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WELCOMING NEW AMERICANS?

Local Governments and Immigrant
Incorporation ABIGAIL FISHER WILLIAMSON

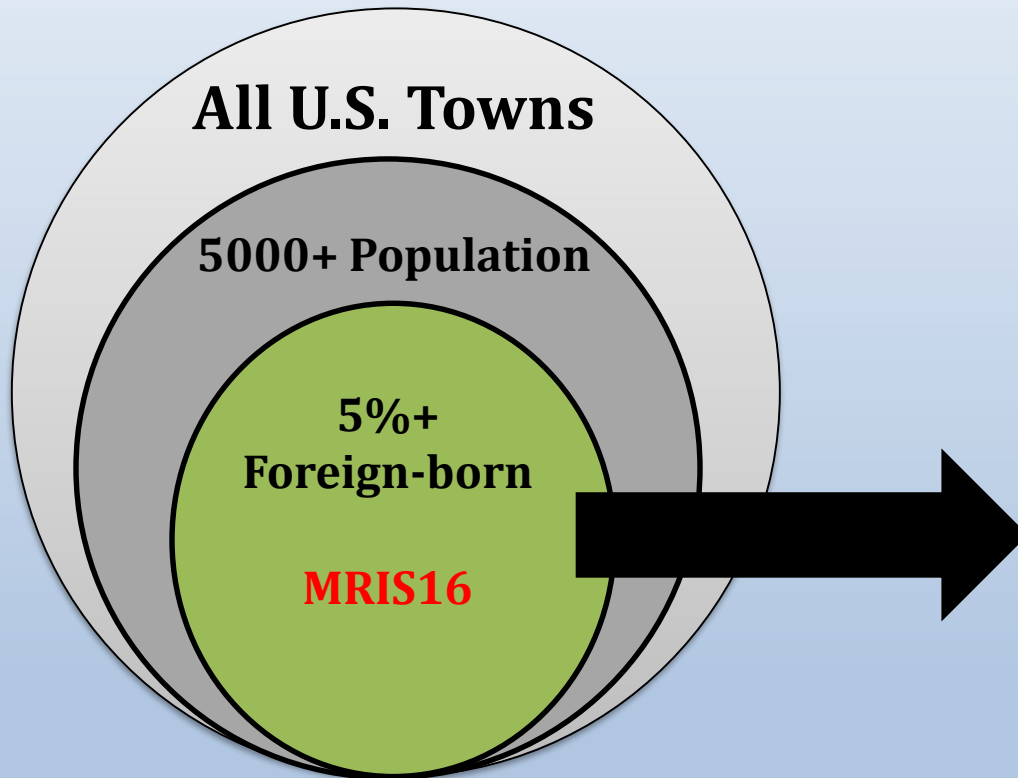


Municipal Responses to Immigrants Survey 2016

Survey and analysis of results supported by
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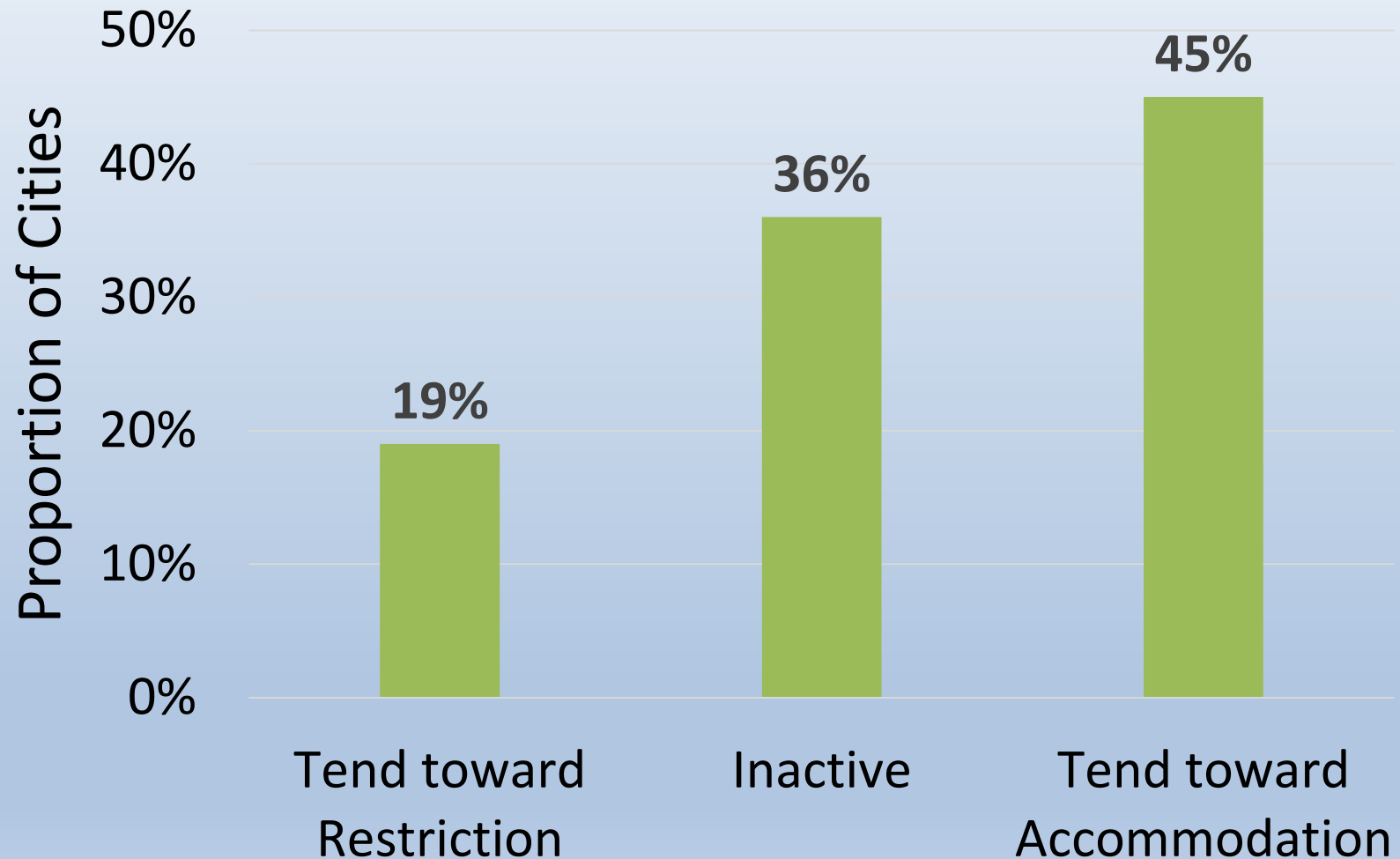
Measuring Municipal Responses: MRIS16



