

Topline Results for Chinese, Asian Indian & Filipino Respondents

Findings from a Survey of 700 Asian American Voters nationwide plus 100 each in FL, IL, NV, and VA



Asian American Justice Center
 700 Asian American voters nationwide plus 100 each in FL, NV, VA, and IL
 Final Length: 15 minutes
 Field Dates: April 5-15, 2012

	<i>Total</i> N= 713	<i>Chinese</i> 150	<i>Indian</i> 136	<i>Filipino</i> 121
Gender of respondent				
Men	48	44	57	48
Women	52	56	43	52
Region				
California	39	43	23	55
West	15	12	6	19
Midwest	8	8	10	4
South Central	9	3	19	4
South Atlantic	13	13	20	8
Northeast	15	21	22	10

1. Are you comfortable continuing the interview in English?

Yes	83	67	100	100
No	OFFER LANGUAGE OPTIONS AND CALL BACK			
Chinese	7	33	0	0
Korean	6	0	0	0
Vietnamese	4	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	TERMINATE			

2. First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

Yes	100	100	100	100
No	TERMINATE			
(Don't know/refused)	TERMINATE			

3. Although it is some time from now, what are the chances of you voting in the election for President, Congress, and other offices this November – are you almost CERTAIN to vote, will you PROBABLY vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably NOT going to vote, or are you DEFINITELY not going to vote?

Almost certain	83	77	92	85
Probably	12	17	7	12
50-50	3	4	0	2
Probably not	1	1	0	0
Definitely not	0	0	0	0
(Don't know)	1	1	0	0

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4. Just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **[IF “NO”, ASK:]** What is your race--white, black, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native Hawaiian or something else?

White / Caucasian	TERMINATE			
Black / African American	TERMINATE			
Latino / Hispanic.....	TERMINATE			
Asian / Pacific Islander / Native Hawaiian.....	100	100	100	100
Native American	TERMINATE			
(Other).....	TERMINATE			
(Don't know/refused)	TERMINATE			

5. Which of these best describes your Asian background? Is it Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Indian, Vietnamese, Korean, or some other Asian or Pacific Islander group?

Chinese	21	100	0	0
Japanese.....	6	0	0	0
Filipino	17	0	0	100
Indian.....	19	0	100	0
Vietnamese	11	0	0	0
Korean.....	14	0	0	0
Other (RECORD VERBATIM).....	8	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused)	4	0	0	0

6. **SSA:** Thinking about how things are going in the country, do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction	46	51	54	51
Wrong track.....	37	32	30	37
(Don't know)	18	17	17	12

7. **SSB:** Thinking about how things are going in the country for people like you, do you feel things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction	48	52	56	46
Wrong track.....	36	34	37	39
(Don't know)	16	15	7	14

8. How would you rate how the U.S. economy is doing right now—would you say it is excellent, good, just fair, or poor?

Excellent.....	2	1	5	3
Good.....	17	25	18	20
Just fair.....	48	47	54	42
Poor.....	31	27	22	33
(Don't know)	2	0	1	1
Excellent /good	19	26	23	23
Just fair /poor	79	73	76	75

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Now I'd like to ask you about some people and organizations who have been mentioned in the news recently. For each, please tell me whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression.

If you haven't heard of them {6}, or if you don't know enough about them to have an impression {5}, just say so and we will move on.

[READ NAME.] Do you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of [NAME]?

RANDOMIZE

9. Barack Obama

Very favorable	34	29	51	33
Somewhat favorable	39	46	34	34
Somewhat unfavorable	10	14	5	12
Very unfavorable	10	6	6	13
No opinion	7	4	4	7
Never heard	0	0	0	0
Favorable	73	75	85	67
Unfavorable	20	20	12	26

10. Mitt Romney

Very favorable	6	6	4	11
Somewhat favorable	21	18	18	19
Somewhat unfavorable	21	25	21	20
Very unfavorable	22	21	35	26
No opinion	24	26	20	23
Never heard	5	4	2	1
Favorable	27	24	23	30
Unfavorable	44	46	56	46

11. The Democratic Party

Very favorable	26	25	42	25
Somewhat favorable	39	43	38	37
Somewhat unfavorable	13	13	7	15
Very unfavorable	8	4	6	13
No opinion	14	14	7	11
Never heard	0	0	0	0
Favorable	65	68	80	62
Unfavorable	21	17	13	27

12. The Republican Party

Very favorable	8	4	5	11
Somewhat favorable	20	18	13	25
Somewhat unfavorable	26	30	24	21
Very unfavorable	28	26	43	30
No opinion	18	22	15	13
Never heard	1	1	0	0
Favorable	27	21	18	36
Unfavorable	54	56	67	51

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13. How would you rate the job being done by Barack Obama as President? Is he doing an excellent, good, just fair, or poor job?

