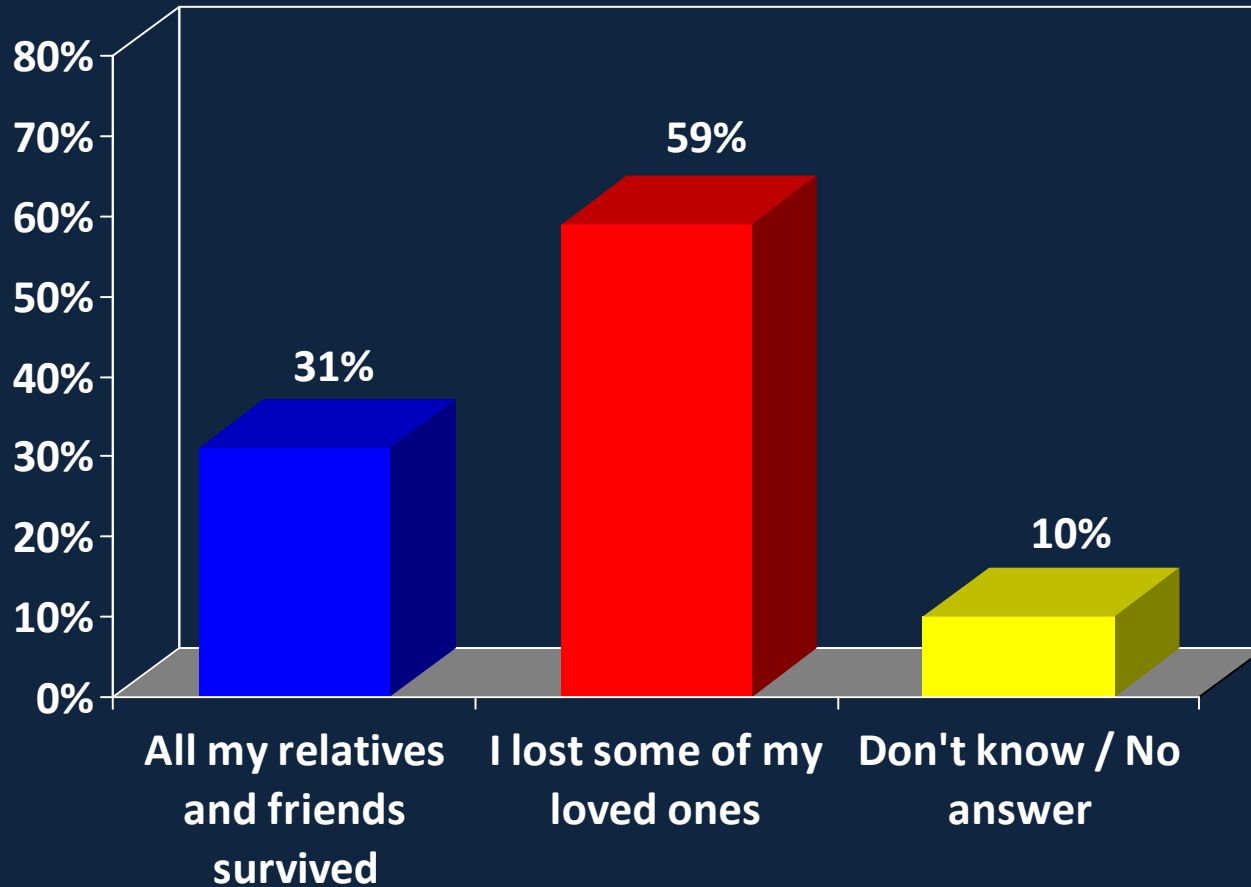
Major Findings



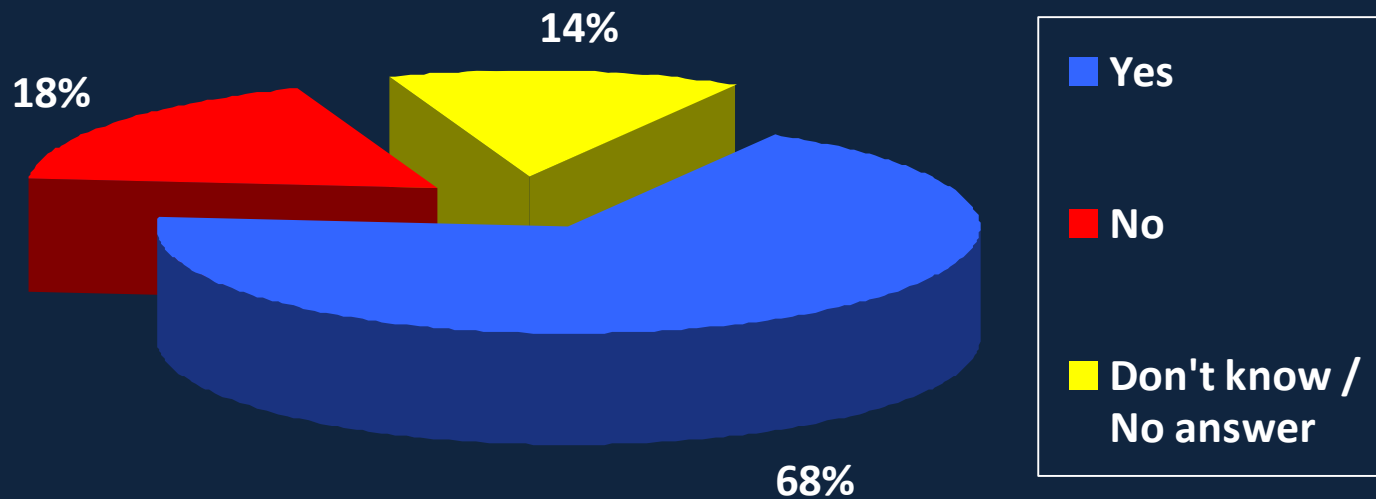
Major Finding 1

- The Haitian community of the United States has been deeply affected by the earthquake that struck the island nation earlier this month. Three-fifths of all Haitian respondents told our interviewers that they had lost some of their “loved ones.” Two-thirds of them feel the situation in their country is so dire that they are willing to move back to Haiti for a period of time to help with the reconstruction.

The European Community estimates that more than 200,000 Haitians have died as a result of the earthquake. Did all of your relatives and friends survive this catastrophe or did you lose any of your loved ones because of the earthquake?



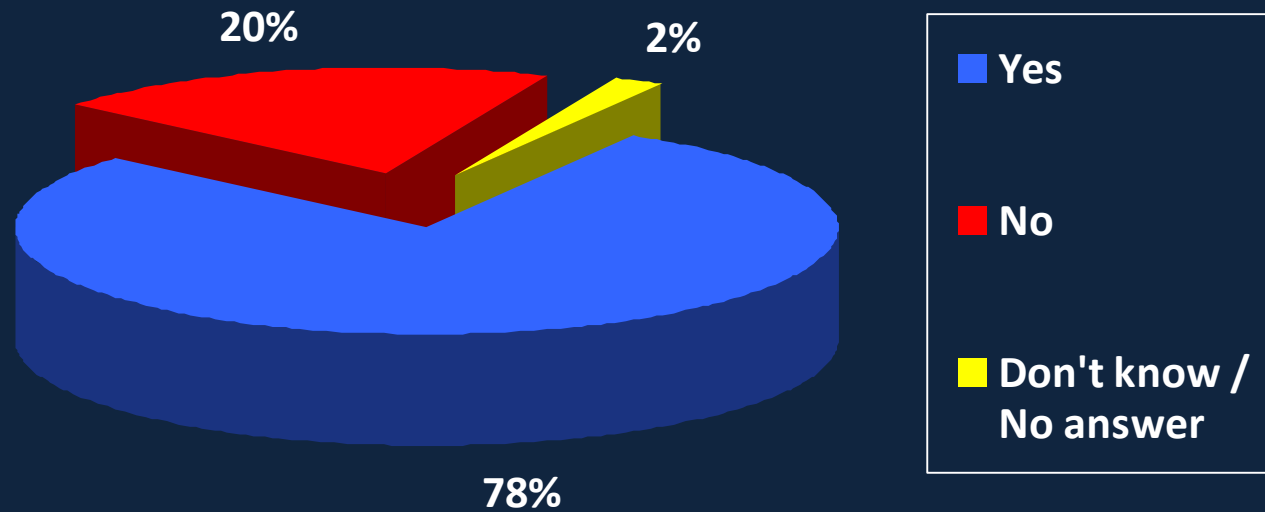
Are you willing to move back to Haiti for a period of time to help reconstruct the country?



Major Finding 2

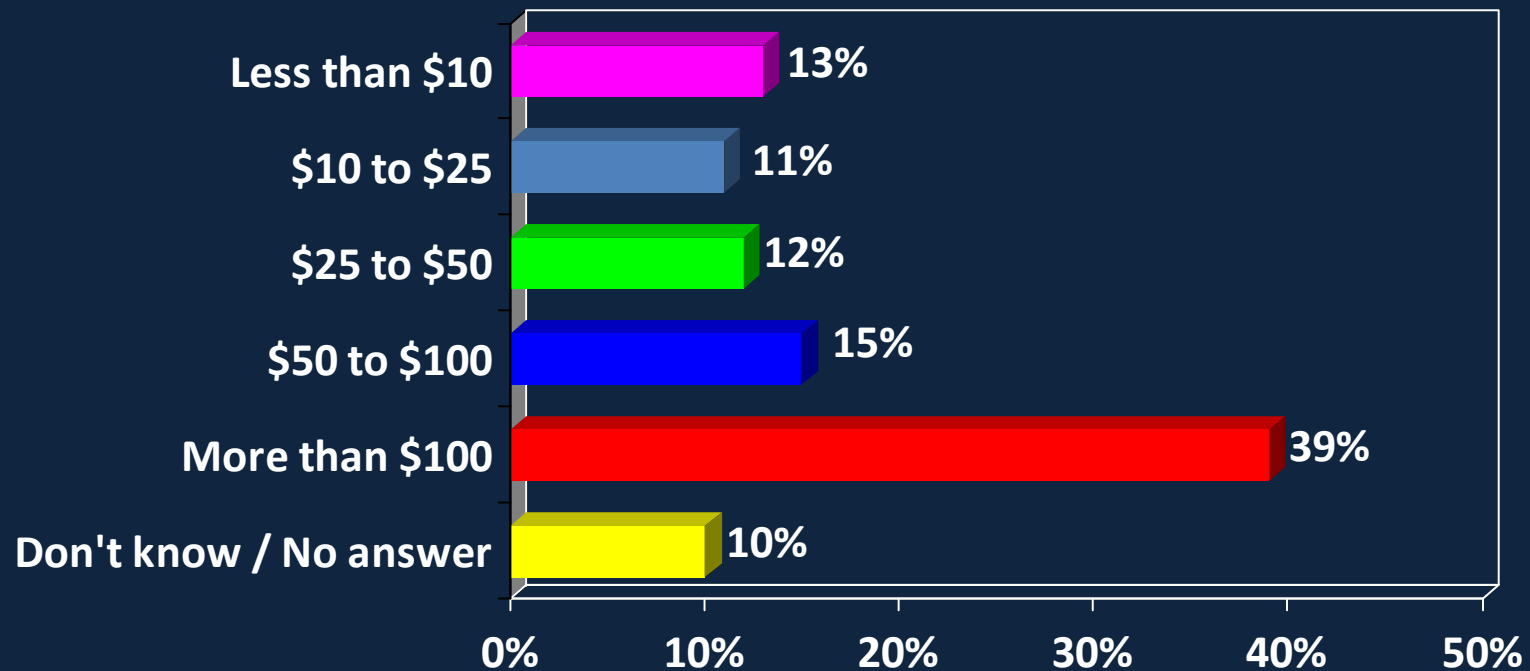
- Seventy-eight percent of Haitian adults in the United States report having sent a financial contribution (average: \$75) to help the victims of the earthquake. And the large majority of those that have been sending remittances to their family members in Haiti on a regular basis say that they are now willing to increase the amount they send every month. Moreover, 62 percent indicate that they are willing to adopt or foster a Haitian orphan from the earthquake.

