

ANNUAL HEALTH LAW & POLICY SYMPOSIUM

# Equitable & Affordable Healthcare: A Shared Responsibility

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# Perception vs. reality of U.S. healthcare system

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## Perception

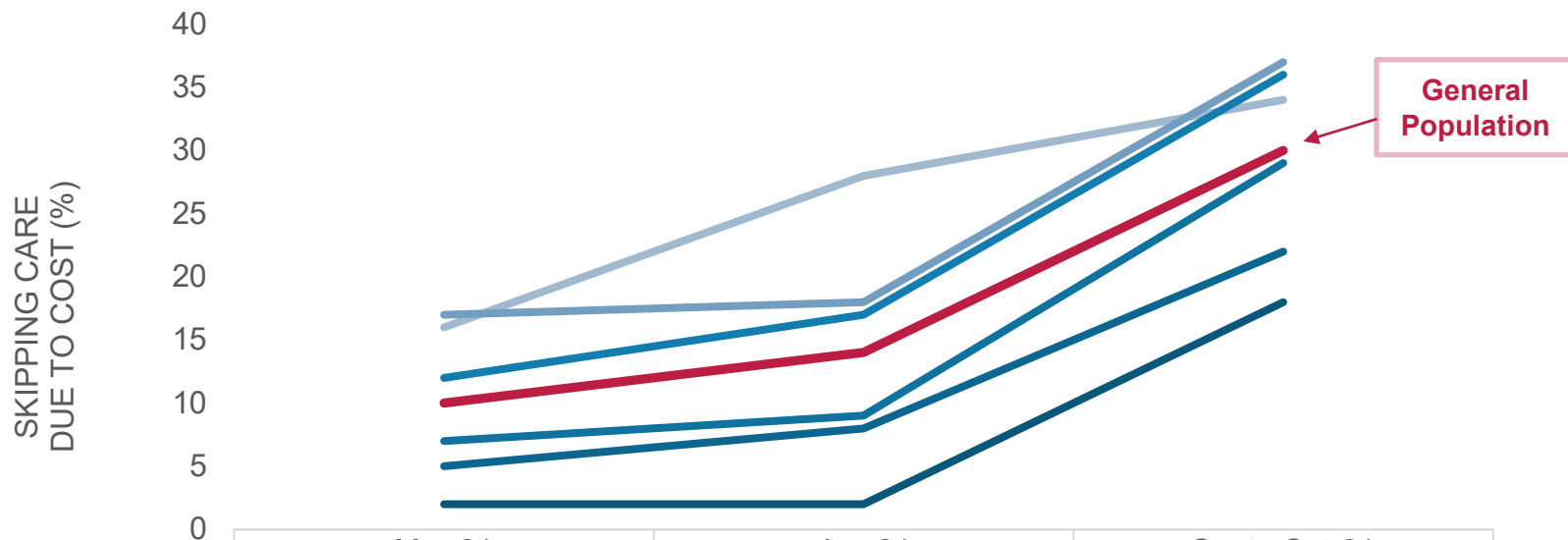
High prices **only** affect those without insurance or low-income households.

## Reality

No one is immune from the high cost of healthcare.

# The percentage of Americans forgoing needed healthcare due to cost is on the rise

Rates of avoiding treatment due to affordability challenges surged across all income levels in 2021.



	Mar-21	Jun-21	Sept., Oct-21
General Population	10	14	30
<\$24k	16	28	34
\$24k - <\$48k	17	18	37
\$48k - <\$90k	12	17	36
\$90k - <\$120k	7	9	29
\$120k - <\$180k	5	8	22
\$180k+	2	2	18



