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MOST AAPI ADULTS DISAPPROVE OF CURRENT TRUMP ADMINISTRATION PRIORITIES AND POLICIES

The community is divided on which party to trust to do a better job handling key issue areas such as the economy, inflation, and immigration. Democrats are better trusted on issues including health, education, and foreign policy.

As the Trump administration continues to enact its agenda, a new AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll finds many AAPI adults disapprove of how President Trump is handling a host of key policy issues, including the economy and trade (71%), managing the federal government (68%), and government spending (63%). AAPI



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Six 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. 55% say Trump is mostly focusing on the wrong policies, with just 18% who say he is mostly focusing on the right priorities and 18% about an even mix.
- 2. AAPI adults are divided on which party to trust to handle the economy, inflation, or immigration, but are more likely to trust Democrats on climate change, education, health reform, and foreign policy.
- 3. About 7 in 10 oppose eliminating the CFPB (69%) and the DoE (67%), and about half (55%) oppose eliminating the USAID.
- 4. About 8 in 10 support deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally who have been convicted of a violent crime, similar to the general population. Far fewer (43%) support deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally.
- 5. Many more AAPI adults oppose rather than support eliminating birthright citizenship for children born in the United States to parents who are here illegally or on temporary work or student visas.
- 6. A third have already been personally affected by climate change in a major way and another 43% expect climate change to have a major impact in their lifetime.

adults are more likely to express disapproval on each of these issues than the general population, according to a March 2025 AP-NORC Poll.

About half (55%) say Trump is mostly focusing on the wrong policies, while just 18% say he is mostly focusing on the right priorities.

A majority (76%) agree that Elon Musk, the head of the new <u>Department of Government Efficiency</u> (DOGE), has too much influence on the U.S. federal government and are largely opposed to the cuts to federal agencies that DOGE has either made or proposed. About 7 in 10 oppose eliminating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) (69%) and the Department of Education (DoE) (67%), while about half (55%) oppose eliminating the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

AAPI adults are opposed to federal cuts to diversity and equity programs. Two-thirds oppose eliminating initiatives that seek to broaden access to federal resources, policies, and programs for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and that eliminate federal funding to K-12 schools that teach about the ongoing impact of slavery and racism in America.

And, similar to the general public, about half (51%) oppose eliminating the debt ceiling, a limit set by lawmakers that determines how much the federal government can borrow to pay its existing bills.

Although AAPI adults are opposed to many Trump administration's policies, they are divided on which party they trust to do a better job handling key issue areas such as the economy, inflation, and immigration. On other matters, however, the Democratic party has a clear advantage. Democrats are more trusted than Republicans when it comes to climate change (56% vs 15%), education (50% vs 19%), health reform (45% vs 18%), and foreign policy (42% vs 25%).

Views on Immigration

AAPI adults and the general population are largely in line when it comes to views on immigration and policies addressing those living the United States illegally. Forty-three percent of AAPI adults support deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally. However, just 20% of adults aged 18-29 support this policy, compared to 36% of adults aged 30-44 and about half of those aged 45 and older.

Context also matters for AAPI opinion on deportation policies. About 8 in 10 adults among both AAPI and general population support deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally who have been convicted of a violent crime. About 9 in 10 AAPI adults aged 45 and older support this policy, compared with two-thirds of adults age 18-29.

Support is lower when it comes to certain tactics for arresting people. Just 27% support these deportations if it means they will be separated from their children who are citizens. About half of AAPI adults oppose arresting people who are in the country illegally while they are in the hospital or at church or other places of worship. These views are nearly identical to those of the general population.

The Trump administration has proposed limitations on birthright citizenship. Only a quarter of AAPI adults support eliminating birthright citizenship for children born in the United States to parents who are here on a temporary work or student visa (24%), while about half oppose (56%). Similarly, about a third of AAPI adults support eliminating birthright citizenship for children born to immigrants who are here illegally (32%), while 50% oppose. On the matter of legal immigration, half oppose reducing the number of family-sponsored visas available for immigrants living in the country legally to bring their

relatives to the United States or reducing the number of temporary work visas, such as H-1B visas, available for foreign workers.

Experiences with Climate Change

Similar to findings from <u>a year ago</u>, about 8 in 10 AAPI adults have experienced an extreme weather event in the last 5 years. Sixty-five percent have experienced extreme heat waves, 46% have experienced severe winter storms, and 32% have experienced wildfires such as the <u>recent fires in</u> California.

Compared with a <u>recent poll</u> among the general population, AAPI adults are more likely to say that climate change has had or will have a major impact on their lives or health. For example, 21% say that climate change has already had a major impact on their health and 53% expect it will have major impact, while just 26% do not think it will have a major impact. Expectations are similar for the impacts of climate change on their lives overall, and air quality and water availability where they live.

And, like <u>recent findings</u> among the general public, there is broad support among AAPI adults for government aid in the case of natural disasters. About 6 in 10 support the federal government providing money to local residents to help them rebuild or to make their property more resistant to natural disasters and providing homeowners' insurance in at-risk communities for people who cannot get private insurance. Fifty-one percent support restricting new construction in these at-risk communities.

The nationwide study was conducted by The AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and AAPI Data from March 4–10, 2025, 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 1,182 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders aged 18 and older living in the United States. The margin of sampling error is +/- 4.7 percentage points.

AAPI ADULTS DISAPPROVE OF HOW PRESIDENT TRUMP IS HANDLING A RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES.

