DC - Death With Dignity 400 Likely 2016 Voters **District of Columbia** July 2015

	Α.	V =	TOTAL 400	WHITE 148	BLACK 224	
	יו	ν =	400	140	224	
Gende	r					
	Men			52	45	
	Women		52	48	55	
Regio	n					
	Downtown		22	36	10	
	Northwest		26	39	17	
	Northeast		29	25	33	
	Southeast		23	1	40	
Party	registration					
	Democratic		81	72	88	
	Republican		5	10	2	
	Other /None			18	10	
1.	How likely are you to vote in the election next almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, a					

you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

Almost Certain	91	95	87
Probably	9	5	13
50-50⇒ GO	TO TERMINATE		
Probably not⇒ GO	TO TERMINATE		
Definitely not⇒ GO	TO TERMINATE		
(Don't know) ⇒ GO	TO TERMINATE		

2. [SSA] The city council of Washington DC is considering an aid in dying bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for drugs to end his or her life, voluntarily, and with informed choice. Would you say you favor or oppose this bill?

[If favor/oppose, ask:] Is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor	45	61	32
Not so strongly favor		16	16
Not so strongly oppose	10	11	11
Strongly oppose		5	26
(don't know)	11	7	14
Favor	63	77	49
Oppose	27	16	37

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3. **[SSB]** The city council of Washington DC is considering a death with dignity bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for drugs to end his or her life, voluntarily, and with informed choice. Would you say you favor or oppose this bill?

[If favor/oppose, ask:] Is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor Not so strongly favor Not so strongly oppose Strongly oppose (don't know)	16 9 18	63 22 1 10	39 14 15 25
FavorOppose	67	85 11	53 40

4. [SSA] Would you say you favor or oppose allowing an adult patient who is terminally ill to voluntarily request and self-administer life-ending medication prescribed by a physician?

[If favor/oppose ask:] and is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor Not so strongly favor Not so strongly oppose Strongly oppose (don't know)	16 13 20	57 16 12 8 7	29 15 15 31 10
FavorOppose		73 20	44 46

5. [SSB] Would you say you favor or oppose allowing an adult patient who is terminally ill to voluntarily request life-ending medication prescribed by a physician and take it themselves?

[If favor/oppose ask:] and is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor	47	61	35
Not so strongly favor		20	19
Not so strongly oppose		5	10
Strongly oppose		10	27
(Don't know)	7	4	10
Favor	66	81	53
Oppose	27	15	37

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6. Which comes closer to your view?

[ROTATE]

In all circumstances, doctors and nurses should do everything possible to save the life of a patient. OR

Sometimes there are circumstances where a patient should be allowed to die, if they choose.

Always save a life	30	12	44
Sometimes allow a person to die		82	45
(both)	5	4	6
(neither)	1	1	2
(don't know)	2	1	3

7. [SSC] Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

[ROTATE]

If I am terminally ill, the decision about when I end my suffering is my own to make. OR

Human life is sacred and only God can decide when a life ends.

Decision is mine	59	83	39
Decision is God's		16	47
(both)	4	1	6
(neither)	2	0	4
(don't know)	2	0	4

8. [SSD] Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

[ROTATE]

If I am terminally ill, the decision about when I end my life is my own to make.

Human life is sacred and only God can decide when a life ends.

Decision is mine	56	77	39
Decision is God's		13	49
(both)	4	3	4
(neither)		5	2
(don't know)	4	1	6

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9. Now let me read you some different statements and for each one please tell me if you agree or disagree. [If agree/disagree, Ask: Is that strongly/not so strongly?]

RANDOMIZE LIST

Sorted by "Strongly agree"

C9e.Patients should be allowed to die in as humane and dignified manner as they see fit77	83	73
D9b.It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, my family, and my faith,	0.4	60
including my end of life decisions	84	69
without interference from the government72	76	67
C9a.It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, including my end of life		
decisions68	82	59
C9c.I have the freedom to control my life choices, including my end of life decisions67	81	56
C9i.I worry that if we have doctors prescribe life- ending medication, it might be abused against the patients' will	25	46
D9j.I worry that if we have doctors prescribe life- ending medication, it might be abused	20	40
against certain races or kinds of people33	13	50
C9g.Doctors pledge to protect patients and they should not be part of helping someone end		
their life29	13	42
D9h.Doctors pledge to protect patients and they should not be part of helping someone end		
their life, even if they are terminally ill26	9	41
D9f.This bill will lead to legalized murder of sick patients12	9	15

a. _[SSC] It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, including my end of life decisions

