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Obama leads Romney among Asian Americans, but 32% remain undecided

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While more Asian Americans support President Obama than GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney, roughly a third of Asian American voters are undecided statewide and nationally, according to new reports.

"It shows that Asian Americans are a population that is still very much up for grabs," said Karthick Ramakrishnan, the director of the National Asian American Survey and a University of California, Riverside political scientist.

Nationally, 45 percent of Asian Americans are likely voters, the NAAS poll of more than 3,000 respondents found. Of those, 43 percent said they supported Obama, 24 percent said they favored Romney and 32 percent said they were undecided.

More than 50 percent of Asian American voters nationally identify as Independents or not associated with either party.

The National Asian American Survey report on Asian American and Pacific Islander voters nationally was released last week and the one on California voters was released today.

The Asian population in the United States grew faster than any other racial group from 2000 to 2010, according to Census data. Asian American voters could have a small but crucial role in deciding whether Obama or Romney wins in some swing states, particularly Nevada and Virginia.

In Nevada, the population of Asians grew by 116 percent from 2000 to 2010, when they accounted for 9 percent of the state's population. In Virginia, the Asian population grew by 71.5 percent from 2000 to 2010, when Asians made up 6.5 percent of the population there.

The Asian American population of Texas also has grown far more than the state's Anglo population. Harris, Fort Bend and Dallas counties all had large increases over the past ten years.

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That's shocking Asians generally are pretty smart. Voting for Obama is NOT smart!

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