

Data from the New Student Survey

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NEW STUDENT SURVEY

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DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A STUDENT

Tell us how well each of the following statements describes you as a student.

	Not at all	Somewhat	Quite well	Very well
Getting the best grades I can is very important to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer courses that arouse my curiosity, even if they are difficult.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to work hard in a course to learn the material, even if it won't lead to a higher grade.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I often take time to follow-up on interesting things that are mentioned in class.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer to work things out on my own rather than ask for help.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
When I do well on a test, it is usually because I am well-prepared, not because things come easily for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My favorite classes are those that deal with facts rather than opinions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer classes with lots of discussion.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I prefer to learn through hands-on activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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	Asian	603
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	Total	2,990

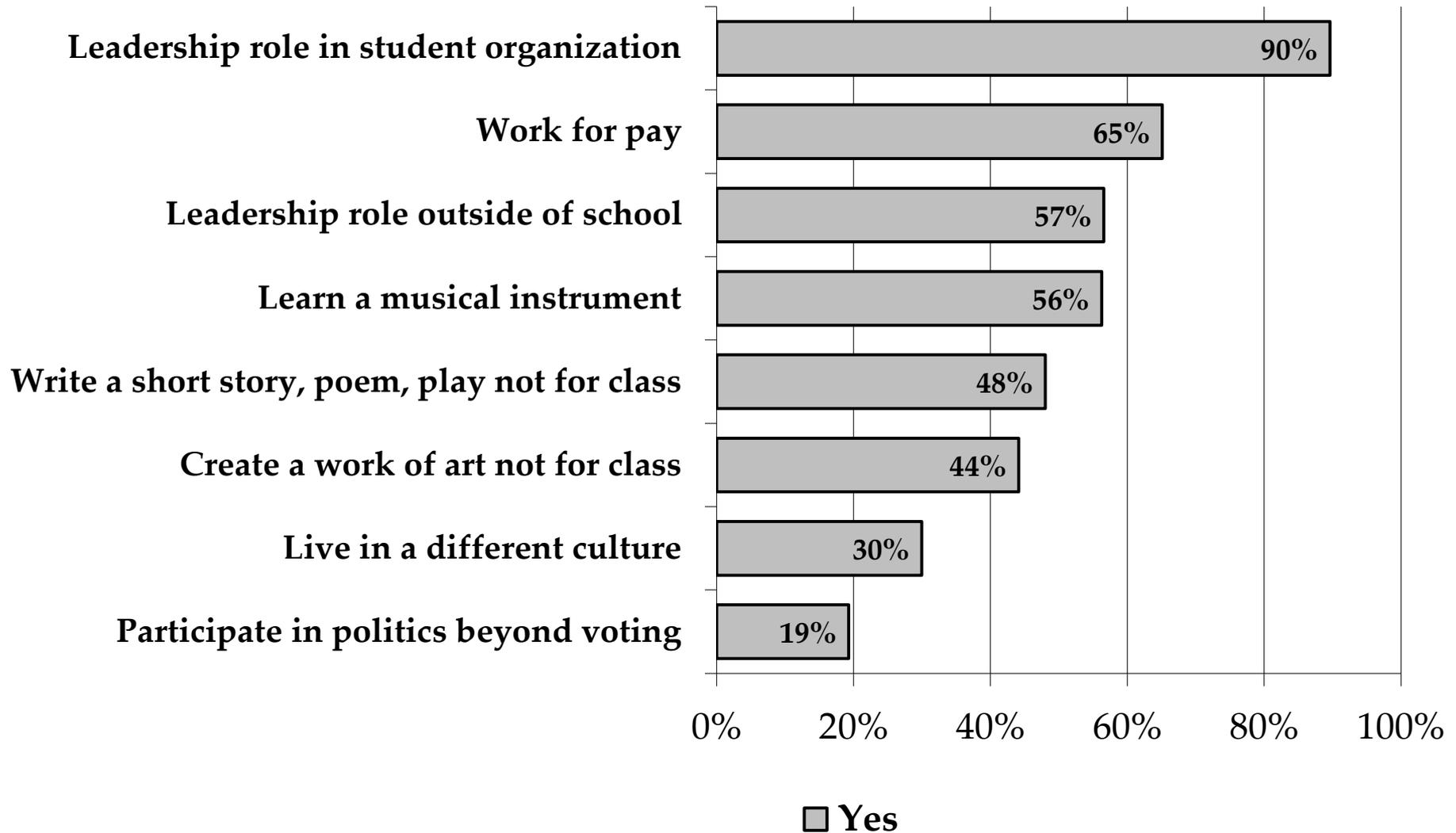
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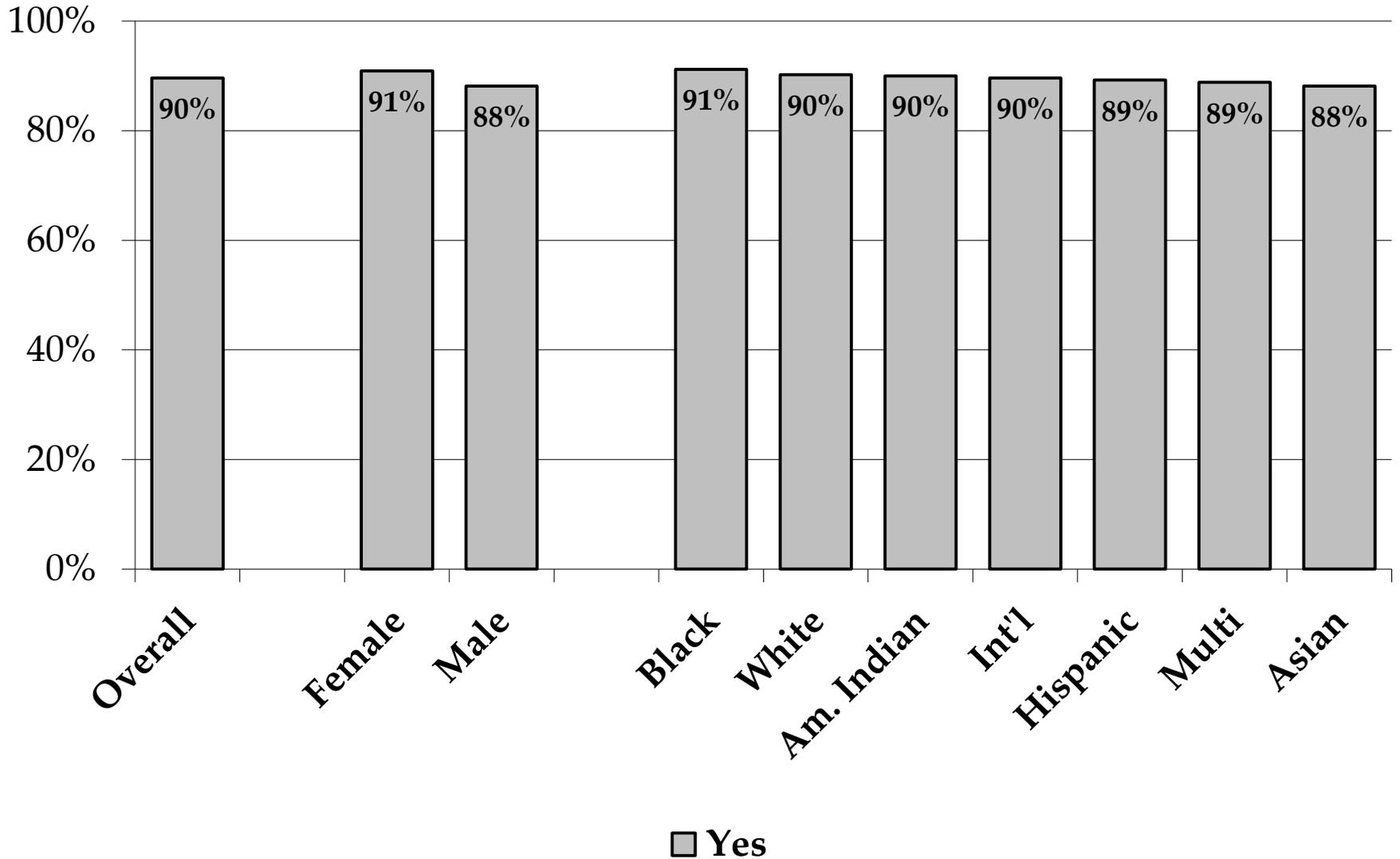
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High School

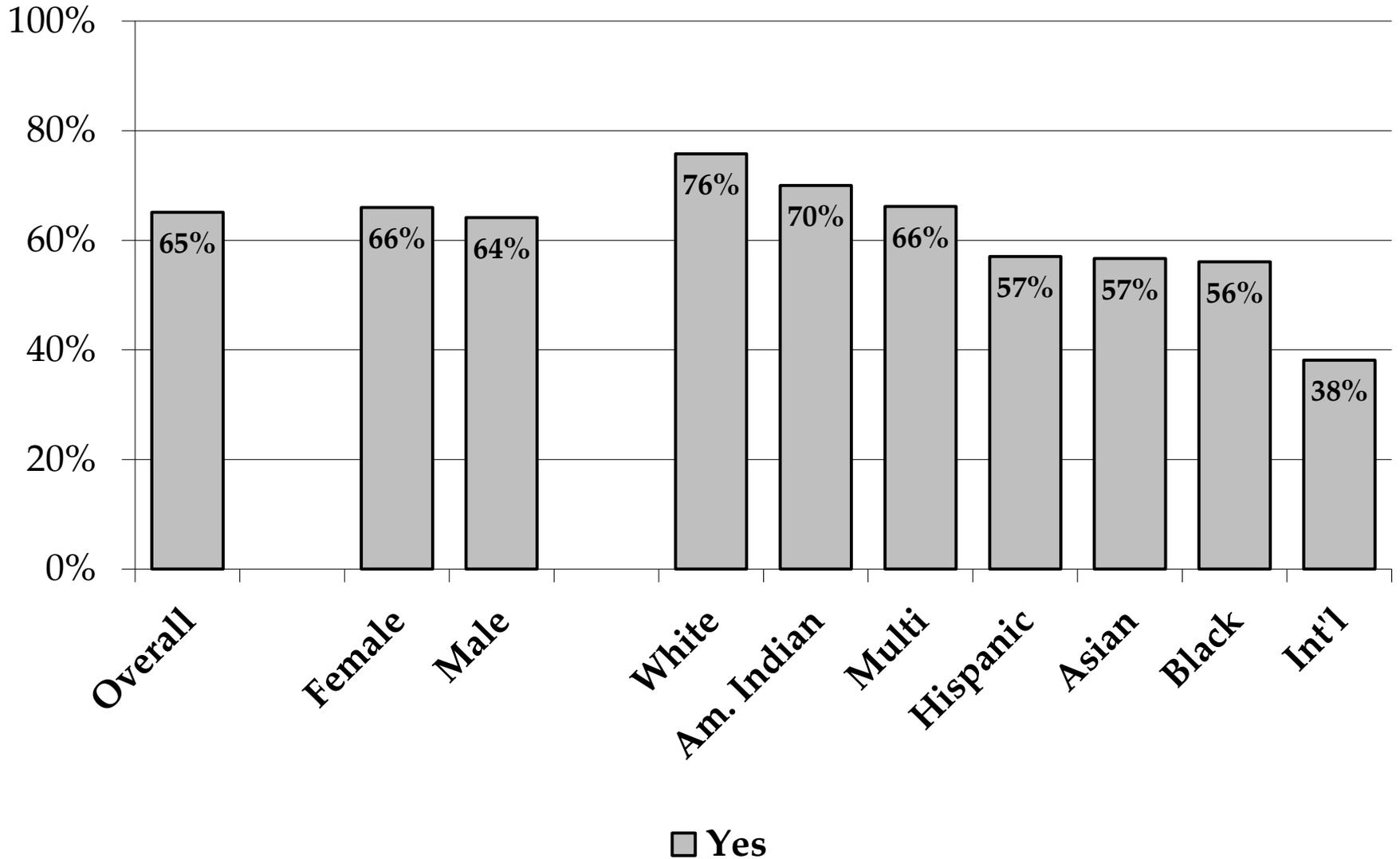
Did the following during high school



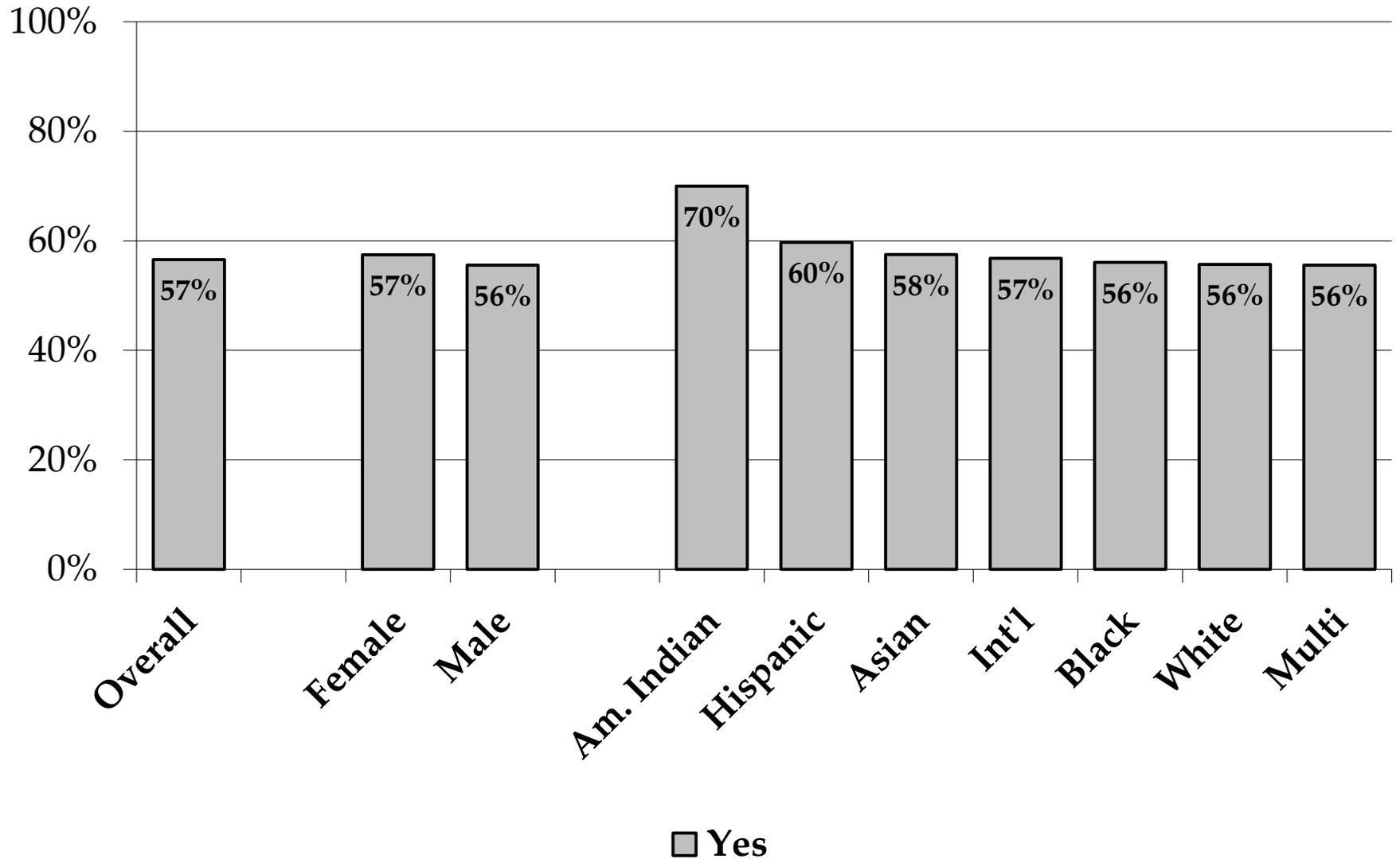
Have a leadership role in a student organization, club, or team



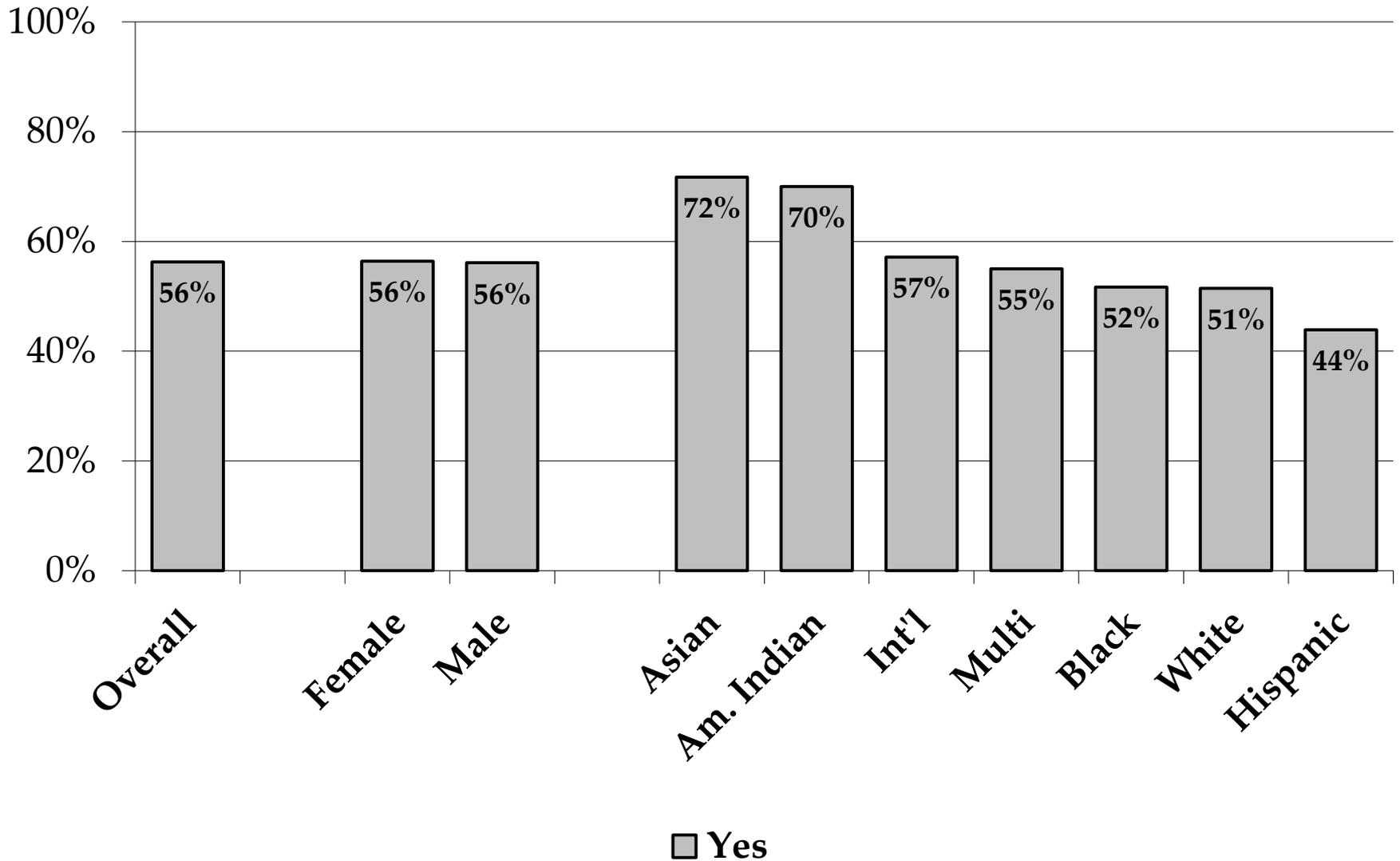
Work for pay



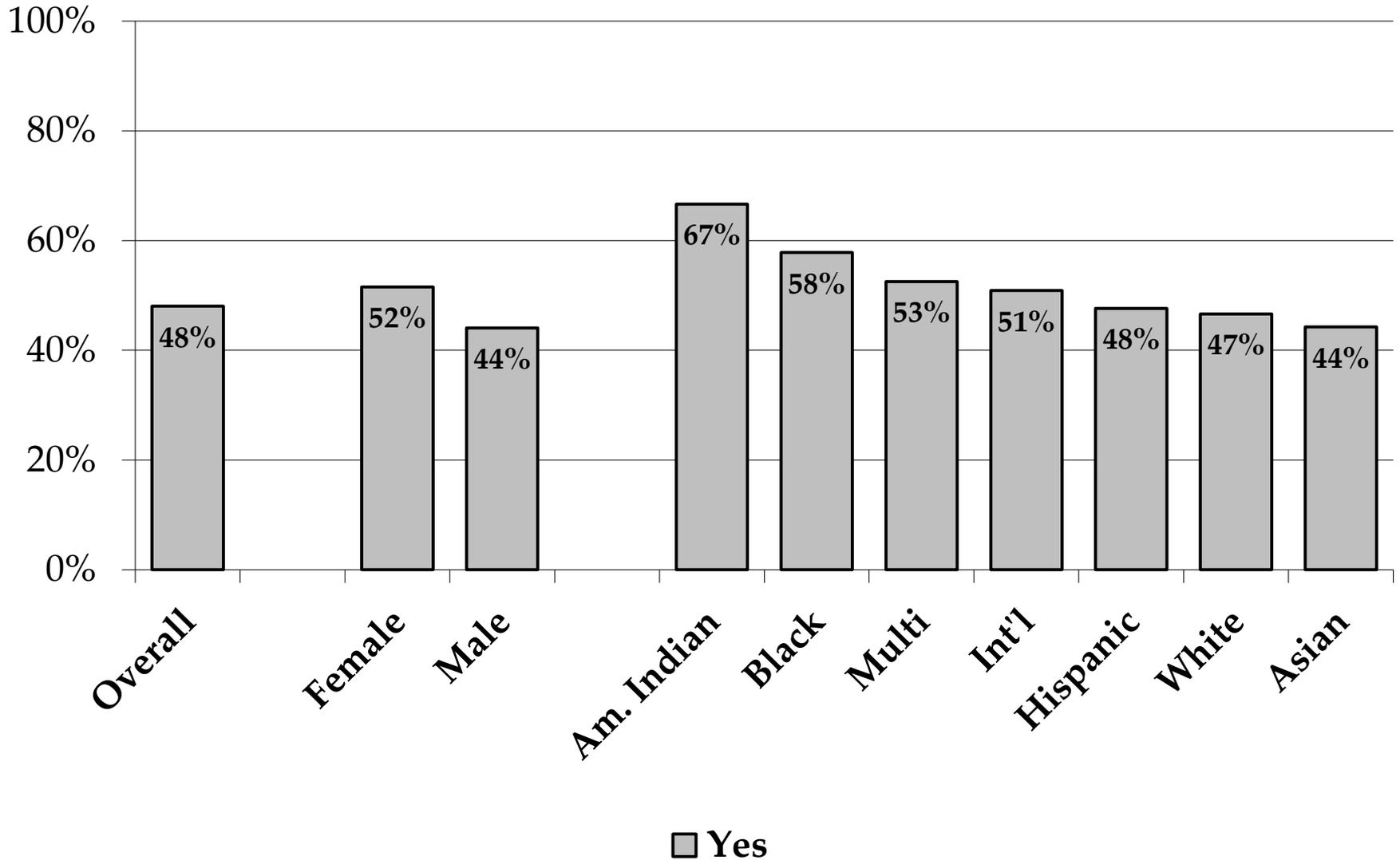
Have a leadership role in a community group, club, or team (outside of school)



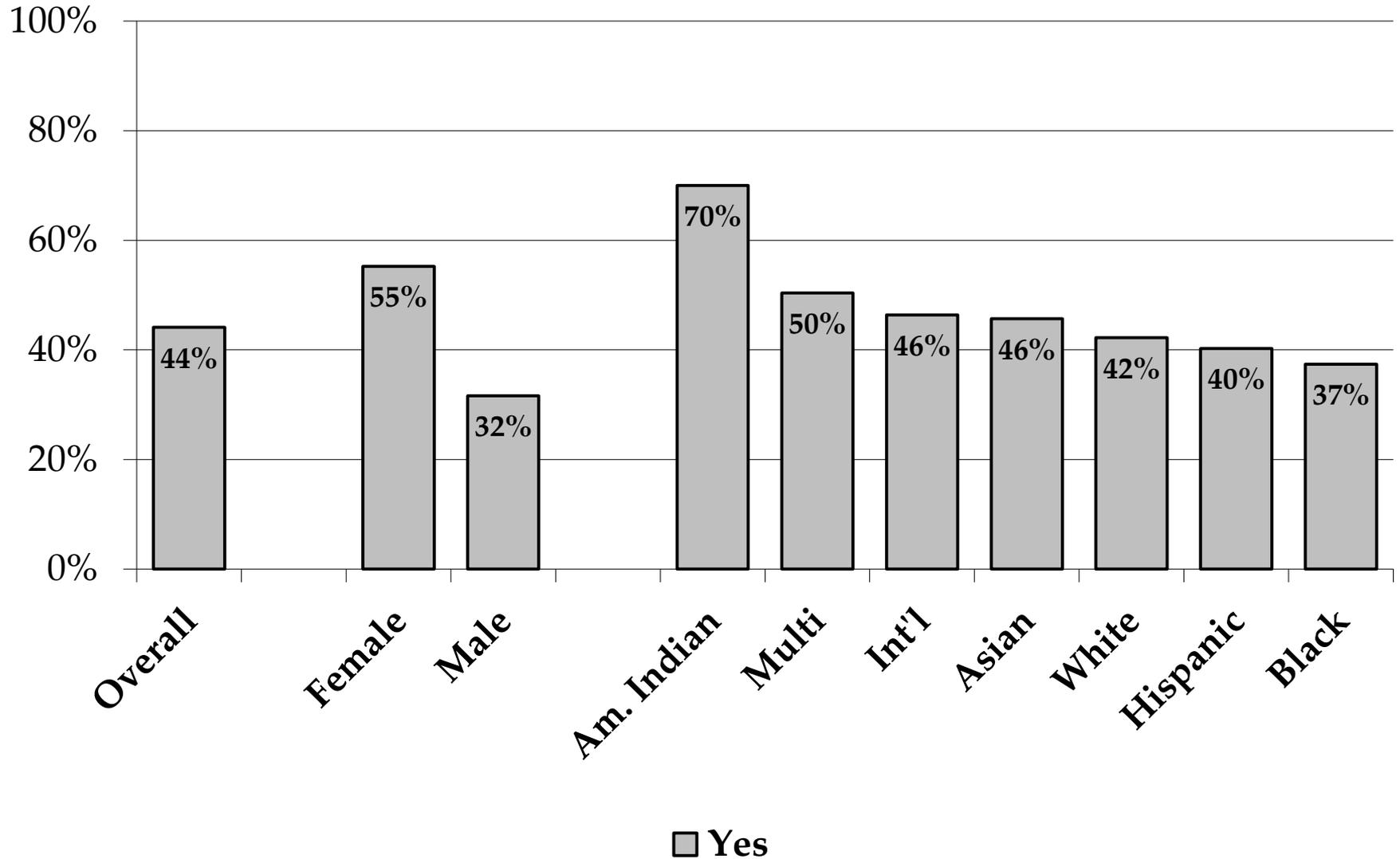
Learn or continue to play a musical instrument



