

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT AND THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

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BACKGROUND

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- Setting the stage
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- Health Equity and Accountability Act
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- Question and Answer

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) *influences policy, mobilizes communities, and strengthens programs and organizations* to improve the health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders.

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MOVING AGAINST CANCER:

Social Media as a Communications Strategy

This **webinar** will help you learn and gain an increased understanding of how to use social media to raise awareness on your advocacy priorities, amplify your community voices, and reach policy makers. This webinar will highlight strategies by presenting real world examples and sharing information on best practices challenges. Webinar attendees will receive a resource guide to help develop a social media strategy following the webinar.

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August 17, 2012 at 10am PST, 1pm EST, 11am CST




Objectives:

- To learn how to use social media to engage audiences.
- To see examples of how other public health / cancer organizations are using social media.
- To develop strategies for social media to augment public health policy and advocacy priorities.

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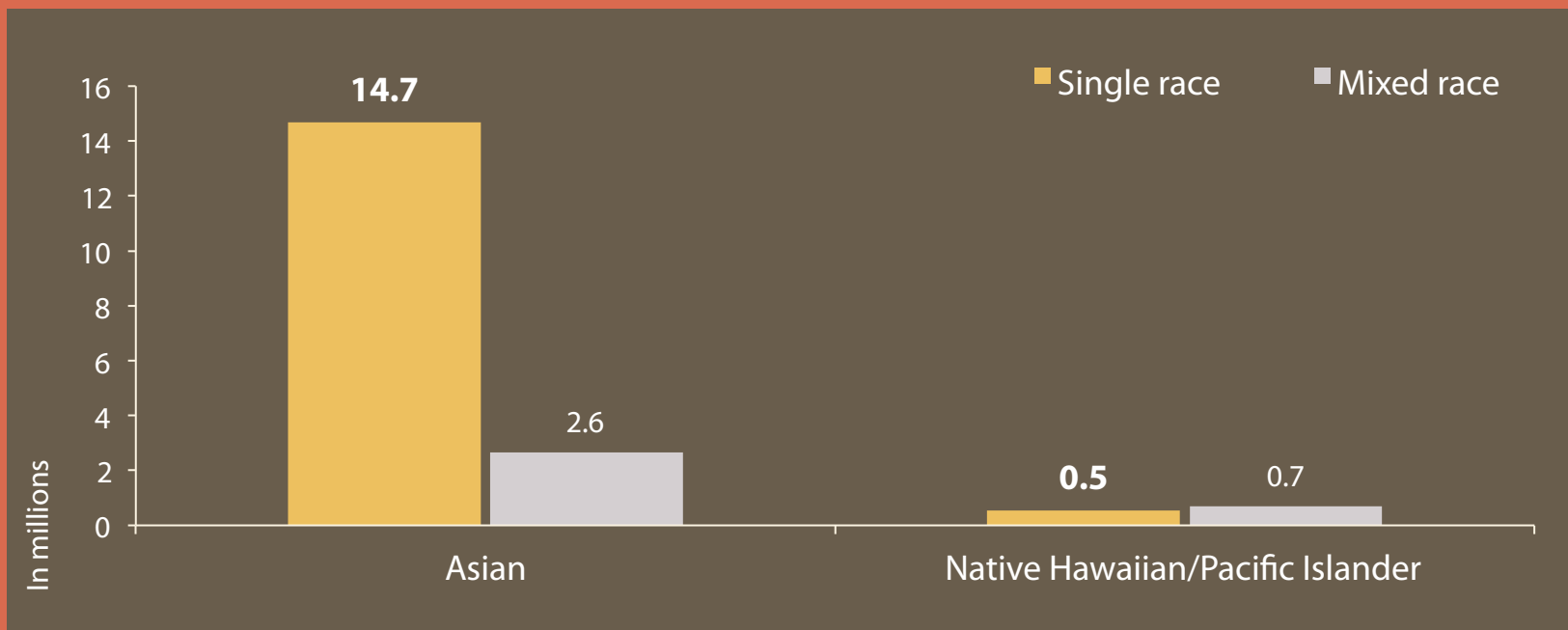
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THE RISE OF **Asian Americans**



SETTING THE STAGE

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Source: 2010 Census

- Single-race Asians make up 4.8% of the U.S. population; combined with other races make up 5.6%.
- Single race NHPs make up 0.2% of the U.S. population; combined with other races make up 0.4%.

