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# MOST WITHIN AAPI COMMUNITIES SUPPORT GUARANTEED ACCESS TO LEGAL ABORTION NATIONWIDE

Three quarters of AAPI adults want Congress to pass a law to ensure nationwide access to abortion. They are also more supportive than the general public of access to abortion through 24 weeks.

In the year and a half since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, most Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) adults believe abortion should be legal (79%) in all or most cases and want Congress to pass a law guaranteeing access nationwide (75%), according to a new AAPI Data/AP-NORC Center survey. This level of support surpasses the support among all U.S. adults, where 64% favored legal abortion and 60% support national legislation guaranteeing abortion rights nationwide in [June 2023](#), when these questions were last put to the general population.

AAPI Democrats are more likely than AAPI Republicans to favor a law protecting abortion access nationwide (91% vs. 51%), while AAPI Republicans are more likely to be in favor of banning abortion access nationwide (24% vs. 7%) or allowing individual states to decide its legality (55% vs. 29%).

Across AAPI communities, about 9 in 10 support legal abortion in cases where a pregnant person's health is at risk, for instances of rape or incest, or the presence of a fatal fetal abnormality, aligning with the general U.S. population. However, AAPI adults are more inclined than the general public to support



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## Three Things You Should Know

About the AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll Among Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander adults in the U.S.:

- 1) 79% believe that access to abortion should be legal in all or most cases, and 75% want Congress to pass a law guaranteeing access nationwide.
- 2) 56% support counseling for transgender adults; 47% support it for minors. 46% back gender-affirming hormone therapy for adults; 30% support it for minors.
- 3) Most would not vote for someone who didn't share their view on racism (79%) or abortion (68%), but 54% could vote for a candidate who disagreed with them on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

legal abortion for any reason (68% vs. 54%). They are also more likely than the general population to support abortion access at 15 weeks (65% vs. 51%) and 24 weeks (41% vs. 27%). And about 6 in 10 AAPI adults favor coverage for abortion by private and public insurers for both adults and minors.

Most AAPI adults believe that people in their community have adequate access to family planning services (59%) and prenatal care (55%), but fewer say the same about abortion (44%) or gender-affirming care (38%). About a third of AAPI adults find abortion, gender-affirming care, and prenatal care difficult to access, while 28% express the same concern about family planning services and birth control. Similar proportions of U.S. adults say it is too hard for women to access abortion (39%) but fewer believe family planning services (28%) and prenatal care (28%) are too hard to obtain.

While a majority (56%) of AAPI adults support medically supervised gender-affirming counseling and therapy for transgender adults, fewer support it for minors (47%). Similarly, while 46% back gender-affirming hormone therapy for adults, this support drops considerably for minors (30%). AAPI adults with personal ties to transgender or nonbinary people are more likely to support access to both counseling and hormone therapy for adults and minors, as are individuals without any religious affiliation.

Half of AAPI adults support private health insurance coverage for transgender care, while 18% oppose it, and 30% remain neutral. Opinions on public health insurance programs like Medicaid or Tricare for transgender or nonbinary adults are more divided, with 45% in favor, 28% opposing, and 25% expressing no opinion. Sentiments regarding coverage for transgender minors through state public health insurance programs are similar, with 42% in favor, 32% opposed, and 26% remaining neutral.

Roughly half of AAPI adults approve of Joe Biden's handling of abortion issues, which is higher than the general population (52% vs. 39%) who were last asked in [June 2023](#). About half of AAPI adults disapprove of his handling of gun policy, though this disapproval is less pronounced than in the general population (53% vs. 64%) who were last asked in [August 2023](#). While two-thirds of AAPI adults disapprove of Biden's handling of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, opinions on his approach to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict are evenly divided.

AAPI communities have greater trust than the general population in the Democratic handling of both abortion (55% vs. 42%) and gun policy (49% vs. 32%). However, when it comes to the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, nearly half of AAPI adults (46%) trust neither party, and about a third (34%) trust neither party regarding the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

AAPI adults ages 18 to 29 are generally less supportive of Biden's handling of issues and less trusting of either political party to manage these issues than older AAPI adults.

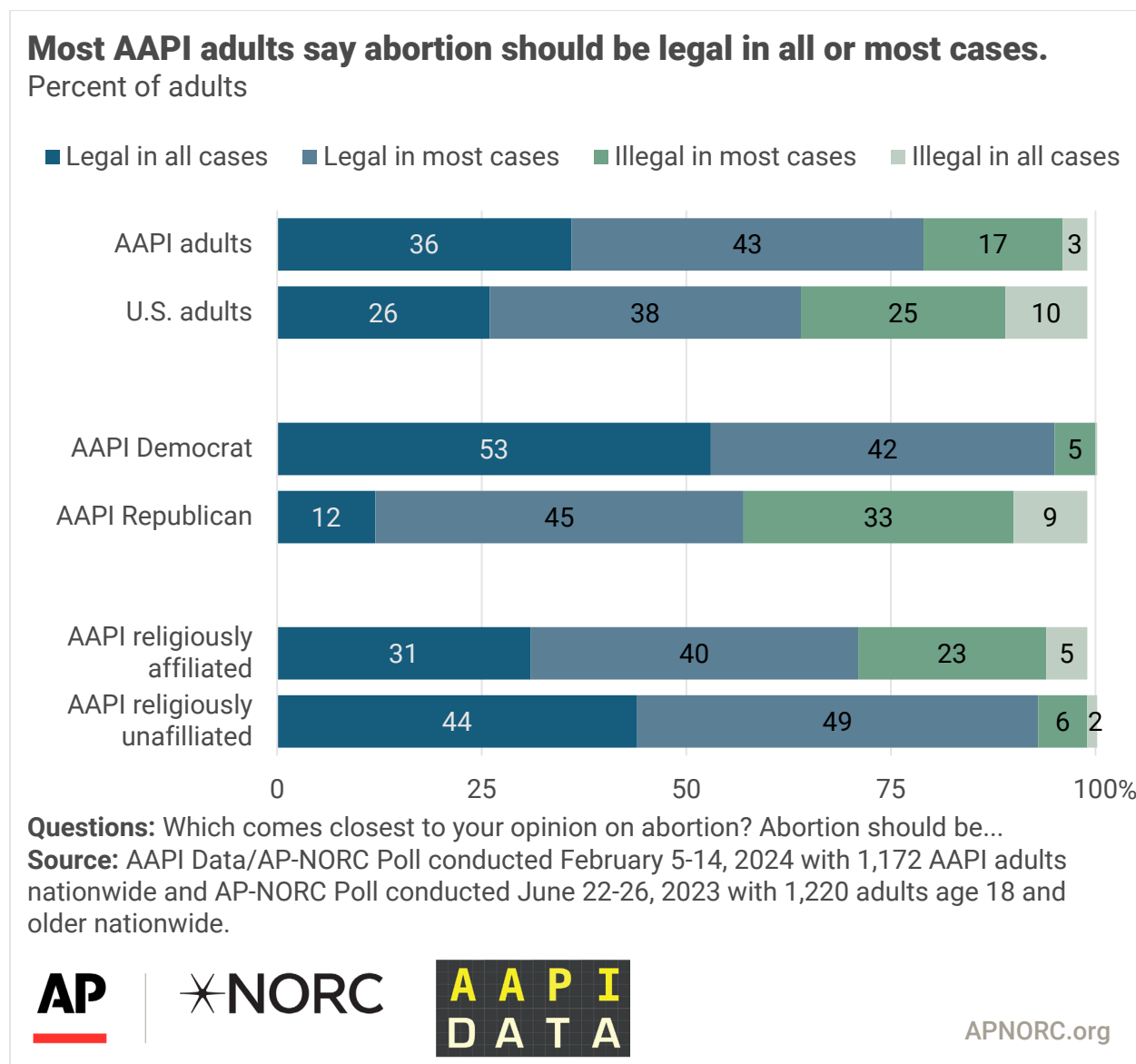
Most AAPI adults say they could not vote for a candidate with opposing views on racism or discrimination (79%), abortion (68%), gun policy (66%), crime or violence (65%), immigration (63%), climate change (59%), or the economy (57%). However, more than half (54%) would be willing to vote for a candidate who was not aligned with their views on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

The nationwide study was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and AAPI Data from February 5-14, 2024, using the Amplify AAPI Monthly survey drawing from NORC's Amplify AAPI® Panel designed to be representative of the U.S. Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander household population. Online and telephone interviews were offered in English, the Chinese dialects of Mandarin and Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Korean with 1,172 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders aged 18 and older living in the United States. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.9 percentage points.

