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### 1 in 3 Asian American voters undecided on presidential race, poll finds

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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 UC 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.

The group's statewide poll of more than 1,200 interviews found similar results: 43 percent of Asian American Californians are likely voters, and of those, 43 percent support Obama, 21 percent support Romney and 33 percent are undecided.

The poll of Asian Americans in California found that 48 percent support Proposition 30 – which would temporarily raise income taxes on high earners and the sales tax – while 28 percent oppose it and 24 percent are undecided. On Proposition 34, which would repeal the death penalty, 37 percent support it, with 41 percent opposed and 22 percent 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.

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Asian American and Latino voters, both growing demographics, could potentially have more influence in the political system if they voted in much higher percentages. Approximately half turn out is not good enough.

Etch-a-Sketch Rmoney + Lyin' Ryan = of, by, and for the rich white men.

The regressive Republican Party of No is obstructionist, mean-spirited, thuggish, religiously fanatical, scientifically ignorant, corrupt, hypocritical, untrustworthy, xenophobic, racist, sexist, homophobic, evolution and global warming denying, oily, anti-environment, anti-health, anti-consumer, anti-choice, anti-birth control, anti-education, anti-student loans, anti-equal pay, anti-99%, pro-banks, pro-big corporations, pro-voter suppression, union busting, Medicare mashing and Social Security slashing, fiscally irresponsible, misleading, authoritarian, selfish, greedy, out-of-touch, dishonest, lacking compassion, warmongering, and otherwise dangerous.

Don't make a Mittstake. NEVER vote for Republicans!

Rick Santorum:  
Romney is the "worst Republican in the country to put up against Barack Obama."

Newt Gingrich:  
Romney is "a liar".

"We are not going to beat Barack Obama with some guy who has Swiss bank accounts, Cayman Island accounts, owns shares of Goldman Sachs while it forecloses on Florida and is himself a stockholder in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while he tries to think the rest of us are too stupid to put the dots together and understand what this is all about."

Rick Perry to Romney:  
"You failed as the governor of Massachusetts."

"I have no doubt that Mitt Romney was worried about pink slips - whether he'd have enough of them to hand out."

Michelle Bachmann on Romney:  
"He's been very inconsistent on his positions."

Jon Huntsman on Romney:  
"He's been on three sides of every major issue of the day. And because of that it's going to be very tough in the end to be able to make that trust argument to the American people."  
"Gov. Romney enjoys firing people."

Ron Paul on Romney:  
"putting him up against Obama is a recipe for defeat."

Mitt Romney:  
"Corporations are people, my friend... of course they are."  
Really?!?

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