Strongly agree68	82	59
Not so strongly agree17	14	18
Not so strongly disagree5	0	8
Strongly disagree9	4	13
(Don't know)1	0	2
Agree85	96	77
Disagree	4	21

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b. _[**SSD**] It's my body and my choice to make the best medical decisions for myself in consultation with my doctor, my family, and my faith, including my end of life decisions

Strongly agree	76	84	69
Not so strongly agree	13	10	16
Not so strongly disagree	5	5	5
Strongly disagree		0	7
(Don't know)		1	3
Agree	89	94	85
Disagree		5	12

c. _[SSC] I have the freedom to control my life choices, including my end of life decisions

Strongly agree67	7 81	56
Not so strongly agree14		15
Not so strongly disagree5		8
Strongly disagree13		19
(Don't know)1	1 1	1
Agree81	1 93	71
Disagree18	6	28

d. _[SSD] I have the right to make my own medical decisions, including my end of life decisions, without interference from the government

Strongly agree	72	76	67
Not so strongly agree	12	16	11
Not so strongly disagree		3	9
Strongly disagree		4	9
(Don't know)	3	0	3
Agree	84	93	70
3		55	15
Disagree	13	7	18

e. _[SSC] Patients should be allowed to die in as humane and dignified manner as they see fit

Strongly agree	77	83	73
Not so strongly agree		12	16
Not so strongly disagree		1	3
Strongly disagree		4	4
(Don't know)		0	4
Agree	01	05	80
3		90	09
Disagree	7	5	7

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f.	_[SSD] This bill will lead to legalized murder	r of sic	k patients				
	Strongly agree		12	9	15		
	Not so strongly agree			7	14		
	Not so strongly disagree			18	13		
	Strongly disagree			65	47		
	(Don't know)			0	11		
	Agree			16	30		
	Disagree		70	84	59		
g.	_[SSC] Doctors pledge to protect patients a	nd the	y should n	ot be part of	helping some	one end their life	
	Strongly agree		29	13	42		
	Not so strongly agree			13	15		
	Not so strongly disagree			30	13		
	Strongly disagree			33	29		
	(Don't know)		4	10	0		
	Agree		43	27	57		
	Disagree		53	64	43		
h.	_[SSD] Doctors pledge to protect patients at even if they are terminally ill	nd the	y should n	ot be part of	helping some	one end their life	,
	Strongly agree			9	41		
	Not so strongly agree			4	18		
	Not so strongly disagree			17	18		
	Strongly disagree			65	20		
	(Don't know)		4	4	4		
	Agree		38	13	58		
	Disagree		58	83	38		
i.	_[ASK LAST] [SSC] I worry that if we have against the patients' will.	doctor	rs prescrib	e life-ending	medication, it	might be abused	k
	Strongly agree		36	25	46		
	Not so strongly agree		17	23	11		
	Not so strongly disagree			27	9		
	Strongly disagree			18	23		
	(Don't know)		9	7	11		
	Agree		52	48	57		
	Disagree			46	32		

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j. _[ASK LAST] [SSD] I worry that if we have doctors prescribe life-ending medication, it might be abused against certain races or kinds of people.

Strongly agree	33	13	50
Not so strongly agree		16	17
Not so strongly disagree		6	11
Strongly disagree		58	20
(Don't know)		7	3
Agree	51	29	67
Disagree		64	30

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10. Here are some more details about the bill the DC City Council is considering. For each, tell me how favorable toward the bill this provision would make you, using a scale that goes from 0 to 10 where 0 means much less favorable and 10 means much more favorable.

RANDOMIZE LIST

Sorted by means

10b.A physician must fully inform a patient of his or her diagnosis, the nature of medicine prescribed, and feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care, and pain control	8.6	8.7	8.5
10f.A physician must inform the patient that he or she can take back his or her request for life-ending medication at any time and in any manner	8.4	8.8	8.0
10g.If the physician believes the patient is suffering from a mental disorder or depression, the patient will be evaluated by a mental health professional	8.3	8.3	8.2
10e.The patient must be capable, acting voluntarily, and must make an informed decision	8.2	8.4	8.0
10h.The diagnosis of terminal disease must be determined by the patients' attending physician and then confirmed by the consulting physician	7.8	7.6	7.9
10d.Two witnesses must state that the patient appears to be of sound mind and is not under duress, fraud, or undue influence	7.8	7.9	7.7
10c.The patient must have a terminal disease, and be expected to die within 6 months	6.3	6.2	6.2
10a.To request life-ending medication, the patient must make an oral request to his or her physician, then submit a written request, then make another oral request at least 15	0.0	0.4	0.0
days later	6.2	6.1	6.2

