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Data Collection Description

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Summary: The purpose of this multicity, multiethnic, and multilingual survey was to provide a preliminary attempt to gauge the political attitudes and behavior of Asian Americans on a national scale. Major areas of investigation include ethnic identity, acculturation, homeland politics, voting and other types of political participation, political ideology, political partisanship, opinions on various social issues, social connectedness, racial integration, and group discrimination. Respondents were asked whether people of Asian descent had a great deal in common culturally, what they thought were the most important problems facing their own ethnic group, whether they belonged to any organization that represented the interest of their group, and their knowledge of the Wen Ho Lee case, the 8-20 Initiative, and other news stories and information about Asians in the United States. Political questions probed respondents' general interest in politics; whether and for whom they voted in the 2000 presidential election; their general knowledge of the presidential election process; the kinds of political activity in which they participated; their feelings about Asian-American candidates; their involvement with political parties; their level of trust in local, state, and federal government officials; self-identity with regard to a liberal vs. conservative stance on political matters, party affiliation, and how active they were in political parties or organizations in their home country if born outside of the United States. Respondents were also asked about their attitudes on such topics as immigration, affirmative action, job training, educational assistance, preferences in hiring and promotion, marriage outside of their ethnic group, and incidents of discrimination that they encountered. Demographic variables include language spoken in the home, religious preference, home ownership, ethnic origin of spouse, level of education, income, employment, age, and sex.

Universe: Telephone households of Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, South Asian, and Vietnamese families in the five major metropolitan areas of the United States where about 40 percent of the nation's Asian-American population resided in 2000.

Sample: Semi-random sample of households occupied by adults from one of the six major Asian-American ancestries selected to approximate the size of the ethnic population among Asian Americans according to the 1990 Census. Telephone households in the metropolitan areas of Los Angeles, New York, Honolulu, San Francisco, and Chicago were sampled using a dual-frame approach consisting of random-digit

dialing (RDD) at targeted Asian ZIP-code densities and listed-surname frames.

Date of Collection: November 16, 2000-January 28, 2001

Time Period: November 16, 2000-January 28, 2001

Response Rates: The average incidence rate for interviews drawn from the listed surname sample is 41 percent, with a range from 14.5 percent for the Filipino sample to 81 percent for the Chinese sample. The incidence rate for RDD interviews is 15 percent, which ranges from 4.6 percent for the Korean sample to 24 percent for the Japanese sample. The average refusal rate is 25 percent, with 34 percent in the listed sample and 3.5 percent in the RDD sample.

Geographic Unit: Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Data Collection Notes: The codebook is provided by the principal investigator as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

Data Source: telephone interviews

Extent of Collection: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

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Data Format: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements and SPSS export file

File Specifications

<i>Part No.</i>	<i>Part Name</i>	<i>File Structure</i>	<i>Case Count</i>	<i>Variable Count</i>	<i>LRECL</i>	<i>Records Per Case</i>
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Related Publications

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A Pilot Study of the National Asian American Political Survey (PNAAPS)

Survey Methodology

This multi-city, multi-ethnic, and multi-lingual survey is a preliminary attempt to gauge the political attitudes and behavior of Asian Americans on a national scale. A total of 1,218 adults of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Filipino, and Asian Indian or Pakistani (South Asian) descent who resided in Los Angeles, New York, Honolulu, San Francisco, and Chicago metropolitan areas were randomly selected to be interviewed by phone between November 16, 2000 and January 28, 2001. Telephone households in these five metropolitan areas--chosen for their Asian population size, geographic location, and Asian ethnic group makeup--were sampled using a dual-frame approach consisting of random-digit dialing at targeted Asian zipcode densities and listed-surname frames. Only telephone households occupied by adults from one of the six major Asian American ancestries were included in this study. For samples in New York and Chicago, the listed-surname approach was the only method used. Within each sampling area, the probability of selection for each ethnic sample was to approximate the size of the ethnic population among Asian Americans according to the 1990 Census. However, the Vietnamese and Asian Indians were oversampled to generate a sufficiently large number of respondents for analysis. Within each contacted household, the interviewer would ask to speak with an adult 18 years of age or older who most recently had a birthday. To increase the response rate, multiple call attempts were made at staggered time and day of week and to re-contact breakoffs and refusals.

