Topline Report — AAPI Survey on First 100 Days: Asian-American and Pacific Islander Registered Voters

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Introduction: polling methodology

This survey was fielded online from May 2 – 7, 2025. The sample size is 1,122 Asian-American and Pacific Islander registered voters.

The sample was recruited through Cint's Lucid Marketplace from a diverse set of panel providers, employing quota sampling to maximize representativeness. We also generate and apply respondent-level survey weights to account for remaining observable sample imbalance on age, gender, census region, and education.

The margin-of-error for a sample of this size is approximately $\pm$ 2.93 (with 0.95 confidence).

Right direction / wrong track

Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

Response	Topline (%)
Generally headed in the right direction	30.1
Off on the wrong track	61.8
Not sure	8.1

Did you vote in 2024?

Did you vote in the 2024 presidential election between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris?

Response	Topline (%)
No	9.7
Yes	90.3

Presidential vote choice in 2024

[IF RESPONDENT VOTED IN 2024]

Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

Response	Topline (%)
Donald Trump (Republican)	39.4
Kamala Harris (Democrat)	55.6
Another candidate	5.0

Non-voters in 2024: reason

What were some of the main reasons you did not vote in the 2024 presidential election? *Select all that apply to you.*

Reason why resp. didn't vote	Percent
Not interested	37.8
Too busy to vote	25.5
Other	18.4
I did not vote out of protest	12.2
Transportation issues	12.2
Illness or disability	6.1
Not enough early voting times	6.1
Long wait times at the polls	4.1
Language access issues	1.0
Restrictive voter ID requirements	1.0

Did you vote in 2020?

Now, thinking back to the 2020 presidential election between Joe Biden and Donald Trump, did you vote in the 2020 presidential election?

Response	Topline (%)
No	20.3
Yes	79.7

Presidential vote choice in 2020

Who did you vote for in the 2020 presidential election between Joe Biden and Donald Trump?

Response	Topline (%)
Joe Biden (Democrat)	61.4
Donald Trump (Republican)	35.6
Another candidate	3.0

Party ID

Which political party do you feel closest to?

[IF DEM OR REP] Do you consider yourself a strong [PARTY] or not a very strong [PARTY]?

[IF INDEPENDENT OR OTHER] Do you consider yourself closer to the Republican party or the Democratic party?

Response	Topline (%)
Dem: strong	23.6
Dem: not strong	19.9
Ind: lean Dem	7.9
Ind: neither party	15.0
Ind: lean Rep	5.8
Rep: not strong	14.5
Rep: strong	13.4

Has respondent switched party affiliations in the past?

Was there ever a time you felt closer to a different political party than the political party you feel closest to now?

Response	Topline (%)
No	64.3
Yes	35.7

Does respondent vote for candidates from different parties?

How often do you vote for candidates from a different political party?

Response	Topline (%)
Very often	3.8
Often	8.7
Sometimes	35.6
Rarely	32.9
Never	18.9

Political ideology

How would you describe yourself politically?

Response	Topline (%)
Very liberal	8.7
Liberal	12.0
Somewhat liberal	12.7
Moderate / Middle-of-the-Road	38.3
Somewhat conservative	12.6
Conservative	10.2
Very conservative	5.5

Issue importance

We would now like to ask you about the issues that are most important to you when you vote. For each of the issues below, please tell us how important (or not important) that issue is to you when you vote.

[ISSUE ORDER RANDOMIZED]

Jobs and the economy

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	75.4
Somewhat important	20.3
Only a little important	3.7
Not important	0.6

Inflation / prices

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	77.5
Somewhat important	18.6
Only a little important	2.6
Not important	1.4

Immigration

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	51.9
Somewhat important	33.0
Only a little important	11.1
Not important	4.0

Climate change and the environment

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	47.7
Somewhat important	30.1
Only a little important	15.3
Not important	7.0

Foreign policy

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	42.9
Somewhat important	43.6
Only a little important	10.3
Not important	3.2

National security

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	60.5
Somewhat important	30.5
Only a little important	6.8
Not important	2.2

Education

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	60.0
Somewhat important	29.6
Only a little important	8.2
Not important	2.2

Health care

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	71.3
Somewhat important	23.2
Only a little important	4.5
Not important	1.0

Taxes and government spending

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	63.3
Somewhat important	30.2
Only a little important	5.0
Not important	1.4

Abortion

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	42.6
Somewhat important	30.2
Only a little important	18.2
Not important	9.0

Civil rights and equality

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	58.7
Somewhat important	29.1
Only a little important	9.2
Not important	3.0

