



Appendix B: Indian American Attitudes Survey

Sample: 1,200 U.S. adult residents
Conducted: September 1-20, 2020
Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percent

Question	Frequency
Are you currently on a green card or any type of visa? (if respondent is an immigrant to the United States but not a citizen)	
Green card	30%
H1-B	27%
H-4	18%
F-1/J-1/M-1/student or scholar visa	14%
L-1	5%
Other	6%
In what year did you come to live in the United States? (if respondent was not born in the United States)	
Before 1970	2%
1970-1979	8%
1980-1989	13%
1990-1999	17%
2000-2009	28%
2010 or later	32%
What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
No high school	1%
High school graduate	13%
Some college	9%
2-year college	4%
4-year college	33%
Postgraduate	40%
Did you complete all of your education in the United States?	
Yes	52%
No	48%

What is the highest level of education you completed outside of the United States? (if respondent did not complete all of their education in the United States)		
No schooling completed		2%
Some schooling (less than high school)		6%
High school degree		11%
College/Bachelor's degree		42%
Graduate or professional degree		38%
Is your spouse or partner of Indian origin? (if respondent is married and living with their spouse or in a domestic partnership)		
Yes		81%
No		19%
Was your spouse/partner born in India? (if respondent's spouse or partner is of Indian origin)		
Yes		83%
No		17%
Which of these states in India would you call your home state(s)? (if respondent thinks of at least one state in India as their home state)		
Gujarat		14%
Maharashtra		12%
Andhra Pradesh		10%
Tamil Nadu		9%
NCT of Delhi		9%
Punjab		8%
Kerala		7%
Karnataka		5%
Uttar Pradesh		4%
Telangana		4%
West Bengal		4%
Madhya Pradesh		1.7%
Rajasthan		1.4%
Bihar		1.2%
Goa		1.0%
Haryana		0.8%
Chandigarh		0.7%
Uttarakhand		0.7%
Assam		0.7%
Himachal Pradesh		0.6%
Odisha		0.6%
Puducherry		0.6%
Chhattisgarh		0.5%
Manipur		0.4%
Jammu & Kashmir		0.4%
Andaman & Nicobar Island		0.3%
Tripura		0.3%
Jharkhand		0.2%
Meghalaya		0.2%
Arunachal Pradesh		0.2%
Dadara & Nagar Havelli		0.2%
Mizoram		0.1%
Ladakh		0.1%
Lakshadweep		0.1%
Nagaland		0.0%
Sikkim		0.0%

Other than English, what is the primary Indian language spoken by your mother?

Hindi	19%
Gujarati	14%
Only English	10%
Telugu	10%
Tamil	9%
Punjabi	7%
Bengali	7%
Malayalam	6%
Urdu	5%
Marathi	4%
Kannada	3%
Sindhi	1%
Konkani	1%
Assamese	1%
Sanskrit	0.8%
Odia	0.5%
Manipuri	0.3%
Nepali	0.3%
Bodo	0.3%
Kashmiri	0.1%
Dogri	0.1%
Santali	0%
Other	1%

What is your present religion, if any?

Hindu	54%
Muslim	13%
Nothing in particular	9%
Something else	6%
Roman Catholic	5%
Agnostic	4%
Protestant	4%
Atheist	3%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Buddhist	1%
Mormon	0.4%
Jewish	0.3%

How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	34%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	13%

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?		
	More than once a week	7%
	Once a week	20%
	Once or twice a month	17%
	A few times a year	23%
	Seldom	15%
	Never	16%
	Don't know	2%
Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?		
	Several times a day	16%
	Once a day	24%
	A few times a week	13%
	Once a week	7%
	A few times a month	11%
	Seldom	12%
	Never	12%
	Don't know	4%
Do you personally identify with any caste? (if respondent identifies as Hindu)		
	Yes	47%
	No	53%
Which of the following caste categories do you identify with? (if respondent identifies with a caste)		
	General/Upper	83%
	OBC (Other Backward Class)	16%
	Dalit/SC (Scheduled Caste)	1%
	Adivasi/ST (Scheduled Tribe)	1%
How important is being Indian to your identity?		
	Very important	41%
	Somewhat important	37%
	Somewhat unimportant	14%
	Very unimportant	8%
Which of the following would you say best describes your background?		
	Indian American	43%
	Indian	25%
	South Asian American	10%
	Asian Indian	7%
	American	6%
	Asian American	6%
	Non-resident Indian	1%
	Other	2%
Which of the following best describes your identity?		
	I feel more Indian than American	19%
	I feel equally Indian and American	45%
	I feel more American than Indian	31%
	I feel neither Indian nor American	5%