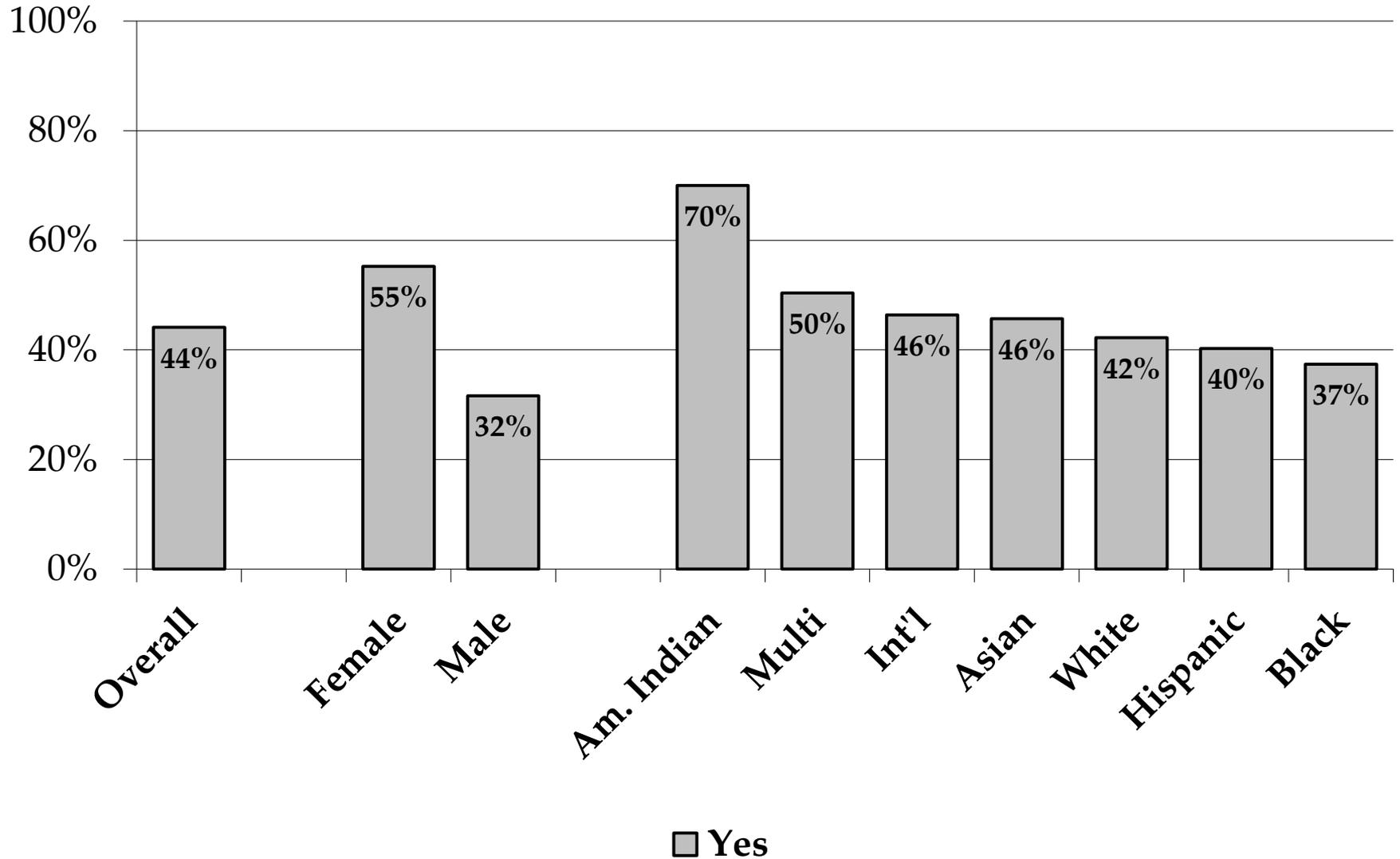
Write a short story, poem, or play not required by a class



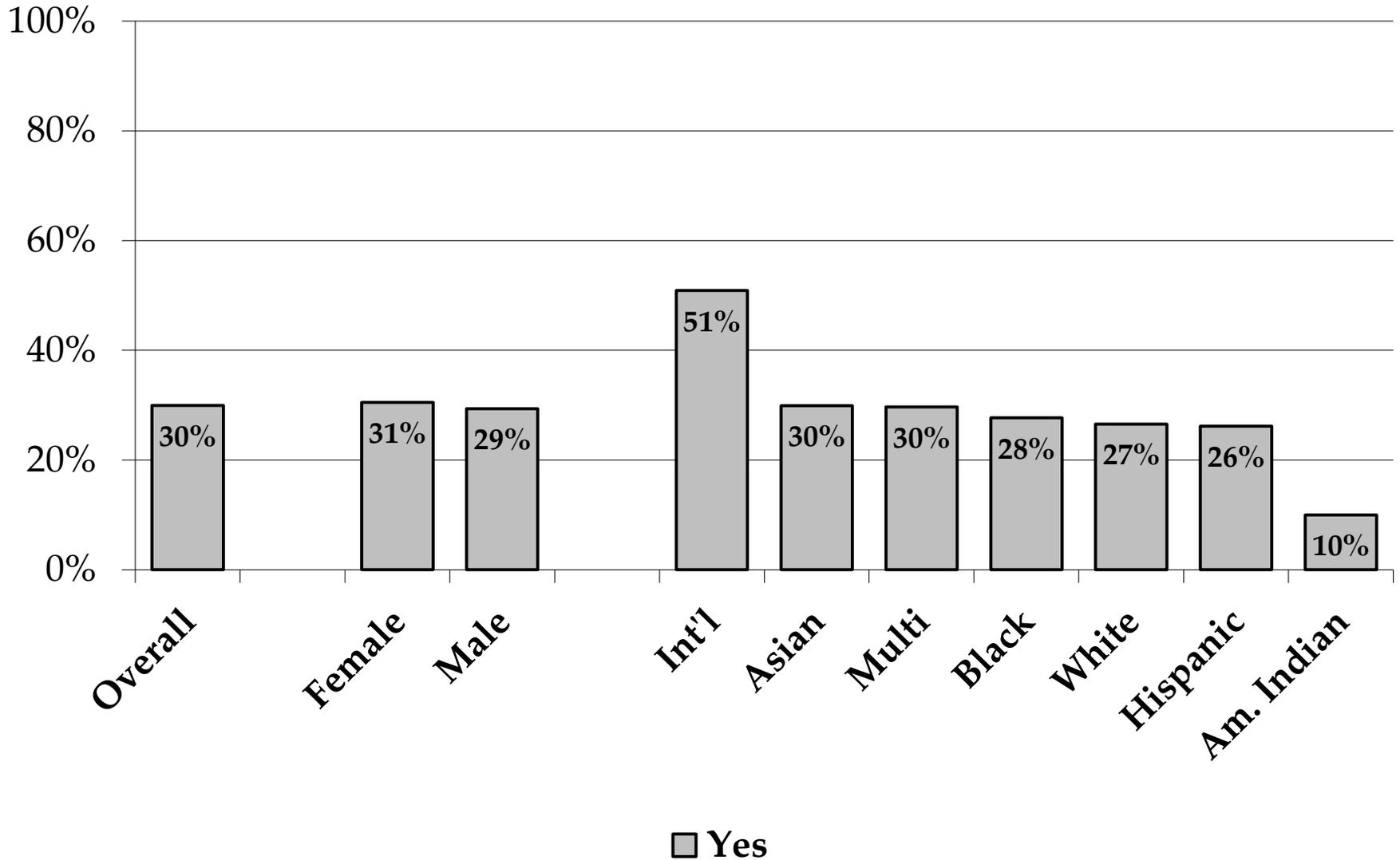
Create a painting, sculpture, or other work of art not required by a class



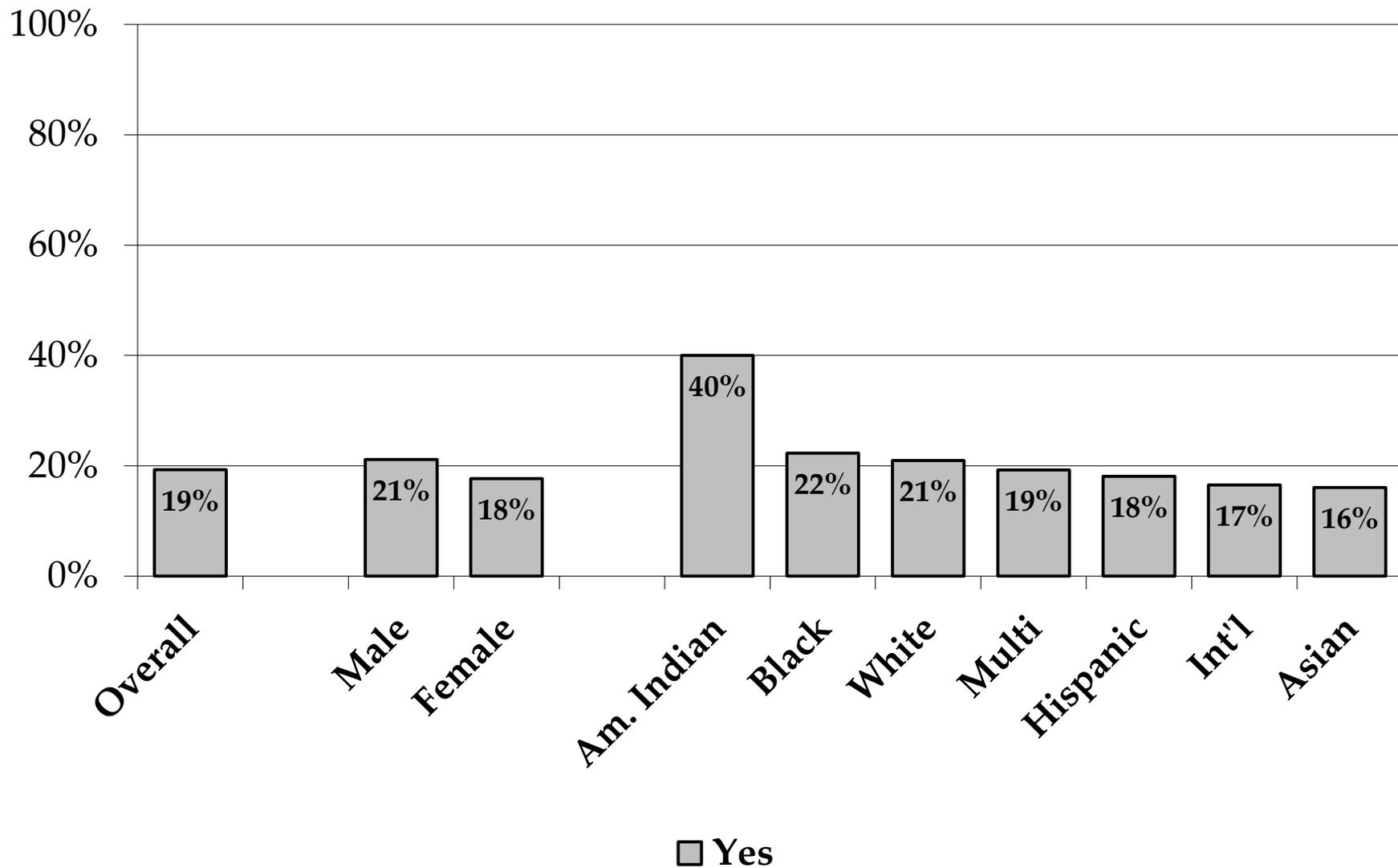
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Spend an extended time living among people from a culture different from your own



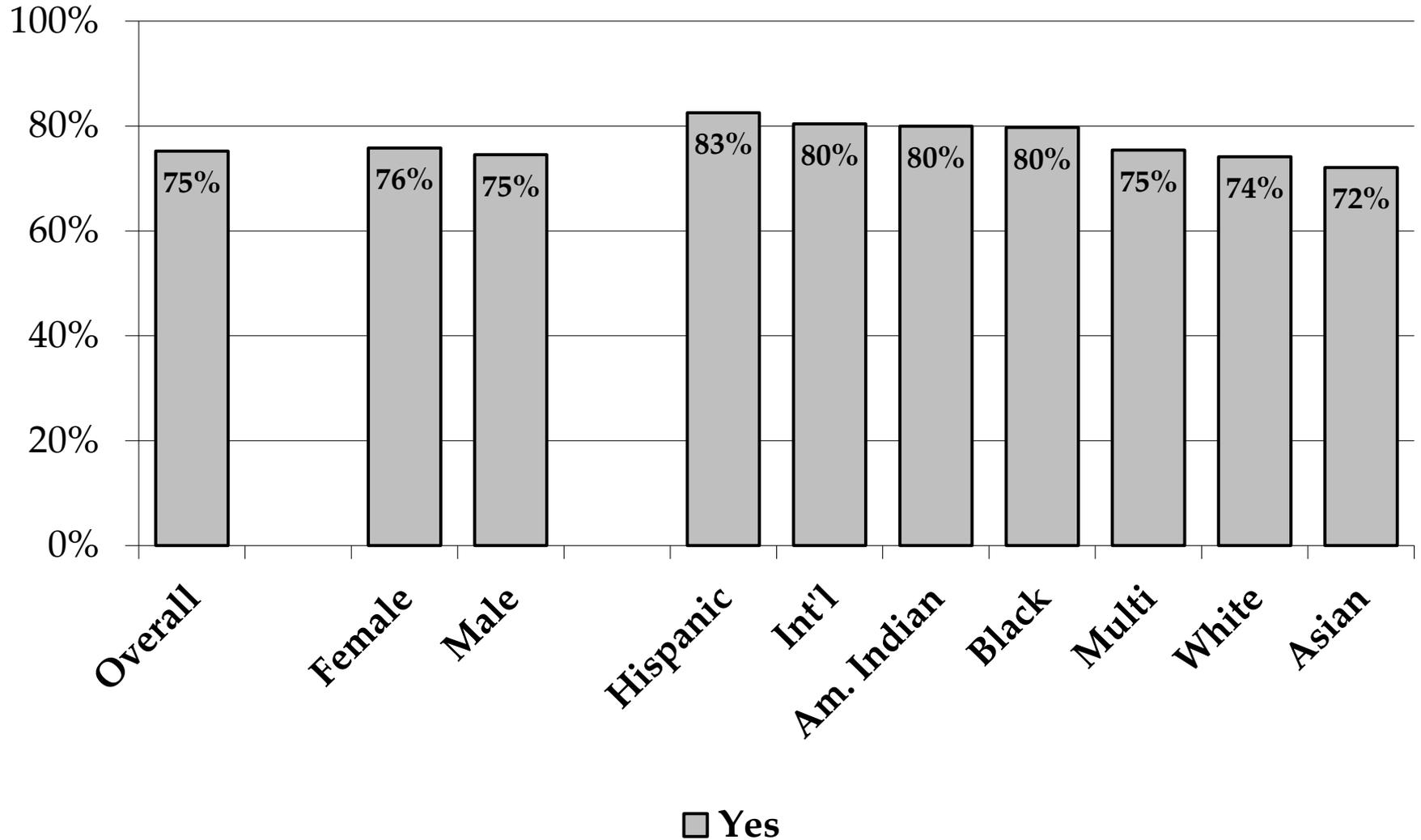
Participate in politics beyond voting (campaign volunteer, attend public meetings, etc.)



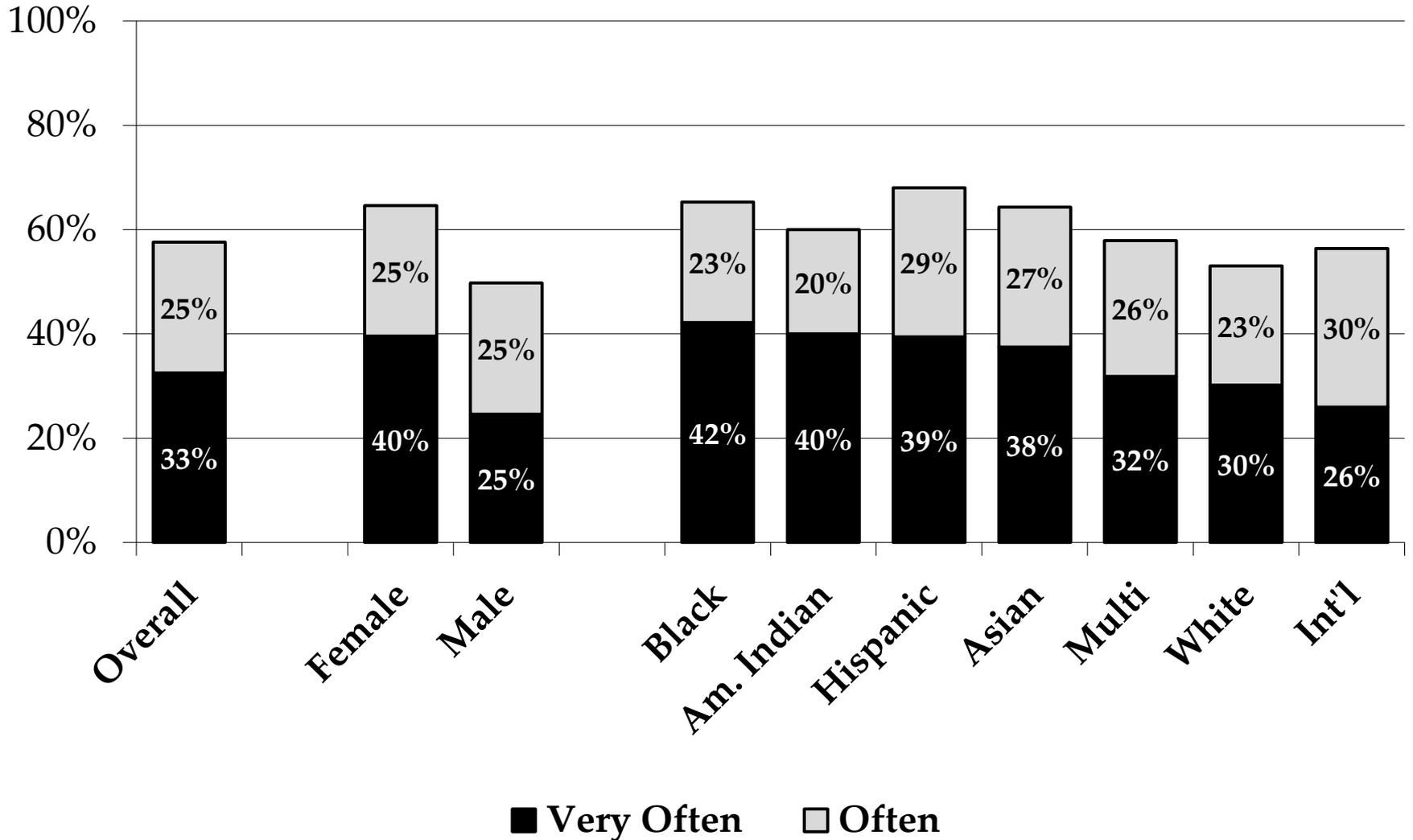
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Senior Year of High School

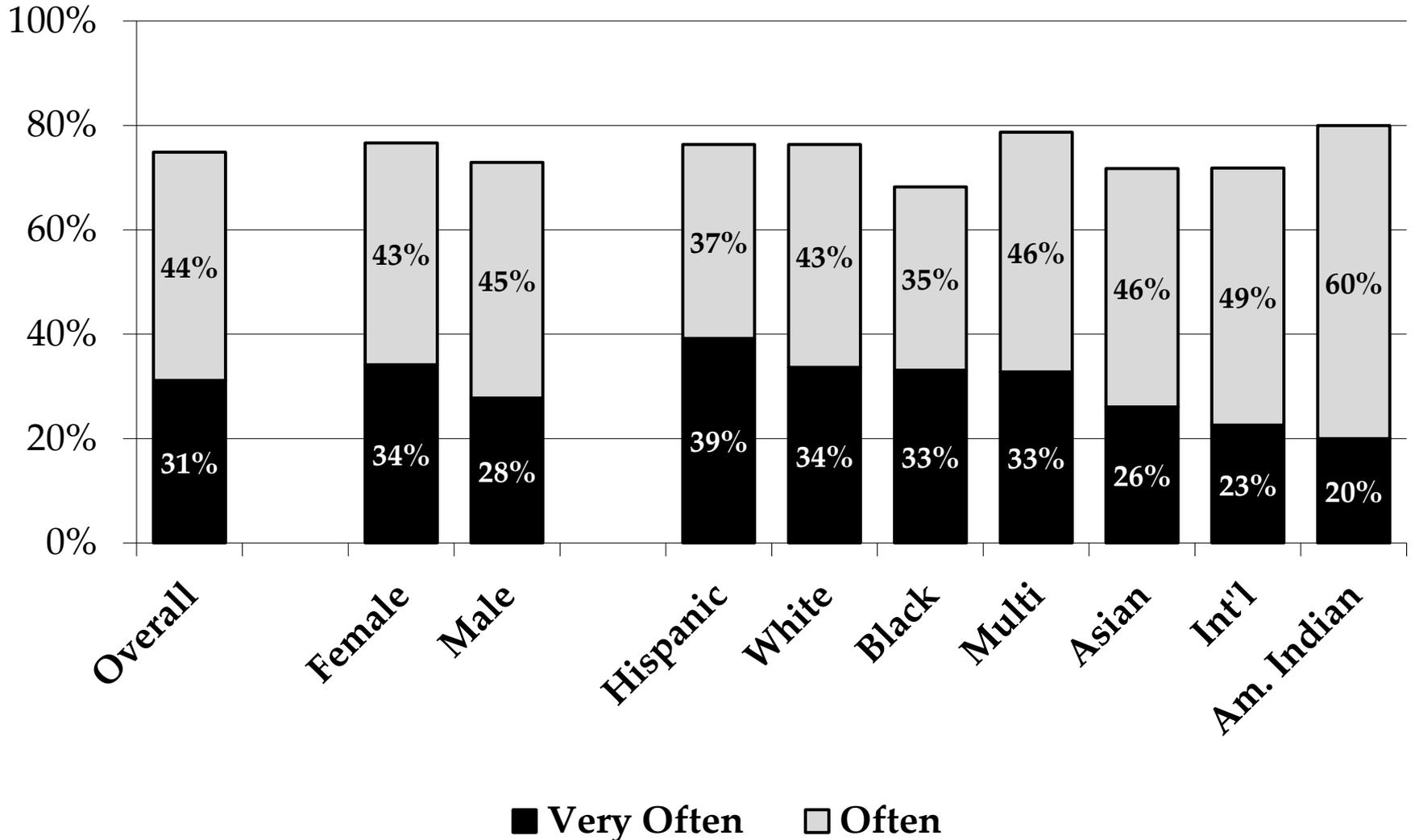
Performed community service as part of class or grad. requirement during final year of HS



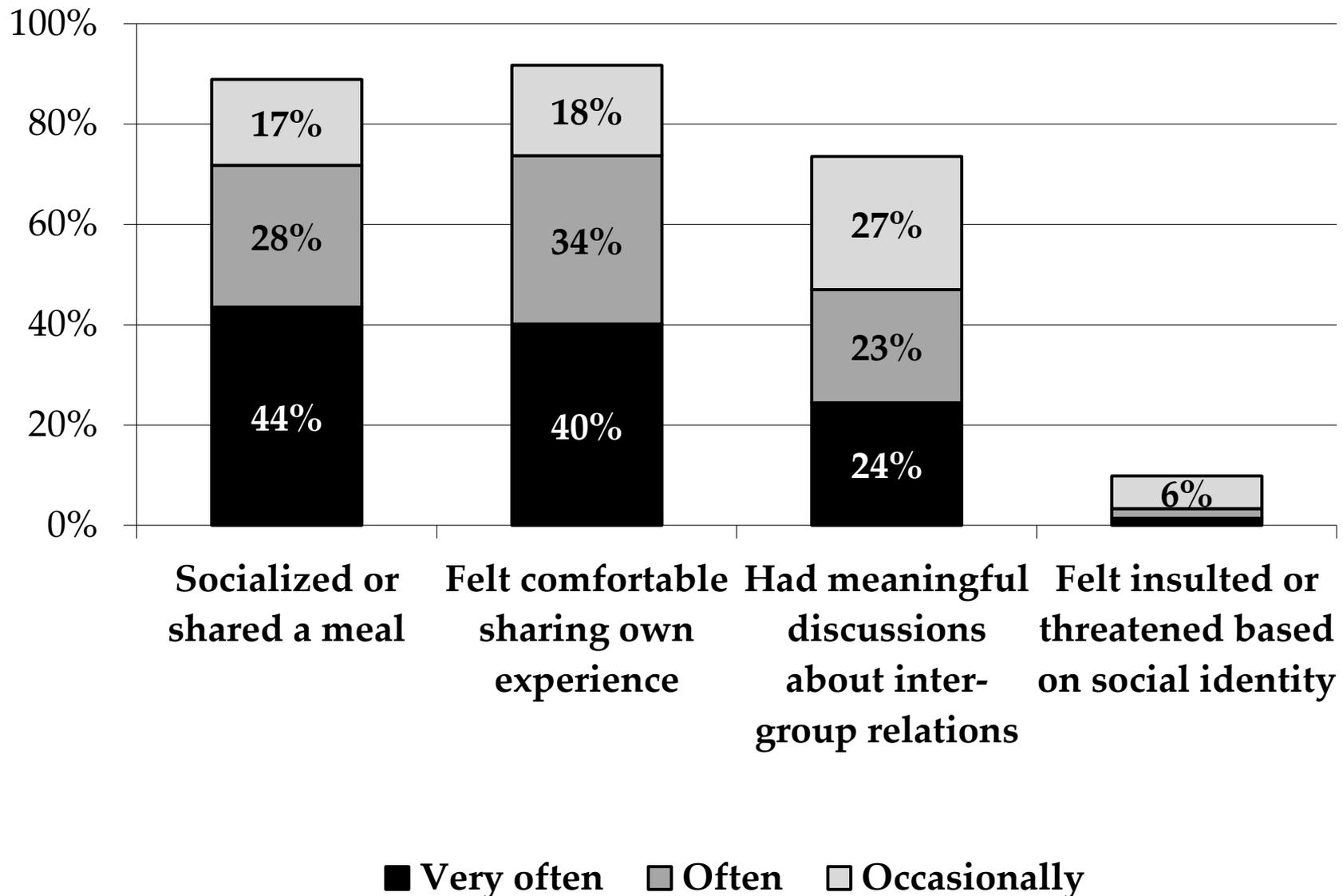
Volunteered during final year of high school not for a class or graduation requirement



