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## Ethnic groups' support as potential lifesaver for Obama

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**Pollsters say Asian Americans, being the fastest-growing racial group in the United States, could easily put President Obama ahead GOP nominee Romney in battleground states, should only they turn out at polling stations.**

If the Election Day were today, the Democrats would have been supported by Americans of Asian, Indian, Chinese, Hmong, Japanese and Korean heritage, not to mention blacks and Hispanics.

While the National Asian American Survey results look optimistic, the only big problem, as Mike Honda, a Democrat of Japanese heritage, says, many ethnic voters are not going to the polls on November 6. He says they "tend to be easily intimidated" away from voting.

To change the situation, Honda is travelling the states and urging them to vote. Among other things he tells them of the so-called DREAM bill, which would offer a path to permanent US residency for young undocumented foreigners of good standing, along with the party's broader economic themes.

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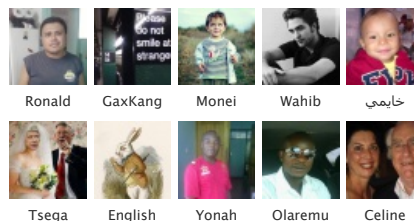
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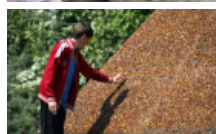
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