Most AAPI adults disapprove of Trump's approach to various policies, from the economy to trade negotiations to immigration. They are more likely to express disapproval on each of these issues than the general population, according to a <u>March 2025 AP-NORC Poll.</u>

When it comes to the conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians, AAPI adults approved of Biden's handling of the issue (32%) when asked in <u>February of 2024</u>, just as much as they do of Trump now (33%).

Most AAPI adults disapprove of how Trump is handling issues. Percent of adults Approve ■ Disapprove **Immigration** AAPI adults 42 58 U.S. adults 49 50 Government spending AAPI adults 37 63 U.S. adults 51 Diversity and inclusion policies AAPI adults 34 64 The conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians 65 AAPI adults U.S. adults 44 54 Managing the federal government AAPI adults 68 31 U.S. adults 43 55 Climate change AAPI adults 29 The economy AAPI adults 28 71 U.S. adults 58 Trade negotiations with other countries AAPI adults 71 U.S. adults 38 60

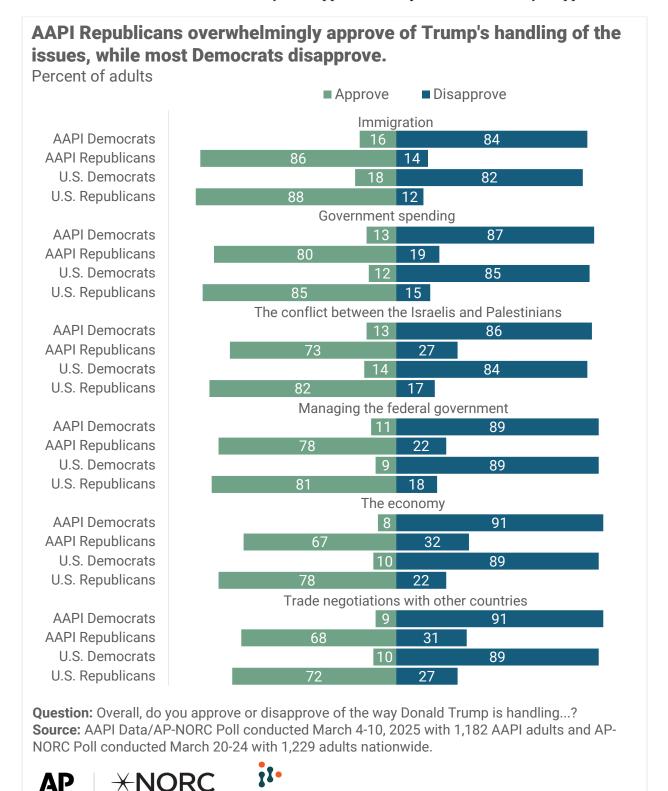
Question: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...? **Source:** AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted March 4-10, 2025 with 1,182 AAPI adults and AP-NORC Poll conducted March 20-24 with 1,229 adults nationwide.





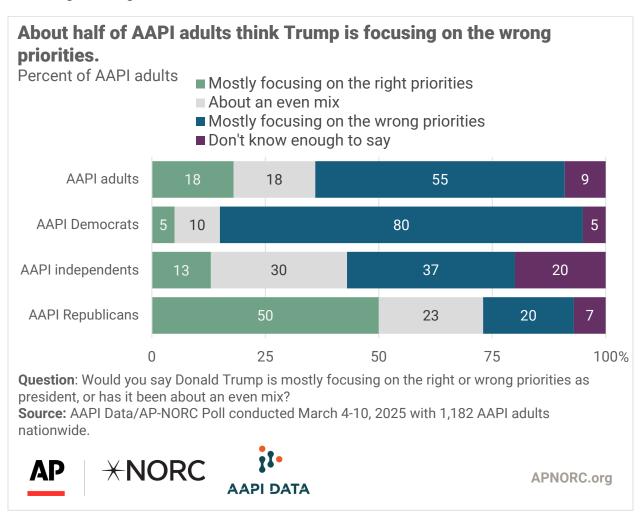


Like the general population, AAPI partisans fall along party lines when evaluating Trump's performance on these issues with Democrats more likely to disapprove and Republicans more likely to approve.



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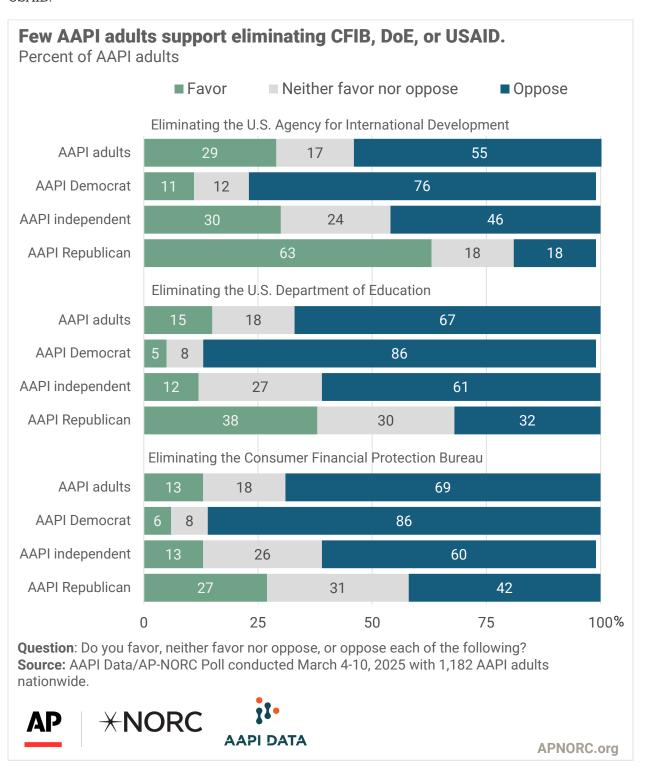
Overall, about half of AAPI adults say Trump is mostly focusing on the wrong priorities as president. More Democrats say he spends his time focusing on the wrong priorities than Republicans who say he is focusing on the right ones.



