



AAIPP Bulletin

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Immigration

A recent Pew Research Center [survey of U.S. adults](#), conducted June 2-8, 2025, finds that Americans have mixed views of the Trump administration’s overall approach to immigration, with 42% approving and 47% disapproving. Their views largely split along partisan lines, with Republicans broadly supportive and Democrats opposed.

- 78% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents approve of the administration’s approach to immigration, including 51% who strongly approve. Just 12% disapprove.
- In contrast, 81% of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents disapprove, with 63% strongly disapproving. Just 9% approve.

Americans' Views of Trump Administration Immigration Actions by Race & Ethnicity					
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian
<i>Which comes closer to your view about undocumented immigrants?</i>					
They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	34%	41%	21%	16%	36%
Should be ways for undocumented immigrants to stay in the country legally, if requirements met.	65%	58%	78%	83%	63%
<i>% who say there should be a national law enforcement effort to deport all immigrants now living in the country illegally.</i>					
	31%	38%	17%	14%	30%
Among Democrats & Democratic leaners	8%	7%	12%	5%	11%
Among Republicans & Republican leaners	56%	61%	38%	31%	53%
<i>% who say they approve of each of the following actions:</i>					
Using state/local law enforcement to aid federal deportation efforts	50%	59%	28%	31%	58%
More federal employees working on deportation efforts	49%	56%	31%	34%	45%
Offering funds to undocumented immigrants if they leave the U.S. voluntarily	49%	51%	34%	45%	59%
ICE conducting more raids where undocumented immigrants may be working	45%	53%	28%	29%	39%
More facilities for holding undocumented immigrants while they await deportation decisions	43%	49%	28%	36%	39%
Ending Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for many who had it	39%	44%	23%	32%	39%
Suspending most applications for asylum	39%	43%	25%	33%	34%
Deporting some undocumented immigrants to a prison in El Salvador	37%	42%	23%	30%	32%

Source: Pew Research Center Survey of U.S. adults conducted June 2-8, 2025

A majority (65%) of Americans say there should be ways for immigrants who are currently living in the country illegally to stay legally if certain requirements are met. While majorities across racial and ethnic groups share this view, Hispanic (83%) and Black (78%) adults are more likely than Asian (63%) and White (58%) adults to say this.

31% of U.S. adults say there should be a national deportation effort. Overall, 38% of White adults and 30% of Asian adults say there should be a national effort to deport immigrants in the country illegally, while far smaller shares of Black (17%) and Hispanic (14%) adults hold this view. Similarly, there is a partisan divide on national deportation across demographic groups.

A majority of Americans disapprove of the Trump administration’s several controversial immigration actions, including deporting some undocumented immigrants to El Salvador, suspending most applications for asylum, ending Temporary Protected Status, having more facilities for holding undocumented immigrants while they await deportation decisions, and ICE conducting more raids on workplaces. The public is roughly split on using state and local law enforcement to aid in deportation efforts, significantly increasing the number of federal employees who are working on such deportation efforts, and offering funds to undocumented immigrants if they self deport.

Opinions among Asian Americans vary widely across the policies: Majorities approve of using state and local law enforcement to help with deportation efforts (58%) and offering funds to those here illegally who self-deport (59%). Support for other policies is far less.

The Trump Presidency

The latest [Harvard CAPS Harris poll](#) of registered voters conducted on June 11-12, 2025 shows that President Trump’s approval is at 46%. Just over half of White voters and Asian voters say they approve.

President Trump Job Approval by Race & Ethnicity - June 2025		All Voters	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
<i>Would you say that your personal financial situation is improving or getting worse?</i>							
Improving		32%	30%	42%	28%	44%	26%
Getting worse		42%	41%	40%	50%	29%	57%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald J. Trump is doing as President of the United States?</i>							
Approve (Net)		46%	52%	30%	34%	52%	27%
Disapprove (Net)		50%	46%	63%	58%	47%	64%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the Republican Party is handling its job?</i>							
Approve (Net)		47%	52%	35%	40%	52%	20%
Disapprove (Net)		53%	48%	65%	60%	48%	80%
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the Democratic Party is handling its job?</i>							
Approve (Net)		42%	37%	61%	46%	48%	48%
Disapprove (Net)		58%	63%	39%	54%	52%	52%
<i>What would you say are the most important issues facing the country today?</i>							
Price increases / inflation		34%	34%	27%	36%	38%	68%
Immigration		32%	34%	23%	29%	45%	22%

Source: Harvard CAP - Harris poll of registered voters conducted online on June 11-12, 2025

A third of voters say their personal financial situation is improving, while 42% say it is getting worse, compared to 26% and 45% respectively in November 2024. A plurality of Asian voters (44%) say their personal financial situation is improving.

[An AtlasIntel national poll](#) conducted May 21-27, 2025 shows President Trump at a similar overall approval rating of 44.5%. A majority of U.S. adults across all Demographic groups disapprove of President Trump's job performance.

