

Mission

80-20 Initiative is a national nonpartisan Political Action Committee. Its mission is to work for equality and justice for all Asian Americans.

80-20's Political Effectiveness

With only six years of experience, the 80-20 Initiative has built an e-mailing list of 700,000 supporters. We are able to effectively mobilize our readers to take decisive actions on short notice. For example:

- **11/07/06:** On Election Day, 80-20 delivered a bloc vote. The CNN exit poll clearly showed that without the Asian American bloc vote, Democrats would not have won a Senate majority.
- **04/25/05:** “Jersey Guys,” 101.5 FM’s radio talkshow hosts, labeled Asian Americans “Damn Orientals and Indians” who are a “foreign group that should not have influence in American elections.” Four weeks after the initial racist broadcast, the radio station had refused to apologize on air. Within **3 days** after 80-20 intervened, it agreed to **APOLOGIZE ON AIR.**
- **05/01/02:** 80-20 publicized a warning to political candidates who would mount racist attack on Asian American candidates, that any such attack would bring 80-20 intervention into the election campaign. Result: the candidate who made racist comments was defeated in the 2002 general election. No further racist attacks on Asian American candidates have occurred.
- **04/17/02:** Within **two hours** of 80-20’s call, Abercrombie & Fitch removed its new line of four T-shirts that denigrated the Asian American community.

Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

President: Kathleen To (New Mexico) kto@tstar.net

- President & CEO of KATO Foundation; Retired Texas business entrepreneur
- The Honorary Commercial Attaché appointed by Governor Ann Richards (1991)
- The skin cancer research team member at the University of Texas (1969-1978)
- Founding member of the Dallas chapter NOW; Executive board member of the Metropolitan Dallas YWCA; Board member of New York Life Insurance Women's Advisory Board; Contributing writer for *the Dallas Morning News*

Vice-President: Amy Wong Mok (Texas) amy@asianamericanc.com

- Founder and CEO of the Asian American Cultural Center in Austin, Texas (since 2000); Psychotherapist by formal training
- President of Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (1997-8); National Advisory Panel on Violence Against Women (1998-9).
- Chair of the Telecommunication Commission of the City of Austin (1999-2000); Board member of the Capital Area United Way (since 2002)
- Grievance Committee member of the Texas State Bar (since 2003); Advisory Committee member of the Humanity Institute at the University of Texas in Austin (since 2006).

Secretary: Dr. Rajen Anand (California) ranand2@csulb.edu

- Professor at the State U. of CA; Past President of the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA)
- Political appointee of President Clinton served as the Executive Director of the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (1995-2001)
- Elected delegate to the last 5 Democratic National conventions

Treasurer: Jing-Li Yu (New York) jingliyu@gmail.com

- Special Assistant of the 80-20 Initiative (2002-2005)
- Operations Director of the Initiative (2005-2006)
- Delegate to 80-20's 2004 Presidential Candidate Endorsement Convention

Board of Directors

Immediate Past President: Dr. S.B. Woo (Delaware) sbw@UDel.Edu

- President of 80-20 Educational Foundation; Retired physics professor
- Lieutenant Governor of Delaware (1985-1989)
- Founding President of 80-20 PAC; Founding President of the Faculty Bargaining Unit and Trustee of the University of Delaware; Former Institute Fellow at the Institute of Politics, the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; National President of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA, 1991)

Nomination Committee Chair: Linden Nishinaga (California) lnishinaga@yahoo.com

- California licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.) and a Senior Civil Engineer with the City of Long Beach
- Current Co-Chair of the California Seismic Safety Commission's Review Committee on the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research Center
- Current Commissioner on the City of Torrance's Cable TV Advisory Board

Election Monitoring Committee Chair: Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee (North Dakota)

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- Dean at the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Social and Cultural Psychology at Minot State University, North Dakota.
- Produced seven scholarly books and approximately 70 journal articles and book chapters
- Taught courses in psychology and cultural and ethnic studies in American higher education

Committee on Discrimination Chair: Joel Wong (California) joelinwong@aol.com

- Retired Scientist/Engineer from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Deeply affected by the rush to judgment and the lack of due process when Wen Ho Lee, a fellow National Laboratory employee was accused of spying

Committee on Legislation Chair: David Yang (California) dyang@princeton.edu

- Ph.D. candidate in Political Science from Princeton University
- Research fellow at Stanford University specializing in democracy promotion and international development
- Software engineer in the defense industry and later a financial analyst on Wall Street

Ademan Angeles (California) adlife@pacbell.net

- Publisher of *The PhilAM Press*, a Filipino-American monthly newspaper
- Political activist since 1990's and deeply involved with the Filipino-American Community in the Bay Area
- Delegate of California Democratic Party (2004)

