



PRESERVING HERITAGE AND DISPLAYING IDENTITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

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INTRODUCTION AND METHODOLOGY

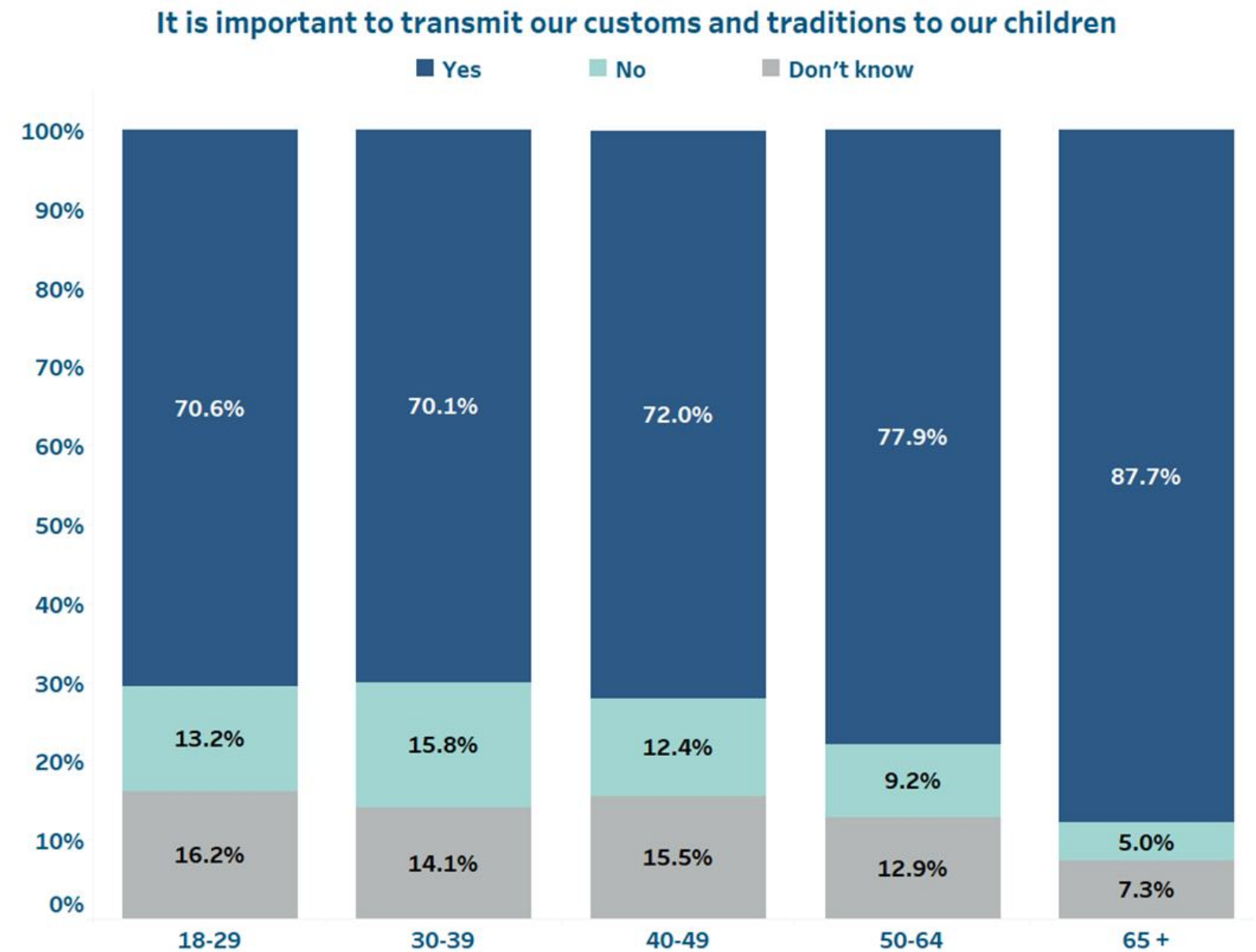
Despite the view that America is a melting pot that favors some form of assimilation of newcomers there is a fairly wide consensus in the United States that it is important to transmit customs and traditions to our children according to a survey was conducted by the firm Leger USA for the Metropolis Institute.

