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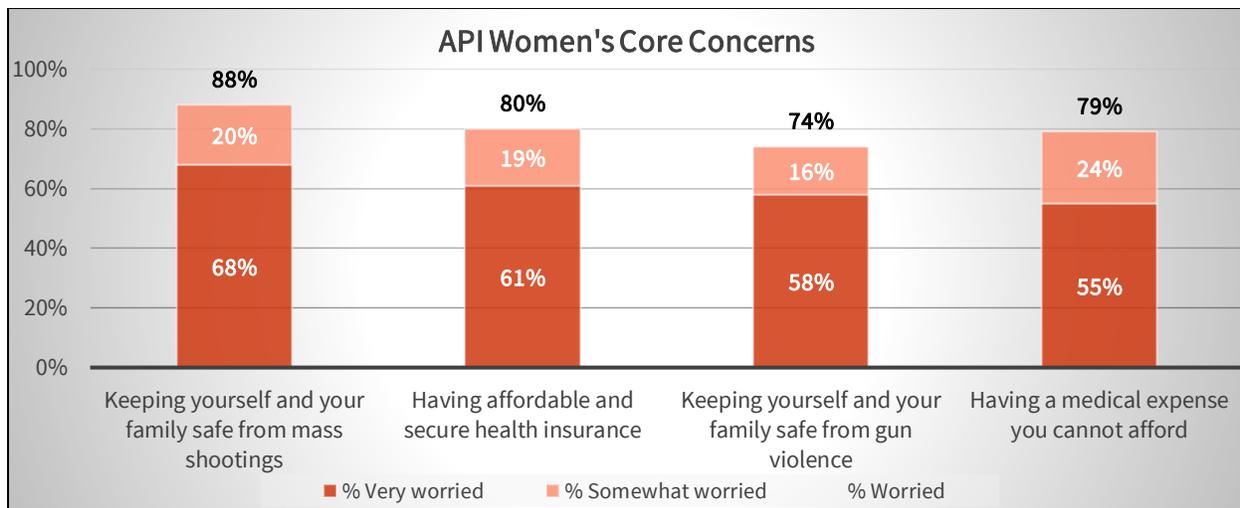
Spotlight: Asian/Pacific Islander Women

An overview of Asian/ Pacific Islander (API) Women’s Concerns, Priorities, and Experiences of Discrimination

YWomenVote2020—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, **YWomenVote2020** 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 YWomenVote.org.

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER WOMEN SHARE CORE CONCERNS WITH ALL WOMEN, BUT AT HIGHER LEVELS OF INTENSITY

API women today are worried about a broad range of health, safety, caregiving, and economic concerns that they and their families face. Notably, API women are intensely worried about the safety and health care concerns that dominate the top tier of women’s concerns overall.



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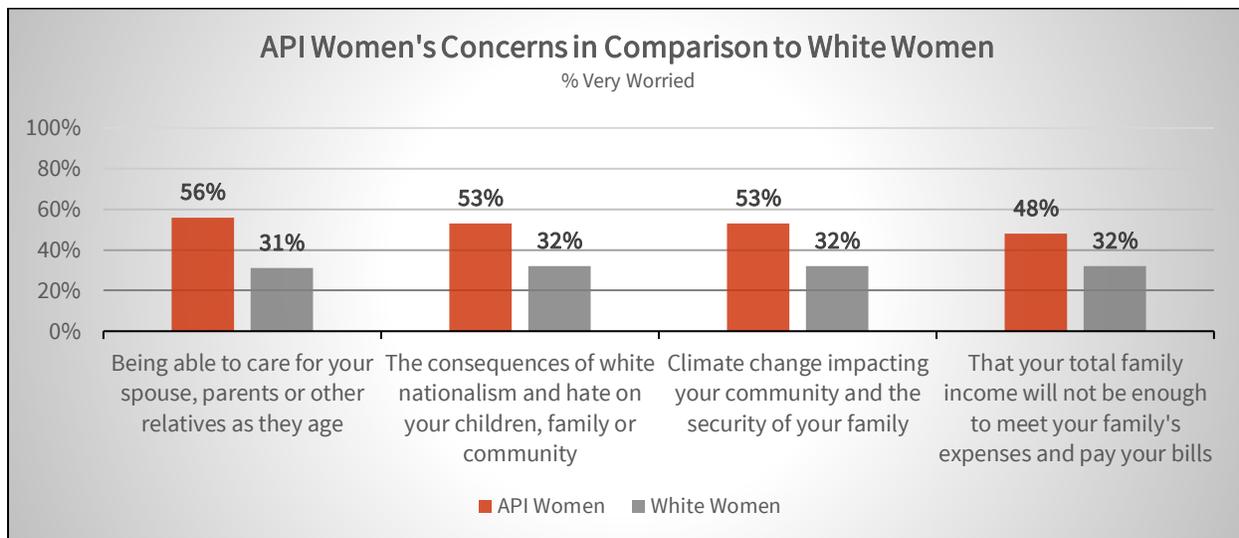
A WOMAN’S RACE IMPACTS HER CONCERNS