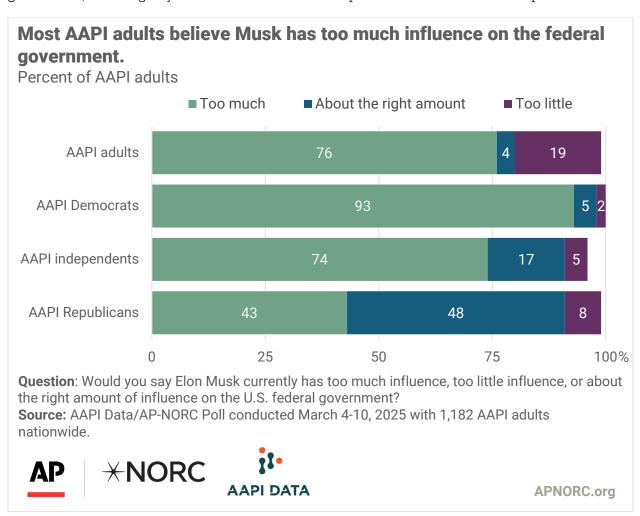
MANY ARE OPPOSED TO ELIMINATING FEDERAL AGENCIES AND AGREE MUSK HAS TOO MUCH INFLUENCE ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Amidst the Trump administration's efforts to dismantle some federal agencies, a majority of AAPI adults oppose eliminating the CFPB and the DoE, and about half oppose cutting the USAID.

Less than half of Republicans favor eliminating the DoE or the CFPB, while most support eliminating USAID.

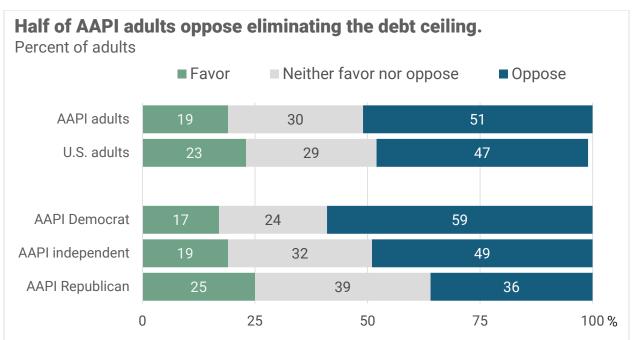


Seventy-six percent agree that Musk, the head of DOGE, has too much influence on the federal government, including majorities of Democrats and independents and about 4 in 10 Republicans.



About half of AAPI adults oppose eliminating the debt ceiling, another priority for the Trump administration. This is largely in line with an AP-NORC poll of the general population from January 2025.

About 2 in 10 AAPI partisans support such a policy, though Democrats are more likely to oppose it than Republicans.



Question: [Eliminating the debt ceiling] Do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose each of the following government policies?

Source: AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted March 4-10, 2025 with 1,182 AAPI adults and AP-NORC Poll conducted January 9-13, 2025 with 1,147 adults nationwide.

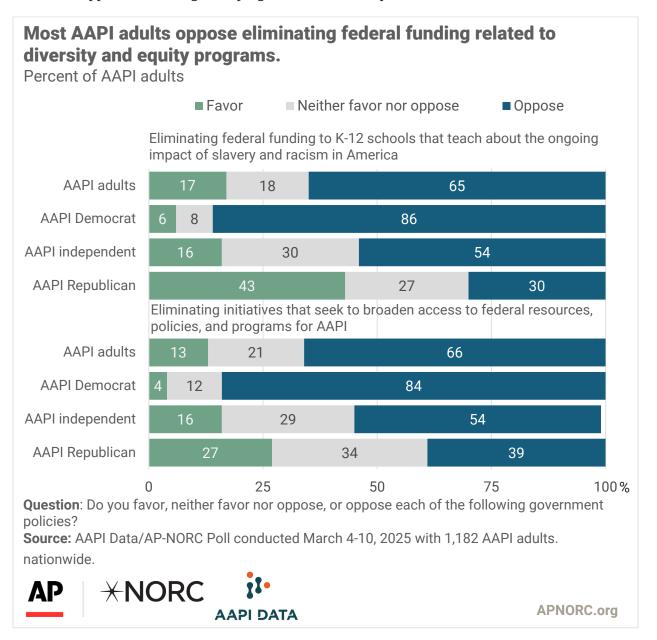




AAPI ADULTS OPPOSE ELIMINATING SUPPORT FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO DIVERSITY AND EQUITY.

