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# **The Asian American Vote**

*A Report on the Multilingual Exit Poll*

*in the 2014 Midterm Elections*

## **Michigan**

# Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

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**AALDEF is a national organization that protects and promotes the legal rights of Asian Americans through:**

- Litigation
- Legal advocacy
- Community education

## **Program Priorities**

- Immigrants' Rights
- Workers' Rights - sweatshops, restaurants, construction, post-Katrina
- Language Rights - hospitals and courts
- Educational Equity / Youth Rights
- Human Trafficking
- Voting Rights

# Asian American Election Protection

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## National Election Protection Project and 100 local partnerships

### *Poll Monitoring*

- Compliance - Voting Rights Act and Help America Vote Act
- Post Election - voter interviews and complaint letters
- 2014 - **103** attorneys covered **91** poll sites in **38** cities

### *Multilingual Exit Poll*

- 2014 – 4,102 Asian American voters in 11 states and DC
- 2012 – 9,096 Asian American voters in 14 states and DC
- 2010 – 3,721 Asian American voters in 5 states
- 2008 – 16,665 Asian American voters in 11 states and DC
- 2006 – 4,726 Asian American voters in 9 states and DC
- 2004 – 10,789 Asian American voters in 8 states
- 2002 - 3,500 Asian American voters in 4 states

Percentage of voters	Asian American respondents
100%	341
Ethnicity	
29%	Bangladeshi
27%	Asian Indian
23%	Chinese
8%	Arab
4%	Pakistani
4%	Korean
2%	Filipino
2%	Other
2%	Japanese
1%	Vietnamese
Age	
18%	18-29
16%	30-39
24%	40-49
27%	50-59
8%	60-69
8%	70+
Gender	
52%	male
48%	female

## Profile of Michigan Asian American Survey Respondents

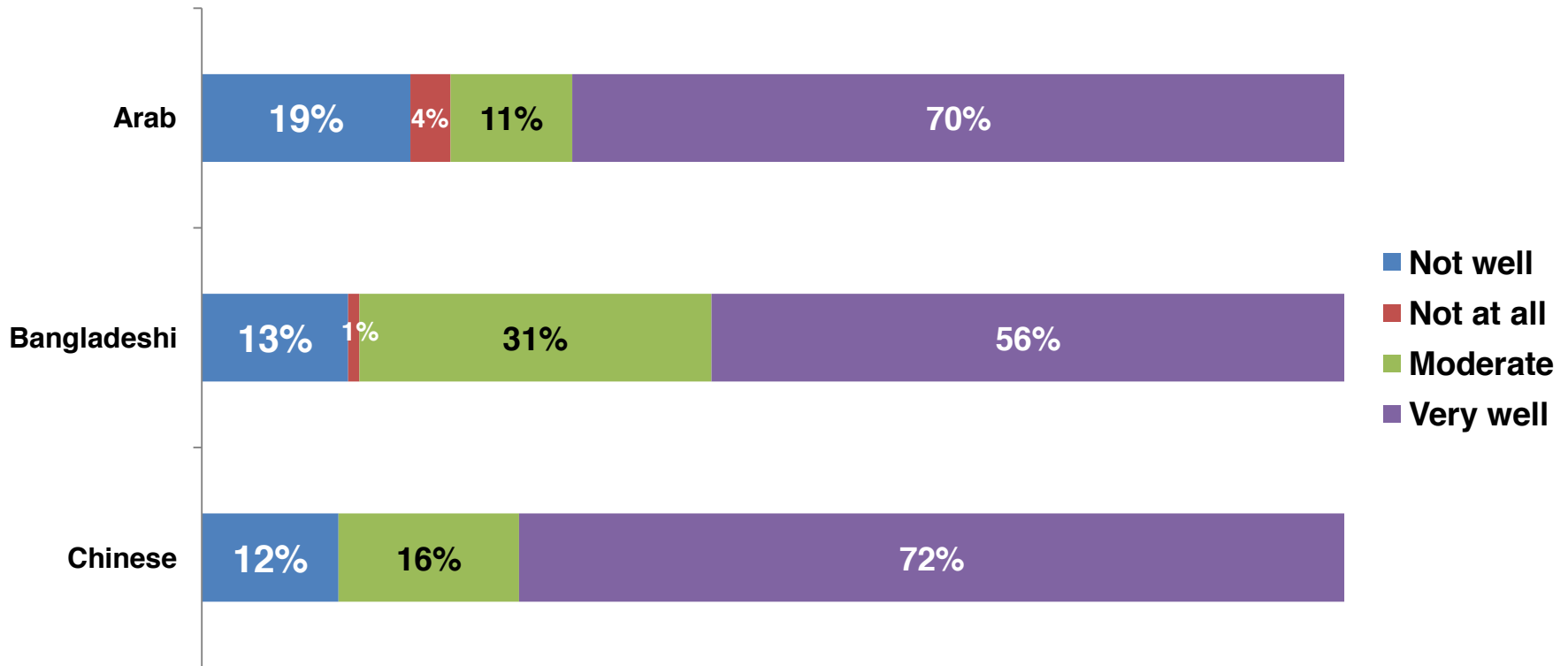
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### Exit Polls surveys conducted in the following areas:

- Ann Arbor – 24%
- Canton – 25%
- Detroit – 8%
- Hamtramck – 28%
- Oakland – 16%

# Limited English Proficiency

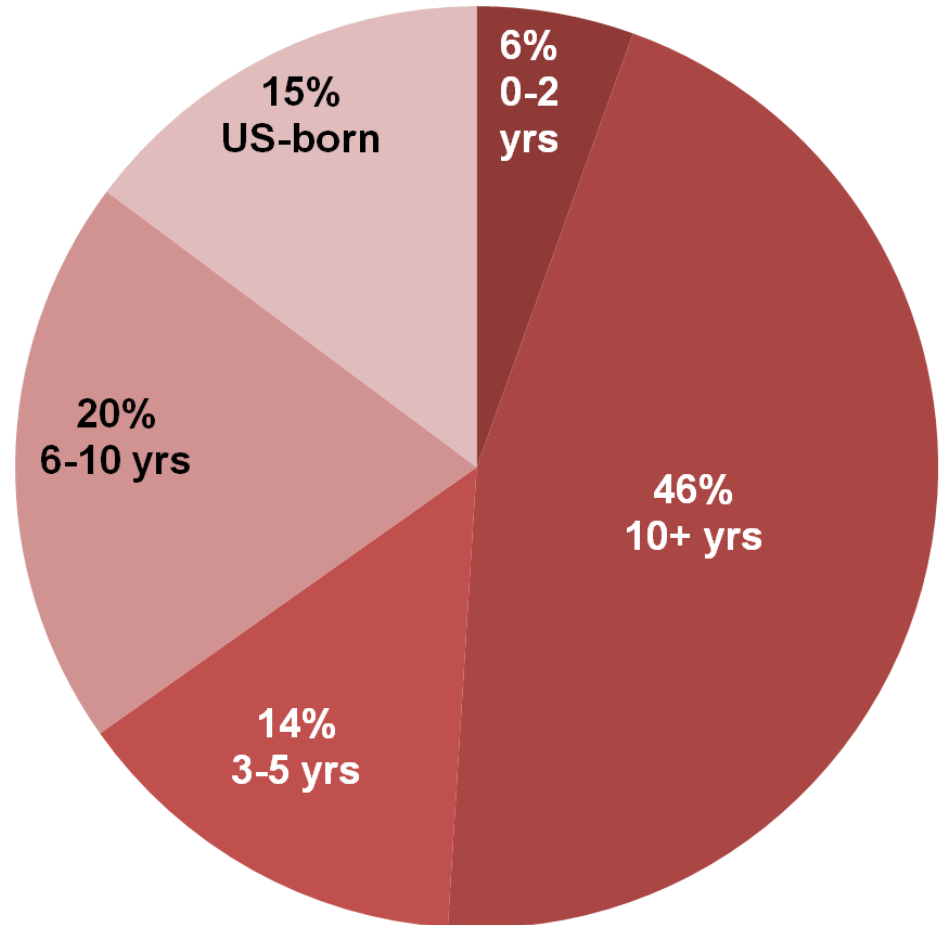
Overall, most voters can read and understand English well.  
Arab, Bangladeshi, and Chinese voters demonstrate  
the highest need for language assistance.