## AAPI ADULTS SHOW STRONGER SUPPORT FOR LEGAL ABORTION AND NATIONWIDE ACCESS THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Eight in ten AAPI adults believe that abortion should be legal in most cases, including 36% who believe it should be legal in all cases. Only 20% think it should be illegal in most or all circumstances. In [June 2023](#), the last time the question was asked of the general public in an AP-NORC poll, two-thirds of U.S. adults said abortion should be legal in most or all cases, while a third said it should be illegal.

Among AAPI Democrats, nearly all are in favor of abortion being legal compared with 57% of AAPI Republicans. Those who are not religiously affiliated are also more likely to support abortion's legality than those who have a religious affiliation. A larger share of AAPI Democrats (53%) believe abortion should be legal in all cases compared with Democrats among the general population (40%).

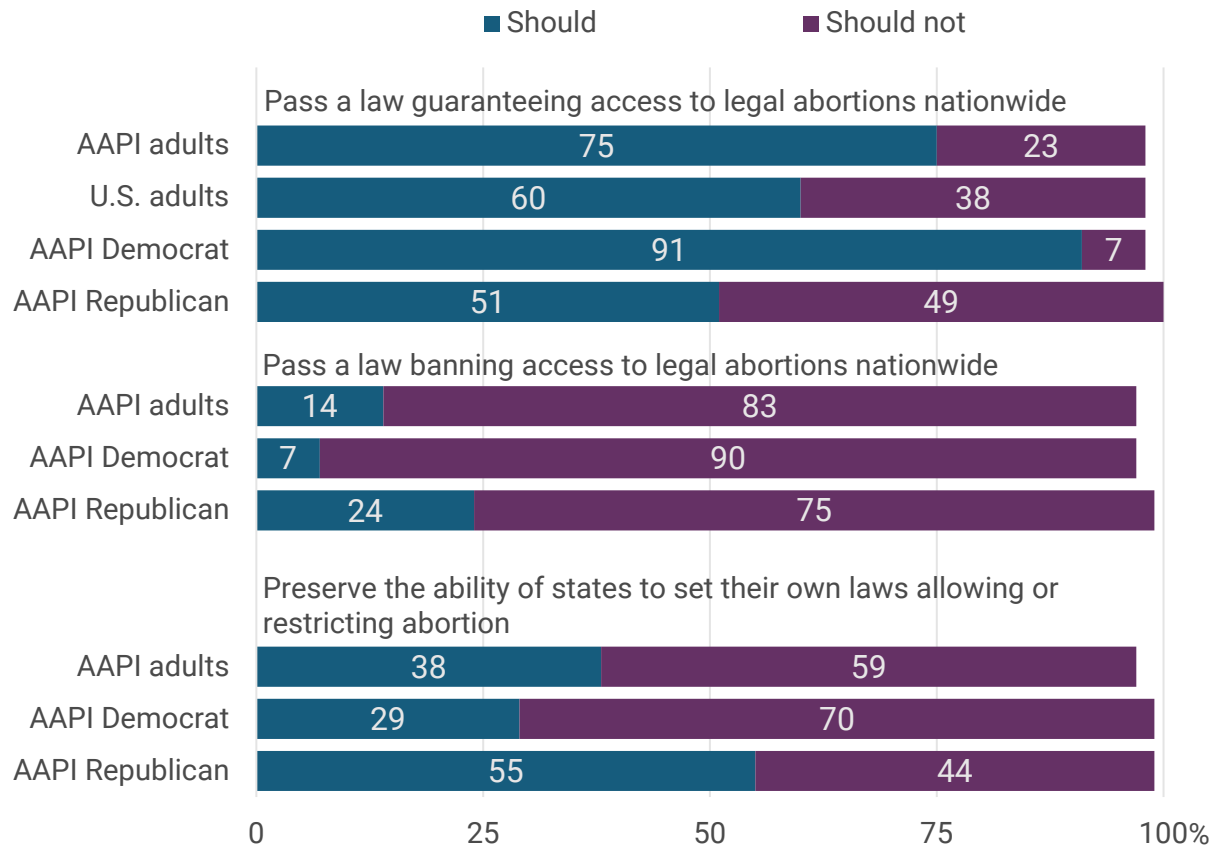


Three-quarters of AAPI adults support Congress passing a law guaranteeing access to abortion nationwide, compared with 60% of U.S. adults who said the same in the [June 2023 AP-NORC poll](#). Most AAPI adults oppose laws that ban access nationwide or preserving the ability of states to set their own laws allowing or restricting abortion.

AAPI Democrats are more likely than AAPI Republicans to favor a law protecting abortion access nationwide, while AAPI Republicans are more likely to favor banning abortion access nationwide or allowing individual states to decide its legality. Still, half of AAPI Republicans support a law protecting access to legal abortion, and only a quarter favor a nationwide ban.

### Most AAPI adults support Congress passing a law guaranteeing access to abortion nationwide.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** As you may know, in 2022 the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, each state is able to set its own laws allowing or restricting abortion. Do you think the United States Congress should or should not pass a law guaranteeing each of the following...

**Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted February 5-14, 2024 with 1,172 AAPI adults nationwide and AP-NORC Poll conducted June 22-26, 2023 with 1,220 adults age 18 and older nationwide.



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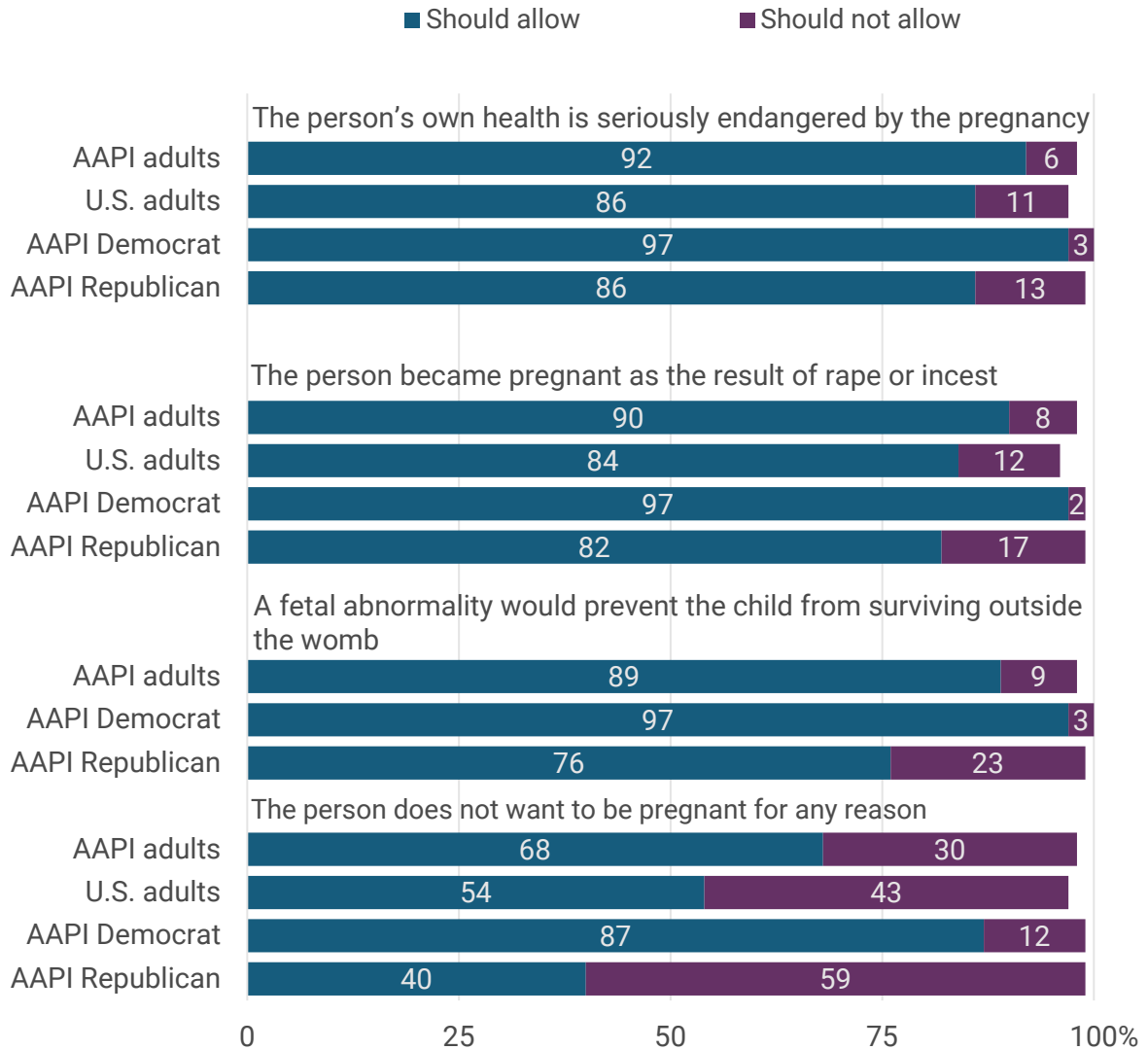
## **MOST WITHIN AAPI COMMUNITIES THINK A PREGNANT PERSON SHOULD BE ALLOWED AN ABORTION FOR ANY REASON**