Excellent.....	9	9	15	6
Good.....	40	44	48	42
Just fair.....	37	39	30	35
Poor.....	12	7	5	16
(Don't know).....	2	1	1	1
Excellent /good.....	49	53	63	48
Just fair /poor.....	49	47	36	52

14. **SSA:** Assuming Mitt Romney is the nominee for the Republican party, if the election for President was held today and the candidates were: **[RANDOMIZE]**

President Barack Obama, Democrat

And

Former Governor Mitt Romney, Republican

For whom would you vote, or are you undecided?

[IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide, toward whom do you lean?

15. **SSB:** Assuming Rick Santorum is the nominee for the Republican party, if the election for President was held today and the candidates were: **[RANDOMIZE]**

President Barack Obama, Democrat

And

Former Senator Rick Santorum, Republican

For whom would you vote, or are you undecided?

[IF CANDIDATE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide, toward whom do you lean?

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<i>N=</i>	713	150	136	121
<i>Obama vs. Romney</i>				
	<i>N=</i> 630	124	113	112
Obama - strong	44	47	62	43
Obama – not so strong.....	7	12	6	7
Undecided – lean Obama	8	9	7	7
Undecided/don't know	27	24	16	22
Undecided – lean Romney.....	2	2	2	3
Romney – not so strong.....	3	1	2	7
Romney – strong.....	8	5	5	11
(Other).....	0	0	0	2
(Refused)	1	0	1	0
Obama	59	68	76	57
Romney	13	8	8	20
<i>Obama vs. Santorum</i>				
	<i>N=</i> 83	26	23	9
Obama - strong	39	29	69	26
Obama – not so strong.....	9	15	2	4
Undecided – lean Obama	7	17	0	14
Undecided/don't know	29	32	21	17
Undecided – lean Santorum	4	4	7	5
Santorum – not so strong.....	5	1	0	24
Santorum – strong.....	6	1	0	10
(Other).....	1	2	0	0
(Refused)	1	0	0	0
Obama	55	61	72	44
Santorum	15	5	8	39
<i>Obama vs. Republican candidates combined</i>				
Obama - strong	44	44	63	41
Obama – not so strong.....	7	12	6	7
Undecided – lean Obama	8	11	6	8
Undecided/don't know	27	25	17	21
Undecided – lean Republican	3	2	3	3
Republican – not so strong	3	1	1	8
Republican – strong	7	4	4	11
(Other).....	0	0	0	1
(Refused)	1	0	0	0
Obama	59	67	75	56
Republican.....	13	7	8	21

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16. And if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for: **[ROTATE]**

the Republican candidate

Or

the Democratic candidate

In your district, or are you undecided?

[IF CHOICE:] Would you say you support that candidate strongly or not so strongly?

[IF UNDECIDED:] Well, if the election were held today and you had to decide, toward whom do you lean?

Democratic - strong.....	38	38	53	33
Democratic – not so strong	9	7	8	9
Undecided – lean Democratic	6	9	4	4
Undecided/don't know	31	36	25	29
Undecided – lean Republican	4	3	2	5
Republican – not so strong	3	1	1	6
Republican – strong	10	6	5	15
(Refused).....	1	0	0	1
Democratic	52	54	66	45
Republican	17	10	9	25

17. Compared to previous elections, would you say you are more enthusiastic about voting in 2012 than usual, or less enthusiastic than usual? **[IF MORE OR LESS ENTHUSIASTIC:** Is that much more/less enthusiastic or somewhat?]

Much more enthusiastic	24	17	31	31
Somewhat more enthusiastic	26	24	21	29
Somewhat less enthusiastic.....	16	17	18	13
Much less enthusiastic	9	13	8	10
(Same)	22	24	19	17
(Don't know/refused)	3	4	3	1
More enthusiastic	50	42	52	60
Less enthusiastic	25	30	26	22

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Now I'd like to ask you about some issues that might be important in the election. For each, please tell me whether you think the Democratic Party or the Republican Party is doing a better job with this issue, or if there is no difference.