That said, in practice that idea may give rise to varying meanings. For example while most Americans agree that to prevent being a victim of discrimination it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street (kippas, hijabs or crosses), some one in six think it is a good idea and over one in five don't know. Hence Americans support for promotion of one's heritage is tempered somewhat by concern with such public display being a possible source of discrimination. The survey was conducted over the period September 27-29, 2024 with a sample of 1006 Americans. A margin of error cannot be associated with a non-probability sample in a panel survey for comparison purposes. A probability sample of 1612 respondents would have a margin of error of $\pm 3.5\%$, 19 times out of 20.

SURVEY RESULTS

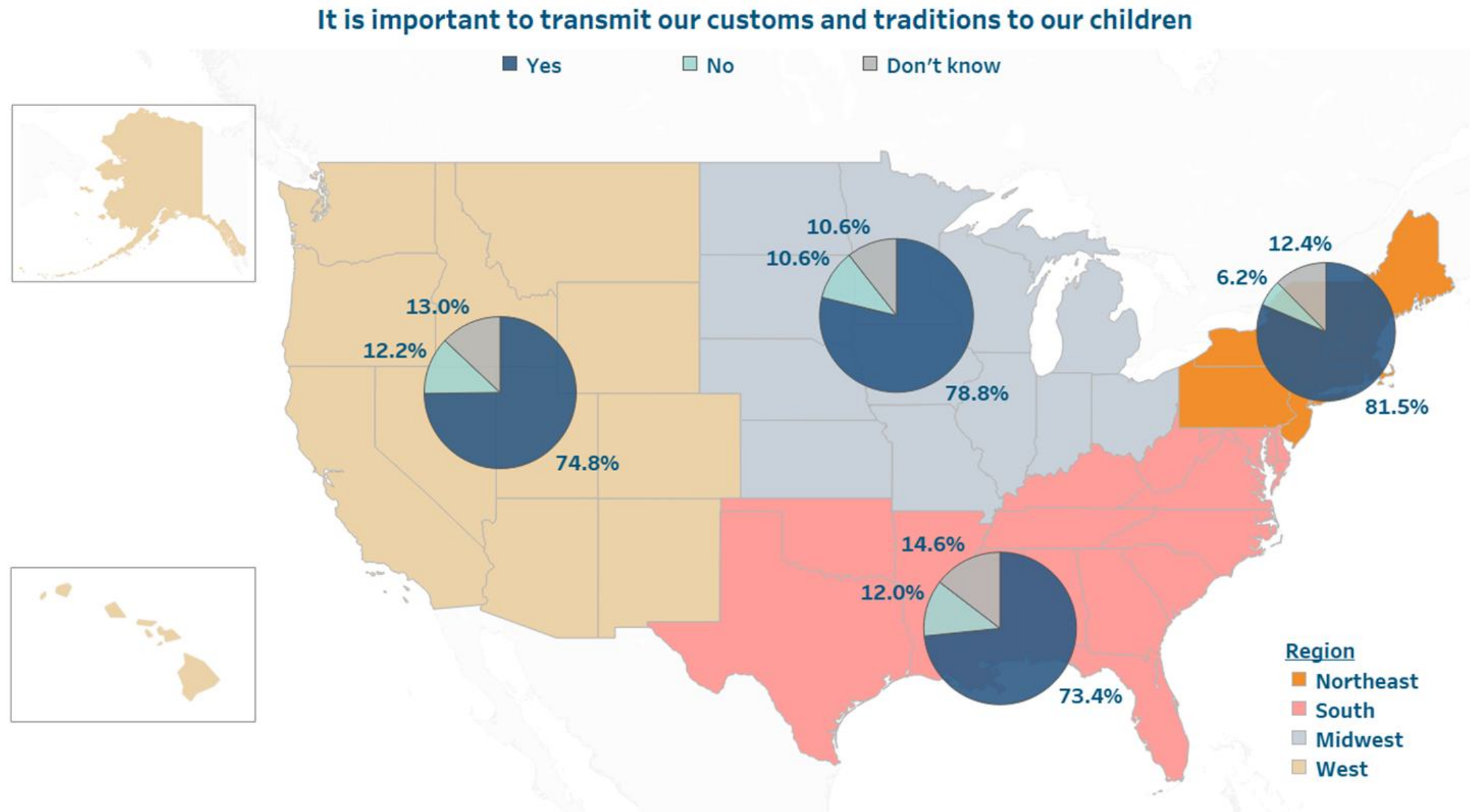
Three in four Americans agree it is important to transmit our customs and traditions to our children

