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Immigration Opinion Shifted in 2025

Where will it go next?

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How DNA—Data, Narrative, Action—Can Build Community Power

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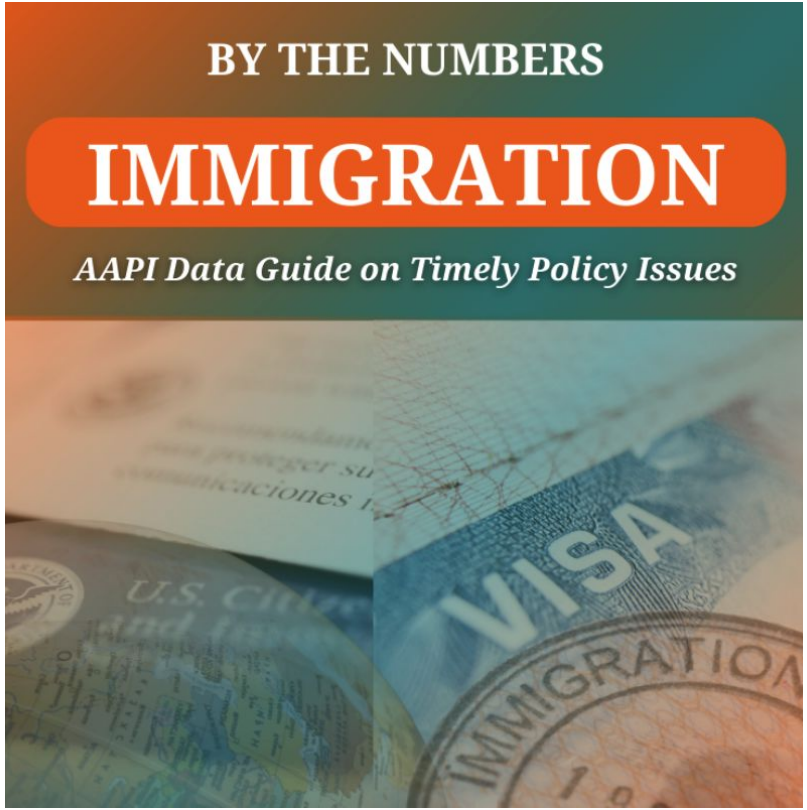

By The Numbers: Immigration

- **Provides a critical snapshot** of where AANHPI communities stand on immigration

- Available alongside our other data resource guides at aapidata.com/resource-guides.

Piloting New Questions: Webinar Poll!

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Trump Job Approval (Jan 2026)

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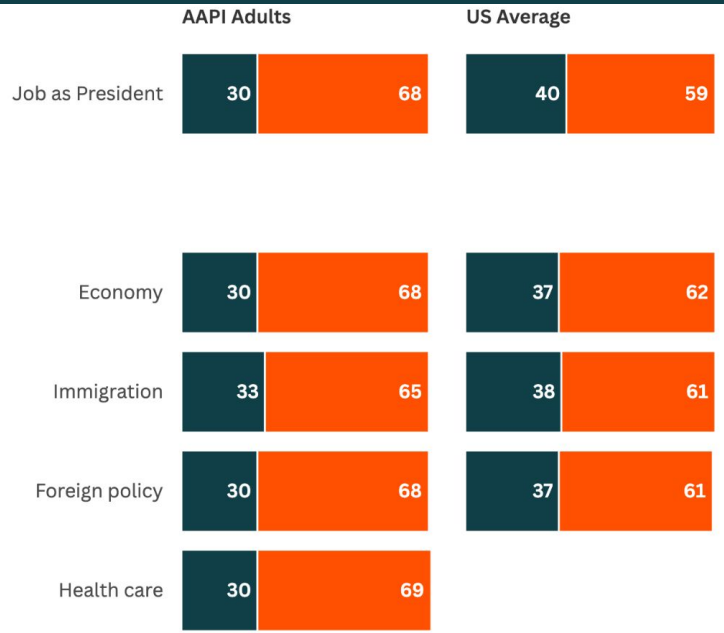
New data (will be posted on apnorc.org/aapi-data soon)



Question: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handing ...?
Source: AAPI Data/AP-NORC poll conducted Jan 5-12, 2026, with 1,077 AAPI adults and AP- NORC poll conducted Jan 8-11, 2026, with 1,203 adults nationwide.

