Indian American ELECTION SURVEY

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Indian Americans in the United States:

- **Second largest** Asian American subgroup in the United States.
- Concentrations of Indian Americans in **key states** such as California, Texas, Georgia, Florida and Pennsylvania.
- **Diverse** in language, religion, culture.
- Cohorts of Indian immigrants have been arriving since the 1960s.
- Despite being a highly diverse community, on average Indian Americans have the **highest income and education levels** of any other racial subgroup (US Bureau of Labor Statistics).
INDIAN AMERICAN ELECTION SURVEY 2020

- National sample of 1,003 Indians living in the U.S.
- Sample includes Hindus, Muslims, Christians and respondents of other religious backgrounds.
- Sample includes both native born and foreign born across a range of arrival years.
- Survey conducted online and in English.
- Fielded just prior to the election from October 13-30, 2020.
KEY FINDINGS

TOP CONCERNS OF INDIAN AMERICANS
- COVID-19 Pandemic
- Economy in general
- Unemployment/Jobs

STRONG SUPPORT FOR KAMALA HARRIS
- Desire for more Indians elected to office

GENERATION EFFECT
- Support for Trump is higher amongst immigrants who are recent arrivals

MODI-TRUMP LINK
- Support for PM Modi is highly correlated with support for President Trump
What is your religious preference?

Percent Religion Across All Respondants

- Hindu: 57%
- Christian: 14%
- No Affiliation: 9%
- Muslim: 9%
- Sikh: 5%
- Other: 3%
- Jain: 2%
- Buddhist: 2%
PARTY IDENTIFICATION

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a... Democrat, Republican, Independent or other party?
What is your religious preference?
In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the United States today?

- COVID-19 pandemic: 46%
- Economy in general: 15%
- Unemployment/jobs: 10%
- Racism/race relations: 9%
- Poor government leadership: 7%
- Gap between rich and poor: 5%
- The environment: 3%
- Immigration: 3%
- Police brutality: 2%
TOP ISSUES OF CONCERN BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey Response: In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the United States today? Within Each Political Party

- Unemployment/jobs
- Racism/race relations
- The environment
- Poor government leadership
- Police brutality
- Gap between rich and poor
- Economy in general
- COVID-19 pandemic

Democratic:
- Unemployment/jobs: 9%
- Racism/race relations: 3%
- The environment: 11%
- Poor government leadership: 9%
- Police brutality: 2%
- Gap between rich and poor: 2%
- Economy in general: 5%
- COVID-19 pandemic: 48%

Independent:
- Unemployment/jobs: 7%
- Racism/race relations: 5%
- The environment: 9%
- Poor government leadership: 6%
- Police brutality: 2%
- Gap between rich and poor: 3%
- Economy in general: 7%
- COVID-19 pandemic: 43%

Republican:
- Unemployment/jobs: 19%
- Racism/race relations: 3%
- The environment: 5%
- Poor government leadership: 2%
- Police brutality: 6%
- Gap between rich and poor: 3%
- Economy in general: 21%
- COVID-19 pandemic: 41%

Other:
- Unemployment/jobs: 7%
- Racism/race relations: 5%
- The environment: 7%
- Poor government leadership: 5%
- Police brutality: 5%
- Gap between rich and poor: 2%
- Economy in general: 7%
- COVID-19 pandemic: 56%
How often do you watch television news broadcasts from the United States?

- Never: 42%
- Rarely: 40%
- Somewhat often: 14%
- Very often: 4%

How often do you watch television news broadcasts from India?

- Never: 20%
- Rarely: 34%
- Somewhat often: 25%
- Very often: 20%

How often do you read Indian newspapers?

- Never: 18%
- Rarely: 29%
- Somewhat often: 28%
- Very often: 25%

How often do you read American newspapers?

- Never: 27%
- Rarely: 41%
- Somewhat often: 23%
- Very often: 9%
If you voted in the 2016 Presidential election, who did you vote for?