It is important to transmit our customs and traditions to our children	Total
Yes	76.2%
No	10.8%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	13.0%



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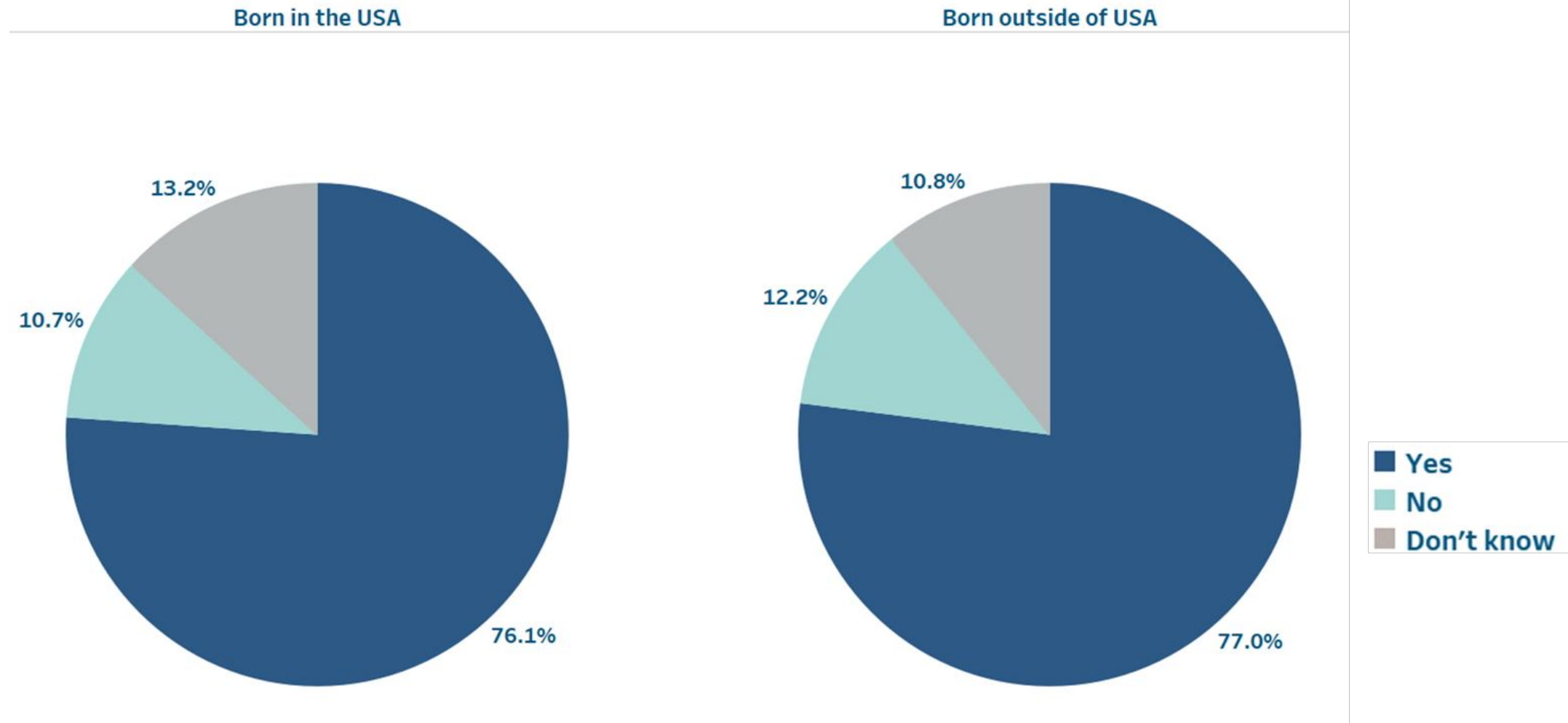
Northeastern Americans most likely to believe it is important to transmit our customs and traditions to our children