Immigration: Opinion Shift in 2025

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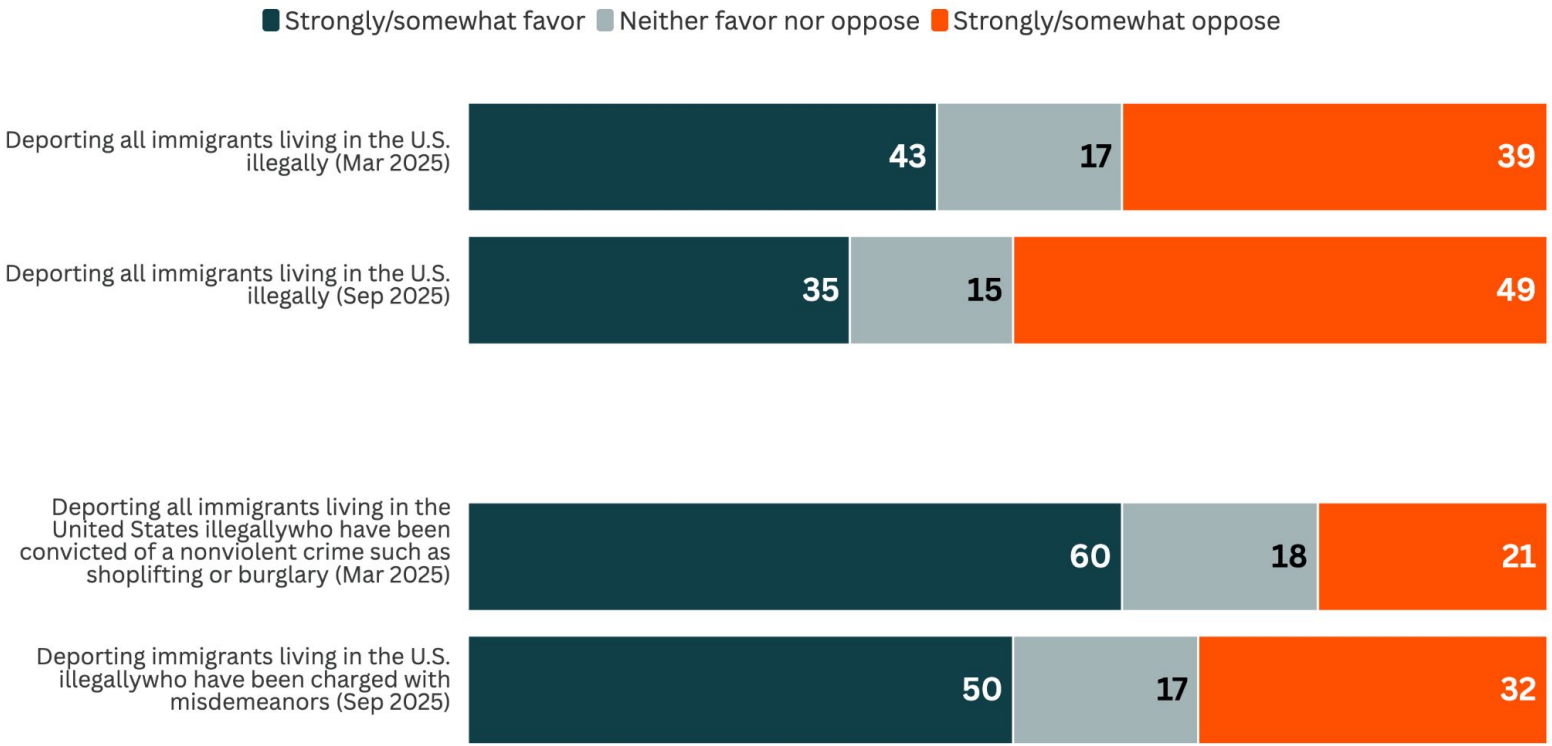
Change in AAPI opinion on deportations