[READ ISSUE.] Do you feel that the Democratic Party or the Republican Party is doing a better job with this issue? Is that a MUCH better job or SOMEWHAT?

RANDOMIZE

18. Jobs and the economy

Democratic party much better	28	22	41	24
Democratic party somewhat better	22	28	20	21
Republican party somewhat better	8	8	8	11
Republican party much better	9	6	6	16
No difference /neither	24	29	20	20
(Don't know)	10	7	6	8
Democratic party much /somewhat better	49	50	61	45
Republican party much /somewhat better	17	15	13	27

19. Health care

Democratic party much better	38	32	52	38
Democratic party somewhat better	19	24	26	17
Republican party somewhat better	6	10	2	7
Republican party much better	7	4	4	15
No difference /neither	18	21	13	13
(Don't know)	11	11	3	10
Democratic party much /somewhat better	57	55	77	55
Republican party much /somewhat better	14	13	7	22

20. Immigration

Democratic party much better	32	20	44	28
Democratic party somewhat better	19	26	16	18
Republican party somewhat better	8	9	5	12
Republican party much better	7	3	7	16
No difference /neither	19	27	23	15
(Don't know)	14	15	5	11
Democratic party much /somewhat better	52	46	60	46
Republican party much /somewhat better	15	12	11	28

21. Standing up for the middle class

Democratic party much better	45	42	61	39
Democratic party somewhat better	18	16	19	17
Republican party somewhat better	6	5	4	7
Republican party much better	7	7	4	13
No difference /neither	15	20	11	15
(Don't know)	9	10	2	9
Democratic party much /somewhat better	63	58	79	56
Republican party much /somewhat better	13	13	7	20

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22. The budget deficit				
Democratic party much better	21	14	29	22
Democratic party somewhat better	14	14	12	17
Republican party somewhat better	9	10	8	10
Republican party much better	9	7	4	19
No difference /neither	33	45	38	22
(Don't know)	14	11	9	9
Democratic party much /somewhat better	35	28	41	39
Republican party much /somewhat better	18	16	12	29
23. Foreign policy				
Democratic party much better	30	22	44	26
Democratic party somewhat better	19	21	21	20
Republican party somewhat better	9	11	5	11
Republican party much better	7	6	4	11
No difference /neither	19	23	17	20
(Don't know)	16	17	9	12
Democratic party much /somewhat better	49	44	65	46
Republican party much /somewhat better	16	16	9	22
24. Sharing your values				
Democratic party much better	35	29	47	39
Democratic party somewhat better	22	28	22	17
Republican party somewhat better	8	7	4	10
Republican party much better	9	7	7	16
No difference /neither	16	18	17	10
(Don't know)	10	11	2	8
Democratic party much /somewhat better	57	57	70	56
Republican party much /somewhat better	16	14	12	26
25. Treating all Americans fairly and equally				
Democratic party much better	42	40	61	38
Democratic party somewhat better	19	20	19	21
Republican party somewhat better	5	8	0	5
Republican party much better	7	4	5	13
No difference /neither	19	22	13	17
(Don't know)	9	6	2	6
Democratic party much /somewhat better	61	60	80	59
Republican party much /somewhat better	11	13	5	18
26. Education				
Democratic party much better	34	30	46	28
Democratic party somewhat better	20	16	24	19
Republican party somewhat better	7	8	3	10
Republican party much better	7	7	4	12
No difference /neither	21	30	19	18
(Don't know)	11	8	4	13
Democratic party much /somewhat better	53	46	70	47
Republican party much /somewhat better	14	15	7	22

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27. Taxes

Democratic party much better	27	23	34	22
Democratic party somewhat better	16	18	18	17
Republican party somewhat better	9	8	9	10
Republican party much better	10	5	11	19
No difference /neither	26	33	24	24
(Don't know)	12	13	4	9
Democratic party much /somewhat better	43	41	52	39
Republican party much /somewhat better	19	14	20	29

28. National security

Democratic party much better	25	20	35	22
Democratic party somewhat better	13	18	18	10
Republican party somewhat better	13	15	11	13
Republican party much better	11	7	9	16
No difference /neither	24	29	19	28
(Don't know)	13	11	8	13
Democratic party much /somewhat better	38	37	53	31
Republican party much /somewhat better	24	22	20	29