The resulting sample has 308 Chinese, 168 Korean, 137 Vietnamese, 198 Japanese, 266 Filipino, and 141 South Asian Americans or an average of 200 completed interviews from each MSA and an additional 217 interviews from the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area. Based on the English proficiency rate of each Asian subgroup and practical cost concerns, English was used to interview respondents of Japanese, Filipino, and South Asian descent; respondents of Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese descent were interviewed in their language of preference. Among the Chinese, 78% chose to be interviewed in Mandarin Chinese, 19% in Cantonese, and 3% in English. Close to 9 out of 10 Koreans (87%) chose to be interviewed in Korean. Nearly all Vietnamese respondents (98.5%) chose to be interviewed in Vietnamese.

The average interview length is 27 minutes for interviews conducted in the respondent's non-English language and 20 minutes for interviews conducted in English. The average incidence rate for interviews drawn from the listed surname sample is 41%, with a range from 14.5% for the Filipino sample to 81% for the Chinese sample. The incidence rate for RDD interviews is 15%, which ranges from 4.6% for Korean to 24% for Japanese sample. The average refusal rate is 25%, with 34% in the listed sample and 3.5% in the RDD sample. Whereas the allocation of ethnic quotas in the sampling design is based on information in the 1990 Census, and the adult-only sample is better educated, older in age, and has a higher percentage of the foreign-born than the general population, the distribution of ethnic group makeup in each MSA is similar to that reported in Census 2000 and the rank orderings of ethnic groups in educational achievement, family, income, citizenship, and naturalization rate resemble those found in the 1998 Current Population Survey among Asians.

Readers are reminded that, since survey research normally questions only a small proportion of the population, one must allow a certain margin of error. The margin of sampling error for this survey is plus or minus 3 percentage points. The error margin is higher for certain subgroups. In addition to sampling error, samples generated with the listed surname frame may omit households with unlisted telephone numbers or persons who do not bear identifiable surnames in the targeted study areas. Samples generated with the RDD frame may not allow coverage of households located in zipcodes that rank below the top ten ethnic density areas or with less than 10% ethnic density for a targeted Asian subgroup in each zip code.

Surveys of this kind are sometimes subject to different kinds of inaccuracies for which precise estimates cannot be calculated and which may, in some cases, be even larger than the effects associated with sampling procedures. For example, respondents' attitude toward the presidential election process may be influenced by events happened in Florida during the course of the interviewing period. Undetected flaws in the translation of survey questionnaire and the way the sampling and interviewing procedure were carried out could have a significant effect on the findings. Changing the wording of questions and the sequence in which they are asked can produce different results. Sometimes questions are inadvertently biased or misleading and people who responded to the survey may not necessarily replicate the views of those who refused to be interviewed or who could not be found at home during the time the survey was conducted. Moreover, while every effort has been made to generate as accurate a finding as possible, other errors may have resulted from the various practical difficulties associated with taking any survey of public opinion.

This survey is sponsored by a research grant from the National Science Foundation (SES-9973435). The KSCI-TV of Los Angeles donated money to augment the Los Angeles portion of the project. Samples were developed by Survey Sampling Inc., of Fairfield, Connecticut. Interviews were conducted by the Interviewing Services of America, Inc, of Van Nuys, California. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the principal investigator and do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Science Foundation or the KSCI-TV.

Pei-te Lien, who teaches Political Science and Asian American Studies at the University of Utah, is the principal investigator of the survey. Distinguished Professor Emeritus M. Margaret Conway of Political Science at the University of Florida, Assistant Professor Taeku Lee of Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Janelle Wong of Political Science at Yale University and University of Southern California, and Alice Lee, Director of Research at KSCI-TV Los Angeles, contributed significantly to the development of survey questionnaire and other aspects of the survey.

**A Pilot Study of the National Asian American Political Survey
ISA 103-3279 Questionnaire (final, V.52)**

INTERVIEWER NUMBER

SAMPLE

1. BASE
2. CHINESE
3. KOREAN
4. VIETNAMESE
5. JAPANESE
6. FILIPINO
7. INDIAN

MSA

1. LOS ANGELES
2. NEW YORK
3. SAN FRANCISCO
4. HONOLULU
5. CHICAGO

AREA CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

METHOD

1. RDD
2. LS

[Preinterview screening]

Hello. This is [INTERVIEWER'S FULL NAME] and I'm calling from the Interviewing Service of America, on behalf of the University of Utah. The purpose of today's survey is to help society better understand the Asian American community and to help the government improve programs and services for the Asian American community.