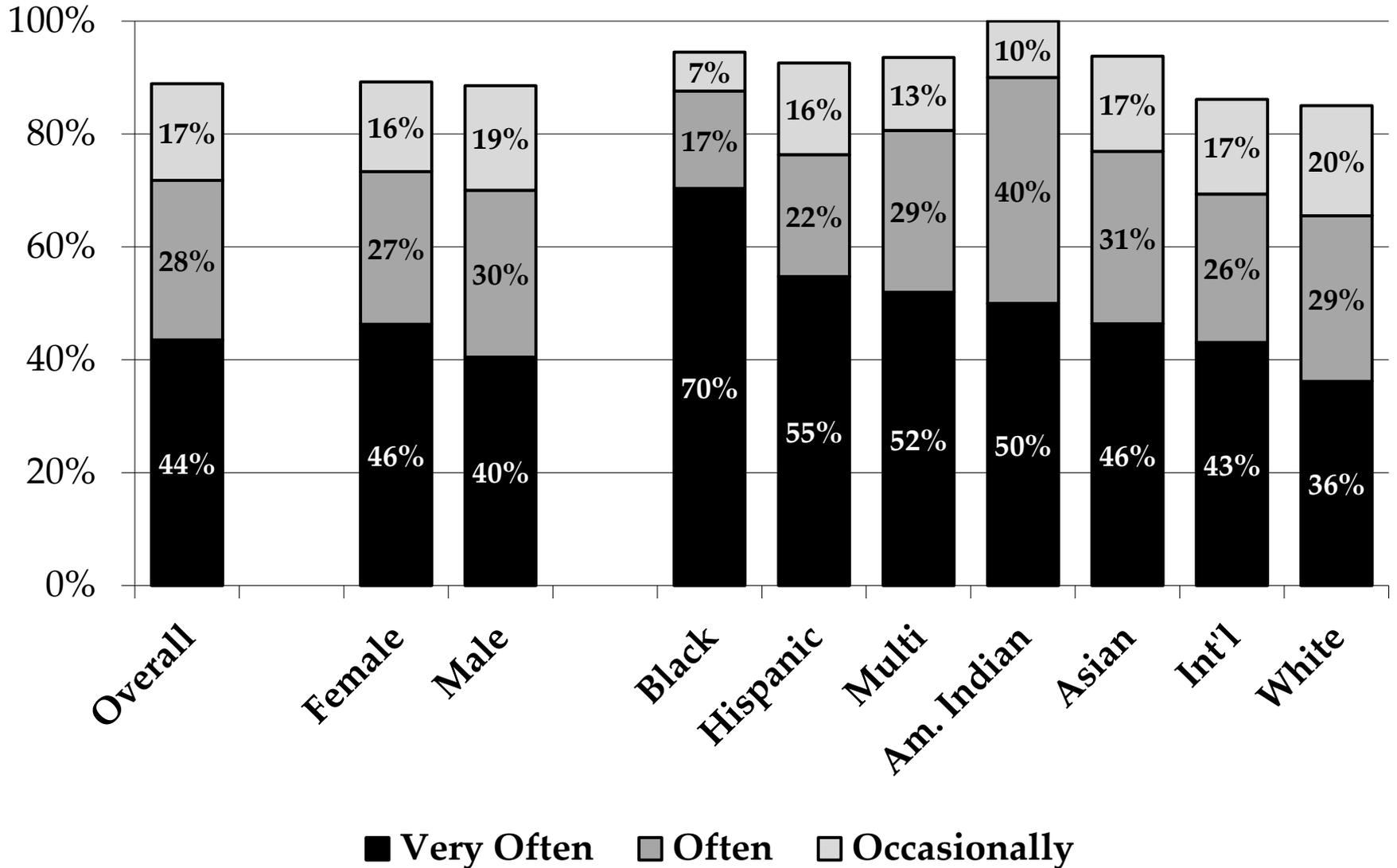
Applied ideas from a class to other courses and interests during final year of HS



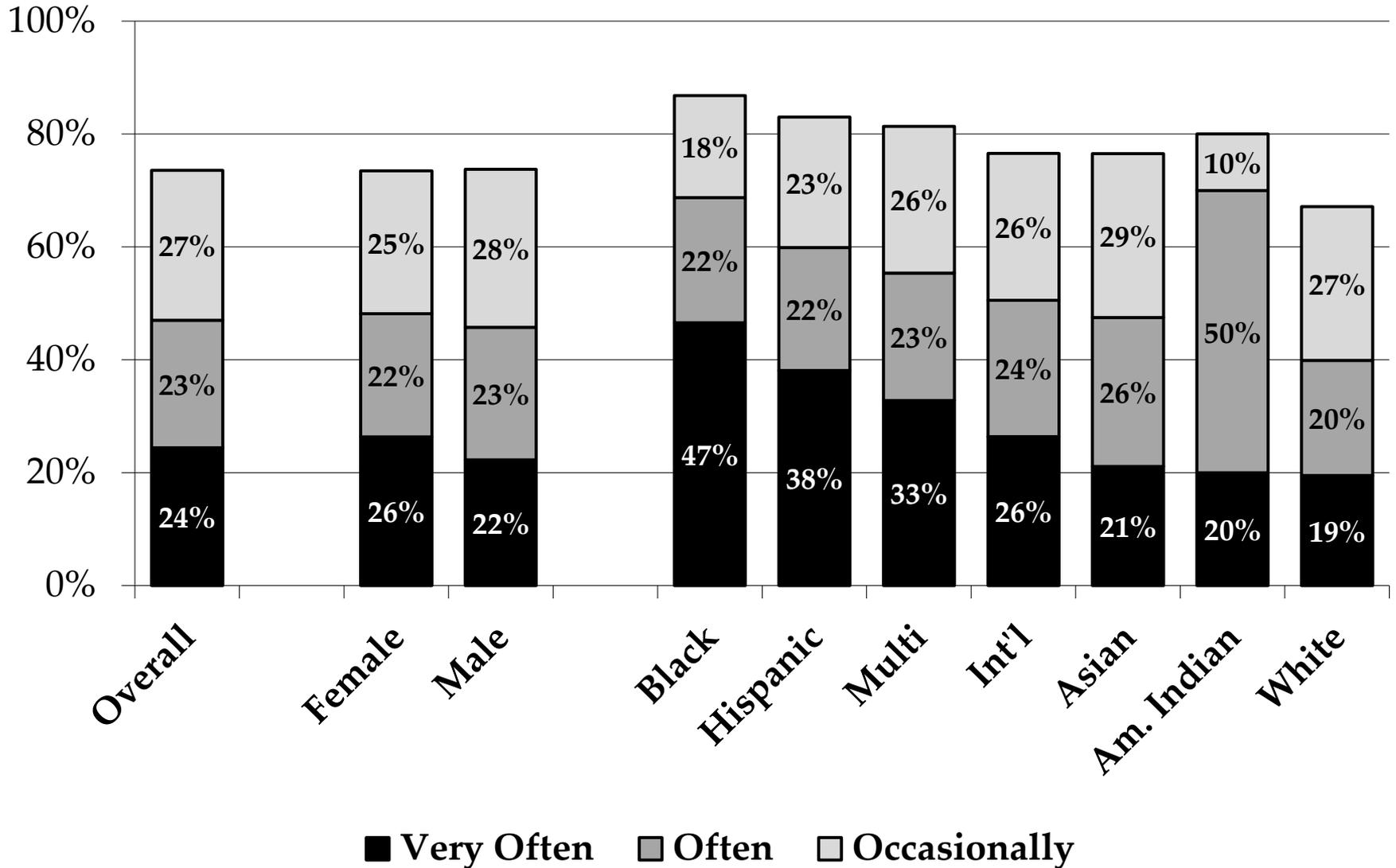
During final year of HS, frequency of interaction with diverse students



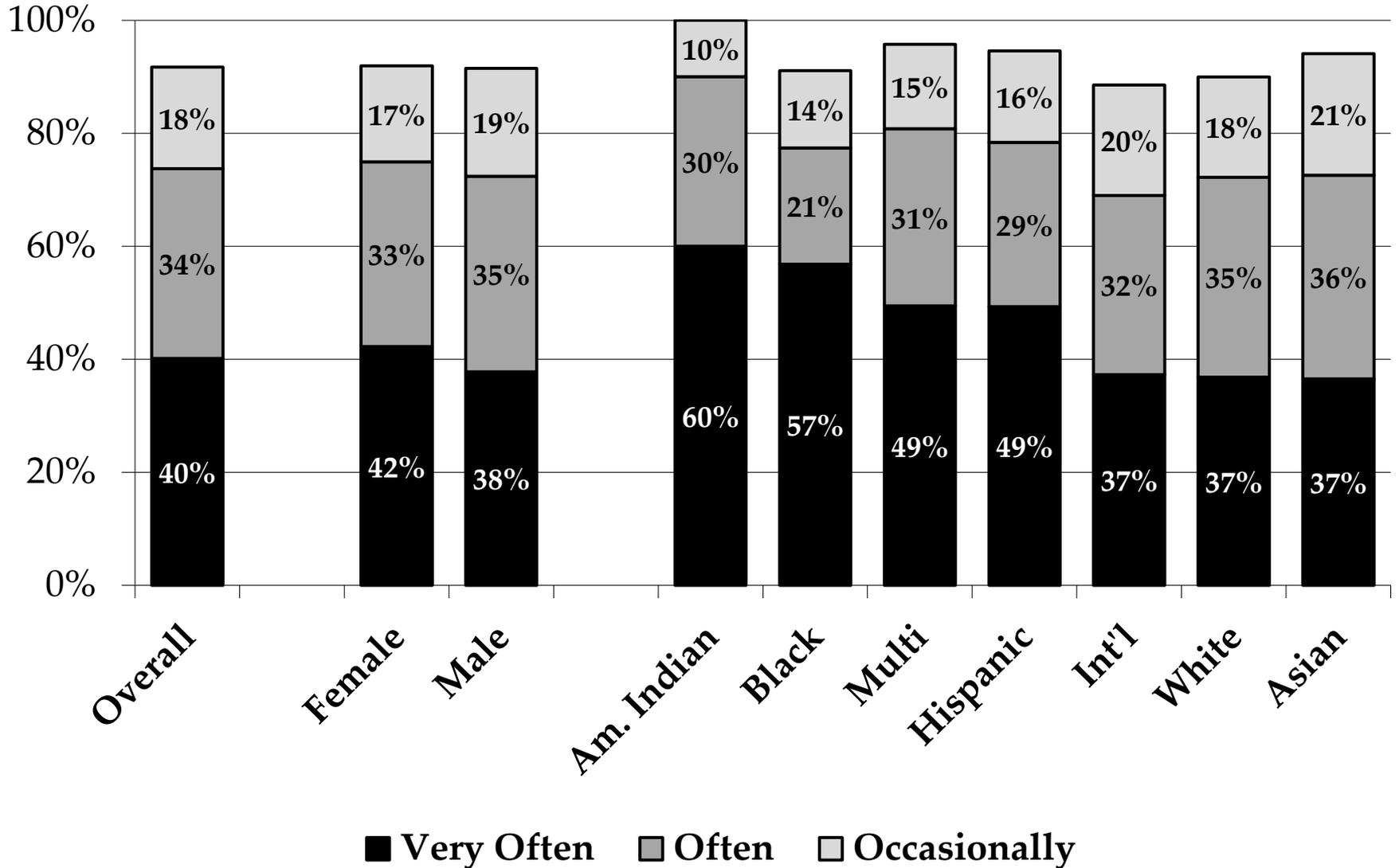
During final year of HS, interaction with diverse students... Socialized or shared a meal



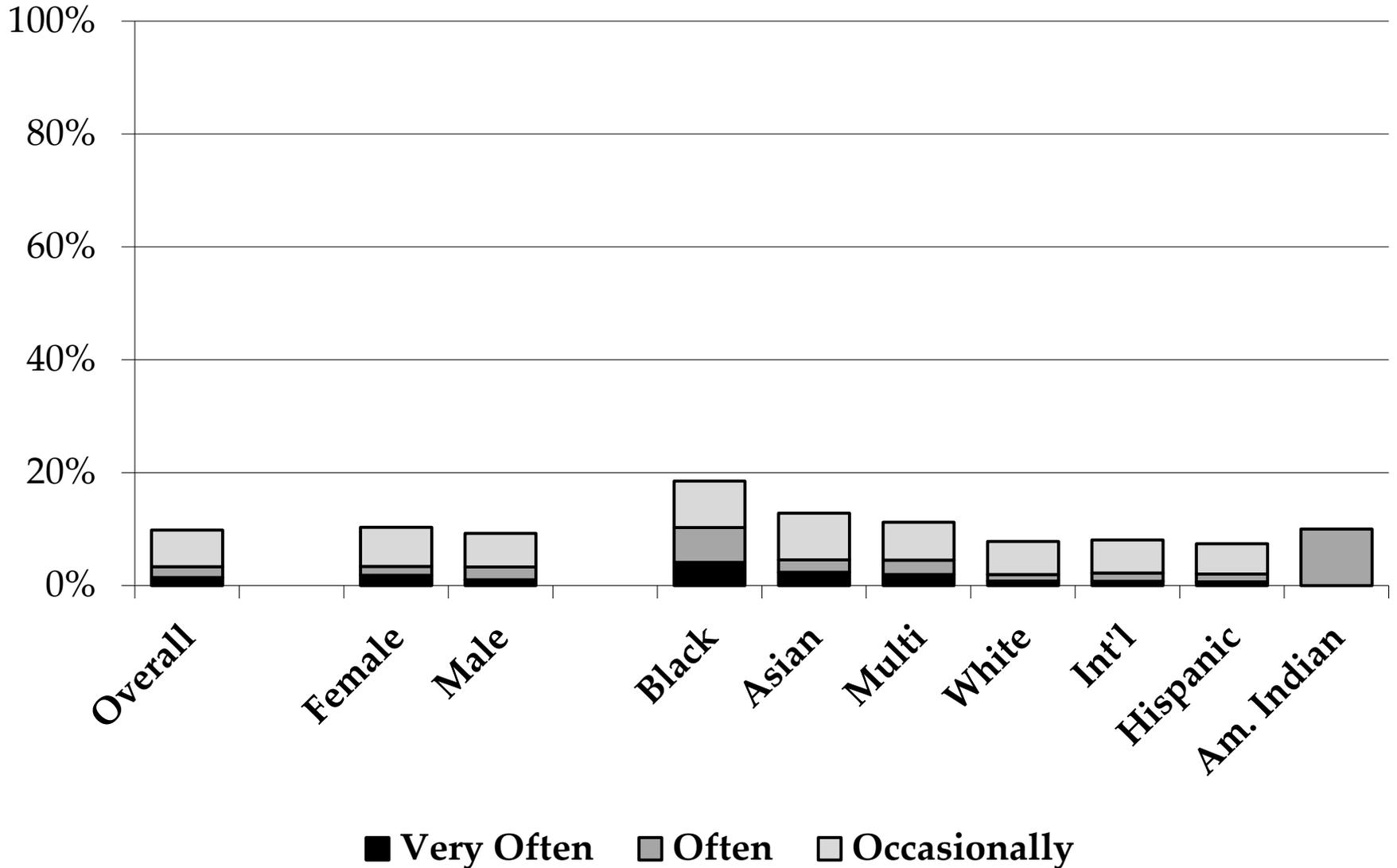
During final year of HS, interaction with diverse students... Had meaningful discussions about inter-group relations



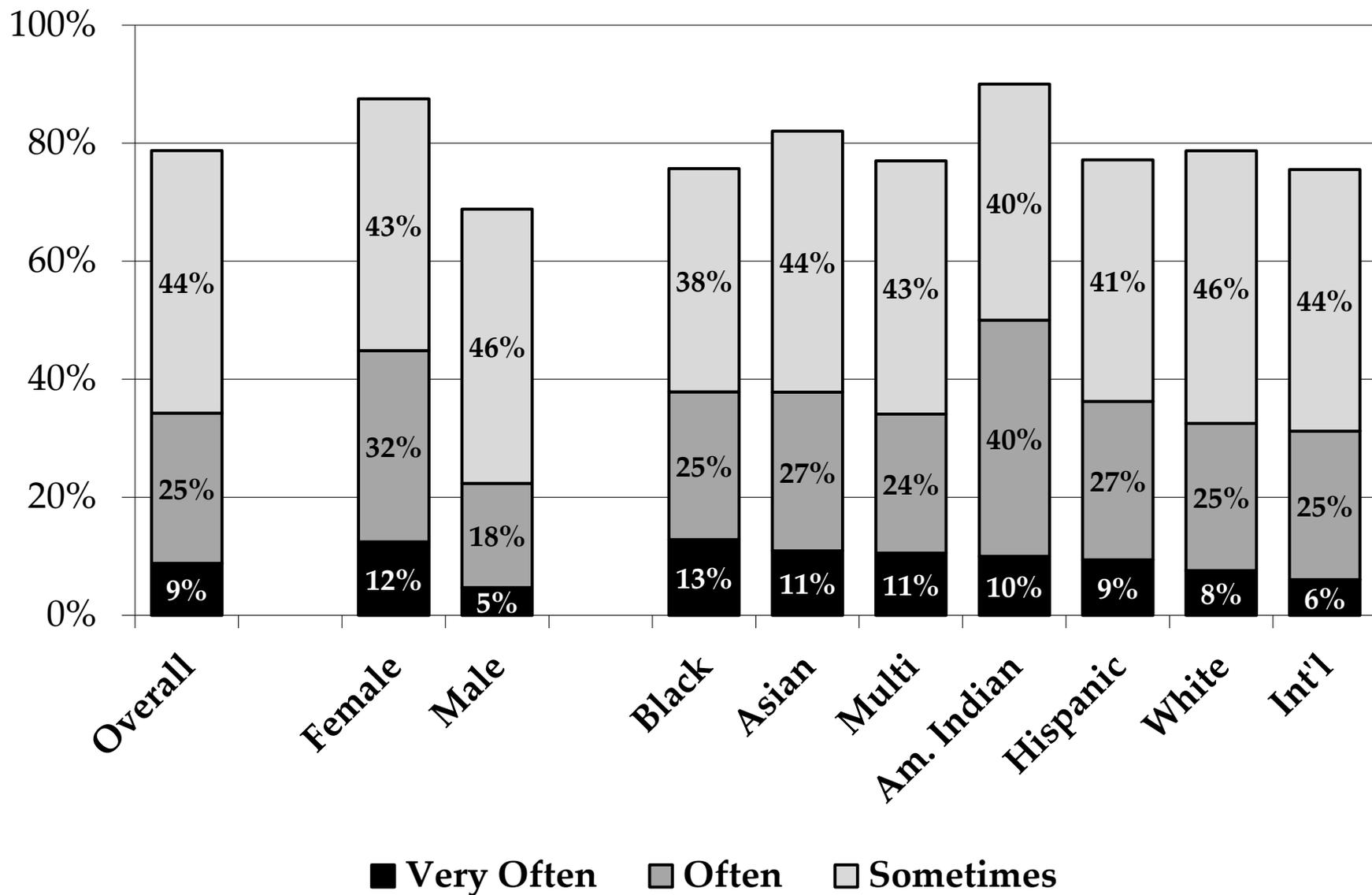
During final year of HS, interaction with diverse students... Felt comfortable sharing your own experience



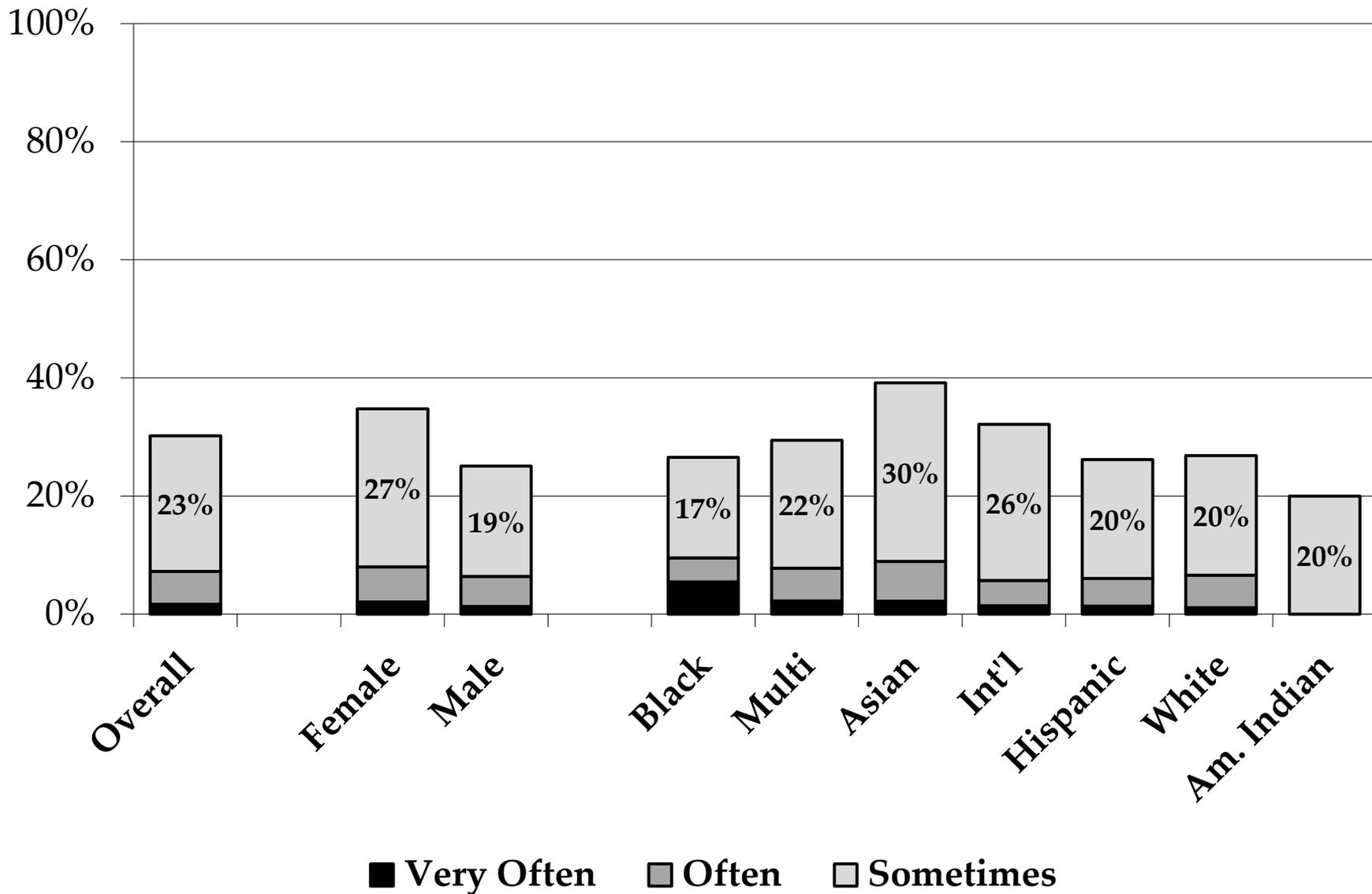
During final year of HS, interaction with diverse students... Felt insulted or threatened based on social identity



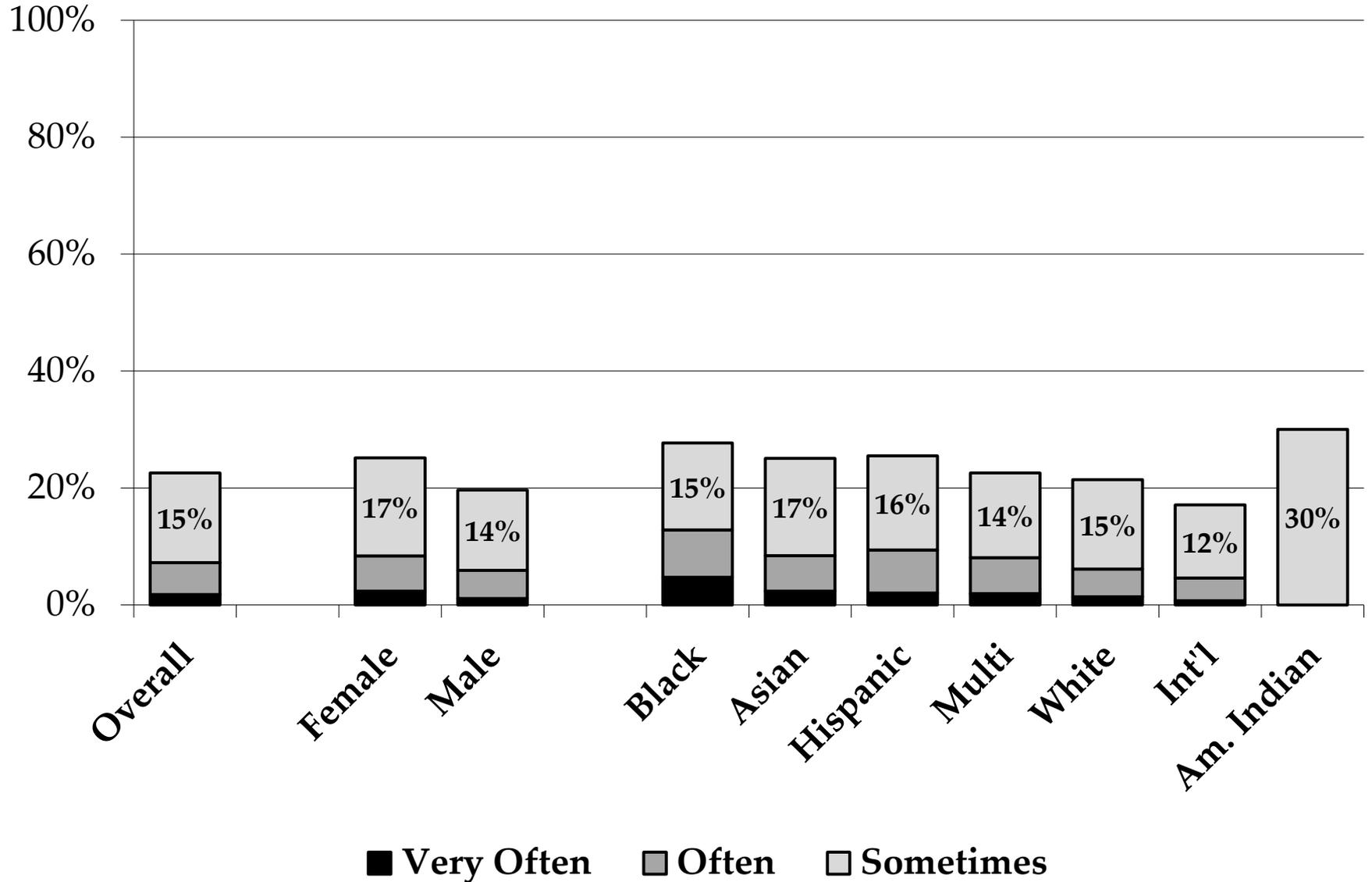
During final year of HS, about how often did you... Feel overwhelmed by all you had to do