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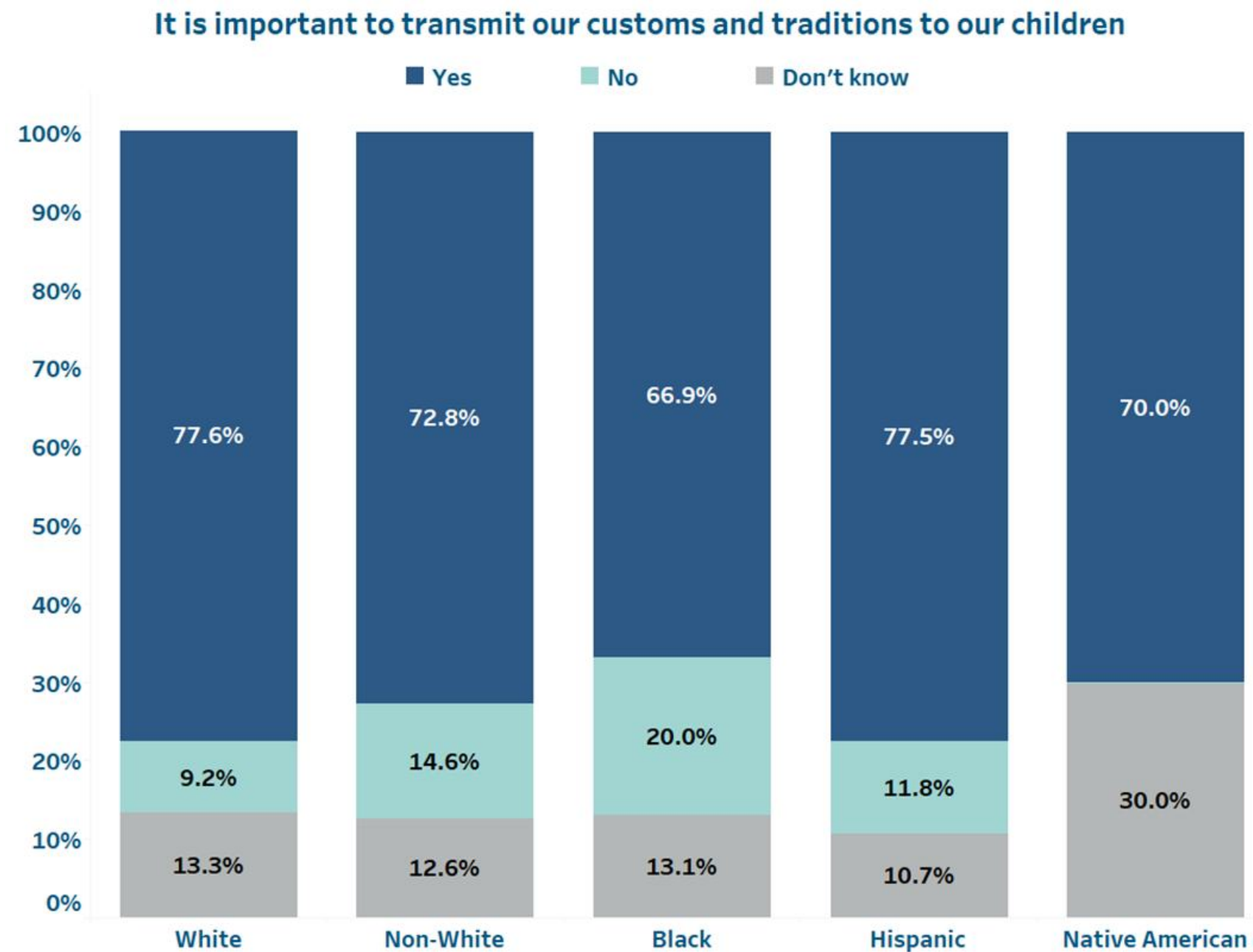
Americans and foreign born share similar views on importance of transmitting customs and traditions