Roughly 9 in 10 AAPI adults support legal abortion if the person's own health is endangered by the pregnancy, they became pregnant as a result of rape or incest, or a fetal abnormality would prevent the child from surviving outside the womb. Similar shares of U.S adults said the same in [June 2023](#), the last time the question was asked of the general population in an AP-NORC poll. However, more AAPI adults support legal abortion if the person does not want to be pregnant for any reason compared with the general public.

AAPI Democrats are more likely than AAPI Republicans to support legal abortion with various motivations and are more than twice as likely to say it should be allowed when the person does not want to be pregnant for any reason. AAPI adults who are not religiously affiliated are also more likely than those with a religious affiliation to support legal abortion when the person does not want to be pregnant for any reason (80% vs. 60%).

## A majority of AAPI adults support legal abortion in all circumstances.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** In general, do you think your state should or should not allow a pregnant person to obtain a legal abortion if...

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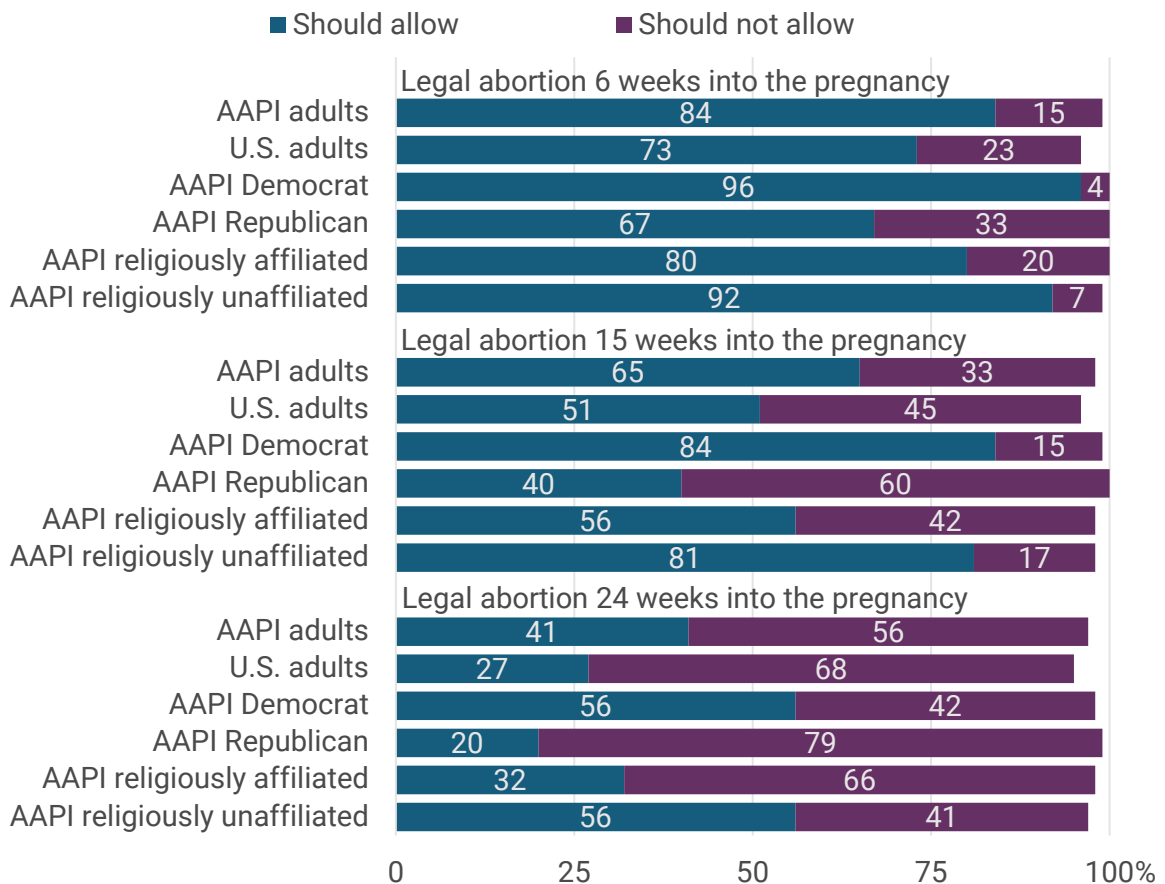
## AAPI ADULTS ARE MORE SUPPORTIVE OF LATER-TERM ABORTIONS THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG DEMOCRATS

Most AAPI adults believe that abortion should be legal six weeks into the pregnancy, a slightly larger share than the overall public. However, a larger share of AAPI adults believe that abortion should continue to be legal at 15 weeks and 24 weeks compared with the general population.

Within AAPI communities, views are heavily influenced by partisanship and religious affiliation. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say their state should allow abortion at either 6, 15, or 24 weeks, as are those who are religiously unaffiliated compared with those with a religious affiliation.

### Most AAPI adults believe abortion should be legal 15 weeks into the pregnancy.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** In general, do you think your state should or should not allow a pregnant person to obtain a legal abortion at each point in the pregnancy?