Views of U.S. Adults: Presidential approval, Opinion on Tariffs, Economic Expectations, Trust in Institutions, dterm Election Scenarios (by race & ethnicity)							
		U.S. Adults	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
<i>Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?</i>							
Approve		44.5%	47.6%	28.0%	41.3%	42.7%	39.6%
Disapprove		54.4%	51.8%	72.0%	58.7%	57.3%	47.2%
<i>Are you in favor of or against the tariffs announced by the Trump administration?</i>							
Completely in favor		25.1%	26.3%	6.0%	28.9%	31.4%	26.8%
Mostly in favor		18.0%	19.4%	22.0%	6.5%	14.7%	26.0%
Mostly against		11.2%	9.6%	17.8%	15.4%	16.6%	7.2%
Completely against		44.7%	43.4%	54.2%	49.3%	33.2%	40.0%
Don't know		1.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%
<i>Are you in favor of or against placing tariffs on imports from the following countries?</i>							
China	In favor	53.0%	55.6%	41.1%	45.3%	46.5%	55.4%
	Against	39.0%	35.6%	57.9%	47.7%	30.0%	41.9%
	Don't know	8.0%	8.8%	1.0%	7.0%	23.5%	2.7%
Mexico	In favor	41.0%	41.8%	34.4%	37.9%	38.7%	49.0%
	Against	56.0%	53.3%	65.6%	61.8%	59.5%	49.9%
	Don't know	4.0%	4.9%	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%	1.0%
E.U.	In favor	41.0%	41.0%	34.4%	40.2%	38.7%	47.9%
	Against	54.0%	52.5%	64.4%	55.7%	59.5%	51.0%
	Don't know	5.0%	6.5%	1.2%	4.1%	1.8%	1.1%
Canada	In favor	39.0%	39.0%	34.4%	37.9%	38.7%	48.9%
	Against	58.0%	56.7%	65.6%	61.8%	59.5%	50.2%
	Don't know	3.0%	4.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%	1.0%
<i>What is your expectation regarding the U.S. economy, job market, and your family's economic situation six months from now?</i>							
U.S. Economy	Will get better	40.0%	46.7%	0.0%	28.2%	43.4%	40.0%
	Will stay the same	8.0%	5.7%	9.7%	19.2%	0.0%	0.0%
	Will get worse	52.0%	47.6%	90.3%	52.5%	56.6%	60.0%
Job Market	Will get better	39.0%	45.5%	0.0%	28.2%	43.4%	38.9%
	Will stay the same	11.0%	9.6%	9.7%	16.7%	2.3%	11.0%
	Will get worse	51.0%	44.9%	90.3%	55.0%	54.2%	50.1%
Family Economic Situation	Will get better	35.0%	42.6%	0.0%	28.2%	4.6%	17.9%
	Will stay the same	26.0%	22.6%	41.6%	20.5%	69.7%	39.4%
	Will get worse	39.0%	34.8%	58.4%	51.3%	25.6%	42.6%
<i>In your opinion, are rulings by federal judges that block part of President Trump's agenda motivated mainly by political bias or genuine interest in applying the law?</i>							
Genuine interest in applying the law		50.5%	48.7%	61.8%	54.7%	49.0%	44.6%
Political bias		47.4%	49.6%	38.2%	39.5%	46.9%	55.3%
Don't know		2.1%	1.7%	0.0%	5.9%	4.1%	0.0%
<i>If the midterm elections for the House of Representatives were held today, who would you be most likely to vote for?</i>							
The Democratic candidate		50.9%	49.4%	67.1%	49.3%	55.5%	45.7%
The Republican candidate		41.7%	44.2%	27.1%	34.8%	43.1%	49.7%
Don't know		7.1%	6.1%	5.2%	15.4%	1.4%	3.8%
Would not vote		0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%

Source: AtlasIntel U.S. National poll of U.S. adults conducted on May 21 - 27, 2025

On tariff policy, a majority (56%) of U.S. adults are not in favor of the tariffs announced by the Trump administration, including 45% who are completely against them. Among Asian adults, half are against while 46% are in favor of the announced tariffs.

Regarding tariffs on imports from specific countries, a majority of U.S. adults are against placing tariffs on imports from Mexico, the European Union, and Canada but are in favor of such tariffs imposed on China. Asian adults share a similar view on tariffs with respect to Mexico, the European Union, and Canada. When it comes to China, their responses are more mixed, with 46.5% in favor, 30% against, and, interestingly, 23.5% “don’t know”.

On economic expectations, a majority of U.S. adults expect that the U.S. economy and the job market will get worse six months from now, while a plurality (39%) expect their family economic situation will get worse. Asian adults share similar expectations concerning the U.S. economy and the job market. Regarding their family economic situation, a significant majority (70%) expect it to stay the same six months from now.

On judicial rulings, just half of U.S. adults believe that rulings by federal judges that block part of President Trump’s agenda are motivated mainly by their genuine interest in applying the law, but as high as 47% say that the rulings are motivated by the judges’ political bias. Such polarization is also reflected in Asian adults’ responses.