Have you sent a financial contribution or any type of donation to help the victims of the Haitian earthquake?



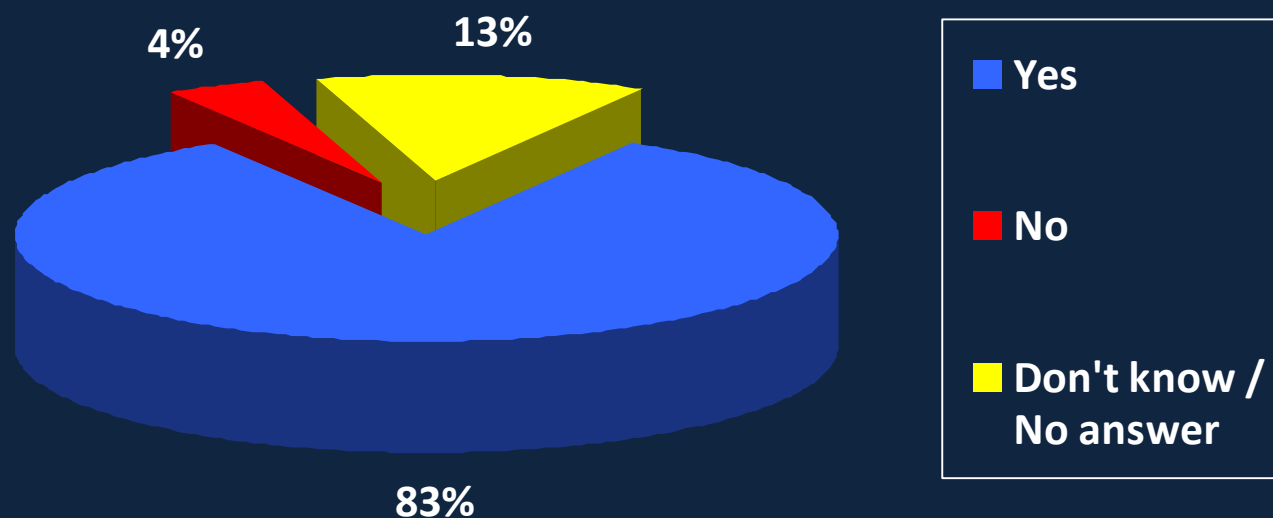
How much money have you contributed to help the victims of the Haitian earthquake?

Asked only of respondents who have sent a financial contribution



Are you now willing to send more money to your family in Haiti to help them survive the impact of this catastrophic earthquake?

Asked only of respondents who currently send remittances

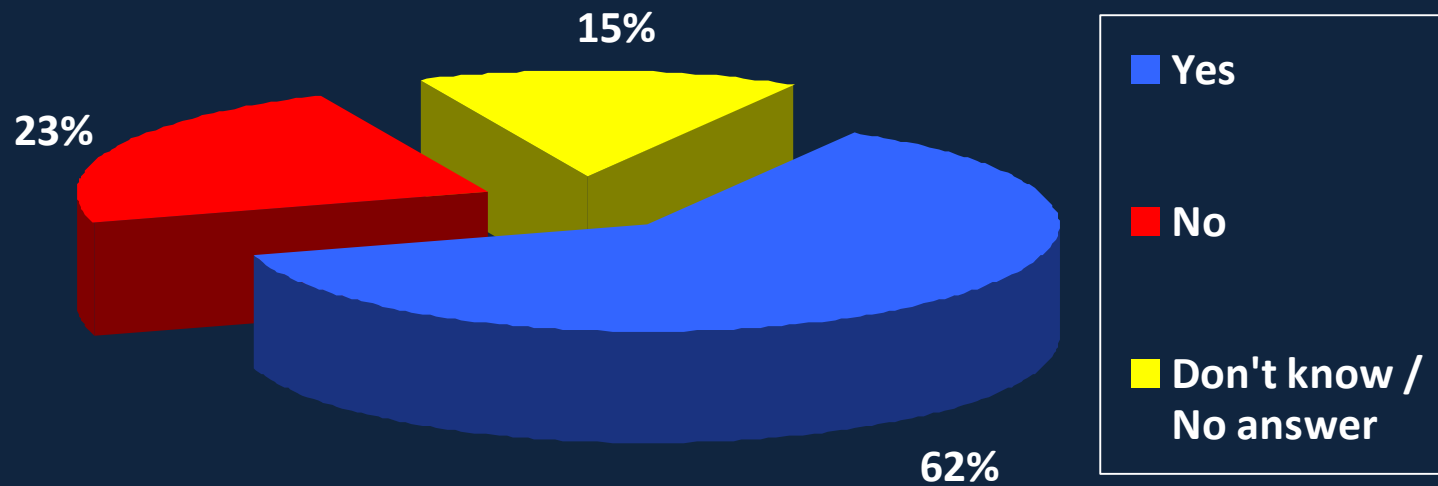


How much more are you willing to send your family every month?

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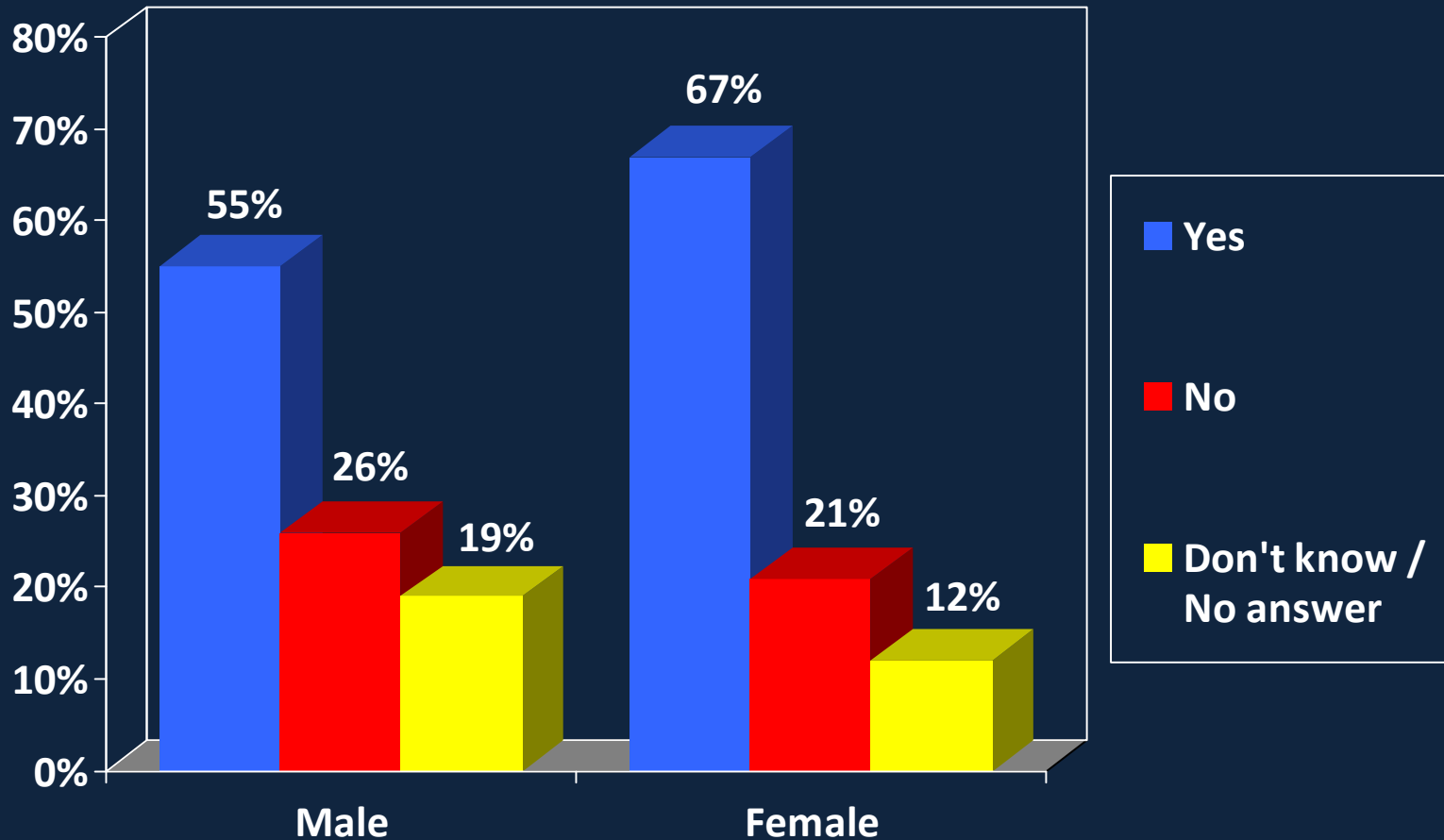
- \$25 or less 29%
- \$25 to \$50 15%
- \$50 to \$100 22%
- \$100 to \$200 12%
- More than \$200 14%
- Not sure 8%

Would you be willing to foster or adopt one of the Haitian orphans from the earthquake?



