

Asian American Decisions 2016 Election Eve Poll

1. A lot of people vote early before election day, through an absentee ballot, a mail ballot, or at an early voting location. Have you already voted in the 2016 election or have you not had a chance to vote just yet?

Yes, already voted	46%
No	53%
Don't know	1%

1b. **[If "Yes"]** Did you vote by mail or did you vote in person at an early voting location?

Voted by mail or absentee	65%
Voted at an early voting location	34%
Not sure / Don't know	1%

2. Thinking about the 2016 election, what are the most important issues facing the Asian American Pacific Islander community that our politicians should address? **[Allow up to two responses.]**

The economy / jobs / unemployment	40%
Race relations / racism	17%
Health care	17%
Terrorism / ISIS / national security	16%
Education	12%
Immigration reform	12%
The political system / government itself	9%
Taxes / government spending	7%
Crime / gun violence	6%
Income inequality / poverty	6%
Environment / climate change	5%
Police violence / criminal justice system	3%
Ethics / moral / religious decline	3%
Budget deficit	2%
Gender equality / sexism / reproductive rights	2%
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender issues	1%
Something else	5%
Don't know	7%

3. In the election for President, did / will you vote for the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton, the Republican candidate Donald Trump, or someone else?

Hillary Clinton	75%
Donald Trump	19%
Someone else	5%

4a. [IF STATE = AK, AZ, CT, GA, IN, IA, KS, MD, MO, NV, NH, NY, OH, SC, UT, VT, WA, WI] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent [STATE], did / will you vote for the Democratic or Republican?

Democrat	73%
Republican	26%
Someone else	1%

4b. [IF STATE = CA] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent California, did / will you vote for the Democrat Kamala Harris or the Democrat Loretta Sanchez?

Kamala Harris	69%
Loretta Sanchez	29%
Someone else	2%

4c. [IF STATE = FL] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent Florida, did / will you vote for the Democrat Patrick Murphy or the Republican Marco Rubio?

Patrick Murphy	67%
Marco Rubio	33%
Someone else	0%

4d. [IF STATE = IL] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent Illinois, did / will you vote for the Democrat Tammy Duckworth or the Republican Mark Kirk?

Tammy Duckworth	78%
Mark Kirk	21%
Someone else	1%

4e. [IF STATE = NC] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent North Carolina, did / will you vote for the Democrat Deborah Ross or the Republican Richard Burr?

Deborah Ross	72%
Richard Burr	28%
Someone else	0%

4c. [IF STATE = NV] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent Nevada, did / will you vote for the Democrat Catherine Cortez-Masto or the Republican Joe Heck?

Catherine Cortez-Masto	60%
Joe Heck	39%
Someone else	2%

4c. [IF STATE = PA] How about the election for the U.S. Senate? In the election for U.S. Senate to represent Pennsylvania, did / will you vote for the Democrat Katie McGinty or the Republican Pat Toomey?

Katie McGinty	77%
Pat Toomey	24%
Someone else	0%

5. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives, did / will you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

Democrat	73%
Republican	27%
Someone else	0%

6. [IF STATE = CA] We would also like to know about two ballot initiatives in California this November. Proposition 55 would extend personal income tax increases on incomes over \$250,000 to fund education and health care. Did / will you vote for or against Propositions 55?

Voted for	77%
Voted against	23%

7. [IF STATE = CA] Next, Proposition 56 would increase the cigarette tax by a \$2 per pack user fee, to be used for state health care programs. Did / will vote for or against Propositions 56?

Voted for	80%
Voted against	20%

8. [IF STATE = NC] In the election for Governor of North Carolina, did / will you vote for Republican Pat McCrory or Democrat Roy Cooper?

Roy Cooper	76%
Pat McCrory	24%
Someone else	0%

9. Has Donald Trump – because of the kind of person he is or because of something he has done or said, ever made you feel ... ?

	Angry	Afraid	Proud	Hopeful
Yes	68%	54%	14%	21%
No	29%	42%	81%	75%
Don't know	4%	3%	5%	4%

10. How about Hillary Clinton? Has Clinton – because of the kind of person she is or because of something she has done or said, ever made you feel ... ?