# Voting Patterns

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When did you become a US citizen?

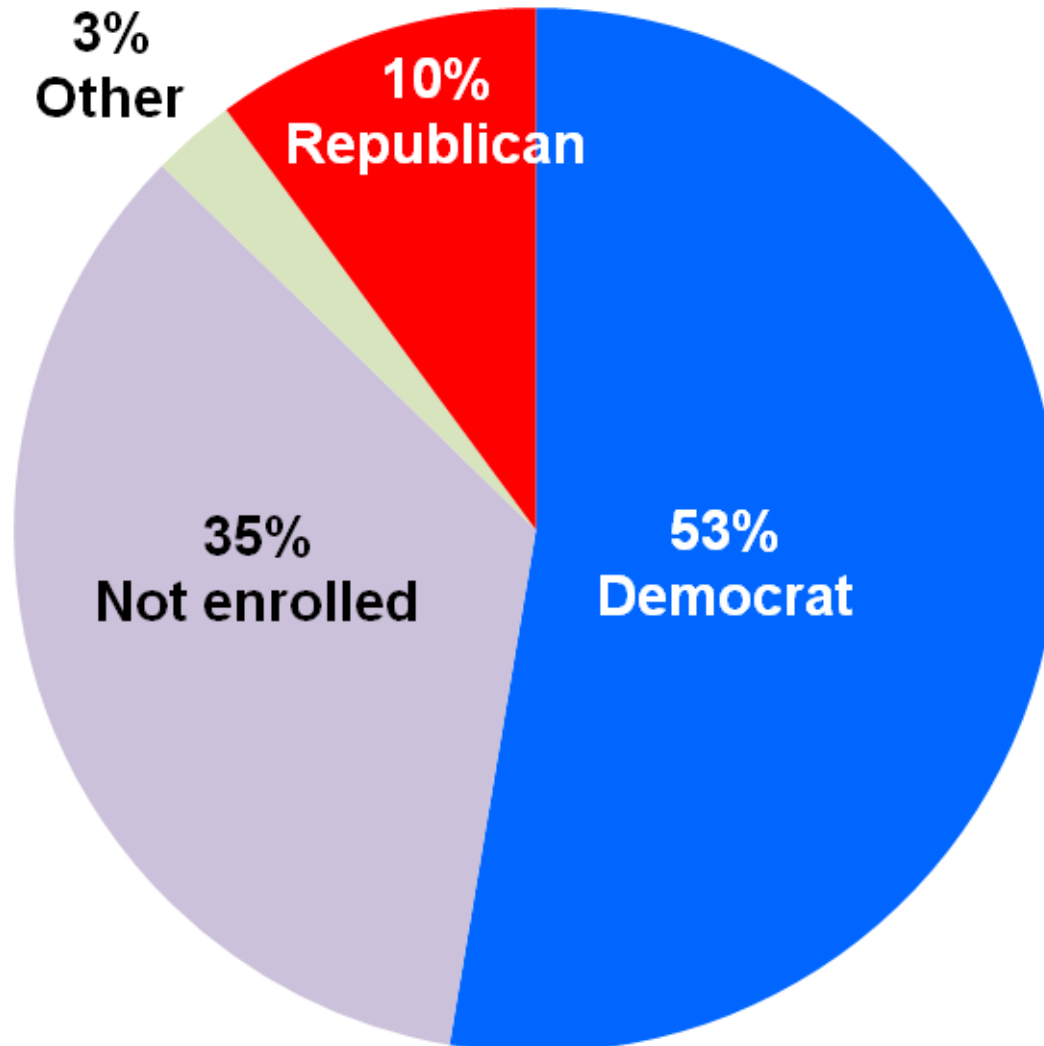