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SURVEY RESULTS

Transmission of customs and traditions yields support across racial lines



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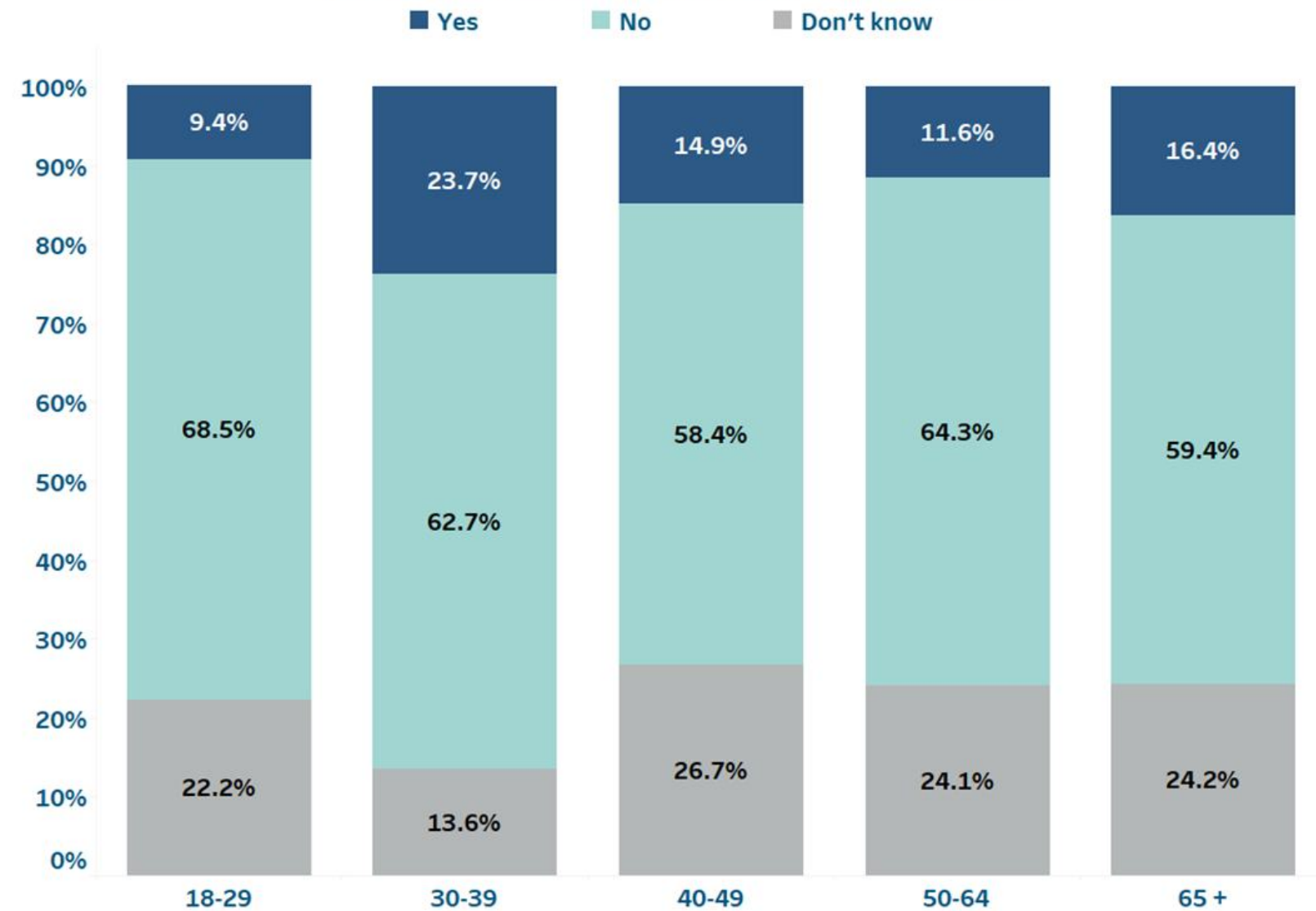
To prevent being a victim of discrimination, is it best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street?

