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What's at stake for AAPIs in a Trump Administration?

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Today's Topics

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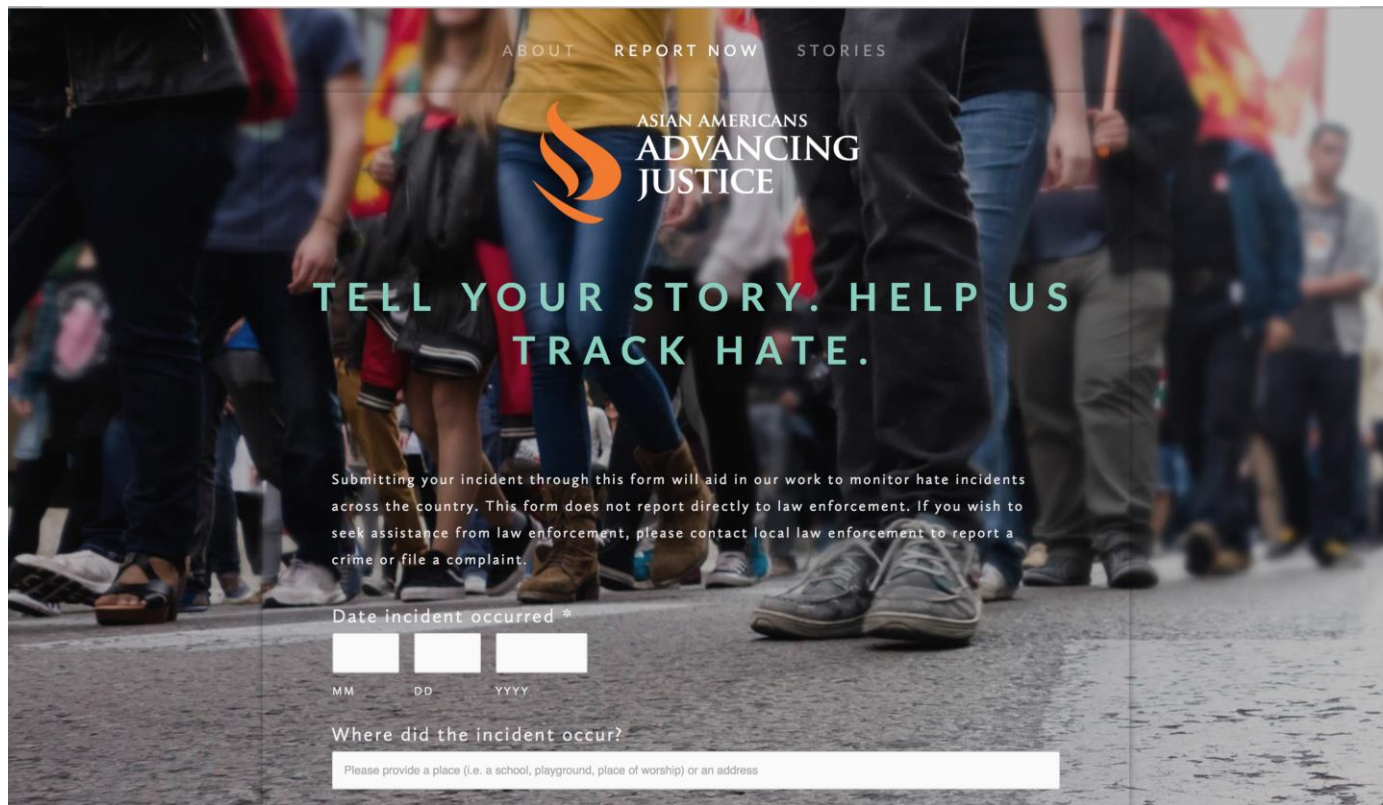
Election Overview for AAPIs

- AAPI voters firmly trending to the political left
- AAPI candidates rising (e.g., record 18 AAPI Congressmembers)
- AAPI non-partisan civic engagement growing

Hate Violence and Intimidation

- Hate incidents have increased leading up to, and following, the November 8th election.
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice is working with national civil rights and AAPI organizations to coordinate the reporting of hate incidents experienced by our communities.