Dr. David Chai (California) dtchai@comcast.net

- Elected Council and Mayor of Holmdel, New Jersey
- Assistant Commissioner of New Jersey appointed by the Governor

Dr. Kelvin Chen (California) kunchen@gmail.com

- Owner of the Asian Collection specializing in imports of antiques and gifts from China
- Employee at the Upjohn Company, Mead Corp., and Eli Lilly in various positions involving sales, marketing, and finance (1977-1988)

Dr. Hong-Yee Chiu (Maryland) hongychiu@att.net

- NASA Astrophysicist and Space Scientist (1961- 1997)
- Professor in Yale University, Columbia University, and other institutions
- Established the theoretical foundation of the formation of neutron stars and the crucial neutrino processes in supernova explosions (1964); Coined the word “quasar” (1963).

Dr. Laura Ling Hsu (Texas) llhsu@rice.edu

- Certified Clinical Microbiologist
- Program Director and Associate Dean of Continuing Studies at Rice University (1984-2004)
- Senior Analyst and University Ambassador of Rice University (2005-2006)

Dr. Edward Lin (Florida) elin@ingenious.com

- Founder and CEO of Ingenious Technologies Corporation, a Sarasota, Florida-based think tank research and development company
- Board-certified anesthesiologist; Inventor with US and international patents
- President of the Gulfcoast Chinese American Association

Dr. Kim Song (Missouri) songk@umsl.edu

- Assistant Professor at University of Missouri – St. Louis
- Dean’s Committee of Social Justice representing Asian Americans
- Co-founder and President of 80-20 St. Louis Chapter

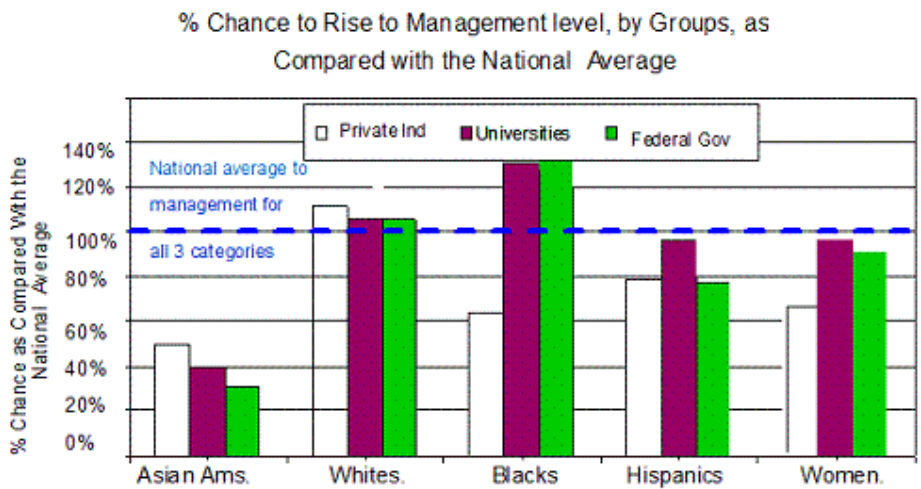
Congressional Meeting Objectives

1. To enforce Executive Order 11246 (EO 11246)

Issued by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965, EO 11246 prohibits discrimination in hiring or employment opportunities on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, and national origin. It applies to all contractors and subcontractors holding any federal or federally assisted contracts worth more than \$10,000 annually.

In addition, the Executive Order requires contractors and subcontractors with a contract of \$50,000 or more, and 50 or more employees, to develop a written affirmative action program that sets forth specific and result-oriented procedures to which a contractor commits itself to apply every good faith effort.

2. To increase the number of Asian American senior managers in federal, state and private institutions



3. To eliminate the glass ceiling on Asian Americans in management positions

The data reveals that Asian Americans have only half the probability as whites in rising to management level positions.

Enclosed: 80-20's full-page ad in *The Washington Post* (September 2006)

4. To abolish workplace discrimination against Asian Americans

The EEOC – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission hired the Gallup Poll organization to find out workers' perception of discrimination. The Gallup Poll discovered that 31% of Asian workers said they were discriminated at work, followed by 26% of African American workers and 22% of female workers. The data combines EEOC and DOL statistics.

5. To increase the number of Asian American Article III federal judges

In order to represent fairly the Asian American population in adequate proportion, there should be at least 39 Asian American federal court judges. 2004 data showed that there were only 6 Asian American federal judges for 13 million Asian Americans. Total federal judges – 875; 88 African American judges – 10.7%; 54 Hispanic judges – 6.5%; 6 Asian American judges – 0.7%

We earnestly request your public support and commitment, backed by corrective legislative actions to give Asian Americans the same equal opportunity that all Americans deserve. Thank you for working with 80-20 to help make America a more perfect union.

