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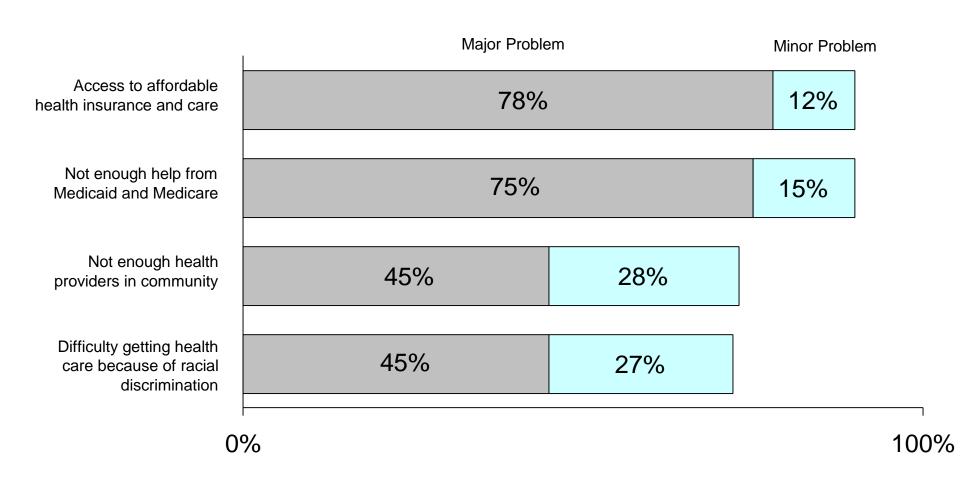
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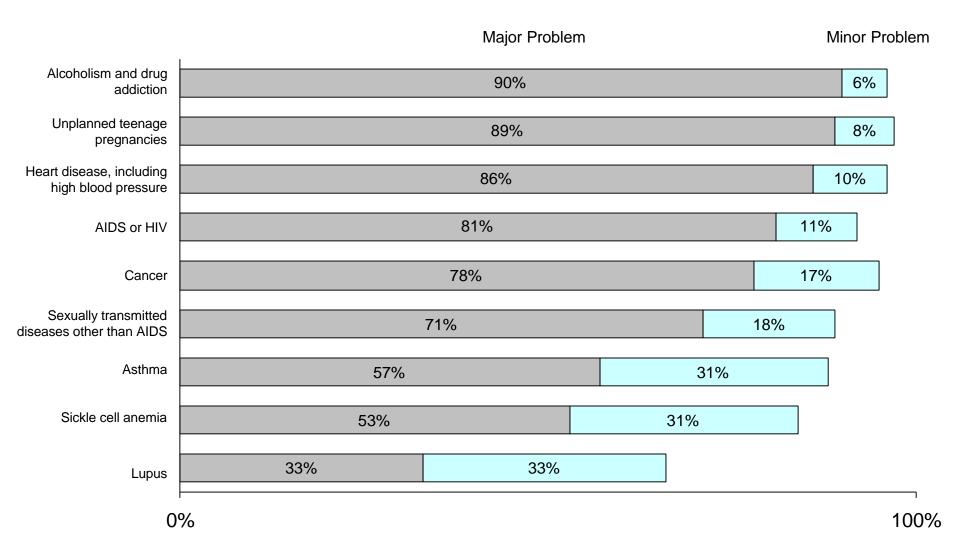
# LACK OF AFFORDABLE CARE TOPS LIST OF BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE NAMED BY AFRICAN AMERICANS

Percent of African Americans Who Say Each is a Problem for African Americans Today



## DRUGS, ALCOHOLISM, AND TEEN PREGNANCY RANK WITH MAJOR DISEASES AS CONCERNS FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

Percent of African Americans Who Say Each is a Problem for African Americans



## MEDIA PLAYS PROMINENT ROLE AS HEALTH RESOURCE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

Percent of African Americans Who Received At Least Some Information about Health or Health Care from Each Source in the Last Year