I would like to take a moment to assure you that there are no right or wrong answers. This study is for research purposes only - your answers will remain completely confidential.

May I please speak to someone in your household who is at least 18 years of age (or older) and who most recently had a birthday? Is that you?... May I please speak to that person?

[WHEN DESIGNATED RESPONDENT COMES ON THE LINE, RE-INTRODUCE YOURSELF, IF NECESSARY, AND GO QUICKLY TO THE FIRST QUESTION. IF DESIGNATED PERSON IS NOT AVAILABLE, TRY TO SCHEDULE CONVENIENT CALLBACK TIME]

(ASKED ONLY OF BASE SAMPLE)

P1. What is your ethnic background: Is it white, or black, or Latino, or Asian, or Mixed, or do you consider yourself of another ethnicity?

1. WHITE (GO TO P1.1)

2. BLACK (GO TO P1.1)
3. LATINO (GO TO P1.1)
4. ASIAN (GO TO P2)
5. MIXED (SKIP TO P1a)
6. OTHER (GO TO P1.1)
7. REFUSED (THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE)

P1.1 Are there any other members in your household that are of Asian descent?
 1 YES
 2 NO (THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE)

P1a. Did either one of your parents or grandparents come from a country in Asia?
 1. YES (GO TO P2)
 2. NO (THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE)
 3. NOT SURE (THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE)
 4. REFUSED (THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE)

(ASKED OF ALL SAMPLES)

P2.What country in Asia are you or your mother's side of the family from?
 1. CHINA
 2. TAIWAN
 3. HONG KONG
 4. KOREA
 5. VIETNAM
 6. JAPAN
 7. PHILIPPINES
 8. INDIA/PAKISTAN
 9. ALL OTHER
 10. REFUSED

P2a.What country in Asia are you or your father's side of the family from?
 1. CHINA
 2. TAIWAN
 3. HONG KONG
 4. KOREA
 5. VIETNAM
 6. JAPAN
 7. PHILIPPINES
 8. INDIA/PAKISTAN
 9. ALL OTHER
 10. REFUSED

[THANK RESPONDENT AND TERMINATE IF RESPONSE IS 9 OR 10 IN BOTH P2 AND P2A]

(ASK OF SAMPLE 2 AND RESPONSE 1-3 IN P2 AND P2A)

P3a. Would you prefer for me to speak in [CANTONESE OR MANDARIN CHINESE] or would you prefer for me to speak English?

(ASK OF SAMPLE 3 AND RESPONSE 4 IN P2 AND P2A)

P3b. Would you prefer for me to speak in [KOREAN] or would you prefer for me to speak English?

(ASK OF SAMPLE 4 AND RESPONSE 5 IN P2 AND P2A)

P3c. Would you prefer for me to speak in [VIETNAMESE] or would you prefer for me to speak English?

1. Some say that people of Asian descent in the U.S. have a great deal in common culturally, others disagree. Do you think groups of Asians in America are culturally very similar, somewhat similar, somewhat different, or very different?

1. VERY SIMILAR
2. SOMEWHAT SIMILAR
3. SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT
4. VERY DIFFERENT
5. NOT SURE
6. REFUSED

2. Do you think what happens generally to other groups of Asians in this country will affect what happens in your life? [PROBE, IF ANSWER "IT DEPENDS"]

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

2a. [IF YES IN Q2] Will it affect it a lot, some, or not very much?

1. A LOT
2. SOME
3. NOT VERY MUCH
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

3. What about the [R's ETHNIC GROUP] people in America, do you think what happens generally to [R's ETHNIC GROUP] Americans will affect what happens in your life? [PROBE, IF ANSWER "IT DEPENDS"]

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

3a. [IF YES IN Q3] Will it affect it a lot, some or not very much?

1. A LOT
2. SOME
3. NOT VERY MUCH
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

4. What's the most important problem facing [R's ETHNIC GROUP] people in the United States today? Is there another problem which is almost as important? (ACCEPT UP TO TWO REPLIES) [PROBE IF THE RESPONDENT REPLIES "DISCRIMINATION"] "Can you please be more specific?"

