



1. *If elected, will you issue a directive to the Department of Labor asking it to focus on enforcing Executive Order 11246 on behalf of Asian Americans including the usage of debarment for persistent violators? In the past similar efforts have already been made on behalf of women and other minorities with remarkable success.*

As President, I will fully enforce existing federal laws and executive orders to identify and end discrimination of all kinds—including in hiring, wages, housing, and lending. To that effect, I will vigorously enforce Executive Order 11246—which prohibits federal contractors from discriminating in employment on the basis of race, sex, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity—on behalf of Asian Americans and others.

2. *If elected, will you issue an Executive Order asking the federal agencies to promote qualified Asian Americans to the Senior Executive Service?*

Federal employment can provide long-term economic stability, and too often, ethnic and racial minorities have been shut out of opportunities to enter careers in public service. Our federal government should reflect the rich diversity of our country and represent a wide range of life experiences, and the AAPI community should have a voice throughout our government. As Secretary of State, I had the privilege of working with and promoting a number of Asian American employees who made our department and foreign policy stronger. As President, I will build on President Obama's progress of appointing Asian Americans throughout the executive branch. From special assistants to cabinet members, Asian Americans will play a key role in helping to shape my policy priorities and be effectively represented in our agencies. I look forward to working with AAPI leaders, including from 80-20, to identify future AAPI federal employees and build the next generation of Asian American leaders.

3. *If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III life-tenured federal judges, whenever such vacancies are available? These include the Federal District Courts, Courts of Appeals, and the Supreme Court.*

I think it is important that our federal judiciary reflect the rich diversity of America. Just as I have done in building a very diverse group of campaign staff and advisors at all levels, as President, I would make nominations that are just as diverse, thoughtful and talented, including considering qualified Asian Americans. I will appoint justices who will protect the constitutional principles of liberty and equality for all, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, or political viewpoint; make sure the scales of justice aren't tipped away from individuals toward corporations and special interests; and protect citizens' right to vote, rather than billionaires' right to buy elections.

4. *If elected, will you be willing to make a public statement in your first year in office that it is difficult for you to conceive that on the average Asian American students admitted to first-rate colleges are holistically so much worse than the white, Hispanic and black students admitted that the Asian Americans students will need to score 140 points higher than whites, 270 points higher than Hispanics and 450 points higher than blacks in the 1600-point SAT scoring system to have an equal chance to be admitted?*

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We need to break down all the barriers that hold Americans back and build ladders of opportunity for everyone. College provides a critical pathway to opportunity for all Americans, and we need to do more to make it achievable and affordable for all young people. My New College Compact will improve college access by making sure that cost is not a barrier for anyone who wants to attend college. Students won't have to borrow to pay for tuition, books, or fees to attend a four-year public college in their state. Those with existing student loan debt will be able to refinance at current rates. And, colleges and universities will be held accountable for controlling costs and making tuition affordable. Disaggregated data can show where some students may face greater challenges than what the overall data may suggest. I will continue the efforts of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to advance best practices in data collection and disaggregation across federal agencies, including with the Department of Education, to ensure access to education for all.

5. *If elected, and if the Supreme Court bans the use of race as a factor in college admissions, will you direct the Department of Education to withhold federal funding from colleges that continue to use race in college admissions?*

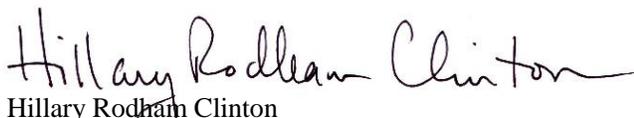
It is important that our universities are places where young adults from all segments of society have equal opportunity and can interact and contribute. Having students with a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences enriches classroom discussions; helps foster understanding across differences; teaches students to see others as individuals; and prepares them to be leaders and citizens in our increasingly diverse country.

6. *If elected, in your 3rd year as our President, will you host a meeting at the White House to review with a group of Asian American national leaders, put together jointly by 80-20 and your administration, the progress on the three issues above: equal opportunity in the workplace; equal opportunity in federal judicial appointments; and equal opportunity in college admissions?*

The AAPI community is the fastest growing minority group in America—one that is a key part of the social fabric of who we are as a nation. From adding rich diversity, to spurring small businesses and economic growth, the AAPI community has helped build this country and strengthen our communities. As President, I will continue to engage Asian American leaders, including from 80-20, throughout my term to hear their ideas and concerns and update them on the efforts I have undertaken so that every Asian American can achieve his or her potential.

7. *If elected, will you direct your Attorney General to conduct an independent investigation of the wrongly prosecuted cases of Drs. Sherry Chen, and Xiaoxing Xi, and to diligently continue this investigation if it has already been initiated?*

While it is critical that we continue to keep our country secure and protect our trade secrets, we cannot do so at the expense of our civil liberties. If I were elected President, all criminal investigations would be conducted fairly and impartially.


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