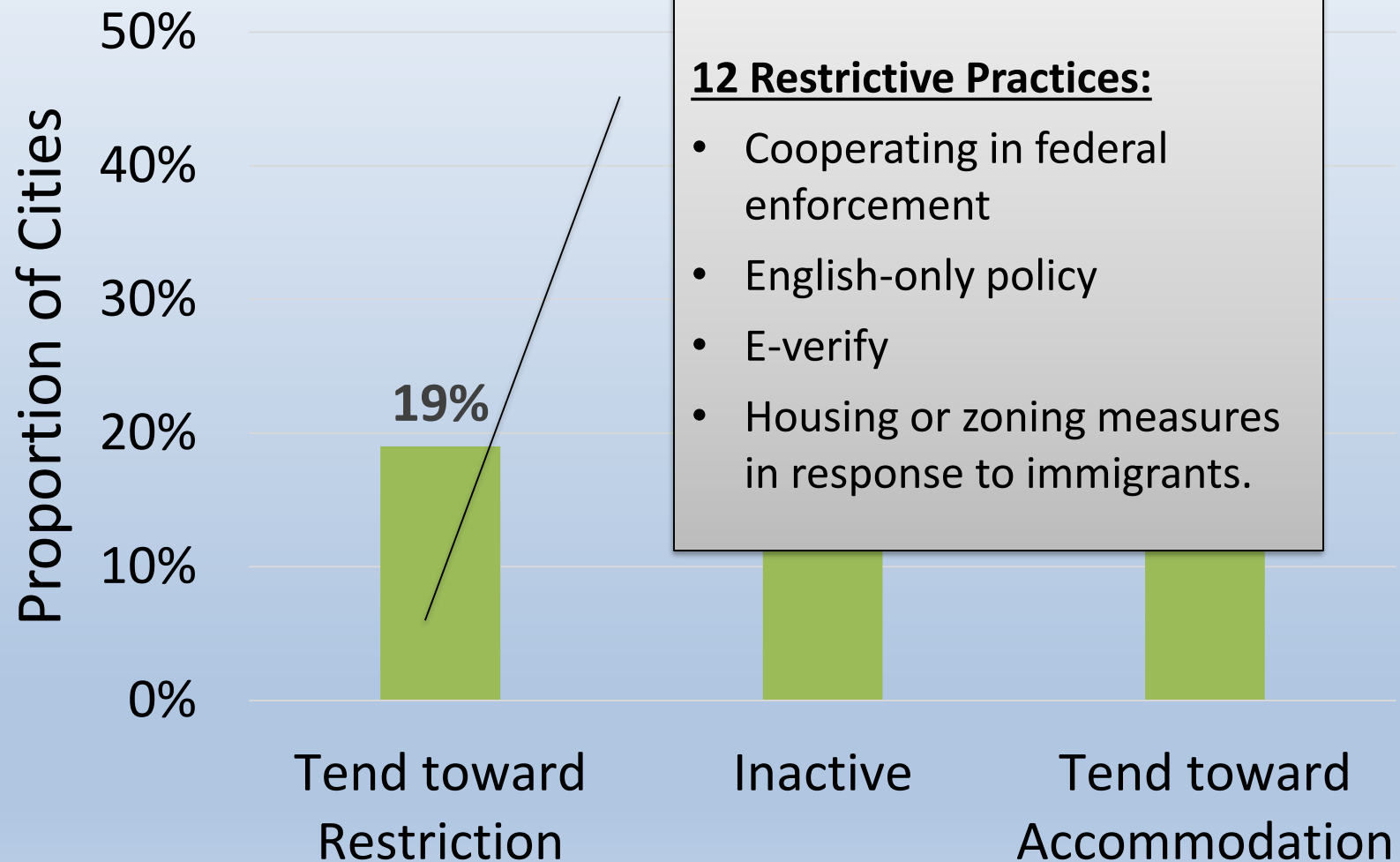
- Stratified random sample
- Four officials per town
 - Mayor
 - City Councilor
 - Police Chief
 - City Manager