ROTATE THE NEXT TWO QUESTIONS:

29. Have you been contacted by the Democratic party in the past two years a great deal, some, a little, or not at all?

A great deal	6	4	12	4
Some	17	15	19	18
A little	19	27	15	20
Not at all	52	46	52	51
(Don't know)	6	8	3	6
A great deal /some	23	19	30	22
A little /not at all	71	73	67	71

30. Have you been contacted by the Republican party in the past two years a great deal, some, a little, or not at all?

A great deal	4	3	3	3
Some	13	10	12	16
A little	13	17	10	14
Not at all	64	62	71	59
(Don't know)	7	8	5	8
A great deal /some	17	13	15	19
A little /not at all	76	79	81	73

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31. **SSA:** On another subject, if a political candidate expressed strongly anti-immigrant views, but you agreed with him or her on other issues, would you still vote for that candidate, or would you vote for someone else?

Still vote.....	34	34	30	36
Someone else	43	38	58	47
(Don't know/Refused).....	23	27	13	16

32. **SSB:** On another subject, if a political candidate expressed strongly anti-Asian views, but you agreed with him or her on other issues, would you still vote for that candidate, or would you vote for someone else?

Still vote.....	26	21	39	25
Someone else	51	62	46	50
(Don't know/Refused).....	22	17	16	25

33. Changing topics, like many people, do you speak a language other than English at home? If so, which language? **CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

Mandarin	13	50	1	4
Cantonese.....	7	29	0	1
Tagalog	7	1	0	42
Hindi	12	1	57	0
Hmong.....	1	0	0	0
Korean.....	12	1	0	0
Vietnamese	11	2	0	2
Other (RECORD VERBATIM).....	12	5	19	17
No.....	27	18	23	36

34. Has language ever been a barrier for you in voting in previous elections?

Yes	12	13	7	8
No.....	86	86	92	91
(Don't know/refused).....	2	1	0	0

IF SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE AT HOME (Q33 =1-8) OR TAKING SURVEY IN A LANGUAGE NOT ENGLISH:

35. For future elections, would in-language assistance make you more or less likely to vote in elections, or would it make no difference? **[IF CHOICE: Is that much more/less likely or somewhat?]**

	N=	521	122	105	77
Much more likely	12	16	4	5	
Somewhat more likely	10	13	9	3	
No difference	71	68	86	91	
Somewhat less likely	1	2	0	1	
Much less likely	1	0	1	0	
(Don't know/refused).....	6	1	0	0	
Much /somewhat more likely	22	29	13	8	
Much /somewhat less likely	2	2	1	1	

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Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

36. Were you born in the United States or were you born in another country?

United States.....	39	41	29	43
Another country.....	58	58	69	56
(Don't know/refused).....	2	2	2	1

IF BORN IN ANOTHER COUNTRY (Q36=2):

37. How old were you when you moved to the United States?

Child (0-12).....	21	16	16	26
Teenager (13-17).....	7	9	7	9
Young adult (18-29).....	33	39	42	27
Adult (30+).....	30	29	23	25
(Don't know /can't remember /refused).....	10	7	13	14

IF BORN IN UNITED STATES (Q36=1):

38. Was either your mother or your father born in a country other than the United States?

Yes, born in another country.....	69	66	86	75
No, born in United States.....	30	32	14	25
(Don't know/refused).....	1	2	0	0

39. Thinking about past elections, did you get a chance to vote in the 2008 presidential election? If so, did you vote for [ROTATE] _Democrat Barack Obama or _Republican John McCain?

Obama.....	56	62	67	52
McCain.....	14	9	7	22
(Neither/other).....	2	3	1	0
Didn't vote.....	17	17	18	17
(Don't remember/refused).....	12	9	7	9

IF VOTED IN 2008 (Q39=1-3):

40. What would you say your main reason was for voting in 2008?

OPEN-END: RECORD VERBATIM AND CODE:

	<i>N=</i>	<i>504</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>89</i>
Civic duty.....	20	19	17	27	
My vote counts.....	4	5	3	5	
A lot on the line/important election.....	5	4	5	11	
Dislike a candidate.....	3	2	2	4	
Like a candidate.....	19	19	18	14	
Proud to participate.....	6	5	4	6	
Cared about a particular issue.....	11	11	13	4	
Other.....	2	1	4	2	
Time for change.....	21	22	26	20	
Party Affiliation.....	7	8	9	6	
None /no reason.....	0	0	0	0	
Don't remember /refused.....	2	3	0	1	