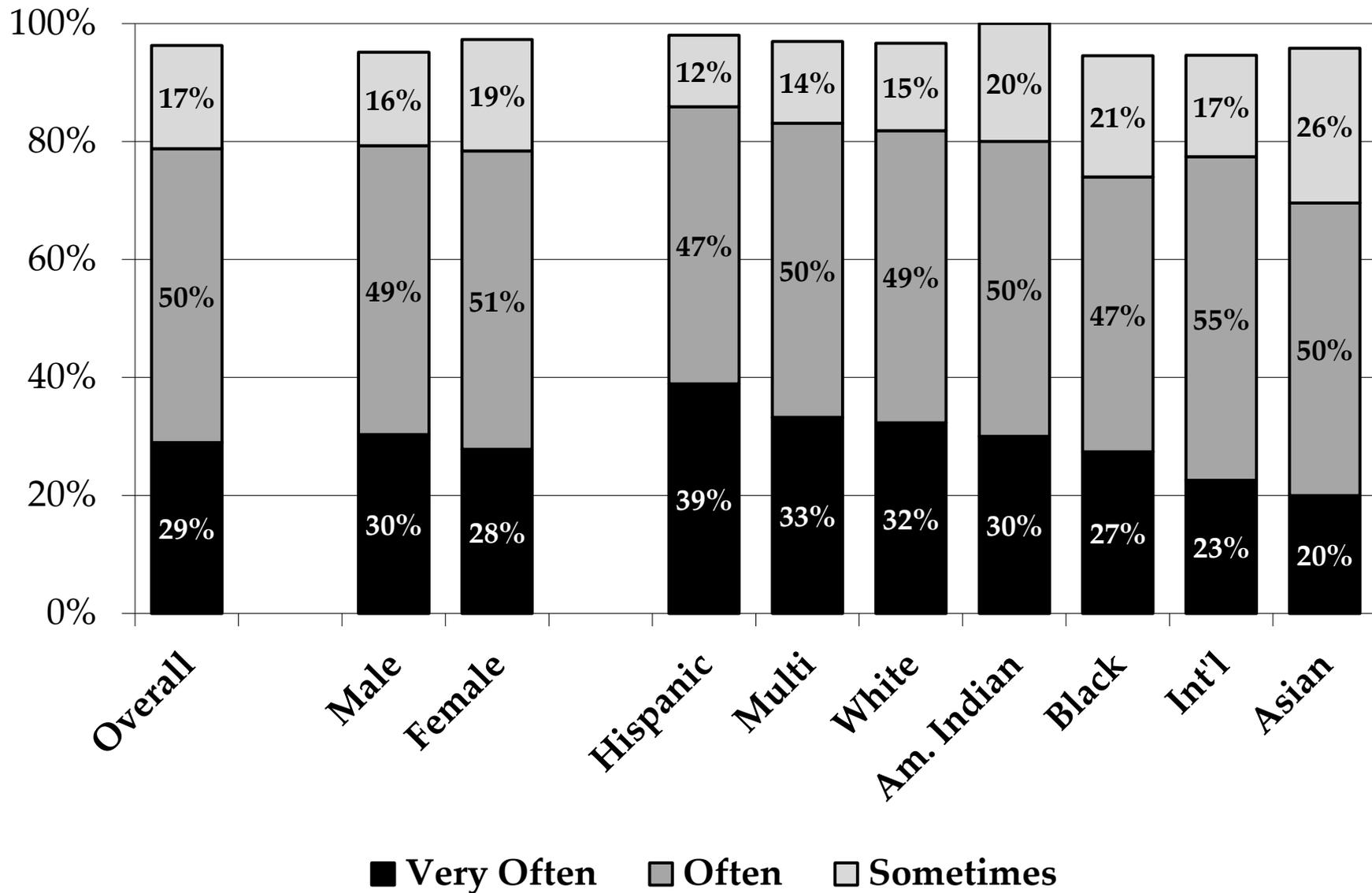
During final year of HS, about how often did you... Feel depressed



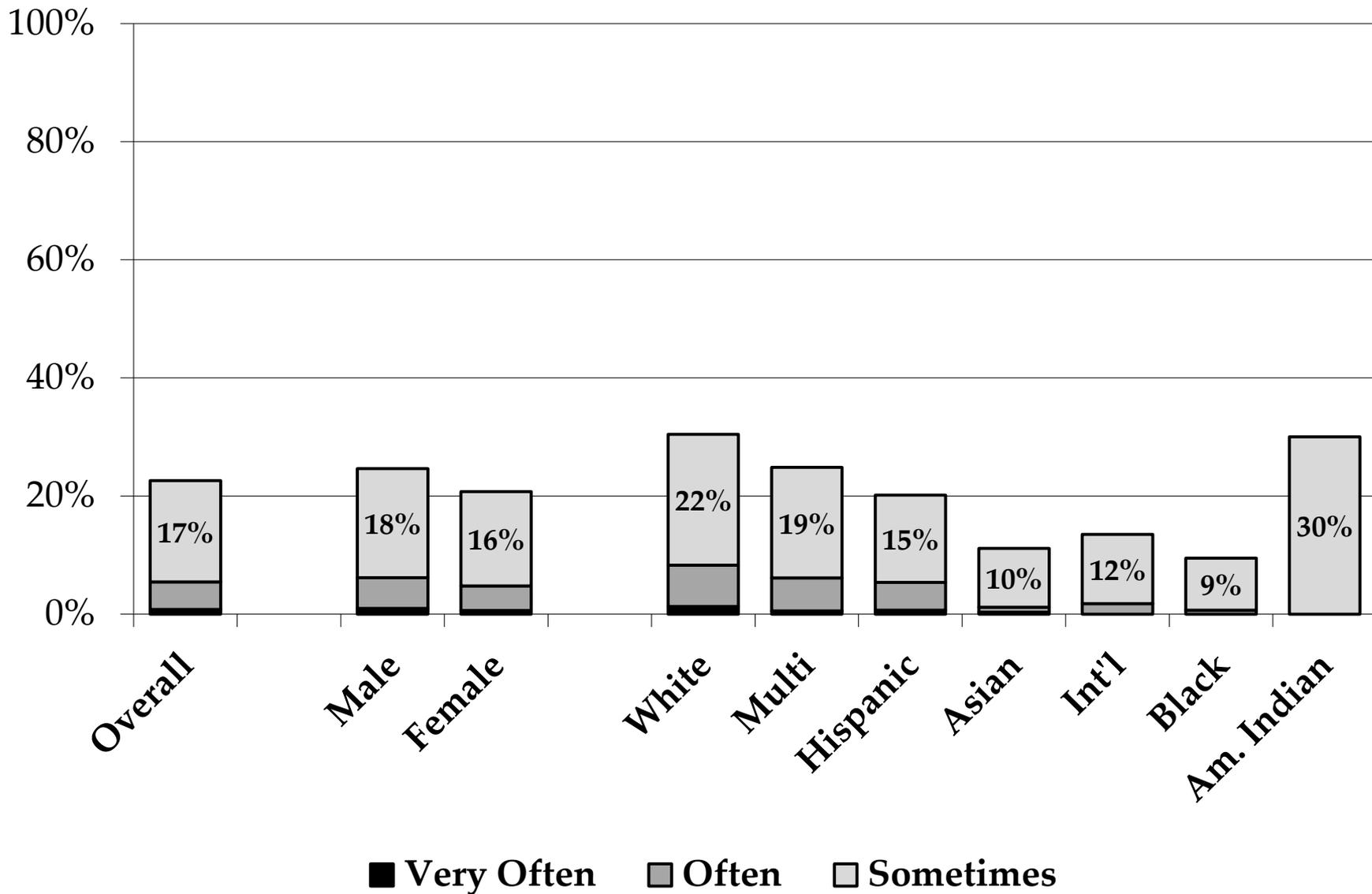
During final year of HS, about how often did you... Feel out of place or that you just didn't fit in at school



During final year of HS, about how often did you... Find a balance between schoolwork & other aspects of your life

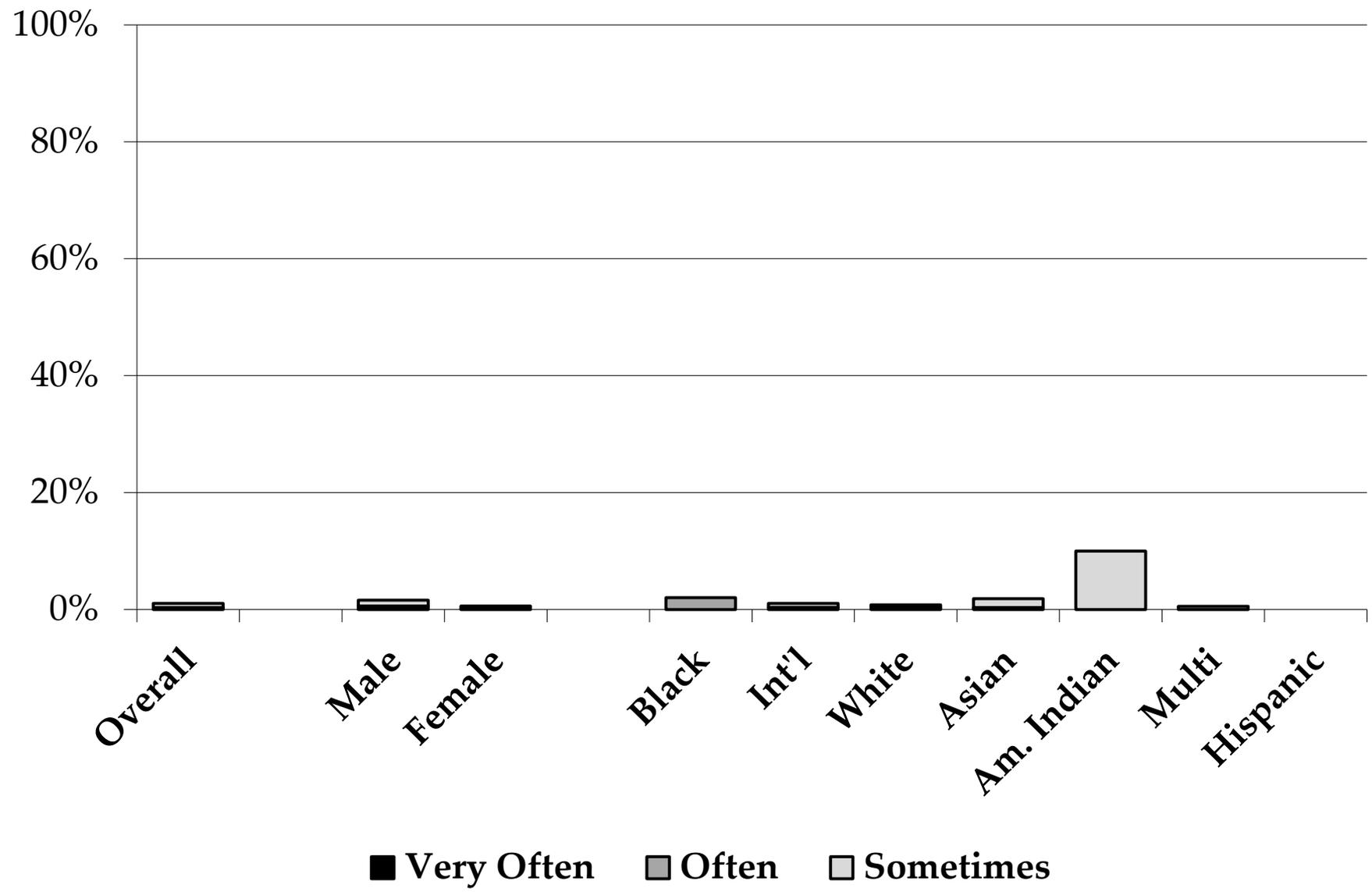


During final year of HS, about how often did you... Drink alcohol



During final year of HS, about how often did you...

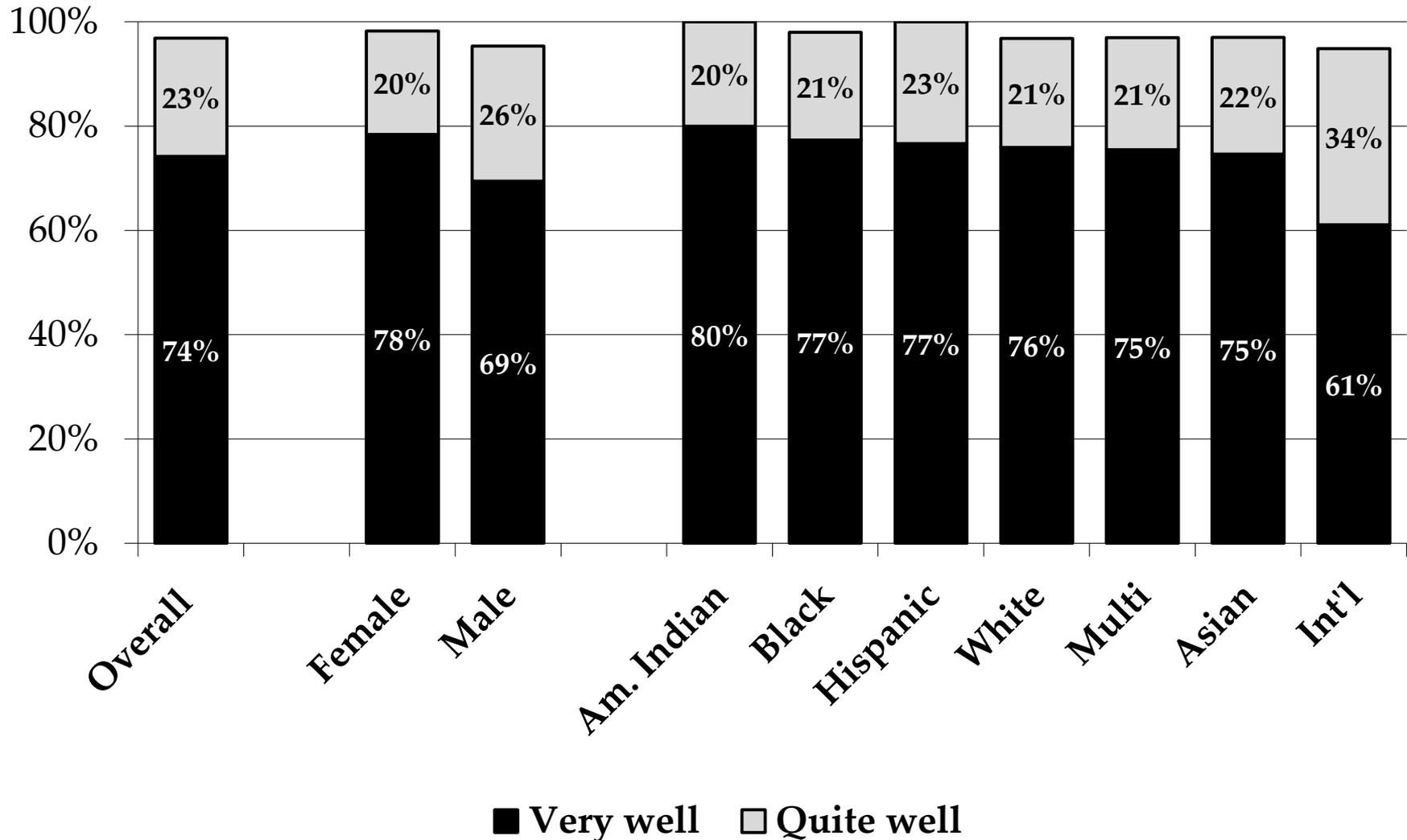
Use stimulant medications without a prescription to help study



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About You

Getting the best grades I can is very important to me

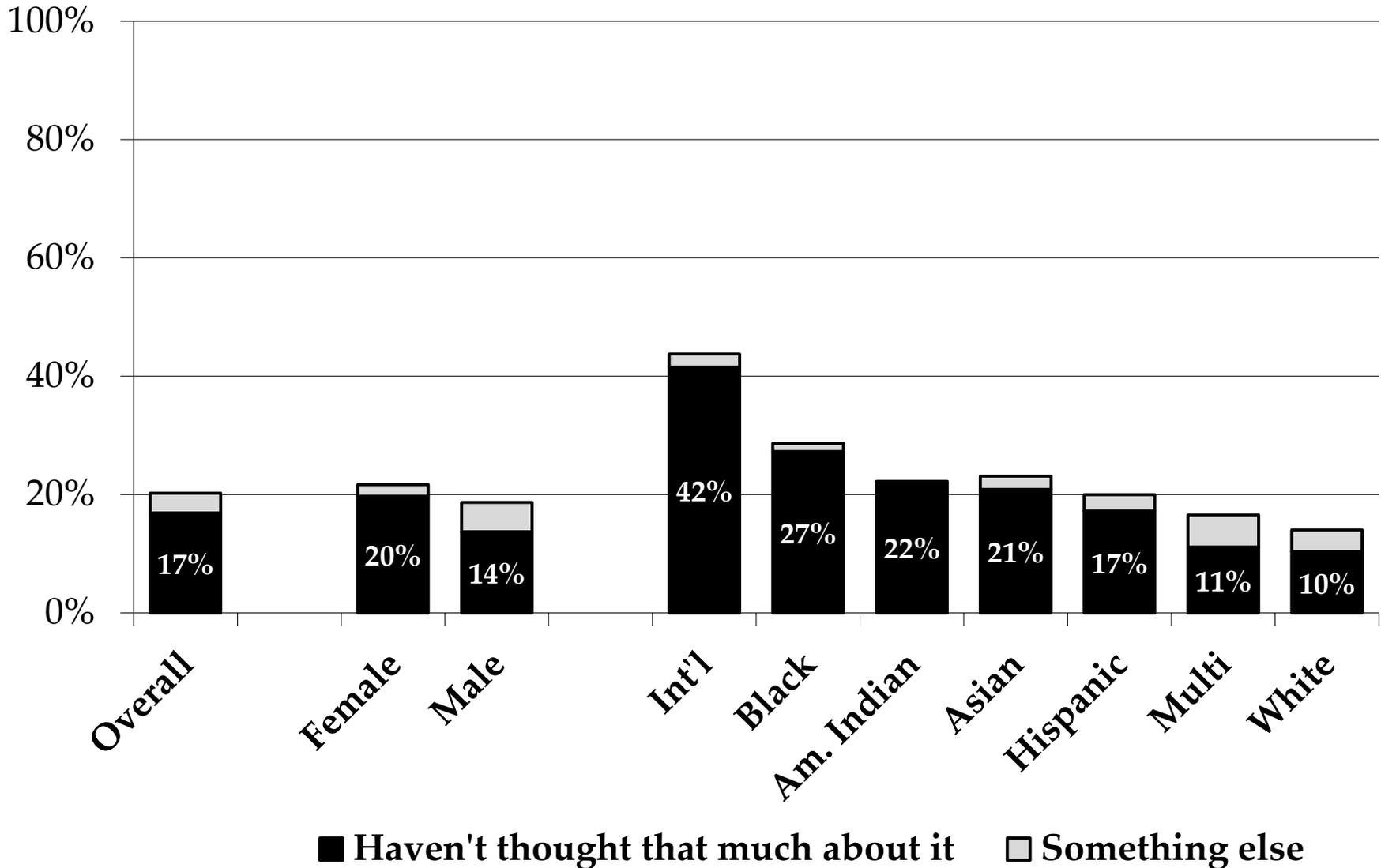




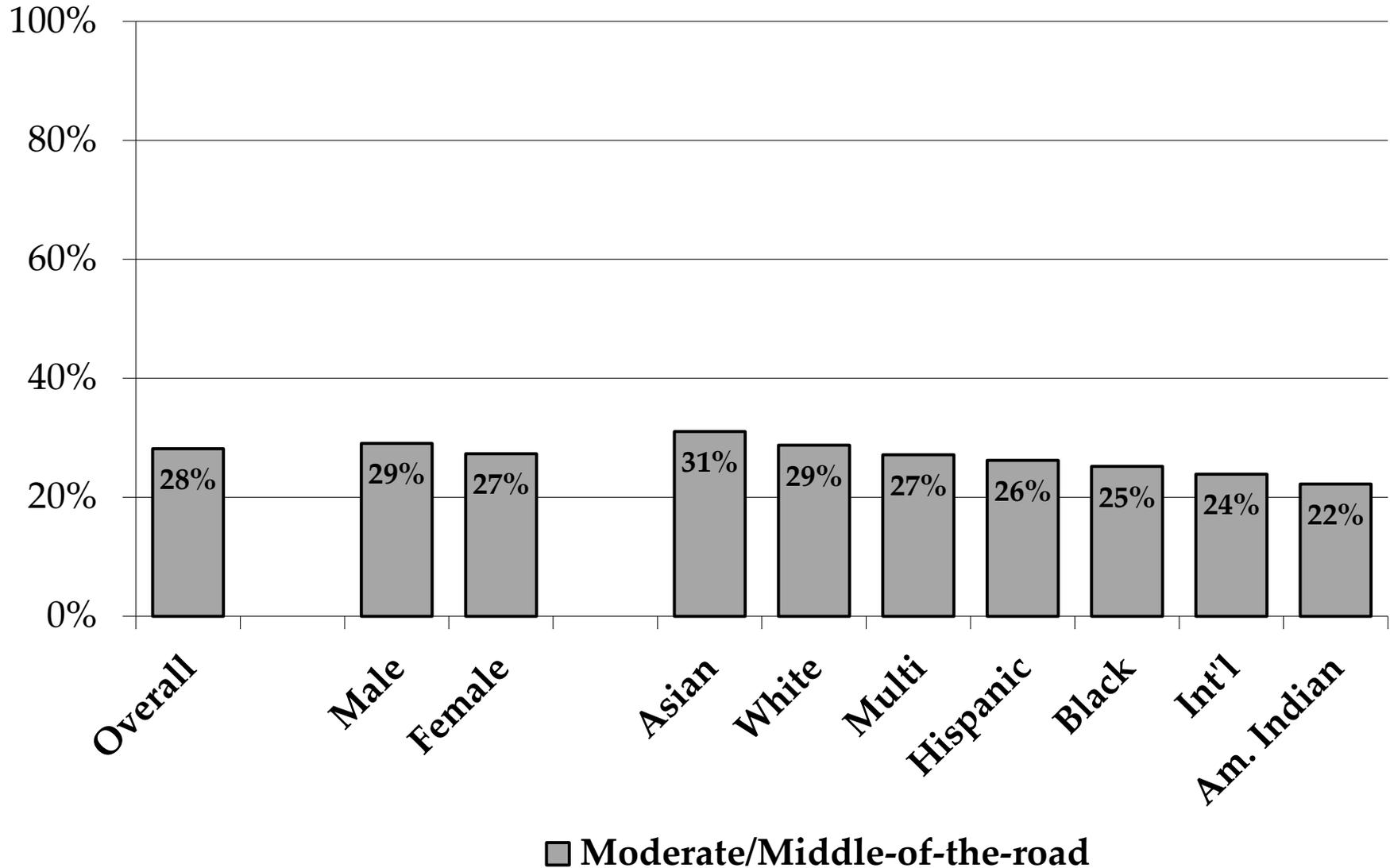
How would you describe your political views?

- Very liberal
- Liberal
- Moderate/Middle-of-the-road
- Conservative
- Very conservative
- Something else
- Haven't thought that much about it