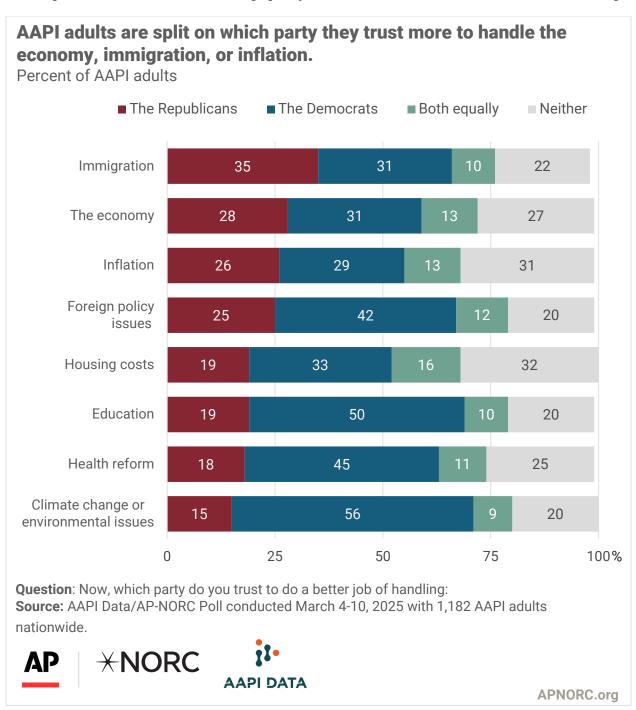
Most oppose eliminating initiatives that broaden access to federal resources, policies, or programs for AAPI as well as federal funding for K-12 schools that teach about the ongoing impact of slavery and racism in America.

Democrats oppose eliminating these programs more than Republicans.

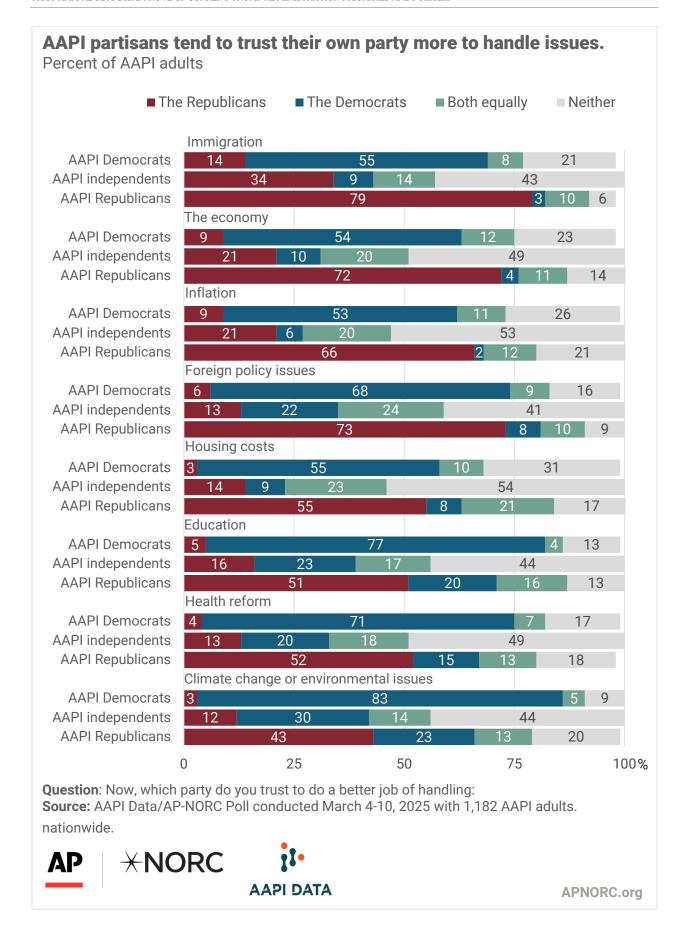


WHEN IT COMES TO SEVERAL KEY ISSUES, AAPI ADULTS ARE DIVIDED ON WHICH PARTY THEY TRUST MORE.

AAPI communities are split over which political party is better equipped to handle key policy issues including the economy, inflation, and immigration. They are more likely to have faith in Democrats than Republicans when it comes to foreign policy issues, education, health reform, and climate change.



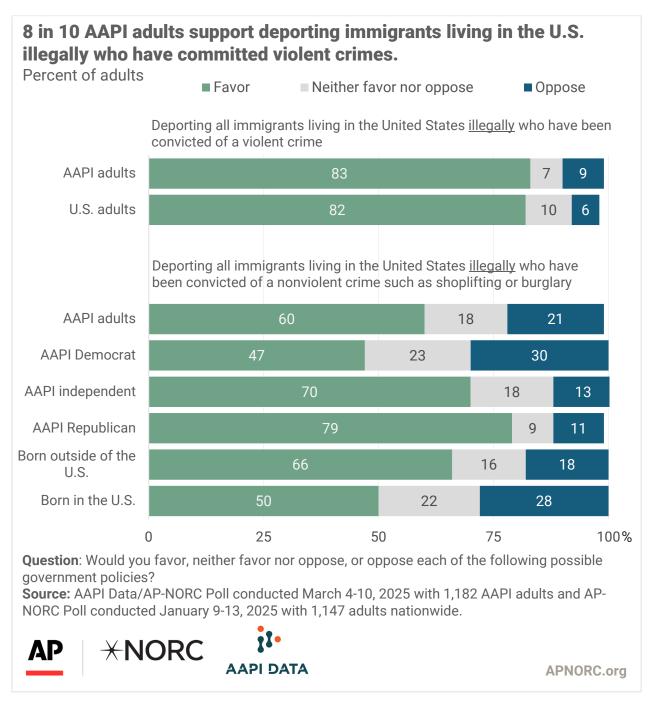
AAPI partisans tend to trust their own party more to handle issues, though Democrats are more mixed about their party's ability to handle immigration, economic issues, or housing costs. Similarly, Republicans are more divided on issues like housing costs, health reform, education, and climate change.