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IF DIDN'T VOTE IN 2008 (Q39=4):

41. What would you say your main reason was for not voting in 2008?

OPEN-END: RECORD VERBATIM AND CODE:

	N=	122	25	24	21
Not eligible		36	32	63	21
Not interested		5	10	0	6
No time		10	5	8	20
Didn't like candidates		6	6	0	4
Didn't know enough about the candidates		7	18	0	13
Didn't understand the process		2	7	0	0
Language barrier		2	3	0	0
Other		11	1	17	14
Out of country /state		13	7	9	6
None /no reason.....		4	3	3	0
Don't remember /refused		5	8	0	16

42. Thinking about news, which of the following sources would you say you use to get news about politics in the United States:

READ CHOICES, SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Newspapers	32	29	32	32
Radio	16	13	20	16
Television	65	65	69	65
Internet and social media	40	40	53	43
Friends and family.....	10	9	10	12
Community organizations and leaders in my community	5	4	5	5
(None)	1	0	0	0
(Don't know/refused).....	3	0	0	2

43. And is the news you watch or read mostly in English, mostly in another language, or an equal mix of both?

English.....	70	59	78	84
Another language.....	12	24	3	4
Equal mix of both	17	18	19	12
(Don't know/refused).....	1	0	1	0

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

[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT ASK:] Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

[IF INDEPENDENT ASK:] Would you say that you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats?

Strong Democrat.....	34	30	49	31
Not so strong Democrat.....	10	16	3	11
Independent - lean Democrat.....	9	10	13	5
Democrat.....	53	56	65	47
Independent.....	21	20	20	21
Republican.....	16	14	9	25
Independent - lean Republican.....	3	5	2	5
Not so strong Republican.....	3	3	2	7
Strong Republican.....	9	6	4	14
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	11	6	7

45. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

ROTATE LIST TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP:

Straight Republican.....	5	2	3	6
Mostly Republican.....	7	7	2	15
A few more Republicans than Democrats.....	3	2	1	3
(Independent/Depends on the person).....	21	20	26	23
A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	8	12	7	9
Mostly Democratic.....	27	29	25	23
Straight Democratic.....	19	16	33	17
(Don't know/Refused).....	10	12	3	4
Republican.....	15	12	6	24
Democratic.....	54	57	64	49

46. What is your age? **[CODE ACTUAL AGE. REFUSED=999]** _____

IF REFUSED: I am going to read you some age categories. Stop me when we get to your category:

18-24 years.....	9	9	8	13
25-29.....	8	7	6	12
30-34.....	9	12	6	8
35-39.....	9	10	15	8
40-44.....	11	13	15	7
45-49.....	9	10	11	7
50-54.....	10	10	11	6
55-59.....	8	9	6	7
60-64.....	7	6	8	7
65-69.....	6	6	7	7
70-74.....	4	3	2	7
Over 75.....	6	4	2	7
(Refused/don't know).....	4	2	3	4

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47. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

[CIRCLE ONE - DO NOT READ]

1 - 11th grade.....	3	4	2	2
High school graduate.....	19	22	10	13
Non-college post H.S.(e.g. tech).....	3	4	1	1
Some college (incl. jr. college or associate degree).....	18	12	17	25
College graduate.....	38	42	42	46
Post-graduate school.....	14	14	27	11
(Don't know).....	6	2	2	2

48. Are you married, unmarried with a partner, single, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Married.....	66	69	77	55
Unmarried with partner.....	3	3	2	3
Single.....	20	23	17	28
Separated/divorced.....	2	2	1	3
Widowed.....	5	3	2	8
(Don't know).....	4	0	2	4

49. Do you have any children eighteen years or younger living at home with you?

Yes.....	30	34	42	21
No.....	65	66	57	78
(Don't know).....	4	1	2	2

50. Are you currently employed full-time, employed part-time, unemployed, retired, or a homemaker?

Employed full-time.....	54	56	67	53
Employed part-time.....	11	9	12	14
Unemployed.....	6	4	5	4
Retired.....	17	19	8	21
Homemaker.....	6	8	6	5
(Don't know/refused).....	6	3	2	3

THIS COMPLETES OUR SURVEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND HAVE A PLEASANT (DAY/EVENING).