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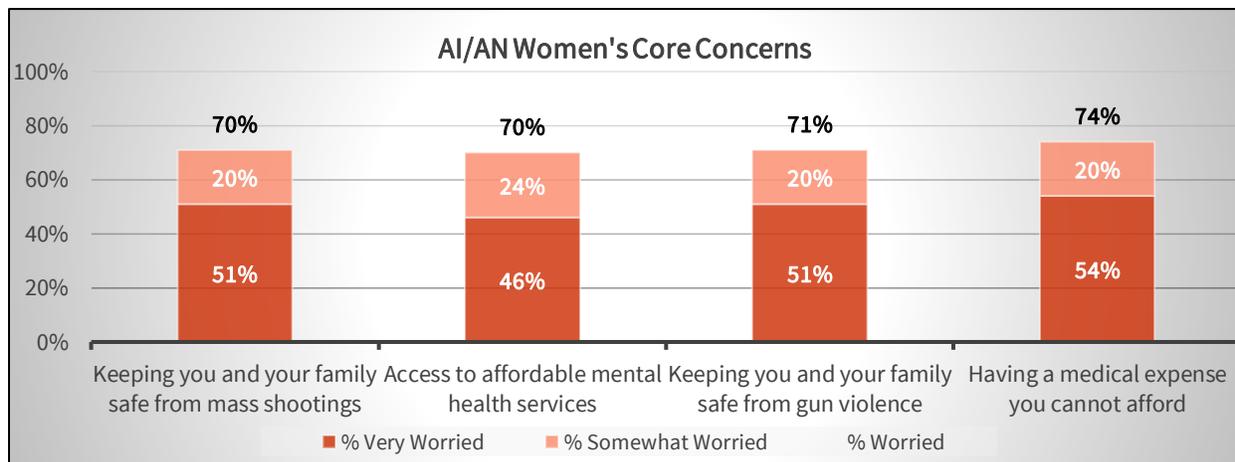
## Spotlight: American Indian/Alaska Native Women

An overview of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Women's Concerns, Priorities, and Experiences of Discrimination

**YWWomenVote2020**—YWCA's 3rd national survey of women in the United States—provides a comprehensive examination of women's concerns, experiences, and priorities. With its in-depth focus on women whose voices are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, **YWWomenVote2020** frames clear expectations for legislative action that are held by women of color, Gen Z (age 18-22) and Millennial women (age 23-38), and white rural women. Learn more at [YWWomenVote.org](http://YWWomenVote.org).

### AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN SHARE CORE CONCERNS WITH ALL WOMEN, BUT AT HIGHER LEVELS OF INTENSITY

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women today are worried about a broad range of health, safety, caregiving, and economic concerns that they and their families face. Notably, AI/AN women are intensely worried about **safety and health care** concerns that dominate the top tier of women's concerns overall.



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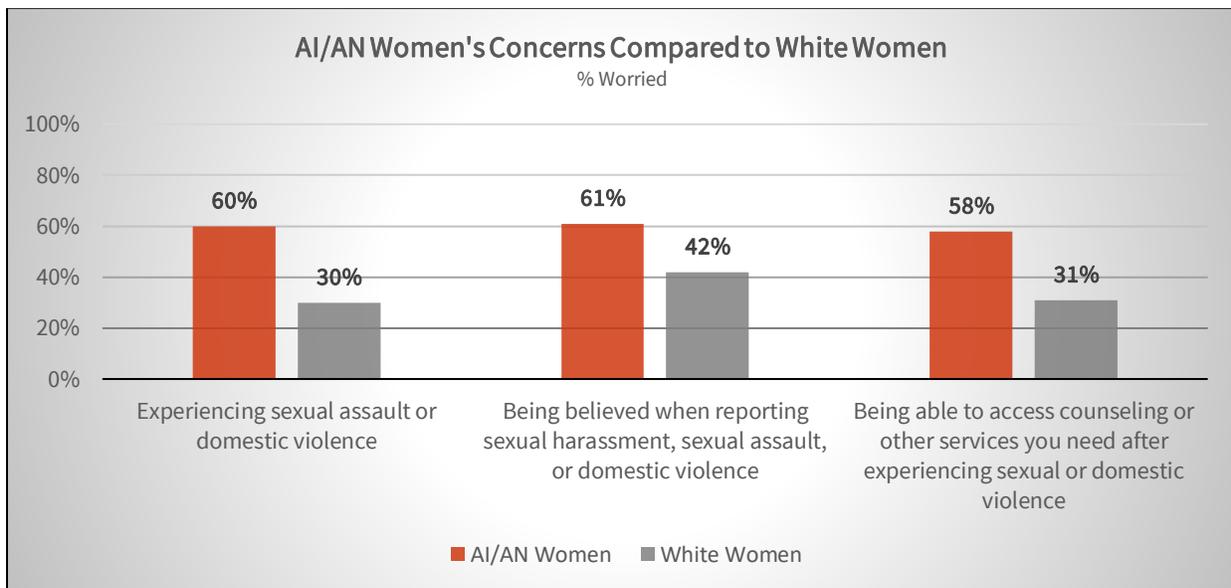
### A WOMAN’S RACE IMPACTS HER CONCERNS

AI/AN women often have higher levels of worry about safety, health, economic, and caregiving concerns. In particular, AI/AN women are more concerned about **experiencing sexual or domestic violence**, accessing **affordable mental health services**, and the ability of their **income to meet family bills and expenses**.