API women often have higher levels of worry about many safety, caregiving, health, and economic concerns. They are especially more concerned **caring for family members as they age, mass shootings and gun violence, white nationalism, and climate change.**

Issues where Asian/Pacific Islander Women are More Likely to be Very Worried	Asian/Pacific Islander	All Women	Difference
Keeping you and your family safe from mass shootings*	68	52	16
Keeping you and your family safe from gun violence*	61	45	16
Having affordable and secure health insurance for your family*	57	47	10
Being able to care for your spouse, parents or other relatives as they age*	56	37	19
Having a medical expense for you or your family that you cannot afford*	54	45	9
The consequences of white nationalism and hate on your children, family or community*	53	38	15
Climate change impacting your community and the security of your family	53	35	18

*Split sampled

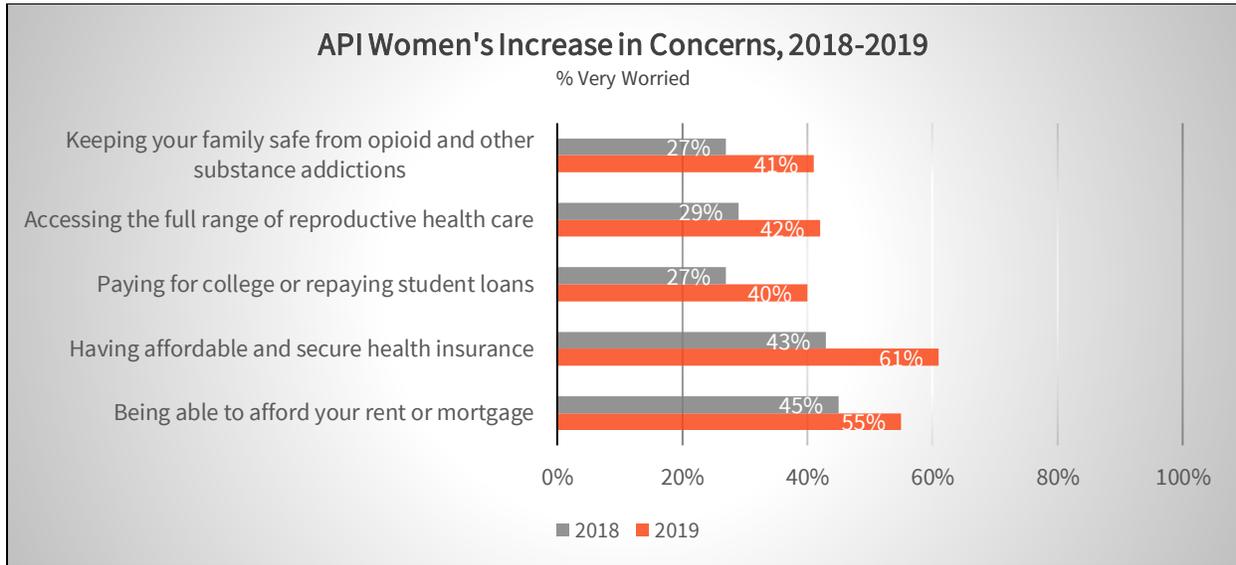
API women’s intense concerns about caring for aging relatives, white nationalism, climate change, and the ability of their income to match their bills is especially notable in comparison to white women.



