



ASIAN VOTE **AMERICAN**

**A Report on the Multilingual Exit Poll
from the 2008 Presidential Election**

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Profile of Asian American Survey Respondents

- Illinois
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Virginia
- Washington, D.C.

Percentage of Voters	Asian American Respondents
100%	16,665 Total Surveyed
32	Chinese
31	South Asian
14	Korean
6	Vietnamese
5	Filipino
10	Other Asian Ethnicities
27	18 to 29 years old
22	30 to 39 years old
18	40 to 49 years old
16	50 to 59 years old
10	60 to 69 years old
8	70 and over
21	Born in the U.S.
79	Foreign born, naturalized citizen:
11	... 0-2 years ago
11	... 3-5 years ago
18	... 6-10 years ago
40	... More than 10 years ago
21	No formal education in the U.S.
79	Educated in the U.S., highest level:
1	... Elementary School
2	... Some high school
10	... High school
3	... Trade school
43	... College/university
20	... Graduate school

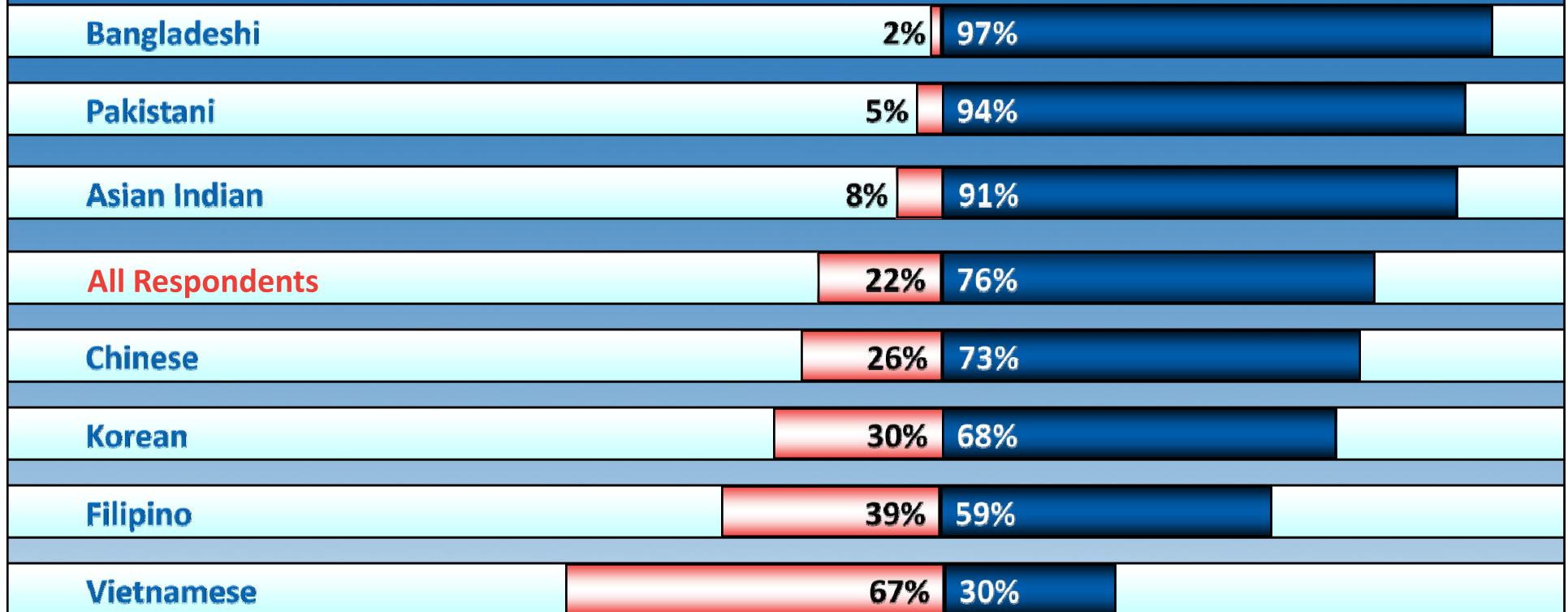




Vote for President by Ethnicity

Voted for McCain - R

Voted for Obama - D

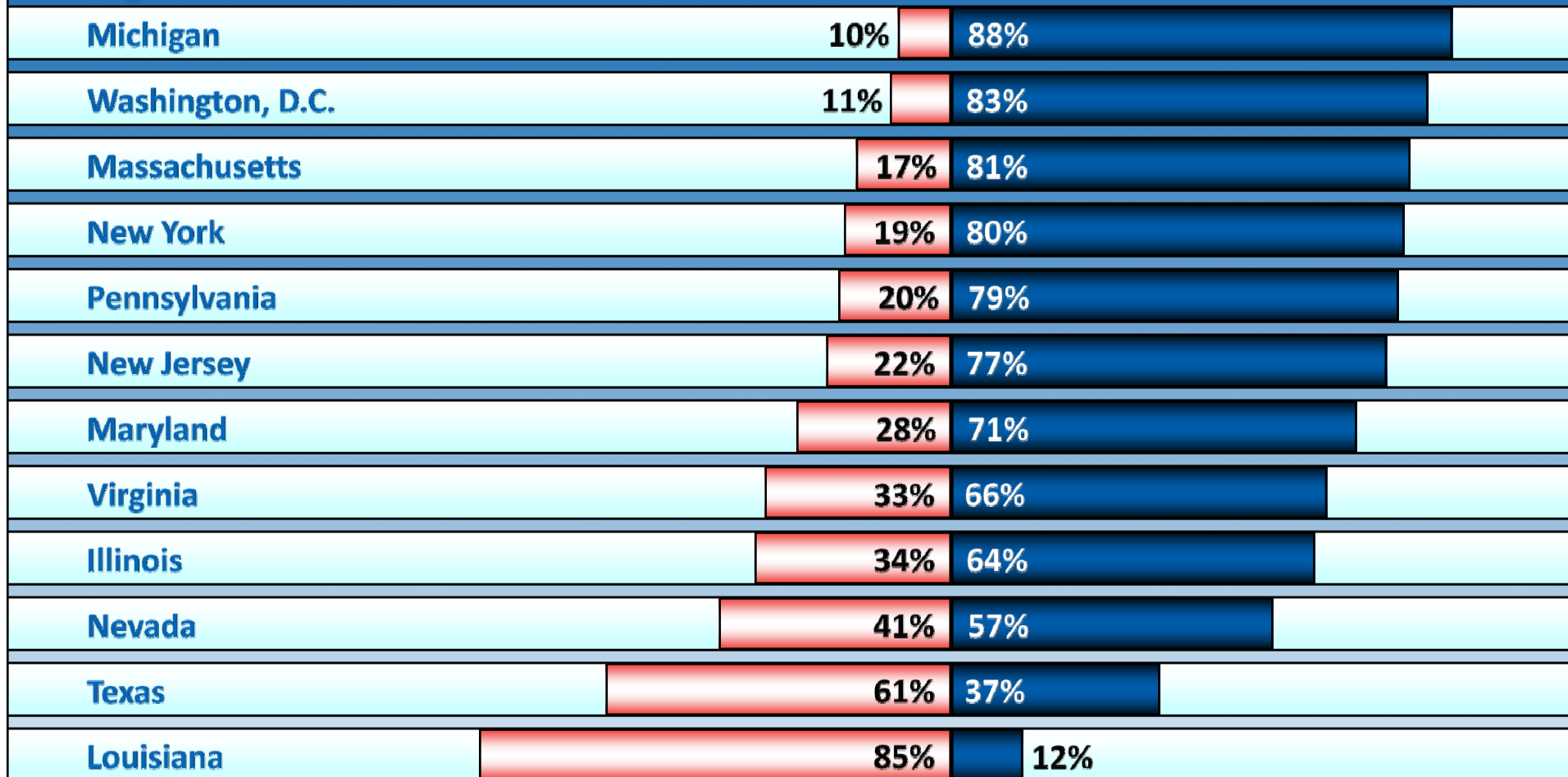




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English Proficiency

Read English Very Well

17% 82%

Limited English Proficient

34% 65%

Nativity

Born in the U.S.