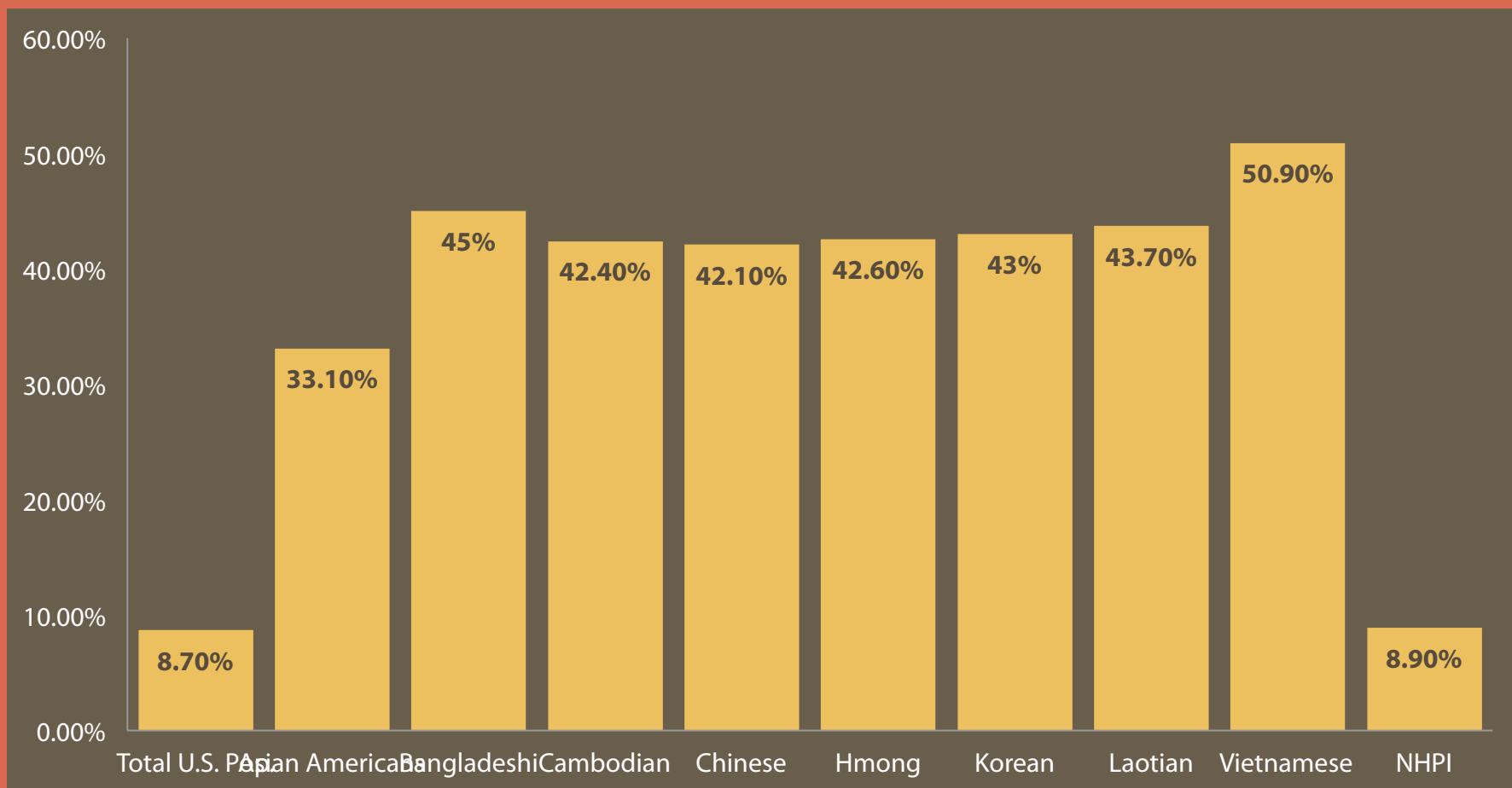
DEMOGRAPHICS of AA and NHPI POPULATIONS



Source: 2007-2009 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITIES

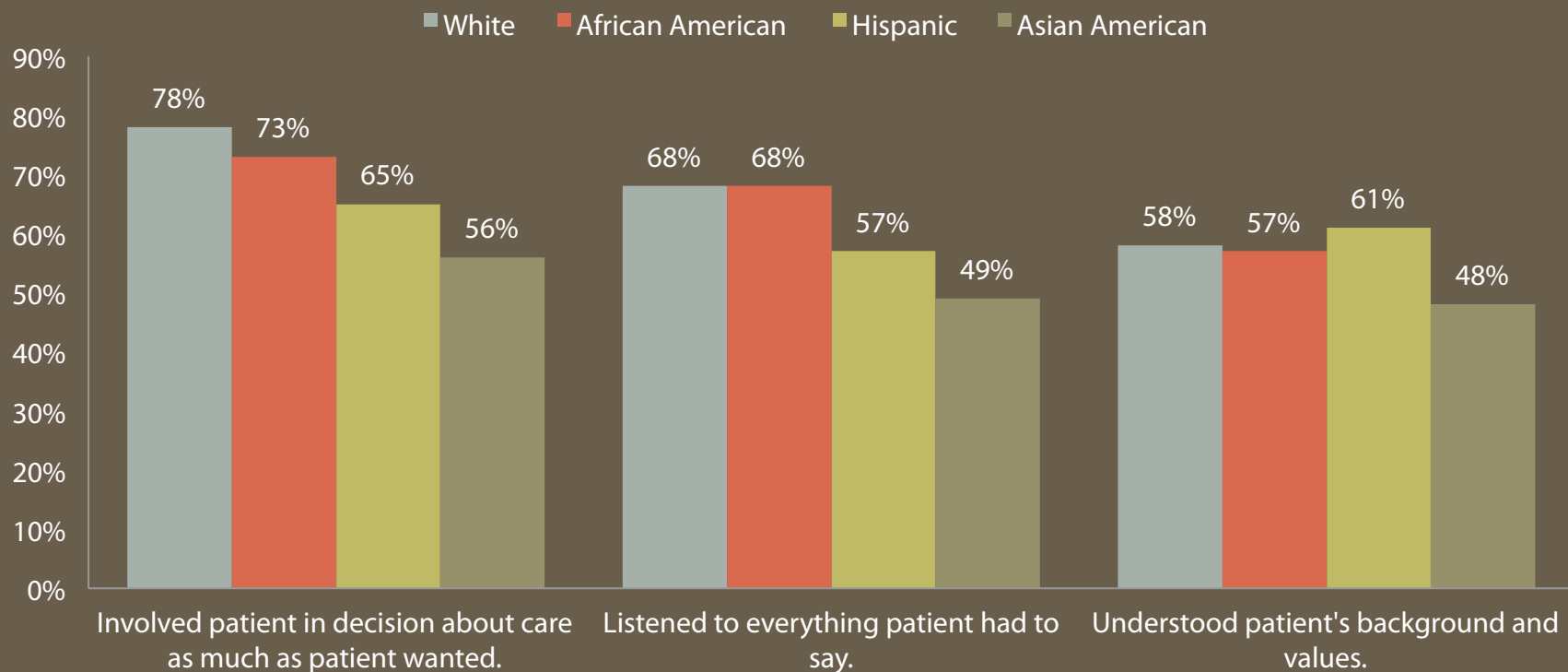
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Source: Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Population Demographics 2006 Data (Sept. 2009)

