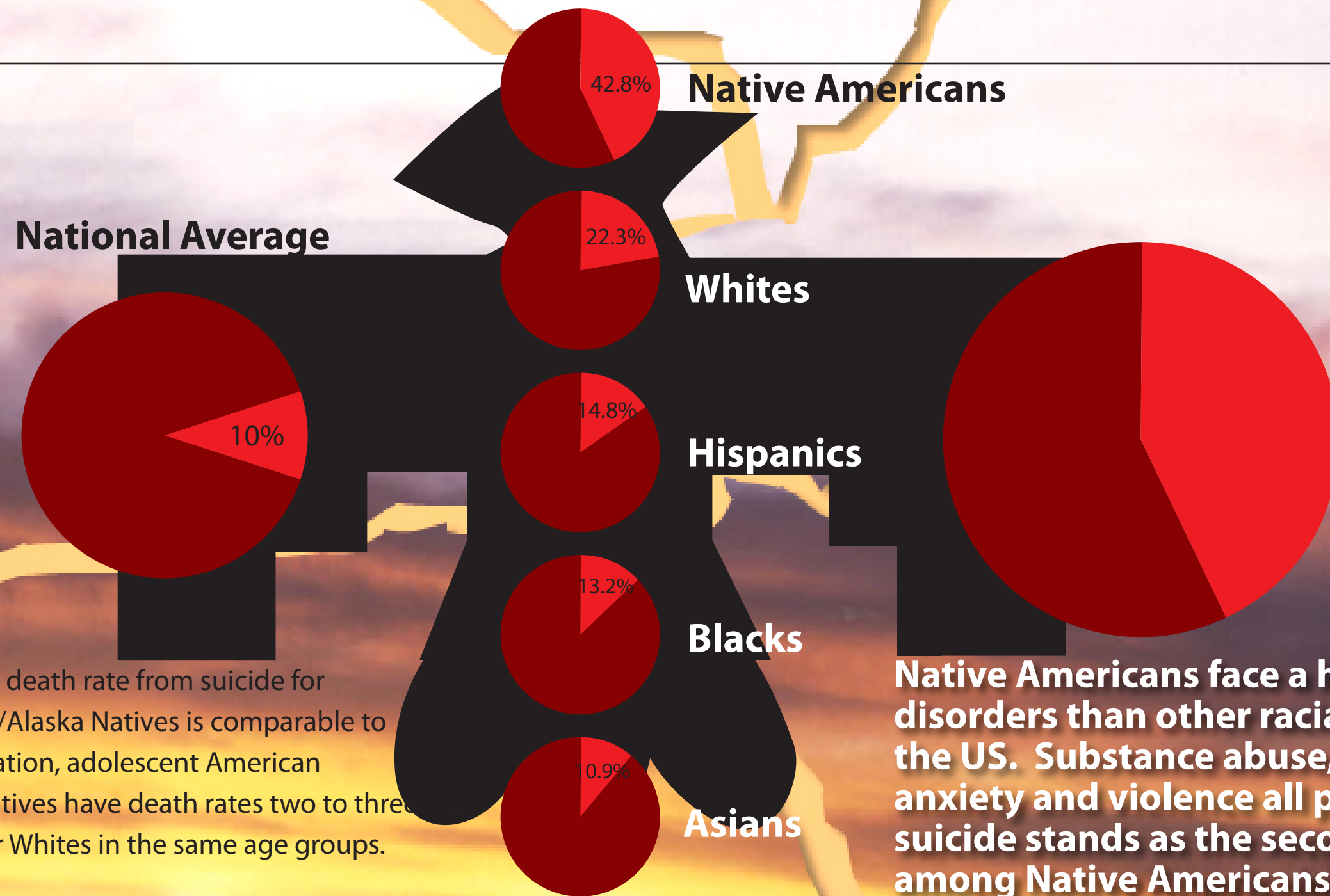


# Native American Mental Health Disparities

Out of all ethnic minorities in the United States, Native Americans not only have considerable problems in regards to health care, but are also commonly forgotten when it comes to such statistics.



**Native Americans face a higher risk of mental disorders than other racial and ethnic minorities in the US. Substance abuse, suicide, depression, anxiety and violence all play a role, yet of these, suicide stands as the second leading cause of death among Native Americans 15-24 years old.**

While the overall death rate from suicide for American Indian/Alaska Natives is comparable to the White population, adolescent American Indian/Alaska Natives have death rates two to three times the rate for Whites in the same age groups.

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