MOST SUPPORT DEPORTING IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME.

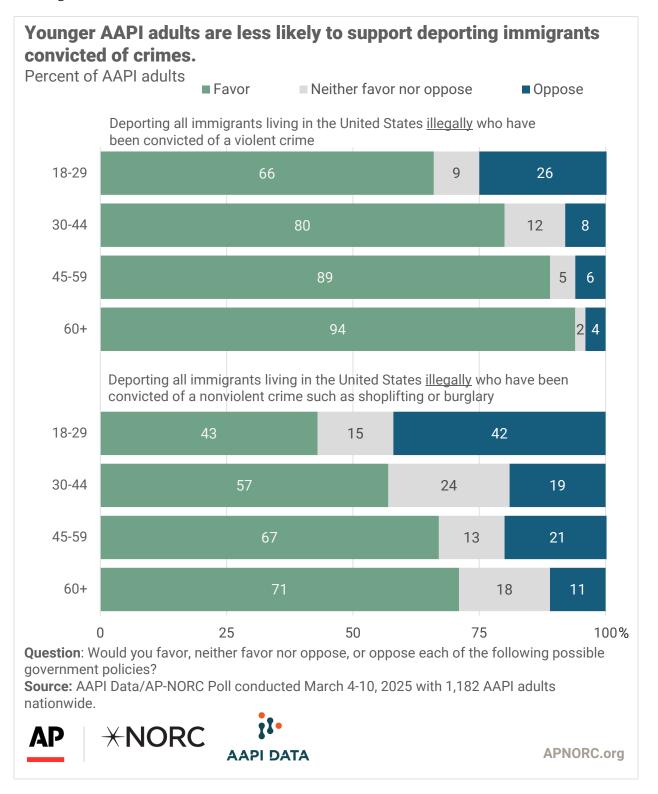
Eight in 10 support deporting immigrants residing in the United States illegally who have been convicted of violent crimes, including majorities among both Democrats (82%) and Republicans (86%) and both those who were born in the United States (80%) or outside the United States (85%).

Although support is not as broad for deporting immigrants residing in the country illegally who have been convicted of nonviolent crimes, a majority would still be in favor of such a policy. Democrats are less likely to be supportive compared with both independents and Republicans. Those who were born outside the United States are also more likely to be supportive than those who were born in the United States (66% vs. 50%).



Majorities of all age groups support deportation of immigrants living in the United States illegally who have been convicted of a violent crime, though AAPI adults under age 45 are less likely to support it than those age 45 and older.

AAPI adults under age 45 are also less likely than older adults to support deporting immigrants residing in the country illegally who have been convicted of nonviolent crimes, including just 43% of those age 18-29.



BOTH AAPI ADULTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ARE MORE CRITICAL WHEN IT COMES DEPORTING ALL IMMIGRANTS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY AND USING CERTAIN TACTICS FOR ARRESTING PEOPLE.

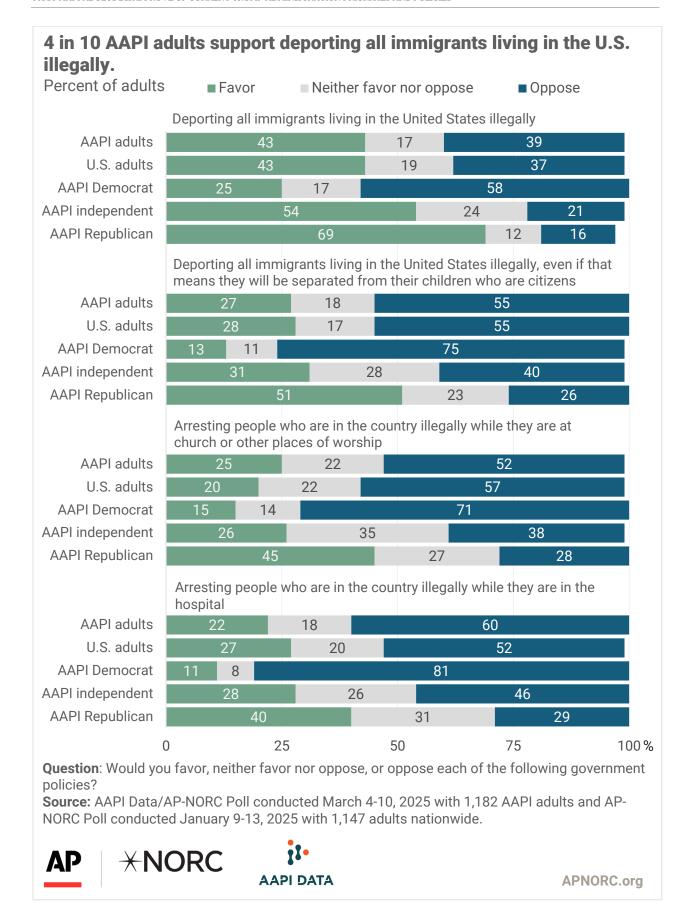
There is little consensus among both AAPI adults and the general public regarding deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally.

About half of AAPI adults and the general population oppose deporting all immigrants living in the country illegally if doing so meant they would be separated from their children who are citizens, while about a quarter support the policy.

Among AAPI adults, Republicans and independents are more likely to support mass deportation than Democrats.