SURVEY RESULTS

Younger Americans least likely to believe that to prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best to stop wearing religious symbols on the street (kippas, hijabs or crosses)

To prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street (kippas, hijabs or crosses)	Total
Yes	14.9%
No	62.8%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	22.3%

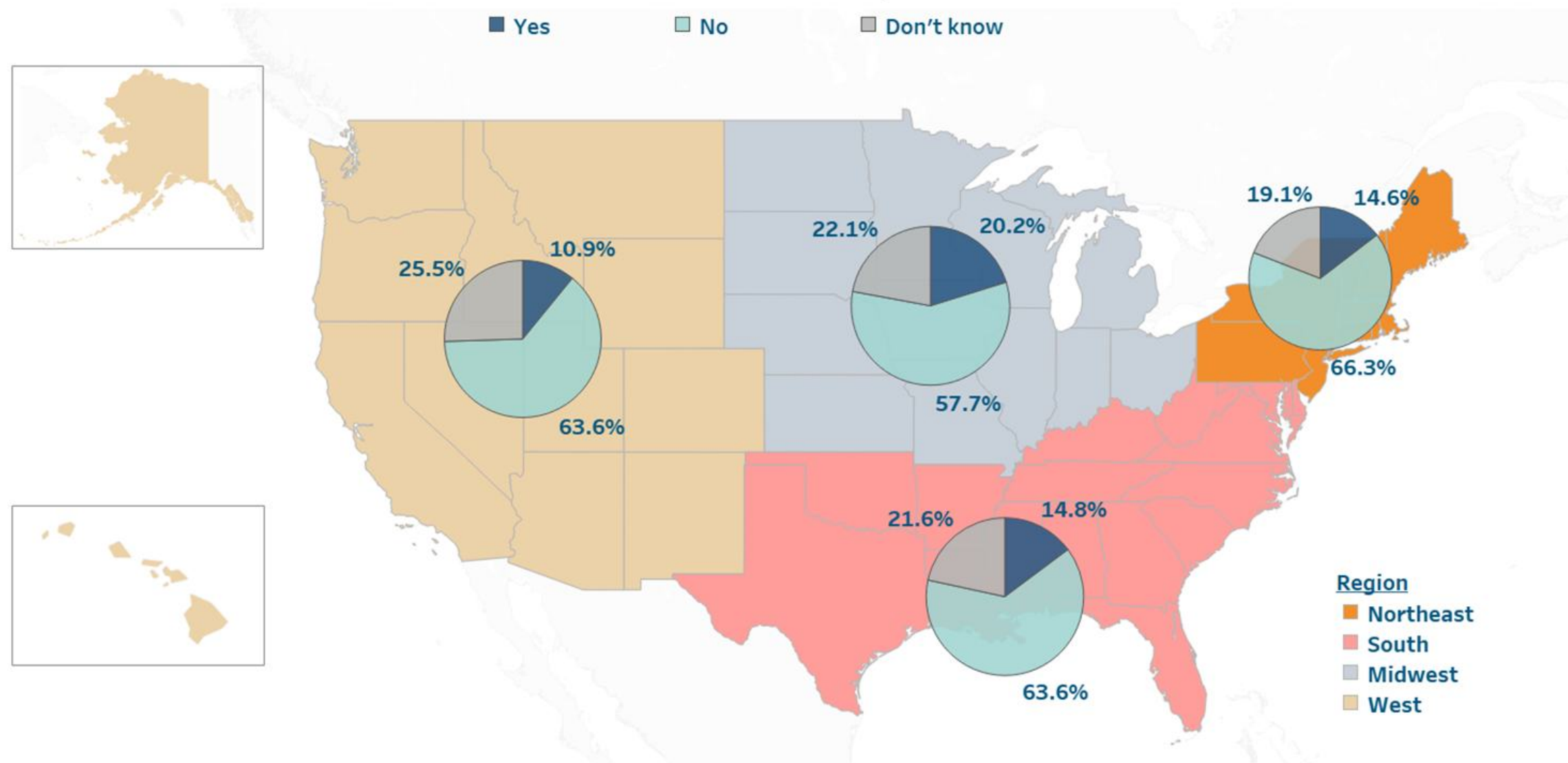
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One in five in the Midwest agree that to prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street