**85%** were foreign-born naturalized citizens.

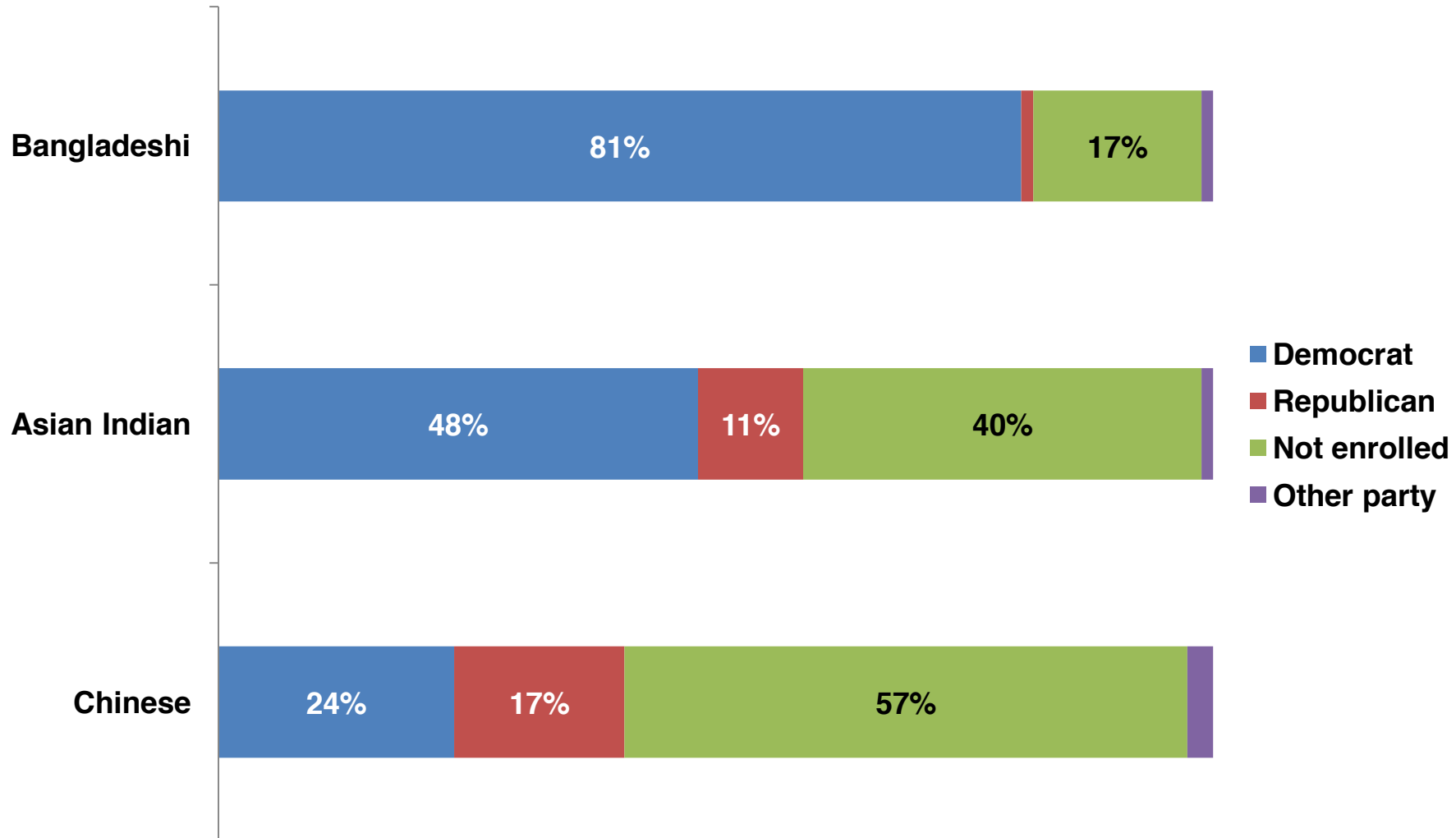
**11%** Asian Americans from Michigan were first-time voters.