Civil liberties and constitutional protections

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	53.5
Somewhat important	35.4
Only a little important	8.6
Not important	2.5

Gun control

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	54.4
Somewhat important	28.9
Only a little important	10.3
Not important	6.3

Fighting crime

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	62.1
Somewhat important	29.0
Only a little important	7.0
Not important	2.0

Criminal justice reform

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	47.4
Somewhat important	38.5
Only a little important	11.0
Not important	3.1

The war between Israel and Hamas

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	28.0
Somewhat important	40.8
Only a little important	21.2
Not important	10.0

The US-Iran nuclear talks

Response	Topline (%)
Very important	28.5
Somewhat important	43.0
Only a little important	20.4
Not important	8.1

Most important issue

Now, please tell us which of these issues is the most important issue for you.

[ISSUE ORDER RANDOMIZED]

Response	Topline (%)
Inflation/prices	26.6
Jobs and the economy	18.3
Health care	9.7
Immigration	6.1
Civil liberties and constitutional protections	5.7
Civil rights and equality	5.5
Taxes and government spending	5.4
Climate change and the enviornment	4.3
National security	3.8
Abortion	3.1
Gun control	3.0
Fighting crime	2.7
Education	2.3
The war between Israel and Hamas	2.0
Foreign policy	0.8
Criminal justice reform	0.7
The US-Iran nuclear talks	0.0

Trump approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	13.2
Somewhat approve	18.5
Neither approve nor disapprove	9.6
Somewhat disapprove	13.3
Strongly disapprove	45.5

Trump approval on specific issues

Now, please tell us if you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following specific issues:

[ISSUE ORDER RANDOMIZED]

Jobs and the economy

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	14.5
Somewhat approve	17.5
Neither approve nor disapprove	13.6
Somewhat disapprove	16.5
Strongly disapprove	37.9

Immigration

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	24.4
Somewhat approve	15.9
Neither approve nor disapprove	11.1
Somewhat disapprove	12.0
Strongly disapprove	36.6

Inflation / prices

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	11.6
Somewhat approve	14.7
Neither approve nor disapprove	12.7
Somewhat disapprove	16.2
Strongly disapprove	44.8

Civil rights and equality

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	13.6
Somewhat approve	15.5
Neither approve nor disapprove	20.3
Somewhat disapprove	11.6
Strongly disapprove	38.9

Civil liberties and constitutional protections

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	12.5
Somewhat approve	17.5
Neither approve nor disapprove	19.4
Somewhat disapprove	12.0
Strongly disapprove	38.6

Tariffs and trade

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	11.7
Somewhat approve	15.7
Neither approve nor disapprove	10.3
Somewhat disapprove	11.5
Strongly disapprove	50.8

Government spending and efficiency

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	19.4
Somewhat approve	17.2
Neither approve nor disapprove	12.2
Somewhat disapprove	14.6
Strongly disapprove	36.6

Israel / Hamas War

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	11.8
Somewhat approve	16.2
Neither approve nor disapprove	27.8
Somewhat disapprove	13.3
Strongly disapprove	31.0

US–Iran nuclear talks

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	10.8
Somewhat approve	18.3
Neither approve nor disapprove	32.8
Somewhat disapprove	10.8
Strongly disapprove	27.3

Trump's 100 days: US better or worse

Would you say things in the United States have generally gotten better or have things generally gotten worse in the first 100 days of Donald Trump's second presidential term?

Response	Topline (%)
Much better	8.4
Somewhat better	15.7
Stayed about the same	14.5
Somewhat worse	19.7
Much worse	41.7

Trump's 100 days: respondent's personal economic situation better or worse

Thinking about your own family's personal economic situation, has your economic situation become better or worse in the first 100 days of Donald Trump's second presidential term?

Response	Topline (%)
Much better	5.5
Somewhat better	10.5
Stayed about the same	36.7
Somewhat worse	26.4
Much worse	20.9

Confidence in Trump after 100 days: specific issues

After what you've seen and experienced during the first 100 days of Donald Trump's second presidential term, are you more confident or less confident in the Trump administration's ability to handle each of these specific issues?