11% 87%

Foreign-Born, Naturalized Citizen

25% 74%

First-Time Voter

17% 82%





Vote for President by Age

Voted for McCain - R

Voted for Obama - D

18 to 29 Years Old

11%

88%

30 to 39 Years Old

18%

80%

40 to 49 Years Old

23%

75%

50 to 59 Years Old

29%

70%

60 to 69 Years Old

37%

61%

70 and Over

37%

62%

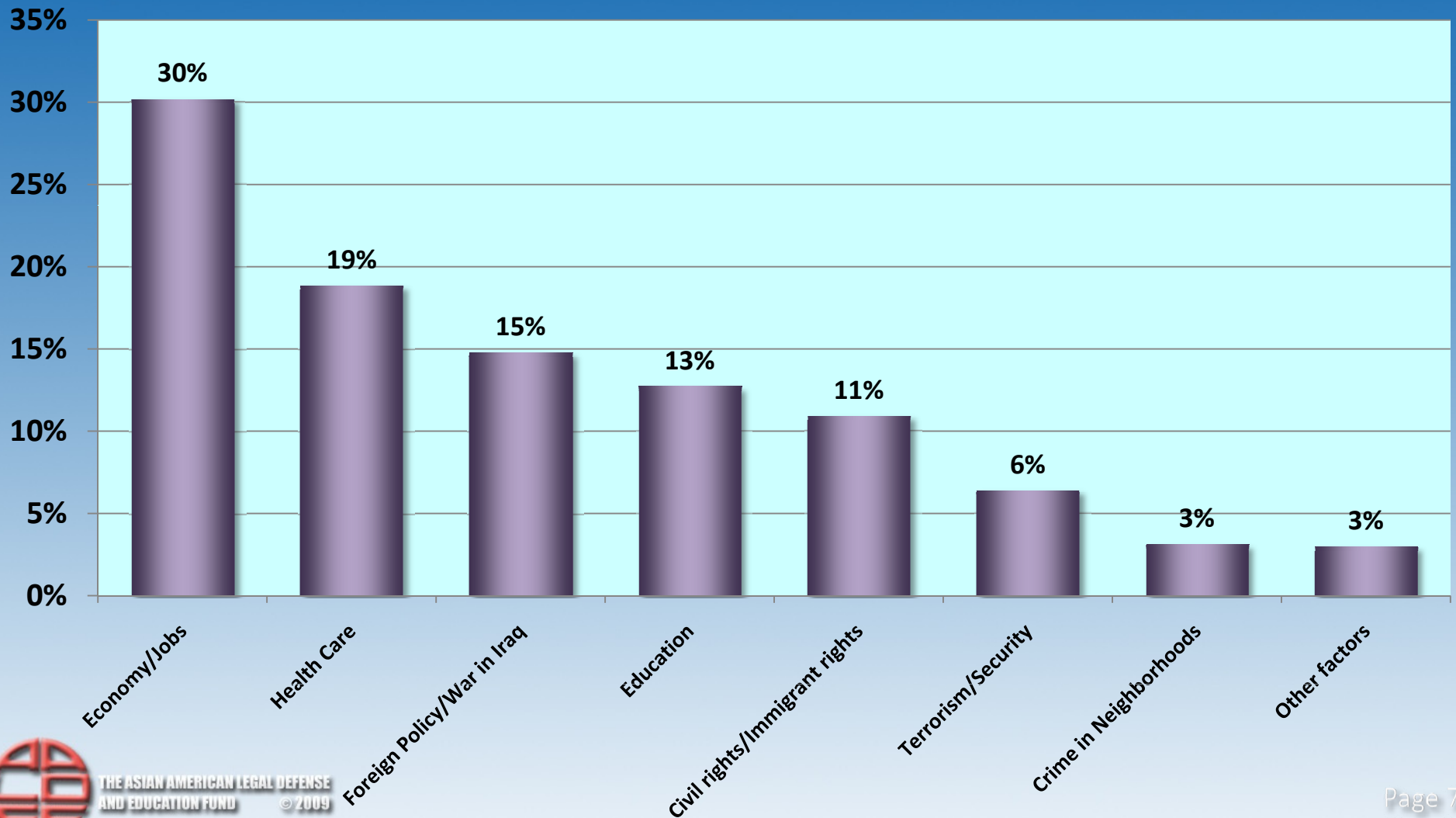


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Important Factors Influencing the Vote for President