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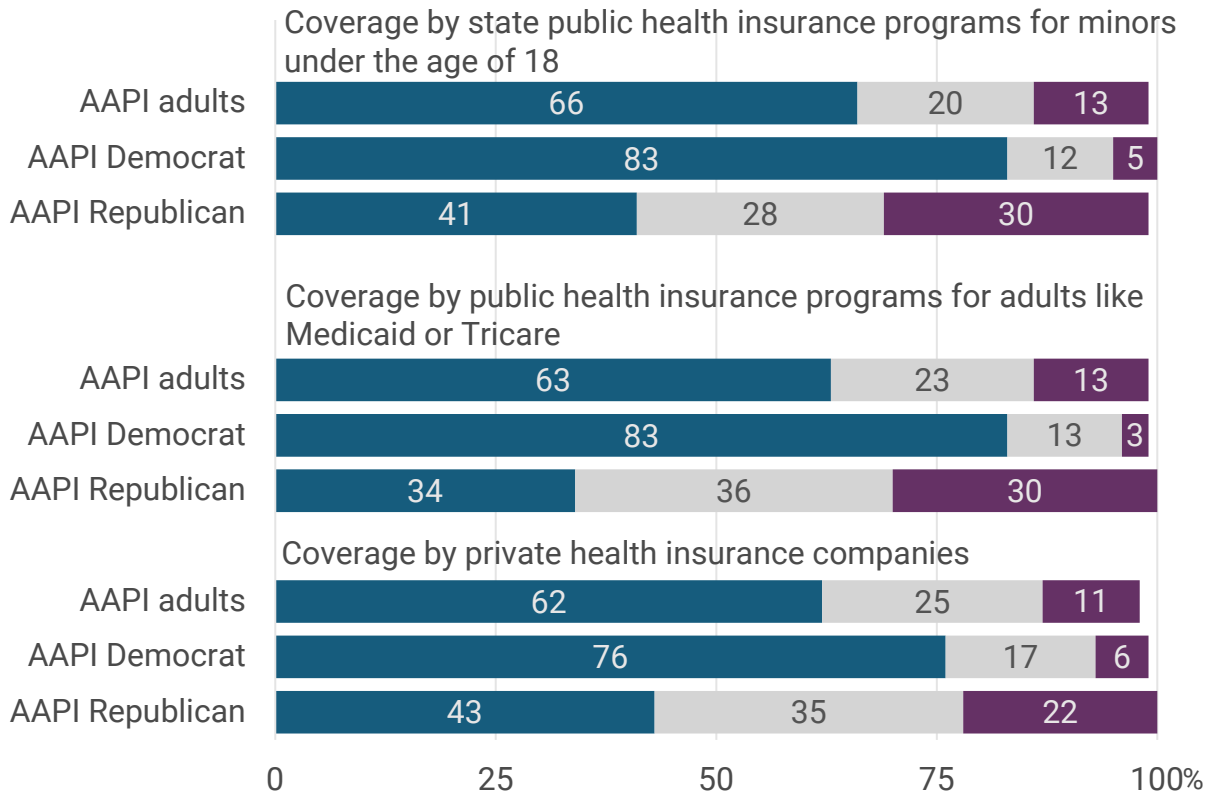
## AAPI ADULTS FIND ABORTION AND GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE LESS ACCESSIBLE THAN FAMILY PLANNING AND PRENATAL SERVICES

Most AAPI adults are in favor of private health insurance companies and public health insurance programs covering abortion for adults and minors. AAPI Democrats are more likely than AAPI Republicans to favor abortion being covered under health insurance.

### Most AAPI adults favor health insurance coverage of abortion.

Percent of AAPI adults

■ Strongly/somewhat favor ■ Neither favor nor oppose ■ Strongly/somewhat oppose



**Questions:** Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following covering abortion?

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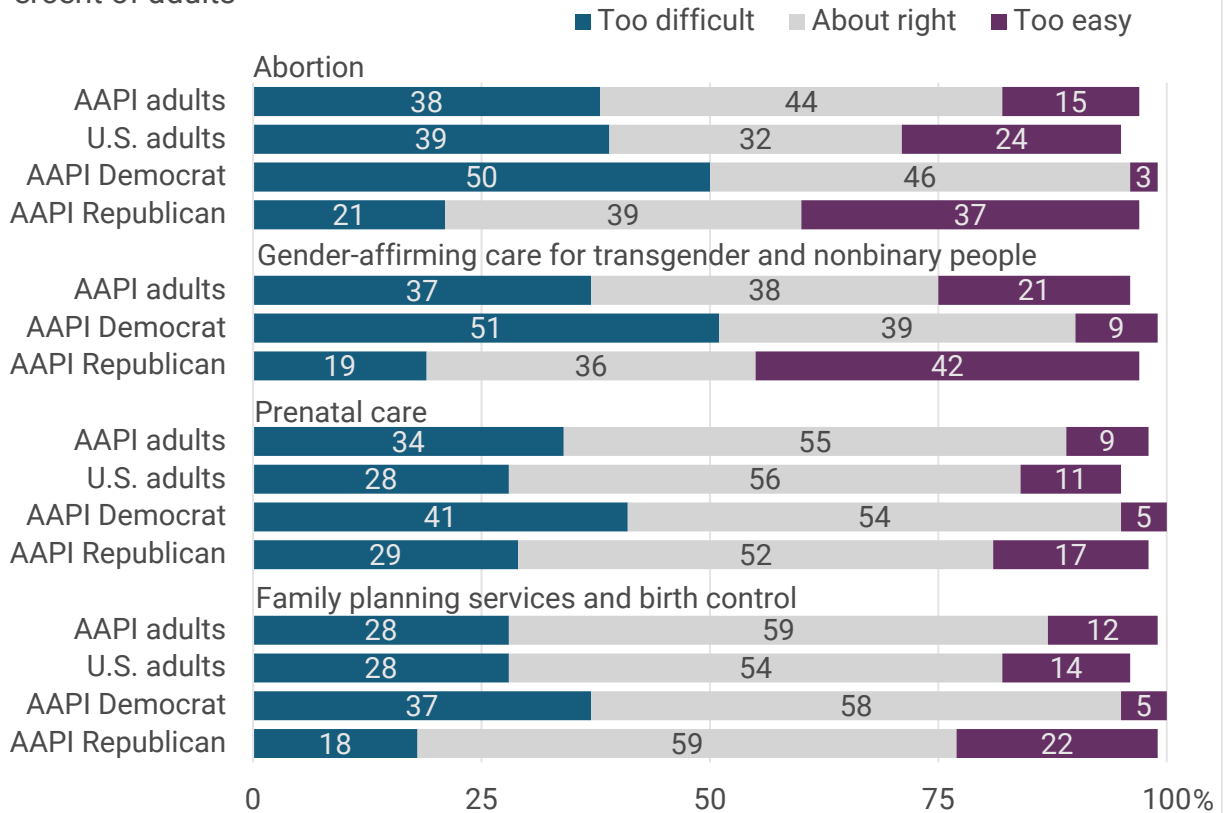
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Most AAPI adults believe that people in their community have adequate access to prenatal care and family planning services, but there is less consensus when it comes to obtaining an abortion or gender-affirming care. However, about a third of AAPI adults believe that abortion, gender-affirming care, prenatal care, and family planning services and birth control are too difficult to access. In [June 2023](#), similar shares of U.S. adults agreed that reproductive healthcare is too difficult to access. AAPI Democrats are more likely than AAPI Republicans to view these forms of healthcare as too difficult to obtain.

### About a third of AAPI adults believe it is too difficult for people to access certain forms of healthcare.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** Thinking about people's ability to access each of the following, do you generally think it is: too easy or too difficult for people in your community to get these services, or is their access to these services about right?

**Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted February 5-14, 2024 with 1,172 AAPI adults nationwide and AP-NORC Poll conducted June 22-26, 2023 with 1,220 adults age 18 and older nationwide.