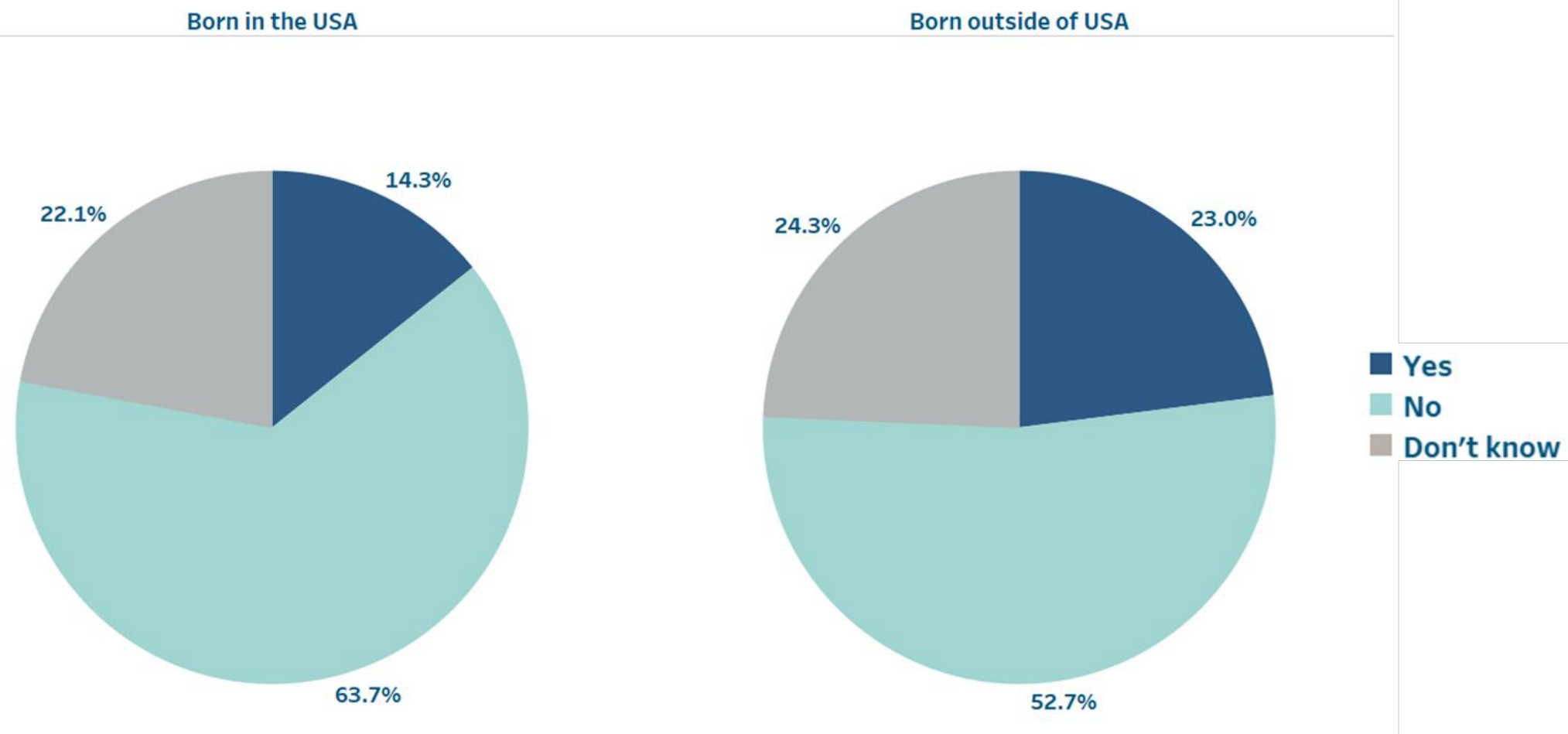
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One in four Americans born outside of the country agree that to prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street