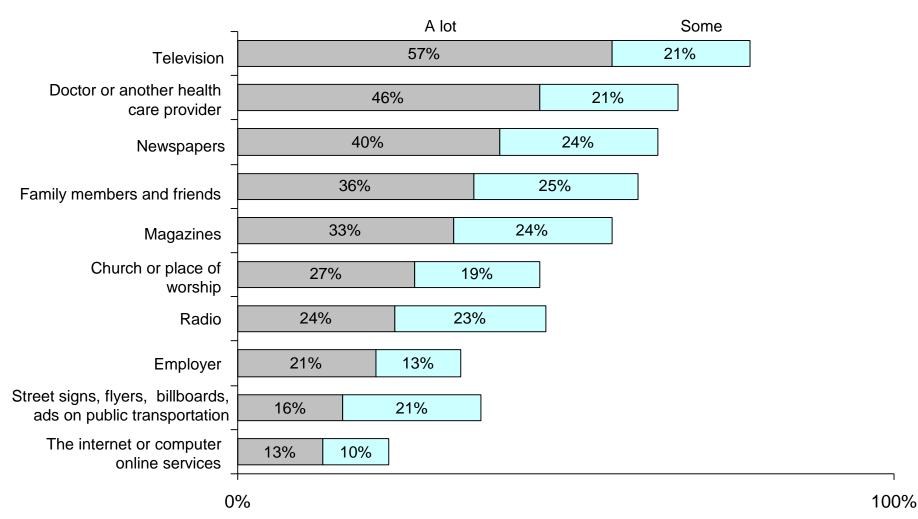
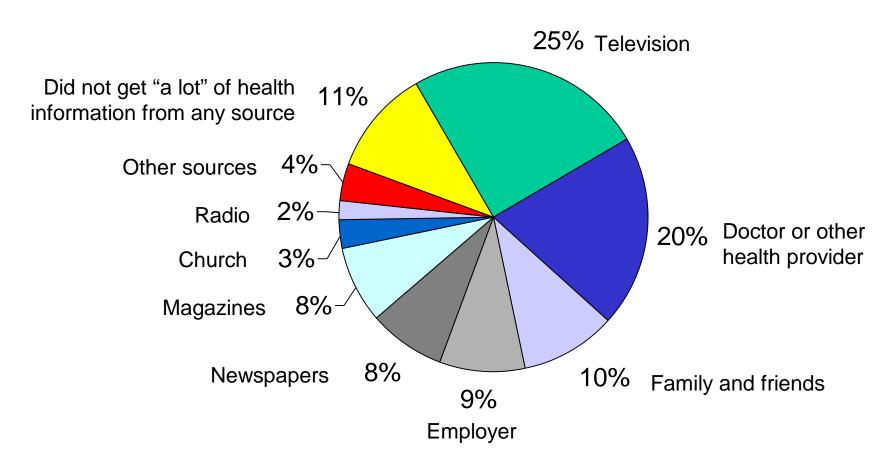


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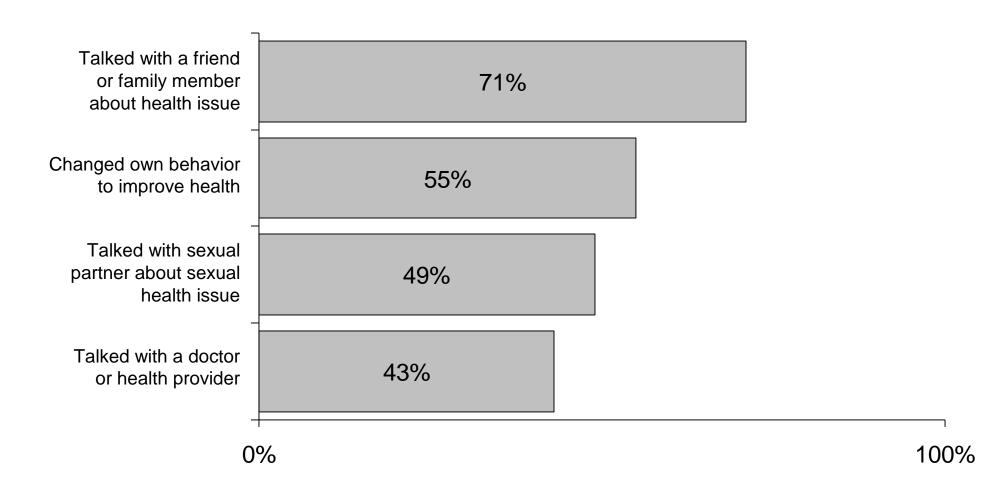
## TELEVISION SURPASSES HEALTH PROVIDERS AS NUMBER ONE HEALTH RESOURCE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS

