

Appendix B: Indian American Attitudes Survey

Sample: 936 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted: September 1-20, 2020
Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percent

Question	Frequency
Were you born in the United States?	
No	51%
Yes	49%
Which of these statements best describes you?	
I am an immigrant to the USA and a naturalized citizen	51%
I was born in the USA, but at least one of my parents is an immigrant	43%
My parents and I were born in the USA, but at least one of my grandparents was an immigrant	4%
My parents, grandparents, and I were all born in the USA	2%
In what year did you come to live in the United States?	
<i>If respondent was not born in the United States</i>	
2000 or later	42%
pre-2000	58%
Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a . . . ?	
Democrat	56%
Independent	22%
Republican	15%
Not sure	6%
Other	1%
Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a . . . ? (part 2)	
Strong Democrat	37%
Not very strong Democrat	19%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	13%
Lean Republican	3%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	7%
Not sure	4%

Where would you place yourself on this scale, from extremely liberal to extremely conservative?

Extremely liberal	11%
Liberal	23%
Slightly liberal	13%
Moderate	29%
Slightly Conservative	6%
Conservative	13%
Extremely conservative	4%

Now we'd like to ask you about the election for president to be held on November 3, in which Joe Biden is running against Donald Trump. If you have already voted, whom did you vote for? If you have not voted, whom do you intend to vote for?

Donald Trump	22%
Joe Biden	68%
Other	3%
I do not intend to vote in the election for president this year	7%

Would you say your preference for this candidate is strong or not strong?

If respondent selected either Biden or Trump

Not strong	26%
Strong	74%

Does the selection of Harris make you more or less likely to vote in the November 3 presidential election?

Less likely	10%
Makes no difference	40%
More likely	45%
Don't know	4%

Does the selection of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's vice presidential candidate make you more or less enthusiastic about Biden's candidacy?

Less enthusiastic	15%
Makes no difference	31%
More enthusiastic	49%
Don't know	4%

Which of the following best describes why the selection of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's vice presidential candidate makes you less enthusiastic about Biden's candidacy?

If respondent says Harris selection makes them less enthusiastic

Harris identifies more with her Black roots than her Indian roots	20%
Harris is not liberal enough	13%
Harris is too liberal	16%
Harris will weaken U.S.-India relations	19%
I already made my mind up on who to vote for	22%
Other	11%

Which of the following best describes why the selection of Kamala Harris as Joe Biden's vice presidential candidate makes you more enthusiastic about Biden's candidacy?

If respondent says Harris selection makes them more enthusiastic

Harris is Indian American	26%
Harris will be a centrist/moderate voice in a Biden administration	19%
Harris is a woman	16%
Harris will be a liberal voice in a Biden administration	16%
Harris will strengthen U.S.-India relations	15%
Other	4%
Harris is African American	3%

Who did you vote for in the election for president in 2016?

Donald Trump	20%
Evan McMullin	0%
Gary Johnson	3%
Hillary Clinton	49%
Jill Stein	2%
Other	1%
Did not vote for president	26%

Do you feel things in the U.S. are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?

Right track	32%
Wrong track	68%

You previously indicated that you do not think of yourself as a Republican. While there may be many reasons for this, which of the following best describes why you do NOT identify with the Republican Party? (first choice)

<i>If respondent does not identify as Republican</i>	The Republican Party does not pursue my preferred economic policies	15%
	The Republican Party is intolerant of minorities	27%
	The Republican Party is not good for India	6%
	The Republican Party is not supportive of legal immigration	16%
	The Republican Party is too influenced by Christian evangelicalism	19%
	The Republican Party opposes gun control	16%

You previously indicated that you do not think of yourself as a Republican. While there may be many reasons for this, which of the following best describes why you do NOT identify with the Republican Party? (second choice)

<i>If respondent does not identify as Republican</i>	The Republican Party does not pursue my preferred economic policies	16%
	The Republican Party is intolerant of minorities	25%
	The Republican Party is not good for India	8%
	The Republican Party is not supportive of legal immigration	15%
	The Republican Party is too influenced by Christian evangelicalism	17%
	The Republican Party opposes gun control	19%

On which economic policy issue, broadly defined, do your preferences differ the MOST from that of the Republican Party?

<i>If respondent does not identify as Republican and selects economic policy as primary or secondary reason</i>	Business regulation	8%
	Climate change/environment	18%
	Healthcare	38%
	Other	4%
	Social security	13%
	Tax policy	19%

You previously indicated that you do not think of yourself as a Democrat. While there may be many reasons for this, which of the following best describes why you do NOT identify with the Democratic Party? (first choice)

<i>If respondent does not identify as Democrat</i>	The Democratic Party does not pursue my preferred economic policies	21%
	The Democratic Party is not good for India	9%
	The Democratic Party is too focused on identity politics	20%
	The Democratic Party is too influenced by the extreme left wing	19%
	The Democratic Party is too soft on crime	13%
	The Democratic Party is weak on illegal immigration	17%