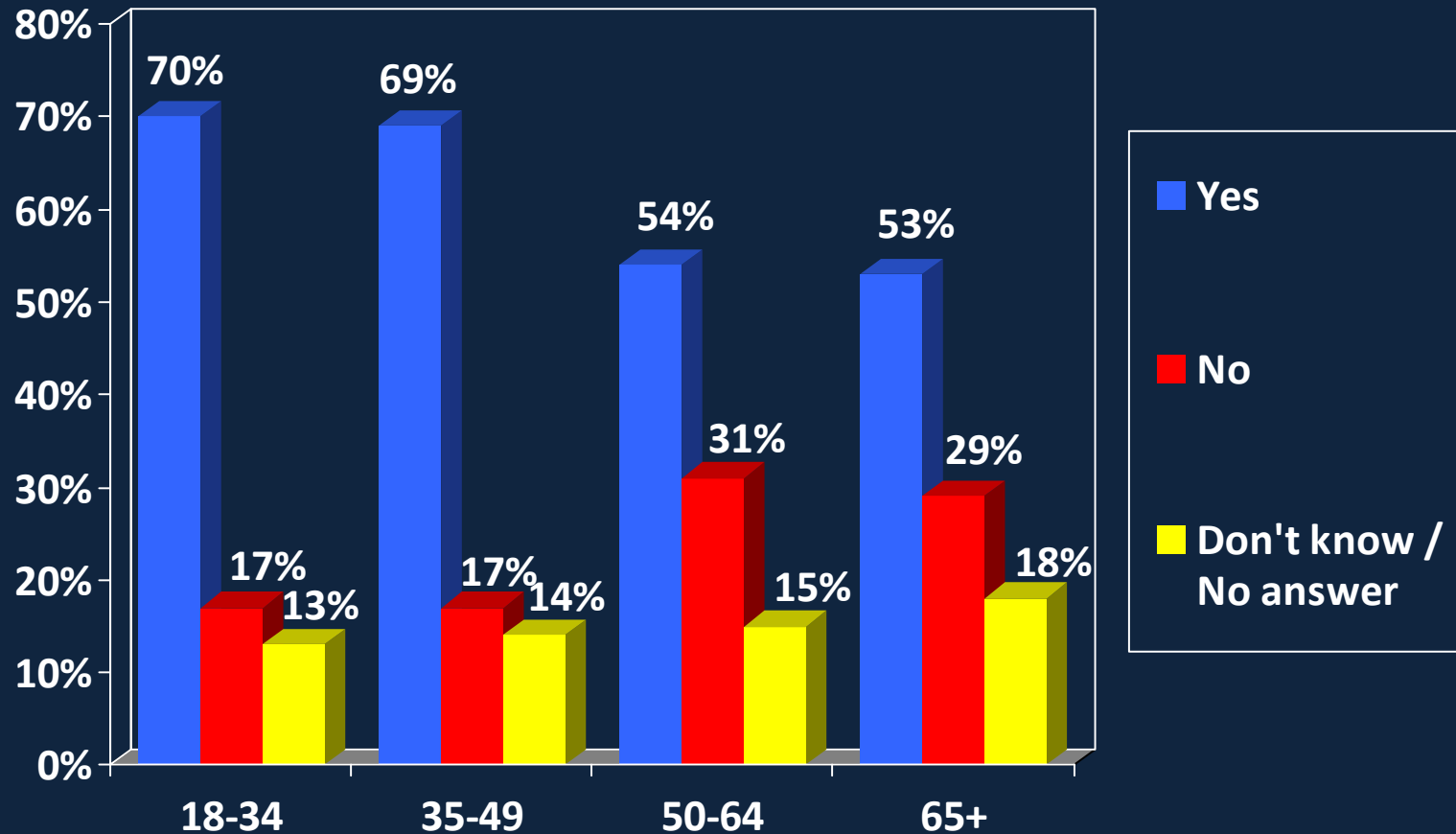
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By Gender



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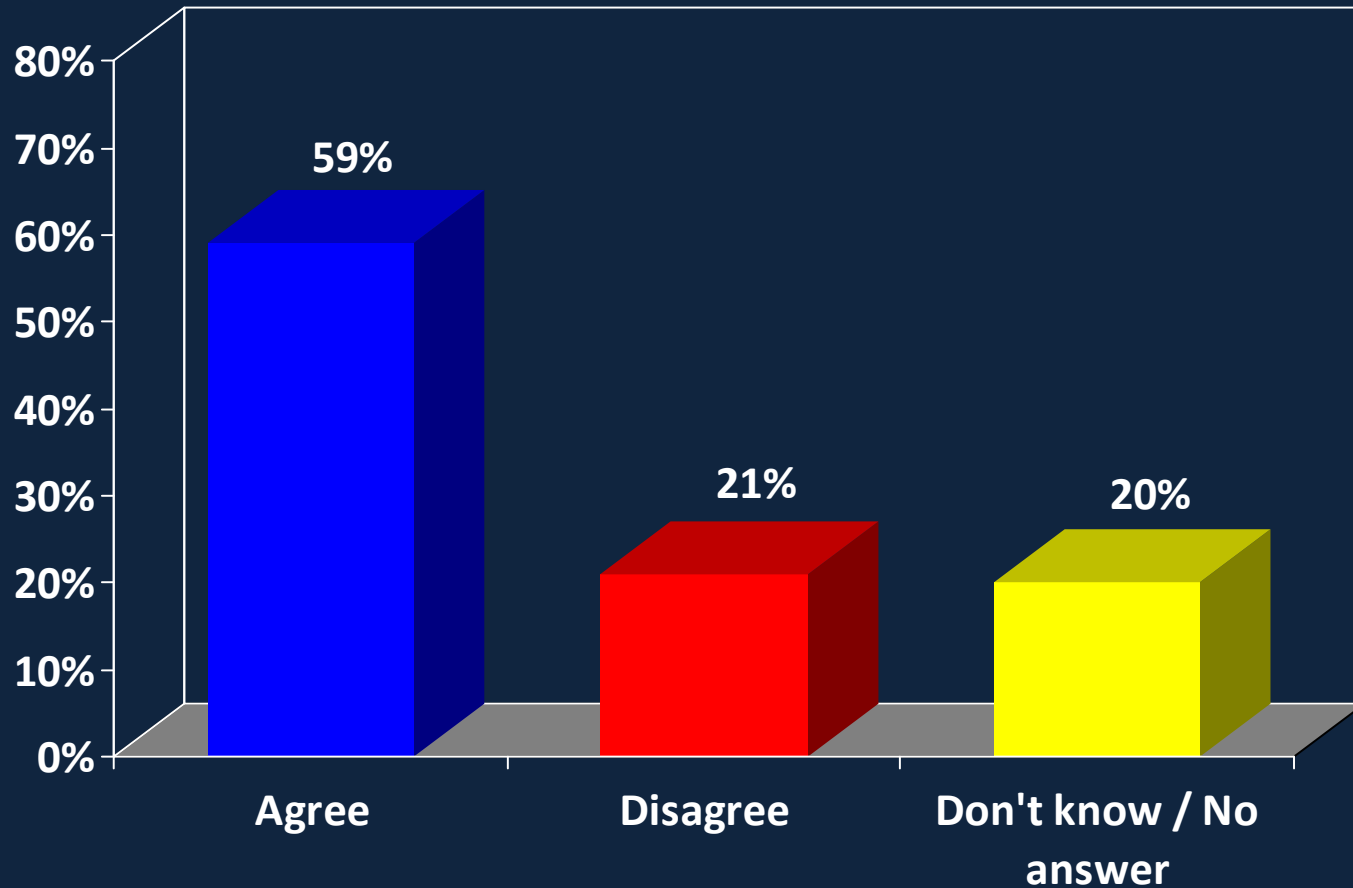
By Age



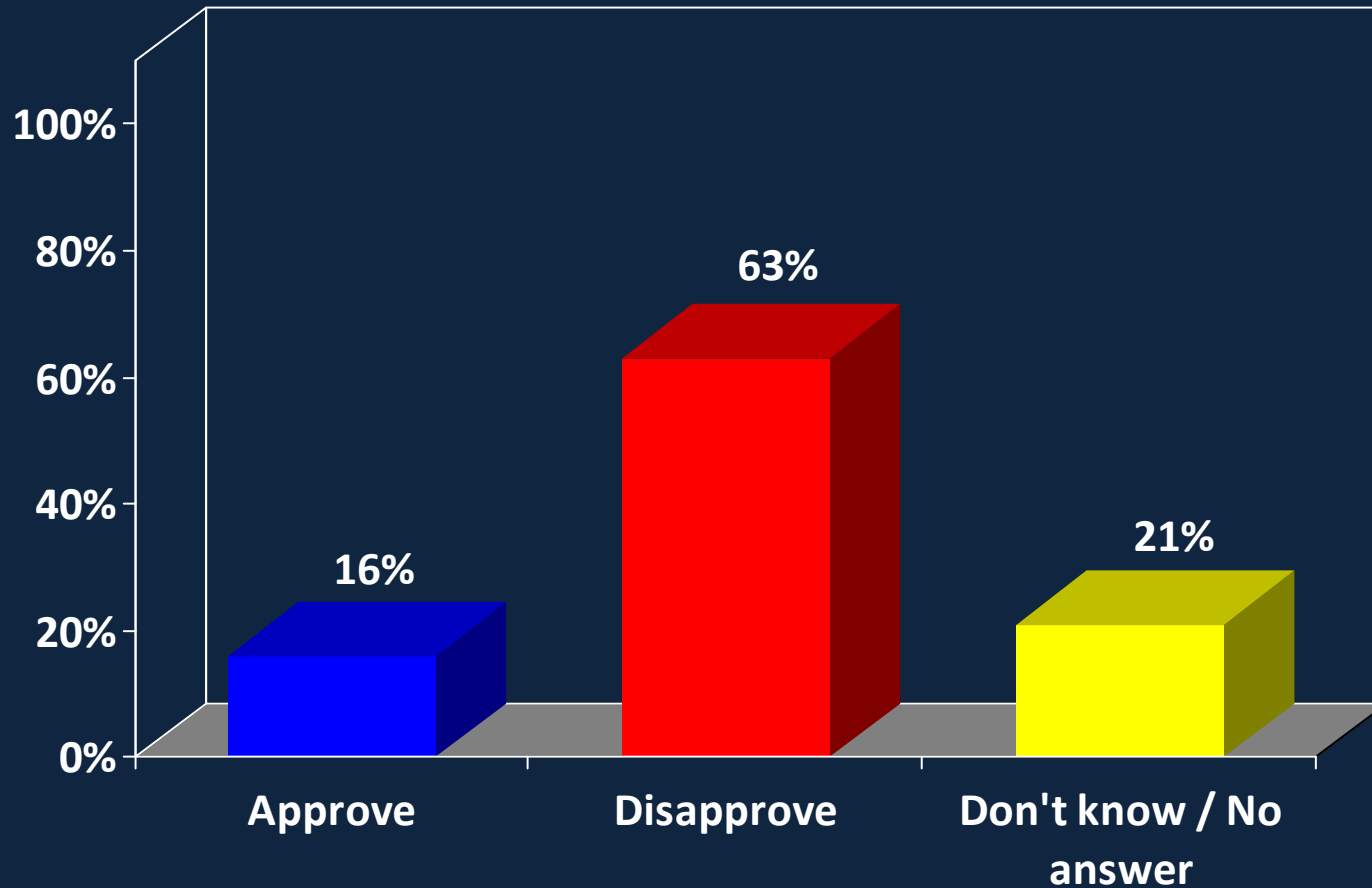
Major Finding 3

- Haitians in the United States appear to have lost confidence in the current Haitian government and its handling of the aftermath of the earthquake. Three-fifths of the respondents agree that the Haitian government has practically disappeared since the earthquake and 63 percent disapprove of the reaction of President Rene Preval and the Haitian government to the earthquake. The concern about the ability of the Haitian government to deal with the crisis is so strong that a majority of Haitians in the United States feel that officials from the United Nations and the international community should govern Haiti “at the very least until it recovers from this catastrophe.” And the poll reveals that most Haitians are not concerned about the large American military presence in their country.