	Angry	Afraid	Proud	Hopeful
Yes	38%	25%	51%	62%
No	59%	73%	45%	35%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	4%

11. For the next few items, please tell me how important each issue is in your decision to vote and who to vote for in this election. Is the issue **the** most important issue, one of the most important issues, only somewhat important, or not really important to your voting decision.

	The most important	One of the most important	Only somewhat important	Not really important	Don't know
A. The economy and jobs	36%	51%	10%	2%	1%
B. Health care	26%	54%	16%	2%	1%
C. Education	24%	58%	14%	3%	1%
D. Race relations	20%	46%	23%	9%	2%
E. Environment	17%	45%	26%	10%	2%
F. Reproductive rights	14%	33%	27%	22%	4%
G. Immigration	13%	45%	30%	10%	2%

12. For the next set of items, please tell us if you agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with the following statements. **[If agree]** Do you strongly agree or somewhat agree? **[If disagree]** Do you strongly disagree or somewhat disagree?

Employers should be required to pay women and men the same wages for the same work.

Strongly agree	74%
Somewhat agree	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%
Somewhat disagree	2%
Strongly disagree	2%
Don't know	2%

13A. **[split sample]** The federal minimum wage should be raised to \$12 an hour.

Strongly agree	45%
Somewhat agree	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%

Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	11%
Don't know	2%

13B. **[split sample]** The federal minimum wage should be raised to \$15 an hour.

Strongly agree	38%
Somewhat agree	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know	3%

14A. **[split sample]** The 2010 health care law passed by Congress and the President, called Obamacare by many, should be repealed.

Strongly agree	21%
Somewhat agree	13%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	30%
Don't know	4%

14B. **[split sample]** The 2010 health care law passed by Congress and the President, called Obamacare by many, has benefitted millions of Americans and should be strengthened.

Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	25%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%
Somewhat disagree	11%
Strongly disagree	13%
Don't know	3%

15A. **[split sample]** The next President should continue to use his/her executive powers to stop the deportation of immigrant parents of children born in the United States.

Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	17%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	11%
Don't know	3%

15B. **[split sample]** The next President should continue to use his/her executive powers to provide undocumented immigrant youth with legal work permits and temporary relief from deportation.

Strongly agree	28%
Somewhat agree	28%
Neither agree nor disagree	15%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	14%
Don't know	4%

16. Congress should enact stricter gun laws.

Strongly agree	59%
Somewhat agree	17%
Neither agree nor disagree	7%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	9%
Don't know	2%

17A. **[split sample]** The federal government should make college tuition free for middle class families whose children attend a public university.

Strongly agree	37%
Somewhat agree	24%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	12%
Don't know	2%

17B. **[split sample]** The federal government should increase its support of public schools, especially in the areas of teacher training, support, and compensation; reducing class size; and rebuilding decaying schools.

Strongly agree	61%
Somewhat agree	21%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	3%
Don't know	2%

18. Lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgender people should not be discriminated against on the basis of their sexual orientation.

Strongly agree	64%
Somewhat agree	14%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%
Somewhat disagree	6%
Strongly disagree	4%
Don't know	3%

19. Over the past few months, did anyone from a campaign, political party, or some other group not related to a political party like a community organization ask you to vote or register to vote?

Yes	42%
No	57%
Don't know	12%

20. [If Q19="yes"] And who was it that asked you to vote or to register and vote? Was it ...

A. Someone from the Democratic Party or a Democrat candidate?

Yes	59%
No	33%
Don't know	7%

B. Someone from the Republican Party or a Republican candidate?

Yes	32%
No	62%
Don't know	7%

C. Someone from another group not related to a political party?

Yes	46%
No	47%
Don't know	7%

20. [If Q19="yes"] Can you tell me if they came to your home, contacted you by phone, sent an e-mail, or sent mail to your home address?

Door-to-door	29%
Phone	42%
e-mail	34%
Postal mail	36%
Both	34%

22. [If Q19="yes"] When you were contacted, was it mostly in English, mostly in [R's Asian language] or a mix of both?

