

Appendix C: Indian American Attitudes Survey

Sample: 1,200 U.S. adult residents
Conducted: September 1-20, 2020
Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percent

Question	Frequency
Which of these statements best describes you?	
I am an immigrant to the USA and a naturalized citizen	39%
I was born in the USA, but at least one of my parents is an immigrant	33%
My parents and I were born in the USA, but at least one of my grandparents was an immigrant	3%
My parents, grandparents, and I were all born in the USA	1%
I am immigrant to the USA but not a citizen	23%
How connected do you personally feel with India?	
Extremely connected	18%
Very connected	32%
Somewhat connected	31%
Not too connected	13%
Not at all connected	6%
Have you traveled to India in the last year?	
Yes	26%
No	74%
Have you supported religious organizations in India in the last year?	
Yes	16%
No	84%
Have you supported nonprofits in India in the last year?	
Yes	20%
No	80%
Do you communicate with friends and family in India at least once a month?	
Yes	54%
No	46%

Have you watched Indian movies/television in the last month?		
	Yes	62%
	No	38%
Have you taken part in or enjoyed Indian dance, music, or art in the last six months?		
	Yes	36%
	No	64%
Have you eaten Indian food in the last month?		
	Yes	72%
	No	28%
Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs in India . . . ?		
	Most of the time	21%
	Some of the time	31%
	Only now and then	23%
	Hardly at all	16%
	Don't know	10%
Do you feel things in India are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track?		
	Right track	36%
	Wrong track	39%
	Don't know	25%
Which of the following best describes you?		
	Generally pro-India and supportive of the Indian government's policies	17%
	Generally pro-India but also critical of some of the Indian government's policies	35%
	Generally pro-India but also critical of many of the Indian government's policies	23%
	Generally not pro-India	7%
	Don't know	18%
What is the top challenge facing India today?		
	Government corruption	18%
	Economy	15%
	Religious majoritarianism	10%
	Healthcare	8%
	China	7%
	Terrorism	7%
	Caste discrimination	6%
	Education	6%
	Income inequality	5%
	Environment/climate change	4%
	Sexism/gender discrimination	4%
	I don't have an opinion on any of these issues	10%

Which political party in India do you identify with the most?

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	32%
Indian National Congress (INC)	12%
Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)	3%
Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)	2%
Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M)	2%
Akali Dal (SAD)	1%
All India Trinamool Congress (TMC)	1%
Samajwadi Party (SP)	1%
Shiv Sena (SS)	1%
Other	5%
Don't know	40%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Narendra Modi is handling his job as prime minister?

Strongly approve	35%
Approve	13%
Disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Don't know	20%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	17%
Approve	13%
Disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	55%

We'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. You'll see the name of a person, and we want you to rate the person using a feeling thermometer.

Ratings between 50 and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person, ratings between 0 and 50 mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person or don't care for the person.

You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you were indifferent.

What are your feelings toward: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)?

Cold (1-49)	20%
Indifferent (50)	39%
Warm (51-100)	41%

What are your feelings toward: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)?

Cold (1-49)	19%
Indifferent (50)	63%
Warm (51-100)	18%

What are your feelings toward: Congress Party?

Cold (1-49)	28%
Indifferent (50)	50%
Warm (51-100)	22%

What are your feelings toward: Narendra Modi?

Cold (1-49)	22%
Indifferent (50)	38%
Warm (51-100)	40%

What are your feelings toward: Rahul Gandhi?		
	Cold (1-49)	33%
	Indifferent (50)	50%
	Warm (51-100)	17%
In general, do you support or oppose this statement: It is important for religious minorities to be treated the same way as the religious majority in a country?		
	Strongly support	59%
	Somewhat support	31%
	Somewhat oppose	8%
	Strongly oppose	2%
In general, thinking about immigration, would you support or oppose providing undocumented immigrants a path to citizenship?		
	Strongly support	26%
	Somewhat support	43%
	Somewhat oppose	19%
	Strongly oppose	12%
In general, do you support or oppose the use of force (such as tear gas, rubber bullets, physical force) by the police against peaceful protesters who are occupying public spaces (such as roads or highways)?		
	Strongly support	13%
	Somewhat support	22%
	Somewhat oppose	23%
	Strongly oppose	42%
In general, how important is it that the media can report the news without state or government censorship?		
	Very important	57%
	Somewhat important	30%
	Somewhat unimportant	6%
	Very unimportant	7%
In general, do you support or oppose the consideration of race or ethnic identity as a factor in university admissions to improve the representation of historically disadvantaged groups?		
	Strongly support	21%
	Somewhat support	40%
	Somewhat oppose	21%
	Strongly oppose	18%
In the Indian context, do you support or oppose: The proposal for an all-India National Register of Citizens (NRC) to document all legal citizens of India so that illegal migrants can be identified and deported?		
	Strongly support	21%
	Somewhat support	34%
	Somewhat oppose	25%
	Strongly oppose	20%
In the Indian context, do you support or oppose: The passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019, which creates an expedited path to citizenship for migrants from neighboring countries who illegally entered India by 2014, provided they belong to non-Muslim religions?		
	Strongly support	18%
	Somewhat support	33%
	Somewhat oppose	28%
	Strongly oppose	21%