- 00. THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS
- 01. CRIME/STREET VIOLENCE
- 02. GANGS/GRAFFITI
- 03. PROBLEM TEENAGERS/YOUNG PEOPLE
- 04. DRUGS
- 05. POLICE BRUTALITY/LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION
- 06. RECESSION/STATE OF THE ECONOMY
- 07. UNEMPLOYMENT/ INADEQUATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
- 08. TAXES
- 09. HIGH COST OF LIVING
- 10. HOMELESSNESS/POVERTY
- 11. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- 12. POOR SCHOOLS/INADEQUATE EDUCATION
- 13. CUTBACKS IN PUBLIC SERVICES/GOVERNMENT SOCIAL PROGRAMS
- 14. GOVERNMENT INSENSITIVE/NO POLITICAL REPRESENTATION
- 15. INADEQUATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/TOO MUCH TRAFFIC/CONGESTION
- 16. HEALTH CARE/AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE
- 17. ENVIRONMENT/AIR AND WATER POLLUTION/SMOG
- 18. TOO MANY IMMIGRANTS/COMMUNITY OVERCROWDED
- 19. MORAL DECLINE
- 20. FAMILY STRUCTURE BREAKING DOWN
- 21. LOSING CULTURE
- 22. LACK OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT/SENSE OF TOGETHERNESS/TOO MUCH INFIGHTING
- 23. DIFFERENT ASIAN GROUPS HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING ALONG/TOO MANY FACTIONS
- 24. RACE RELATIONS/RELATIONS WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES/RELATIONS WITH OTHER
- 25. DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH WELL/LACK OF ACCULTURATION
- 26. OTHER (SPECIFY ON ANSWER SHEET)
- 27. NOT SURE
- 28. REFUSED
- 29. DISCRIMINATION (UNSPECIFIED)

5. Do you belong to any organization or take part in any activities that represent the interests and viewpoints of [R'S ETHNIC GROUP] or other Asians in America?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO

- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

5a. [IF YES IN Q5] How active are you as a member? Are you very active, somewhat active, not too active, or not active at all?

- 1. VERY ACTIVE
- 2. SOMEWHAT ACTIVE
- 3. NOT TOO ACTIVE
- 4. NOT ACTIVE AT ALL
- 5. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

6. To your best knowledge, have you heard of Dr. Wen Ho Lee, the nuclear scientist charged with downloading classified data and spent 9 months in jail?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

6a. [IF YES IN Q6] Do you strongly approve, or somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the government's handling of the case?

- 1. STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2. SOMEWHAT APPROVE
- 3. SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE
- 4. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 5. NO OPINION
- 6. NOT SURE
- 7. REFUSED

7. Have you heard of the 80-20 Initiative or a movement to help organize the presidential choice of Asian American voters?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

7a. [IF YES IN Q7] Would you strongly approve, or somewhat approve, or somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove of such an effort?

- 1. STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2. SOMEWHAT APPROVE
- 3. SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE

- 4. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 5. NO OPINION
- 6. NOT SURE
- 7. REFUSED

8. How closely have you followed news stories and other information of Asians in the United States--very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all?

- 1. VERY CLOSELY
- 2. FAIRLY CLOSELY
- 3. NOT TOO CLOSELY
- 4. NOT AT ALL
- 5. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

9. How closely have you followed news stories and other information about what happened in Asia such as a story from Japan, Korea, China, India, Vietnam, and the Phillippines--very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all?

- 1. VERT CLOSELY
- 2. FAIRLY CLOSELY
- 3. NOT TOO CLOSELY
- 4. NOT AT ALL
- 5. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

10. How interested are you in politics and what's going on in government in general? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, only slightly interested, or not at all interested in politics and what goes on in government?

- 1. VERY INTERESTED
- 2. SOMEWHAT INTERESTED
- 3. SLIGHTLY INTERESTED
- 4. NOT AT ALL INTERESTED
- 5. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

11. Thinking about the November 2000 presidential election when Al Gore ran against George Bush, did you vote in the election?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO

3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

11a. [IF YES IN Q11] Which candidate did you vote for?

1. AL GORE
2. GEORGE BUSH
3. OTHER (SPECIFY)
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

11aa. [IF YES IN Q11] Did you vote by absentee ballot?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

11b. [IF NO IN Q11] For what reason were you not able to vote? Were you not a citizen, citizen but not registered to vote, or something else?

1. NOT A CITIZEN
2. CITIZEN BUT NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE (SKIP TO Q12A)
3. OTHER (SPECIFY)
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

11c. [IF NOT A CITIZEN IN Q11b] Are you planning to apply for U.S. citizenship or to become a U.S. citizen?