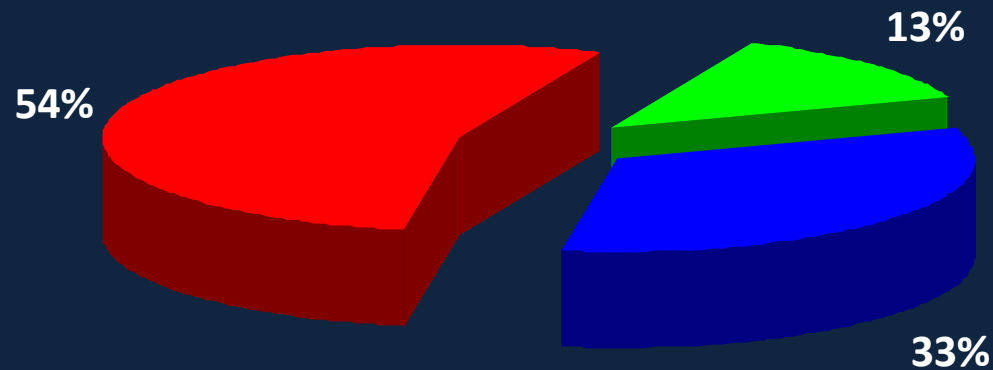
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
The Haitian government has practically disappeared since the earthquake.



Do you approve or disapprove of the reaction of President Rene Preval and the Haitian government to the earthquake in Haiti so far?



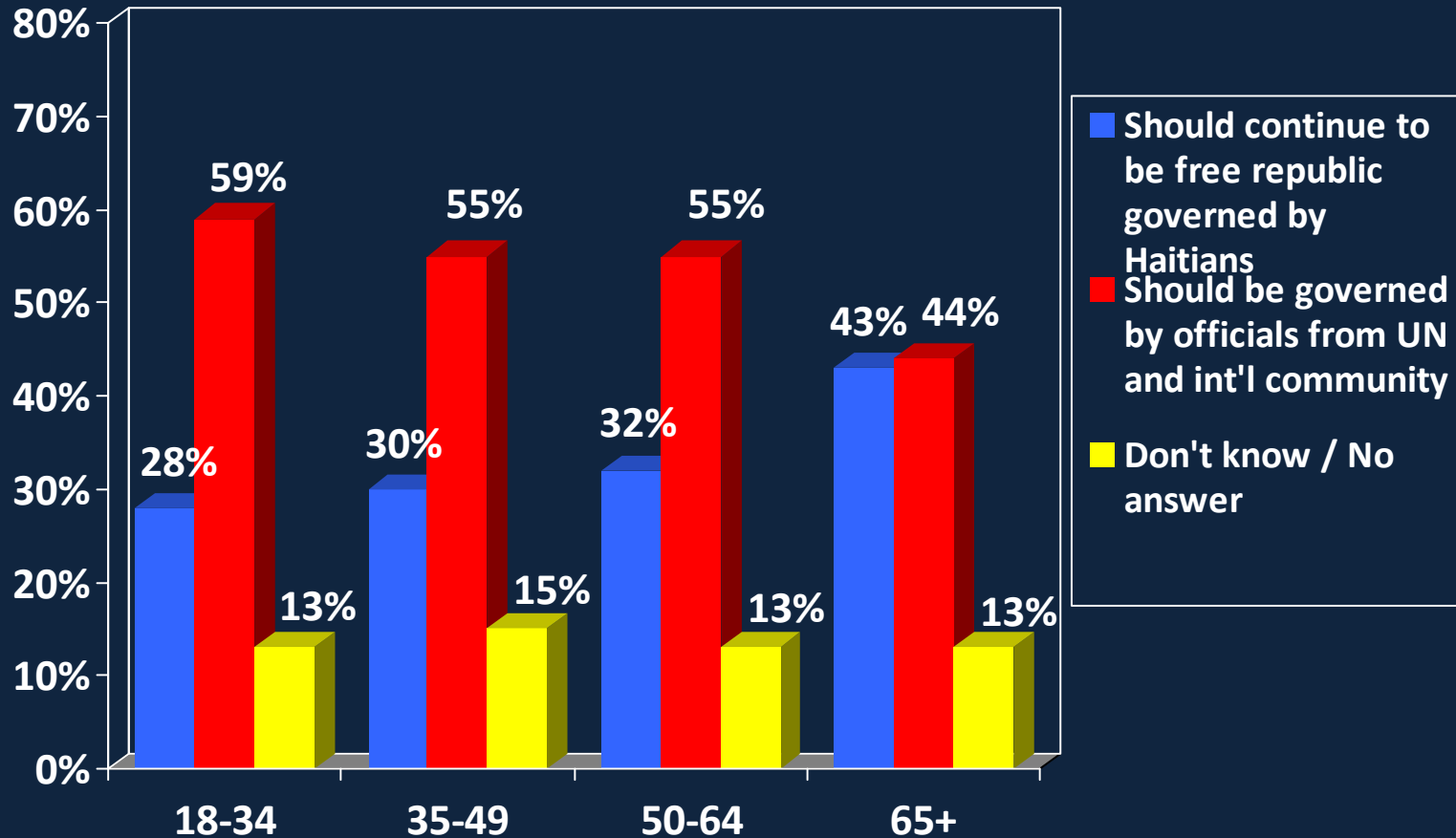
Now thinking about how you envision the future of Haiti, do you think that Haiti should continue to be a free republic governed by Haitians or do you think that Haiti should be governed by officials from the United Nations and the international community at the very least until it recovers from this catastrophe?



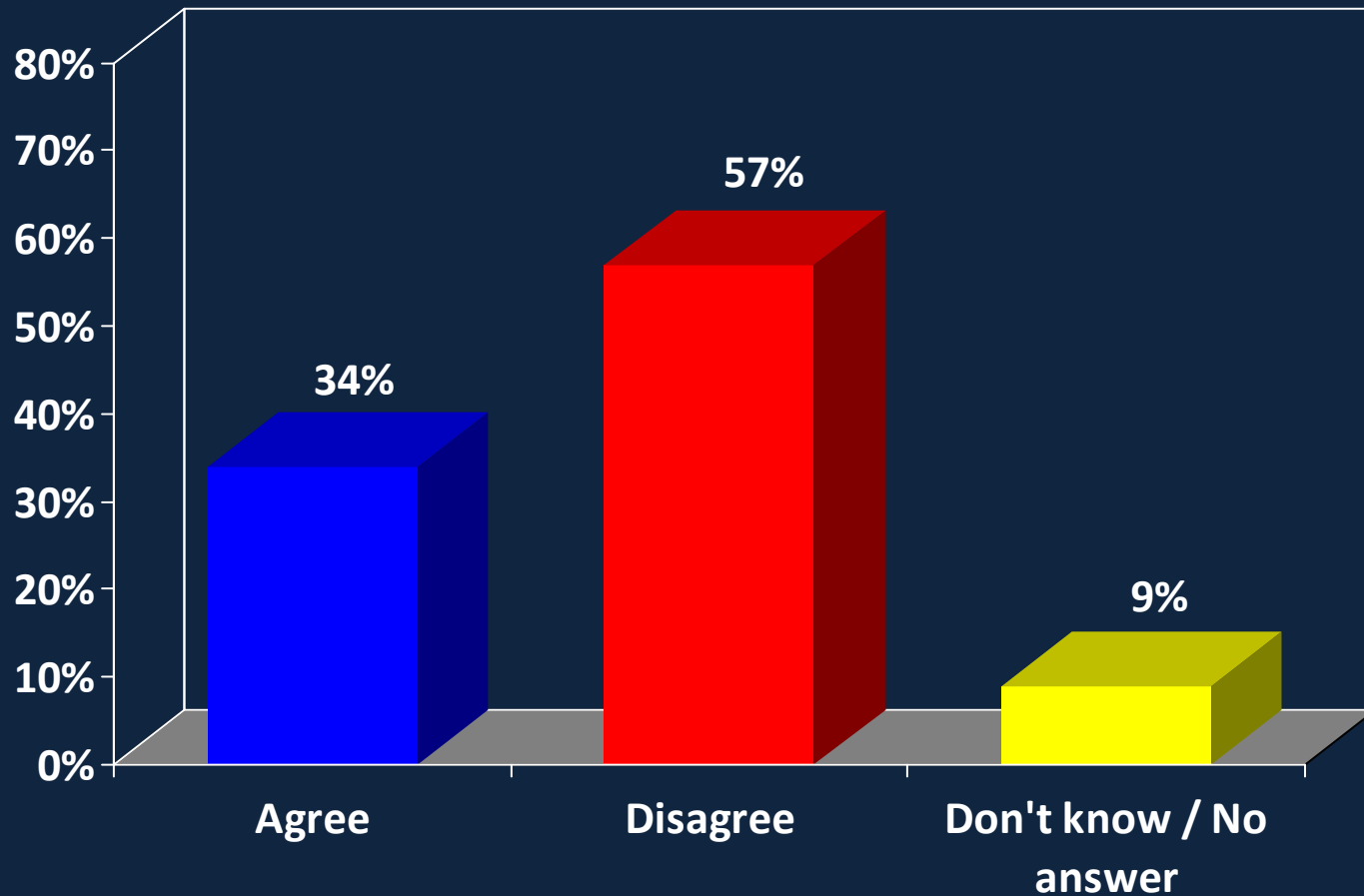
- Should continue to be a free republic governed by Haitians
- Should be governed by officials from the United Nations and international community
- Don't know / No answer