Jobs and the economy

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	54.7
More confident	22.9
No change	22.3

Immigration

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	47.5
More confident	35.2
No change	17.3

Inflation / prices

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	60.6
More confident	20.4
No change	19.1

Civil rights and equality

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	51.1
More confident	19.4
No change	29.4

Civil liberties and constitutional protections

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	50.6
More confident	18.9
No change	30.4

Tariffs and trade

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	61.7
More confident	22.1
No change	16.2

Government spending and efficiency

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	49.7
More confident	30.1
No change	20.1

The war between Israel and Hamas

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	43.6
More confident	19.5
No change	36.9

The US–Iran nuclear talks

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	41.2
More confident	18.3
No change	40.5

The war between Russia and Ukraine

Response	Topline (%)
Less confident	46.7
More confident	19.8
No change	33.5

Economy past year: stronger / weaker

Do you think the economy is stronger or weaker than it was a year ago?

Response	Topline (%)
Stronger	20.7
The same	18.6
Weaker	60.7

Trump satisfaction: lower cost of living

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with President Trump's efforts to bring down the costs of everyday living?

Response	Topline (%)
Very satisfied	8.0
Satisfied	14.4
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	17.8
Dissatisfied	17.3
Very dissatisfied	42.5

Financial security since 1 year ago

Do you feel more certain or less certain about your financial security than you did a year ago?

Response	Topline (%)
Less certain	56.7
More certain	19.6
No change	23.7

Tariffs support

Do you support or oppose President Trump's tariff policies?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	7.0
Support	19.0
Neither support nor oppose	12.5
Oppose	19.2
Strongly oppose	42.2

Beliefs on effects of tariffs

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Response	Topline (%)
President Trump's tariffs will achieve fair trade for the United States, revive our country's manufacturing sector, and boost government revenue	34.1
President Trump's tariffs will lower economic growth and increase prices	65.9

Immigration approach (broadly), harsh / soft

Do you think Donald Trump's approach to immigration is too harsh, too soft, or about right?

Response	Topline (%)
Too harsh	56.0
About right	40.5
Too soft	3.5

Deportation approach (lawful immigrants): harsh / soft

Now, thinking specifically about Donald Trump's efforts to deport immigrants who are living in the United States **legally** (with *legal status* and documentation), do you think these efforts are too harsh, too soft, or about right?

Response	Topline (%)
Too harsh	67.3
About right	29.8
Too soft	2.9

Deportation approach (undocumented immigrants): harsh / soft

Do you think Donald Trump's efforts to deport immigrants living in the United States **illegally** (*without legal status* or documentation) are too harsh, too soft, or about right?

Response	Topline (%)
Too harsh	42.8
About right	49.9
Too soft	7.2

Deportation: which classes of immigrants

In deciding whether immigrants living in the United States illegally (without legal status or documentation) should be deported, which of the following groups should be deported?

Those who have committed violent crimes

Response	Topline (%)
No, should not be deported	7.7
Yes, should be deported	92.3

Those who have lived in the United States for a decade or longer

Response	Topline (%)
No, should not be deported	70.1
Yes, should be deported	29.9

Those who are parents of children born in the United States

Response	Topline (%)
No, should not be deported	74.7
Yes, should be deported	25.3

Those who are married to a United States citizen

Response	Topline (%)
No, should not be deported	81.5
Yes, should be deported	18.5

Those who have a job

Response	Topline (%)
No, should not be deported	69.2
Yes, should be deported	30.8

Deportation without due process: support / oppose

The federal government is currently pursuing a policy where immigrants are being deported from the United States without having their cases heard by a judge. Do you support or oppose this policy?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	8.1
Somewhat support	12.1
Neutral	19.1
Somewhat oppose	15.3
Strongly oppose	45.4

Deportation of student protestors: support / oppose

The federal government is currently pursuing a policy where some international students who are in the United States legally to study at a university are being deported for participating in protests. Do you support or oppose this policy?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	12.2
Somewhat support	15.6
Neutral	16.8
Somewhat oppose	13.0
Strongly oppose	42.4

Deportation to El Salvador using wartime law: support / oppose

The federal government is currently pursuing a policy in which they use an 18th century wartime law to deport undocumented immigrants from many different countries to a prison in the country of El Salvador. Do you support or oppose this policy?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	11.2
Somewhat support	15.3
Neutral	20.0
Somewhat oppose	13.0
Strongly oppose	40.5

Change to birthright citizenship: support / oppose

The Trump administration issued an executive order that tried to change "birthright citizenship" by denying children who are born in the United States to undocumented parents from having US citizenship. Do you support or oppose this executive order?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	11.8
Somewhat support	14.6
Neutral	16.8
Somewhat oppose	15.2
Strongly oppose	41.7

Deportation: is the federal government making mistakes?

Do you think the federal government is making mistakes, or not, in who they are deporting?