- Clinton: 40%
- Trump: 17%
- Didn't vote: 21%
- Ineligible to vote: 18%
- Other: 4%
Who will you vote for in the election for President in November?
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CANDIDATE FAVORABILITY
FAVORABILITY BY PARTY

Favorability Score by Political Party

Democratic
- Biden: 14% Very favorable, 69% Somewhat favorable, 24% Somewhat unfavorable, 41% Very unfavorable
- Trump: 55% Very favorable, 24% Somewhat favorable, 14% Somewhat unfavorable, 4% Very unfavorable
- Modi: 20% Very favorable, 24% Somewhat favorable, 30% Somewhat unfavorable, 20% Very unfavorable

Republican
- Biden: 23% Very favorable, 27% Somewhat favorable, 36% Somewhat unfavorable, 12% Very unfavorable
- Trump: 8% Very favorable, 9% Somewhat favorable, 34% Somewhat unfavorable, 49% Very unfavorable
- Modi: 20% Very favorable, 16% Somewhat favorable, 31% Somewhat unfavorable, 33% Very unfavorable

Independent
- Biden: 11% Very favorable, 14% Somewhat favorable, 55% Somewhat unfavorable, 17% Very unfavorable
- Trump: 41% Very favorable, 24% Somewhat favorable, 24% Somewhat unfavorable, 11% Very unfavorable
- Modi: 18% Very favorable, 23% Somewhat favorable, 32% Somewhat unfavorable, 27% Very unfavorable

Other
- Biden: 9% Very favorable, 19% Somewhat favorable, 58% Somewhat unfavorable, 14% Very unfavorable
- Trump: 33% Very favorable, 29% Somewhat favorable, 33% Somewhat unfavorable, 7% Very unfavorable
- Modi: 7% Very favorable, 14% Somewhat favorable, 35% Somewhat unfavorable, 44% Very unfavorable
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ATTITUDES ON INDIAN REPRESENTATION
Do you believe that Indian Americans have common...

- Political interests
- Economic Interests
- Cultural Interests
Would you support an Indian American candidate running for political office regardless of their party affiliation?
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If more Indian Americans were elected to office at the local, state and federal levels, would you feel like you were being better represented?
HARRIS v. HALEY?

Favorability Score by Political Party

Democratic

- **Haley**
  - Very unfavorable: 19%
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 39%
  - Somewhat favorable: 36%
  - Very favorable: 8%

- **Harris**
  - Very unfavorable: 7%
  - Somewhat unfavorable: 42%
  - Somewhat favorable: 40%

Republican

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  - Very favorable: 12%
ATTITUDES ON INDIAN POLITICS
As you may know, the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 was passed by the Parliament of India on December 11, 2019. It amended the Citizenship Act, 1955 by providing a path to Indian citizenship for illegal migrants of Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi, and Christian religious minorities, who had fled persecution from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan before December 2014. Muslims from those countries were not given such eligibility.

Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?
Survey response: Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?
Grouped by Political Party

- Democratic:
  - I don't know: 7%
  - Somewhat oppose: 17%
  - Strongly oppose: 9%
  - Neither support nor oppose: 23%
  - Somewhat support: 24%
  - Strongly support: 21%

- Republican:
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Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the Citizenship Act of 2019?
Grouped by Birth Status

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As you may know, Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, which granted significant autonomy to the Muslim-majority state of Kashmir was recently revoked by the Indian Government.

Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?
KASHMIR (ARTICLE 370) BY PARTISANSHIP

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?
Grouped by Political Party

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- I don't know: 13%
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- Strongly oppose: 30%
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- Strongly support: 7%
KASHMIR (ARTICLE 370) BY PLACE OF BIRTH

Survey Response: Do you support or oppose the revocation of Article 370?
Grouped by Birth Status

- I don't know
- Somewhat oppose
- Neither support nor oppose
- Somewhat support
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ATTITUDES ON IMMIGRATION
As you may know, on June 22, 2020 President Trump issued an executive order banning H1-B high skilled worker visas for the remainder of the year.

Do you support or oppose the President’s ban of H1-B visas?
H1B VISAS BY PARTISANSHIP

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THANK YOU

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