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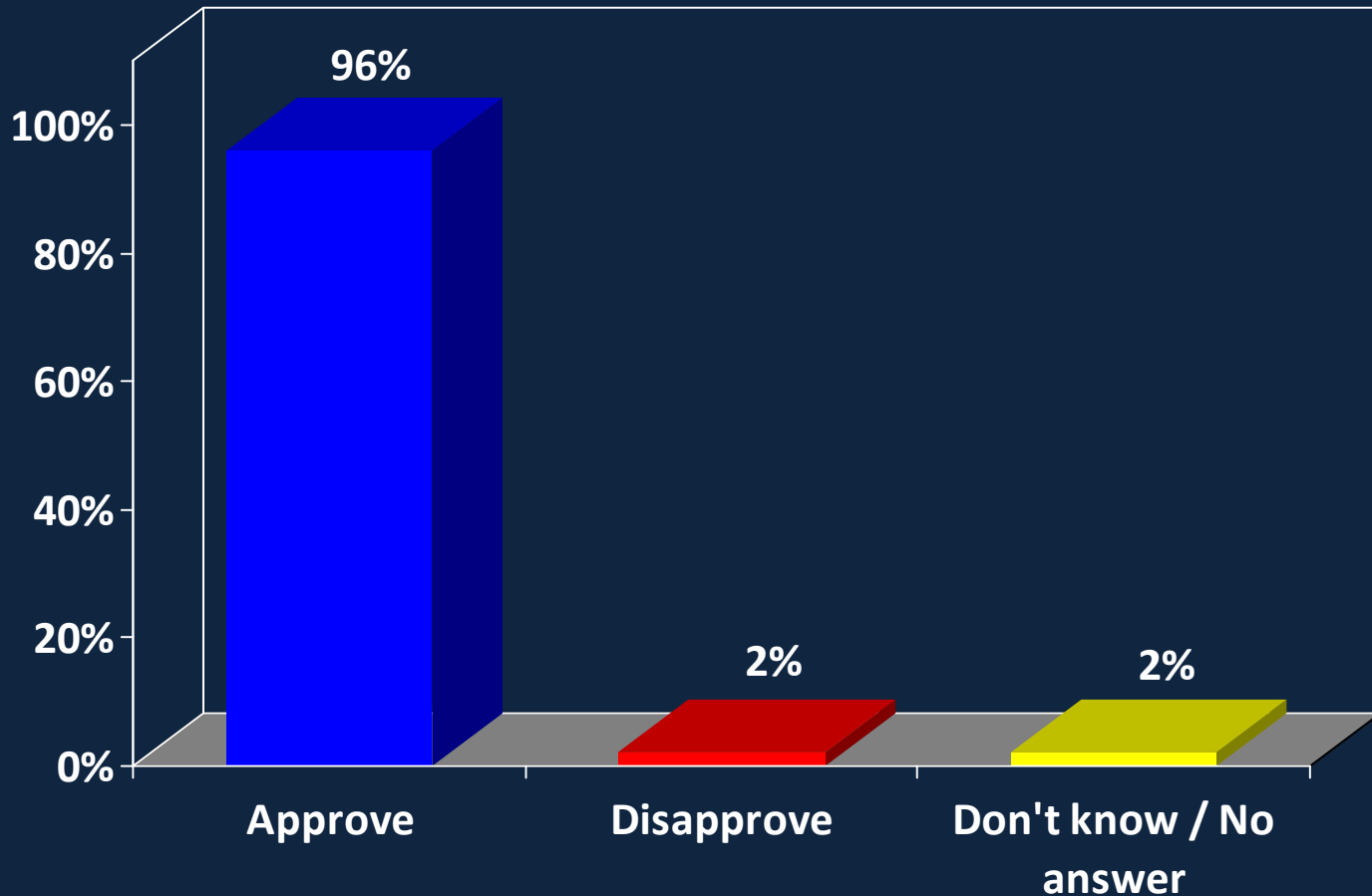
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
There are too many American troops in Haiti today.



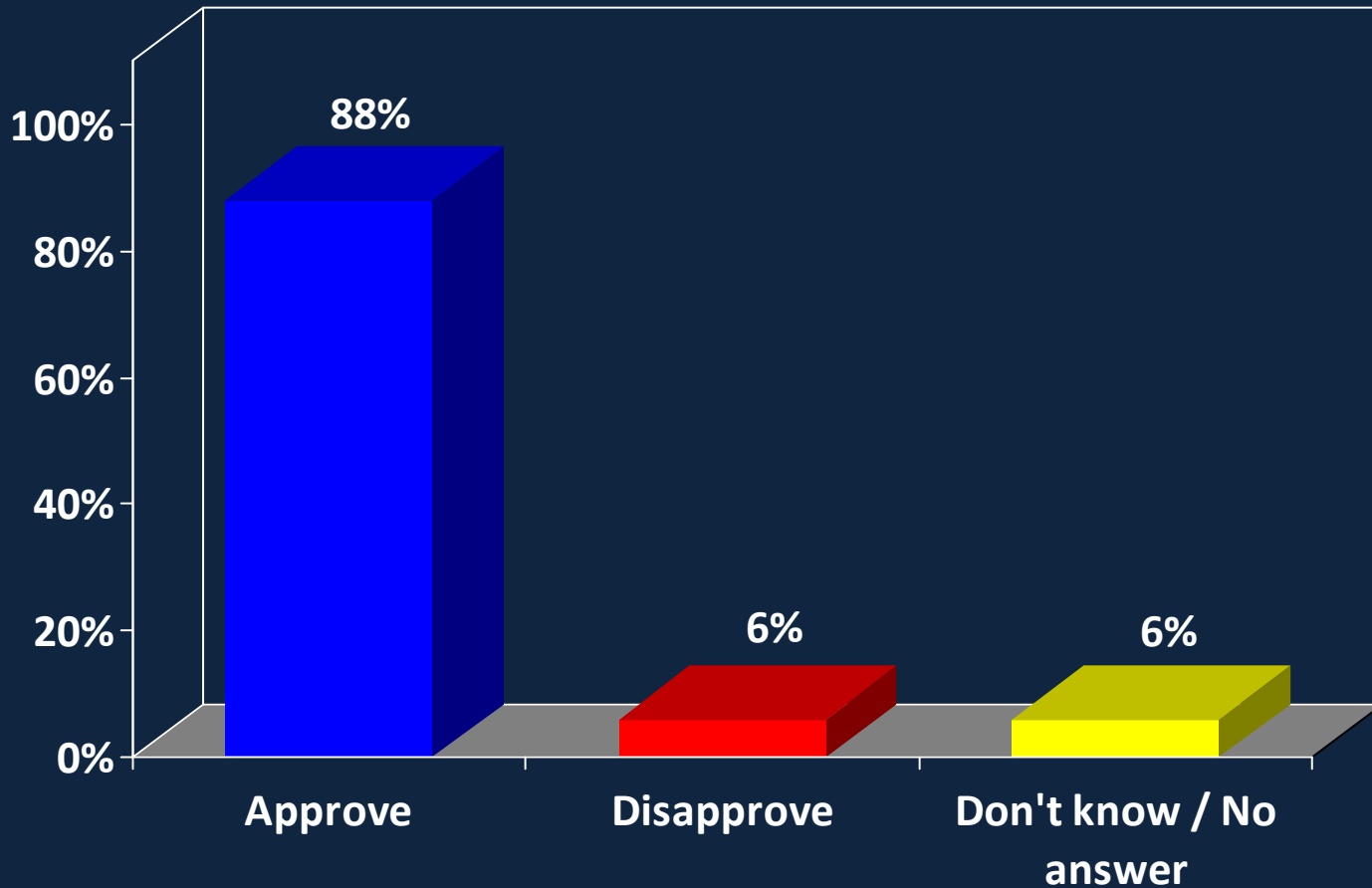
Major Finding 4

- President Barack Obama and his government (96 percent) and the United Nations (88 percent) receive very high approval marks from the Haitian diaspora for their reaction to the earthquake. Nevertheless, more than three-quarters of the poll respondents feel that the \$100 million pledged by the United States to help Haiti recover will not be enough. The majority of Haitians in the United States would like to see more than \$1 billion invested in Haiti. And more than three-fifths feel that the United States should welcome at least 50,000 new Haitian refugees to alleviate the catastrophic situation in the island nation.

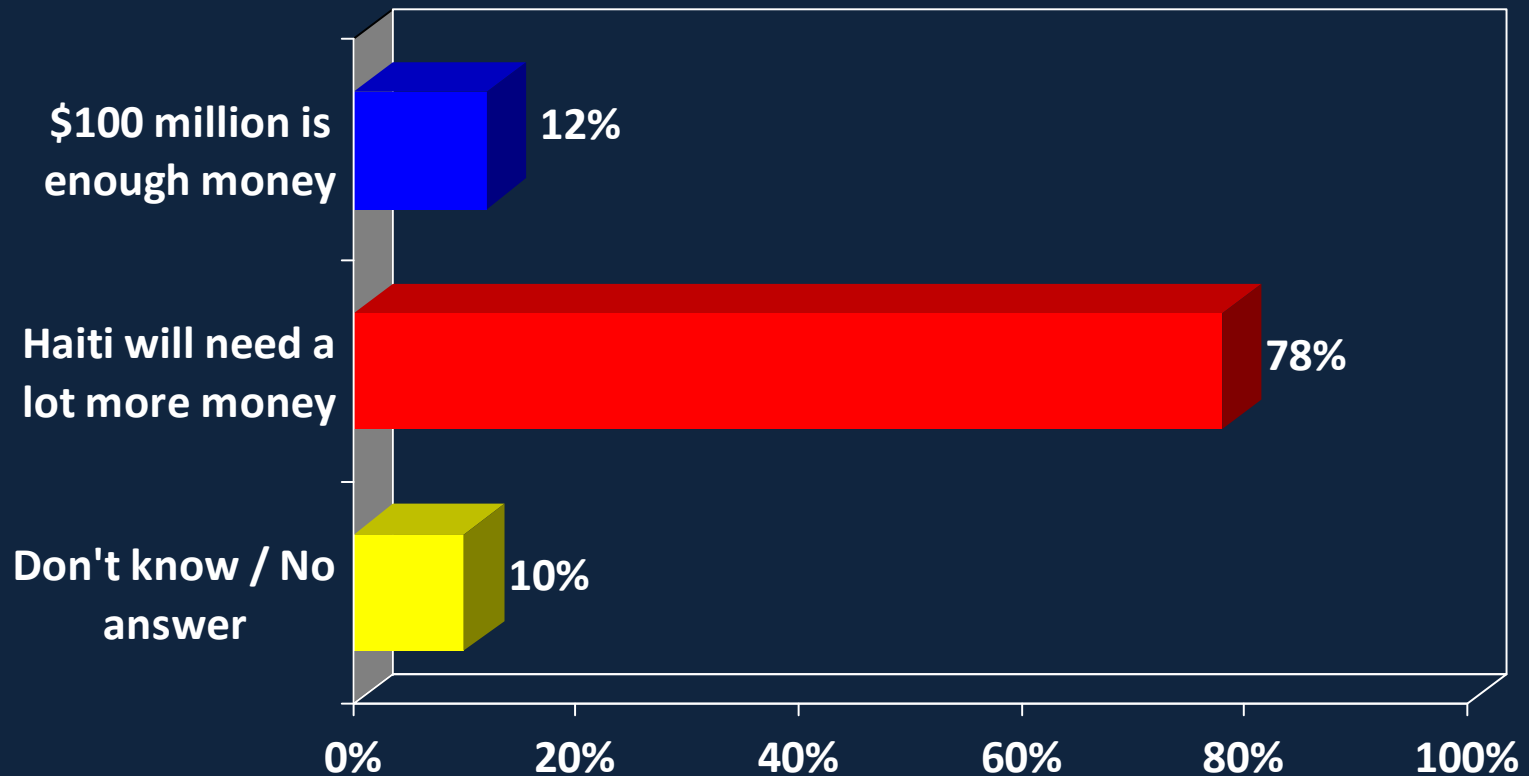
Do you approve or disapprove of the reaction of President Obama and the United States government to the earthquake in Haiti so far?