Response	Topline (%)
Many mistakes	46.3
Some mistakes	26.8
Only a few mistakes	18.9
No mistakes	8.0

Deportation: should Trump admin. obey court orders?

Do you think the Trump administration should obey court orders, or not, when deporting immigrants?

Response	Topline (%)
No, do not obey court orders	13.4
Not sure	17.6
Yes, obey court orders	69.0

Deportation: support / oppose allowing enforcement in sensitive locations

The federal government has recently begun conducting immigration enforcement actions in areas that they previously had not been allowed to enter. Please tell us which of these statements is closest to your own opinion:

Response	Topline (%)
Immigration enforcement officials should be able to conduct their actions wherever is necessary to find and deport illegal immigrants	39.3
Immigration enforcement officials should not be allowed to conduct their actions in sensitive locations like schools, hospitals, and churches	60.7

Funding cuts for non-cooperative local governments on deportation: support / oppose

The Trump administration has threatened to cut federal funding from states and cities that do not cooperate with federal deportation efforts. Would you support or oppose these cuts in funding?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	13.8
Somewhat support	15.6
Neutral	18.5
Somewhat oppose	12.2
Strongly oppose	39.8

Approval of federal workforce and gov't spending cuts

Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Trump administration has tried to shrink the federal workforce and dismantle some federal agencies?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	12.7
Somewhat approve	16.9
Neutral	15.0
Somewhat disapprove	15.7
Strongly disapprove	39.6

DEI removal and teaching of American history

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Response	Topline (%)
Eliminating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs will ensure that American history is celebrated accurately, fairly, and with pride.	35.3
Eliminating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs will promote a revisionist view of American history and will set back much of the progress that has been made in combatting discrimination and protecting civil rights.	64.7

Support for DEI programs in various institutions

Do you support diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs in. . .

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The federal government

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	34.3
Support	23.2
Neither support nor oppose	18.8
Oppose	10.8
Strongly oppose	12.9

Local government

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	34.0
Support	24.2
Neither support nor oppose	19.7
Oppose	9.7
Strongly oppose	12.4

Public schools (K-12)

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	37.9
Support	23.5
Neither support nor oppose	16.1
Oppose	10.0
Strongly oppose	12.5

Colleges and universities

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	36.3
Support	23.8
Neither support nor oppose	16.8
Oppose	9.9
Strongly oppose	13.2

Businesses

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	33.7
Support	25.3
Neither support nor oppose	18.5
Oppose	10.8
Strongly oppose	11.6

Foreign policy: "expansionism" support

Do you support or oppose President Trump's efforts to...

Take control of the Panama Canal

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	10.3
Support	13.2
Neither support nor oppose	23.7
Oppose	13.9
Strongly oppose	38.8

Take control of Greenland

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	6.6
Support	9.1
Neither support nor oppose	24.6
Oppose	14.8
Strongly oppose	44.9

Make Canada the 51st state

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly support	5.0
Support	8.6
Neither support nor oppose	22.0
Oppose	16.1
Strongly oppose	48.2

Restrictions on Chinese investment in the US: support / oppose

Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's directive to restrict China-affiliated investors from investing in technology, critical infrastructure, health care, agriculture, energy, raw materials, and other strategic sectors in the United States?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	16.3
Somewhat approve	20.8
Neutral	24.9
Somewhat disapprove	15.2
Strongly disapprove	22.8

Trump policies toward China: approve / disapprove

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's policies toward China?

Response	Topline (%)
Strongly approve	13.7
Somewhat approve	19.8
Neutral	22.1
Somewhat disapprove	18.3
Strongly disapprove	26.1

Belief in likelihood of Trump securing Ukraine–Russia deal

Do you think President Trump will broker a peace deal to end the war between Russia and Ukraine?

Response	Topline (%)
Yes, definitely	7.4
Yes, probably	17.1
Maybe	28.8
No, probably not	23.1
No, definitely not	23.6

Belief in likelihood of Trump securing Israel–Hamas deal

Do you think President Trump will broker a peace deal to end the war between Israel and Hamas?

Response	Topline (%)
Yes, definitely	7.1
Yes, probably	12.7
Maybe	26.9
No, probably not	26.1
No, definitely not	27.2

Overall assessment of Trump's second term prospects

Which of the following statements best describes your views on President Trump's second term in office?

Response	Topline (%)
I support President Trump's policies and I am optimistic about where the country is headed	22.1
I have mixed views about President Trump's job performance so far	29.3
I oppose President Trump's policies and I am concerned about where the country is headed	48.6