All Respondents



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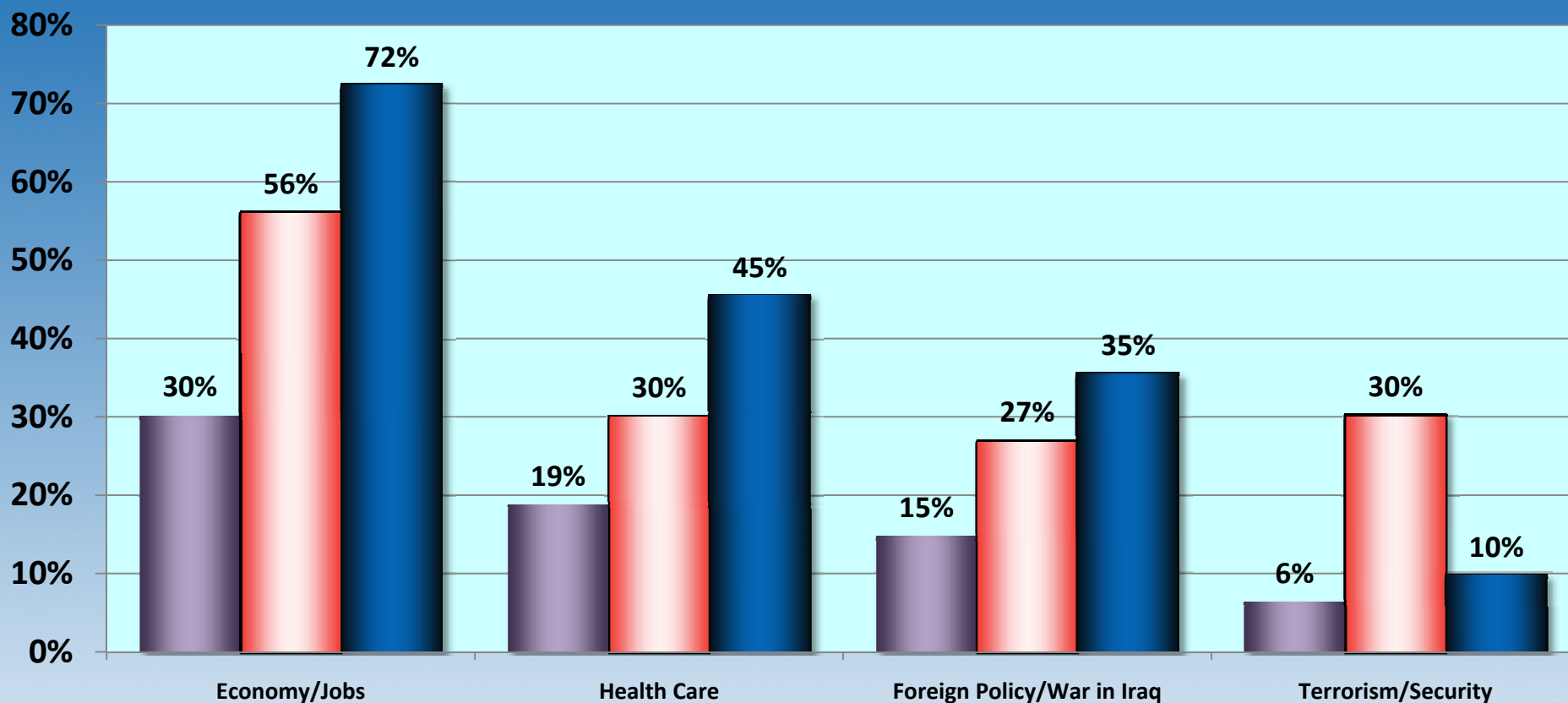