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

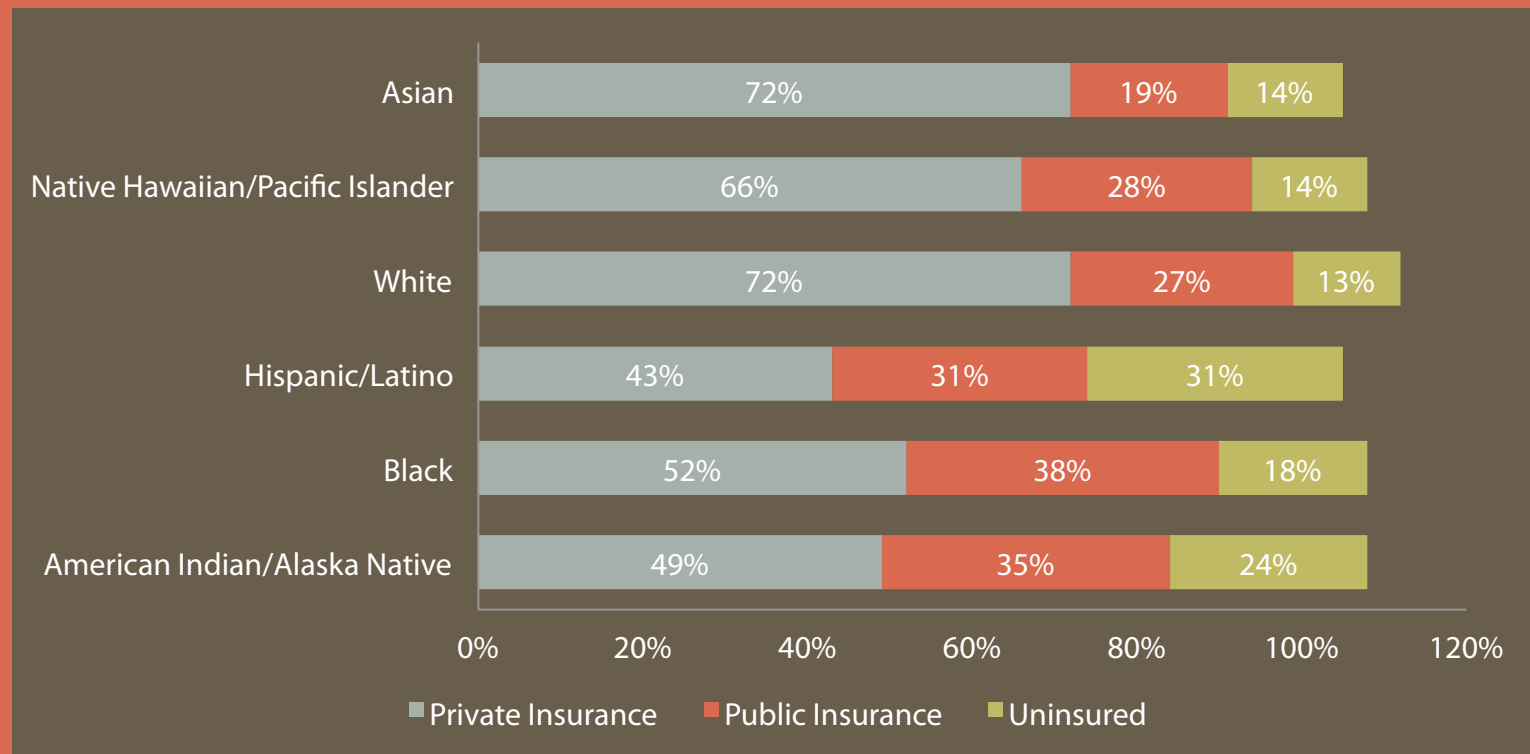
Asian Americans Face Greater Communications Difficulties During Doctor Visits