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Sorted by "10 - Much more favorable"			
10b.A physician must fully inform a patient of his or her diagnosis, the nature of medicine prescribed, and feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care, and pain control	64	58	66
10f.A physician must inform the patient that he or she can take back his or her request for life- ending medication at any time and in any manner		65	60
10g.If the physician believes the patient is suffering from a mental disorder or depression, the patient will be evaluated by a mental health professional		55	58
10e.The patient must be capable, acting voluntarily, and must make an informed decision	56	51	58
10d.Two witnesses must state that the patient appears to be of sound mind and is not under duress, fraud, or undue influence	50	45	53
10h.The diagnosis of terminal disease must be determined by the patients' attending physician and then confirmed by the	47	36	55
consulting physician 10c.The patient must have a terminal disease, and be expected to die within 6 months		24	36
10a.To request life-ending medication, the patient must make an oral request to his or her physician, then submit a written request, then make another oral request at least 15			
days later	29	21	35

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a. _To request life-ending medication, the patient must make an oral request to his or her physician, then submit a written request, then make another oral request at least 15 days later.

Mean	6.2	6.1	6.2
10 – Much more favorable	29	21	35
8 - 9		16	13
6 - 7	11	14	7
5 – Neutral	19	24	15
1 - 4	14	18	11
0 – Much less favorable	11	4	17
(Don't know)	2	2	2
6 - 10 – More favorable	54	51	55
5, DK – Neutral	20	27	17
0 - 4 - Less favorable	26	22	28

b. _A physician must fully inform a patient of his or her diagnosis, the nature of medicine prescribed, and feasible alternatives, including comfort care, hospice care, and pain control.

Mean8.6	8.7	8.5
10 – Much more favorable64	58	66
8 - 9	24	11
6 - 78	9	7
5 – Neutral5	4	5
1 - 43	3	4
0 – Much less favorable4	. 2	5
(Don't know)1	0	1
6 - 10 – More favorable88		85
5, DK – Neutral5	4	6
0 - 4 - Less favorable		9

c. _The patient must have a terminal disease, and be expected to die within 6 months.

Mean	6.3	6.2	6.2
10 – Much more favorable	31	24	36
8 - 9	13	17	9
6 - 7	12	15	10
5 – Neutral	15	19	14
1 - 4	14	13	14
0 – Much less favorable	11	9	13
(Don't know)	3	3	3
6 - 10 – More favorable		56	56
5, DK – Neutral		22	17
0 - 4 - Less favorable	25	22	28

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d. _Two witnesses must state that the patient appears to be of sound mind and is not under duress, fraud, or undue influence.

Mean7.8	7.9	7.7
10 – Much more favorable50	45	53
8 - 9	24	16
6 - 77	7	7
5 – Neutral8	12	6
1 - 48	7	9
0 – Much less favorable6	3	8
(Don't know)2	3	2
6 - 10 – More favorable76	76	76
5, DK – Neutral11	15	7
0 - 4 – Less favorable13	10	17

e. _The patient must be capable, acting voluntarily, and must make an informed decision.

Mean8.2	8.4	8.0
10 – Much more favorable56	51	58
8 - 917	26	12
6 - 7	8	12
5 – Neutral9	12	6
1 - 42	1	3
0 – Much less favorable5	2	8
(Don't know)0	0	1
6 - 10 – More favorable83	85	82
5, DK – Neutral9	12	6
0 - 4 – Less favorable8	3	12

f. _A physician must inform the patient that he or she can take back his or her request for life-ending medication at any time and in any manner.

Mean	8.4	8.8	8.0
10 – Much more favorable	.63	65	60
8 - 9	.14	17	13
6 - 7	6	4	7
5 – Neutral	6	10	5
1 - 4	4	1	7
0 - Much less favorable	5	2	8
(Don't know)	1	1	1
6 - 10 – More favorable		87	79
5, DK - Neutral		10	7
0 - 4 - Less favorable	9	3	14

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g. _If the physician believes the patient is suffering from a mental disorder or depression, the patient will be evaluated by a mental health professional.