# Party Enrollment

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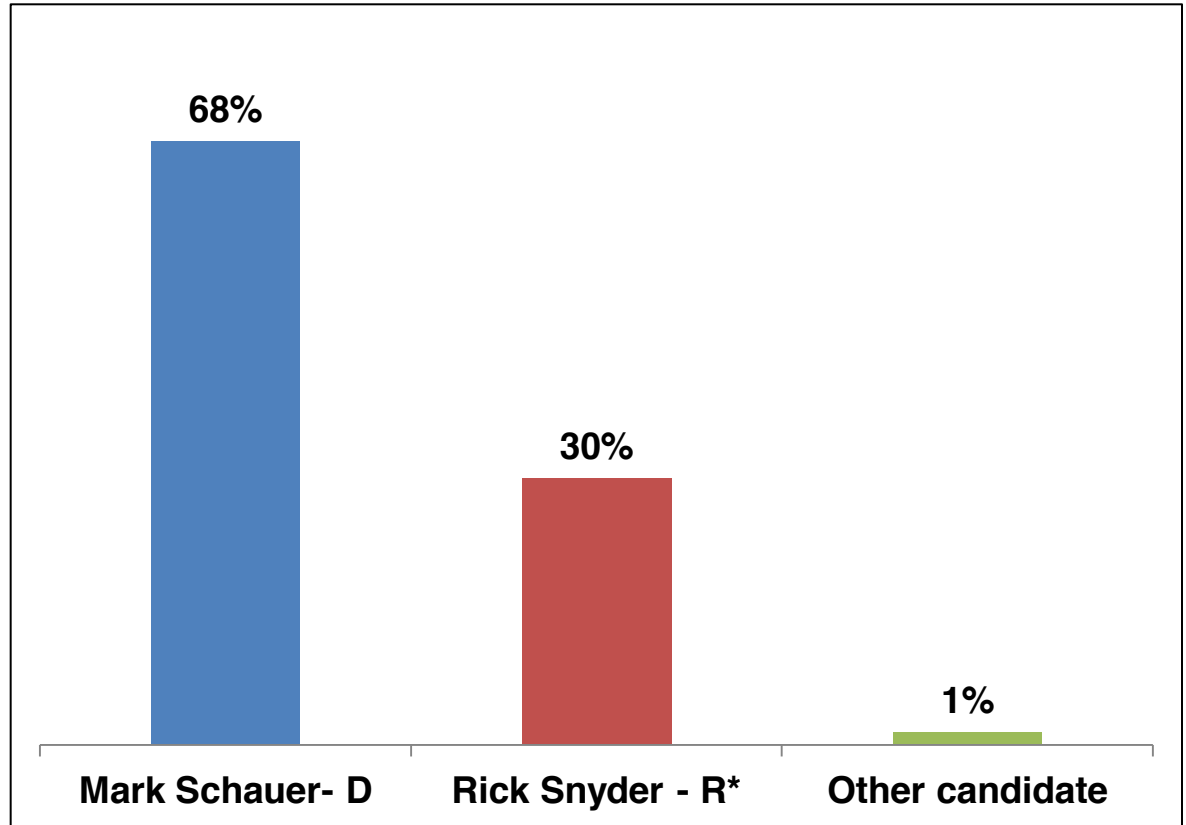
# Party Enrollment by Ethnicity