English	82%
Asian language	5%
Both	11%
Don't know	2%

23. What are your main sources of news and information about politics and elections? Is it Television; Radio; a paper copy of a newspaper, or the Internet, something else? Any other main source of news and information? [**Allow up to two responses**]

Televisions	56%
Internet	53%
Print copy of newspaper	19%
Radio	12%
Something else	4%
Don't know	1%

24. For your news and information about politics from [**Q23 responses**], do you primarily rely on English language sources, Asian language sources, or both English and Asian language sources?

English language	73%
Asian language	10%
Both	17%
Don't know	0%

25. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Republican	14%
Democrat	54%
Independent	26%
Other party	3%
Don't know	2%

B. [If "Republican" or "Democrat"] Do you consider yourself to be a strong [Republican/Democrats] or not so strong?

Strong partisan	52%
Not so strong partisan	45%
Don't know	3%

C. [If "Independent," "Other" or "Don't know"] If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

Republican	19%
Democrat	42%
Neither	28%
Other party	3%
Don't know	7%

Survey Methodology

The Asian American Decisions 2016 Election Eve Poll is a national survey of 2,391 interviews with self-identified Asian Americans who had already voted early, or were certain to vote in the November 8, 2016 general election. The survey was in field between November 1st and November 7th, 2016. 48% of the sample reported voting early and 52% were certain to vote. Interviews were conducted using a blended sample of online surveys (50%) and telephone calls on landlines (30%) and cellphones (20%). Telephone interviews were conducted with live callers and with bilingual interviewers available at the point of contact for those respondents needing a Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, or Vietnamese language interview. Overall, 76% of interviews were completed in English and 24% in an Asian language.

The total sample consists of a nationally representative sample of 863 respondents and state-specific oversamples of between 206 and 248 respondents. The survey's overall margin of error is +/-2 percentage points. The individual states sampled -- Florida, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, California carry a state-specific margin of error ranging from ±6.2% to ±6.8%. The results in these topline have been weighted to reflect the known Census demographics for Asian American adult citizens.

The poll was sponsored by the AAPI Civic Engagement Fund. Other poll sponsors include SEIU, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the National Education Association.

Demographics

S1. Language of interview

English	76%
Vietnamese	9%
Chinese (Mandarin)	7%
Chinese (Cantonese)	2%
Korean	3%
Filipino	3%

S2. Primary race or ethnicity

Indian	25%
Chinese	21%
Vietnamese	16%
Filipino	14%
Korean	9%
Japanese	9%
Other Asian	7%

D1. Finally, for statistical purposes only, we need some information about your demographic background. First, could you tell us if you were born in the United States or another country?

United States	40%
Other country	58%
Don't know / refused	2%

D2. Do you or anyone else in your household belong to a labor union or to an employee association similar to a union?

Yes, R belongs to union	10%
Yes, R household member belongs to union...	9%
No ...	82%

D3. What is the highest level of education you completed? Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Grades 1-8	3%
Some high school	5%
High school graduate or GED degree	17%
Some college / technical school	18%
College graduate	32%
Some graduate or professional school	3%
Graduate or professional degree	21%

D4. Next, what is your current employment status? Please tell me which of the following best describes your status in the past month. **[Accept multiple answers]**

Working full-time	48%
Working part-time	13%
Self-employed	8%
Unemployed	3%
Student	15%
Homemaker	4%
Retired	14%
Permanently disabled	1%
Other [SPECIFY] ...	9
Ref [VOL] ...	99

D5. Are you currently married or living as married with someone?

Yes	59%
No	40%

D6. Please tell us your sex or gender.

Male	49%
Female	48%
Other / refused	3%

D7. In what year were you born?

18-34	30%
35-49	26%
50-64	17%
65 and older	16%
Refused	10%

D8. And finally, what was your total combined household income last year, before taxes?
This question is completely confidential and just used to help classify the responses, but it is very important to our study. Just stop me when I read the correct category.

Less than \$20,000	12%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	9%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	10%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	10%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	9%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	16%
More than \$150,000	17%
Refused	17%