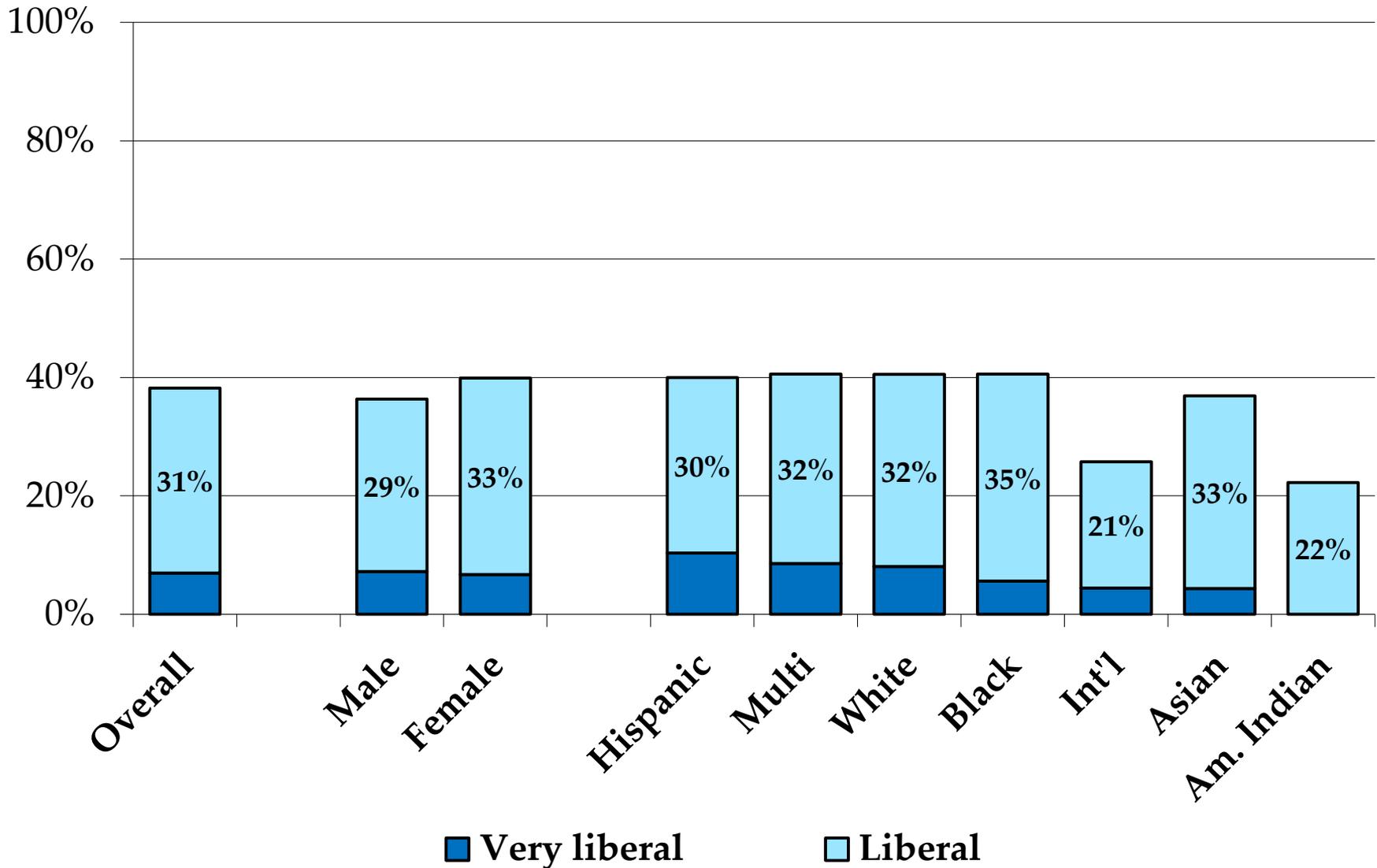
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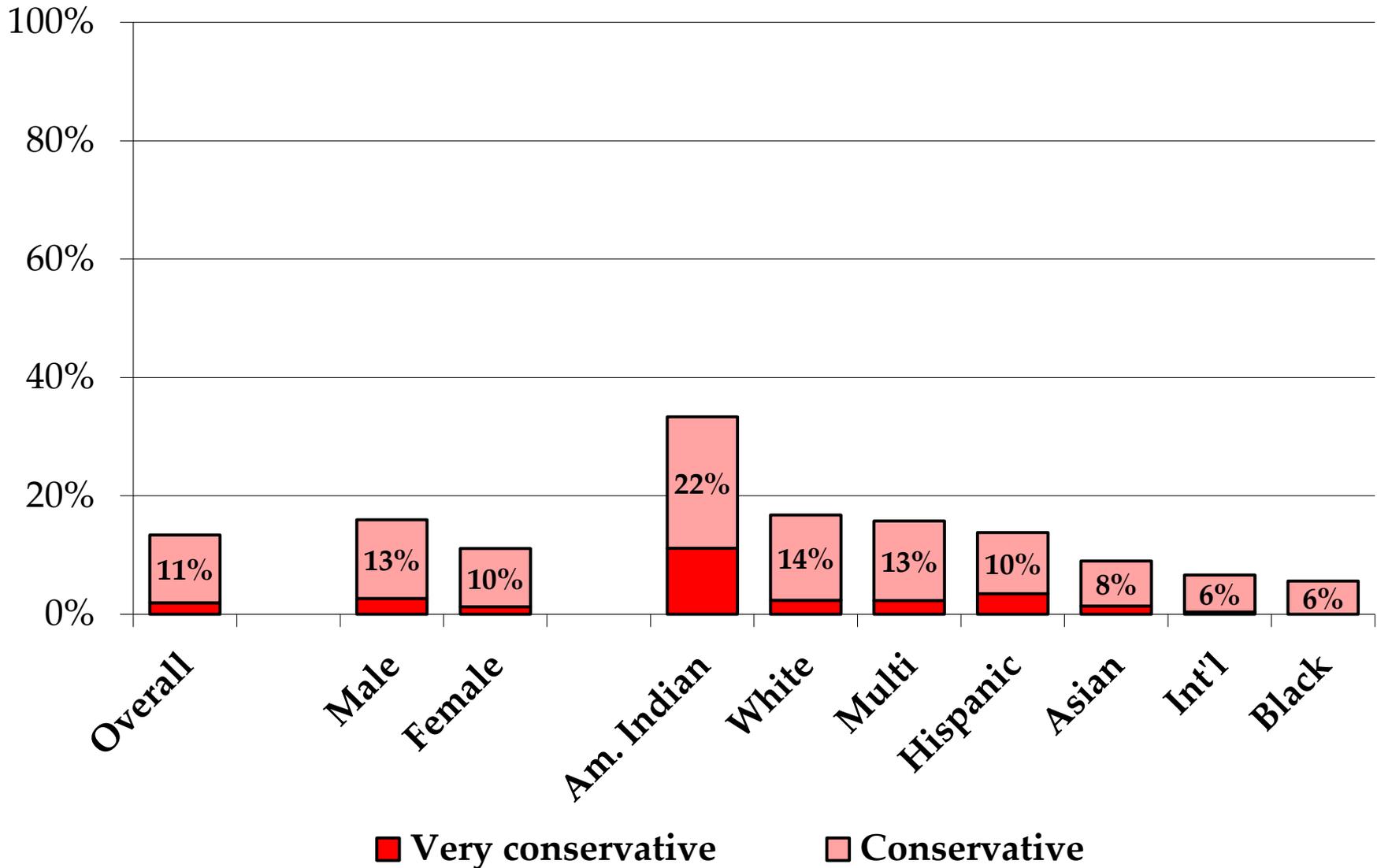
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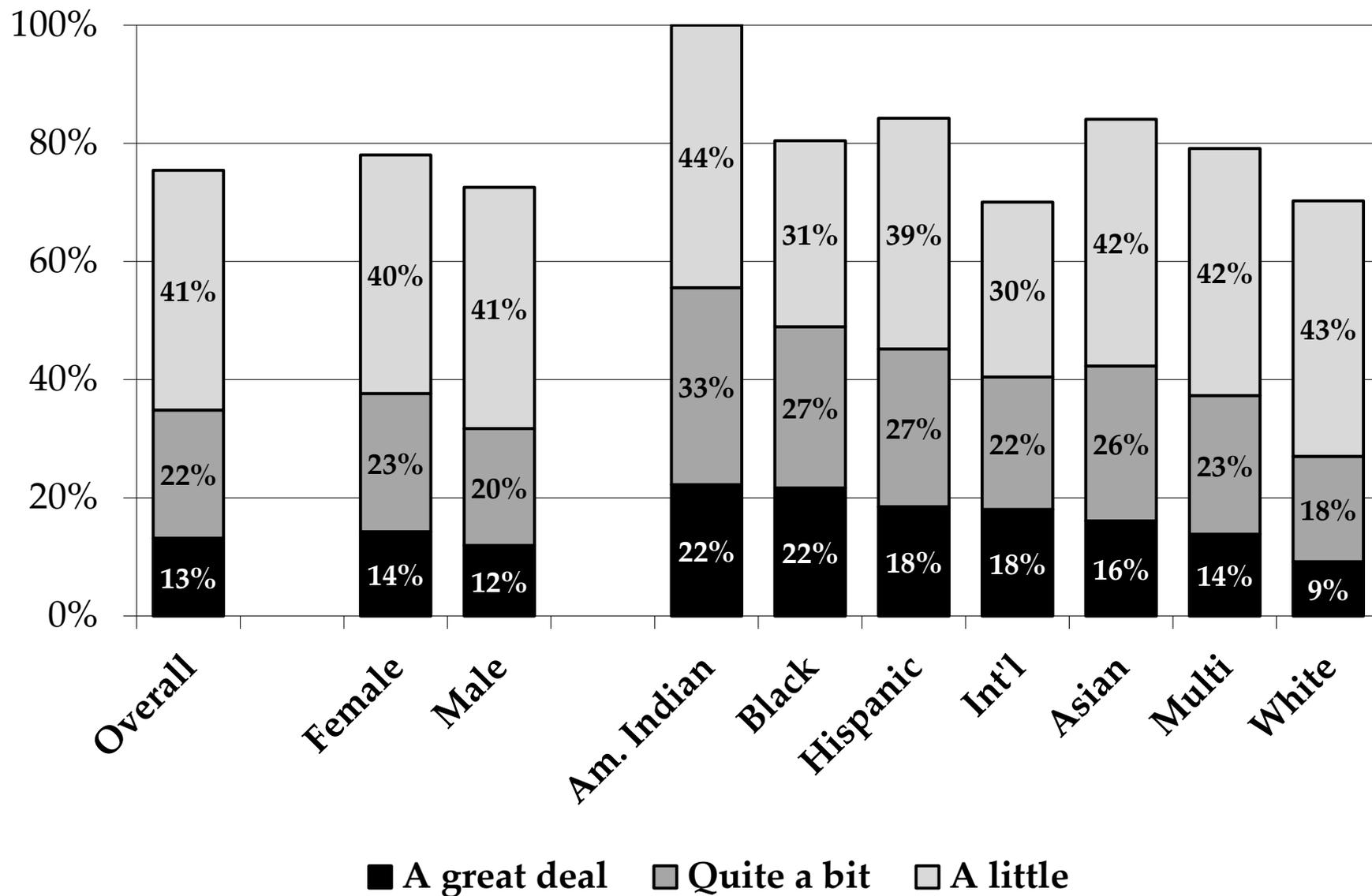
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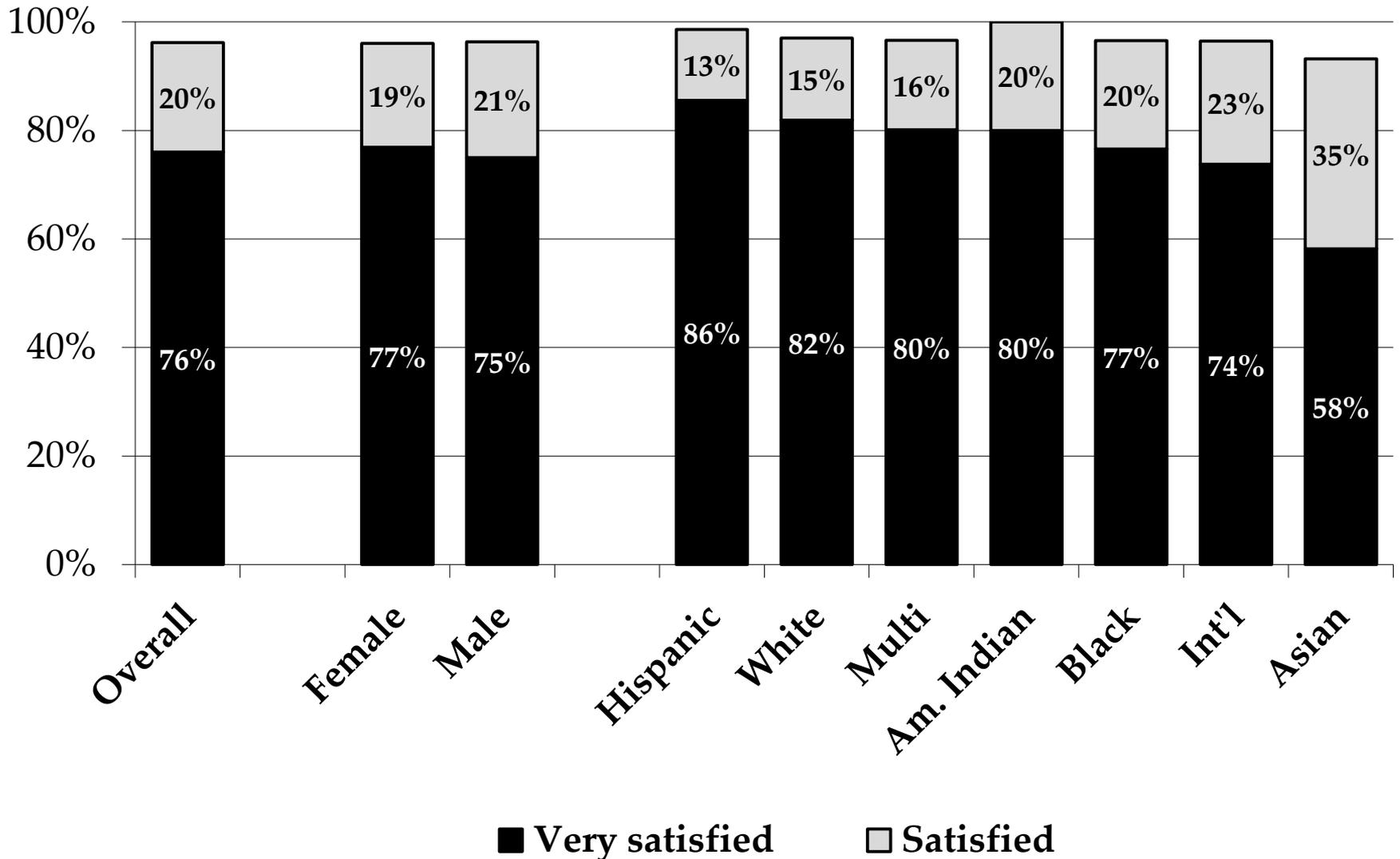
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Cornell

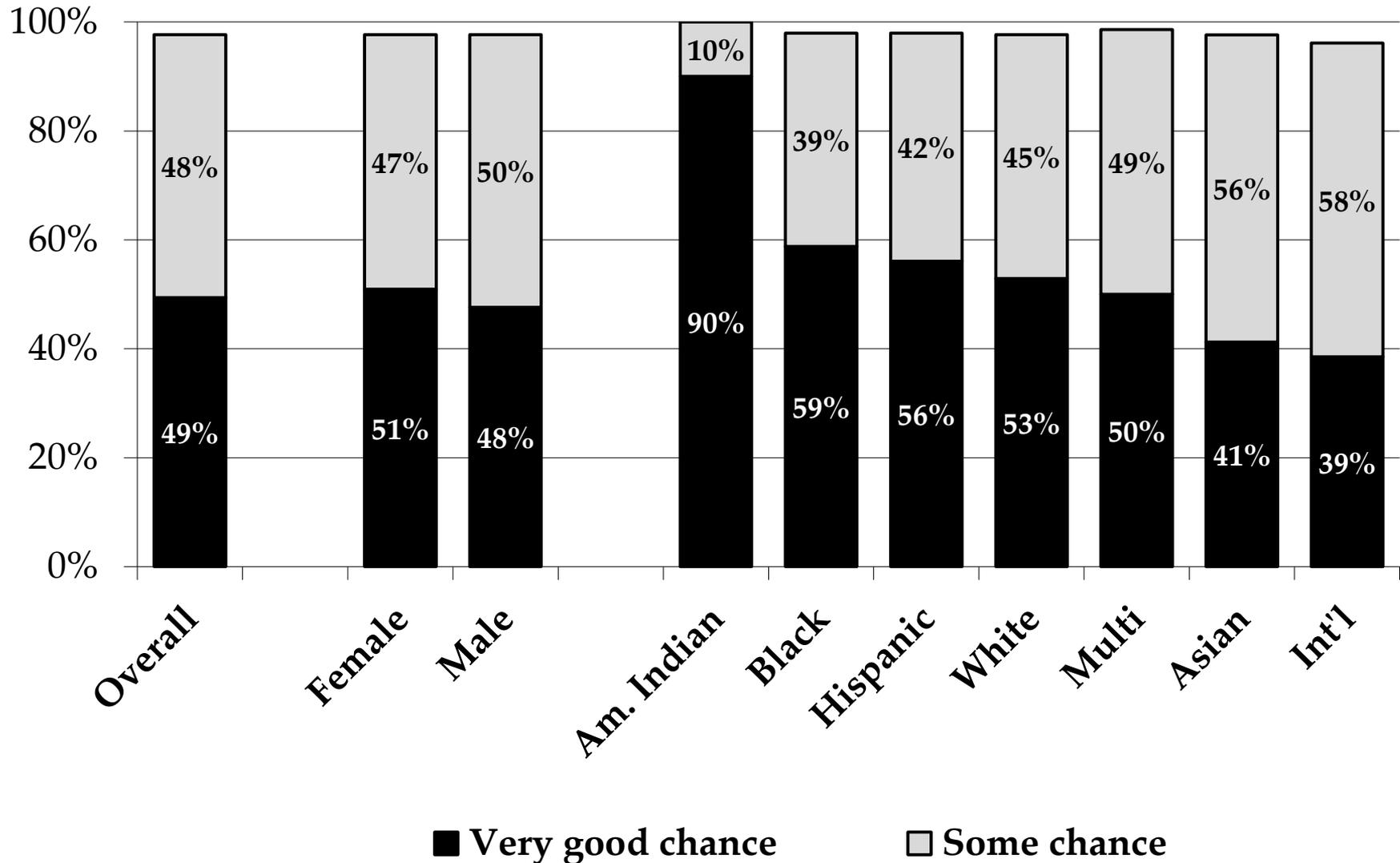
How concerned are you about your family's ability to pay for your Cornell education?



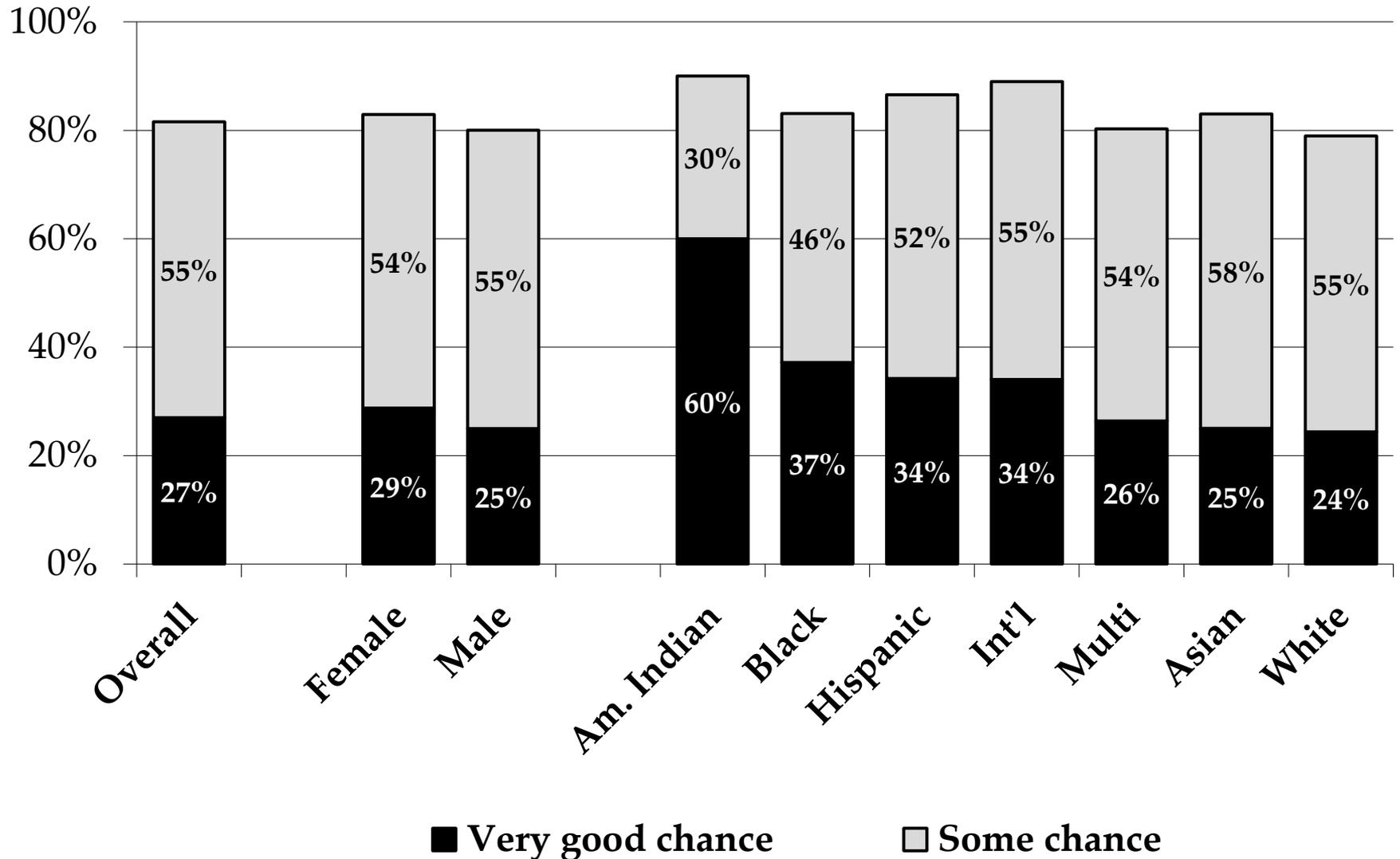
Overall, how satisfied are you that you will attend Cornell this fall?



During first year, chance that you will... Feel a sense of community in your residence hall

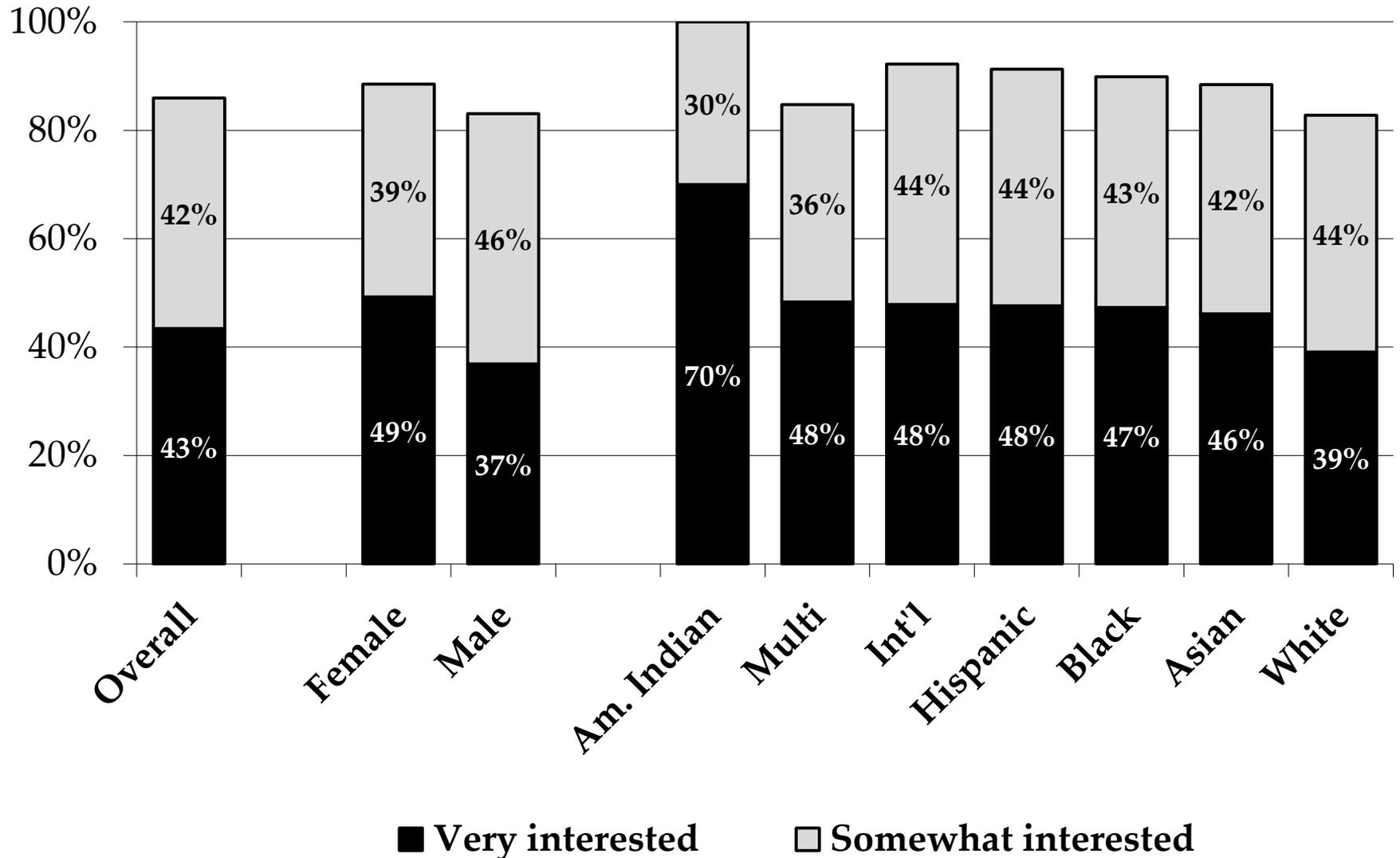


During first year, chance that you will... Seek assistance from residence hall staff



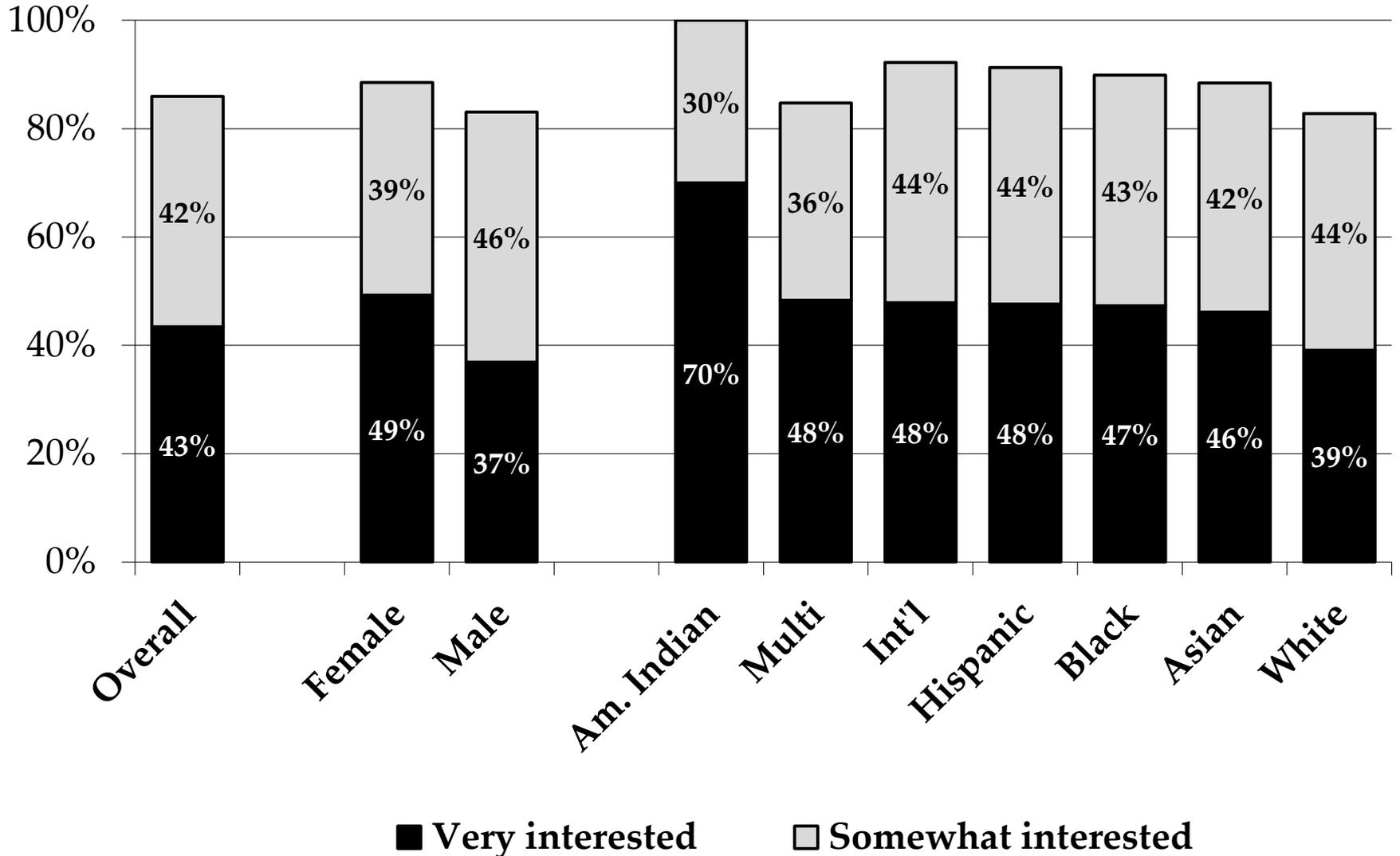
During first year, interest in...