1. YES (SKIP TO Q13)
2. NO (SKIP TO Q13)
3. NOT SURE (SKIP TO Q13)
4. REFUSED (SKIP TO Q13)

12. Did you happen to vote in the 1998 Congressional elections, or didn't you get a chance to vote?

1. YES
2. NO, DID NOT VOTE
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

12a. How familiar are you with the current process of electing the U.S. president? Are you very familiar, somewhat familiar, or not familiar at all?

1. VERY FAMILIAR
2. SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR
3. NOT FAMILIAR
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

12b. [IF VERY OR SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR IN Q12a] Do you support changing the system to award the presidency only to the candidate who received the highest number of votes among those who voted?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

13. During the past 4 years, have you participated in any of the following types of political activity in your community? (ACCEPT MULTIPLE ANSWERS)

14. Which of the following activities, that you participated in, involve/d an Asian American candidate or issue affecting Asian Americans? (READ ALL YES RESPONSES FROM Q14)

	Q13		Q14	
	Y/N	NS/Ref	Y/N	NS/Ref
a. Have you written or phoned a government official	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
b. Contacted an editor of a newspaper, magazine, or tv station	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
c. Donated money to a political campaign	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
d. Attended a public meeting, political rally or fundraiser	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
e. Worked with others in your community to solve a problem	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
f. Signed a petition for a political cause	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
g. Served on any governmental board or commission	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
h. Taken part in a protest or demonstration	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4
i. Have you participated in any other political activities in your community that I may not have mentioned (SPECIFY)	1/2	3/4	1/2	3/4

15. If you have an opportunity to decide on two candidates for political office, one of whom is Asian American. Would you be more likely to vote for the Asian American candidate, if the two are equally qualified?

1. YES

- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

15a. [IF YES IN Q15] Would you still vote for the Asian American, even if he or she is less qualified?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

16. The political parties and candidate organizations, as well as other political groups, try to contact as many people as they can to get them to vote for particular candidates. During the past 4 years, have you received any letter, email, or telephone call from a political party or candidate organization or other political group about a political campaign?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 4. REFUSED

16a.[IF YES IN Q16] Which party or political group was that? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY, DO NOT READ]

- 1. DEMOCRAT
- 2. REPUBLICAN
- 3. OTHER PARTY
- 4. SOME POLITICAL GROUP (SPECIFY)
- 5. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

17. In the past 4 years, did someone you know try to request you to vote, or to contribute money to a political cause, or to engage in some other type of political activity?

- 1. YES
- 2. NO
- 3. NOT SURE
- 6. REFUSED

17a. [IF YES IN Q17] Was that person... [READ FULL LIST AND RECORD ALL MENTIONED]

- 1. BOSS

2. PROGRAM DIRECTOR
3. CHURCH LEADER
4. FRIEND/RELATIVE
5. NEIGHBOR
6. CO-WORKER
7. CO-ETHNIC
8. SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY)
9. NOT SURE
0. REFUSED

18. Next, I have a few questions concerning your view of U.S. government officials: How much of the time do you think you can trust your local and state government officials to do what is right--just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or none at all?

1. JUST ABOUT ALWAYS
2. MOST OF THE TIME
3. SOME OF THE TIME
4. NONE AT ALL
5. NOT SURE
6. REFUSED

19. If you had some complaint about a government activity and you took that complaint to a local public official, do you think that he or she would pay a lot of attention to what you say, some attention, very little attention, or none at all?

1. A LOT
2. SOME
3. VERY LITTLE
4. NONE AT ALL
5. NOT SURE
6. REFUSED

20. How much influence do you think someone like you can have over local government decisions--a lot, a moderate amount, a little, or none at all?

1. A LOT
2. MODERATE
3. A LITTLE
4. NONE AT ALL
5. NOT SURE
6. REFUSED

21. How would you describe your views on most matters having to do with politics? Do you generally think of yourself as very liberal, or somewhat liberal, or middle-of-the-road, or somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

1. VERY LIBERAL

2. SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
3. MIDDLE OF THE ROAD
4. SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
5. VERY CONSERVATIVE
6. NOT SURE
7. REFUSED

22. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or of another political affiliation?

1. NO, DO NOT THINK IN THESE TERMS
2. REPUBLICAN
3. DEMOCRAT
4. INDEPENDENT
5. NOT SURE
6. REFUSED

22a [IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT IN Q22] Would you call yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat)?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

22b [IF INDEPENDENT IN Q22] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

1. REPUBLICAN
2. DEMOCRAT
3. NO, DO NOT THINK IN THESE TERMS
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

23. Were you born in Asia?

1. YES (SKIP TO 24)
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

23a. Were either of your parents born in Asia?