On midterm elections, about half of U.S. adults indicate that they would most likely vote for the Democratic candidate if the midterm elections for the House of Representatives were held today, while 42% would vote for the Republican candidate. Similarly, 56% of Asian adults would vote for the Democratic candidate, 43% for the Republican candidate.

Profile of the Asian American Electorate

Based on results from two AAIPP voter surveys conducted in [November 2024](#) and [May 2025](#), Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) registered voters nationally have the following characteristics:

- By party affiliation, 43% of AAPI registered voters are Democrats, followed by 29% independent and 28% Republicans.
- AAPI voters do not consider their party affiliations as strong. Only 23% AAPI voters identify strongly as Democrats, and 13% strongly as Republicans.
- With respect to their political ideology, 38% of AAPI voters consider themselves moderate or middle of the road, while 34% consider themselves liberal and 28% conservative.
- By gender, a plurality of AAPI male and female voters are Democrats, 37% and 44% respectively. 33% of AAPI male voters are Republicans, 30% independents. 27% of AAPI female voters are Republicans, 29% independents.
- In terms of political ideology, AAPI female voters are more liberal than their male counterparts, 37% to 31%. However, both AAPI female and male voters

occupy a similar “moderate or middle of the road” lane, 36% and 37% respectively.

- By age, the Democratic share of AAPI voters decreases from 48% among those aged 18-29 to 40% among those aged 30-49, and to 36% among the 50+. The Republican share, however, stays around 30 or 31% across age groups. The share of AAPI voters who identify themselves as independents increases from 26% among those 18-29 to 29% among those 30-49 and to 33% among the 50+.
- By political ideology, younger AAPI voters are much more liberal than their older counterparts. About half (49%) of AAPI voters aged 18-29 consider themselves politically liberal. The liberal percentage declines to 32% among those 30-49 and to 26% among the 50+. Conversely, the percentage of AAPI voters who consider themselves conservative increases by age, from 23% among those 18-29 to 29% among those 30-49 and to 34% among the 50+. A plurality of AAPI voters aged 30-49 and 50+, 39% and 40% respectively, consider themselves politically moderate or middle of the road.

Recent Releases

[The State of Anti-AAPI Hate in 2024](#)

Stop AAPI Hate (June 2025)

This second annual State of Anti-AA/PI Hate report conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago confirms that over half of AA/PI adults (53%) and almost 3 in 4 AA/PI young adults (74%) experienced a hate act last year due to their race, ethnicity, or nationality. 40% of AAPI adults who experienced hate said it had negative effects on their health, while nearly as many (36%) said it decreased their sense of belonging.

[How Much Discrimination Do Americans Say Groups Face in the U.S.?](#)

Pew Research Center (May 20, 2025)

This survey of U.S. adults conducted April 7-13 finds that large majorities of Americans say numerous groups in the United States face at least some discrimination, including immigrants, transgender people and members of different racial and religious groups. Nearly three-quarters of Americans say Black people (74%) and Hispanic people (72%) face at least some discrimination. About two-thirds (66%) say Asian people face a lot of or some discrimination. While there is a widespread perception that immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally face discrimination, 65% say immigrants who are *legally* in this country also face a lot of or some bias. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say most of the groups asked about face at least some discrimination. But there are exceptions among certain groups.

[War, Race, and Culture: Journeys in Trans-Pacific and Asian American Histories](#)

Gordon H. Chang

Stanford University Press (May 2025)

Historian Gordon H. Chang’s anthology brings together significant essays, developing conversations across his broad-ranging research interests and personal history and engaging a range of topics, from diplomatic history and Asian American history to art history. Essays examine the many ways that race, especially regarding Asian

Americans, connects important historical episodes and social issues. This book highlights Professor Chang's abiding interest in providing historical context for issues facing Asian Americans, particularly during a time of rising geopolitical tensions and anti-Asian violence.

[U.S.-born Older Asians' Diminishing Health Advantage Relative to Other Racial Groups, 2005-2022](#)

Leafia Zi Ye, Hui Zheng

The Journals of Gerontology (May 15, 2025)

Asian Americans are no longer the healthiest racial group among older U.S.-born adults. Non-Hispanic white Americans now report lower rates of disability in this age group, marking a shift in health trends. The findings reveal that, over the past two decades, the prevalence of disability has declined across every other racial group, including non-Hispanic white, Black, Hispanic and Indigenous populations, but has remained stagnant among Asian populations in the U.S. Researchers suggest that rising income inequality may help explain these patterns.

[The Intergenerational Health Effects of Forced Displacement: Japanese American Incarceration during WWII](#)

Daniel Grossman, Umair Khalil, Laura Panza

Journal of Public Economics (February 2025)

The researchers study the intergenerational health consequences of forced displacement and incarceration of Japanese Americans in the US during WWII. Incarcerated mothers had babies who were less healthy at birth. This decrease in health represents a shift in the entire birthweight distribution due to exposure to prison camps. Imprisoned individuals were less likely to have children with fathers of other ethnic groups but were more likely to invest in education and participate in the labor market. Despite these positive human capital effects, the researchers find a negative effect of incarceration on intergenerational health.

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