YOUR VOTE MATTERS. USE IT!

As we head into the final stretch of this year’s presidential election, South Asian Americans have a major stake in the outcome.

South Asian American communities and votes have power: we are the most rapidly growing demographic group in the nation.

Let’s use our power wisely.

This guide can help you get key information on important issues that matter to our communities, and cast an informed vote on November 8.

SOUTH ASIANS AT A GLANCE

The South Asian community in the U.S. includes individuals who trace their ancestry to Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the diaspora, including but not limited to Trinidad/Tobago, Guyana, Fiji, Tanzania, and Kenya.

According to the 2013 American Community Survey nearly 4.3 million South Asians live in the United States. This is a significant increase from 3.5 million counted in the 2010 Census.

Between 2000 and 2013, the South Asian American population became the fastest growing major ethnic group in the United States and has emerged in new areas of the country.

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ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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A SNAPSHOT OF THE 2012 SOUTH ASIAN ELECTORATE

Many South Asian Americans voted for the first time in the 2012 elections.

In the 2012 elections, 45% of Bangladeshis, 35% of Pakistanis, 29% of Asian Indians, and 28% of Indo-Caribbean American voters voted for the first time.

PARTY AFFILIATION

The majority of South Asian Americans were enrolled as Democrats. 84% of Indo-Caribbean, 79% of Bangladeshis, 73% of Pakistanis, and 65% of Asian Indian voters were enrolled in the Democratic Party.

In comparison, 9% of Asian Indian, 5% of Pakistanis, 4% of Indo-Caribbean, and 2% of Bangladeshis Americans were enrolled in the Republican Party.

24% of Asian Indian, 21% of Pakistanis, 18% of Bangladeshis, and 8% of Indo-Caribbean American voters indicated that they were not enrolled in any party.

South Asian American voters showed strong support for President Obama, with 96% of Bangladeshis, 91% of Pakistanis, and 84% of Asian Indian voters surveyed voting for Obama.

Support for President Obama was also high among all South Asian Americans voting for the first time and in all states surveyed.

THE CANDIDATES ON THE ISSUES:

While the political rhetoric in this election cycle has heightened, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have distinct policy stances on the issues and it is important to keep those in mind when voting. Decide for yourself which candidate will best represent the interests and needs of the South Asian American community.

Support comprehensive immigration reform?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

Support expanding and strengthening federal immigration policies to promote family reunification?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

Support accepting Syrian refugees to the U.S.?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

Support a pathway to citizenship?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

Support increasing immigration enforcement?  
- Hillary Clinton: No
- Donald Trump: Yes

Support ending family detention and closing immigration detention centers?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

Support President Obama’s executive actions known as DACA and DAPA?  
- Hillary Clinton: Yes
- Donald Trump: No

PRIORITY ISSUES FOR SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN VOTERS:

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Charts indicate support each group gave for the particular issue

In 2012, a majority of South Asian Americans favored comprehensive immigration reform.

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