Percent of African Americans Who Say from Which <u>One</u> Source They Received the <u>Most Health Information in the Last Year</u>



### MEDIA COVERAGE OF HEALTH PROMPTS ACTION

Percent of African Americans Who Say in the Last Year in Response to Media Reporting About Health Issues They...

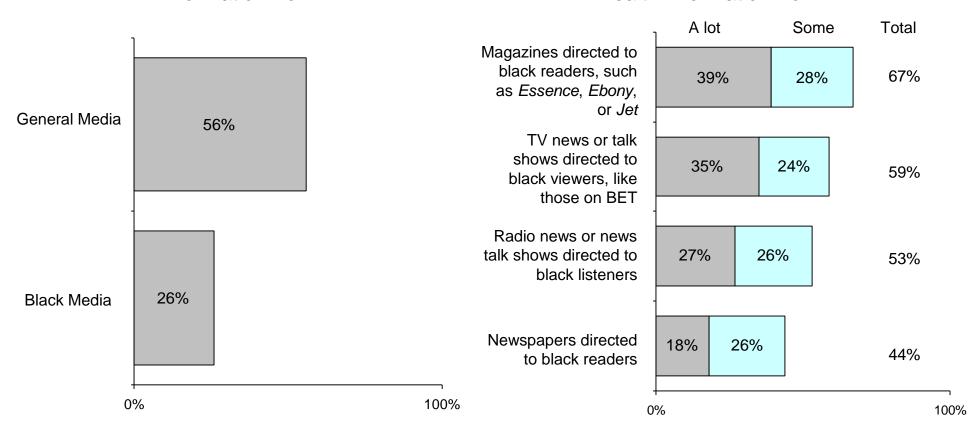


## MORE AFRICAN AMERICANS TURN TO GENERAL MEDIA FOR HEALTH INFORMATION BUT BLACK MEDIA PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE

### Percent of African Americans Who Say...

Over the last year, received more health information from...

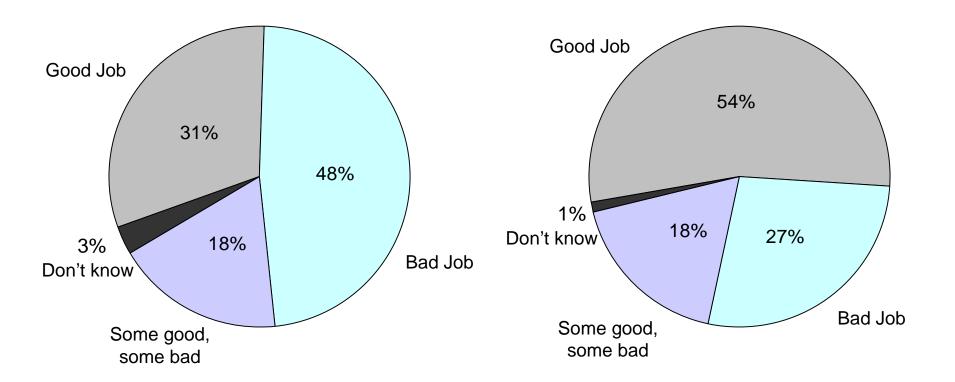
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### AFRICAN AMERICANS MIXED ON MEDIA OVERALL AS HEALTH INFORMATION RESOURCE

Percent of African Americans Who Say the Media Overall Do a "Good" or "Bad" Job...

- need to know about health and health care"
- "...Telling Blacks in this country what they "...Telling you and your family what you need to know about health and health care"

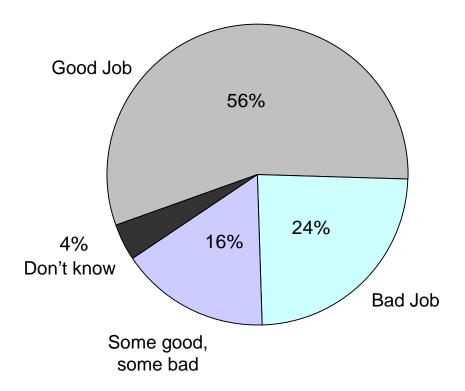


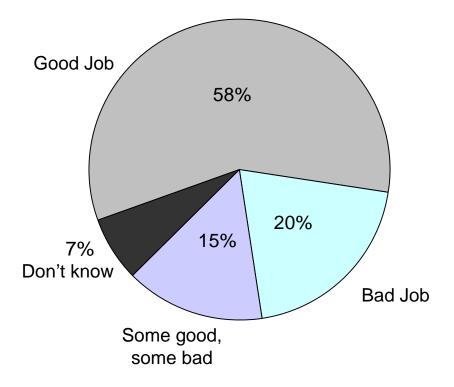
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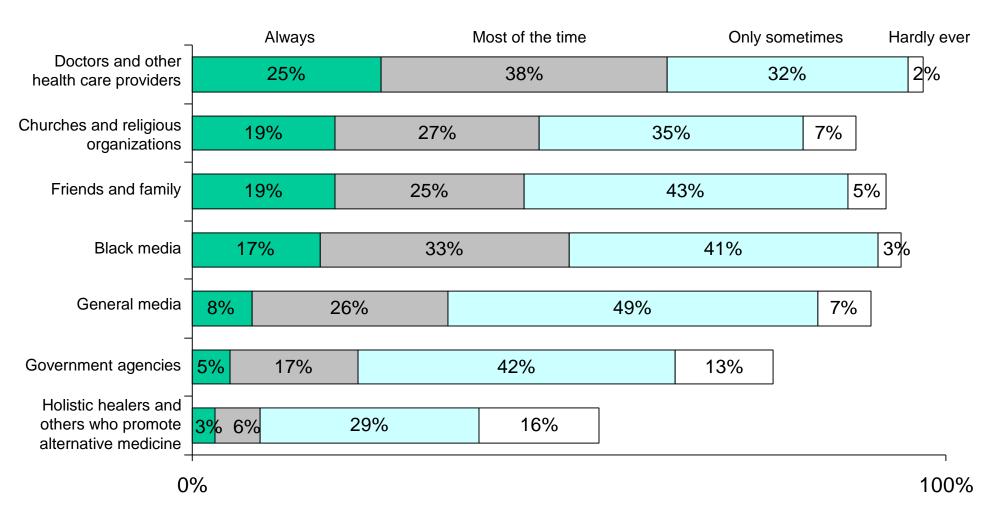
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# WHO DO AFRICAN AMERICANS TRUST FOR HEALTH INFORMATION?

## Percent of African Americans Saying How Often They Trust the Health Information from Each Source



Note: "Don't Know" and "Never Used" not shown.

## AFRICAN AMERICANS SAY MEDIA COULD DO MORE COVERAGE OF HEALTH ISSUES

Percent of African Americans Who Say Media Not Doing Enough Stories About...