1. YES (SKIP TO 32)
2. NO (SKIP TO 32)
3. NOT SURE (SKIP TO 32)
4. REFUSED (SKIP TO 32)

24. How many years have you lived in the United States on a permanent basis?

[ENTER RAW SCORE, ENTER 1 IF LESS THAN A YEAR]

98 NOT SURE

99 REFUSED

25. Before you came to the United States, were you ever a member of any political party or political organization or a participant in any other type of political activities?

1. YES

2. NO

3. NOT SURE

4. REFUSED

25a. [IF YES IN Q25] How active were you as a member? Very active, somewhat active, not too active, or not active at all?

1. VERY ACTIVE

2. SOMEWHAT ACTIVE

3. NOT TOO ACTIVE

4. NOT ACTIVE AT ALL

5. NOT SURE

6. REFUSED

26. After arriving in the United States, have you ever participated in any activity dealing with the politics of your home country?

1. YES

2. NO

3. NOT SURE

4. REFUSED

27. Do you feel you can generally trust US government officials more, about the same, or less than government officials in your home country.

1. MORE

2. ABOUT THE SAME

3. LESS

4. NOT SURE

5. REFUSED

28. Do you feel you can generally influence decisions made by US government officials more, about the same, or less than those made by government officials in your home country?

1. MORE

2. ABOUT THE SAME

3. LESS

4. NOT SURE

5. REFUSED

29. How much contact either by phone or by mail or in person do you have with people in [R'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN] during the past 12 months? Is it at least once a week, 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, once several months, once a year, or none?

1. AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK
2. 2 OR 3 TIMES A MONTH
3. ONCE A MONTH
4. ONCE SEVERAL MONTHS
5. ONCE A YEAR OR LESS
6. NONE

30. In what year was your last visit to [R'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN]?

[ENTER RAW SCORE]

- 11 NOT SURE
- 12 REFUSED

31. Generally speaking, where do you expect you and your children will end up living in the next 15 to 20 years: in [R'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN], somewhere in the United States, or elsewhere?

1. IN THE U.S.
2. HOME COUNTRY
3. SOMEWHERE ELSE
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSED

(ASKED OF EVERYONE)

Next, I'm going to read you a list of current issues. For each one, please indicate, in a score from 1 to 7, how much you agree with the statement. You should give a score of 7 if you agree strongly with the statement; you should give a score of 1 if you strongly disagree with the statement. If you neither agree or disagree with the statement, you should give a score of 4. If you do not have an opinion, please tell me so that I can move to the next question. Please remember that you may use any number from 1 to 7.

32. Government should provide public information and services important to the immigrant community in English as well as in the immigrants' native languages.

[ENTER RAW SCORE]

0. NO OPINION

33. Congress should pass laws limiting the number of legal immigrants admitted each year into this country.

[ENTER RAW SCORE]

0. NO OPINION

34. Non-U.S. citizens who are legal permanent residents should be permitted to make donations to political campaigns.

[ENTER RAW SCORE]

0. NO OPINION

35. Affirmative action refers to any measure, policy or law used to increase diversity or rectify discrimination so that qualified individuals have equal access to employment, education, business, and contracting opportunities. Generally speaking, do you think affirmative action is a good thing or a bad thing for Asian Americans, or doesn't it affect Asian Americans much?

1. A GOOD THING

2. A BAD THING

3. DOESN'T AFFECT ASIAN AMERICAN MUCH

4. NOT SURE

5. REFUSED

36. Some people feel that because of past disadvantages there are some groups in society that should receive special job training and educational assistance. Others say that is unfair. What about you? Do you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose special job training and educational assistance for Asian Americans?

1. STRONGLY FAVOR

2. FAVOR

3. NEITHER FAVOR NOR OPPOSE

4. OPPOSE

5. STRONGLY OPPOSE

6. NOT SURE

7. REFUSED

37. Some people feel that because of past disadvantages, there are some groups in society that should be given preferences in hiring and promotion. Others say that is unfair. What about you? Do you strongly favor, favor, neither favor nor oppose, oppose, or strongly oppose special preferences in hiring and promotion to Asian Americans?