Among AAPI Adults



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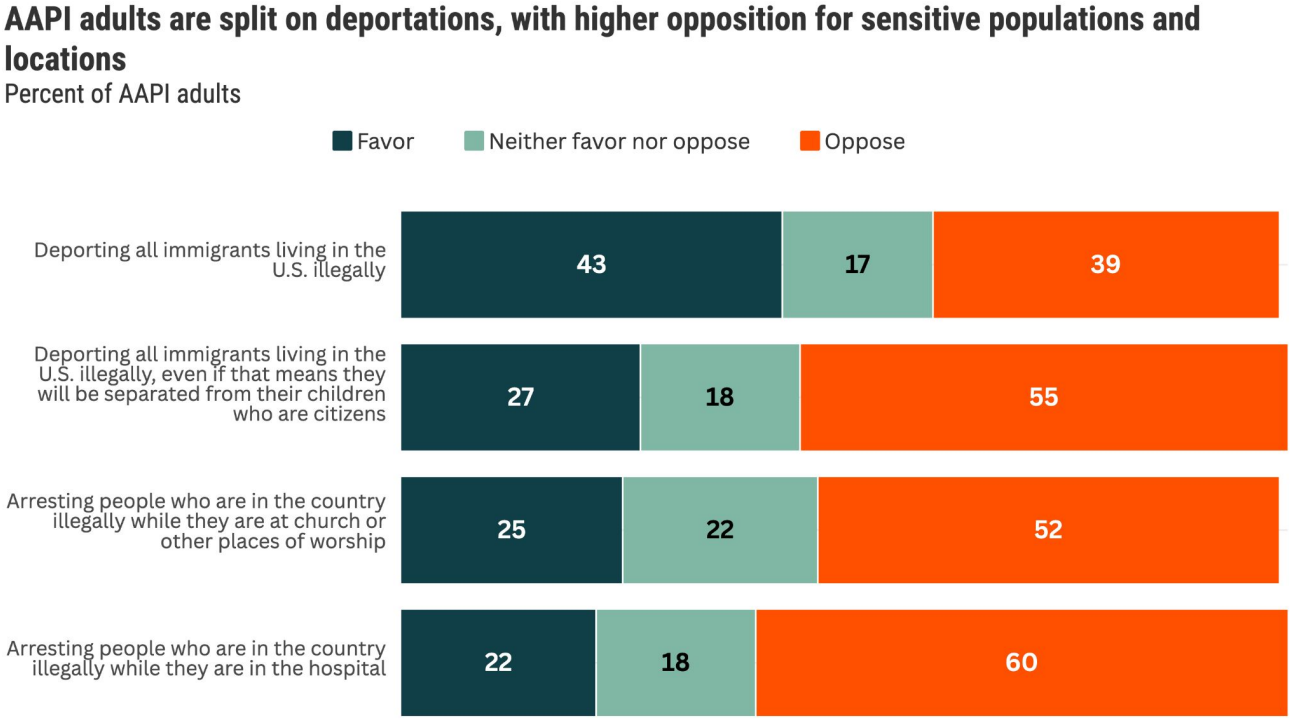
March 2025: Split on Deportation, Sensitive to Context