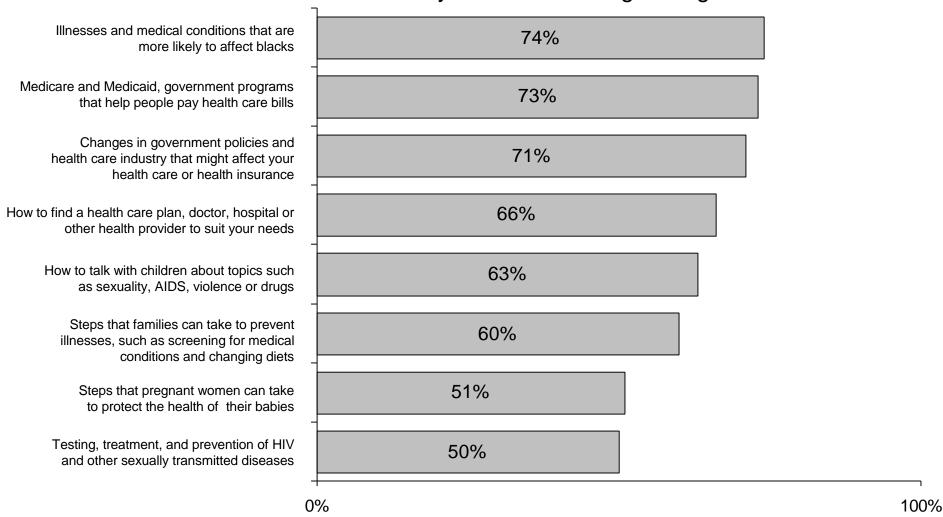


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## AFRICAN AMERICANS SAY THERE IS NOT ENOUGH COVERAGE ACROSS ALL MEDIA OF THE HEALTH ISSUES THAT MOST CONCERN THEM

Percent of Americans Who Say in Media Overall there is...

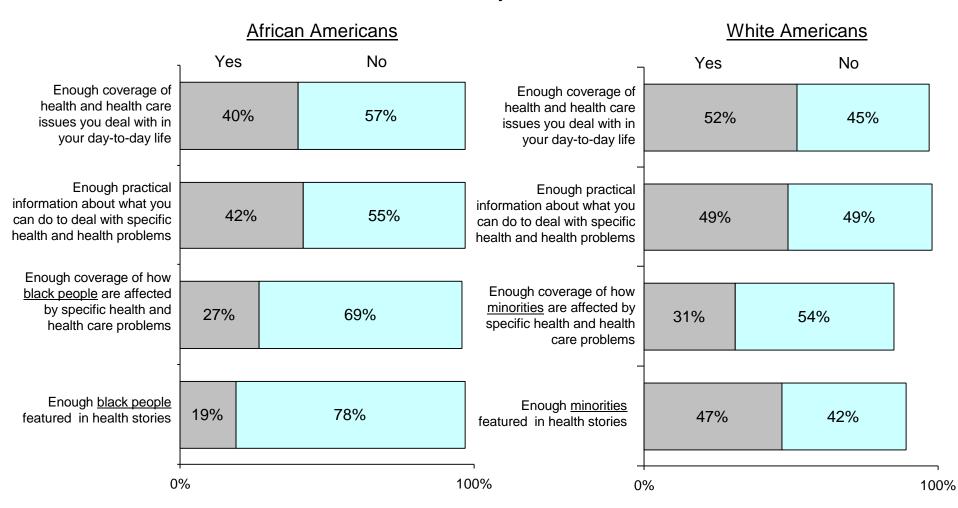
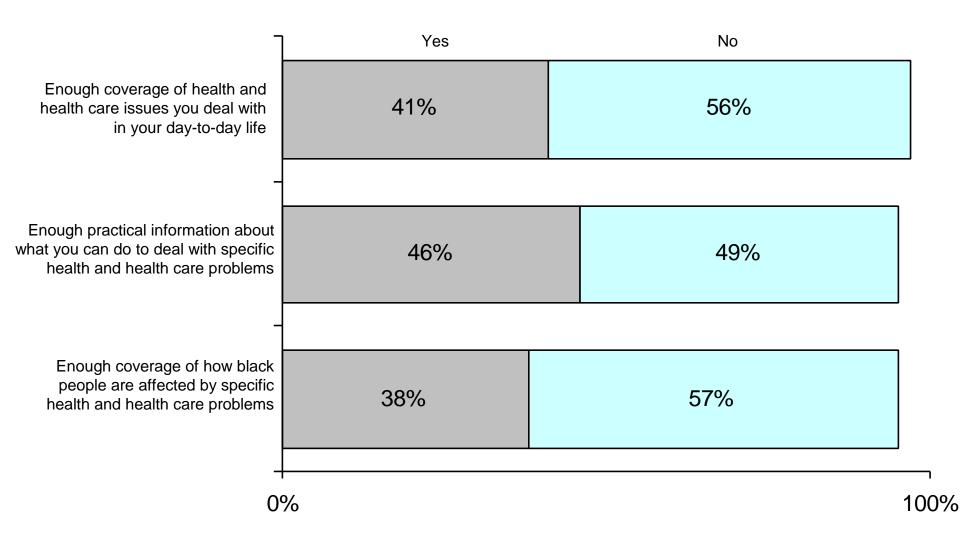