Mean	.8.3	8.3	8.2
10 – Much more favorable	57	55	58
8 - 9	. 17	21	14
6 - 7	9	8	8
5 – Neutral	6	5	6
1 - 4	6	8	5
0 – Much less favorable	4	3	5
(Don't know)	2	0	3
6 - 10 – More favorable	83	84	81
5, DK – Neutral	8	5	9
0 - 4 – Less favorable	10	11	10

h. _The diagnosis of terminal disease must be determined by the patients' attending physician and then confirmed by the consulting physician.

Mean7.8	7.6	7.9
10 – Much more favorable47	36	55
8 - 9	28	13
6 - 79	11	6
5 – Neutral	12	14
1 - 46	7	5
0 – Much less favorable4	4	5
(Don't know)1	2	1
6 - 10 – More favorable76	75	75
5, DK – Neutral14	14	15
0 - 4 - Less favorable10	11	10

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11. **[SSA]** If your priest, pastor, or faith leader came out in SUPPORT of the bill allowing terminally ill patients to request and self-administer life-ending medication, would that make you more or less likely to support the bill, or would it not make a difference?

[If more/less likely, ask:] Is that much more/less likely to support it or somewhat more/less likely to support it?

Much more likely	5 15	12 6
,		
Somewhat less likely0	0	1
Much less likely4	2	5
No difference75	76	73
(don't know)3	1	3
More likely18	21	18
Less likely4	2	6

12. [SSB] If your priest, pastor, or faith leader came out AGAINST the bill allowing terminally ill patients to request and self-administer life-ending medication, would that make you more or less likely to support the bill, or would it not make a difference?

[If more/less likely, ask:] Is that much more/less likely to support it or somewhat more/less likely to support it?

Much more likely9	7	9
Somewhat more likely2	5	1
Somewhat less likely4	2	4
Much less likely12	8	14
No difference70	77	67
(don't know)3	2	5
More likely11	12	10
Less likely16	10	18

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13. [SSC] Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

[ROTATE]

Some people/other people say that no matter the circumstances, suicide is morally wrong and the law should not permit it.

OR

Some people/other people say that we have a right to make our own medical decisions without interference from the government.

[If statement selected, ask]: and is that much closer to your views or somewhat closer to your views?

Morally wrong - much closer	7 4	28 6
Without government interference - somewhat closer 15 Without government interference - much closer54	17 61	13 47
(both) 1 (neither) 3 (don't know) 3	1 5 4	1 2 3
Morally wrong	11 78	34 60

14. [SSD] Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view?

[ROTATE]

Some people/other people say that doctors should never take part in any activities that would help a patient die.

OR

Some people/other people say adults in the final stages of a terminal disease have a right to stop their suffering if they choose.

[If statement selected, ask]: and is that much closer to your views or somewhat closer to your views?

No doctor - much closer	10 3	21 10
Have a right - somewhat closer	18 62	14 44
(both)	5 1	2 4 5
No doctor	13 80	31 58

a.

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15. Of the following, would you say you trust them a lot, somewhat, a little, or not at all on the issue of terminally ill patients and life-ending medication?

RANDOMIZE LIST

Sorted by "Trust a lot"

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15a.Doctors45	51	40
15i.A terminally ill person or their family		
members43	45	39
15b.Nurses35	45	29
15e.Your priest, pastor, or minister23	10	33
B15d.Pope Francis19	18	20
A15g.Eleanor Holmes Norton12	10	11
15f.Mayor Bowser9	7	11
A15c.The Catholic Church7	10	7
B15h.Your DC City Council Member6	3	8
15j.The Washington Post5	8	4
_Doctors		
Trust a lot45	51	40
Trust somewhat39	41	39
Trust a little9	6	11
Do not trust at all5 (Don't know)2	1 1	8 2
Trust84	92	78
Don't trust14	7	19
_Nurses		
Trust a lot35	45	29
Trust somewhat44	43	44
Trust a little11	8	13
Do not trust at all8 (Don't know)2	2 2	13 1
(Don't Know)	2	'
Trust79	88	73

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C.	_[SSA] The Catholic Church				
	Trust a lot		21 16 47	10 14 16 51 8	7 23 16 46 8
	Trust Don't trust		_	25 67	30 62
d.	_[SSB] Pope Francis				
	Trust a lot		22 21 27	18 17 23 34 9	20 24 21 24 11
	Trust Don't trust			35 56	45 45
e.	_Your priest, pastor, or minister				
	Trust a lot Trust somewhat Trust a little Do not trust at all (Don't know)		33 13 22	10 34 18 28 10	33 33 11 17 6
	Trust Don't trust			44 46	66 28
f.	_Mayor Bowser				
	Trust a lot		21 21 31	7 16 22 35 19	11 25 20 31 13
	Trust Don't trust		_	23 57	36 51