Quotes about the 80-20 Initiative

➤ **CNN Exit Poll, 2006**

State	VA	NJ	CA
% of AsAm voters	6%	3%	3%
Sen. Candidates	Webb/Allen	Menendez/Kean	Feinstein/Mountjoy
How AsAms voted	68/32	74/24	70/26

Virginians cast 2,364,217 votes for the senate races, with 3% (70926 votes) cast by Asian Americans. Of those, Webb got an advantage of (68-32) or 35 points which translates to (70926 x 0.35) or 29,824 votes. Without the AsAm bloc vote, Democrats would not have won a Senate majority.

➤ **New York Times Exit Poll**

	1992			1996			2000			2004			**
	D	R	O	D	R	O	D*	R	O	D*	R	O	
White	39	40	20	43	46	9	42	54	3	41	58	0	R+5
Black	83	10	7	84	12	4	90	8	1	88	11	0	R+5
Latino	61	25	14	72	21	6	67	31	2	56	43	2	R+23
Asian	31	55	15	43	48	8	54	41	4	58	41	0	R-4
Led by	Repub. +24			Rep +5			Dem +13			Dem +17			

D = Democrat, **R** = Republican, **O** = Other

* Presidential Candidate endorsed by 80-20

** The last column shows that all ethnic groups, **except for Asian Americans**, supported Pres. Bush more strongly in 2004 than in 2000. **The loss of 4 points on the Republican side is a direct result** of 80-20's report to its supporters that the Bush administration regrettably had declined to meet with 80-20 to address the rightful concerns of Asian Americans.

- “Click on Democracy rates 80-20 as one of the nation’s two most effective cyberspace political organizations in the 2000 elections.”
- Steve Davis, Larry Elin, and Grant Reeher, authors of *Click on Democracy*.” Westview Press, 2002.

Summary of Some Bills and Resolutions Currently Under Consideration by the U.S. Congress

1. Bill number H.R. 760: The Filipino Veterans Equity Act of 2007

Sponsor: Rep. Bob Filner [D., CA-51]

Co-Sponsors (42):

[Rep Abercrombie, Neil](#) [HI-1]

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[Rep Bordallo, Madeleine Z.](#) [GU] - 2/12/2007

[Rep Calvert, Ken](#) [CA-44] - 3/5/2007

[Rep Davis, Danny K.](#) [IL-7] - 1/31/2007

[Rep Drake, Thelma D.](#) [VA-2] - 1/31/2007

[Rep Faleomavaega, Eni F.H.](#) [AS] - 3/1/2007

[Rep Gutierrez, Luis V.](#) [IL-4] - 2/12/2007

[Rep Hirono, Mazie K.](#) [HI-2] - 1/31/2007

[Rep Inslee, Jay](#) [WA-1] - 3/1/2007

[Rep Johnson, Eddie Bernice](#) [TX-30] - 3/5/2007

[Rep Lantos, Tom](#) [CA-12] - 2/12/2007

[Rep Larson, John B.](#) [CT-1] - 3/1/2007

[Rep Matsui, Doris O.](#) [CA-5] - 3/1/2007

[Rep McNerney, Jerry](#) [CA-11] - 3/19/2007

[Rep Rangel, Charles B.](#) [NY-15] - 3/12/2007

[Rep Roskam, Peter J.](#) [IL-6] - 3/1/2007

[Rep Schiff, Adam B.](#) [CA-29] - 3/29/2007

[Rep Smith, Adam](#) [WA-9] - 3/29/2007

[Rep Tauscher, Ellen O.](#) [CA-10] - 3/5/2007

[Rep Wolf, Frank R.](#) [VA-10] - 3/19/2007

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Summary Description:

The Bill grants veterans who served in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines and fought under U.S. command during WWII the same veterans' benefits enjoyed by other American veterans. In 1934, when the Philippines was granted internal autonomy as a U.S. dependency, Congress passed a law requiring the Philippine Army to respond to the call of the President of the United States under certain conditions. On July 26, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt issued an Executive Order calling all members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army into the service of the U.S. Armed Forces of the Far East, with promises of equal benefits as other American veterans as well as U.S. citizenship. More than 140,000 Filipinos responded to the call and fought shoulder-to-shoulder with American soldiers in the defense of the Philippines. However, one year after the Allied victory in the Pacific, Congress passed the Recission Act of 1946 stripping Filipino veterans of all benefits promised them by President Roosevelt.