Issues where American Indian/Alaska Native Women are More Likely to be <u>Very</u> Worried	American Indian/ Alaska Native	All Women	Difference
Having a medical expense for you or your family that you cannot afford*	54	45	9
Keeping you and your family safe from gun violence*	51	45	6
Experiencing sexual assault or domestic violence*	51	21	30
That your total family income will not be enough to meet your family's expenses and pay your bills*	49	34	15
Access to affordable mental health services*	46	27	19

\*Split sampled

AI/AN’s intense worries about gender-based violence concerns are especially notable in comparison to white women.

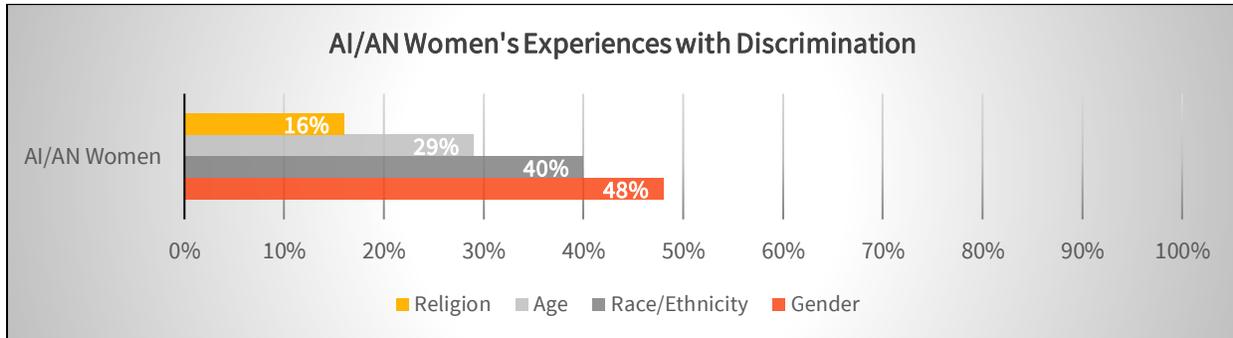


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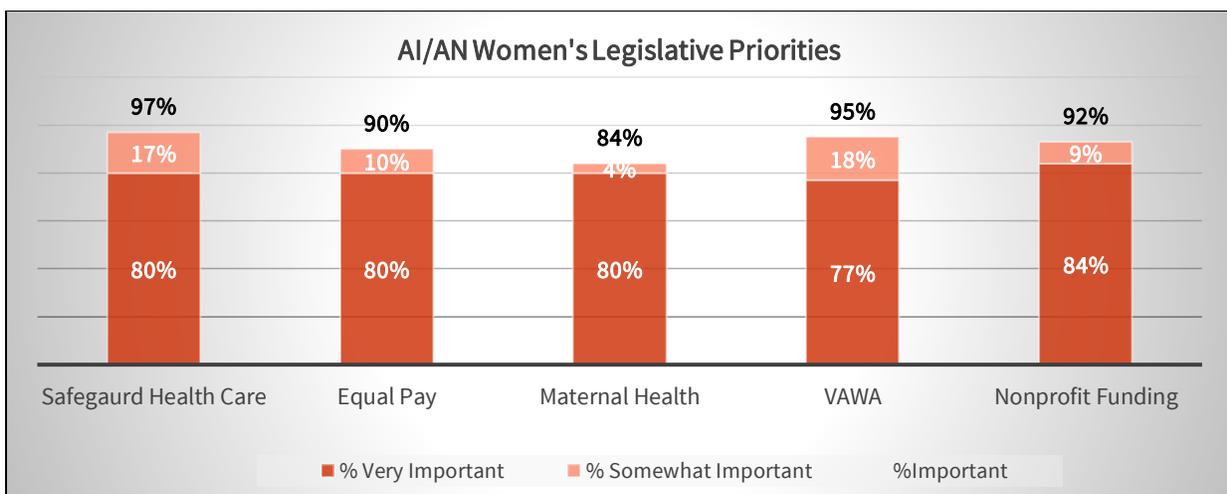
### AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF DISCRIMINATION

Nearly half of AI/AN women (48%) reported experiencing discrimination because they are a woman, a **6-point-increase in gender discrimination since 2012**. Four out of ten AI/AN women also reported experiencing discrimination based on their race or ethnicity. However, there has been a significant decrease in discrimination against AI/AN women based on age and religion since 2018 and they now report discrimination in these two categories at approximately the same levels as they did in 2012.



### INTENSITY OF SUPPORT FOR KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IS NOTABLY HIGH AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN

AI/AN women are aligned with women overall on policy solutions. However, their support for specific proposals is more intense. They are more likely to be very supportive of **safeguarding health care coverage, strengthening equal pay laws, and passing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**. AI/AN women are also likely to find second tier policies to be very important, including **increasing funding for nonprofits who provide community services and improving maternal health**.



AI/AN women also find it very important to prevent **discrimination against the LGBTQ community (60%) and trans women of color (78%)**.