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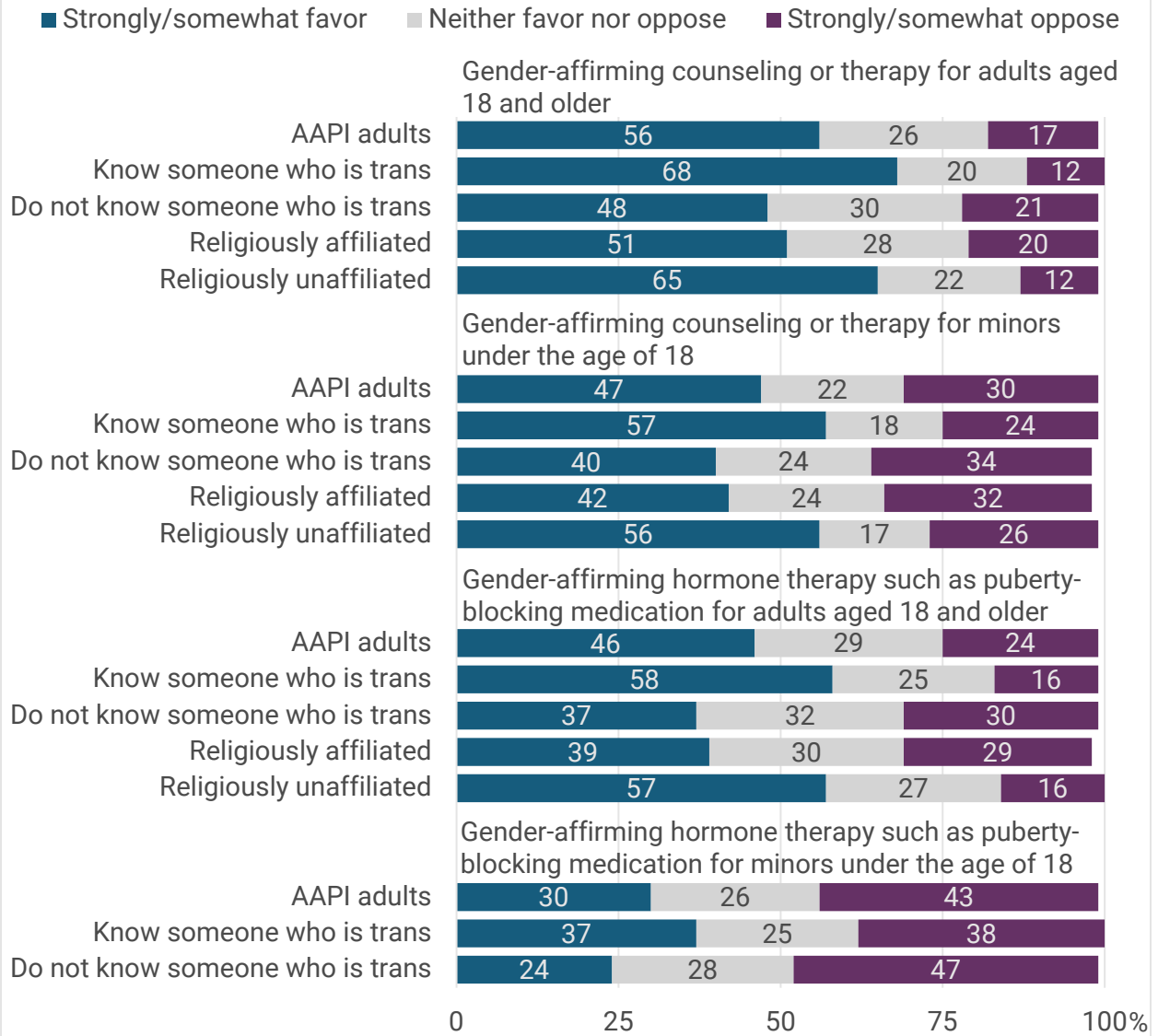
## **MOST AAPI ADULTS FAVOR COUNSELING FOR TRANSGENDER ADULTS, BUT ARE MORE AMBIVALENT ABOUT HORMONE THERAPY AND ANY TREATMENT FOR MINORS**

Most AAPI adults support transgender adults having access to gender-affirming counseling, but fewer say the same about minors having access. Similarly, while about half favor adults being able to access gender-affirming hormone therapy under the supervision of a doctor, only about a third agree when it comes to minors.

AAPI adults who know someone who identifies as transgender or nonbinary are more likely to support adults and minors having access to both counseling and gender-affirming hormone therapy. And those who are not religiously affiliated are more likely than those with a religious affiliation to support adult access to both counseling and hormone therapy and providing minors with access to counseling.

## About half of AAPI adults support both adults and minors having access to gender-affirming counseling or therapy.

Percent of AAPI adults



**Questions:** Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose transgender and non-binary people having access to each of the following under medical supervision?

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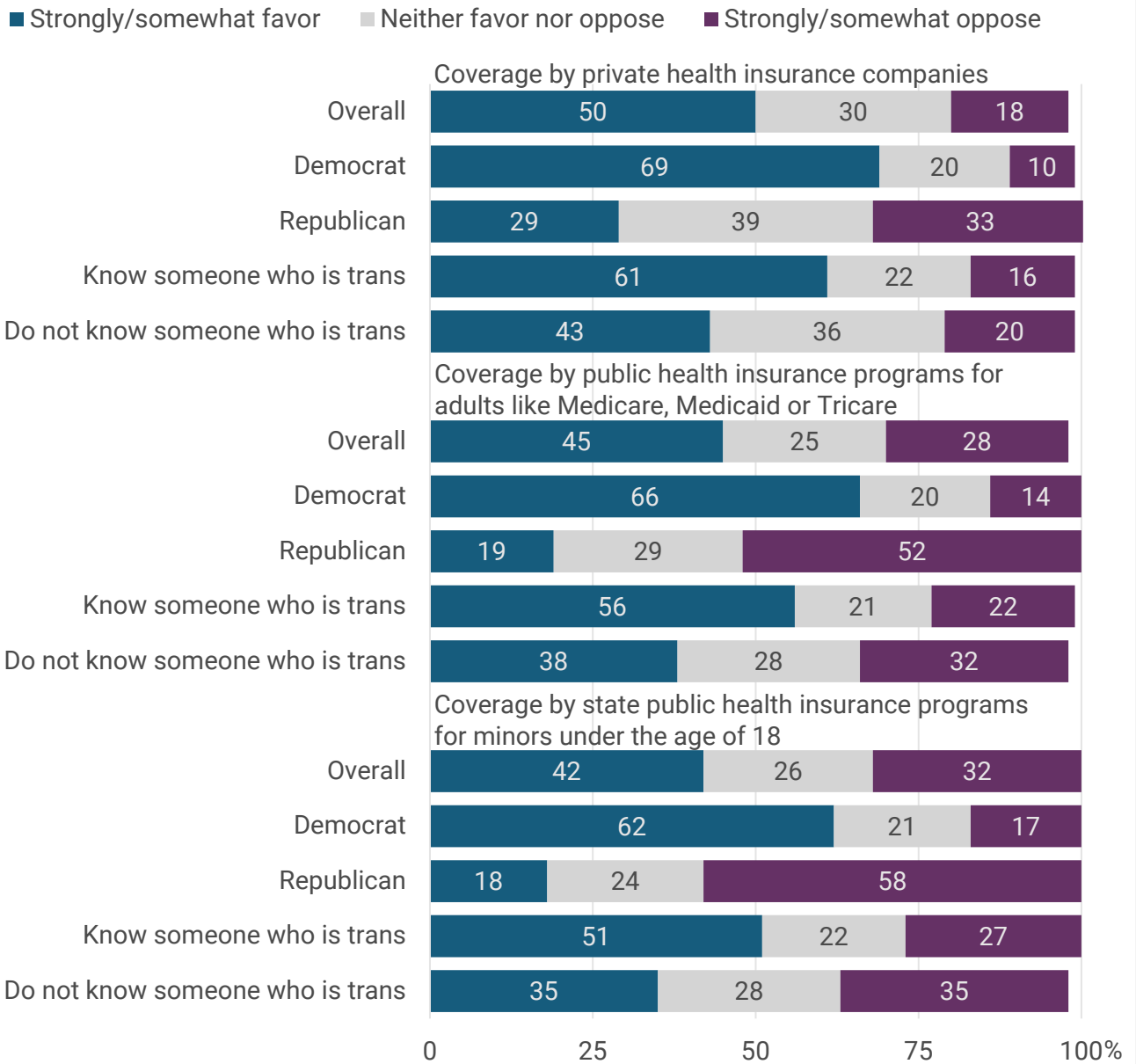
## **ABOUT HALF OF AAPI ADULTS SUPPORT TRANSGENDER CARE COVERAGE BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE**

Half of AAPI adults favor coverage of transgender-related medical care by private health insurance companies. There is slightly less support for coverage by public health insurance programs and state public health insurance programs for minors.

AAPI Democrats and those who know someone who identifies as transgender or nonbinary are more likely to favor coverage by each of the private and public health insurance programs compared with AAPI Republicans and AAPI adults who do not know anyone who is transgender or nonbinary.

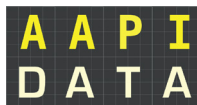
## AAPI Democrats are more supportive of public and private health insurance coverage for transgender people than AAPI Republicans.

Percent of AAPI adults



**Questions:** Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following covering transgender-related medical care?

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## **TWO-THIRDS ACROSS AAPI COMMUNITIES DISAPPROVE OF BIDEN'S HANDLING OF THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT, BUT ARE SPLIT ON HIS HANDLING OF OTHER ISSUES**

About half of AAPI adults approve of Biden's handling of abortion, higher than the national average. Although AAPI adults are more supportive of Biden than the general population on guns, more disapprove than approve (53% vs. 45%).

