



# Voter Registration

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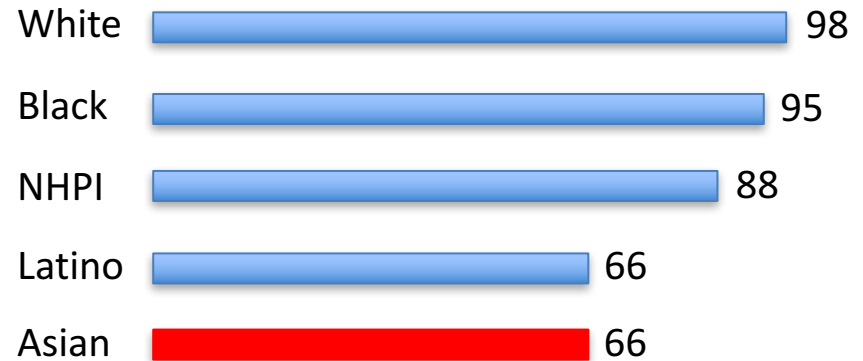
# Asian American Participation Gaps

(Presidential Cycle, 2012)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stage in the Voting Gap: Registration



## 1<sup>st</sup> Stage in the Voting Gap: Citizenship



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage in the Voting Gap: Turnout



***API has the highest income and education level, yet with the lowest civic participation.***

# Challenges

1. Large number of new immigrants (limited language skills and limited knowledge on US political system)
2. Many API communities value personal/family advancement, generally less on civic engagement
3. Action-with-consequence vs right-thing-to-do

# Voter Registration Tasks

1. **Promote** voter registration
  - Announce deadlines.
  - Provide information on when to register to vote.
2. **Conduct** voter registration
  - A table in your lobby, at events.
  - Register staff and volunteers.
  - Conduct a voter registration drive.
3. **No endorsement**
4. **Know your state's rules**



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# Register to Vote

## Qualification to Vote in New York State

- 1) be a United States citizen;
- 2) be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (note: you must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary or other election in which you want to vote);
- 3) live at your present address at least 30 days before an election;
- 4) not be in prison or on parole for a felony conviction and;
- 5) not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court;
- 6) not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

# Register to Vote

## How and Where to Register to Vote

- ✓ You can register in person at your county board of elections or at any New York State Agency-Based voter registration center.
- ✓ You may also submit your voter application form at the Department of Motor Vehicles, either in person or on their web site if you already have DMV-issued identification.
- ✓ You can enter your name directly into our mailing list database to have a New York State Voter Registration Form mailed to you. (NOTE: The same form can be downloaded)
- ✓ You can call our 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application

# Register to Vote

## County Board of Election Address

### Albany County

Board of Elections, 32 North Russell Rd, Albany, NY 12206-1324

### Rensselaer County

Board of Elections, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

### Saratoga County

Board of Elections, 50 West High Street, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

### Schenectady County

Board of Elections, 388 Broadway, Suite E, Schenectady, NY 12305

# Register to Vote

## 2017 Elections – Tuesday, November 7, 2017

### Albany County

Supreme Court Judge, County Clerk, County Coroner, County Legislator (38<sup>th</sup> district), City and Town Officials

### Rensselaer County

Supreme Court Justice, County Court Judge, County Officials, County Legislators, City and Town Officials

### Saratoga County

County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner, Town and City Officials

### Schenectady County

Family Court Judge, District Attorney, Sheriff, County Legislators, City Councils, Town Officials



# ***A Few more Advices***

1. Passion for public service to life-long commitment
2. Aim for critical mass
3. Learn from great people