

METHODOLOGY REPORT	
Survey sponsor	AARP
Survey/Data collection supplier	The Harris Poll (Harris Insights & Analytics)
Population represented	U.S. registered voters age 50+
Sample size	3,500 Quotas were set by race and Hispanic ethnicity. (n=583 Asian American)
Mode of data collection	Online panel
Type of sample (probability/non-probability)	Non-Probability
Start and end dates of data collection	March 13, 2020 – March 23,2020
Margin of sampling error for total sample	Not applicable
Margin of sampling error for key subgroups	Not applicable
Weighting	The data are weighted to the U.S. population age 50+ by education, gender by age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, marital status, census division, household income, household size, and employment status to population benchmarks from the March 2019 Current Population Survey (CPS). Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. Raked weights are estimated using Random Iterative Method (RIM) weighting.
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## ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

### BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS

dmGen [Gender] Are you...?

%	n=583
48	Male
52	Female
0	Other

### BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS

dmAge [Age] What is your age?

	n=583
Mean	63.24
Median	62.00

[RANGE 0 -120]

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[PN: IF NOT 50+, THEN TERM IMMEDIATELY.]

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN US RESPONDENTS 50+**

**dmHispUS [Hispanic Origin (US)]** Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

%	n=583
0	Yes
100	No
0	Prefer not to answer

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: INSERT “Why do we ask this question?” pop-up BELOW CHOICES]

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN US RESPONDENTS 50+**

**dmRaceUS [Race (US)]** What is your race?

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY IN ONE COLUMN.]  
[SINGLE RESPONSE]

%	n=583
0	White
0	Black or African American
0	Native American or Alaskan Native
17	South Asian
38	Chinese
5	Korean
17	Japanese
14	Filipino
0	Arab/West Asian
0	Pacific Islander
8	Other Asian
0	Mixed Race
0	Some other race
0	Prefer not to answer

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: INSERT “Why do we ask this question?” pop-up BELOW CHOICES]

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS 50+**

**QS5:** Are you registered to vote?

%	n=583
100	Yes, I am registered to vote
0	No, I am not registered to vote
0	Don't know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN 50+ US REGISTERED VOTERS (dmAge/50+ AND US (dmCntry/244) AND QS5/1**

**QS6:** Regardless of how you may vote, what do you usually consider yourself?

[RANDOMIZE; ANCHOR 3 AND 4]

%	n=583
42	Democrat
28	Republican
28	Independent
2	Other

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**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN 50+ US (dmAge/50+ AND US (dmCntry/244)**

**QS7:** Which of the following best describes your employment status?

%	n=583
37	Employed full time
9	Employed part time
2	Self-employed full time
3	Self-employed part time
3	Not employed, but looking for work
1	Not employed and not looking for work
1	Not employed, unable to work due to a disability or illness
37	Retired
0	Student
7	Stay-at-home spouse or partner

**MAIN SURVEY**

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q1.** How likely are you to vote in the November 2020 Elections?

%	n=583
1	Will not vote
0	Not that likely
6	Somewhat likely
5	Fairly likely
86	Very likely
2	Don't know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q6.** Which of the following matters most to you when you are voting for an elected official? *Please select one.*

[RANDOMIZE]

%	n=583
58	Their stance on the issues I care about
9	Political party affiliation
16	Character or personality traits
8	Strong electability and capability of staging a winning campaign
9	Experience

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q7.** What are the top qualities you look for in an elected official? *Please select up to three choices.*

[RANDOMIZE]

%	n=583
33	A solid plan to address problems in the community
9	Brings a fresh perspective
9	Strong ability to persuade others
5	Shows good temperament
18	Ability to collaborate with others
1	Served in the armed forces
6	Actively gives back to their community
28	Shares my values
56	Exhibits integrity, honesty, and moral character
52	Understands deeply the day to day issues of ordinary Americans
52	Prioritizes getting things done above political party ideology
2	Other (specify) _____
1	Don't know/ Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q4.** Where do you get your information to guide your voting decisions? *Please select up to three choices.*

[RANDOMIZE; MULTIPLE RESPONSE – ALLOW UP TO THREE; ANCHOR 9-10; EXCLUSIVE 10]

%	n=583
13	Paid advertising from the candidates or groups supporting them
13	Websites run by the candidate
15	Direct mailings, emails, phone calls or other communications from the candidate
17	Social media sites (such as Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
42	Conversations with friends and family
26	Academics, non-profits, think tanks and other experts in politics
76	News or talk shows (TV, radio, online, newspaper)
50	Candidate debates and townhalls
3	Other (specify) _____
4	Don't know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q5.** Thinking about issues, topics, or problems that may impact you and your community, how important are the following to you personally?