Have you attended a protest march, demonstration, or rally in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	11%
	No	89%
Have you attended a public meeting, such as a school board or city council, in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	13%
	No	87%
Have you performed voluntary community service for no pay in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	20%
	No	80%
Have you worked with others in your community to solve a problem in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	15%
	No	85%
Have you contributed money to a candidate, political party, or some other campaign organization in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	14%
	No	86%
Have you contacted your representative or a government official in the U.S. in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	12%
	No	88%
Have you discussed politics with family and friends in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	45%
	No	55%
Have you posted comments on political issues online in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	21%
	No	79%
Have you volunteered or worked on a political campaign of any kind in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	9%
	No	91%
Do you participate in any of the following?		
	Christmas	54%
	Eid	20%
	Diwali	63%
	Holi	41%
	Valentine's Day	39%
	U.S. Independence Day (July 4)	57%
	India's Independence Day (August 15)	35%
	I don't participate in any of these holidays	9%
Which of the following best describes your personal group of friends?		
	All of my friends are of Indian origin	8%
	Most of my friends are of Indian origin	28%
	Some of my friends are of Indian origin	38%
	Very few of my friends are of Indian origin	16%
	None of my friends are of Indian origin	5%
	Don't know	5%

Amongst your Indian friends, how many are from the same religion as you? (if respondent has any Indian friends)

All of them	14%
Most of them	35%
Some of them	36%
Hardly any of them	8%
None of them	4%
Don't know	5%

Amongst your Indian friends, how many are from the same region as you? (if respondent has any Indian friends)

All of them	7%
Most of them	21%
Some of them	43%
Hardly any of them	16%
None of them	7%
Don't know	6%

Amongst your Indian friends, how many are from the same caste as you? (if respondent has any Indian friends)

All of them	6%
Most of them	15%
Some of them	31%
Hardly any of them	15%
None of them	9%
Don't know	24%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are Hindu?

Very comfortable	69%
Somewhat comfortable	25%
Not comfortable	6%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are Muslim?

Very comfortable	59%
Somewhat comfortable	32%
Not comfortable	9%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are Democrats?

Very comfortable	62%
Somewhat comfortable	34%
Not comfortable	4%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are Republicans?

Very comfortable	37%
Somewhat comfortable	47%
Not comfortable	17%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are BJP supporters?

Very comfortable	33%
Somewhat comfortable	26%
Not comfortable	15%
Don't know	26%

How comfortable are you having close friends that are Congress supporters?

Very comfortable	28%
Somewhat comfortable	34%
Not comfortable	11%
Don't know	27%

In general, do you think discrimination against people of Indian origin in the United States is a ... ?		
	Major problem	31%
	Minor problem	53%
	Not a problem	17%
In your opinion, do people discriminate against Indian Americans in the United States more than African Americans?		
	Yes	14%
	No	86%
In your opinion, do people discriminate against Indian Americans in the United States more than Latino Americans?		
	Yes	10%
	No	90%
In your opinion, do people discriminate against Indian Americans in the United States more than Asian Americans (not of Indian origin)?		
	Yes	27%
	No	73%
In your opinion, do people discriminate against Indian Americans in the United States more than LGBTQ Americans?		
	Yes	11%
	No	89%
In your opinion, do people discriminate against Indian Americans in the United States more than women in America?		
	Yes	14%
	No	86%
Have you personally felt discriminated against for any reason in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	50%
	No	50%
Have you personally felt discriminated against because of the color of your skin in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	30%
	No	70%
Have you personally felt discriminated against because of your gender in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	18%
	No	82%
Have you personally felt discriminated against because of your country of origin in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	16%
	No	84%
Have you personally felt discriminated against because of your caste in the last twelve months?		
	Yes	5%
	No	95%
Who discriminated against you on the basis of the color of your skin? (if respondent indicated they had been discriminated against because of the color of their skin in the last twelve months)		
	Other Indians	7%
	Non-Indians	71%
	Both	22%
Who discriminated against you on the basis of your gender? (if respondent indicated they had been discriminated against because of their gender in the last twelve months)		
	Other Indians	19%
	Non-Indians	39%
	Both	43%

Who discriminated against you on the basis of your religion? (if respondent indicated they had been discriminated against because of their religion in the last twelve months)

Other Indians	19%
Non-Indians	49%
Both	32%

Who discriminated against you on the basis of your country of origin? (if respondent indicated they had been discriminated against because of their country of origin in the last twelve months)

Other Indians	6%
Non-Indians	76%
Both	18%

Who discriminated against you on the basis of your caste? (if respondent indicated they had been discriminated against because of their caste in the last twelve months)

Other Indians	32%
Non-Indians	34%
Both	34%

Do you think that domestic politics in India are dividing the Indian American community in the United States?

Yes	28%
No	40%
Don't know	32%

What features of India's domestic politics are most responsible for creating divisions in the Indian American community? (if respondent indicated that domestic politics in India are dividing the Indian American community in the United States)

Religion	59%
Political leadership	56%
Political parties	47%
Caste	35%
Economic policy	29%
Language	24%
Other	1%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Overall, the Indian American community has a positive impact on U.S.-India relations."

Strongly agree	28%
Somewhat agree	42%
Somewhat disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	2%
Don't know	21%