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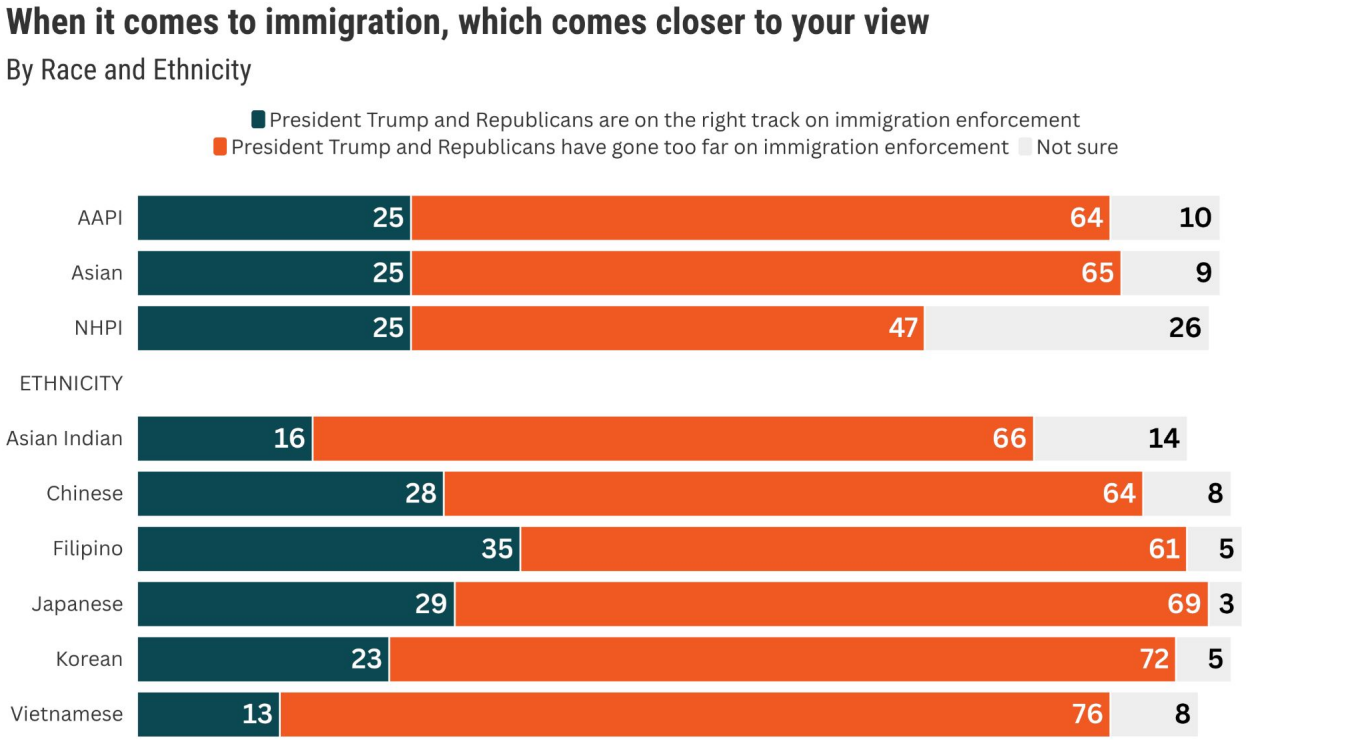
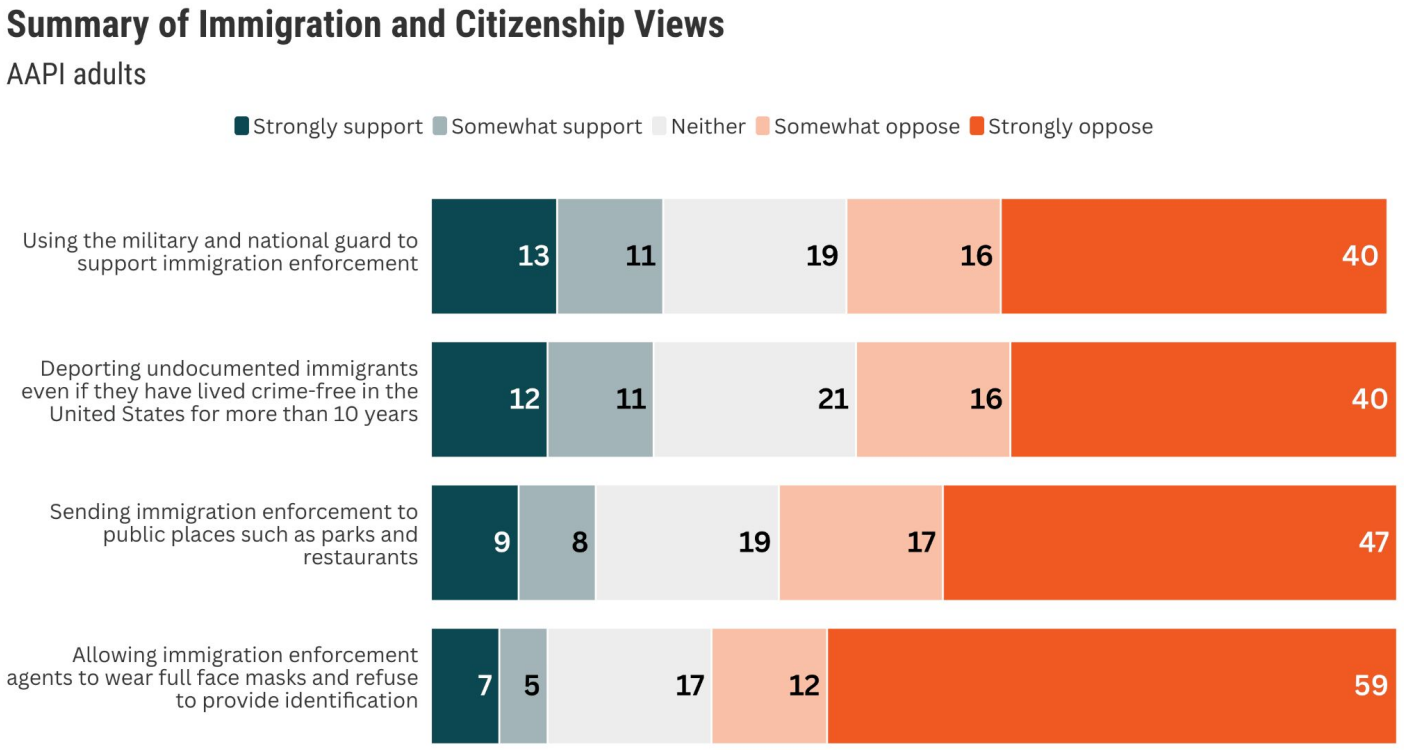