[COLUMN]

- 1 Not at all important
- 2 Somewhat important
- 3 Important (or Fairly important)
- 4 Very important
- 5 Extremely important

[ROW, RANDOMIZE]

n=583	Extremely Important %	Very Important %	Fairly Important %	Somewhat Important %	Not at all Important %
1. Securing the future of Medicare	48	30	14	8	1
2. Securing the future of Social Security	54	29	10	7	1
3. Lowering prescription drug prices	46	31	13	9	1
4. Making sure all Americans have health insurance coverage	41	27	17	10	5
5. Addressing the global climate crisis	36	30	16	10	8
6. Reducing waste and garbage from the oceans and environment	33	34	18	12	2
7. Addressing the Coronavirus	58	25	10	6	2
8. Ensuring fair access to quality, affordable education	27	37	24	10	2
9. Making America's food supply healthier	31	36	20	11	2
10. Making housing more affordable	30	34	25	9	2
11. Creating sensible immigration policies	31	33	28	8	1
12. Reducing age discrimination in the workplace	24	32	26	14	4
13. Promoting and protecting democracy around the world	23	27	30	14	6
14. Creating job opportunities for all Americans	40	36	17	6	0
15. Improving America's infrastructure (rebuilding roads, bridges etc.)	32	42	20	6	1
16. Getting ready to handle and care for an aging national population	34	36	20	8	1
17. Making sure businesses act ethically and within the law	32	41	19	8	1
18. Making sure we are safe in our communities	45	36	13	6	0

19. Making sure we are secure online	37	32	20	9	2
20. Protecting all Americans from bias and bigotry	34	31	26	8	2
21. Having enough income or savings in retirement	45	31	15	7	2
22. Lowering healthcare costs	53	25	16	6	1

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q8.** For each of the following statements, please indicate how often they cause you to worry.

[COLUMN]

1. Never
2. Rarely
3. Sometimes
4. Often
5. Always

[ROW, RANDOMIZE]

n=583	Always %	Often %	Sometimes %	Rarely %	Never %
1. How divided America and Americans have become	22	32	35	7	4
2. Prices rising faster than your income	21	29	33	12	5
3. The threat of terrorism in our country today	15	26	39	16	5
4. Not being able to afford the health care you need	24	22	27	18	8
5. Having to take care of an aging family member	17	24	21	20	17
6. Not having enough money in retirement	24	24	26	19	7
7. Paying too much in taxes	30	29	31	9	2

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q9.** Please read the following statements and rate how much you agree or disagree with each one:

[COLUMN]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree
5. Don't know / Unsure

[ROW, RANDOMIZE]

n=583	Strongly Agree %	Somewhat Agree %	Somewhat Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Don't Know/Unsure %
1. I feel like I am accepted in society for who I am	45	45	6	2	3
2. I'm hopeful about my opportunities in America	45	43	6	1	5
3. I have strong relationships with family and friends	68	27	2	0	3
4. I feel a meaningful connection with my local community	30	54	12	2	2
5. I think I would be treated fairly by the justice system in America	35	52	6	2	4
6. I feel safe in my community and my country	46	45	5	2	2
7. I like to make connections with people that have different ideologies than me	25	55	12	2	5

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q10.** Here is a list of things some people think are fundamental to making American culture and society so great. For each item, do you feel that item has been a major contributor to making America great, a minor contributor, or hardly a contributor at all?

[COLUMN]

1. Major contributor
2. Minor contributor
3. Hardly a contributor at all

[ROW, RANDOMIZE]

n=583	Major Contributor %	Minor Contributor %	Hardly a Contributor at all %
1. Scientific and technological excellence	71	24	5
2. Entrepreneurial spirit	61	32	7
3. Industrial know-how (i.e. American manufacturing in the auto and steel industries)	60	31	8
4. Hard working people	72	23	5
5. Rich, natural resources (such as farmland, fresh water, coastlines, shale oil, coal, natural gas)	64	31	6