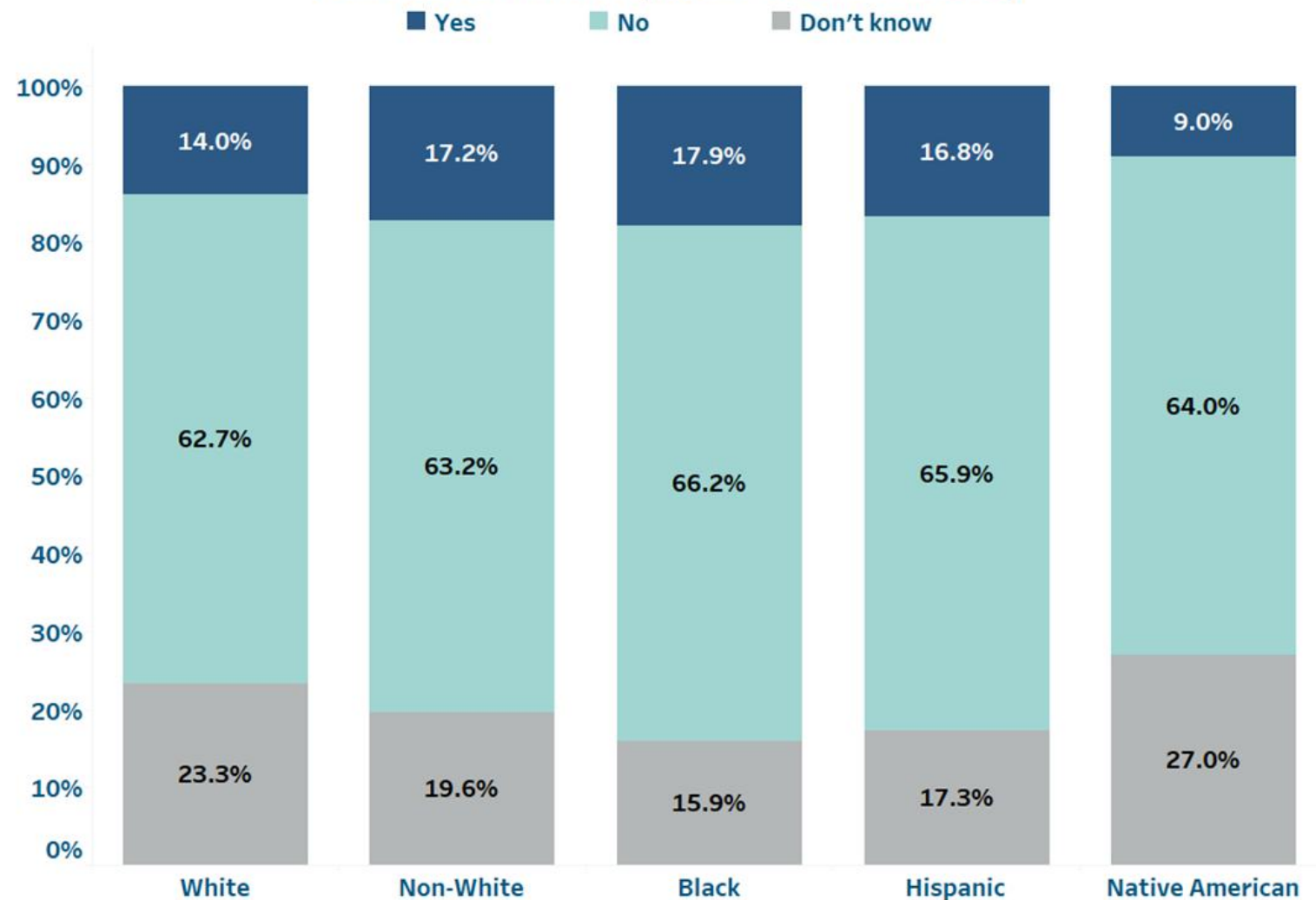
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SURVEY RESULTS

Two in three Americans across all racial groups disagree that to prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street

To prevent being a victim of discrimination it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street (kippas, hijabs or crosses)



SURVEY RESULTS

One in six Americans who think it is important to transmit our customs and traditions to our children agree that to prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street

	It is important to transmit our customs and traditions to our children	
	Yes	No
To prevent being a victim of discrimination, it is best for people to stop wearing religious symbols on the street (kippas, hijabs or crosses)		
Yes	16.9%	10.1%
No	67.1%	67.9%
I don't know / I prefer not to answer	16.0%	22.0%
Total	100%	100%

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