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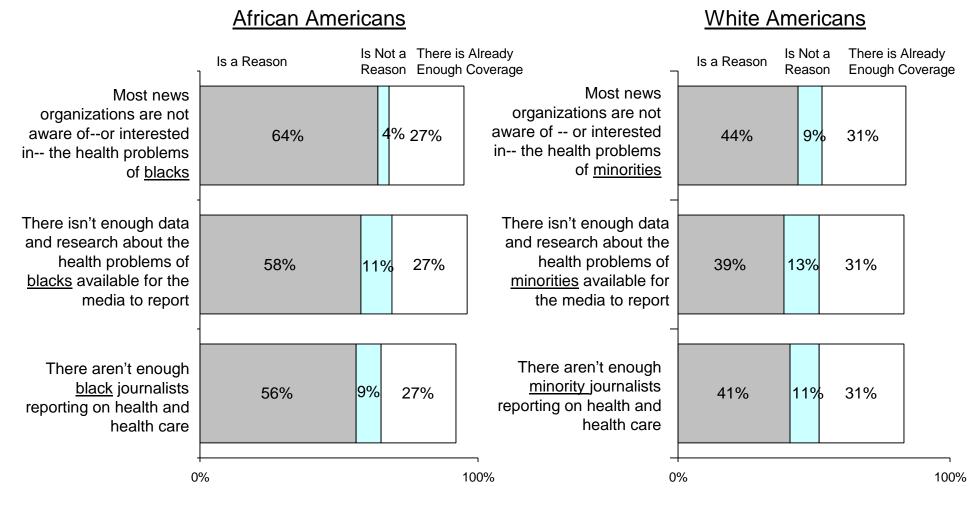
# African Americans Say Black Media Does Better Covering Health Concerns, But Could Do More

Percent of African Americans Who Say in the Black Media, There Is...