Question: When it comes to immigration, which comes closer to your view?
Source: 2025 AAPI Policy Priorities Survey by AAPI Data and NCAPA, with interviews conducted August 5-12, 2025

August 2025: Opposition to Heavy-Handed Tactics



Question: When it comes to immigration enforcement, please indicate whether you [support or oppose/oppose or support] any of the following:
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Sept 2025

Deporting immigrants living in the United States illegally who express views that the federal government does not agree with

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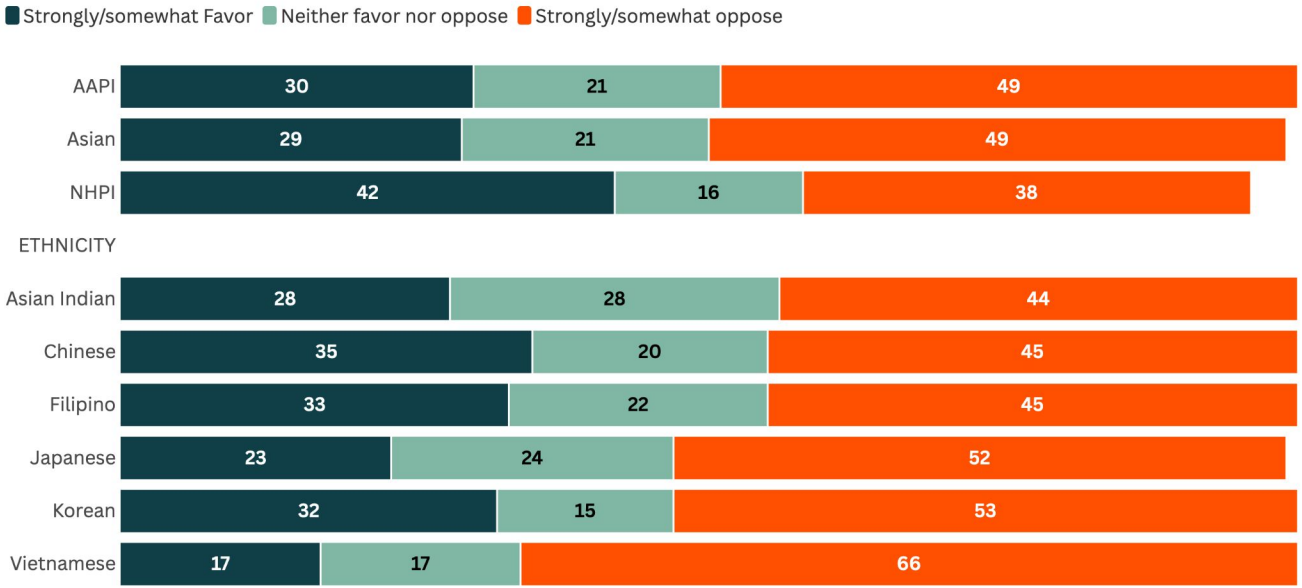

