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New Report Shines Spotlight on Latest Voting Priorities and Motivators for Black, Hispanic, and AANHPI Women

Distrust in institutions, rising costs of everyday essentials, and access to care top list of concerns across women of color, according to report

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As states gear up for the 2026 midterm elections, a new [report](#) from [Intersections of Our Lives](#) and [Ipsos](#) unveils the most up-to-date priorities, concerns, most salient voting issues, and motivators for Black, Hispanic, and Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (AANHPI) women.

The report reveals that a staggering 89 percent of women of color are concerned they can't afford their family's basic needs — while only 40 percent believe their voice matters in the political process. For the majority of women of color, the "American Dream" feels out of reach — even as they represent a crucial voting bloc in the upcoming midterm elections.

Across the United States, women of color are suffering the deadly consequences of restrictive abortion laws, aggressive anti-immigrant policies, rising discrimination and increased barriers to accessing life-saving health care. All the while, their voices are being silenced through efforts to thwart their participation in the democratic process.

Key findings from the report include:

- 250 years ago, America was founded on the idea of the "American Dream" — a dream in which anything was possible if you worked hard enough. For the majority of women of color, the "American Dream" is no longer attainable.
 - Less than a third of women of color say they see people like them in positions of power, and only 40 percent believe their voice matters in the political process.
 - On top of that, 3 out of 5 of the respondents feel like politicians are not discussing the topics that matter to them.
- So women of color set their sights on a new dream — one focused on reproductive justice and the freedom to choose how to live their lives. When women are given choice and autonomy over their futures, they say their lives improve.
 - The vast majority of respondents agreed that when they are able to plan when to have children, it helps them succeed in their careers.

- 62% agreed that women's financial stability improves when they can make their own reproductive choices.
- But right now, there is one concern that supersedes all others amongst women of color: skyrocketing costs. Across the board, women of color feel as though they cannot afford basic everyday essentials, from groceries to gas to child care to housing.
 - 89 percent of respondents are concerned that they aren't able to afford their family's basic needs, and 64 percent have delayed major life decisions for financial reasons.
 - One in four say their financial situation is tight, and over one in three say their family finances have worsened over the past year.

“AAPI women are paying close attention to leaders who are addressing the realities our communities are navigating every day. This report highlights that it is not enough to talk about rights in theory — care needs to be affordable, culturally and linguistically accessible, and within reach for AAPI women to have real agency over our lives and futures. Across our communities, intersectional barriers like cost, immigration status, language access, and systemic inequities continue to stand in the way, and addressing them must be part of any real solution,” **said Christina Baal-Owens, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum.**

“Black women know that Reproductive Justice means having the freedom, resources, and power to care for our families, make ends meet, and plan our futures with dignity. This research makes clear that rising costs and barriers to health care are limiting that freedom in real, immediate, and sometimes life-threatening ways. With midterm elections fast approaching, policymakers and candidates cannot afford to overlook Black women voters — they must address the full scope of our lived realities and invest in solutions that allow our communities to thrive,” **said Dr. Regina Davis Moss, President and CEO of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda.**

“As we head into a critical election year, Latine voters are motivated and ready to participate, and we expect candidates to invest in the issues that matter most to us. Our communities are concerned about the rising cost of living, their ability to get the health care they need, and make decisions about their lives. This polling reinforces that it’s not enough for care to be legal — it must be affordable, accessible, and actually within reach for our communities who are navigating these challenges every day,” **said Lupe M. Rodríguez, Executive Director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice.**

The nationally representative, multi-phased research project, titled ***Amplifying Women of Color Voices***, was conducted in the fourth quarter of 2025. It polled Black, Hispanic, and AANHPI women across six key states — including Arizona, California, Georgia, Nevada, New Jersey, and Texas — from different cultural backgrounds, races, ethnicities, political backgrounds, and income levels at different stages of their reproductive lives to better understand their priorities, concerns, and perspectives on a wide range of issues.

The research project was divided into two phases: qualitative and quantitative. The qualitative phase of the research engaged 72 women of color voters from six states on topics related to economic anxiety, civic engagement and reproductive health. From one-day online journals to multiple virtual interviews, the insights of this timely research offer a deeper look into the lives, lived experiences, and perspectives of women of color on voting issues and politics. On the qualitative side, Ipsos conducted a poll of over 1,000 women of color across the same six states, whose responses formed the basis of this report.

You can access the full report [here](#).

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Since 2016, [*In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda*](#), [*National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum*](#), and [*National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice*](#) have come together as *Intersections of Our Lives* to build power, lift up the voices and leadership of women and gender expansive people of color and advocate for a [*policy agenda*](#) that articulates real solutions to the problems and threats affecting our communities. Together, we are working to advance reproductive justice, a movement rooted in the principle that we all have the right to control our bodies, our sexuality, our gender and our reproduction. We believe this will only be achieved when all of us have the agency, resources, and economic, social and political power to make healthy decisions about our bodies, families and communities. To learn more, visit www.intersectionsofourlives.org.