# Vote for U.S. Governor

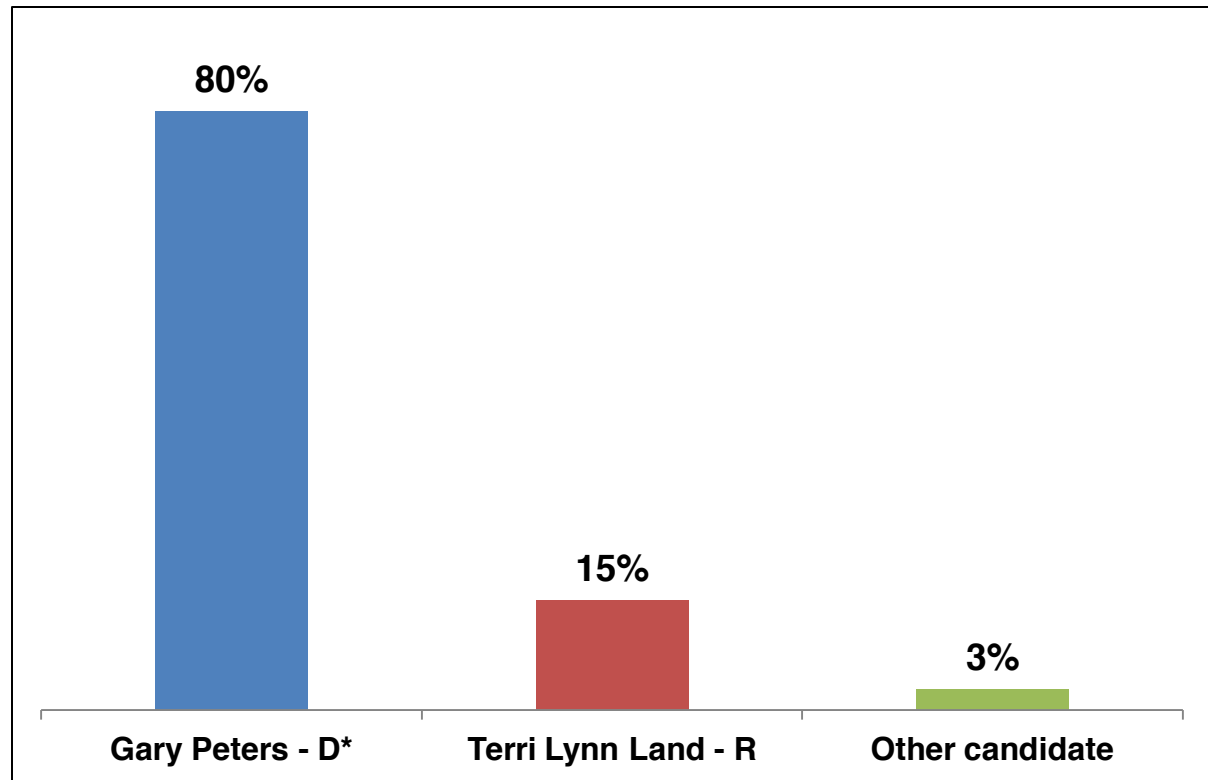
Asian Americans heavily supported Mark Schauer- the Democrat Candidate, but he lost to the Republican incumbent, Rick Snyder.



\*Winner

# Vote for U.S. Senate

Asian Americans heavily supported Gary Peters - the Democrat Candidate, and he won.



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# Cross-over Voting

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Asian Americans in Michigan heavily voted along party lines.  
**11% of Republicans** voted for Gary Peters.

US Senate Race in Michigan 2014

	<b>Democrat</b>	<b>Republican</b>	<b>Not enrolled</b>	<b>Other party</b>
<b>Gary Peters - D*</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Terri Lynn Land - R</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>14%</b>

# Did a Candidate's Position on Immigration Reform make you...?

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Overall, **39%** was **MORE LIKELY** to vote for a candidate based on his/her position on Immigration Reform.

	US Senate	US House of Representatives
Democrat	45%	44%
Republican	25%	32%

# DO YOU THINK OBAMA SHOULD TAKE HIS OWN EXECUTIVE ACTIONS ON IMMIGRATION?

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**64%** of voters in MI said **YES**.



# Language Access

**Do you prefer voting with an interpreter?**

**12% prefer to vote with an interpreter.**

	Used an interpreter	Used translated materials
Arab	8%	12%
Bangladeshi	14%	9%
Chinese	5%	3%
Pakistani	7%	0%