Half of AAPI adults and 6 in 10 adults overall oppose arresting people who are in the country illegally while they are at church or other places of worship. Similar shares oppose arresting immigrants while they are in the hospital.

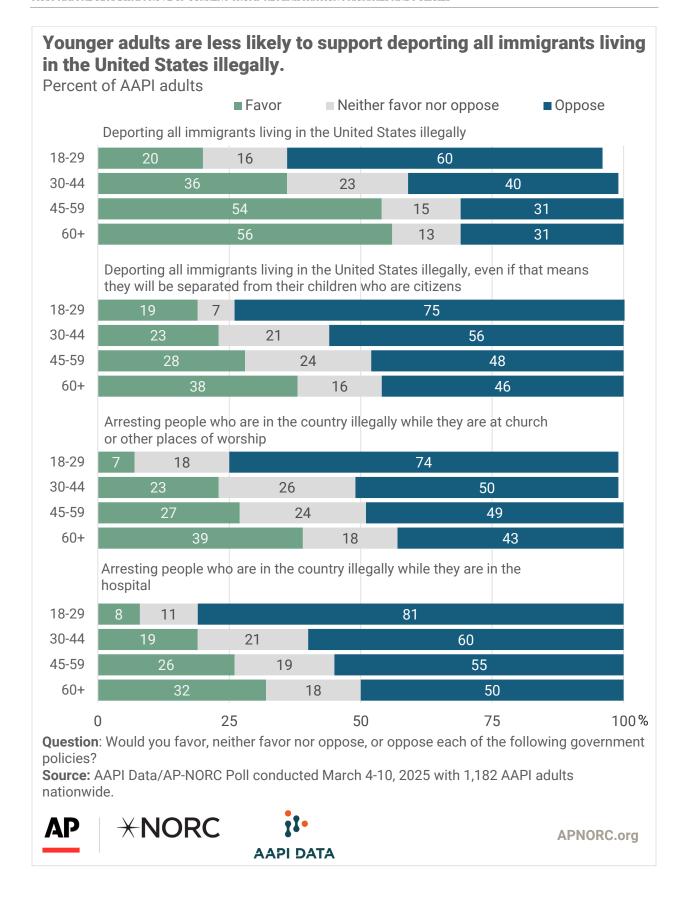
About 4 in 10 AAPI Republicans support making arrests in these situations compared with just 1 in 10 Democrats.



Among AAPI adults, just 20% of those age 18-29 support deporting all immigrants living in the United States illegally, compared with 36% of those age 30-44 and about half of those age 45 and older.

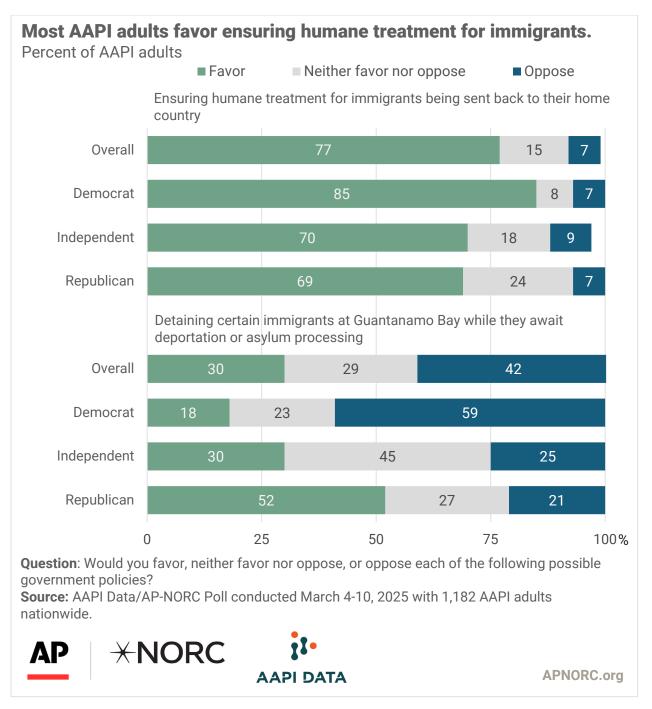
Support among adults age 45 and older drops when it comes to deporting all immigrants living in the country illegally if doing so means they would be separated from their children who are citizens, with just a third supporting such a policy.

Only about 1 in 10 young adults support arresting people who are in the country illegally while they are at church or in other places of worship or in the hospital. Older AAPI adults are more supportive of these methods.



When it comes to possible government policies, 77% of AAPI adults favor ensuring humane treatment for immigrants being sent to their home country. There is bipartisan support for such a policy.

Additionally, only 30% support detaining certain immigrants at Guantanamo Bay while they await deportation or asylum processing, though views are heavily influenced by partisanship.