6. Living in a system of guaranteed individual freedom	70	24	6
7. Chance to move freely from one place to another	65	27	8
8. The ability for anyone to succeed through education and hard work	69	26	5
9. Military strength	65	28	7
10. Allowing people to own private property	65	27	8
11. Freedom of the press	68	26	6
12. Free public education	55	35	11
13. Pristine, well preserved parks and wilderness	39	50	11
14. Being a champion of democracy worldwide	48	38	14
15. Racial and gender equality	55	35	10
16. Capitalism and private industry	61	31	8
17. A government that holds businesses accountable for abiding by laws and standards	56	35	9
18. A federal government that maintains checks and balances between the president, congress, and the courts	65	26	9
19. A government that provides a safety net for those in need	53	39	8
20. A thriving cultural life including art and music	39	49	12
21. People with different ideologies respecting each other	59	32	9
22. Democratic government including free and open elections and the US Constitution and Bill of Rights	72	23	5
23. Our willingness to accept refugees and immigrants	41	43	16

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q11** “According to US Census projections, the average lifespan in America will grow in the coming decades, with many of us living to 90 and beyond.” Given the potential of so many Americans living two or more decades past their retirement, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

[COLUMN]

1. Strongly disagree
2. Somewhat disagree
3. Somewhat agree
4. Strongly agree
5. Don't know / Unsure

[ROW, RANDOMIZE]

n=583	Strongly Agree %	Somewhat Agree %	Somewhat Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %	Don't Know/Not Sure %
1. Working Americans should be saving more to fund their post-retirement years	68	25	2	1	3
2. Social Security will need to be strengthened to be	69	22	5	2	2



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3. Medicare will need to be strengthened to be sustainable for ourselves and future generations	67	26	3	1	3
4. Medicaid will need to be strengthened to make sure those without resources can still get healthcare	54	35	5	2	4
5. The US healthcare system is prepared to care for an aging population	23	27	33	12	5
6. The medical profession needs to become more open to the end-of-life wishes of their patients	47	40	4	2	6
7. An aging population will require addressing the future of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid	73	22	1	1	2
8. Americans cannot look to the government alone for the resources needed to support a longer life	51	40	6	2	2
9. Living longer will often mean working longer	37	47	11	2	4
10. The housing industry needs to provide better, more affordable options for older Americans	56	35	5	1	2
11. Families bear the responsibility of being caregivers including providing financial support for parents or grandparents as they enter their later years	41	48	7	1	2
12. Better in-home healthcare support would make it easier to address the needs of an aging population	57	37	3	1	3
13. Better residential caregiving options would make it easier to address the needs of an aging population	53	39	5	1	3
14. Families will need greater government help to support their parents and grandparents	39	40	14	3	4

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q12** How concerned are you about the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19)?

%	n=583
2	Not at all concerned
14	Somewhat concerned
14	Concerned (or Fairly concerned)
28	Very concerned
43	Extremely concerned

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q13** How would you grade the U.S. on handling the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19)?

%	n=583
15	F (Failure)
29	D (Needs improvement)
24	C (Average)
19	B (Good)
11	A (Very good)
2	Don't know / Unsure

**SECTION: DEMOGRAPHICS**

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D1:** How would you describe your own political philosophy?

%	n=583
26	Conservative
58	Moderate
16	Liberal

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D2:** The following questions are about your level of involvement in current issues. Which of the following, if any, have you done in the past 12 months? (Please select all that apply.)

[RANDOMIZE; MULTIPLE RESPONSE; EXCLUSIVE 17; ANCHOR 17]

%	n=583
8	Written or called any politician at the local, state, or national level
4	Attended a political rally, speech or organized protest
11	Attended a public meeting on town or school affairs
0	Held or ran for public office
5	Served on a committee or as an officer for a local organization
3	Written a letter to the editor of a newspaper or magazine
2	Called a live radio or television show to express an opinion
1	Worked for a political party
1	Made a public speech
2	Written an article for a magazine or newspaper
4	Been an active member of any group that tries to influence public policy or government
40	Regularly read local and national publications (e.g., my local newspaper, NY Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, BusinessWeek)
44	Regularly read local and national publications via the Internet
45	Regularly consume other media (e.g., local and national news broadcasts, websites, other specialty publications)
1	Authored a blog
5	Participate in an online forum or chat room on local, state or national issues
28	None of these

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D3:** Are you or your spouse/partner (if applicable) currently a member of AARP?

%	n=583
40	Yes
60	No
0	Don't Know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D4:** Do you own or rent your residence?

%	n=583
86	Own
10	Rent
3	Live with family or others and do not pay rent
0	Some other living arrangement
0	Prefer not to answer

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D5:** Does any disability, handicap, or chronic disease keep you or your partner from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities?

%	n=583
8	Yes, myself
2	Yes, my partner
3	Yes, both myself and my partner
85	No
2	Prefer not to answer

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**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D6:** Have you or a family member ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

%	n=583
7	Yes, I have
14	Yes, a family member has
79	No
1	Don't Know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D7:** What is your sexual orientation?