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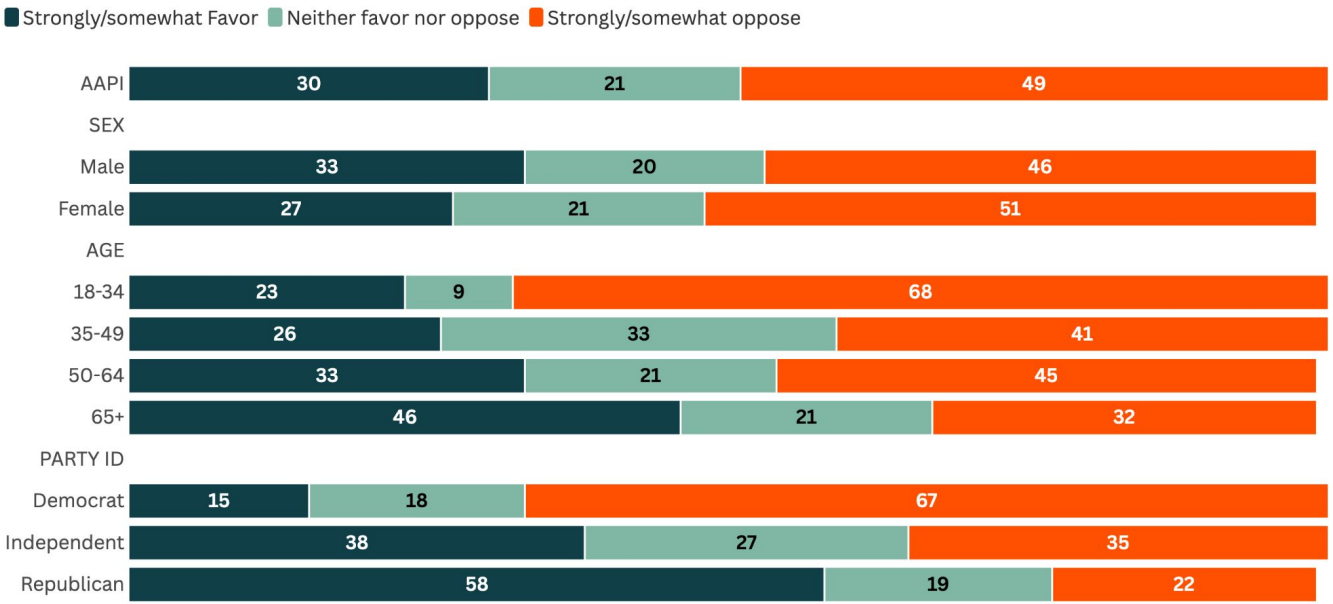

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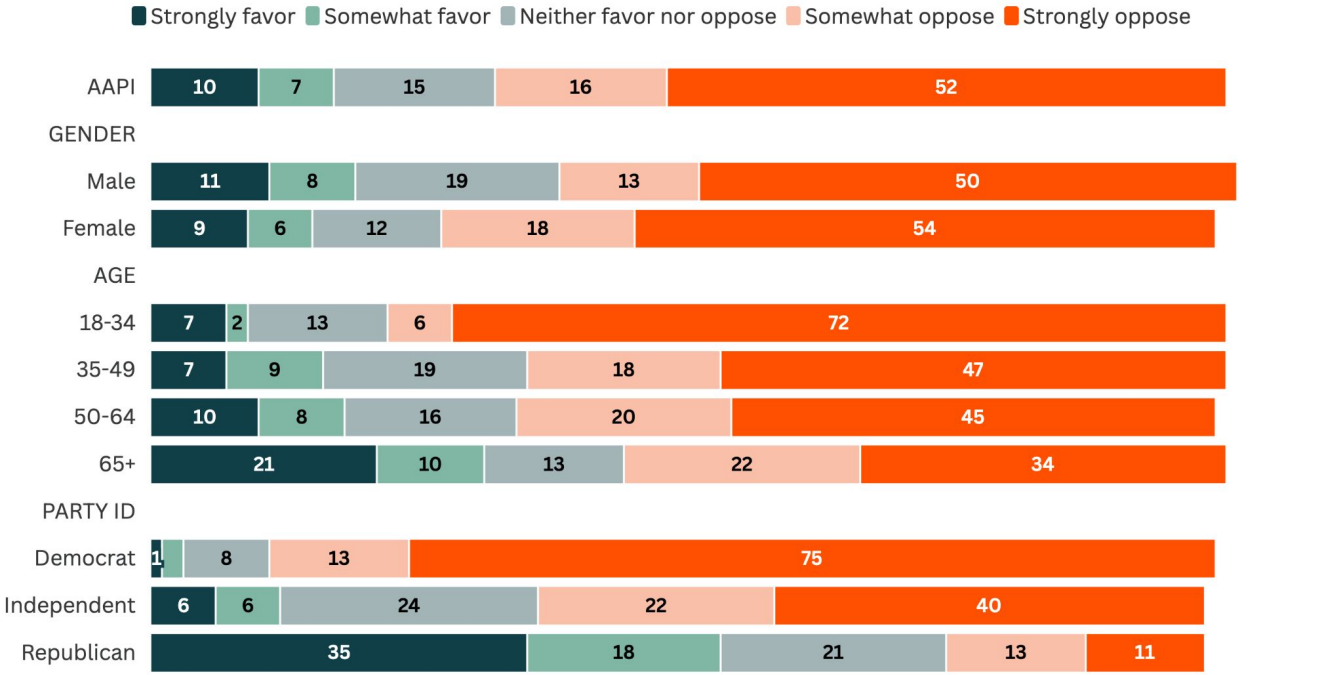

