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# More Asian-Americans Are Identifying as Democrats, Survey Finds

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More than twice as many Asian-Americans now identify as Democrats than as Republicans, and they hold strongly unfavorable views of Donald J. Trump, a new national survey found, emphasizing the Republican Party's continued struggle to appeal to minority groups.

The figures, published on Wednesday by the nonpartisan National Asian-American Survey, suggested that the political allegiances of Asians might be hardening in a way that could harm Republicans with the fastest-growing minority group well beyond 2016.

“Over the past 20 years,” the report said, “Asian-American support for Democratic presidential candidates has increased more dramatically than among any other racial group.”

Fifty-seven percent of Asians identify with or lean toward the Democratic Party today, compared with 24 percent who do for the Republican Party, the survey said.

Mr. Trump's numbers are far worse. Mrs. Clinton leads him among all Asian registered voters, 55 percent to 14 percent.

And while the Asian vote has never been monolithic — it includes a vast array of ethnicities, nationalities and religious affiliations — the distaste for Mr. Trump extends far and deep into all groups. Seventy-nine percent of Indian-Americans surveyed said they had an unfavorable view of Mr. Trump. So did 84 percent of Koreans, 67 percent of Chinese and 62 percent of Filipinos.

The only bright spot were Vietnamese-Americans, who were split more or less evenly: 43 percent unfavorable, 45 percent favorable for Mr. Trump.

In 1992, George H.W. Bush won Asian-Americans by an overwhelming 24-point margin. Bob Dole, the Republican nominee in 1996, won them as well, but by a smaller margin. The Democratic nominee has won Asians ever since.

Many Republicans have started to raise the alarm that Mr. Trump is only alienating Asians further. He has suggested cutting off immigration from the Philippines, citing fears that the longtime American ally poses the same national security threat as countries like Afghanistan and Syria. He has pilloried the Chinese repeatedly while campaigning, sometimes doing so in a mocking accent. And his proposals to ban Muslims from immigrating to the United States and to deport millions of undocumented immigrants have stirred up painful memories of discriminatory policies that have targeted Asians in the past, like the internment of the Japanese during World War II.

The survey asked its participants — who were interviewed in 10 languages — whether they supported Mr. Trump's Muslim ban. Sixty-two percent said no, while 20 percent said yes.

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