1. STRONGLY FAVOR

2. FAVOR

3. NEITHER FAVOR NOR OPPOSE

4. OPPOSE

5. STRONGLY OPPOSE

6. NOT SURE

7. REFUSED

38. Thinking for a moment of blacks, whites, Latinos and other Asians, do you yourself know any person who belongs to these groups whom you consider a close personal friend

or not? [IF YES] What ethnic groups do they belong to? Any others? Any other group?
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. NO, DO NOT HAVE FRIEND
2. YES, WHITE
3. YES, BLACK
4. YES, LATINO
5. YES, OTHER ASIAN
6. YES, OTHER (NOT LISTED)
7. NOT SURE
8. REFUSED

39. How would you feel if someone in your family married a person of a different ethnic background than yours? Would you strongly approve, approve, neither approve nor disapprove, disapprove, or strongly disapprove? [TREAT "DOESN'T MATTER" AS "NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE"]

1. STRONGLY APPROVE
2. APPROVE
3. NEITHER APPROVE NOR DISAPPROVE
4. DISAPPROVE
5. STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
6. NOT SURE
7. REFUSED

40. How would you describe the ethnic makeup of the neighborhood where you live? Would you say it is mostly white, mostly black, mostly Latino, mostly Asian, or would you say the ethnic makeup is pretty evenly mixed?

1. MOSTLY WHITE
2. MOSTLY BLACK
3. MOSTLY LATINO
4. MOSTLY ASIAN
5. PRETTY EVENLY MIXED
6. NOT SURE
7. REFUSED

41. Have you ever been the victim of a 'hate crime,' that is, have you had someone verbally or physically abuse you, or damage your property, specifically because you belong to a certain race or ethnic group?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

42. Have you ever personally experienced discrimination in the United States?

1. YES
2. NO (SKIP TO Q44)
3. NOT SURE (SKIP TO Q44)
4. REFUSED (SKIP TO Q44)

42a [IF YES IN Q42] In your opinion, was it because of your...

	Yes	No	NS	Ref
a. Ethnic background	1	2	3	4
b. Gender	1	2	3	4
c. Accent, regardless of whether or not you have an accent	1	2	3	4
d. Some other reason	1 (SPECIFY)			

43.[IF YES IN Q42] In which of these ways, if any, have you experienced discrimination in...

	Yes	No	NS	Ref
a. Getting jobs or promotion	1	2	3	4
b. Getting Education	1	2	3	4
c. Getting Housing	1	2	3	4
d. Dealing with a government agency	1	2	3	4
e. Dealing with a business or retail establishment	1	2	3	4
f. Dealing with your neighbors	1	2	3	4
g. Dealing with strangers in a public place	1	2	3	4

43a. Is there any other way in which you have experienced discrimination? [RECORD RESPONSE VERBATIM. PROBE IF UNCLEAR BUT NO NEED TO PROBE FOR MORE WAYS]

44. How would you rate the extent of discrimination against Asians relative to other groups in general? Do you think Asians generally suffer less, do they suffer more, or are they in just about the same situation as, say, Latinos or blacks?

1. LESS
2. SAME AS
3. MORE
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

45. People think of themselves in different ways. In general, do you think of yourself as an American, an Asian American, an Asian, a [R's ETHNIC GROUP] American, or a [R's ETHNIC GROUP]?

1. AMERICAN
2. ASIAN AMERICAN (SKIP TO 46a)
3. ASIAN
4. [R'S ETHNIC GROUP] AMERICAN
5. [R'S ETHNIC GROUP]

6. OTHER [SPECIFY]
7. NOT SURE
8. REFUSED

46. Have you ever thought of yourself as an Asian American?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

46a. [IF YES IN Q46 OR IF 2 IN Q45] How often do you think of yourself as an Asian American? Is it very often, often, or not that often?

1. VERY OFTEN
2. OFTEN
3. NOT THAT OFTEN
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

47. What language do you usually speak, when at home with family?

1. ENGLISH
2. SOMETHING ELSE
3. MIXED BETWEEN ENGLISH AND OTHER
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

48. What language do you usually use to conduct personal business and financial transactions?

1. ENGLISH
2. SOMETHING ELSE
3. MIXED BETWEEN ENGLISH AND OTHER
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

49. Compared to your usage of the English media, how often do you use [R'S ETHNIC GROUP'S] language media as a source of entertainment, news, and information? Would you say, all of the time, most of the time, about the same time, not very often, or not at all?