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g.	_[SSA] Eleanor Holmes Norton				
	Trust a lot		32 13 23	10 26 13 28 23	11 35 14 21 19
	Trust Don't trust			36 41	46 35
h.	_[SSB] Your DC City Council Member				
	Trust a lot		16 19 42	3 21 24 39 14	8 16 17 44 16
	Trust Don't trust			23 63	24 60
i.	_A terminally ill person or their family member	ers			
	Trust a lot		31 13 7	45 30 13 3 9	39 32 14 10 4
	Trust Don't trust			74 16	71 25
j.	_The Washington Post				
	Trust a lot Trust somewhat Trust a little Do not trust at all (Don't know)		24 22 42	8 28 19 37 7	4 22 22 46 6
	Trust Don't trust			36 57	26 68

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16. [SSA] The city council of Washington DC is considering an aid in dying bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for drugs to end his or her life, voluntarily and with informed choice. Would you say you favor or oppose this bill?

[If favor/oppose, ask:] Is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor	46	61	33
Not so strongly favor		15	17
Not so strongly oppose		8	10
Strongly oppose		8	37
(don't know)		8	3
Favor	62	76	50
Oppose	33	15	47

17. [SSB] The city council of Washington DC is considering a death with dignity bill that would allow a terminally ill adult patient to obtain a physician's prescription for drugs to end his or her life, voluntarily and with informed choice. Would you say you favor or oppose this bill?

[If favor/oppose, ask:] Is that strongly favor/oppose or not so strongly favor/oppose?

Strongly favor	51	64	39
Not so strongly favor		18	12
Not so strongly oppose		4	7
Strongly oppose		13	33
(don't know)	6	1	9
Favor	66	82	52
Oppose	29	17	39

The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

18. Are you currently the primary caregiver to an elderly family member or close friend or have you been the primary caregiver to an elderly family member of close friend within the last five years?

Yes, currently	.9	6	10
Yes, last five years		8	16
Yes, combined2	21	13	26
No	78	86	74
(refused)	.1	1	1

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19. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or something else? [IF REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT:] Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong (Republican/Democrat)? [IF INDEPENDENT:] Would you say you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Strong Democrat	56	43	66
Not-so-strong Democrat	9	9	9
Independent - lean Democrat	7	9	4
Democrat		61	79
Independent	15	22	11
Republican		9	3
Independent - lean Republican	1	2	1
Not-so-strong Republican	2	3	0
Strong Republican	3	4	2
(Other)	5	6	4
(Don't know)	0	0	1
(Refused)	2	2	2

- 20. What is your age? [IF REFUSED CODE AS 9]
- **21.** [IF AGE IS REFUSED]: I am going to read you some categories. Please stop me when we get to your category.

18-24 years3	3	2
25-29 years9	11	8
30-34 years11	16	8
35-39 years16	20	12
40-44 years6	8	5
45-49 years8	6	8
50-54 years6	3	9
55-59 years10	5	12
60-64 years8	7	9
65-69 years8	6	10
70-74 years4	3	4
Over 74 years11	11	12
(Refused)0	0	0

22. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

1 - 11th Grade	3 0	5
High School Graduate15	5 4	24
Non-College Post H.S.	1	2
Some College19		27
College Graduate33	3 45	25
Post-Graduate School28	3 43	17
(Refused)) 1	0

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23.	What is your religion? [DO NOT READ CAT	EGOF	RIES]			
	Protestant (Adventist, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian)		13 4	22 20 11	69 8 0	
	Muslim			0	0	
	Mormon, Latter Day Saints, LDS			0	0	
	Other (Please write in)			11	8	
	None		_	28	12	
	(Refused)		6	7	4	
24.	How often do you attend church or another		·		0	
	More than once a week			1	9	
	Once a week			14	31	
	Once or twice a month			15	21	
	Several times a year			14	13	
	Only on holidays			5 37	2 21	
				3 <i>1</i> 4	2	
	(Don't Know)			10	1	
	(Refused)		3	10	ı	
25.	Just to make sure we have a representative Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking backg [IF "NO", ASK:] What is your race - white, b	ground	d?	·		r you are from a
	White		37	100	0	
	Black/African American			0	100	
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Spanish speaking/Latino (Puerto Rican, Mexican,

etc.)3

Asian2

Native American0

Pacific Islander0

Arab American0

(Other)1

(Don't know / Refused)1