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# LGBT Rights

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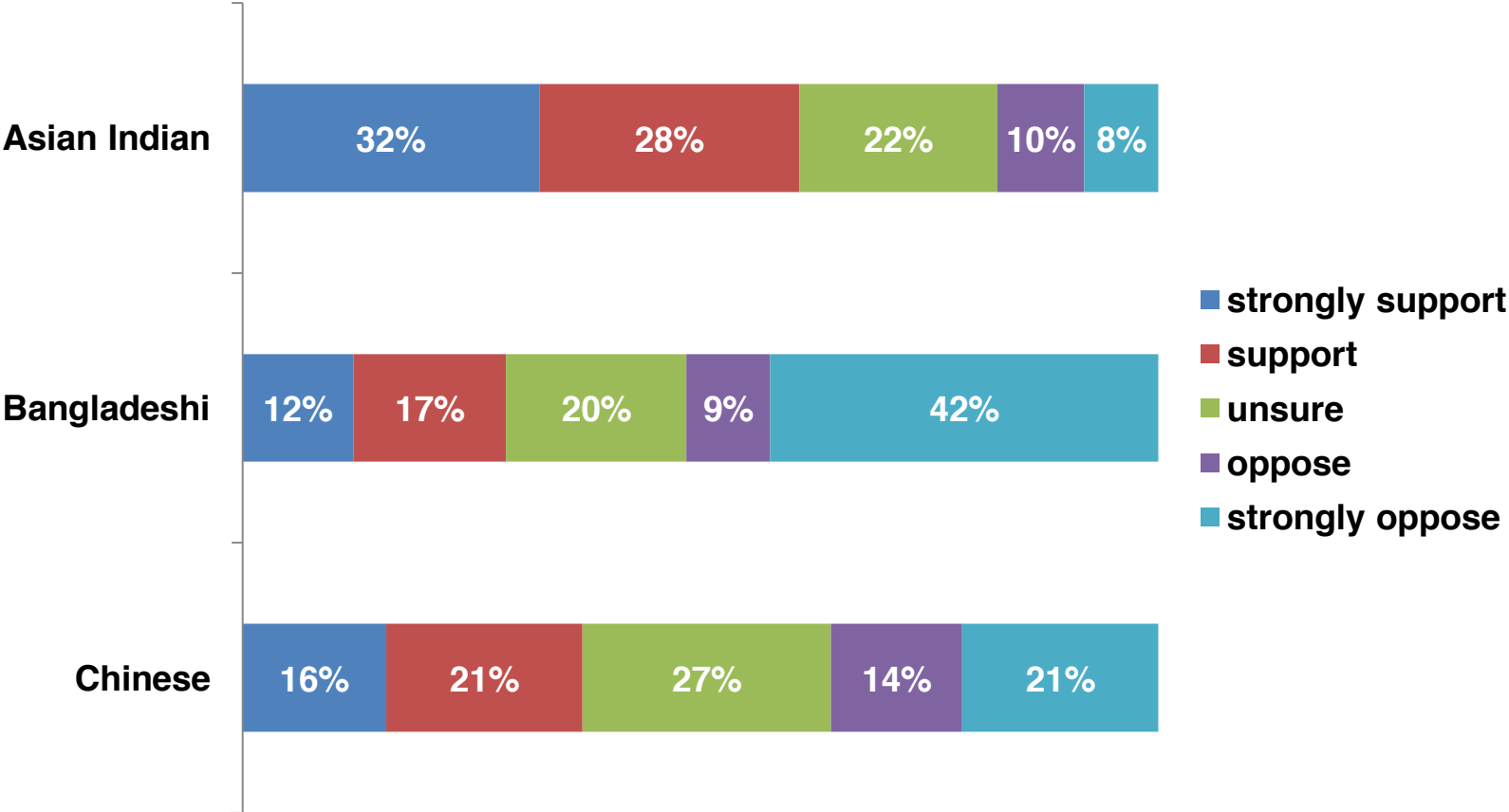
**Do you support laws to protect LGBT from discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations?**

**44% supported.**

<b>strongly support</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>support</b>	<b>21%</b>
unsure	22%
oppose	11%
strongly oppose	23%