1. ALL THE TIME
2. MOST OF THE TIME
3. ABOUT THE SAME TIME
4. NOT VERY OFTEN
5. NOT AT ALL
6. NOT SURE
7. REFUSED

50. Are you satisfied with the level of availability of [R'S ETHNIC GROUP'S] language media in your community?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NO OPINION
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

50a. [IF NO IN Q50] Which medium would you like to see more of? Television, radio or newspaper?

1. TELEVISION
2. RADIO
3. NEWSPAPER
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

51. What is your religious preference? [DO NOT READ]

1. PROTESTANT
2. CATHOLIC
3. CHRISTIAN
4. BUDDHIST
5. HINDU
6. OTHER
7. NONE
8. NOT SURE
9. REFUSED
0. MUSLIM

52. How often do you attend religious services? Would you say...every week, almost every week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, or never?

1. EVERY WEEK
2. ALMOST EVERY WEEK
3. ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH
4. A FEW TIMES A YEAR
5. NEVER
6. NOT SURE
7. REFUSED

53. How long have you lived in you present city or town?

[ENTER RAW YEAR, ENTER 1, IF LESS THAN A YEAR]

- 98 NOT SURE
- 99 REFUSED

54. Do you or your family own your own home or pay rent?

1. OWN
2. RENT
3. OTHER
4. NOT SURE
5. REFUSED

55. What is your marital status?

1. MARRIED
2. SINGLE
3. DIVORCED
4. WIDOWED
5. SEPARATED
6. REFUSED

55a. [IF MARRIED IN Q55] What is your spouse's ethnic origin? Is it Caucasian, Asian, African American, Hispanic, or something else?

1. CAUCASIAN
2. ASIAN
3. AFRICAN AMERICAN
4. HISPANIC
5. OTHER
6. REFUSED

56. In what year were you born?

- [ENTER RAW SCORE]
98 NOT SURE
99 REFUSED

57. What is the highest level of education or schooling you have completed? **(READ LIST, IF NECESSARY. RECORD ONE ANSWER.)**

1. GRADE SCHOOL OR LESS
2. SOME HIGH SCHOOL
3. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
4. VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL TRAINING BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL
5. SOME COLLEGE
6. COLLEGE GRADUATE
7. SOME GRADUATE SCHOOL
8. POST-GRADUATE DEGREE (BEYOND COLLEGE DEGREE)
9. REFUSED

58. Were you educated mainly in the United States?

1. NO
2. YES
3. NOT SURE
4. REFUSED

59. If you added together the yearly incomes of all the members of your family living at home last year, would the total of all their incomes be less than \$20,000 ... or more than \$40,000 ... or somewhere in between? [IF LESS THAN \$20,000] Would the total of all their incomes be less than \$10,000? [IF IN-BETWEEN] Would the total of all their incomes be less than \$30,000 or more than \$30,000? [IF MORE THAN \$40,000] Would the total of all their incomes be between \$40,000 and \$60,000 ... or between \$60,000 and \$80,000 ... or more than that?

1. LESS THAN 10K
2. 10K-19,999
3. 20K-29,999
4. 30K-39,999
5. 40K-59,999
6. 60K-79,999
7. OVER 80K
8. NOT SURE
9. REFUSED

60. What were you doing most of last week: working full-time, or working part-time, or were you self-employed, or keeping house, or going to school, or are you looking for work, or retired, or what? [IF ILL, ON VACATION, OR ON STRIKE, RECORD AS 'WORKING.' IF LOOKING FOR WORK, ASK] Have you looked for a full- or a part-time job in the past four weeks? [IF YES, RECORD AS 'LOOKING FOR WORK.' IF NO, RECORD AS 'NOT LOOKING FOR WORK.']

1. FULL TIME
2. PART TIME
3. SELF EMPLOYED
4. KEEPING HOUSE
5. SCHOOL
6. LOOKING
7. NOT LOOKING
8. DISABLED
9. RETIRED
10. NOT SURE
11. REFUSED

61. As a follow-up to this survey, we will be selecting a few respondents to discuss these topics in more detail. Would you be willing to discuss your answers with the university professor who designed this survey?

1. YES
2. NO

62. [CHECKED BY INTERVIEWER] Respondent's general level of information about politics and public affairs seemed: very high, fairly high, average, fairly low, or very low.

1. VERY HIGH
2. FAIRLY HIGH
3. AVERAGE
4. FAIRLY LOW
5. VERY LOW
9. NOT SURE

[CHECKED BY INTERVIEWER] Respondent's sex is: male or female

1. MALE
2. FEMALE