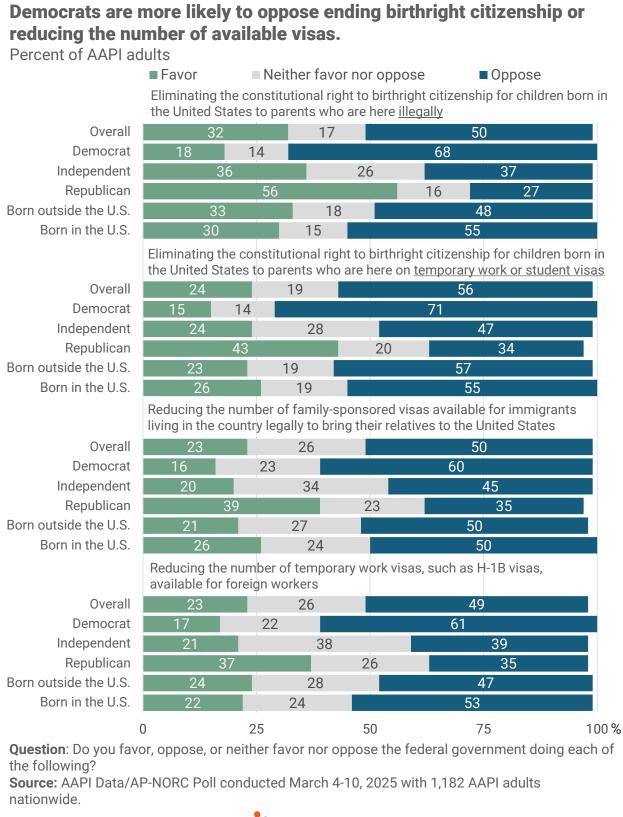
Large majorities of all age groups support ensuring humane treatment for immigrants being sent to their home country. Few support detaining certain immigrants at Guantanamo Bay while they await deportation or asylum processing, though those age 18-29 (57%) are more likely to oppose this policy than older adults.

ABOUT HALF OF AAPI ADULTS OPPOSE ELIMINATING BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP OR REDUCING CERTAIN TYPES OF VISAS.

About half of AAPI adults oppose eliminating the constitutional right to birthright citizenship for children born in the United States to parents who are in the country illegally or on temporary work or student visas. A similar share also oppose reducing the number of family-sponsored visas available for immigrants living in the country legally to bring their relatives to the United States and reducing the number of temporary work visas available for foreign workers.

Both those born outside the United States and native-born AAPI largely agree with the overall AAPI population when it comes to policies relating to birthright citizenship.

Among AAPI communities, Democrats are more likely than independents or Republicans to oppose either eliminating birthright citizenship or reducing the number of available visas.

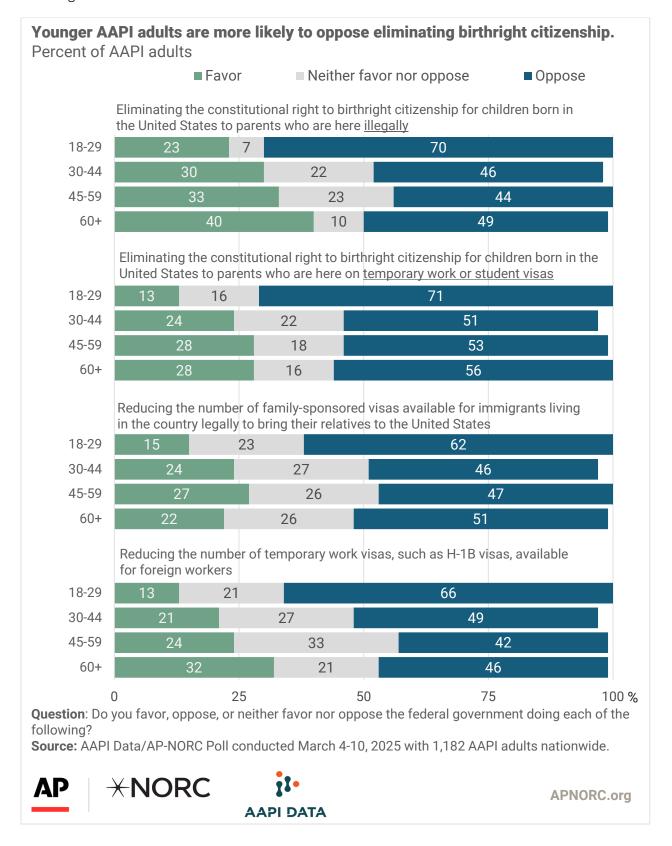








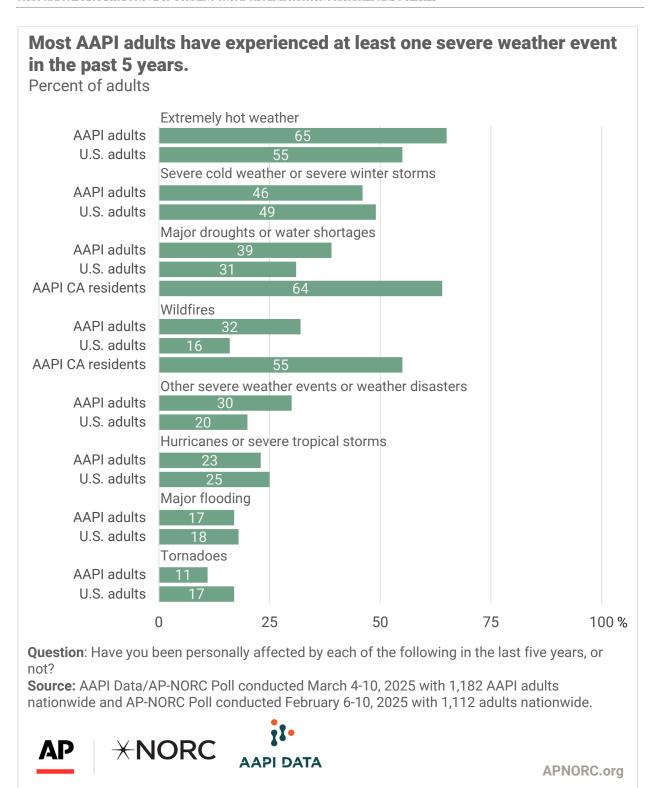
AAPI adults age 18-29 are more likely than older adults to oppose eliminating birthright citizenship or reducing the number of available visas than older adults.