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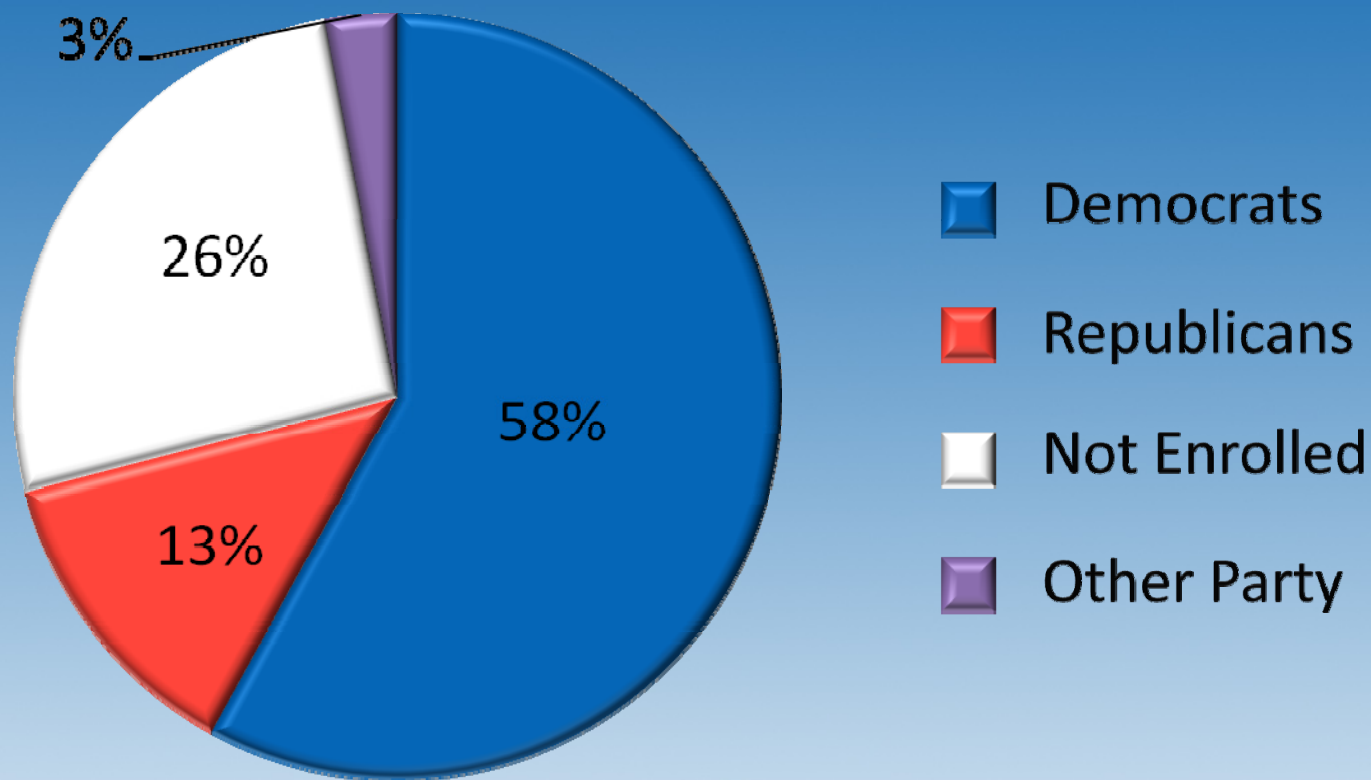
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Party Enrollment





Crossover Voting

Voted for...	Asian American Democrats	Asian American Republicans	Not Enrolled in Any Party
 John McCain - R	6%	82%	26%
 Barack Obama - D	94%	17%	71%



Co-Sponsoring Organizations

National Co-Sponsors:

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Asian Pacific Islander American Vote
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum
National Korean Amer. Service and Educ. Consortium
North American South Asian Bar Association
Organization of Chinese Americans
South Asian Americans Leading Together

Legal Co-Sponsors:

Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago - IL
Asian American Bar Association of Houston - TX
Asian American Bar Association of New York
Asian American Lawyers Association of MA
Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Greater DC
Asian Pacific American Bar Association of PA
Asian Pacific American Lawyers Assoc. of NJ
Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center – DC
AU Wash. College of Law, Human Rights Clinic - DC
Greater Boston Legal Services: Asian Outreach Unit
Indian American Bar Association of IL
Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater NY
Michigan Asian Pacific American Bar Association
Muslim Bar Association of New York
South Asian Bar Association of DC
South Asian Bar Association of Michigan
South Asian Bar Association of New Jersey
South Asian Bar Association of New York
Temple U. School of Law, Public Interest Office - PA
U. Penn. School of Law, Public Interest Office

Local Co-Sponsors:

ACCESS - MI
Asian American LEAD - DC
Asian American Society of Central Virginia
Asian Community Development Corporation of Boston-MA
Asian Pacific American Agenda Coalition – MA
Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia - PA
Chinatown Voter Education Alliance – NY
Chinese American Voters Association – NY
Chinese Progressive Association – MA
Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia
Committee of 70 - PA
Conference for Asian Pacific American Leadership – DC
Filipino American Human Services Inc. – NY
Hunter College/CUNY, Asian American Studies Program
Korean American Coalition – DC
Korean American Resource & Cultural Center - IL
Korean American Voters' Council of NY/NJ
Korean Community Service Center of Greater Wash. DC
Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association – MD
Mass VOTE - MA
One Lowell - MA
Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation – PA
Providence Youth and Student Movement - RI
Sikh Coalition – NY
South Asian Youth Action! – NY
U. Maryland Asian American Studies Program
Vietnamese Amer. Young Leaders Assoc. of New Orleans
Vietnamese American Initiative for Development – MA
Viet-Vote – MA
YKASEC: Empowering Korean American Communities-NY

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