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AAPI Data / AP-NORC survey finds three quarters of AAPI adults believe that access to abortion should be legal in all or most cases and want Congress to pass a law guaranteeing access nationwide.

Most AAPI adults won't vote for a candidate who doesn't share their view on racism (79%) or abortion (68%), but 54% could vote for a candidate who disagrees on the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Chicago, March 21, 2024 – In the year and a half since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, 79% of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAPI) adults believe abortion should be legal in all or most cases and 75% want Congress to pass a law guaranteeing access nationwide according to a new AAPI Data/AP-NORC survey.

The findings show that 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 supportive than the general public in their support for 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%). Further, about 6 in 10 support coverage by private and public insurers for both adults and minors.

When it comes to transgender care, a majority (56%) of AAPI adults support medically supervised gender affirming counseling and therapy for transgender adults, but fewer support access for minors (47%). Similarly, 46% back gender-affirming hormone therapy for adults, but this support drops considerably for minors (30%). AAPI adults with personal ties to transgender or non-binary people are more likely to support access to both counseling and hormone therapy for adults and minors.

"This survey amplifies the opinions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community on some of the most pressing issues this election season," said Jennifer Benz, deputy director of The AP-NORC Center. "AAPI adults are largely united around support for abortion access. But there is a great deal of nuance when it comes to other policies like care for transgender people or the importance of different issues at the ballot box."

The survey also explores AAPI adults' sentiments on various political issues, including approval ratings of President Biden's handling of policies and trust in the political parties' management of key issues. About half approve of Biden's handling of abortion issues, surpassing the national average (52% vs. 39%). Similarly, around half of AAPI adults disapprove of his handling of gun policy, though disapproval is even higher in the general population (53% vs. 64%). Roughly two-thirds of AAPI adults express disapproval of Biden's approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, while opinions on his handling of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict are evenly split.

Trust is higher for Democrats on issues like abortion and gun policy compared to the general population, yet AAPI adults express greater skepticism towards both parties regarding the Israeli-Palestinian and Russia-Ukraine conflicts. While most say they couldn't support a candidate whose views don't align with



their stances on key issues such as racism and discrimination (79%) and abortion (68%), 54% remain open to voting for candidates with differing views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“The study sheds light on Asian American and Pacific Islander voters’ priorities, with the majority expressing the importance of candidate alignment with their views on various critical issues,” said Karthick Ramakrishnan, executive director of AAPI Data and a professor of public policy. “Nevertheless, a sizable share indicates a willingness to vote for candidates with differing views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.”

About the Study

The nationwide study was conducted from February 5-14, 2024, using the Amplify AAPI Monthly survey drawing from [Amplify AAPI](#), a national probability panel of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders, built and hosted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Online and telephone interviews were offered in English, the Chinese dialects of Mandarin and Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Korean with 1,172 Asian American and Pacific Islanders aged 18 and older living in the United States. The margin of sampling error is +/- 3.9 percentage points.

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