Do you approve or disapprove of the reaction of the United Nations to the earthquake in Haiti so far?

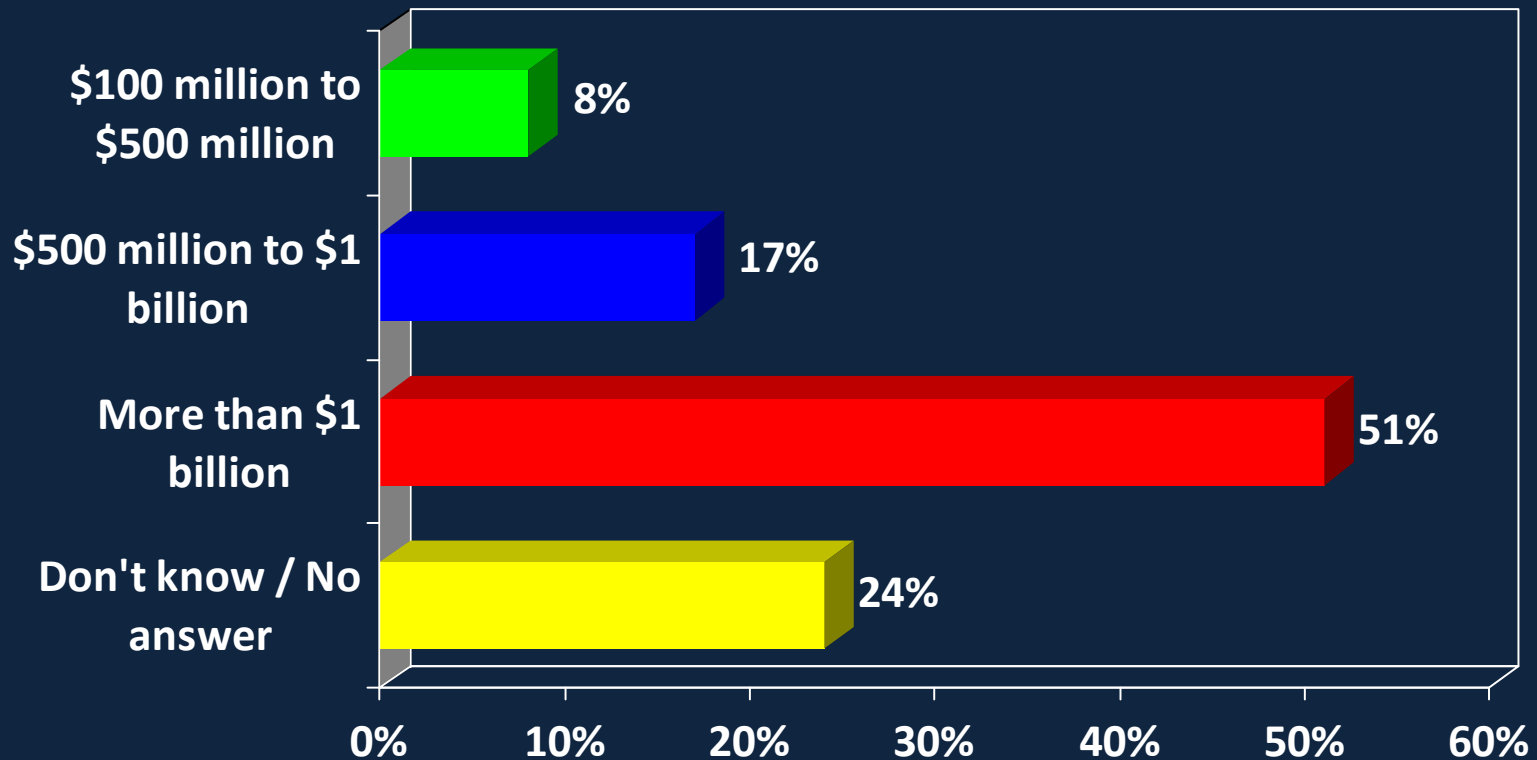


President Obama pledged a minimum of \$100 million from the United States to help Haiti recover from the earthquake. Do you think that \$100 million is enough money to help Haiti recover from this catastrophe or do you think Haiti will need a lot more than \$100 million to recover?

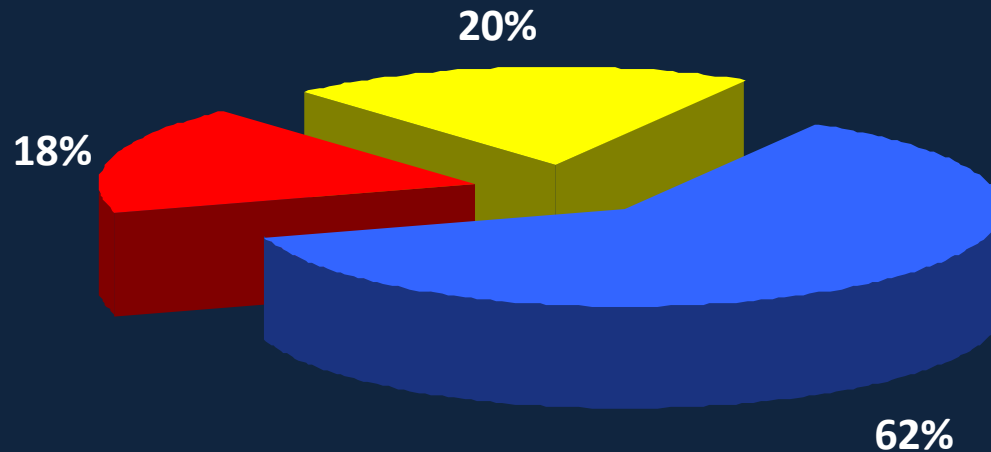


How much more should the United States and the international community invest in Haiti so that the country has a chance to recover from this catastrophe?

Asked only of respondents who said "Haiti will need a lot more money"



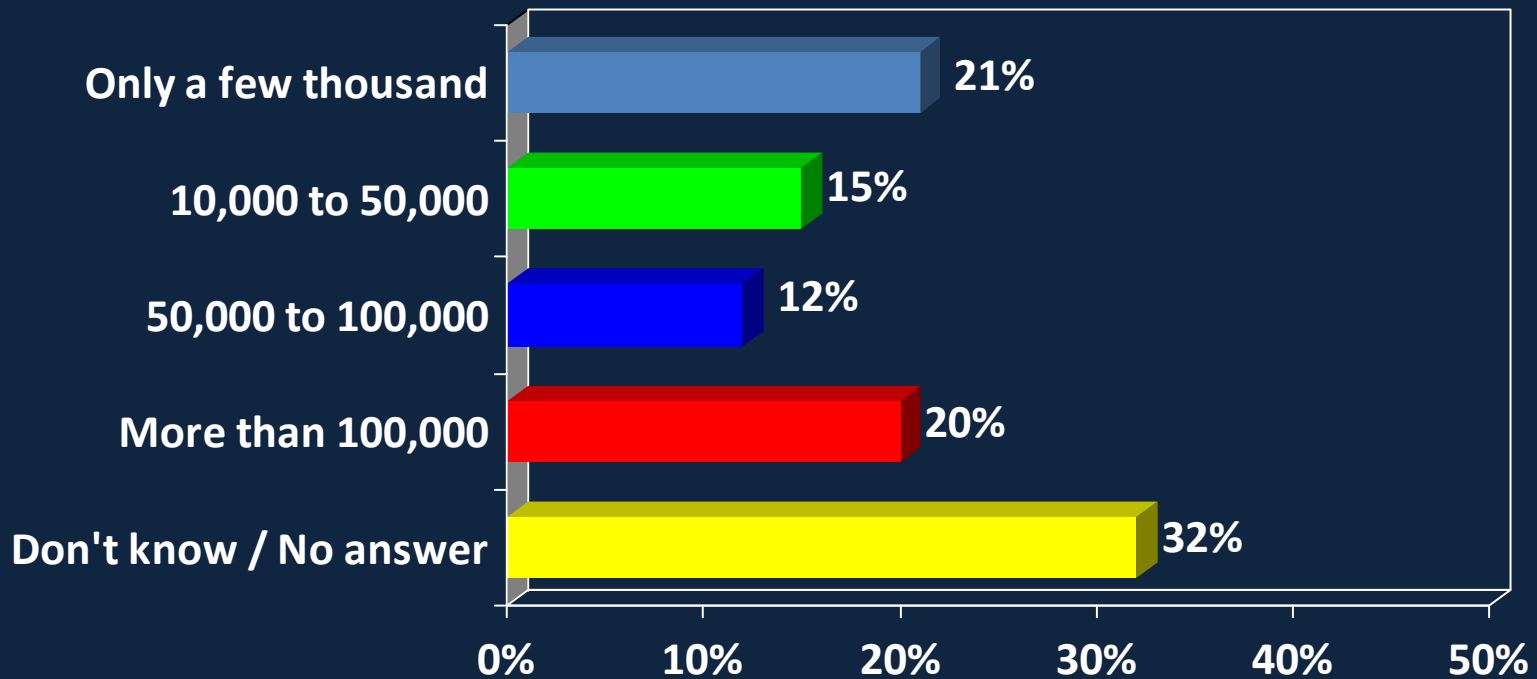
Tens of thousands of Haitians are now homeless and have nowhere to go. Do you think the United States would welcome Haitians that want to come to the United States because of the catastrophic earthquake or do you think that the United States would not welcome any more Haitians that come to this country?



- U.S. would welcome Haitians that want to come to the U.S.
- U.S. would not welcome any more Haitians
- Don't know / No answer

How many new Haitian refugees do you think would be welcome in the United States by the government and its people?