## LACK OF INTEREST, RESEARCH, AND MINORITY JOURNALISTS SEEN AS LIMITING COVERAGE OF MINORITY HEALTH CONCERNS

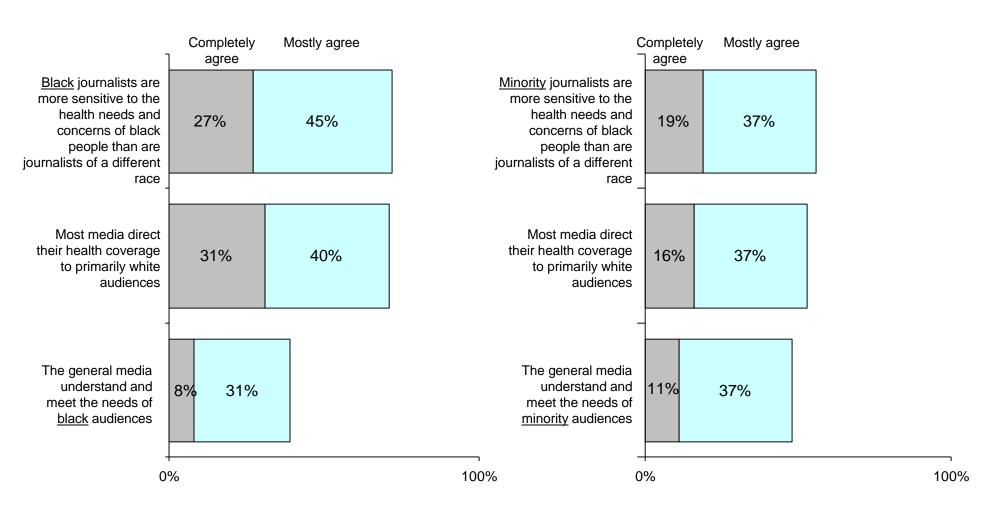
### Percent Saying Each Is or Is Not a Reason for Limited Media Coverage of Health Problems Affecting African Americans



### MEDIA NOT SEEN AS FOCUSED ON NEEDS OF BLACK AUDIENCES

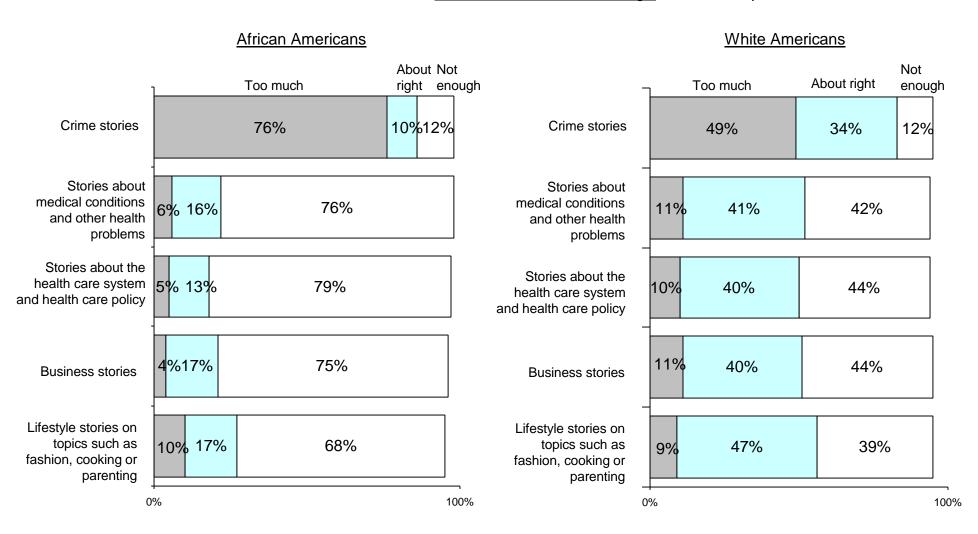
### Percent Who Agree That...

### <u>African Americans</u> <u>White Americans</u>



## MEDIA SEEN AS OVER-REPRESENTING AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CRIME COVERAGE WHILE NOT GIVING ENOUGH VISIBILITY IN OTHER STORIES

Percent Who Say African Americans or Minorities in General, Get Too Much, Not Enough or About the Right Amount of Attention in the <u>General Media's Coverage</u> of Each Topic



## AFRICAN AMERICANS SAY MEDIA PLACES UNFAIR BLAME WHEN IT COMES TO UNINTENDED PREGNANCY AND WELFARE...

Percent Who Say <u>General Media's Coverage</u> of Each Topic Is "Generally Fair" or "Unfairly Portrays as a Black, or Minority, Problem"