Participating in activities or programs in residence hall

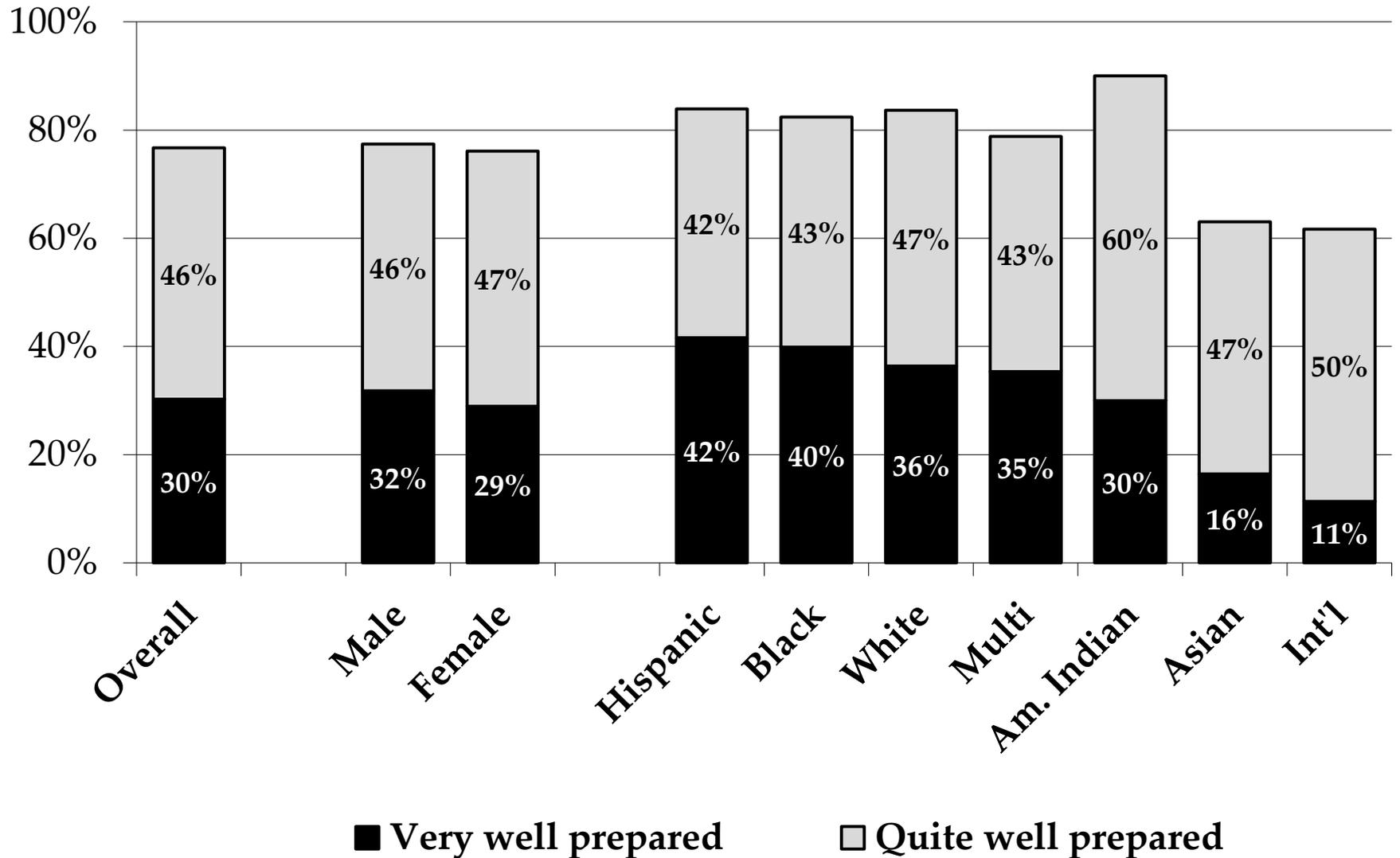


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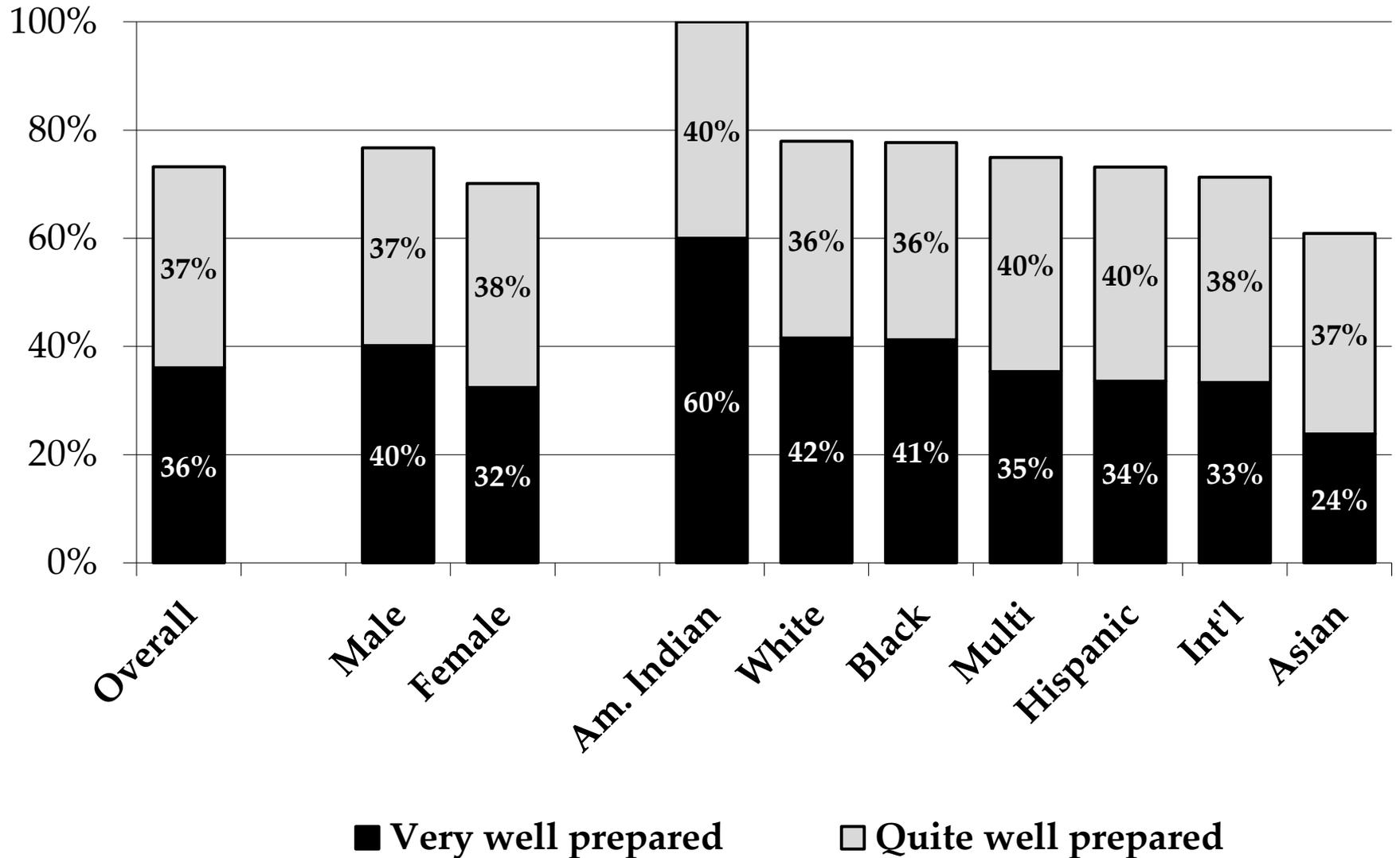
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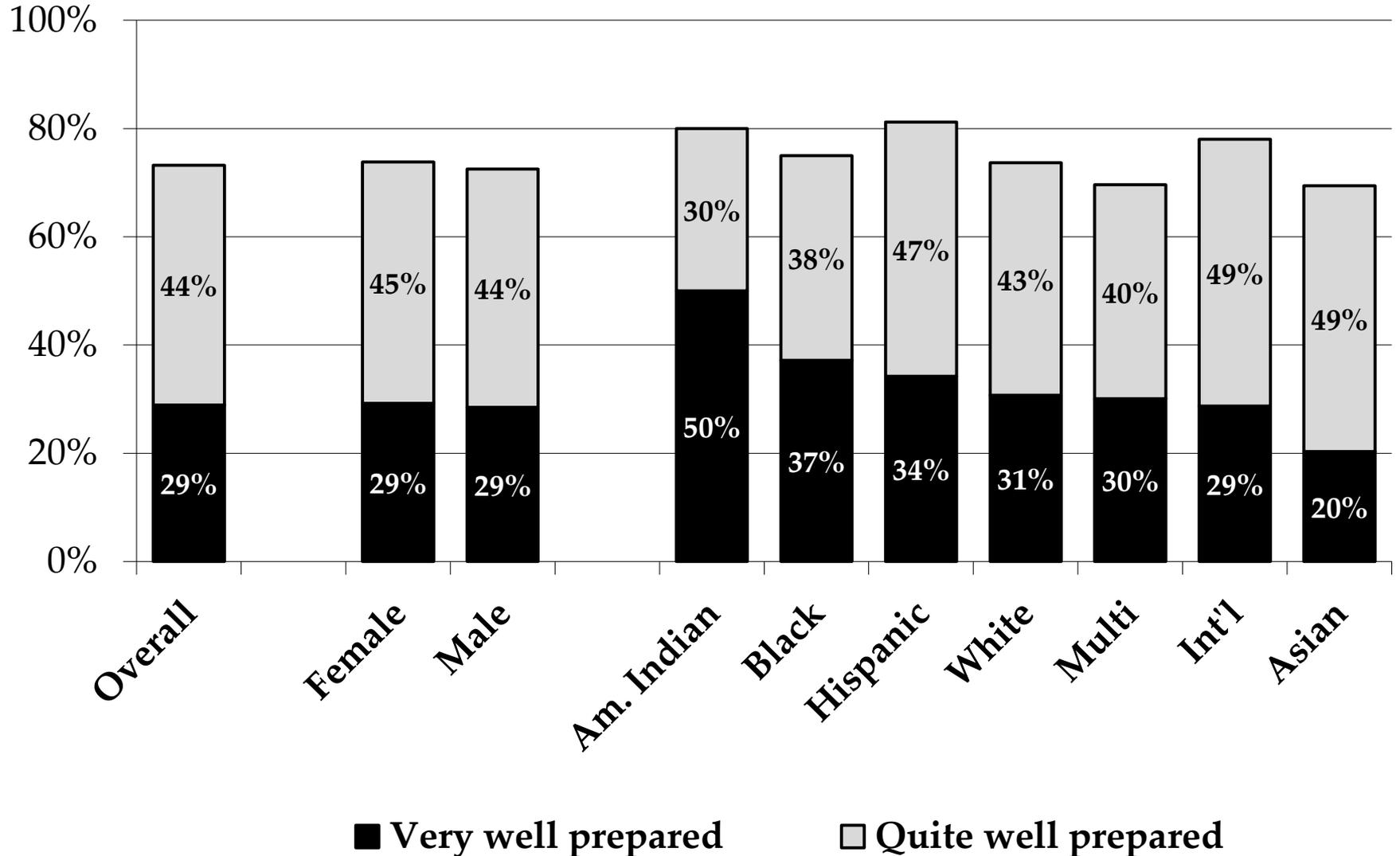
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Get along socially at Cornell



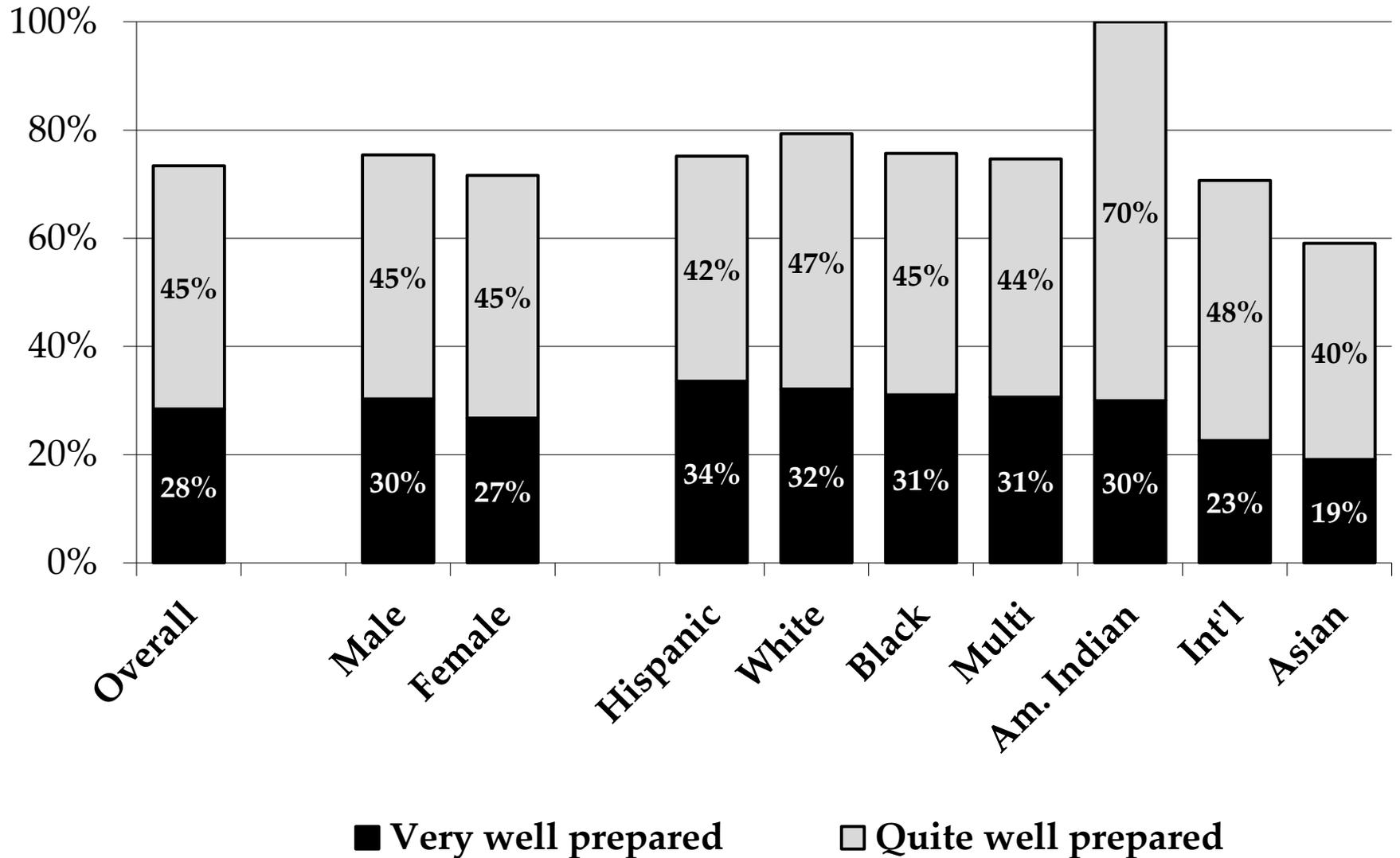
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Live away from home



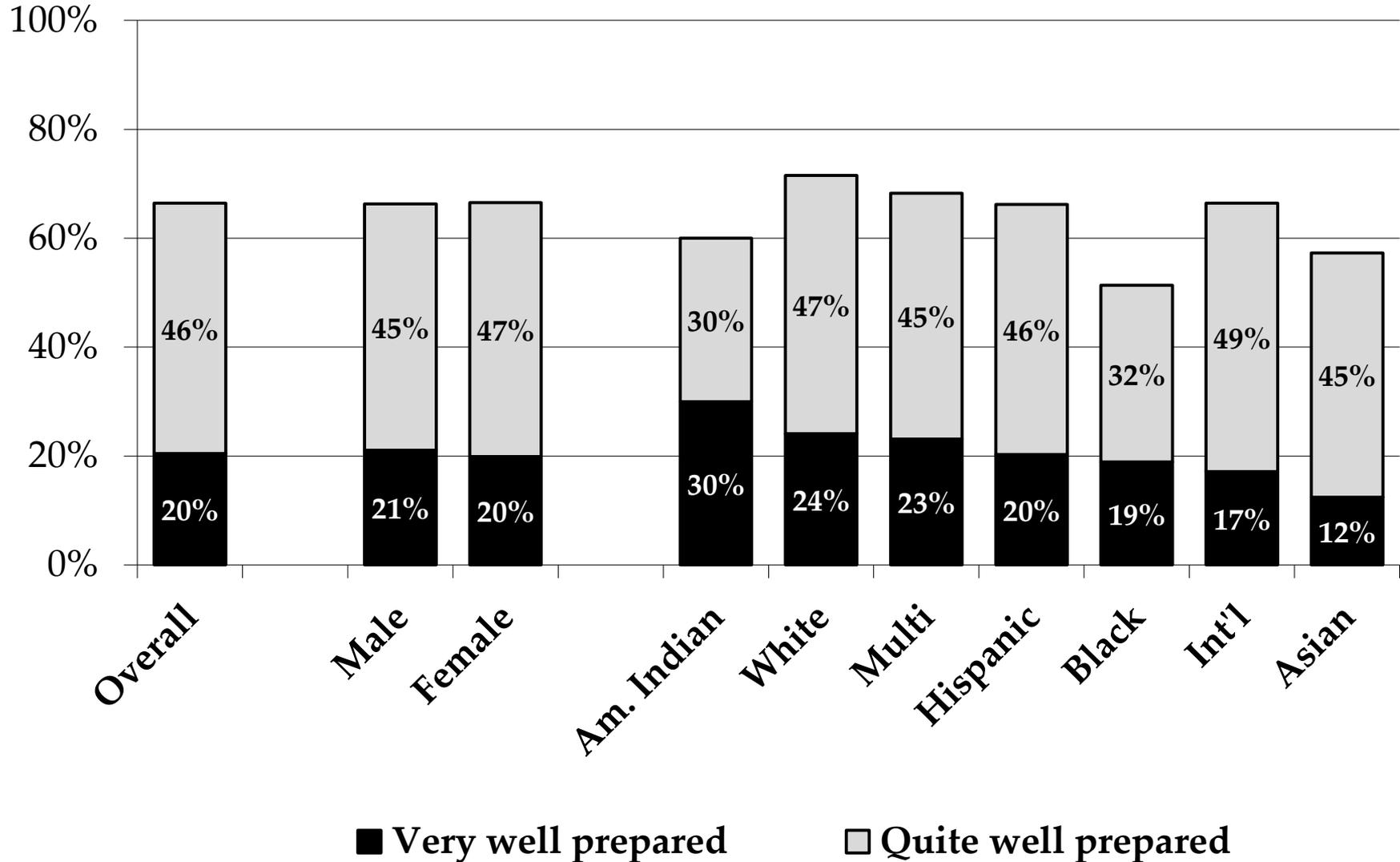
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Ask for help when you need it



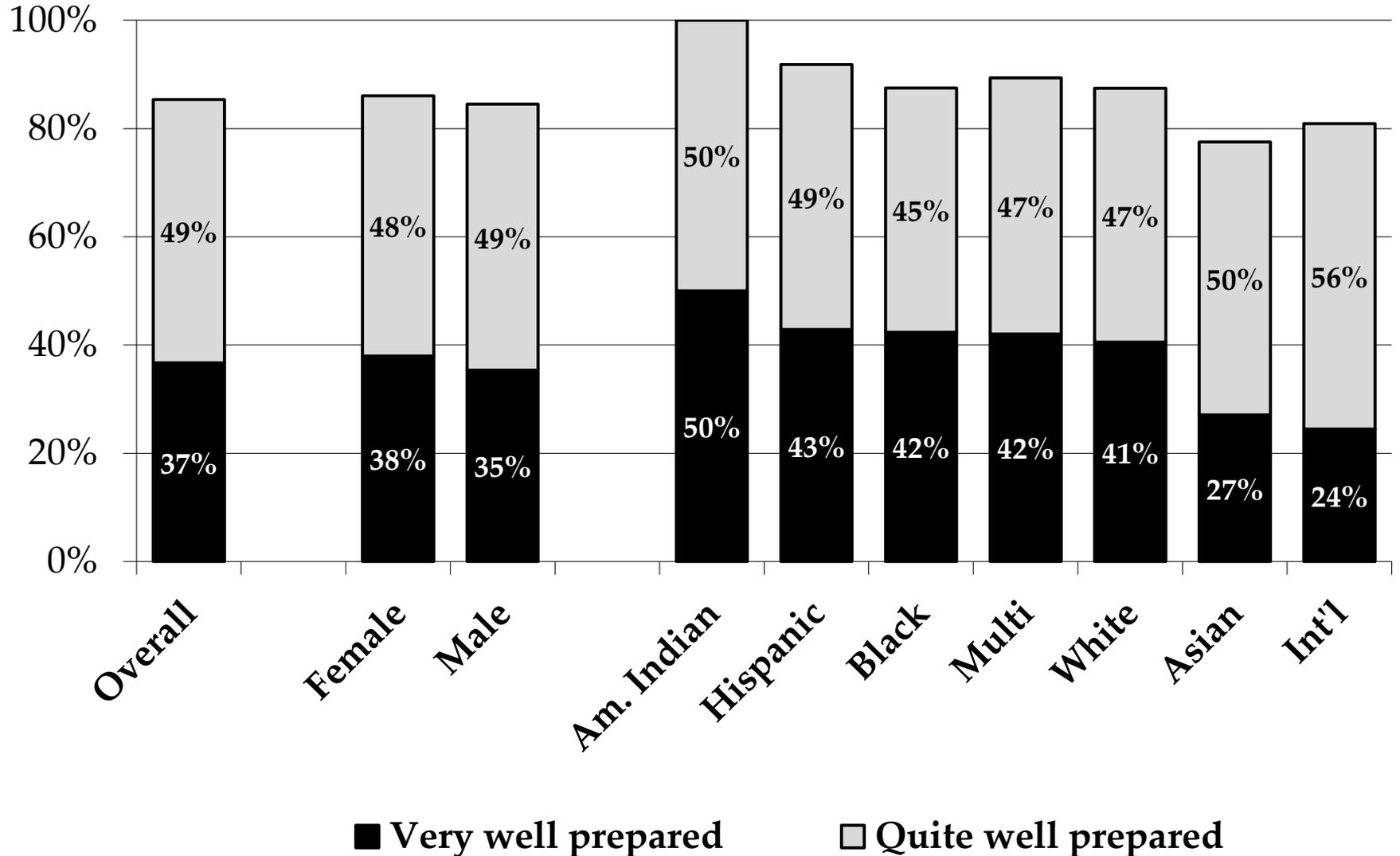
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Find a group that you feel part of



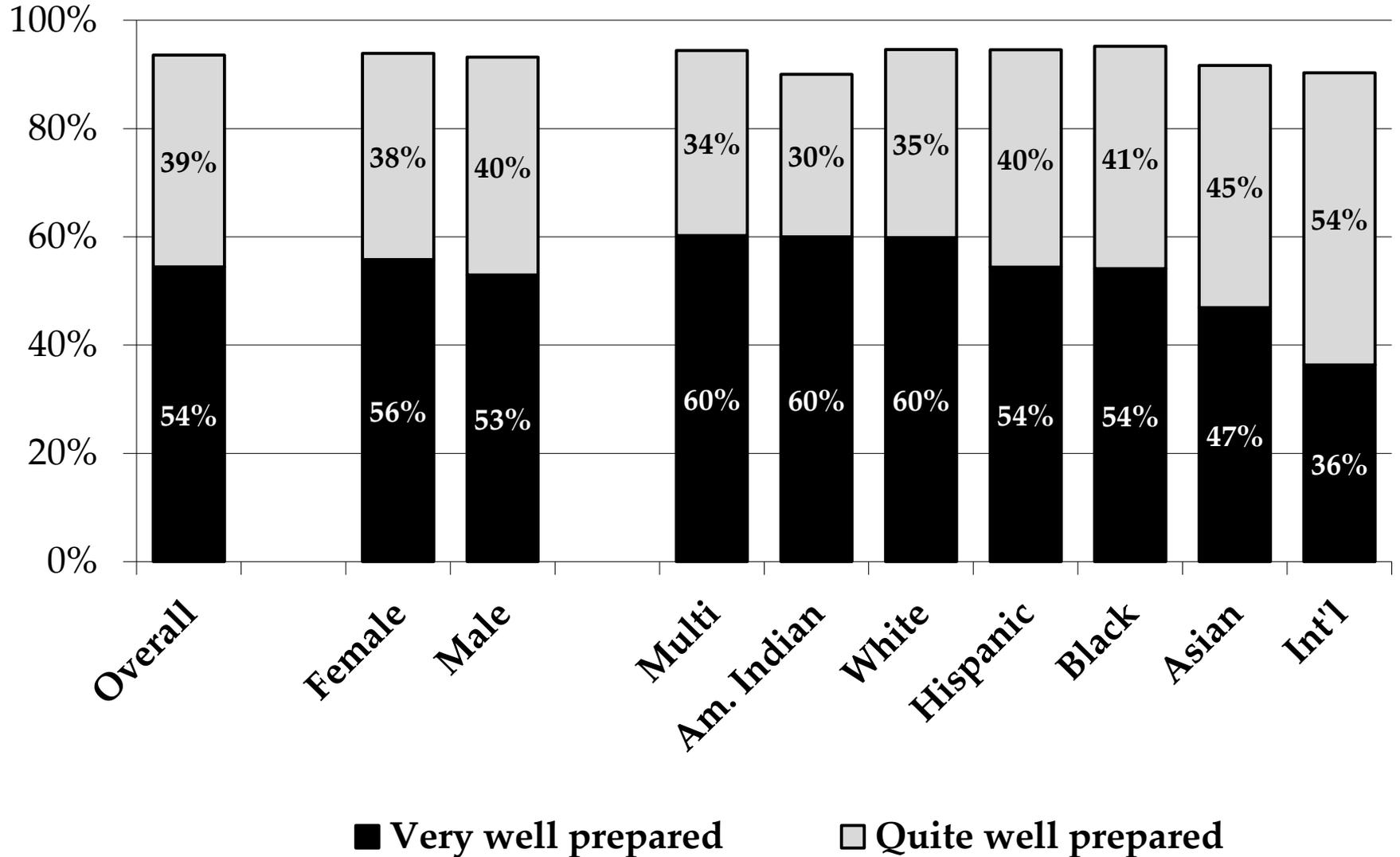
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Manage your time effectively



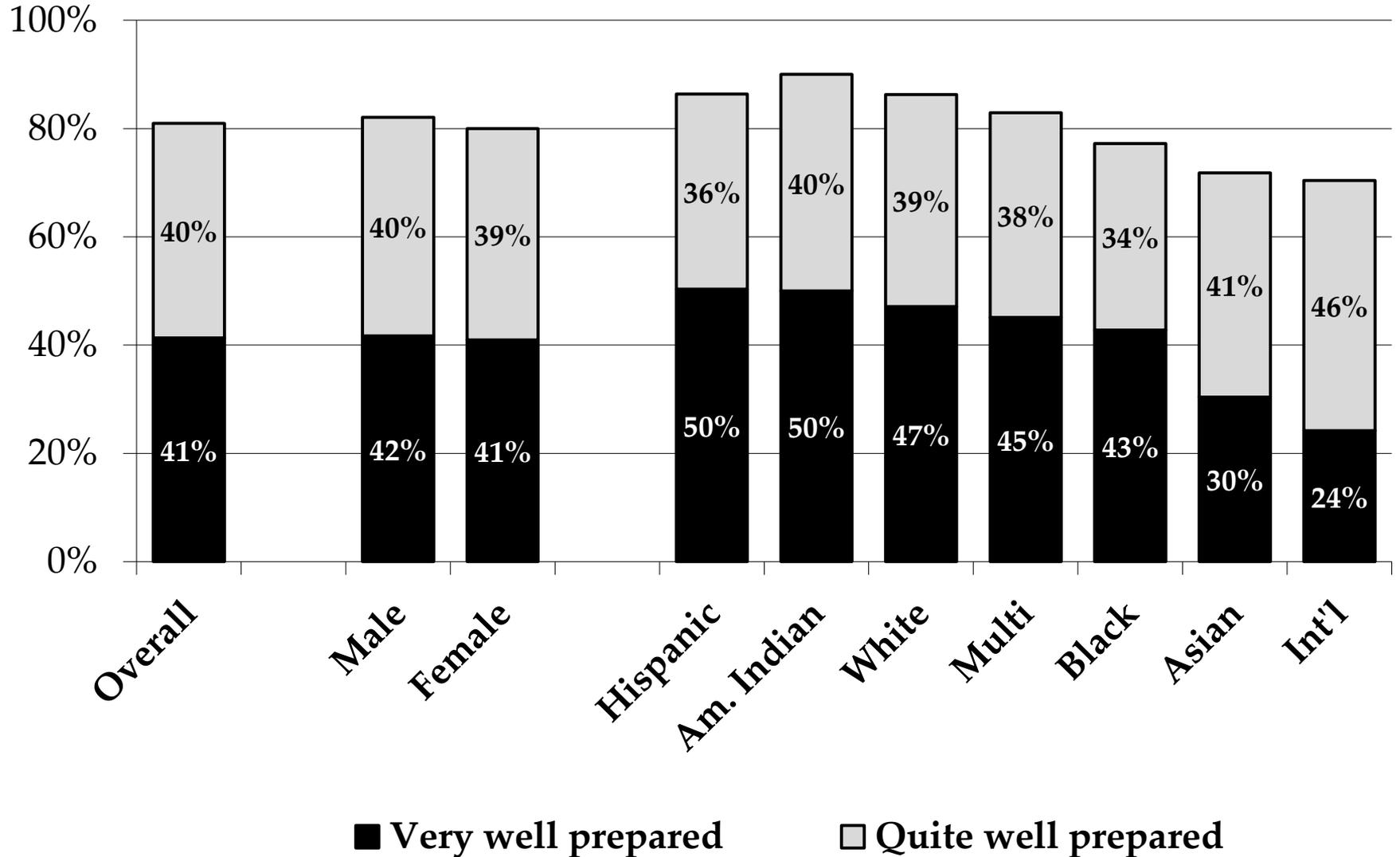
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Resolve interpersonal conflicts



