

H.R. 3434

S. 1702

Teaching Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander History Act

To authorize the Secretary of Education to award grants to eligible entities to carry out educational programs that include the history of peoples of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM

- Inaccurate and incomplete representation of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander history in American school history curriculums.
- Insufficient acknowledgment of the contributions of Asians, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the foundation of American history.



STRENGTHS

This bill outlines history that has long been overlooked and addresses the following ...

- The fact that the U.S. illegally overthrew Hawaii, robbing Native Hawaiians of their sovereignty (Section 10).
- The many injustices towards Asians immigrating to America (Sections 11–18).
- The multiple times that the U.S. took advantage of Pacific Island populations for military strategizing purposes (Sections 20 & 21).
- The concept of "model minority" and the negative impact that this concept has on Asian Americans and relationships between minority groups (Section 24).



LIMITATIONS AND CONCERNS

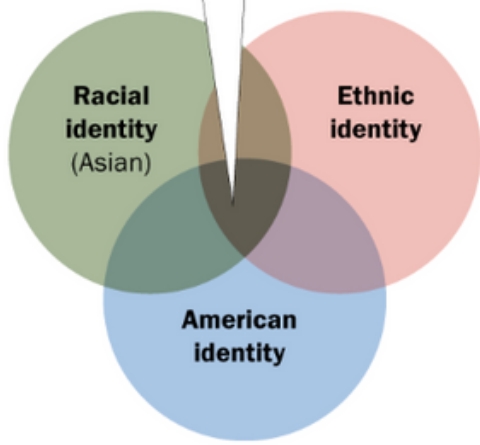
- This could be void if the critical race theory or HB 999 is implemented
- The bill does not thoroughly describe what qualifies entities as eligible to receive grants.

Sources

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Participants described how their racial or ethnic identity overlaps with their American identity

Participants emphasized where their racial identity and ethnic identity intertwined with American ones, as opposed to replacing one another



Note: This graphical representation reflects the breadth of responses shared by focus group participants, not the frequency with which these responses came up. Other identities mentioned in the focus groups, such as religion and gender, are not included in this graph.

Source: Focus groups conducted Aug. 4-Oct. 14, 2021. "What It Means To Be Asian in America"

This diagram displays how people of Asian decent also identify as being a part of the USA. It is not something that is apart from their identity.

Pew Research

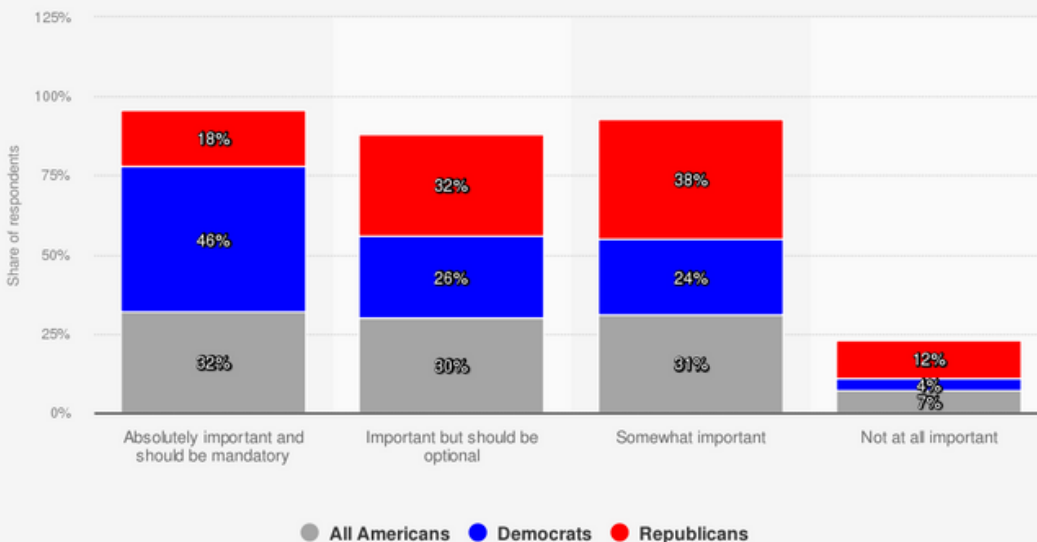
- 1 in 5 Asian American adults (aged 30-49) hide parts of their heritage—their cultural customs, food, clothing, and religious practices—from non-Asian Americans
- Asian Americans 18-29 years of age are twice as likely (39%) to hide their cultural identity
- Asian immigrants said the reason for hiding their culture was from fear of judgement
- Asian Americans with immigrant parents hid their culture to fit in with white society.

USA DEMOGRAPHICS

Estimated number of people who identify as Asian in the US (2021) : 24.0 million

Estimated number of people who identify as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander in the US (2021): 1.7 million

Share of Americans with various beliefs on the importance of incorporating the Asian American experience into the teaching of American history in the United States in 2023, by political party



This diagram displays the beliefs that Americans have about incorporating Asian American history, as well as how political parties view its importance. As we see from the graph, over 60% of Americans believe that it is important.