%	n=583
96	Straight or heterosexual
1	Gay or lesbian
1	Bi-sexual
0	Something else
2	Prefer not to answer

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D8:** How do you get your news and information? *Please select all that apply.*

[RANDOMIZE; MULTIPLE RESPONSE; ANCHOR 7]

%	n=583
27	Email
28	Social media like Facebook or Twitter
44	Local newspaper
14	Mail
3	Phone call
31	National newspaper
64	Local TV
54	Cable TV
64	Online websites
4	Blogs
5	Other (specify)

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS 50+**

**D9:** Which best describes the community where you live?

%	n=583
15	Urban near mix of offices, apartments, and shops
17	Urban and mostly residential
24	Suburban with a mix of offices, apartments, and shops
35	Suburban and mostly residential
4	Small town
4	Rural area
0	Prefer not to answer

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q743.** Have you ever been a family caregiver who provided **unpaid** care to an adult loved one? (This person did not need to live with you.)

%	n=583
38	Yes, I have provided care to an adult loved one in the past
62	No
1	Don't Know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN QUALIFIED RESPONDENTS**

**Q745.** How likely do you think it is that you will provide any caregiving or assistance on an unpaid basis for an adult loved one in the future?

%	n=336
18	Very unlikely
19	Somewhat unlikely
29	Somewhat likely
33	Very likely
16	Don't Know / Unsure

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS 50+**

**dmStateUS [State (US)]** In what state or territory do you currently reside?

%	n=583	%	n=583
0	Alabama	6	New Jersey
0	Alaska	0	New Mexico
1	Arizona	10	New York
0	Arkansas	2	North Carolina
30	California	0	North Dakota
2	Colorado	0	Ohio
0	Connecticut	1	Oklahoma
0	Delaware	0	Oregon
0	District of Columbia	1	Pennsylvania
3	Florida	0	Rhode Island
1	Georgia	0	South Carolina
9	Hawaii	0	South Dakota
0	Idaho	0	Tennessee
4	Illinois	7	Texas
1	Indiana	1	Utah
0	Iowa	0	Vermont
0	Kansas	3	Virginia
1	Kentucky	4	Washington
1	Louisiana	0	West Virginia
0	Maine	0	Wisconsin
4	Maryland	0	Wyoming
2	Massachusetts	0	American Samoa
1	Michigan	0	Federated States of Micronesia
1	Minnesota	0	Guam
0	Mississippi	0	Marshall Islands
0	Missouri	0	Northern Mariana Islands
0	Montana	0	Palau
0	Nebraska	0	Puerto Rico
2	Nevada	0	Virgin Islands
0	New Hampshire		

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[DISPLAY IN DROP DOWN LIST]

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS 50+**  
**netRegionUS** HIDDEN: Census Region (US Net)

%	n=583
20	Northeast
8	Midwest
23	South
49	West
0	Non-US State

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS AND 50+**  
**dmEduUS [Education (US)]** What is the highest level of education you have completed?

[SINGLE RESPONSE]  
[PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY IN ONE COLUMN, GOING DOWN.]

%	n=583
1	Less than high school
0	Completed some high school
12	High school graduate
1	Job-specific training program(s) after high school
16	Some college, but no degree
10	Associate degree
31	Bachelor's degree (such as B.A., B.S.)
3	Some graduate school, but no degree
26	Graduate degree (such as MBA, MS, M.D., Ph.D.)

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS 50+**  
**dmHhIncUS [Household Income (US)]** How much total combined income did all members of your household earn before taxes last year?

*This includes money from jobs; net income from business, farm, or rent; pensions; dividends; interest; social security payments; and any other money income received by members of your household who are eighteen (18) years of age or older.*

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: DISPLAY IN ONE COLUMN, GOING DOWN.]

%	n=583
3	Less than \$15,000
6	\$15,000 to \$24,999
5	\$25,000 to \$34,999
7	\$35,000 to \$49,999
15	\$50,000 to \$74,999
12	\$75,000 to \$99,999
13	\$100,000 to \$124,999
12	\$125,000 to \$149,999
13	\$150,000 to \$199,999
6	\$200,000 to \$249,999
6	\$250,000 or more
2	Prefer not to answer

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: INSERT “Why do we ask this question?” pop-up BELOW CHOICES]

**BASE: ASIAN AMERICAN RESPONDENTS AND 50+**  
**dmMarStat [Marital Status]** What is your marital status?

%	n=583
7	Never married
76	Married or civil union
9	Divorced
1	Separated
5	Widow/Widower
2	Living with partner