Source: The Commonwealth Fund 2001 Health Care Quality Survey

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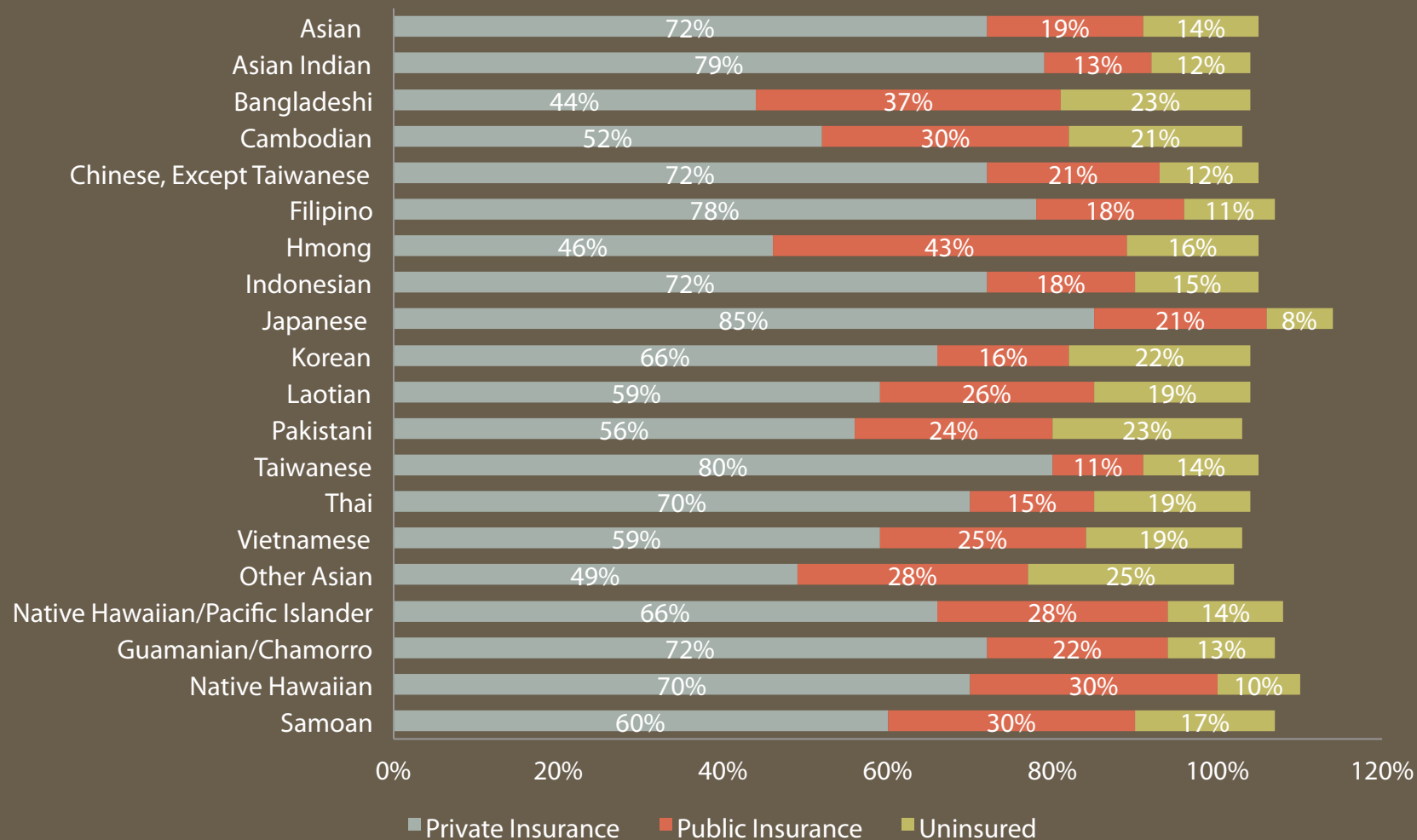
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Source: 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Note: Totals may exceed 100% because individuals may have both private and public insurance.

SOURCES OF HEALTH COVERAGE



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SOURCES of HEALTH COVERAGE by AA and NHPI GROUP

- The U.S. Asian American population alone **grew 43% between 2000 and 2010**, and the NHPI alone population grew 35% in the same time frame
- Census Bureau projects that the number of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders will be nearly **40 million or 9% of the population by the year 2050**

The AA and NHPI
POPULATION is GROWING



WHAT did the SUPREME COURT
DECIDE REGARDING the ACA?