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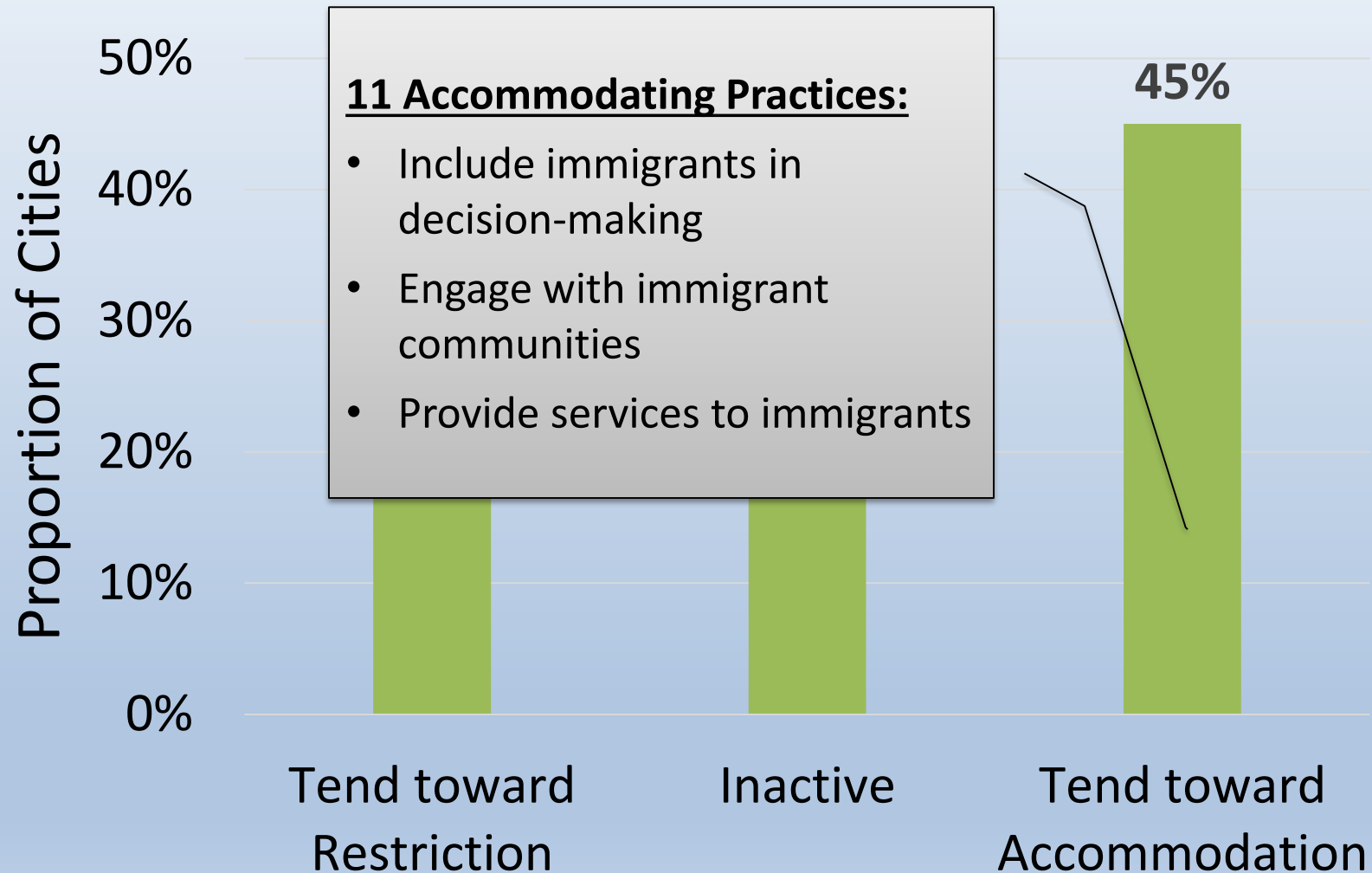
Landscape of Municipal Response



