



Asian American Election Eve Poll – November 2012

1. Today, 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 2012 election, or like most people, have you not had a chance to vote just yet?

Yes, already voted	44%
No	56%
Don't know	*0%

2. Thinking about the 2012 election, what are the most important issues facing the Asian American community that our politicians should address?

Fix the economy / create more jobs	58%
Health care	20%
Education reform / schools	20%
Civil Rights / Immigration	13%
Foreign policy / international affairs	6%
Address Taxes	4%
Women's issues	3%
Terrorism / Security	3%
Housing / mortgages	2%
Global warming / environment	1%
Gas prices / energy prices / oil	1%
Something else	8%
Don't know	10%

3. In the election for U.S. House of Representatives, (Did/Will) you vote for the (Democratic/Republican) candidate or the (Democratic/Republican) candidate in your district?

Democrat	73%
Republican	27%

4. In the election for President, (Did/Will) you vote for the (Democratic candidate Barack Obama, Republican candidate Mitt Romney), or someone else?

Barack Obama	72%
Mitt Romney	26%
Someone else	3%

5. ***Proposition 30 is the Temporary Taxes to Fund Education, Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding initiative. It increases taxes on earnings over 250,000 dollars for seven years and increases sales taxes by a quarter of one cent for four years, to fund schools and guarantees public safety realignment funding. If the election were being held today, would you vote YES or NO on Proposition 30? (Base =California Only)***

Yes	73%
No	27%

6. ***As you may know, the U.S. budget deficit is currently about 1.4 trillion dollars. There are a number of different solutions being discussed for reducing this deficit. These are cutting existing programs, raising taxes on the wealthy, or some combination of the two. Which approach do you think is best?***

Only spending cuts	14%
Raising taxes on the wealthy	26%
Combination of tax increases & spending cuts	45%
None of these	3%
Something else	2%
Don't know	10%

7. ***Do you support or oppose a proposal that would expand the existing federal program that helps low-income people pay their rent?***

Support NET	59%
Strongly support	28%
Somewhat support	31%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	11%
Oppose NET	22%
Don't know	19%

8. ***Do you support or oppose a proposal that would expand a federal program to build new or rehab existing homes that low-income people can afford to rent?***

Support NET	68%
Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	35%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	9%
Oppose NET	16%
Don't know	16%

9. Thinking about everything involved in buying a house, how much would you say you know about the role of government in providing long term or 30-year mortgages?

Very familiar	15%
Somewhat familiar	27%
Not too familiar	26%
Not at all familiar	22%
Don't know	11%

10. When it comes to access to health care, do you think the federal government should play a role to ensure that all people have access to health insurance, or do you think it is better for people to be responsible for getting their own health insurance?

Government should ensure	60%
People should get their own	23%
None of these	5%
Something else	6%
Don't know	6%

11. Do you support comprehensive immigration reform, which would include an eventual path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States, provided they pass a background check, and pay a fine?

Support NET	57%
Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	23%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	17%
Oppose NET	26%
Don't know	18%

12. Over the past few months, did anyone from a campaign, political party, or community organization ask you to vote, or register to vote?

Yes	40%
No	51%
Don't know / can't remember	9%

13. Were you contacted by the Democrats, Republicans, both parties, or by representatives of community organizations? (Base=Those contacted)

Democrats	55%
Republicans	38%
Community Organizations	32%
Don't know	18%

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

Republican	14%
Democrat	41%
Independent	29%
Other party	3%
Don't know	13%

15. If you had to pick, do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party? (Base =Non Partisan)

Republican	19%
Democrat	33%
Neither	31%
Other party	1%
Don't know	16%

16. Thinking about the 2012 campaign for President, would you say that Barack Obama is someone who truly cares about the Asian American community, that he didn't care too much about Asian Americans, or that Obama was hostile towards Asian Americans?

Truly cares	47%
Didn't care too much	26%
Was being hostile	3%
Don't know	24%

17. Thinking about the 2012 campaign for President, would you say that Mitt Romney is someone who truly cares about the Asian American community, that he didn't care too much about Asian Americans, or that Romney was hostile towards Asian Americans?

Truly cares	14%
Didn't care too much	45%
Was being hostile	7%
Don't know	34%

18. In June President Obama announced a new Department of Homeland Security policy to stop the deportation of any undocumented immigrant youth who attends college or serves in the military and to provide them with a legal work permit that is renewable. Did this announcement make you:

More enthusiastic about Obama	35%
Less enthusiastic about Obama	10%
Have no effect	40%
It Depends / Don't know	14%

19. What is your main source of news about politics and community issues?

Newspapers	16%
Radio	7%
Television	41%
Internet	30%
Something else	2%
Don't know	4%