Asked only of respondents who said the "U.S. would welcome Haitians that want to come to the United States"



Major Finding 5

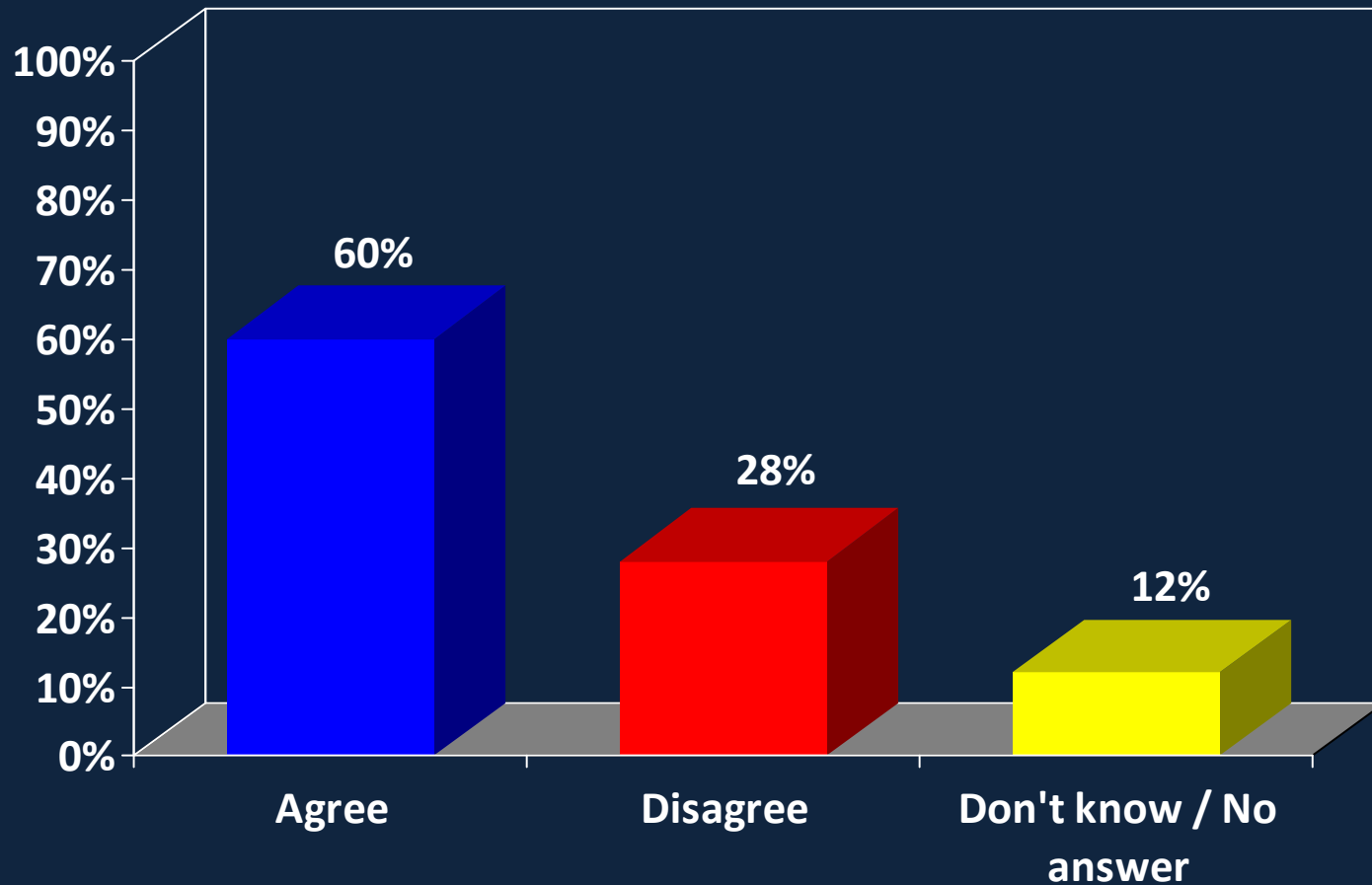
- The Haitian community in the United States indicates that – for them - the most important long-term need of their country is improving the country's health and education systems (37 percent) while a significant percentage preferred strengthening the security and safety of the Haitian people (24 percent). A majority also agreed that Haiti would benefit from the opening of American markets to Haitian agricultural produce and manufactured goods.

Now thinking about how you envision the future of Haiti, what do you think is the most important long-term need of Haiti?

Improving its health and education systems	37%
Offering security and safety to its people	24%
Fulfilling its agricultural potential to produce more food	14%
Attracting more manufacturing plants to create new jobs	9%
Investing in its infrastructure by building roads and water treatment facilities	9%

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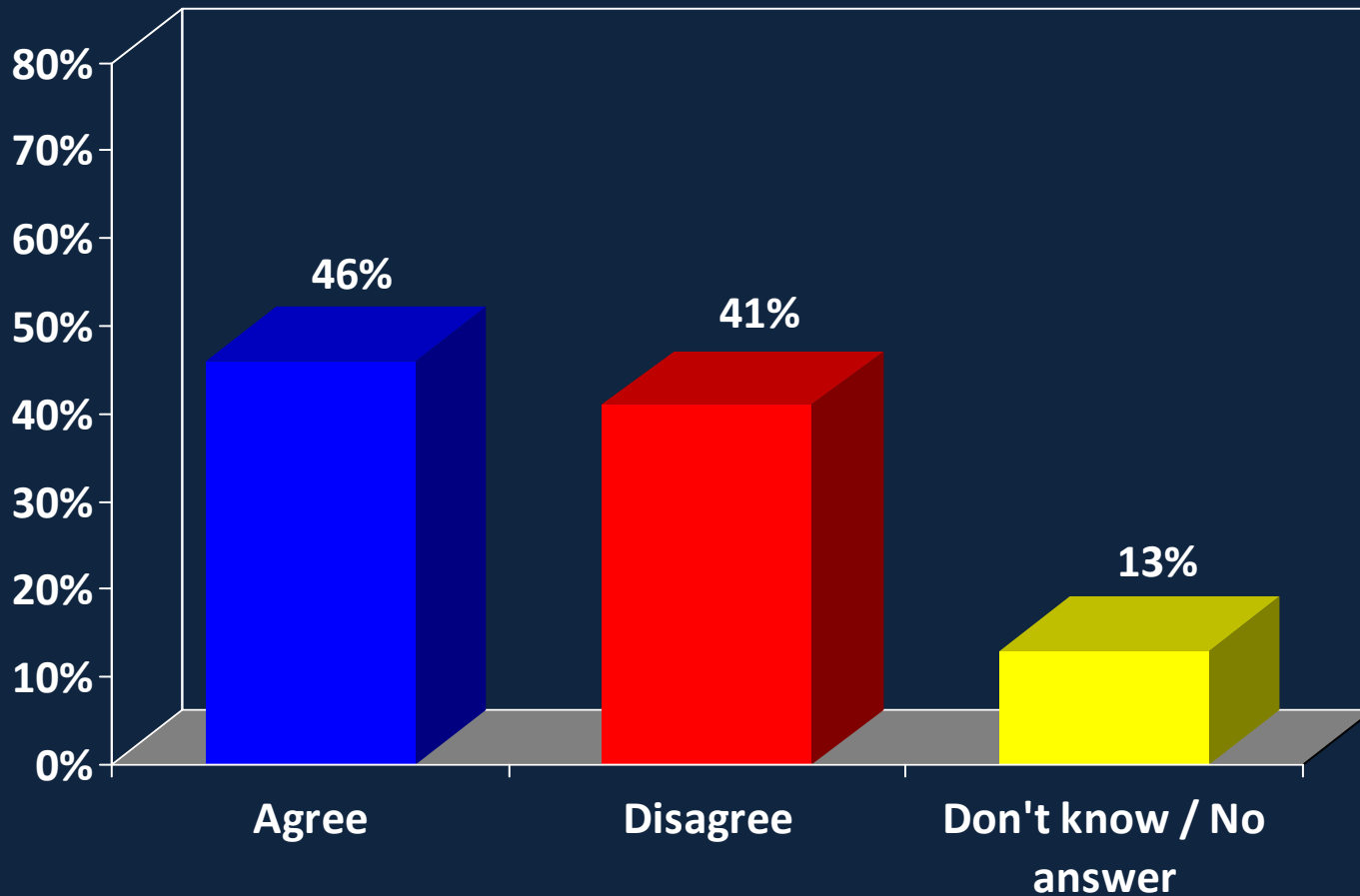
The United States needs to open its markets so that Americans can purchase Haitian agricultural produce and manufactured goods duty free.



