Asian Americans and Politics: Voting Behavior and Political Involvement

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Introduction

- Why is this an interesting topic?

- Why I chose this topic?

- Thesis statement
  › In comparison of Asian Americans, those with a higher level of education are more likely to have a party identification and be involved in politics then Asian Americans with a lower level of education.

Previous Research

- Lien, Collet, Wong, and Ramakrishnan
  - *Asian Pacific-American Public Opinion and Political Participation*

- Phan and Garcia
  - *Asian American Partisanship: Dynamics of Partisan and Non-Partisan Identities*

- Nguyen and Garand
  - *Partisan Strength and Nonpartisanship Among Asian Americans*

Data and Methodology

- Data Sources
  - Pilot National Asian American Political Survey, 2000-2001
  - Performed by Pei-te Lien, University of Utah
  - Released by Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Data and Methodology

- Dependent Variables
  - › Party Identification
  - › Voted in 2000
  - › Reasons for not voting

- Independent Variables
  - › Country of Origin
  - › Income
  - › Gender
  - › Level of Education

The Results

Table 1: Political Party Identification by Country of Origin

		COUNTRY OF ORIGIN								
		CHINA	TAIWAN	HONG KONG	KOREA	VIETNAM	JAPAN	PHILIPPINES	INDIA/PAKISTAN	Total
Political Party Identification	Democrat	71	20	15	79	17	96	111	76	485
		77.2%	62.5%	88.2%	59.4%	29.8%	69.1%	59.4%	58.5%	61.6%
	Independent	2	1	0	14	17	14	11	15	74
		2.2%	3.1%	.0%	10.5%	29.8%	10.1%	5.9%	11.5%	9.4%
	Republican	19	11	2	40	23	29	65	39	228
		20.7%	34.4%	11.8%	30.1%	40.4%	20.9%	34.8%	30.0%	29.0%
Total		92	32	17	133	57	139	187	130	787
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Lambda= .023

The Results

		Highest Level of Education				
		Grade school or less	Some high school	HS Grad/Some training or college	College degree and beyond	Total
Political Party Identification	Democrat	19	16	174	255	464
		35.8%	26.2%	39.7%	42.8%	40.4%
	Independent	1	3	25	41	70
		1.9%	4.9%	5.7%	6.9%	6.1%
	Republican	3	9	69	130	211
		5.7%	14.8%	15.8%	21.8%	18.4%
	DK/NA	30	33	170	170	403
		56.6%	54.1%	38.8%	28.5%	35.1%
Total		53	61	438	596	1148
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 2: Effect of Level of Education on Party Identification

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Lambda: .051

The Results

Table 3: Effect of Level of Education on Voting						
		Highest Level of Education				
		Grade school or less	Some high school	HS Grad/Some training or college	College degree and beyond	Total
VOTED IN 2000	YES	13	16	176	298	503
		24.5%	26.2%	40.2%	50.3%	43.9%
	NO	40	45	262	295	642
		75.5%	73.8%	59.8%	49.7%	56.1%
Total		53	61	438	593	1145
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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The Results

Table 4: Reason for not Voting by Country of Origin

| | | COUNTRY OF ORIGIN | | | | | | | | |
		CHINA	TAIWAN	HONG KONG	KOREA	VIETNAM	JAPAN	PHILIPPINES	INDIA/PAKISTAN	Total
Reason for not voting	Not a Citizen	93	19	5	77	45	27	47	75	388
		76.2%	65.5%	45.5%	85.6%	58.4%	57.4%	53.4%	83.3%	70.0%
	Citizen but not registered to vote	29	10	6	13	32	20	41	15	166
		23.8%	34.5%	54.5%	14.4%	41.6%	42.6%	46.6%	16.7%	30.0%
Total		122	29	11	90	77	47	88	90	554
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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The Results

Table 5: Effect of Income on Party Identification

		Income				Total
		Lower Class	Lower to Middle Class	Middle Class	Upper Class	
Party Identification	Democrat	61	106	88	143	398
		67.8%	61.6%	62.4%	64.1%	63.6%
	Independent	11	16	11	13	51
		12.2%	9.3%	7.8%	5.8%	8.1%
	Republican	18	50	42	67	177
		20.0%	29.1%	29.8%	30.0%	28.3%
Total		90	172	141	223	626
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Lambda: .000

The Results

Table 6: Effect of Gender on Party Identification

		GENDER		Total
		MALE	FEMALE	
Party Identification	Democrat	244	241	485
		58.9%	64.6%	61.6%
	Independent	35	39	74
		8.5%	10.5%	9.4%
	Republican	135	93	228
		32.6%	24.9%	29.0%
Total		414	373	787
		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Chi-Square: .054

Lambda: .000

Conclusion

- Was my thesis statement supported?

- Further research?

Questions?