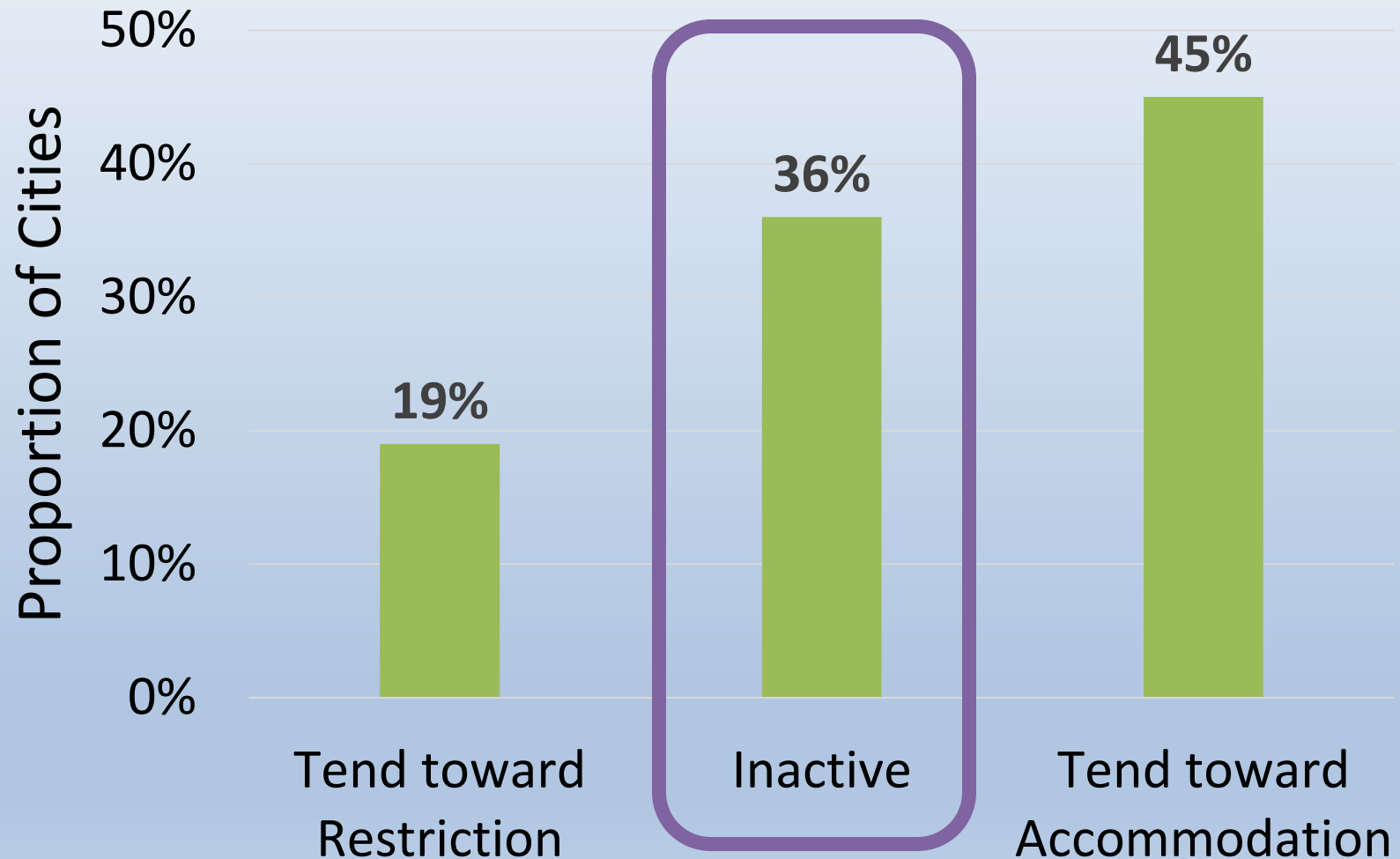
Municipal Restriction



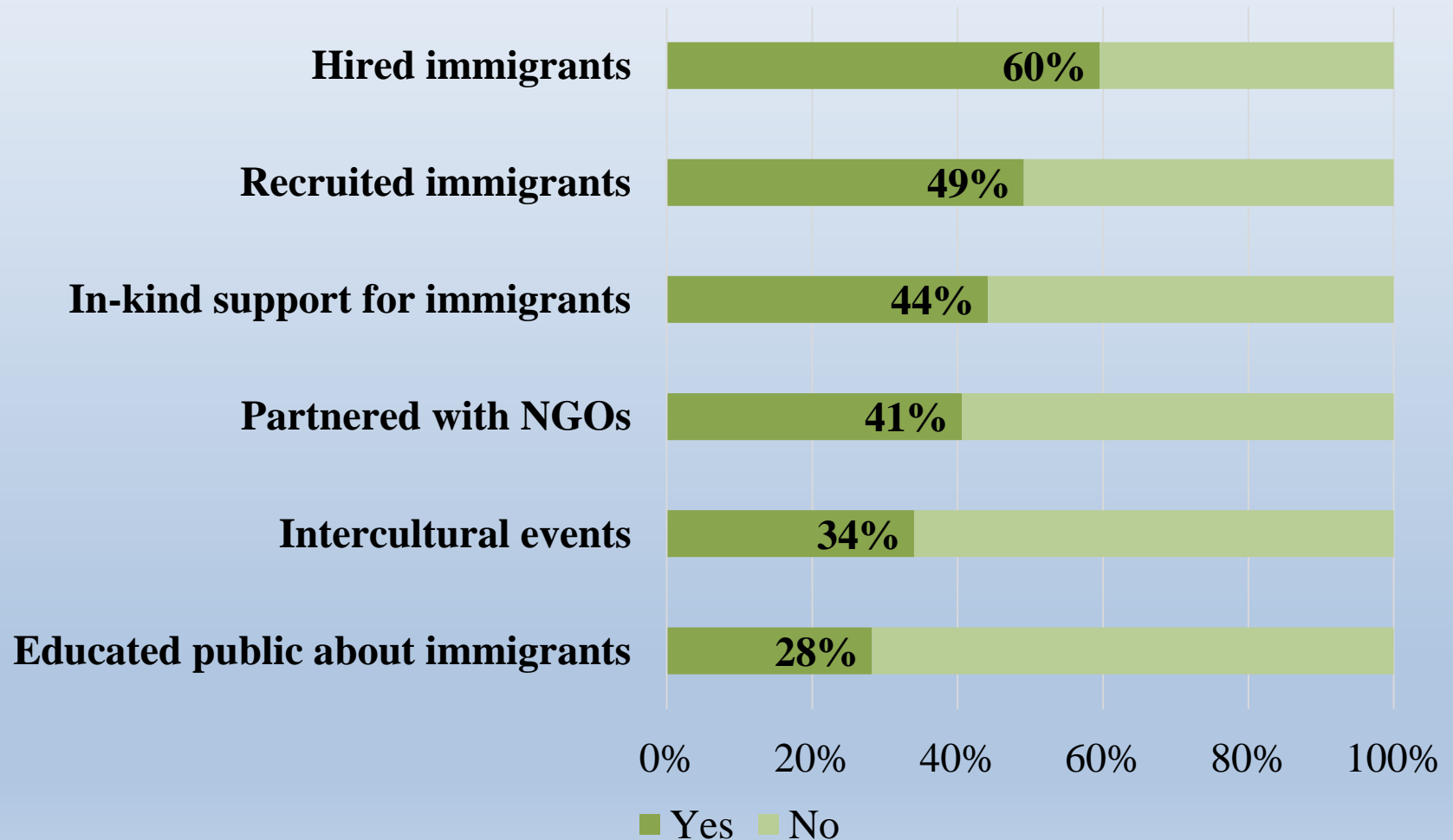
Municipal Accommodation



Landscape of Municipal Response



Prevalent Accommodating Practices



Why Accommodation?



Clients

Why Accommodation?