Today it's estimated that only about 25,000 Filipino veterans are still living – with some 7,000 living in the U.S. and 18,000 in the Philippines. This Act will restore to Filipino veterans the same health and pension benefits enjoyed by other American veterans, as promised them by President Roosevelt nearly seven decades ago.

2. Bill No. H.R. 629: The Asian American and Pacific Islander Serving Institutions Act
To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize grants for institutions of higher education serving Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Sponsor: Rep. David Wu, [D., OR-1]

Cosponsors (6):

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[Rep McDermott, Jim](#) [WA-7] - 1/22/2007

Status: Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor

Summary Description:

The Act would provide grants to institutions of higher education for their efforts to improve and expand services targeting Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) students. Specifically, Congressman Wu's legislation will help institutions identify and assist low-income and underserved AAPI students. Similar programs currently only serve other minority populations.

Current law allows the U.S. Department of Education to provide similar financial assistance to institutions which serve African American, Hispanic, as well as Native American students. Higher education institutions serving large numbers of AAPI students have not had access to this financial aid, in part because of socioeconomic assumptions that categorize a complex youth population of over three million as a homogenous, academically successful unit that is not in need of academic support systems. However such stereotypes based on aggregated data can be highly misleading. For example, while only 12.6% of the total AAPI population lives in poverty, disaggregated data indicates that the poverty rate is a startling 63.6% among Hmong Americans, 42.6% among Cambodian Americans, 34.7% among Laotian Americans and 25% among Vietnamese Americans. And while AAPI's overall have the highest college graduation rates of any group (44% in 2000), the college graduation rate is only 5.1% among Hmong Americans, 5.8% among Laotian Americans, 6.1% among Cambodian Americans, and 13.8% among Vietnamese Americans and Pacific Islanders.

3. Resolution No. H.Res. 121: Resolution Calling on the Government of Japan to Apologize for the Use of 'Comfort Women' in WWII

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Honda, [D., CA-15]

Cosponsors (77):

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[Rep Burton, Dan](#) [IN-5] - 2/14/2007
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[Rep Cohen, Steve](#) [TN-9] - 3/9/2007
[Rep Davis, Danny K.](#) [IL-7] - 2/28/2007
[Rep DeFazio, Peter A.](#) [OR-4] - 3/29/2007
[Rep Engel, Eliot L.](#) [NY-17] - 3/26/2007
[Rep Eshoo, Anna G.](#) [CA-14] - 3/9/2007
[Rep Filner, Bob](#) [CA-51] - 3/29/2007
[Rep Frank, Barney](#) [MA-4] - 3/29/2007
[Rep Grijalva, Raul M.](#) [AZ-7] - 3/5/2007
[Rep Hastings, Alcee L.](#) [FL-23] - 3/28/2007
[Rep Hunter, Duncan](#) [CA-52] - 3/5/2007
[Rep Israel, Steve](#) [NY-2] - 3/20/2007
[Rep Jackson, Jesse L., Jr.](#) [IL-2] - 3/22/2007
[Rep Jefferson, William J.](#) [LA-2] - 3/26/2007
[Rep Kaptur, Marcy](#) [OH-9] - 3/29/2007
[Rep Kilpatrick, Carolyn C.](#) [MI-13] - 3/29/2007
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[Rep Lofgren, Zoe](#) [CA-16] - 3/5/2007
[Rep McCarthy, Carolyn](#) [NY-4] - 3/9/2007
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[Rep Michaud, Michael H.](#) [ME-2] - 3/28/2007
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[Rep Pitts, Joseph R.](#) [PA-16] - 3/20/2007
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[Rep Sanchez, Linda T.](#) [CA-39] - 3/22/2007
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[Rep Maloney, Carolyn B.](#) [NY-14] - 2/14/2007
[Rep McCaul, Michael T.](#) [TX-10] - 3/29/2007
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[Rep Woolsey, Lynn C.](#) [CA-6] - 3/20/2007

Status: Referred to House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Summary Description:

The resolution calls upon the Government of Japan to (1) formally acknowledge, apologize, and accept historical responsibility in a clear and unequivocal manner for its Imperial Armed Force's coercion of young women into sexual slavery, known to the world as 'comfort women,' during its colonial and wartime occupation of Asia and the Pacific Islands during World War II; (2) have this official apology given as a public statement presented by the Prime Minister of Japan in his official capacity; (3) clearly and publicly refute any claims that the sexual enslavement and trafficking of the 'comfort women' for the Japanese Imperial Armed Forces never occurred; and (4) educate current and future generations about this horrible crime while following the recommendations of the international community with respect to the 'comfort women.'