

LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER VOTE,
2008 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

*Preliminary Findings from
The 2008 Southern California Voter Survey*



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*NOTE: Data have not been weighted to approximate voter turnout
Subsequent reporting using weighted data may differ from findings reported here.*

THE 2008 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VOTER SURVEY

Asian Americans as First-Time Voters, Los Angeles County

2008 General Election

Group	Percent First-Time Voters
ASIAN AMERICAN	26%
Asian Indian	32%
Chinese	36%
Filipino	20%
Korean	27%
Vietnamese	20%

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Asian American Presidential Vote in Los Angeles County

Candidate	Percent Supporting
John McCain (R)	30%
Barack Obama (D)	68%
Other	2%

Asian American Presidential Vote in Los Angeles County by Ethnicity

Candidate	Asian Indian	Chinese	Filipino	Korean	Vietnamese
McCain (R)	9%	22%	36%	40%	46%
Obama (D)	90%	75%	63%	60%	53%
Other	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%

Asian American Presidential Vote in Los Angeles County by Party Affiliation

Candidate	Democrat	Republican	None
McCain (R)	8%	75%	35%
Obama (D)	91%	24%	62%

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Asian American Vote on Ballot Measures in Los Angeles County

2008 General Election

Ballot Measure	Support	Oppose
Proposition 4 (Minor's Pregnancy)	55%	45%
Proposition 6 (Criminal Penalties)	44%	56%
Proposition 8 (Marriage)	54%	46%
Proposition 11 (Redistricting)	45%	55%

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*Which Issues Were Most Important to You in Deciding Which Candidate to Support?
Asian Americans in Los Angeles County*

2008 General Election

Issue	Percent of Asian American Voters
Economy / Jobs	65%
Healthcare	29%
Education	22%
War in Iraq	22%
Civil Rights / Immigrant Rights	21%

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Asian American Voter Attitudes on Healthcare, Los Angeles County

Would you favor or oppose...	Favor	Oppose
Making healthcare a public good, like roads, schools, or police/fire protection?	91%	9%
An increase in the taxes you pay to help improve the healthcare system for everyone?	56%	44%
Making affordable health insurance and basic medical care available to all persons, regardless of their immigration status?	76%	24%

Asian American Voter Attitudes on Immigration, Los Angeles County

Would you favor or oppose...	Favor	Oppose
Increasing programs to help immigrants learn English?	94%	6%
Continuing immigration raids at work sites?	44%	56%

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Need for, Use of Bilingual Voter Assistance Asian American, Latino Voters in Los Angeles County

2008 General Election

	Chinese	Filipino	Korean	Vietnamese	Latino
Limited English Proficient	33%	11%	56%	50%	25%
Used Bilingual Voter Assistance	26%	28%	56%	53%	34%

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Sample Size by Race/Ethnicity

Group	Los Angeles County	Orange County	TOTAL
African American	433	42	475
Asian American	898	339	1,237
Asian Indian	97	32	129
Chinese	213	45	258
Filipino	163	47	210
Japanese	64	9	73
Korean	204	38	242
Vietnamese	93	169	262
Latino	869	182	1,051
Native American	73	13	86
Pacific Islander	40	8	48
White	987	275	1262
TOTAL	3,183	851	4,034

NOTE: Because groups include multiracial voters, sample size by group may exceed total sample size.