

Vote 2008

- ☑ **VOTER TURNOUT AMONG ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN (APIA) YOUTH INCREASED 8% SINCE 2000**
- ☑ **IN 2004, WHILE 64 PERCENT OF CITIZENS OVER AGE 18 VOTED, APIA VOTER TURNOUT WAS 44 PERCENT**
- ☑ **PEOPLE AGED 18-29 WILL MAKE UP 25% OF THE ELECTORATE IN 2008**

Immigration

- An estimated 1.5 million APIA U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents wait for years, sometimes decades, to reunite with their families in the U.S.
- The number of families stuck in the visa backlogs increased by 59% from 2002 to 2004.
- 7.5 million undocumented immigrants in America are 18-39 and 1.7 million are under 18 years old.

Economy

- Unemployment rate increased from 4.2% in 2001 to 4.9% in 2008.
- So far, 324,000 jobs were lost in 2008.

Education

- In 2004, the federal government under-funded education programs for low-income students by \$12 billion.
- In 2006, Congress cut Pell Grant funding from \$13.6 billion to \$12.7 billion. These cuts occurred despite the fact that college costs have increased 35% over the last 4 years.

Healthcare

- Nearly 45 million people, including more than 8 million children, in the U.S. had no health insurance in 2003, a 13% increase since 2001. 21% of APIAs and 33% of immigrants do not have health care coverage.
- APIA children are also more likely to be uninsured. In 2005, 12.2% of APIA children were without health insurance. In 2001, 411,000 APIA children were uninsured, representing 4.5% of all uninsured children in the U.S.

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Voice Your Vote NY

The **Voice Your Vote NY** campaign is a collaborative effort between YKASEC - Empowering the Korean American Community, Chhaya CDC, OCA-NY, APIAVote, and Project by Project to empower the Asian Pacific American community by working to increase civic participation