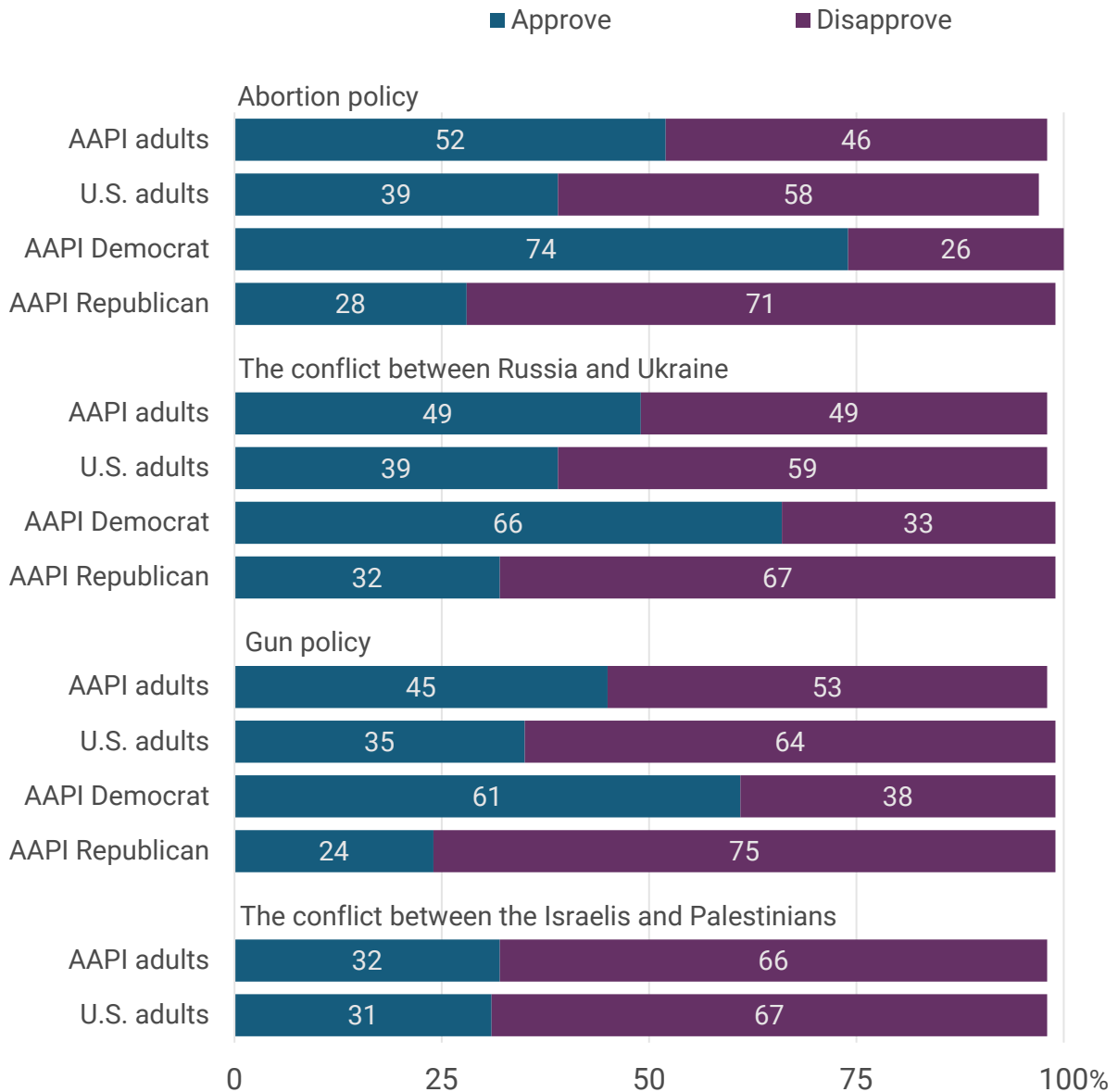
Within AAPI communities, views on these prominent issues are heavily influenced by partisanship.

AAPI Democrats are far more likely than AAPI Republicans to approve of Biden's handling of gun policy, abortion policy, and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, roughly two-thirds of AAPI adults express disapproval of Biden's approach, similar to the general public. However, opinion on his handling of the Russia-Ukraine conflict is evenly split among AAPI adults, while over half of the general population disapproves.

## More AAPI adults approve of Biden's handling of abortion compared with the overall adult population.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...?

**Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted February 5-14, 2024 with 1,172 AAPI adults nationwide and three AP-NORC Polls conducted June 22-26, 2023, August 10-14, 2023, and February 22-26, 2024 with 1,220, 1,165 and 1,102 adults age 18 and older nationwide.

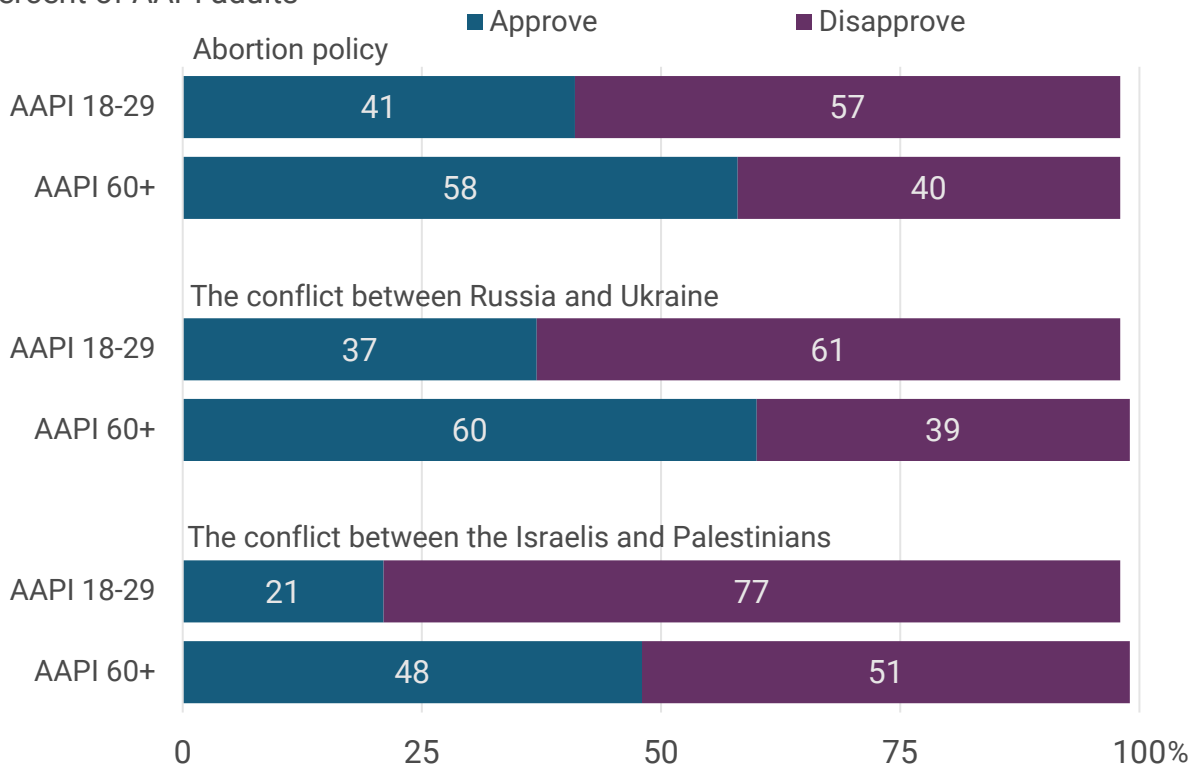


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AAPI adults age 60 years or older are more likely than younger AAPI adults to approve of Biden’s handling of abortion and the conflicts between Israel and Palestine and Russia and Ukraine. When considering the effects of other demographic variables and partisanship, younger and older AAPI adults are not significantly different regarding Biden’s handling of gun policy.

