# Vietnamese American voters waiting to vote

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Barack Obama or Mitt Romney becomes president?

The world is waiting for the U.S. presidential election between incumbent President Barack Obama and Republican candidate Mitt Romney, will be carried out on 6/11.

Vietnamese-American community in the United States after 1975, have traditionally supported the Republican candidate.

But the trend in recent years seems to be starting to change.

In June, a report by the <u>Press Pew Research Center - /vietnamese/vietnam/2012/06/120619\_us\_vietkieu\_study.shtml</u> said 35 percent of the Vietnamese American vote or tend to vote Republican, while 36 percent of Democrats.

According to another study, the National Asian American Survey published last September, the Vietnamese people have moved from the most Republican friendly team in the Asian community to tend to see themselves as independent voters.

This survey also said that in the 2012 election, said most Vietnamese still undecided. While those who have decided the majority of Obama supporters.

Comment on changes in the trends of the Vietnamese community in the U.S. election, journalists Architectural Li, Chairman of the Culture magazine published in Orange County, California, said: "Thinking election of the Vietnamese refugee community in the United States has changed a lot over time."

"The Vietnamese refugee community living in the United States nearly four decades, through many elections, access to many candidates from MPs to Parliament. So thinking their vote changed by the experience. "He said.

Trip to Washington, DC, I asked a number of character names in the Vietnamese-American community about the vote on 6/11.

## Do Hong Anh, chairman of the Vietnamese American community area of Washington, DC

Personally I would vote for Obama. Although Mr. Romney criticized Obama's economic policy, but he did not give any direction possible than Obama. Past four years, the U.S. economy not quite as we expected because Obama inherited the worst economy since the Bush administration. President to do so is quite enough. I will vote for Obama for the next four years, he continued in that direction to start sending the U.S. economy.

But as president of the Washington DC community, I advocate voting for any candidate to defend the interests of the American people in general and Vietnamese refugees in particular, especially in support of for the struggle for freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

# Nguyen Ngoc Bich, a former head of the English language RFA, Virginia



He Nguyen Ngoc Bich will vote for the candidate Mitt Romney

I'm a Republican, so I will definitely vote for him Mitt Romney. But there is reason pure reason, not emotion. In past times I also vote for the Democrats. But this term, I think Mr. Romney budgetary discipline than Mr. Obama, who made up debt was 16.000 billion. Another term, up two a few trillion, and we shall not comprehend.

On jobs, Romney said area small businesses create the most jobs. should have standing policies on small business. Just go with the big companies, when they push jobs to other countries.

Health policies (ObamaCare) tend to follow the European style social health. While debt, to cut the defense budget, ObamaCare is wasted.

Asian policy turned to Obama's relative received support from Vietnamese Americans. But this is not due to an objective situation, to strengthen the forces of Communist China. Whether Obama or Romney, the strategy changed from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean must be maintained. U.S. can not let China Sea become China's waters. I think security policies of the two men will not differ much.

## BS. Do Society, Chairman of the Executive Council, the Vietnamese Community National Union of United States, Florida

Vietnamese Community National Federation United States is a non-profit organization, we do not say that will vote for anyone.



Do Society wants voters to vote for candidates who meet people's lives

But in the perspective of the interests of Vietnamese Americans, most of us are refugees, we have the official opinion of this. We vote for the candidate to meet people's lives, such as employment, health, education, preservation of our culture, help benefit individuals, communities Vietnamese refugees.

We have ambition how Vietnamese country with freedom and democracy. Even the South China Sea, China has taken most of the South China Sea, how much regained. Thus, we will vote for the Vietnamese government to help early restoration of freedom, democracy and human rights. A strong government to prevent the expansion of Beijing in the South China Sea.

#### Andrew Lam, author, San Francisco

Although this time I no longer Obama attracted as last time, I will still vote for him. Romney was never my choice because of his value goes against me. He is anti-abortion, anti-gay rights, anti-jobs single parents.

But the most remarkable character, he can not be trusted. A Vietnamese military service evasion class preacher. A hoard money to the Swiss account. He pushes jobs to China is now condemned China as a currency manipulator, just to get votes. A taxing the middle class and protect the rich. Foreign policy is also easy to change, show aggression, saving money for the Pentagon and the military in the U.S. at risk of bankruptcy because of the war overseas. And finally, a stranger to the working class, more noble self to their teachings.

## Dr. Nguyen Quoc Quan, chairman of the International Organization for Combat Support Movement for Human Rights, Virginia

I am an independent voter. Four years ago I voted for Obama. But this term, I am inclined to vote for Mr. Romney.

Four years, what President Obama promised and accomplished too far, the results did not achieve much. At the 2008 election, Obama said President Bush irresponsible to profusely debt, but this Mr. Obam debt also more. Even in sports, drop the ball three times then I should have crossed.

The last reason, I am Vietnamese American. In addition to the general concerns such as unemployment, budget deficits, health, I was concerned about freedom and democracy in Asia and Vietnam. I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Romney and stated that he would get the most votes of Asians if he clearly stated under the Romney administration, he will support freedom, democracy, human rights defenders around the world. He said "I want to do those things. Want to make the countries have strong economic, military world number one". When debate with Mr. Obama, Mr. Romney also stated to support democracy and human rights. Meanwhile, the Obama campaign this year, not to mention democracy and human rights. It is also a factor I would vote for Mr. Romney.

## Mr. Du Fu, deputy director SBTN TV, California

Personally I would vote for Barack Obam. He has a number of policies to increase U.S. exports to China. The military presence of the United States President Obama has been confirmed by the latest speech, is the necessary presence of the United States in the South China Sea to prevent the spread of Communist China. Obama to negotiate with other countries in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam. Policies that will affect many Vietnamese to Vietnamese because it will bring out the influence of China. And so on human rights in Vietnam would have been better if Obama re-elected.

Internally, the U.S. economy is on the rebound, to give the United States continue to position superpower, can the leader of the free.

### Mr. Ta Van Tai. Boston

This time Mr. Romney rather than McCain. But I still vote for Obama. Republicans do not pity the poor and middle class. Mr. Romney each slip that he considered 47% of the U.S. is the "junk" because the government budget dependent.

Thought he was also not clear. British Economist newspaper had called him a "salamander" very green green leaves change color, no red leaves change to red. His tail just stroked by the public. Now he removed all the old stance on social to flatter extreme faction in the Republican Party as contraception, same-sex marriage.

Mr. Obama is trying to relieve the problem budget losses due to Bush's war in Afghanistan and Iraq. Back then Bush confident in two wars then broke the financial system, the U.S. tax. Mr. Obama is doing, unfinished, to spend more time.

PR, the same two men. But Mr. Romney proved insufficient knowledge, for example Russia as the number one enemy in the Cold War ended two decades. He threatened to call China a currency manipulator. But if his first day as president to do so, will the trade war, no benefit to the U.S.. He said immortal, while Obama said very mature about foreign affairs.



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