

YWOMENVOTE 2022 - MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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 midterm elections. Drawn from [YWCA USA’s fifth 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.

Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) voters accounted for the [largest increase in voter turnout in 2020](#) – jumping from 56% in 2016 to 64% in 2020, and, 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.

Enthusiasm and Impact: Asian American Pacific Islander Women

Just under two-thirds of AAPI women (64%) surveyed reported that they believe the midterm federal election results in 2022 will have at least somewhat of an impact on their lives and their families’ lives. This is slightly under women overall (67%). Additionally, 43% of AAPI women surveyed reported high enthusiasm to vote in the upcoming federal elections (scoring importance as an “8”, “9”, or “10” on a scale of 0 - 10, with ten being most important), which is slightly lower than the enthusiasm of women overall (49%) (-6 percentage points).

Policy Solutions: Asian American Pacific Islander Women

Intensity of support is higher among AAPI women for a number of policies, particularly in the area of economic security. **Notably, AAPI women’s support for workforce training is 13 percentage points higher than women overall, and their support for dismantling white nationalism is 12 percentage points higher than for women overall.** Their highest ranked policy solutions include:

| Top Policies: AAPI Women | |
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| <i>Ranked by One of the Most Important/Very Important Combined</i> | |
| Economic Security | Strengthen equal pay laws for women (83%) (+7 compared to women overall) |
| Economic Security | End Workplace Harassment & Discrimination (82%) (+3) |
| Economic Security | Paid Medical & Family Leave (81%) (+8) |
| Economic Security | Workforce Training for Nontraditional Jobs (80%) (+13) |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Prevent gun violence and mass shootings (80%) (-2) |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Comprehensive Health Coverage (80%) (+2) |
| Health and Community Well-Being | Expand Mental Health Services for Survivors of Trauma (80%) (+3) |
| Gender-Based Violence | Domestic Violence Prevention and Services (79%) (+3) |
| Racial Justice & Civil Rights | Dismantle White Nationalism (79%) (+12) |
| Economic Security | Prohibit Use of Salary History (79%) (+20) |

Top Concerns: Asian American and 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:

| Top Concerns: AAPI Women <i>Ranked by Very/Somewhat Worried Combined</i> | |
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| Economic | Cost of Living (84%) (-2 compared to women overall) |
| Gun Violence | Mass Shootings and Gun Violence (77%) (+1) |
| Economic | Family Income and Expenses (67%) (-1) |
| Reproductive Rights | Abortion and Reproductive Health Services (61%) (+10) |
| Economic | Afford Rent or Mortgage (61%) (-1) |
| Racial Justice | Rise in White Nationalism (59%) (+5) |
| Gender-Based Violence | Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, other Gender based Violence (51%) (+9) |
| Economic | Earning Equal Pay (56%) (+6) |
| Racial Justice | Acts of Hate / Racial violence (55%) (+18) |
| Racial Justice | Safety from Police Violence (53%) (+13) |

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Survey Methodology

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners. It reached a total of N=3,354 women nationwide between June 21, 2022 and August 2, 2022. This sample is inclusive of oversamples of women in six states (N=400 in each of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas), younger women of color (N=200 Gen Z, N=200 millennial), and American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) women (N=81), all of which were weighted down to the appropriate size nationwide. The combined reach of this survey and additional oversamples enabled examination of demographic subgroups by race and ethnicity (Black women, Hispanic women/Latinas, Asian American and Pacific Islander women, and American Indian/Alaska Native women), and by generation.

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