**Younger AAPI adults more often disapprove of Biden's handling of the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians than older AAPI adults.**

Percent of AAPI adults



**Questions:** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...?

**Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted February 5-14, 2024 with 1,172 AAPI adults nationwide.



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## **AAPI ADULTS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT EITHER PARTY CAN RESOLVE INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS, BUT ARE MORE TRUSTING OF DEMOCRATS ON GUNS AND ABORTION**

Among AAPI adults trust is higher for the Democratic party's handling of issues like abortion and gun policy compared with the general population. Yet AAPI adults express greater skepticism towards both parties regarding the Israeli-Palestinian and Russia-Ukraine conflicts.

On gun policy, nearly half of AAPI adults trust Democrats, 17% trust Republicans, and 7% trust both, while about a quarter (26%) trust neither party. AAPI communities are about half as likely as the general population to trust Republicans on gun policy. While most AAPI partisans trust their own party more to handle gun policy, a greater share of AAPI Democrats trust their own party more than AAPI Republicans trust theirs.

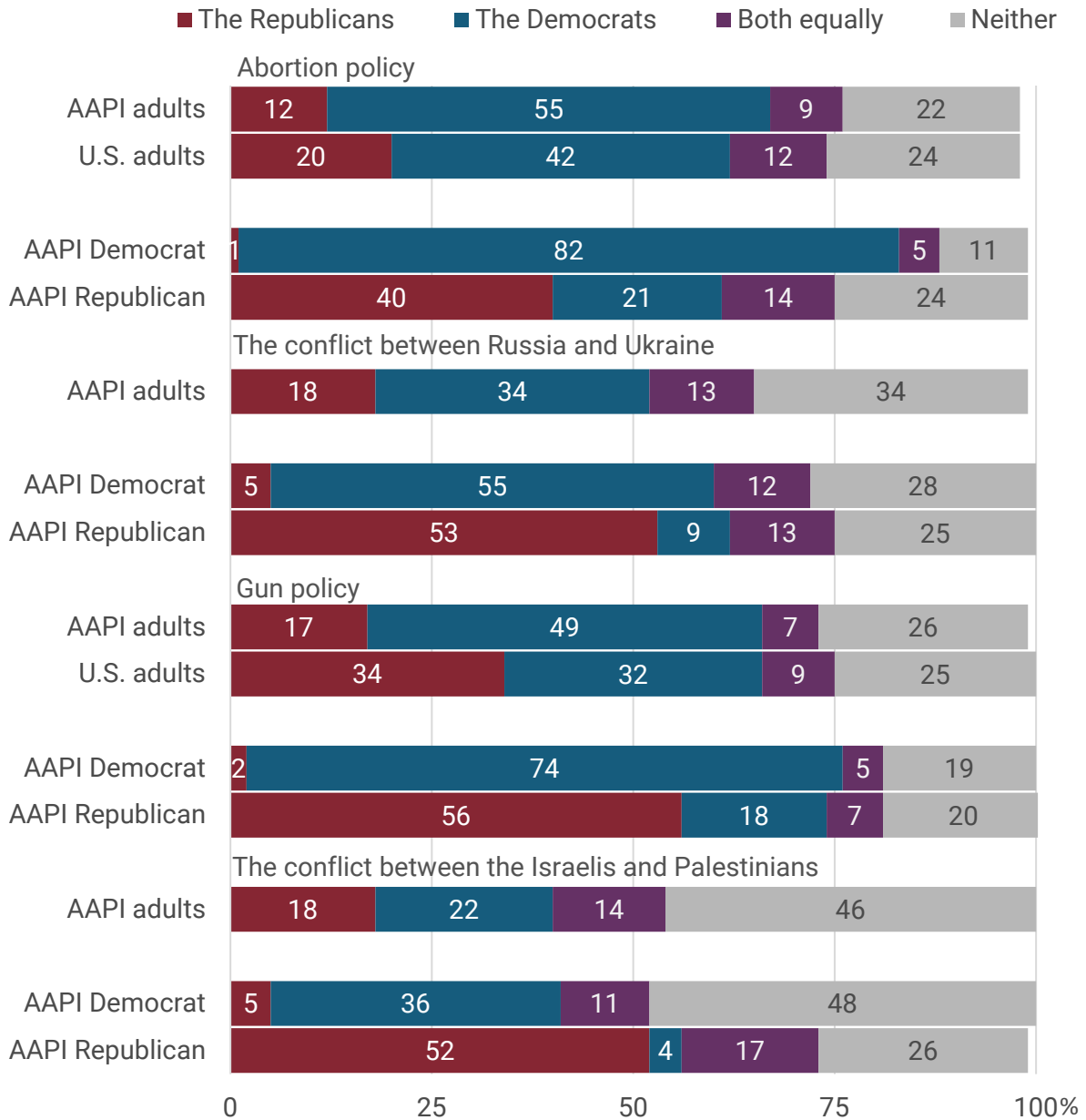
More than half of AAPI adults trust Democrats to handle abortion policy, just 12% trust Republicans, while 22% trust neither party. AAPI communities have higher trust in Democrats compared with the general population, and less trust in Republicans. Although, similar shares express skepticism toward both parties.

Less than half of AAPI Republicans trust their own party more to handle abortion policy while nearly all AAPI Democrats trust the Democratic party more.

Regarding the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, nearly half trust neither party to handle the conflict, and about a third trust neither party to resolve the Russia conflict. AAPI partisans are each more likely to trust their own party to handle these conflicts.

## AAPI adults trust Democrats more than Republicans with gun and abortion policy and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Percent of adults



**Questions:** Now, which party do you trust to do a better job of handling?

**Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted February 5-14, 2024 with 1,172 AAPI adults nationwide and AP-NORC Poll conducted October 6-10, 2022 with 1,121 adults nationwide.

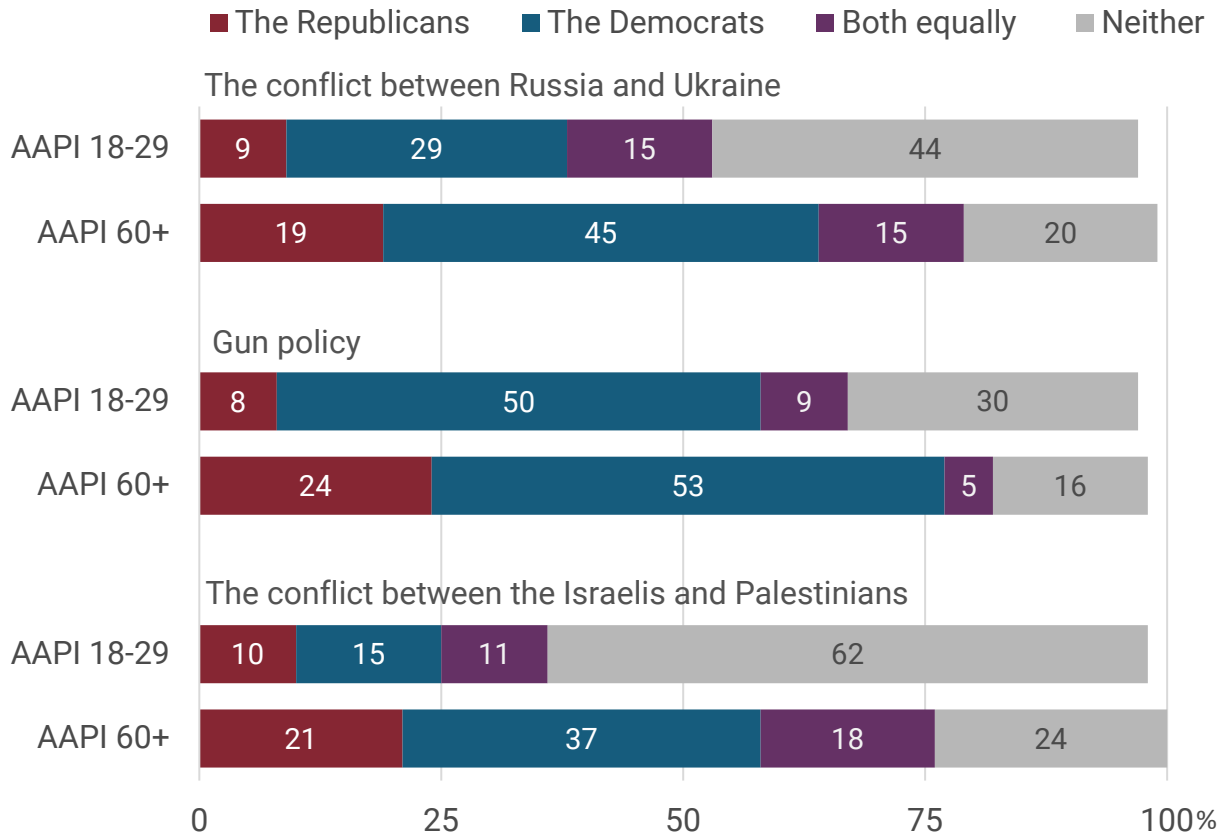


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There are no significant differences between younger and older AAPI adults when it comes to handling abortion policy. But for the other issues, younger AAPI adults are more likely than older AAPI adults to trust neither party.