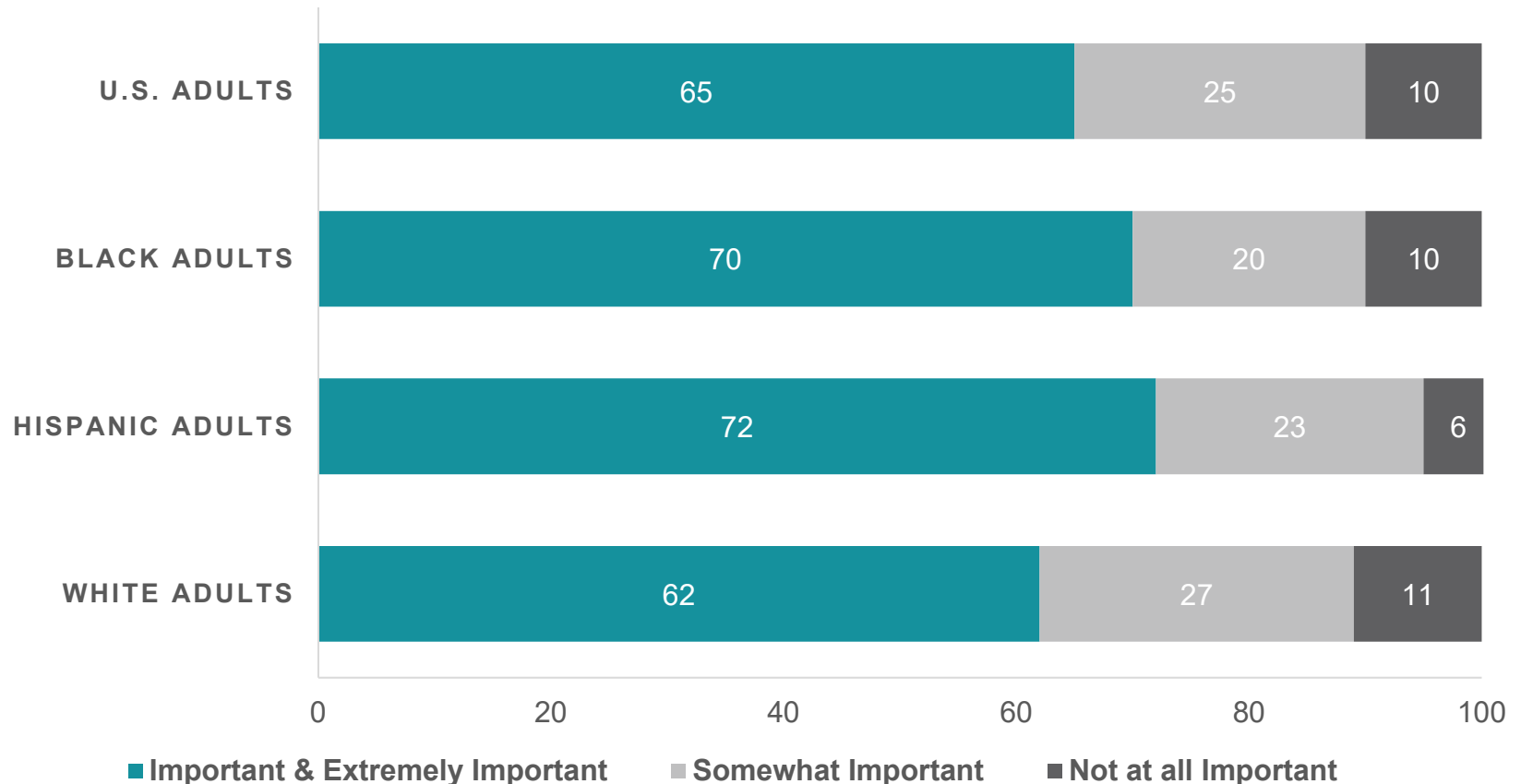
## Perception

Reducing inequities in healthcare  
is simply a moral issue.

## Reality

Addressing disparities in  
healthcare is **BOTH**  
**a moral and economic issue...**  
and is the right thing to do!

# Importance of cost in deciding whether to follow a doctor's recommendation by race/ethnicity





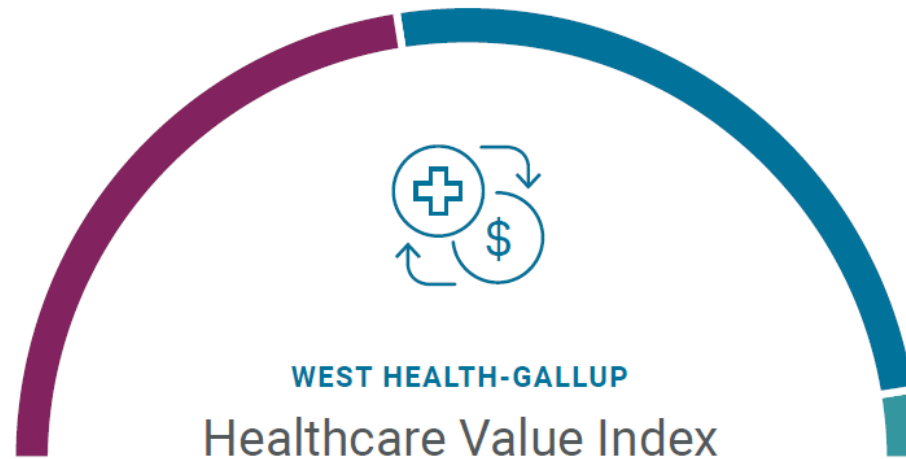
## Perception

America has the best healthcare in the world in terms of outcomes and quality.

## Reality

America has the most expensive healthcare in the world, and we're not getting our money's worth.

# 95% of Americans view healthcare system as offering poor or inconsistent value care.



**45%**

**POOR PERCEIVED VALUE**

Those who observe Poor Perceived Value in the healthcare system report that the quality of care in the U.S. is **not worth the cost** for themselves, their households or Americans generally.

**50%**

**INCONSISTENT PERCEIVED VALUE**

Those who observe Inconsistent Perceived Value in the healthcare system **report mixed attitudes regarding the value of care.**

**5%**

**HIGH PERCEIVED VALUE**

Those who observe High Perceived Value in the U.S. healthcare system believe that the amount of money they and their fellow Americans pay for **care is worth what it costs.**





## Perception

Americans are powerless against the rising cost of healthcare.

## Reality

Congress can take action.  
States can take action.  
Voters can take action.

# Americans report feeling little agency when it comes to reducing healthcare costs

In your opinion, how much power do each of the following people, or groups of people, have over reducing the cost of healthcare? (A lot of power, some power, very little power or no power at all)

Percent of Americans who report the following have some or a lot of power in reducing healthcare costs