MOST AAPI ADULTS HAVE EXPERIENCED AN EXTREME WEATHER EVENT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, AND MOST AGREE CLIMATE CHANGE HAS OR WILL HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES.

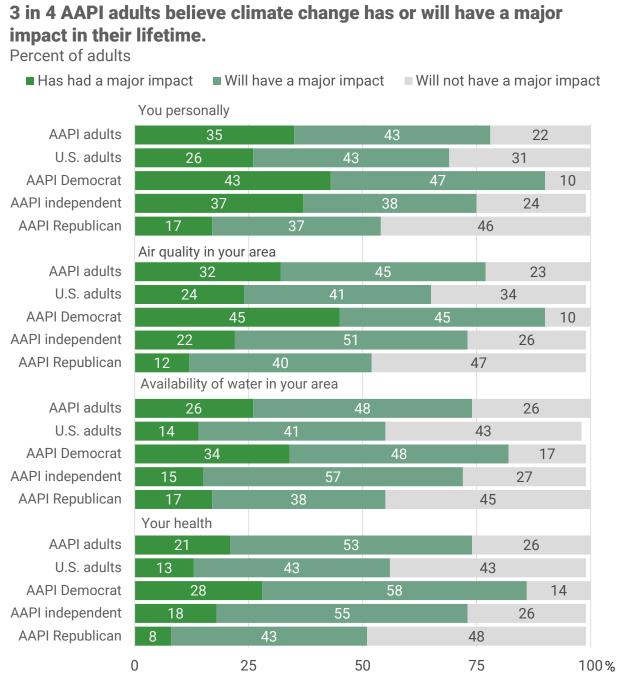
About 8 in 10 AAPI adults have experienced at least one type of severe weather event in the past five years including 65% who report experiencing extremely hot weather, 46% severe cold weather, 39% a major drought or water shortage, and 32% who have experienced wildfires. Fewer have faced hurricanes, major flooding, or tornadoes. In March 2024, similar shares of AAPI adults reported experiencing various extreme weather events.

While AAPI adults' experiences with severe weather are largely similar to those of the overall population, AAPI adults who are California residents are more likely than other AAPI adults to report they have faced major droughts or water shortages (64%) or wildfires (55%).



Three-quarters of AAPI adults believe that climate change either has had or will have a major impact on them personally, their health, or the air quality and water availability in their area. Compared with a <u>recent poll</u> among the general population, AAPI adults are more likely to say that climate change has had or will have a major impact on their lives or health.

Within AAPI communities, Democrats are more likely than both independents and Republicans to view climate change's impact in these areas as significant. Independents are also more likely to share these views than Republicans.



Question: Do you think climate change has already had a major impact, will have a major impact, or will not have a major impact on each of the following in your lifetime?

Source: AAPI Data/AP-NORC Poll conducted March 4-10, 2025 with 1,182 AAPI adults nationwide and AP-NORC Poll conducted February 6-10, 2025 with 1,112 adults nationwide.

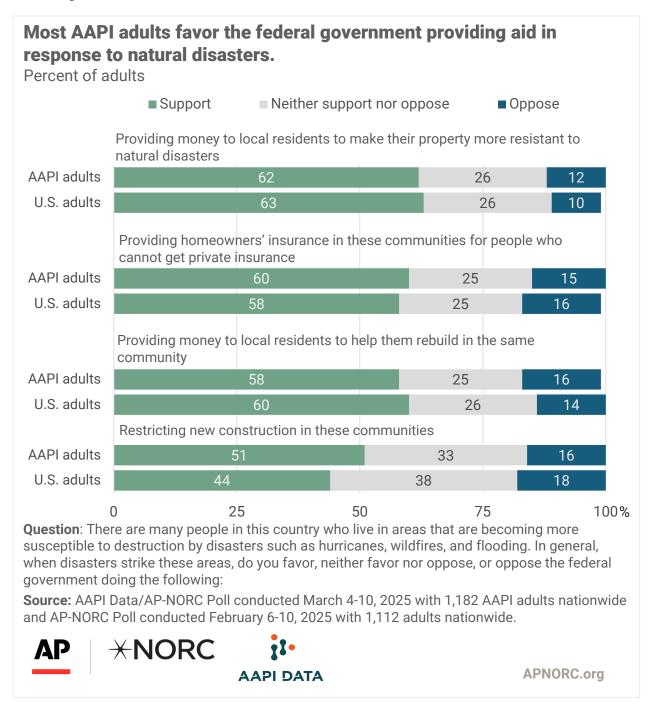






THERE IS BROAD SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT AID IN THE CASE OF DISASTERS.

Similar to the <u>overall public</u>, most AAPI adults support the federal government providing financial assistance to people who live in areas that are becoming more prone to natural disasters. About 6 in 10 favor providing homeowners' insurance for people who cannot obtain private insurance, providing money to local residents to make their property more resistant to natural disasters, and helping residents rebuild in the same community. Slightly fewer—about half of AAPI adults—support restricting new construction in these communities.



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 March 4-10, 2025 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 1,182 completed the survey—1,181 via the web and 1 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. The final stage completion rate is 25.0 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 78.2 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 5.1 percent. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (either \$2 or \$5) for completing the survey.

The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.7 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, 31 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. For more information about the study, email 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/.

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