Hate Violence and Intimidation



- Please visit www.standagainsthatred.org to report incidents of hate.

Executive and SCOTUS Nominations

- Nominations are often indicative of Administration policy priorities.
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice is monitoring key positions and nominations with civil rights implications.
- We are troubled by nominations thus far, including the naming of Sen. Jeff Sessions for Attorney General.

Executive and SCOTUS Nominations

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a petition page on actionnetwork.org. The page title is "This Senator Cannot Become Attorney General". The main text reads: "Tell the US Senate to 'Vote NO on Sessions.' We don't want an Attorney General who will not protect the rights of women, immigrants, people of color, LGBTQ and Muslim communities." Below the text is a photograph of Senator Jeff Sessions at a hearing, with the hashtag "#STOPSESSIONS" overlaid in orange. A nameplate in front of him reads "MR. SESSIONS". To the right of the main content is a sign-up form titled "Sign This Petition". The form includes a progress bar showing "624 Signatures Collected" and "Only 176 more until our goal of 800". The form fields are: First Name, Last Name, Email *, Zip/Postal Code *, a checkbox for "Not in the US?", and a Comments box. A red "Add Your Name" button is at the bottom of the form. Below the form, there is a note: "You may receive updates from Asian Law Caucus, the creator of this petition." and a link for "Edit Subscription Preferences". A "Flag As Spam" link is also visible.

- Take action and sign the petition opposing the Sessions nomination (link in resources section at the end of presentation).

Voting Rights

- Fewer voting protections were in place across the country for this election due to the 2013 Shelby decision.



- The future of voting rights enforcement is at stake, including language access at the polls.
- Working in conjunction with our civil rights partners, we will vigilantly monitor enforcement and keep the DOJ accountable.

Census/Redistricting

- The Census is a key civil rights issue for the AAPI community.
- Critical decisions regarding Census 2020 are being made in the next two years.
- We must ensure there is full funding for testing and outreach necessary for our communities to be fully counted and have accurate disaggregated data.

Concerns for Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian (AMEMSA) communities

- Trump has called for a ban on Muslims as well as a Muslim registry
- Advocates are calling upon the Obama administration to revoke NSEERS/ CA Values Act
- Legal Challenges and Model State Legislation



Immigration Enforcement

- Administration will target “criminal aliens”
- State and local efforts to separate local police from ICE



- Pushing back on increased enforcement

DACA and Immigration

- Trump has sent mixed messages on DACA/Dreamers
- Senate legislation and pressure to save DACA



- What to expect after January 20, 2017

Educational Access and Diversity

- Asian Americans are now front and center of affirmative action fight (e.g., lawsuit against Harvard)
- Race conscious admissions question will return to (a probably more hostile) U.S. Supreme Court



- Representing Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who defend affirmative action, through litigation and organizing

Healthcare Access

- Affordable Care Act has dramatically reduced uninsured rates -- and AAPIs have benefitted the most
- ACA likely to change, BUT extent of changes uncertain AND no immediate changes
- Protecting as much of ACA as possible and also ensuring any repeal has a replacement; also look to opportunities at state level

Closing

- Questions
- Watch out for email with slides and a survey – please fill it out!
- We will be following up in 2017 with action alerts and future informational webinars.



Resources

- Asian American “election eve” poll: <http://aapifund.org/poll>
- Hate crimes reporting: www.standagainsthatred.org
- Petition opposing Sessions as Attorney General: <http://bit.ly/2h5xpcL>
- DACA Know Your Rights in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai: <http://bit.ly/2hnfVtz>
- Sanctuary advocacy letter (education): <http://bit.ly/2gJiKky>
- Affirmative action “we are not your wedge” op-ed: <http://nbcnews.to/2htGbOD>
- Top 5 reasons Asian Americans should support affirmative action: <http://bit.ly/2hda1KW>