You previously indicated that you do not think of yourself as a Democrat. While there may be many reasons for this, which of the following best describes why you do NOT identify with the Democratic Party? (second choice)		
<i>If respondent does not identify as Democrat</i>	The Democratic Party does not pursue my preferred economic policies	16%
	The Democratic Party is not good for India	8%
	The Democratic Party is too focused on identity politics	21%
	The Democratic Party is too influenced by the extreme left wing	22%
	The Democratic Party is too soft on crime	15%
	The Democratic Party is weak on illegal immigration	18%
On which economic policy issue, broadly defined, do your preferences differ the MOST from that of the Democratic Party?		
<i>If respondent does not identify as Democrat and selects economic policy as primary or secondary reason</i>	Business regulation	16%
	Climate change/environment	10%
	Healthcare	31%
	Other	4%
	Social security	13%
	Tax policy	26%
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?		
	Approve	29%
	Disapprove	70%
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling relations with India?		
	Approve	33%
	Disapprove	37%
	Don't know	29%
Do you support or oppose: White House efforts to revoke press credentials of reporters who are critical of the Trump administration?		
	Strongly support	6%
	Somewhat support	23%
	Somewhat oppose	22%
	Strongly oppose	49%
Do you support or oppose: Enhanced efforts by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) officials to identify and deport illegal immigrants through border apprehensions and unannounced raids?		
	Strongly support	15%
	Somewhat support	28%
	Somewhat oppose	28%
	Strongly oppose	29%
Do you support or oppose: The consideration of the racial identity of applicants as a factor in U.S. university admissions to improve the representation of African Americans?		
	Strongly support	17%
	Somewhat support	37%
	Somewhat oppose	27%
	Strongly oppose	19%
Do you support or oppose: The 2017 presidential executive order to institute a travel ban for citizens from several predominantly Muslim countries?		
	Strongly support	15%
	Somewhat support	25%
	Somewhat oppose	26%
	Strongly oppose	34%

Do you support or oppose: The decision by police and law enforcement in some cities to use rubber bullets, tear gas and physical force against peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters who are occupying public spaces (such as roads or highways)?

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	23%
Strongly oppose	44%

We'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. You'll see the name of a person, and we want you to rate the person using a feeling thermometer.

Ratings between 50 and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person, ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person or don't care for the person.

You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you were indifferent.

What are your feelings toward: Republican Party?

Cold (0-49)	55%
Indifferent (50)	9%
Warm (51-100)	36%

What are your feelings toward: Democratic Party?

Cold (0-49)	19%
Indifferent (50)	10%
Warm (51-100)	70%

What are your feelings toward: Donald Trump?

Cold (0-49)	61%
Indifferent (50)	9%
Warm (51-100)	30%

What are your feelings toward: Joe Biden?

Cold (0-49)	19%
Indifferent (50)	10%
Warm (51-100)	70%

What are your feelings toward: Kamala Harris?

Cold (0-49)	22%
Indifferent (50)	10%
Warm (51-100)	68%

As you think about the issues influencing your vote choice in this November's presidential election, which of the following are the top 3 most important issues for you personally? (first choice)

If respondent intends to vote on November 3

Economy	21%
Education	4%
Environment/climate change	6%
Government corruption	8%
Healthcare	20%
Immigration	7%
Income inequality	6%
Racism/racial discrimination	12%
Sexism/gender discrimination	2%
Taxes	9%
Terrorism	4%
U.S.-India relations	3%

As you think about the issues influencing your vote choice in this November's presidential election, which of the following are the top 3 most important issues for you personally? (second choice)

If respondent intends to vote on November 3

Economy	15%
Education	4%
Environment/climate change	10%
Government corruption	6%
Healthcare	17%
Immigration	8%
Income inequality	7%
Racism/racial discrimination	13%
Sexism/gender discrimination	3%
Taxes	8%
Terrorism	4%
U.S.-India relations	4%

As you think about the issues influencing your vote choice in this November's presidential election, which of the following are the top 3 most important issues for you personally? (third choice)

If respondent intends to vote on November 3

Economy	12%
Education	8%
Environment/climate change	13%
Government corruption	8%
Healthcare	12%
Immigration	9%
Income inequality	7%
Racism/racial discrimination	12%
Sexism/gender discrimination	4%
Taxes	7%
Terrorism	3%
U.S.-India relations	4%

When it comes to managing U.S.-India relations, which party do you think does a better job?

Democratic Party	39%
Republican Party	18%
No difference	26%
Don't know	16%

How important will a candidate's position on India be for you personally in deciding for whom you will vote this November?

If respondent intends to vote on November 3

One of the most important	7%
Very important	24%
Somewhat important	30%
Not too important	20%
Not at all important	19%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Narendra Modi is handling his job as prime minister?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	32%
Don't know	20%

Do you approve strongly or not strongly?

If respondent approved or disapproved of Modi's job handling

Strongly	70%
Not strongly	30%

What are your feelings toward: Narendra Modi

<i>If respondent was familiar with Narendra Modi</i>	Cold (0-49)	22%
	Indifferent (50)	41%
	Warm (51-100)	36%

What is your present religion, if any?

	Agnostic	4%
	Atheist	4%
	Buddhist	2%
	Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
	Hindu	49%
	Jewish	0%
	Mormon	0%
	Muslim	15%
	Nothing in particular	10%
	Protestant	4%
	Roman Catholic	5%
	Something else (includes Sikh)	5%

What is your gender?

	Female	45%
	Male	54%
	Other	1%

What is your age?

	18-29	26%
	30-49	46%
	50+	28%

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

	2-year college	5%
	4-year college	33%
	High school graduate	14%
	No high school	1%
	Post-grad	36%
	Some college	11%

Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

	Less than \$10,000	5%
	\$10,000-\$19,999	3%
	\$20,000-\$29,999	5%
	\$30,000-\$39,999	3%
	\$40,000-\$49,999	7%
	\$50,000-\$59,999	7%
	\$60,000-\$69,999	5%
	\$70,000-\$79,999	10%
	\$80,000-\$99,999	11%
	\$100,000-\$119,999	8%
	\$120,000-\$149,999	10%
	\$150,000-\$199,999	8%
	\$200,000-\$249,999	4%
	\$250,000-\$349,999	4%
	\$350,000-\$499,999	2%
	\$500,000 or more	2%
	Prefer not to say	8%