Contributors

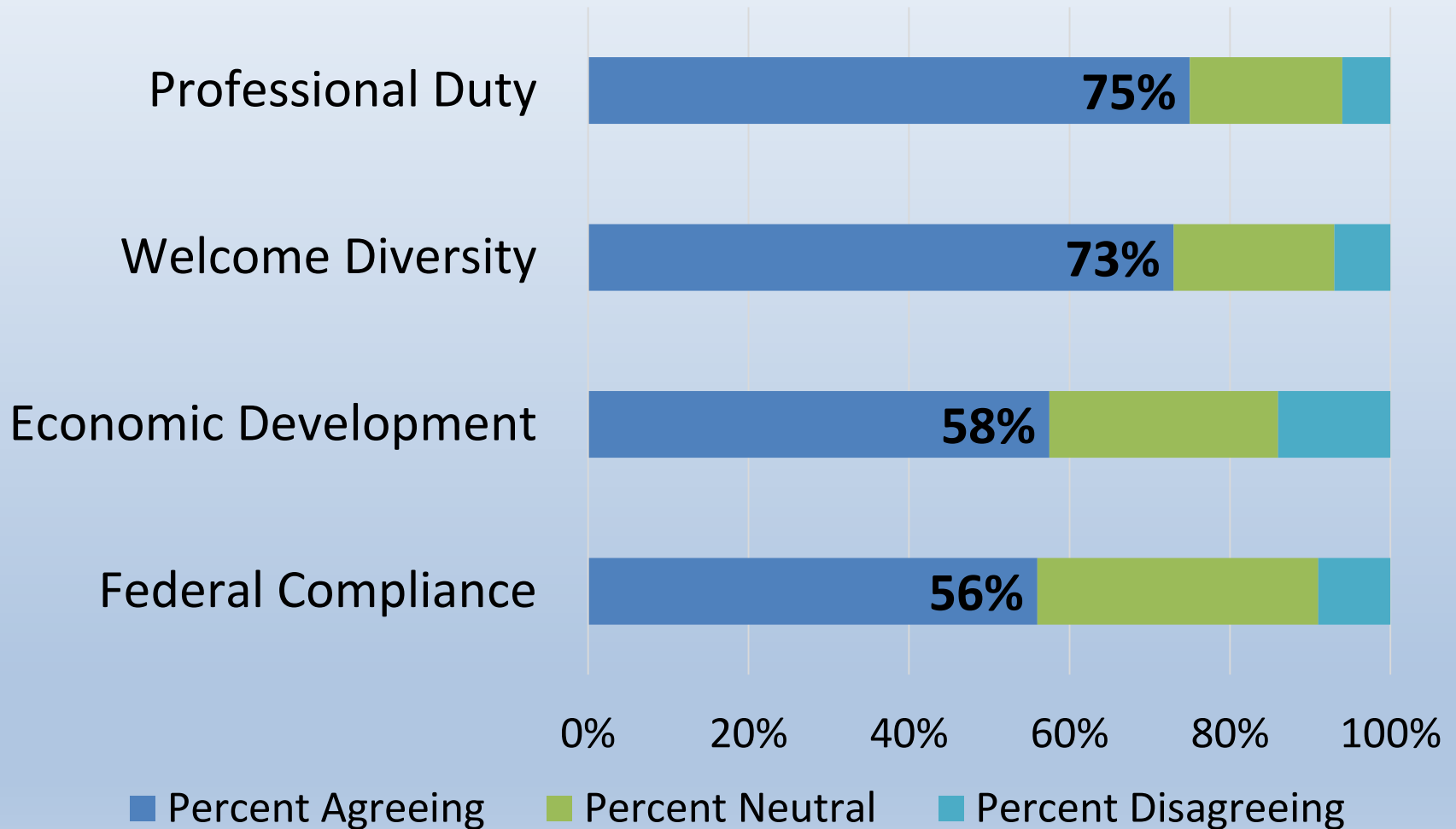


Why Accommodation?



**Community
Members**

Local Officials' Motivations



Incorporation: A Two-Way Street



**Immigrant
Advancement**

**Public
Acceptance**

Meaningful Contact



1. Approval of authority figure
2. Shared Task
3. Even playing field

A photograph of a large crowd of people at an outdoor gathering, likely a protest or rally. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, some with open palms and others in various expressive gestures. In the background, a flag with horizontal stripes of red, yellow, and blue is visible, along with green trees and a building. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting daytime. A semi-transparent blue banner with white text is positioned at the bottom of the image.

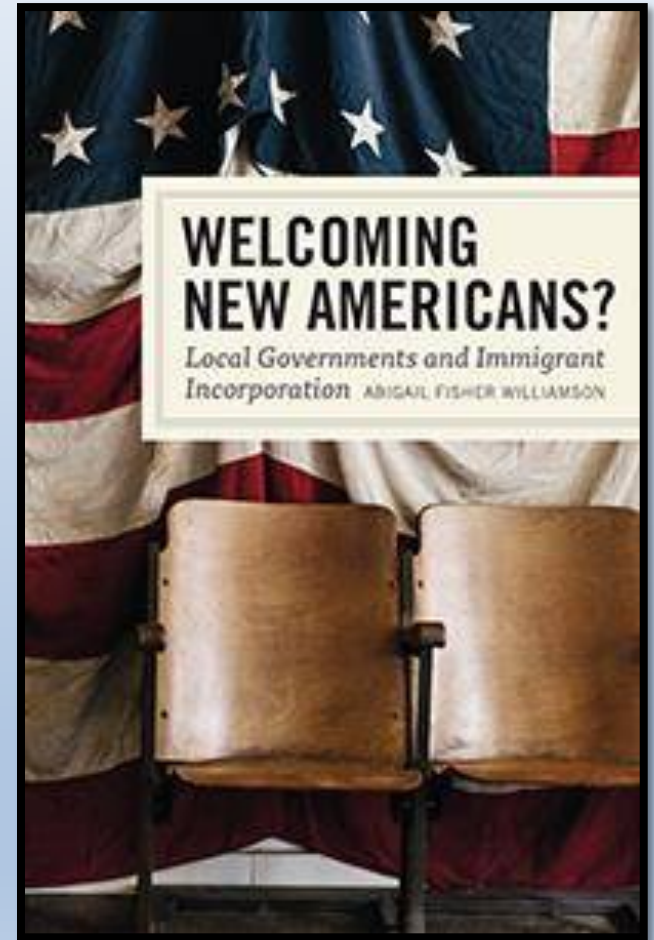
Building Immigrant Organizations

Attracting External Scrutiny when Restriction Arises



Strategies for Building Unified Communities

1. Meaningful Contact
2. Fostering Immigrant Organizations
3. Attracting External Scrutiny when Restriction Arises



Thank you!

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Policy Response to Unauthorized