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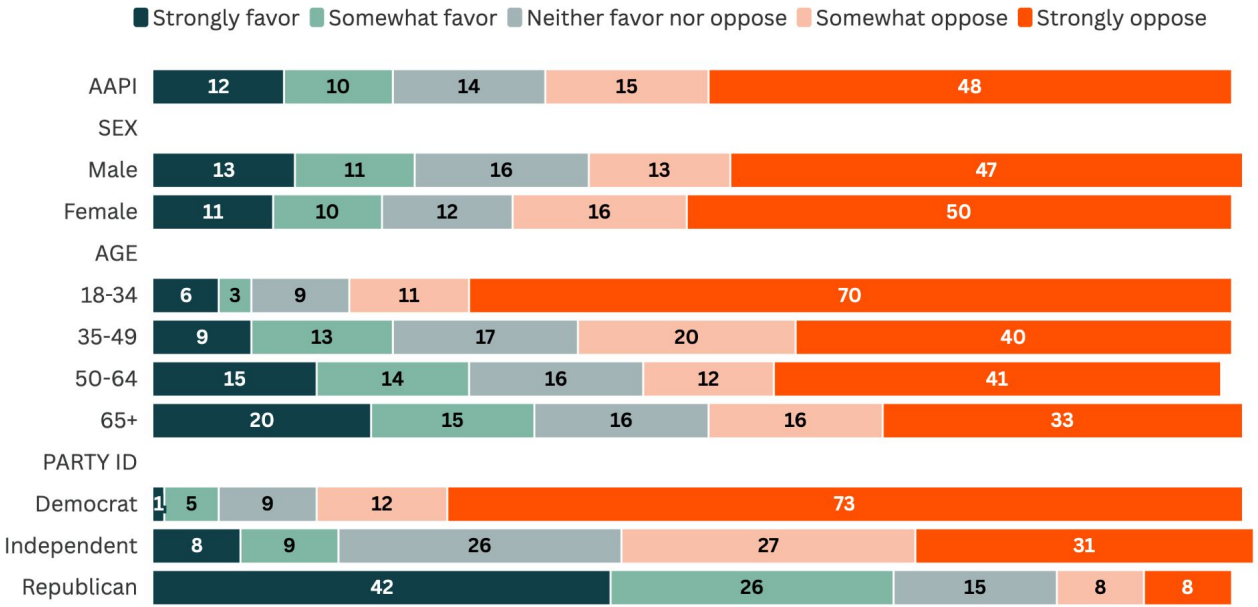

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Next Steps

- Additional questions on immigration and economic hardship in late March 2026 release of AAPI Data / AP-NORC Study
- Additional questions on immigration, economy, health and key themes as part of 2026 Policy Priorities Survey (AAPI Data and NCAPA, release in late April)
    - Affordability
    - Belonging in America
    - Democratic rights/freedoms
    - Opportunity

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