# LGBT Rights

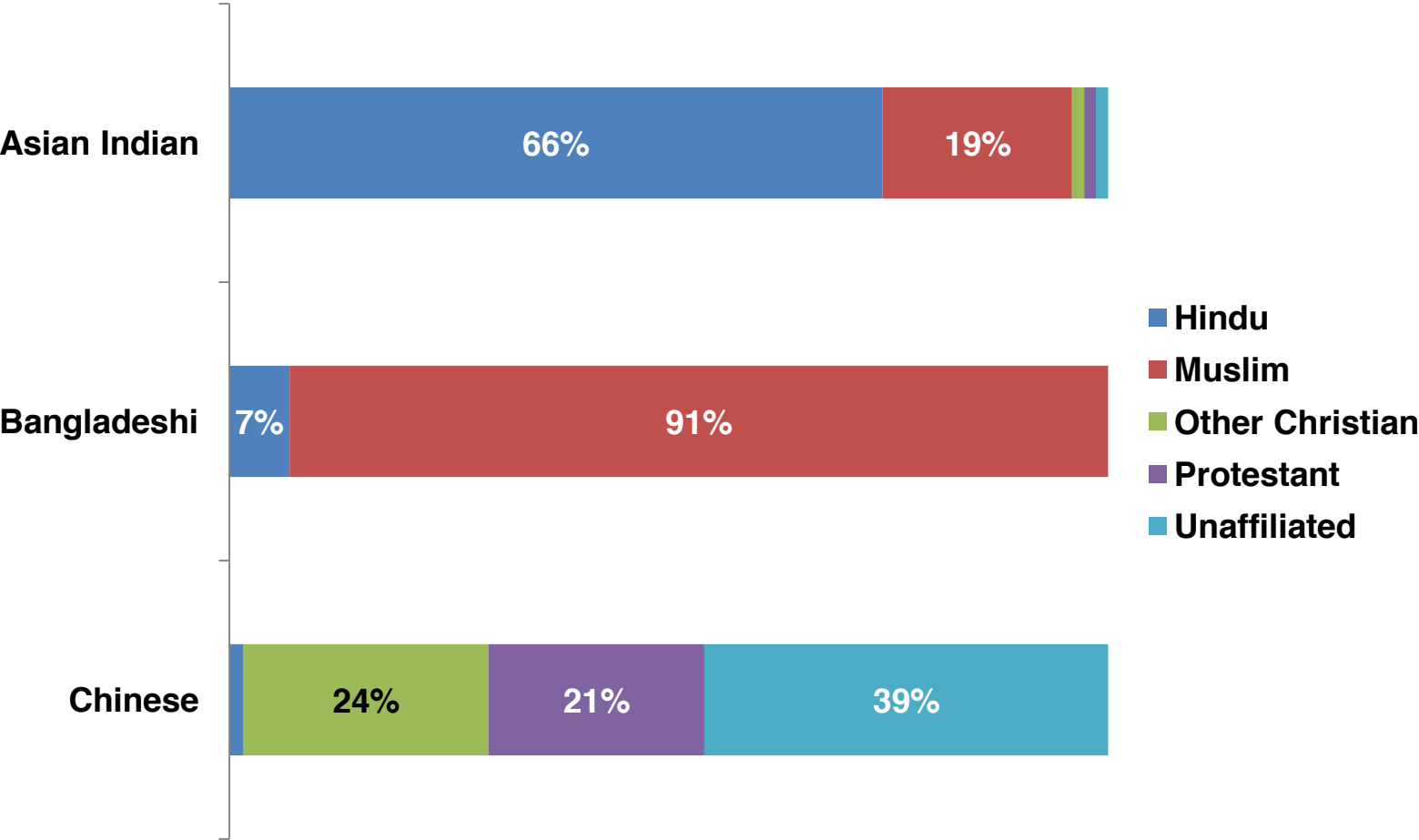
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# Religion

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- NAAAP - NY
- NAPAWF
- NAPAWF - DC
- NAPAWF - NY
- National Education Association
- National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance
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- OCA - Greater DC
- South Asian Americans Leading Together

## School

- American University APALSA/SALSA
- Boston College APALSA
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- NYU APALSA
- NYU Law School
- Pace University - Public Interest Office
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- Temple APALSA/SALSA
- Tufts Asian American Alliance
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