In the Indian context, do you support or oppose: The decision by police and law enforcement in some cities to use rubber bullets, tear gas, and physical force against peaceful protesters opposing recent citizenship laws who are occupying public spaces (such as roads or highways)?		
	Strongly support	12%
	Somewhat support	23%
	Somewhat oppose	28%
	Strongly oppose	37%
In the Indian context, do you support or oppose: Government efforts to use defamation and sedition laws to silence reporters critical of the Modi administration?		
	Strongly support	10%
	Somewhat support	21%
	Somewhat oppose	29%
	Strongly oppose	40%
In the Indian context, do you support or oppose: The consideration of the caste identity of applicants as a factor in university admissions to improve the representation of Dalits/Scheduled Castes?		
	Strongly support	14%
	Somewhat support	33%
	Somewhat oppose	25%
	Strongly oppose	28%
In the U.S. context, do you support or oppose: The 2017 presidential executive order to institute a travel ban for citizens from several predominantly Muslim countries?		
	Strongly support	14%
	Somewhat support	26%
	Somewhat oppose	27%
	Strongly oppose	33%
In the U.S. context, do you support or oppose: Enhanced efforts by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials to identify and deport illegal immigrants through border apprehensions and unannounced raids?		
	Strongly support	15%
	Somewhat support	31%
	Somewhat oppose	29%
	Strongly oppose	26%
In the U.S. context, do you support or oppose: The decision by police and law enforcement in some cities to use rubber bullets, tear gas, and physical force against peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters who are occupying public spaces (such as roads or highways)?		
	Strongly support	12%
	Somewhat support	21%
	Somewhat oppose	25%
	Strongly oppose	43%
In the U.S. context, do you support or oppose: White House efforts to revoke press credentials of reporters who are critical of the Trump administration?		
	Strongly support	5%
	Somewhat support	23%
	Somewhat oppose	25%
	Strongly oppose	47%
In the U.S. context, do you support or oppose: The consideration of the racial identity of applicants as a factor in university admissions to improve the representation of African Americans?		
	Strongly support	16%
	Somewhat support	38%
	Somewhat oppose	28%
	Strongly oppose	19%

In India, some people say Hindu majoritarianism is a threat to minorities in an Indian democracy. Do you agree?		
	Strongly support	22%
	Somewhat support	31%
	Somewhat oppose	26%
	Strongly oppose	22%
Some people say white supremacy is a threat to minorities in a U.S. democracy. Do you agree?		
	Strongly support	43%
	Somewhat support	30%
	Somewhat oppose	19%
	Strongly oppose	8%
Which, if any, of the following have you used in the last week as a source of news about India?		
	Online	54%
	Television	41%
	Social media	40%
	Word of mouth	32%
	Print	16%
	Radio	9%
	None of the above	13%
Which, if any, of the following social media have you used in the last week as a source of news about India?		
	YouTube	41%
	Facebook	40%
	WhatsApp	38%
	Instagram	22%
	Twitter	21%
	Facebook Messenger	16%
	Snapchat	10%
	TikTok	7%
	None of the above	30%
On a scale of 1-10, how trustworthy are the following sources of news and information about politics and current affairs in India? (mean ratings)		
	BBC	7.7
	CNN	7.1
	<i>New York Times</i>	6.9
	<i>Economist</i>	6.9
	<i>Times of India</i>	6.8
	NDTV	6.6
	Aaj Tak	6.5
	Republic TV	6.4
	National government	5.7
	Social media	5.3
	Messaging apps	5

As you think about the issues influencing your support for candidates in this November's U.S. presidential election, which of the following are the top three most important issues for you personally? (first choice)		
	Economy	21%
	Healthcare	18%
	Racism/racial discrimination	12%
	Immigration	10%
	Taxes	8%
	Environment/climate change	6%
	Government corruption	6%
	Income inequality	5%
	Education	4%
	U.S.-India relations	4%
	Terrorism	4%
	Sexism/gender discrimination	2%
As you think about the issues influencing your support for candidates in this November's U.S. presidential election, which of the following are the top three most important issues for you personally? (second choice)		
	Economy	14%
	Healthcare	17%
	Racism/racial discrimination	13%
	Immigration	10%
	Taxes	8%
	Environment/climate change	10%
	Government corruption	6%
	Income inequality	6%
	Education	4%
	U.S.-India relations	5%
	Terrorism	5%
	Sexism/gender discrimination	3%
As you think about the issues influencing your support for candidates in this November's U.S. presidential election, which of the following are the top three most important issues for you personally? (third choice)		
	Economy	13%
	Healthcare	12%
	Racism/racial discrimination	12%
	Immigration	9%
	Taxes	8%
	Environment/climate change	12%
	Government corruption	7%
	Income inequality	7%
	Education	8%
	U.S.-India relations	6%
	Terrorism	4%
	Sexism/gender discrimination	3%
Thinking about the relationship between the United States and India, is the U.S. . . . ?		
	Too supportive of India	12%
	Support of India about right	40%
	Not supportive enough of India	24%
	Don't know	24%

Which of the following best describes your opinion of China?		
	Very favorable	4%
	Somewhat favorable	12%
	Somewhat unfavorable	29%
	Very unfavorable	36%
	No opinion	18%
In recent years, the United States has formulated an Indo-Pacific strategy to counter China's growing influence. Do you think the United States should . . . ?		
	Help strengthen India's military as a check against China	47%
	Not provoke China further by strengthening India's military	26%
	Don't know	27%