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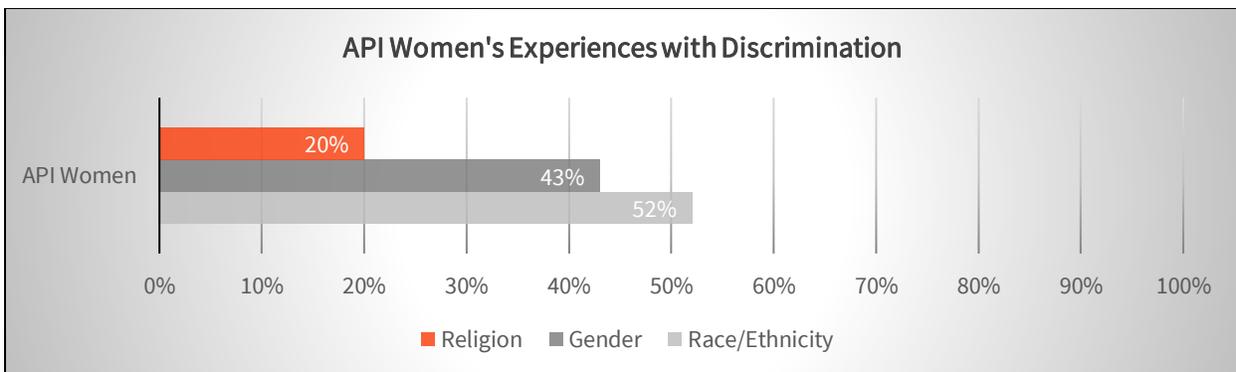
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Concerns over key issues have also increased for API women over the past several years. For instance, API women are much more concerned in 2019 than in 2018 about being able to afford their rent or mortgage (+10); having access to affordable and secure health insurance (+18); paying for college or repaying student loans (+13); accessing the full range of reproductive health care (+13); and keeping their families safe from opioid and substance abuse (+14).



ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER WOMEN CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF DISCRIMINATION

More than 2 out of 5 API (43%) women reported experiencing discrimination because they are a woman. In addition, 52% of API women have experienced discrimination because of their race or ethnicity. API women are also significantly more likely than women overall to report experiencing prejudice or discrimination because of their religious beliefs (20%).



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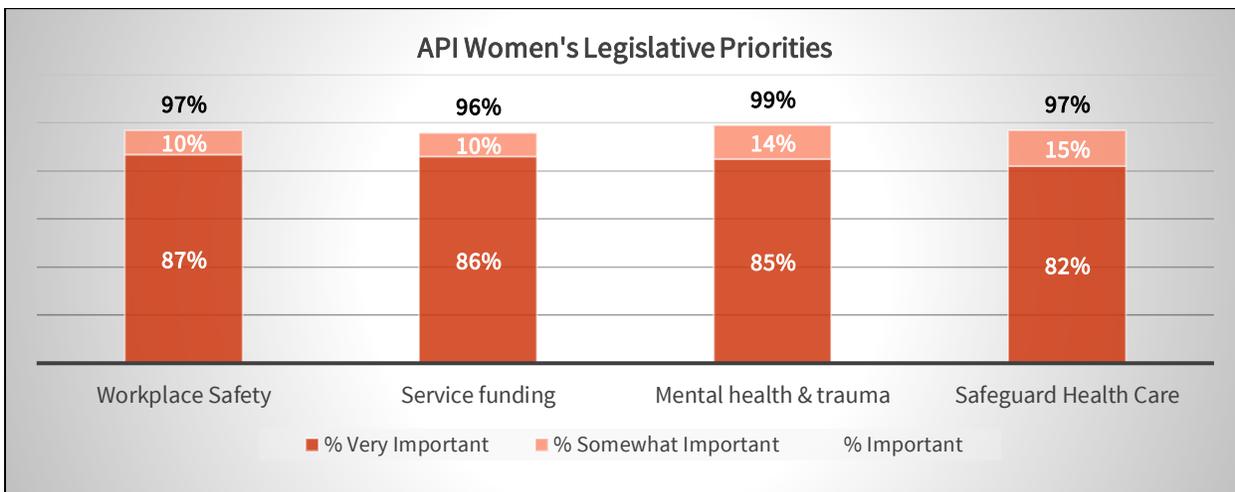
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INTENSITY OF SUPPORT FOR KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IS NOTABLY HIGH AMONG API WOMEN

API women are aligned with women overall on policy solutions. However, their support for core, and even secondary proposals, is more intense—more than 3 out of 4 API women believe that it is “very important” for Congress to act on every issue tested.

% Very important	All	Race/Ethnicity					
		Black	Latina	API	AI/AN	White	W Rural NC
Safeguard health care coverage	77	88	78	82	80	74	79
Expand mental health services	76	89	77	85	76	73	70
Ensure workplaces are free from sexual violence, harassment, and discrimination	76	87	79	87	75	72	69
Strengthen equal pay laws	76	92	75	86	80	72	81
Renew VAWA	72	90	78	78	77	67	73
Create a national paid leave program	71	86	81	81	73	65	72

They are most likely to be very supportive of initiatives that will: ensure **workplaces are free from sexual violence, harassment, and discrimination**; **increase funding for community services**; **strengthen, equal pay laws**; **expand mental health services** to address trauma; and **safeguard health care coverage**.



API women are also very supportive of **preventing discrimination against the LGBTQ community** (77%) **and trans women of color** (72%) to be very important. In addition, since 2018, support for passing legislation to **expand access to affordable high-quality child care** has become significantly more important to Asian/Pacific Islander women (+14).