### Younger AAPI adults are less trusting of the parties to handle most issues.

Percent of AAPI adults



**Questions:** Now, which party do you trust to do a better job of handling:

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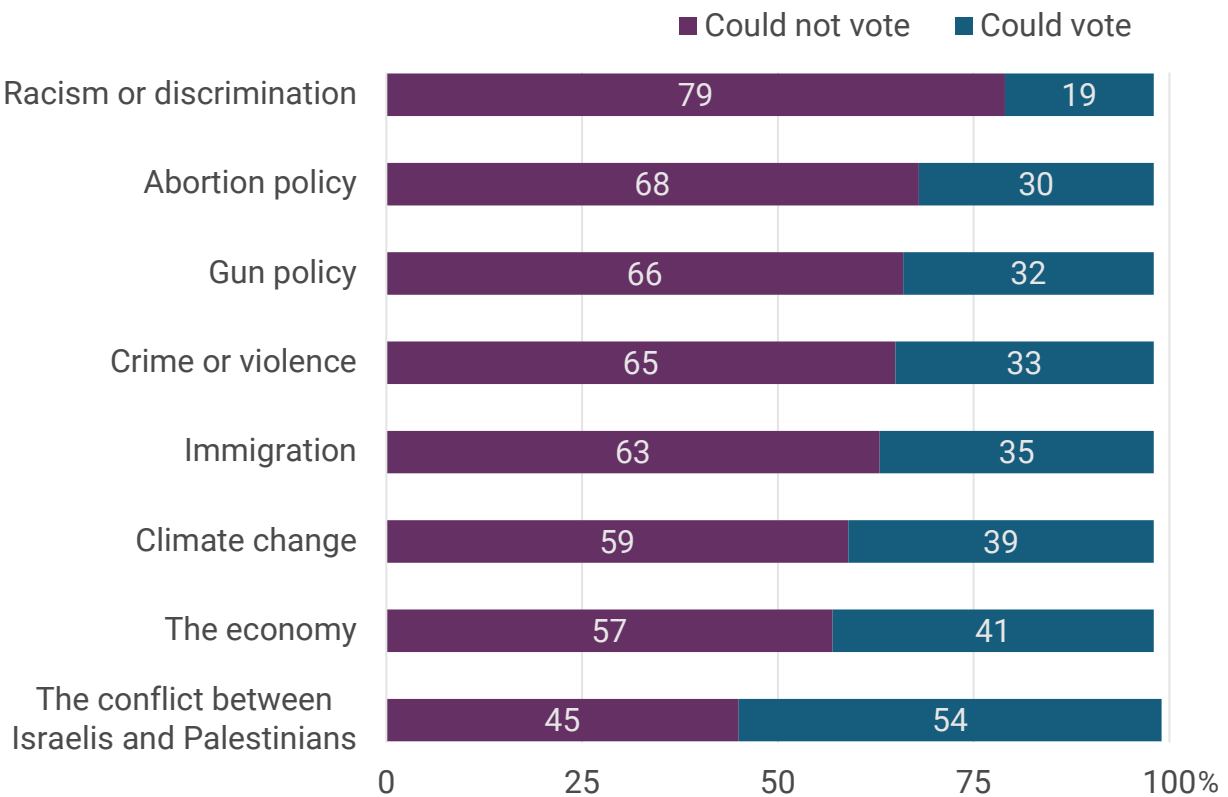
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## MOST AAPI ADULTS WOULD BE UNWILLING TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO DID NOT SHARE THEIR VIEW ON RACISM, ABORTION, OR GUN POLICY, BUT COULD BE FLEXIBLE ON THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Most AAPI adults say they could not support a candidate whose views do not align with their stances on key issues such as racism and discrimination, abortion, guns, crime or violence, immigration, climate change, or the economy. However, about half are open to voting for candidates with differing views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### Most AAPI would not vote for a candidate who does not share their views on issues ranging from abortion policy to the economy.

Percent of AAPI adults



**Questions:** Is it possible you could ever vote for a candidate who does not share your views on each of the following, or is this issue so important that you could never vote for a candidate who disagrees with you?

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AAPI Democrats could imagine voting for a candidate who disagrees with them on immigration (39% vs. 26%) or the economy (49% vs. 30%) more often than Republicans. But AAPI Republicans more often feel they could vote for a candidate who does not share their view on abortion policy (45% vs. 22%), climate change (57% vs. 29%), or racism or discrimination (27% vs. 17%) compared with Democrats.

On the issue of abortion, AAPI adults who know someone who has had an abortion are less willing to vote for a candidate who does not share their view on abortion policy compared with those who have no personal connection (23% vs. 36%).

## METHODS

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and AAPI Data with funding from the University of California (UC) Riverside.

Data were collected using the Amplify AAPI Monthly survey drawing from NORC's Amplify AAPI® Panel designed to be representative of the U.S. Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report.

Amplify AAPI is a blend of multiple sample designs. Each stage seeks to provide maximum coverage of the AANHPI population, and all are combined through base-weighting to arrive at a representative overall cross-section of AANHPI in the United States. The first stage included recruitment of approximately 850 active AANHPI panelists from NORC's flagship probability panel, AmeriSpeak. These panelists now serve as members of both the AmeriSpeak and the Amplify AAPI panels. During the initial recruitment phase of the AmeriSpeak panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame or a secondary national address frame, both with over 96% coverage of all U.S. addresses, and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, or field interviewers (face to face).

The second stage began in the spring of 2022, when Amplify AAPI recruited 150 households from a 30,000-sample pool as a pilot to test the sample design's feasibility and participation rates. In 2023, Blue Shield Foundation of California and UC Riverside/AAPI Data sponsored a recruitment effort in California generating 1,150 additional panelists. Finally, the Rockefeller Foundation funded a national recruitment effort, including new recruits and those from the 2022 Pew Asian American Survey, generating 4,700 panelists who are eligible for the monthly survey.

By providing recruiting and interviewing in the languages noted below, Amplify AAPI covers approximately 90 percent of Asian language “linguistically isolated” households, that is, households in which no adult can speak English or Spanish at least “well.” Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings population.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between February 5-14, 2024 with Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders 18 years of age or older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from the Amplify AAPI Panel, and 1,172 completed the survey—1,168 via the web with 4 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. In addition to English, the survey was offered in the Chinese dialects of Mandarin and Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Korean, depending on respondent preference.

Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (either \$5 or \$10) for completing the survey. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-3.9 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 40 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

Once the sample was selected and fielded, and all the study data were collected and made final, a poststratification process was used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census region, race/ethnicity, education, U.S. born, and Asian origin. Weighting variables were obtained from the American Communities Survey (ACS) 5 years data 2017-2021. The weighted data reflect the U.S. Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) household population, including all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Complete questions and results are available at [www.apnorc.org](http://www.apnorc.org). For more information about the study, email [info@apnorc.org](mailto:info@apnorc.org).

Additional information on the Amplify AAPI Panel methodology is available at: <https://amplifyaapi.norc.org/>. For more information about the panel, email [Amplifyaapi-bd@norc.org](mailto:Amplifyaapi-bd@norc.org).

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