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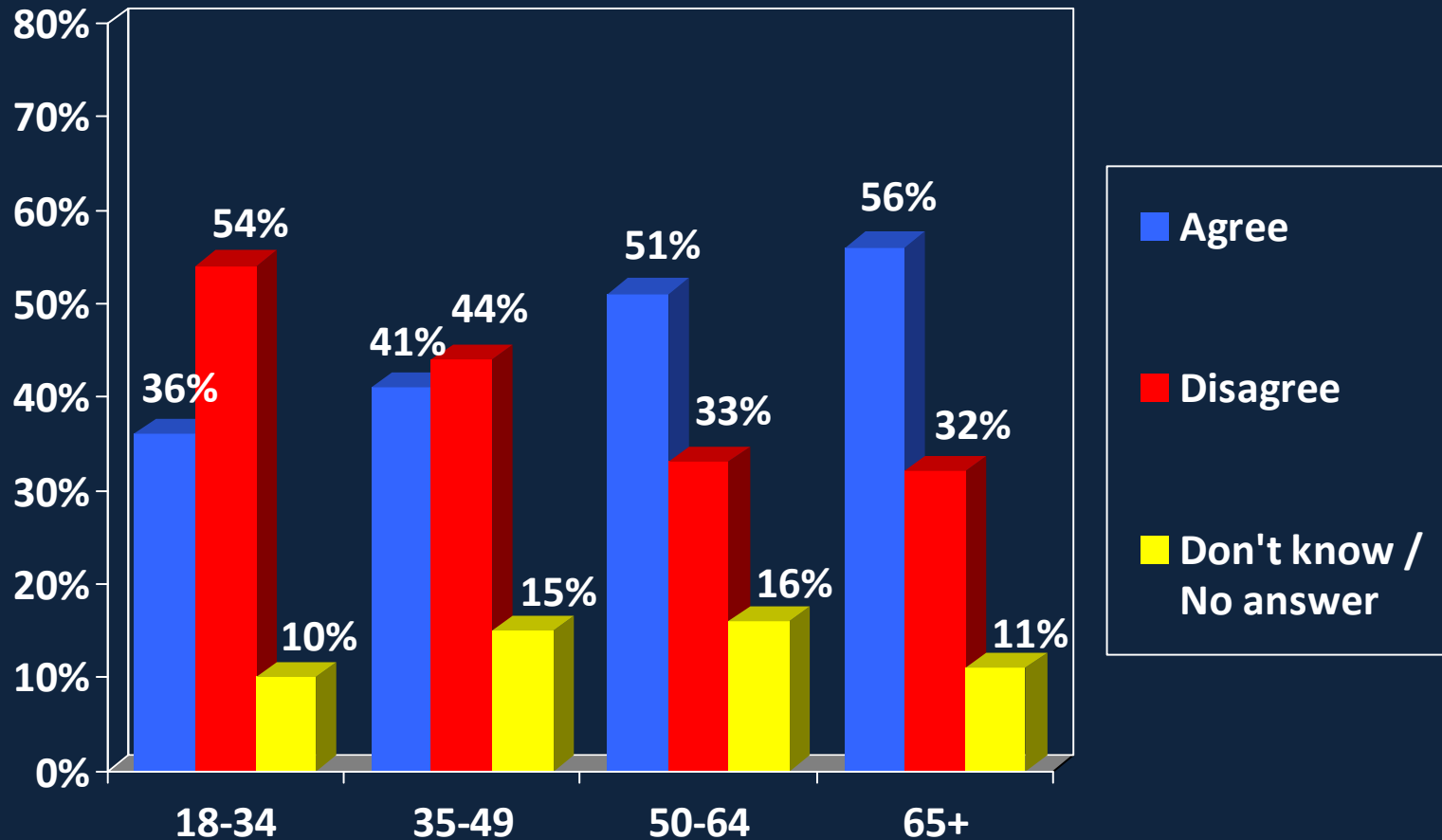
- The Haitian diaspora in the United States is split on the viability of the Haitian state. Forty-six percent agree that Haiti will never be able to govern itself while 41 percent disagree that Haiti is a failed state. There is also great concern about the aid money being sent to Haiti. One-third of the poll respondents say that most of the aid money will end up in the hands of corrupt government officials.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?
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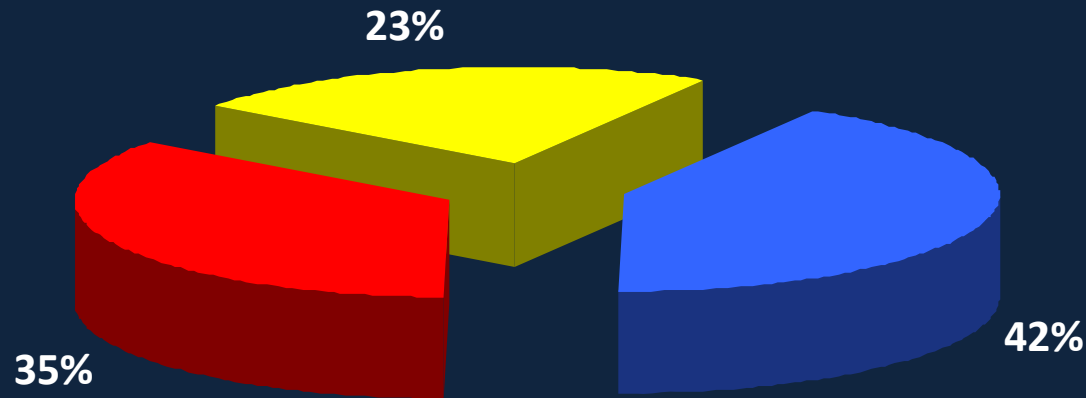


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Do you believe that most of the aid money being sent to Haiti will reach those who need it, or do you believe that most of the aid money will end up in the hands of corrupt government officials?

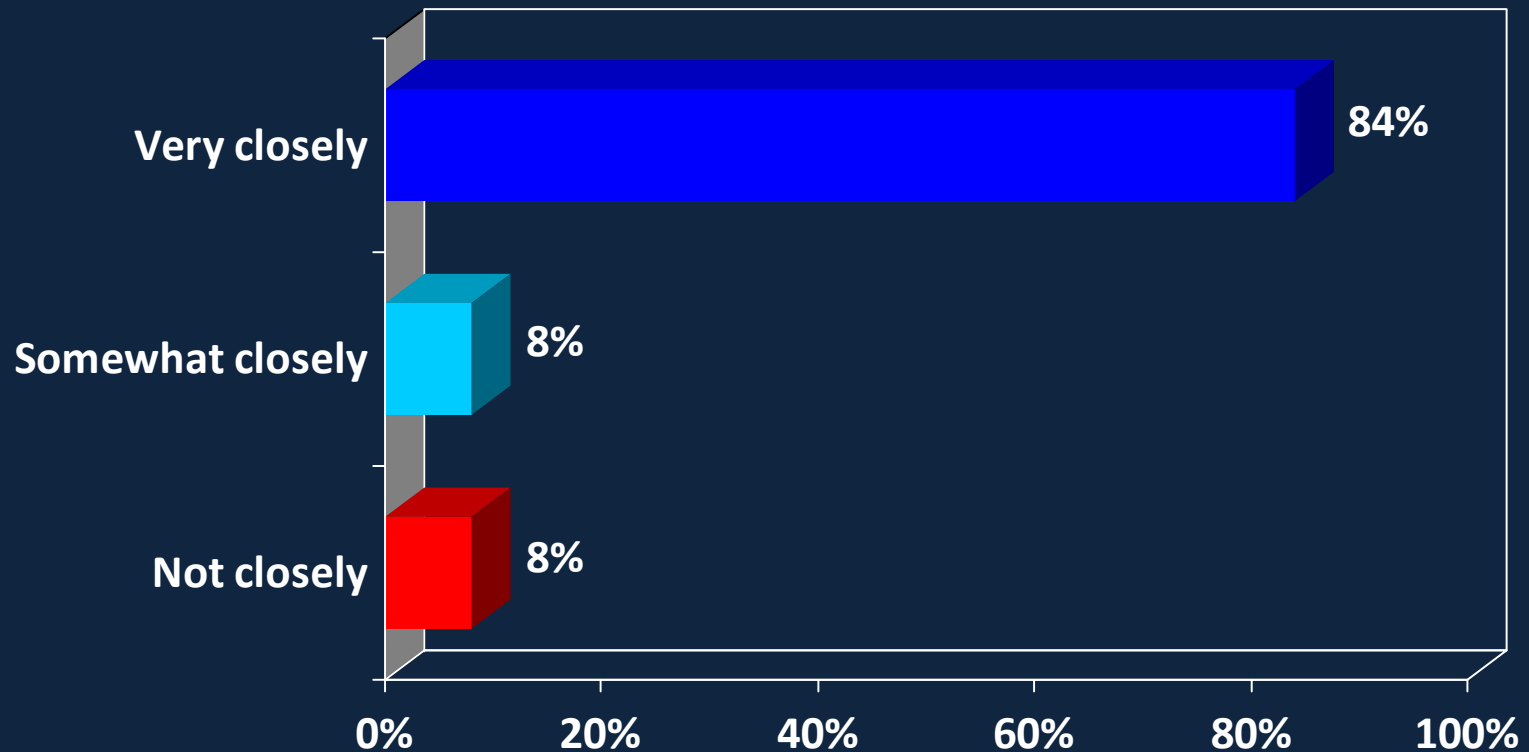


- Most of the aid money will reach those who need it
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- Don't know / No answer

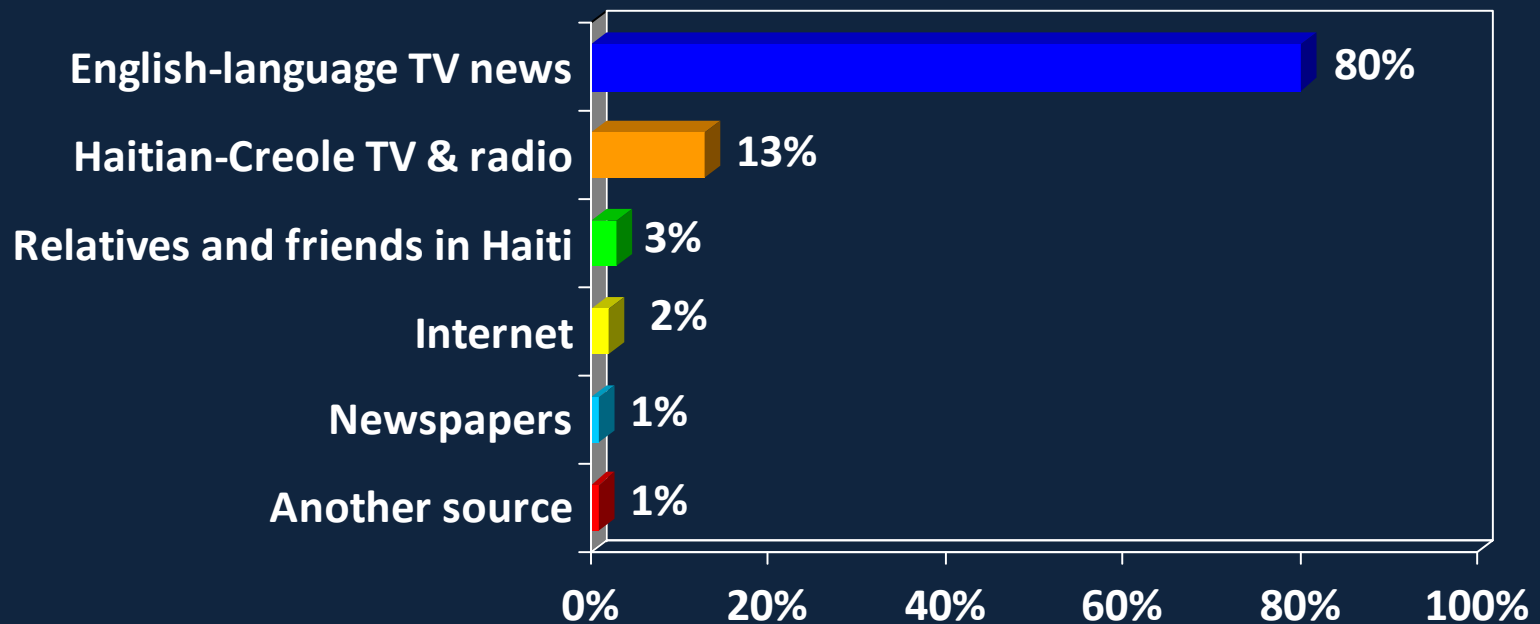
Major Finding 7

- The Haitian earthquake and its aftermath have captured the attention of most Haitians in the United States. More than 90 percent say that they are following events in Haiti “closely” mostly through English-language television. They mostly characterize coverage of the earthquake by CNN, Fox News, ABC, CBS and NBC as fair and comprehensive (87 percent) while less than one-tenth feels it has been “unbalanced and sensationalistic.”

How closely have you been following events in Haiti since the earthquake?



Where have you been getting most of your information about the Haitian earthquake?



How would you characterize the Haitian earthquake coverage on major American television stations like CNN, Fox News, ABC, CBS and NBC?