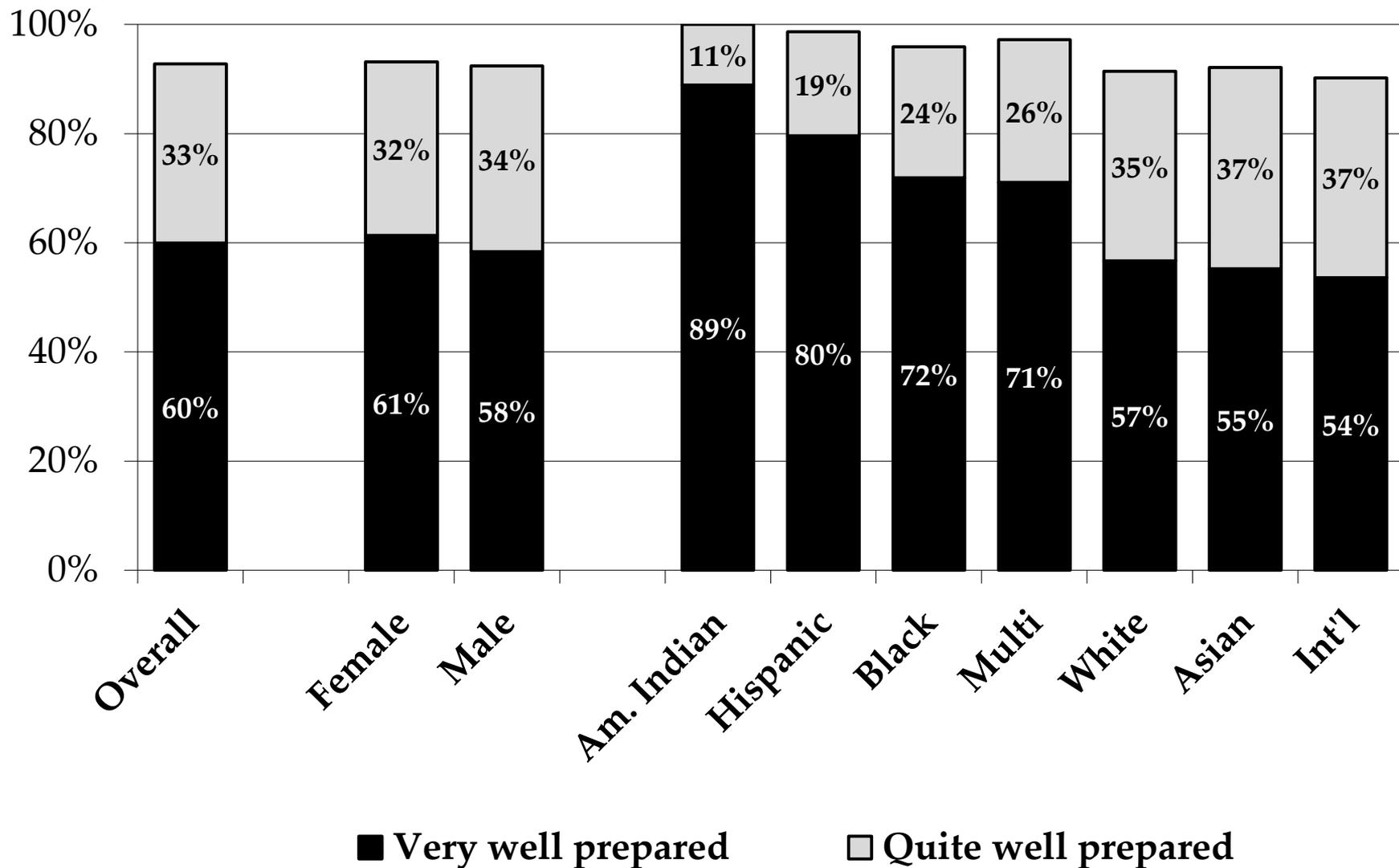
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Function effectively as a member of a team



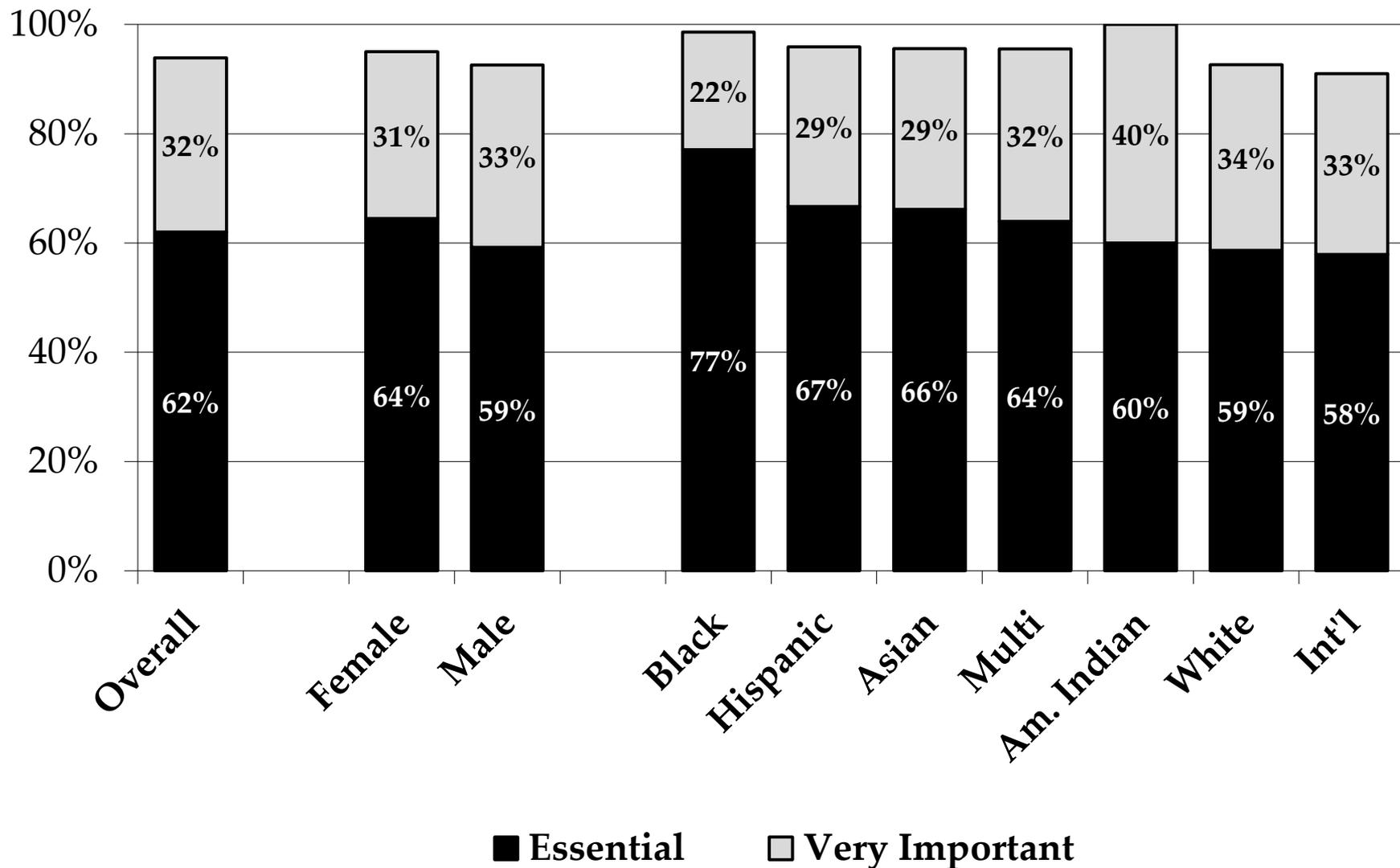
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Take a leadership role



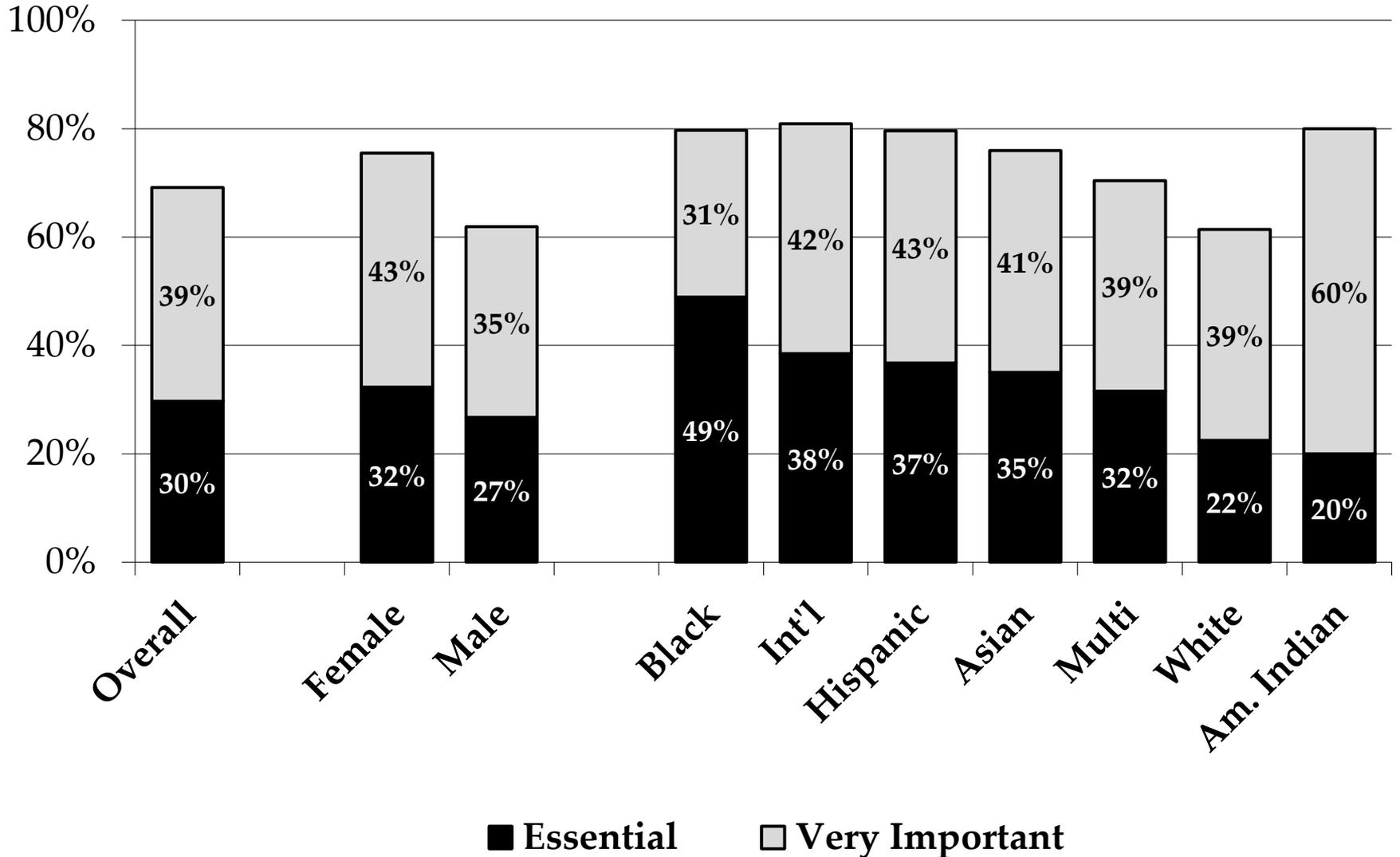
How well prepared do you feel you are to... Relate well to people of diff. races/nations/religions



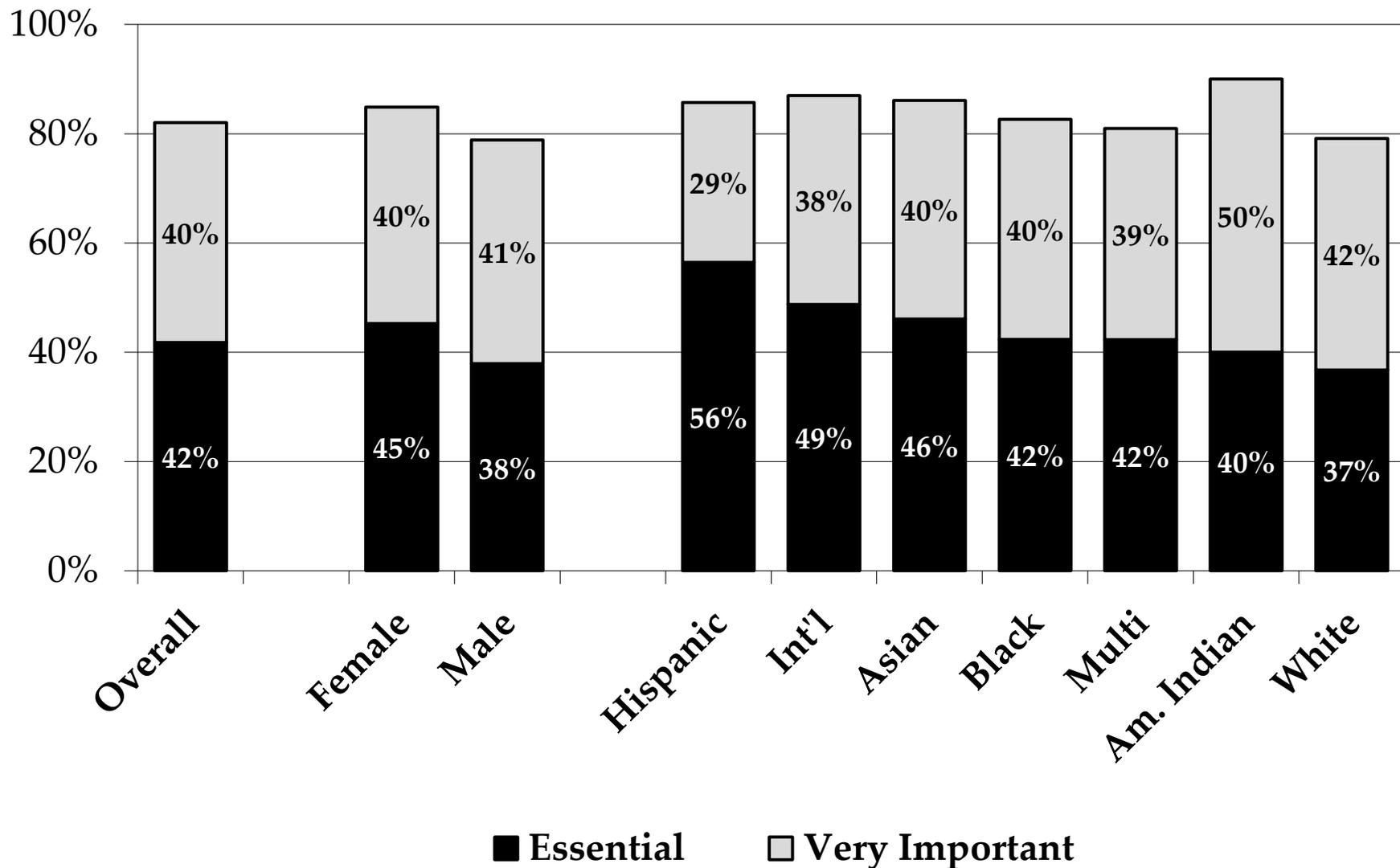
How important that Cornell provides... Opportunities to develop skills valuable in workforce



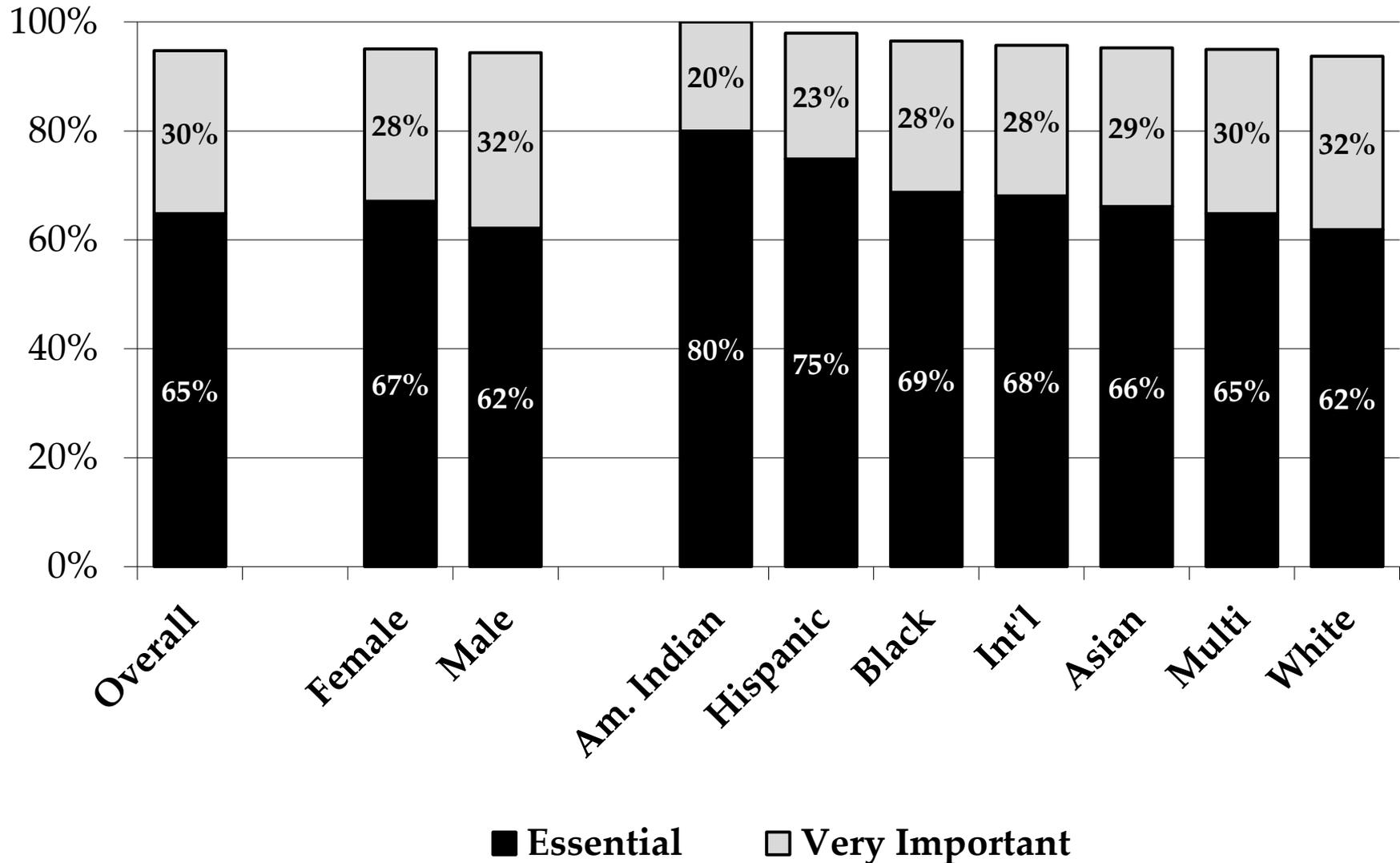
How important that Cornell provides... Contact with individuals with different backgrounds



How important that Cornell provides... Exp. to develop/clarify personal code of values/ethics

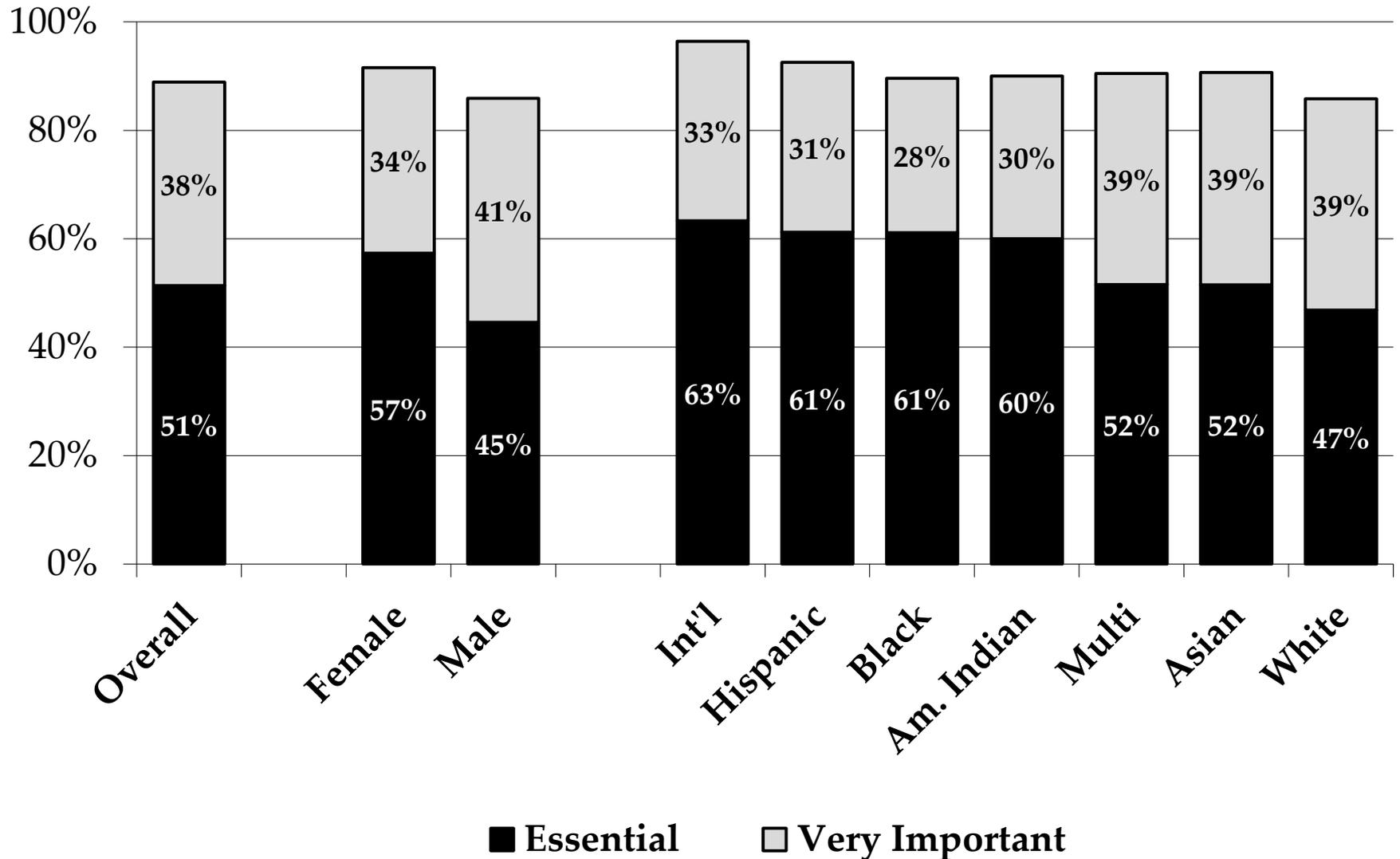


How important that Cornell provides... Skills for lifelong learning



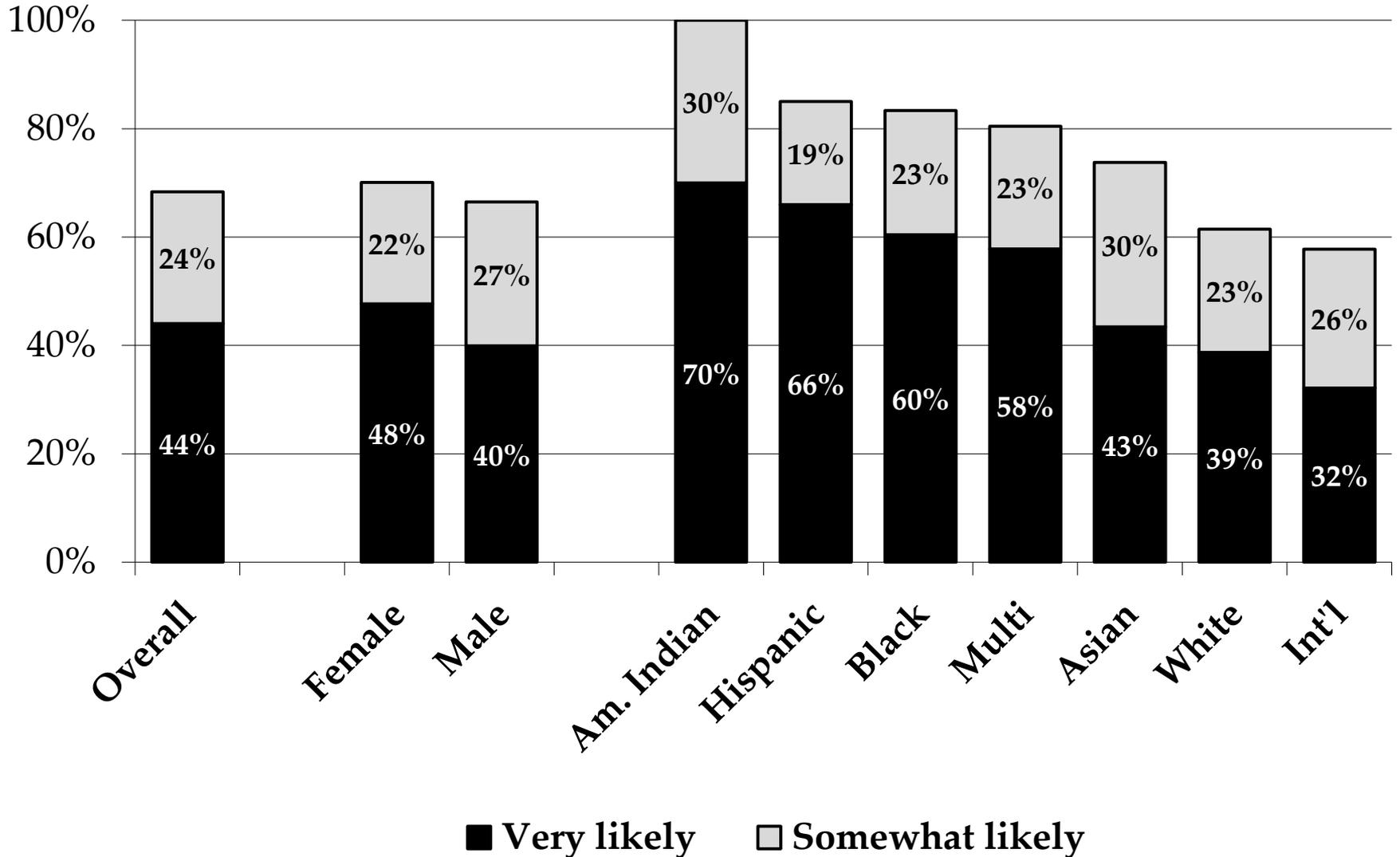
How important that Cornell provides...

