

YWOMENVOTE 2022

Spotlight on Asian American and Pacific Islander Women

This spotlight on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) women provides a brief overview of their concerns and priorities heading into the 2022 Congressional session and national election. Drawn from [YWCA USA’s fourth national survey of women in the United States](#), this data centers women of color whose voices are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, and frames clear expectations for legislative action to address their concerns and priorities. While women overall are remarkably consistent in their concerns and priorities, the nuanced experiences of women of color shape their specific expectations for action to meet their most pressing concerns.

AAPI voters accounted for the [largest increase in voter turnout](#) in 2020 – jumping from **56% in 2016 to 64% in 2020** and when compared to AAPI men, AAPI women made up the majority of those who went to the polls in the last election. In fact, [this voting constituency is considered to be the fastest growing](#) in the nation.

POLICY SOLUTIONS: Asian American and Pacific Islander Women

AAPI women expressed an intensity of support for a number of policies, notably in the areas of economic security and childcare. Their highest ranked policy solutions include:

Top Policies: AAPI Women <i>Ranked by One of the Most Important/Very Important Combined</i>
Pass Paid Family & Medical Leave, Paid Sick Leave, and Paid Safe Leave (83%) (+11 compared to women overall)
Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (82%) (+9)
End workplace harassment and sexual violence (81%) (+10)
End Discrimination Against Women (77%) (+5)
Expand access to high quality childcare that is affordable, dependable, and accessible (73%)(+6)
Support Living Wages and Skills-Based Training for Childcare Sector (73%)(+4)
Expand Workforce Training for Jobs Non-Traditional to One’s Gender (72%)(+5)

TOP CONCERNS: Asian American Pacific Islander Women

AAPI women share core concerns with all women across a range of economic, health, and societal issues, most at higher levels of intensity. The concerns that rank highest for AAPI women are:

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FULL SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE AT YWOMENVOTE.ORG

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners and reached a total of N=1,438 women nationwide between December 22, 2021 and January 5, 2022. The overall sample includes oversamples to ensure at least N=200 were interviewed in the following categories: Black women, Hispanic/Latinx women, Asian American and Pacific Islander women, and Native American women. These oversamples were weighted down to their proper size in the final dataset to ensure that the findings are representative by race and ethnicity. Additionally, slight weighting was applied to the data set by age, region, and education level, to ensure the overall representativeness of the sample as well.

ABOUT YWCA

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements – from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls.