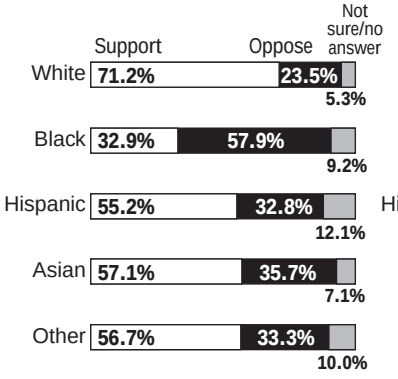
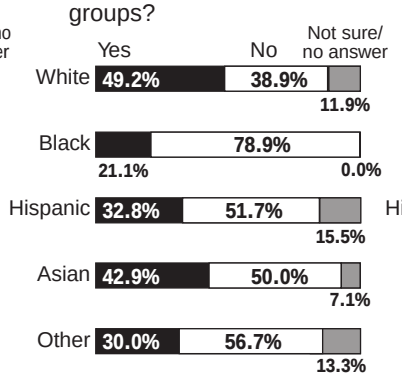
Racial differences

Support for the death penalty in Harris County varies, sometimes greatly so, depending on the race or ethnicity of the person asked. Blacks are much more likely than whites to oppose the punishment, while Hispanics and Asians favor it by smaller margins than whites. Because minorities make up a large part of the population here, Harris County tends to be less supportive of the punishment overall than the rest of the state.

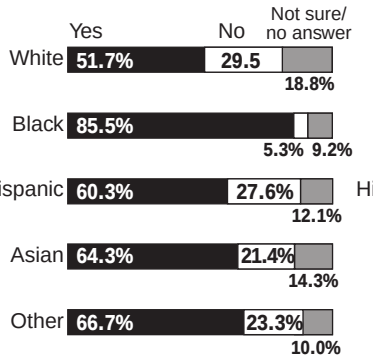
Q Do you support or oppose the death penalty?



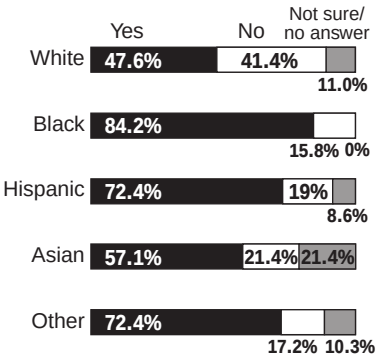
Q Do you believe the death penalty is applied fairly and equitably to persons of different races or ethnic groups?



Q Do you believe Texas has executed an innocent person?



Q Should there be a higher threshold of proof of guilt before a jury may impose a death sentence?



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