A global perspective



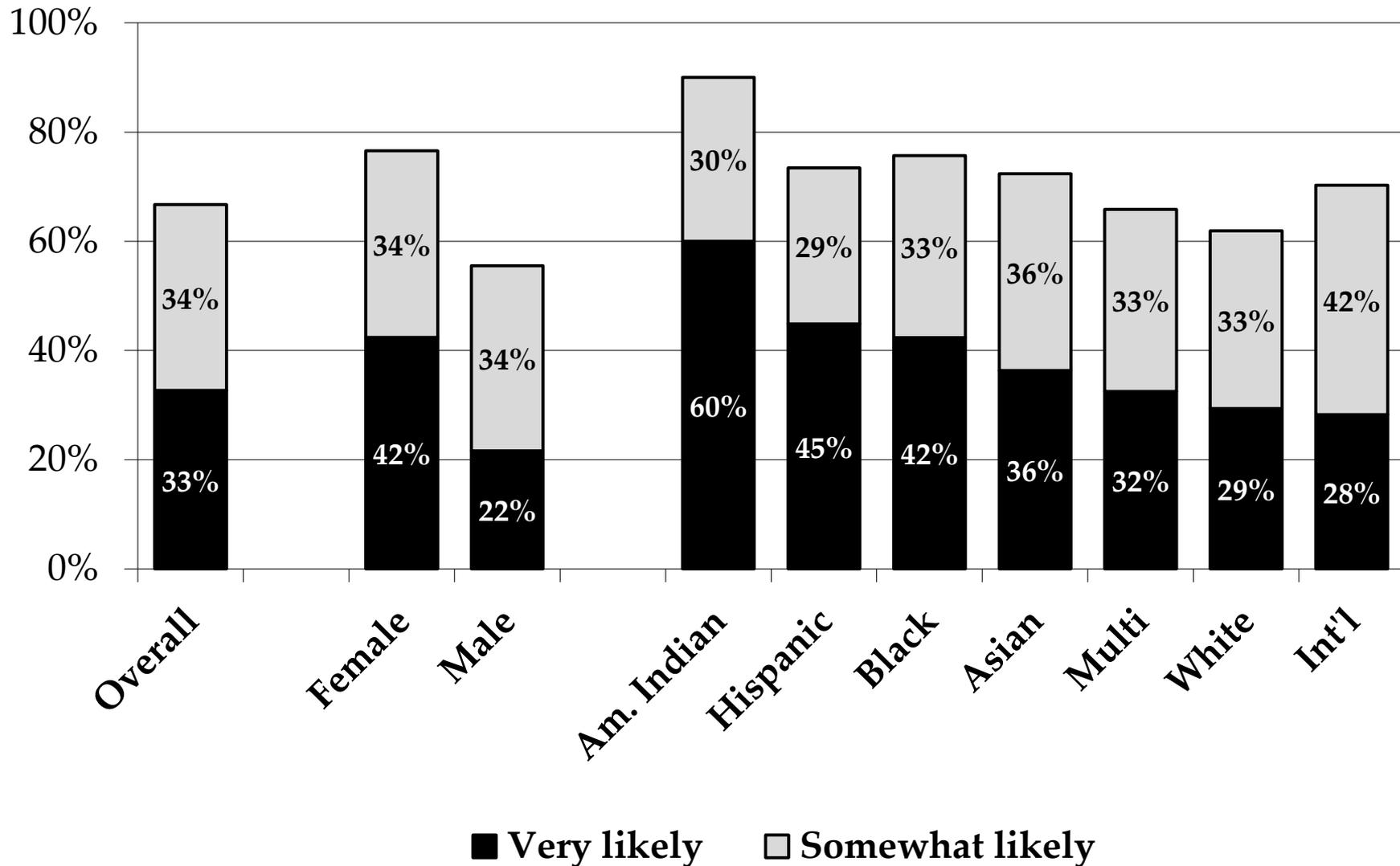
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Get a job to help pay for college expenses



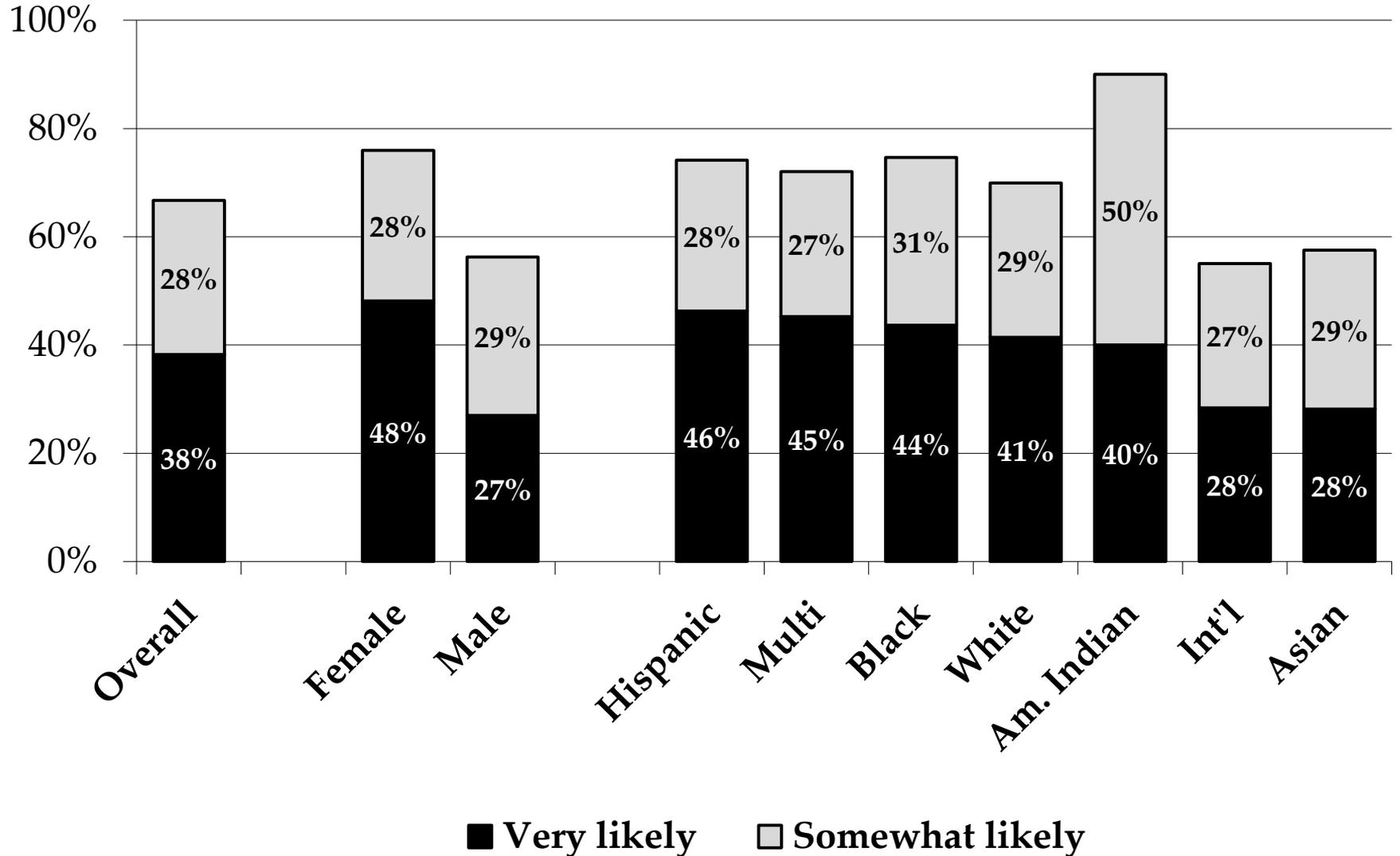
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Participate in community service not as part of a course



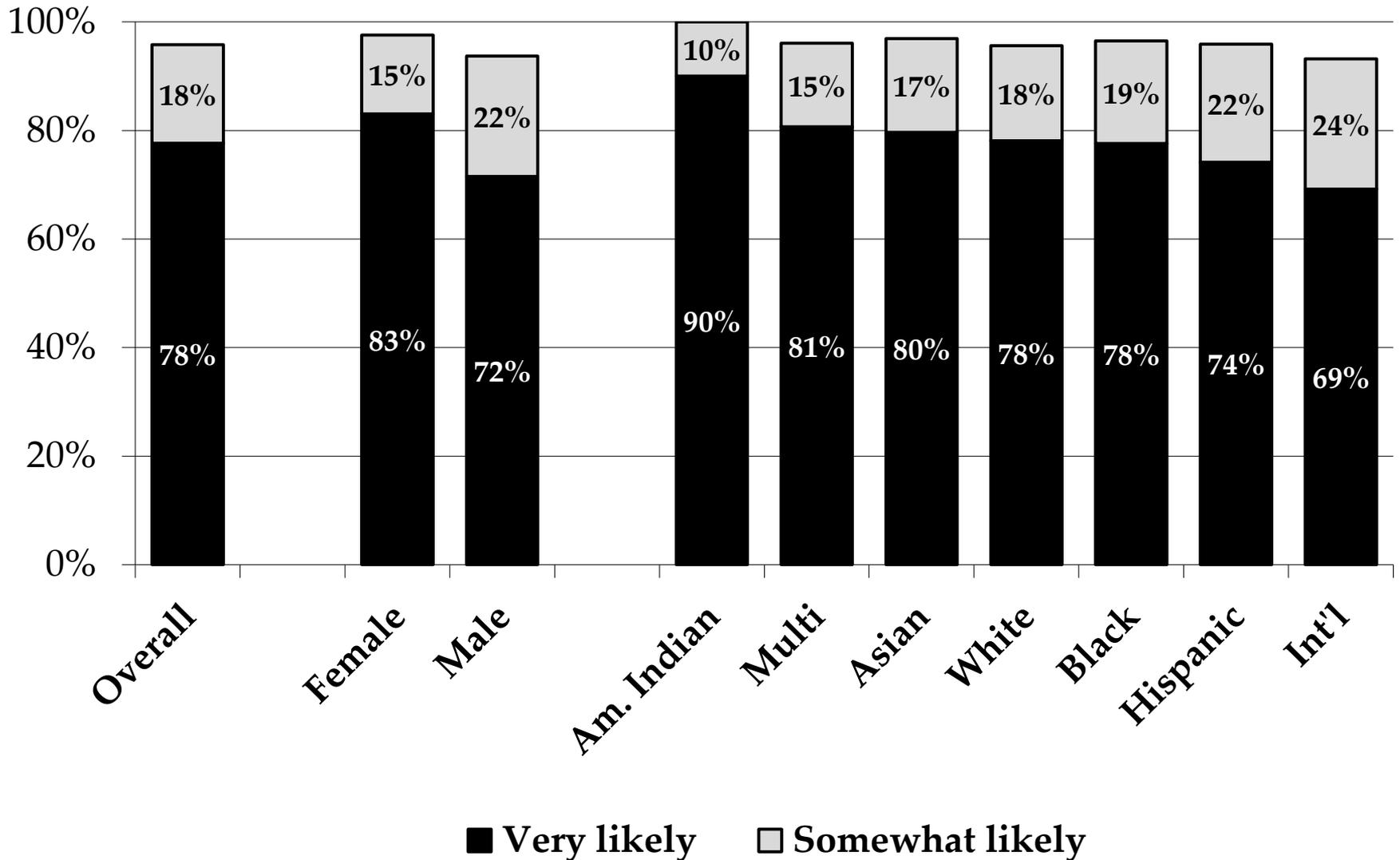
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Study abroad



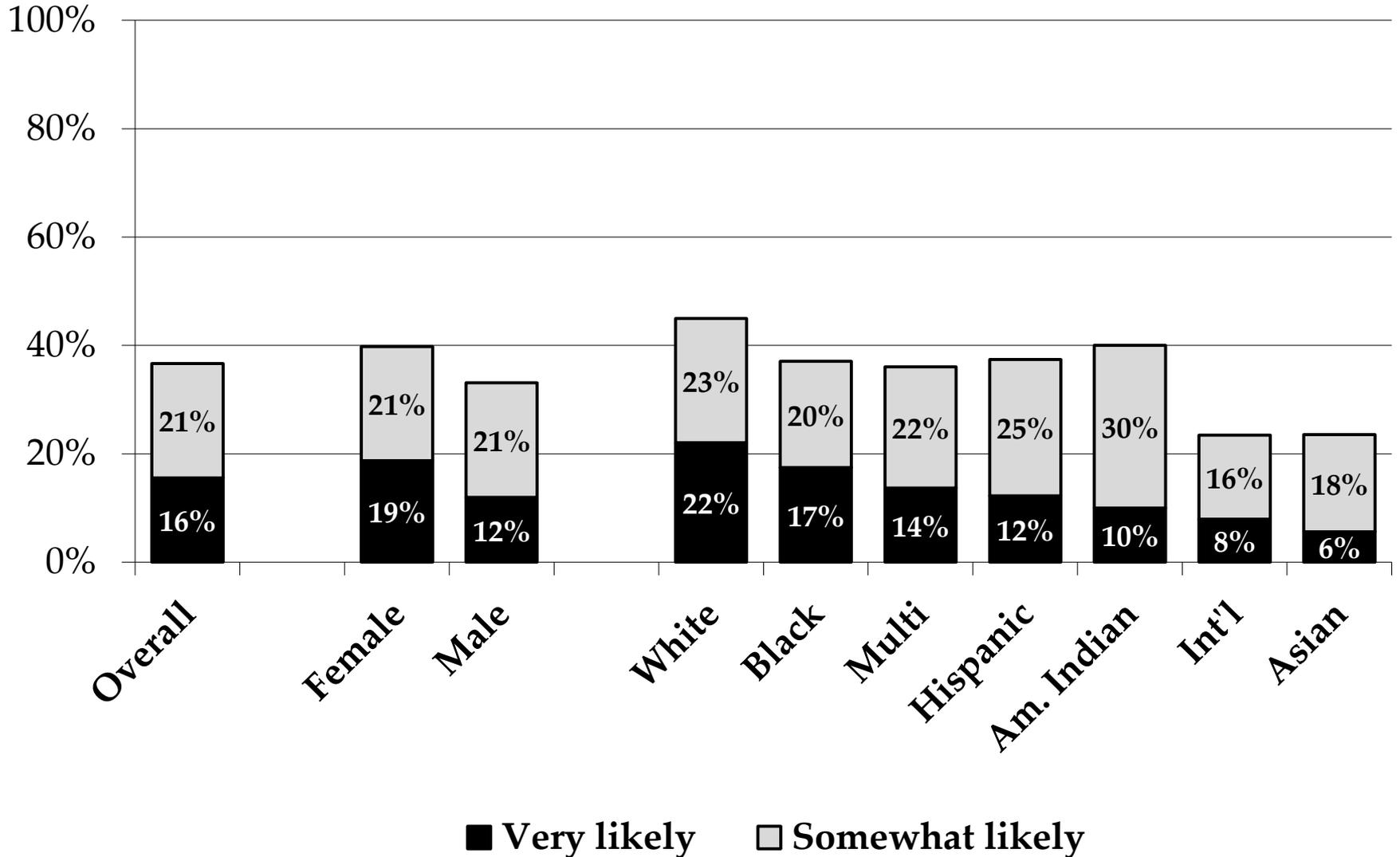
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Join a student club or organization



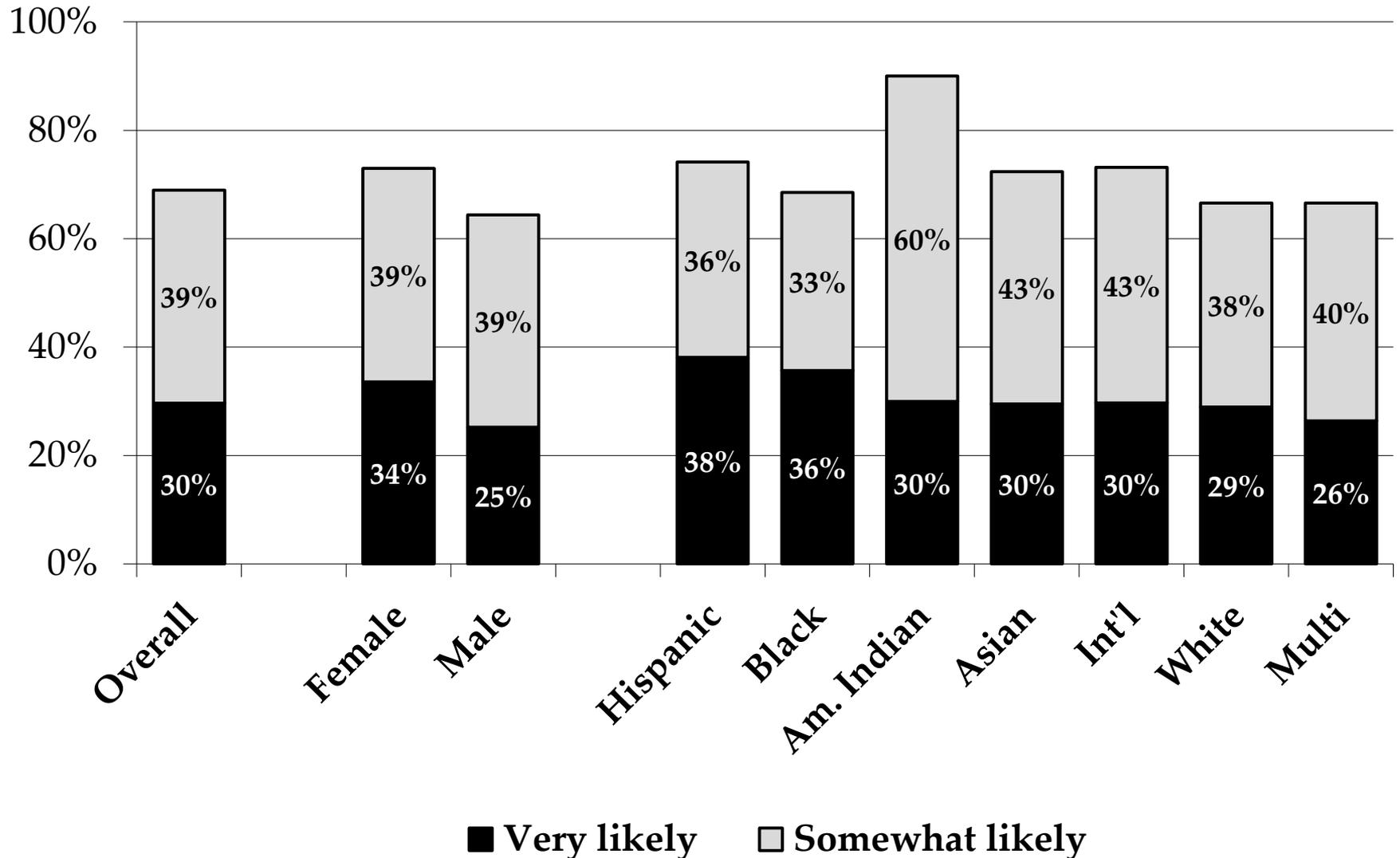
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Join a fraternity or sorority



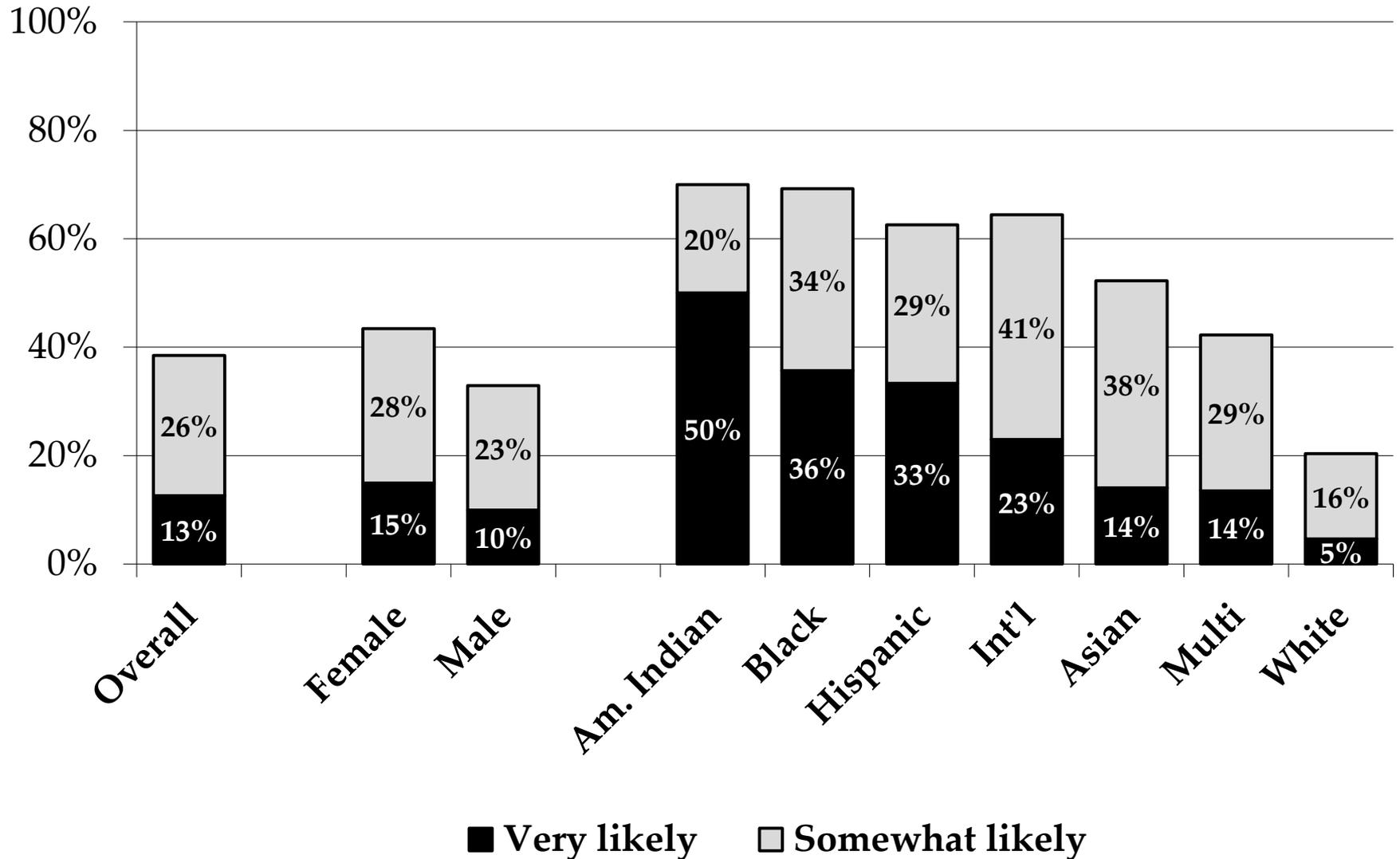
Likelihood while at Cornell...

Hold leadership role in campus committee, club, etc.

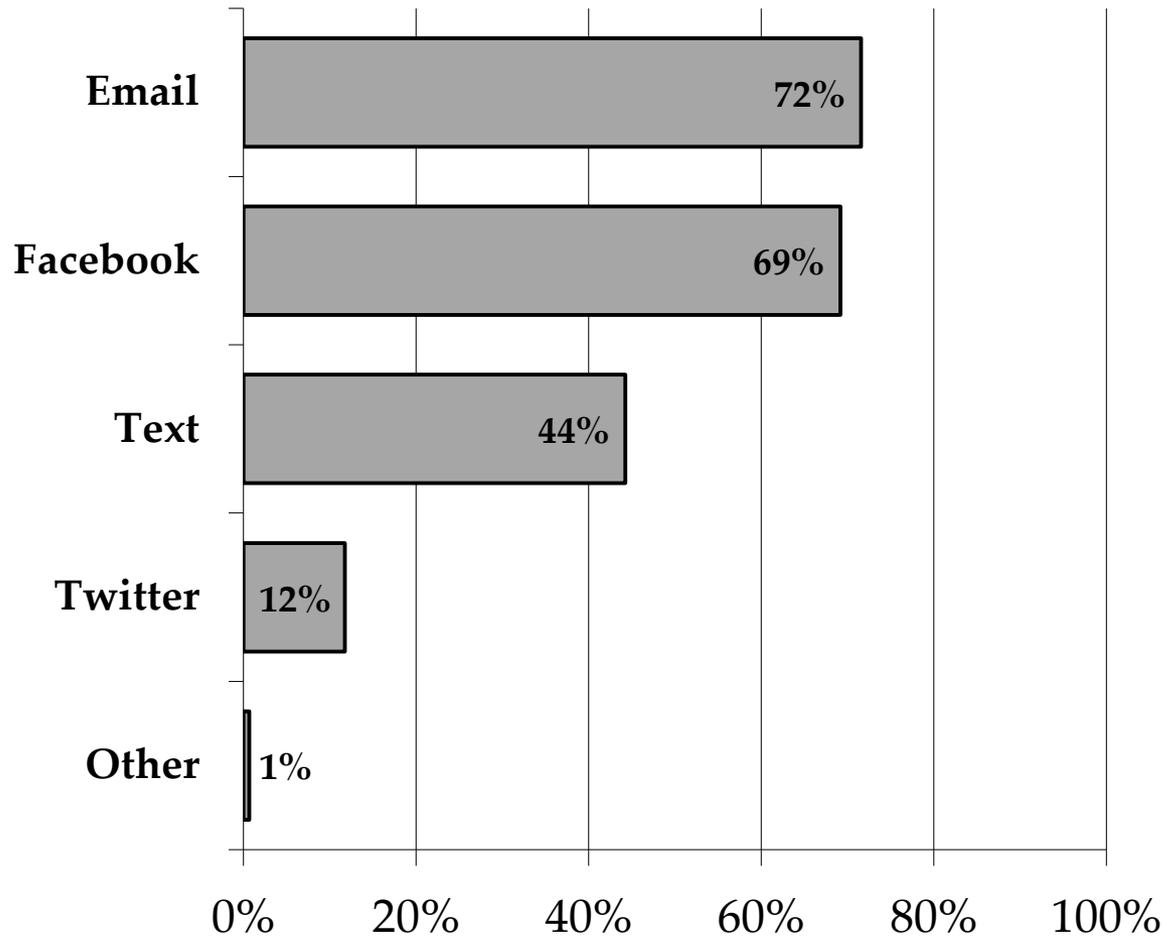


Likelihood while at Cornell...

Use multicultural services



How do you prefer to communicate and keep up to date on student groups and social events at Cornell?





What are you most looking forward to?

- “Learning more in the academic fields that excite me.”
- “Making friends, having more independence”
- “All of the opportunities available, including internships and clubs, meeting new people, and classes.”



What will be your biggest challenge?

- “Balancing academics and other parts of student life.”
- “Making friends. Seriously.”
- “Getting accustomed to the weather and the long walks.”
- “Missing friends and family back home”



More data...

- <http://irp.dpb.cornell.edu/surveys/freshman-survey>