Supreme Court decided on June 28 on the case of National Federation of Independent Businesses et al. v. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, et al.

- 5-4 decision that the ACA was **constitutional**
- **Medicaid expansion mandate was struck** and is an option for states
- Chief Justice Roberts was joined in his majority opinion by Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan.
- The dissenting opinion was authored by Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Alito, and Thomas.

WHAT did the SUPREME COURT
DECIDE REGARDING the ACA?

The Supreme Court Decision was a victory for our communities:

- “Today is a significant victory for our entire nation and especially for communities of color,” said Kathy Lim Ko, APIAHF president and CEO. **“The Court’s decision validates a landmark civil rights law that brings the work of equity and justice to the health arena.”**
- While we celebrate this great achievement for our communities, NCAPA will continue to **work to ensure that permanent residents with less than five years’ residency and undocumented immigrants will benefit from this historic health care reform.** Additionally, we will continue our efforts to ensure that quality, affordable, and culturally and linguistically competent health care is made available to every American.
National Council of Asian Pacific Americans

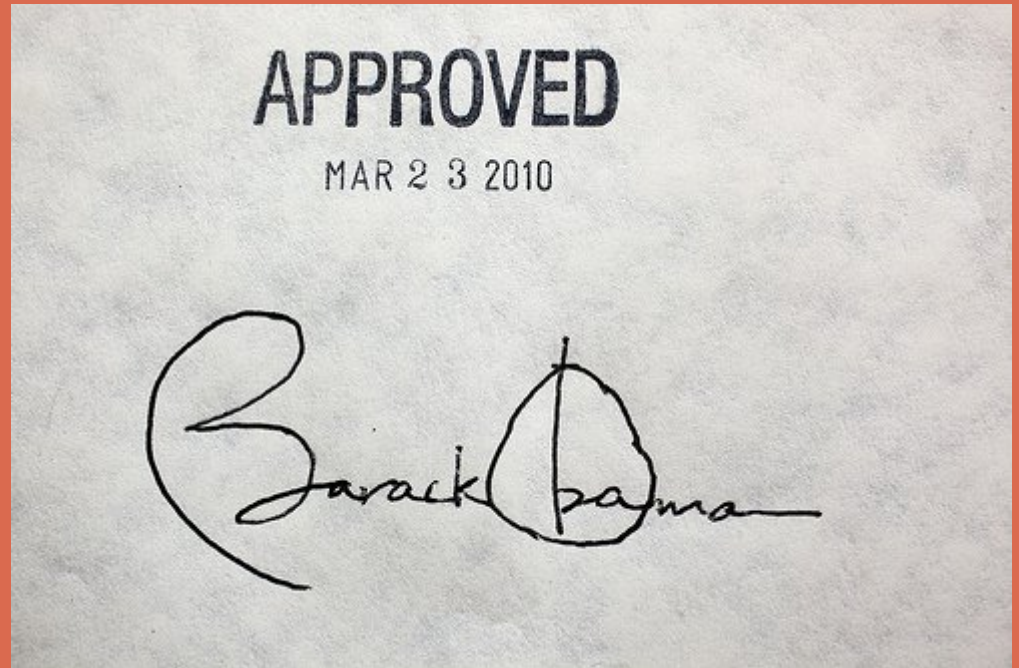
RECREATION from NATIONAL
AA and NHPI ORGANIZATIONS



The ACA and AA & NHPI COMMUNITIES

Four Areas:

- **Health Care Access**
- **Health Care Quality**
- **Data Collection**
- **Health Equity**



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Happening Now:

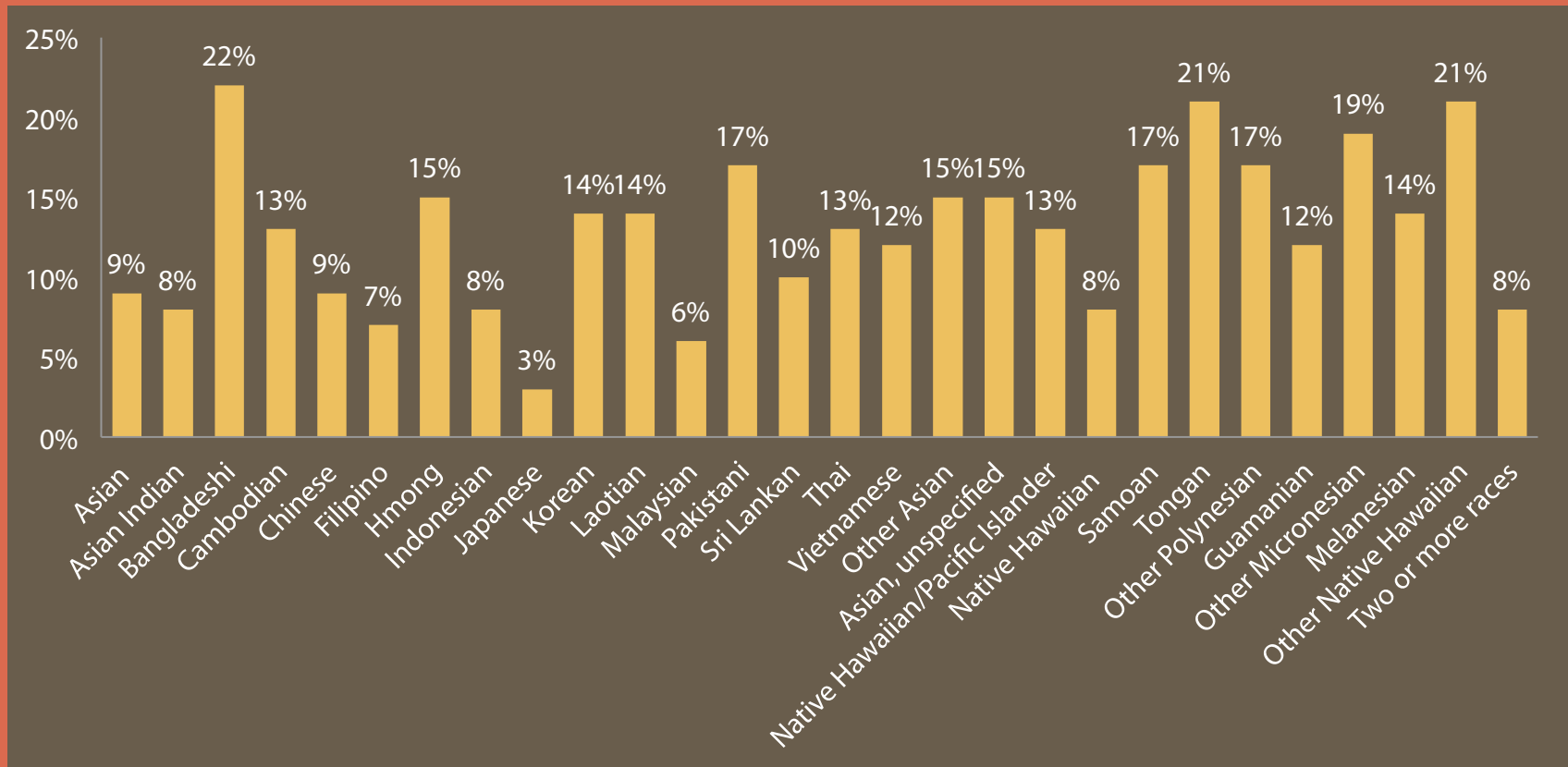
- **2.7 million** Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with private insurance now have **access to expanded preventive services with no-cost sharing**.
- **97,000** young Asian American and Pacific Islander adults between ages **19 and 25 who would have been uninsured now have coverage** under their parent's employer-sponsored or individually purchased health plan.

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In the Future (2014 and beyond): Medicaid Expansions

- Nearly **1 in 10 AA** adults (about 1 in 5 Bangladeshis and 1 in 6 Hmong) are likely to **benefit from the Medicaid expansion**
- About **13% of NHPIs** (1 in 5 Tongans and 1 in 6 Samoans) are likely to **benefit than other NHPIs from the Medicaid expansion**

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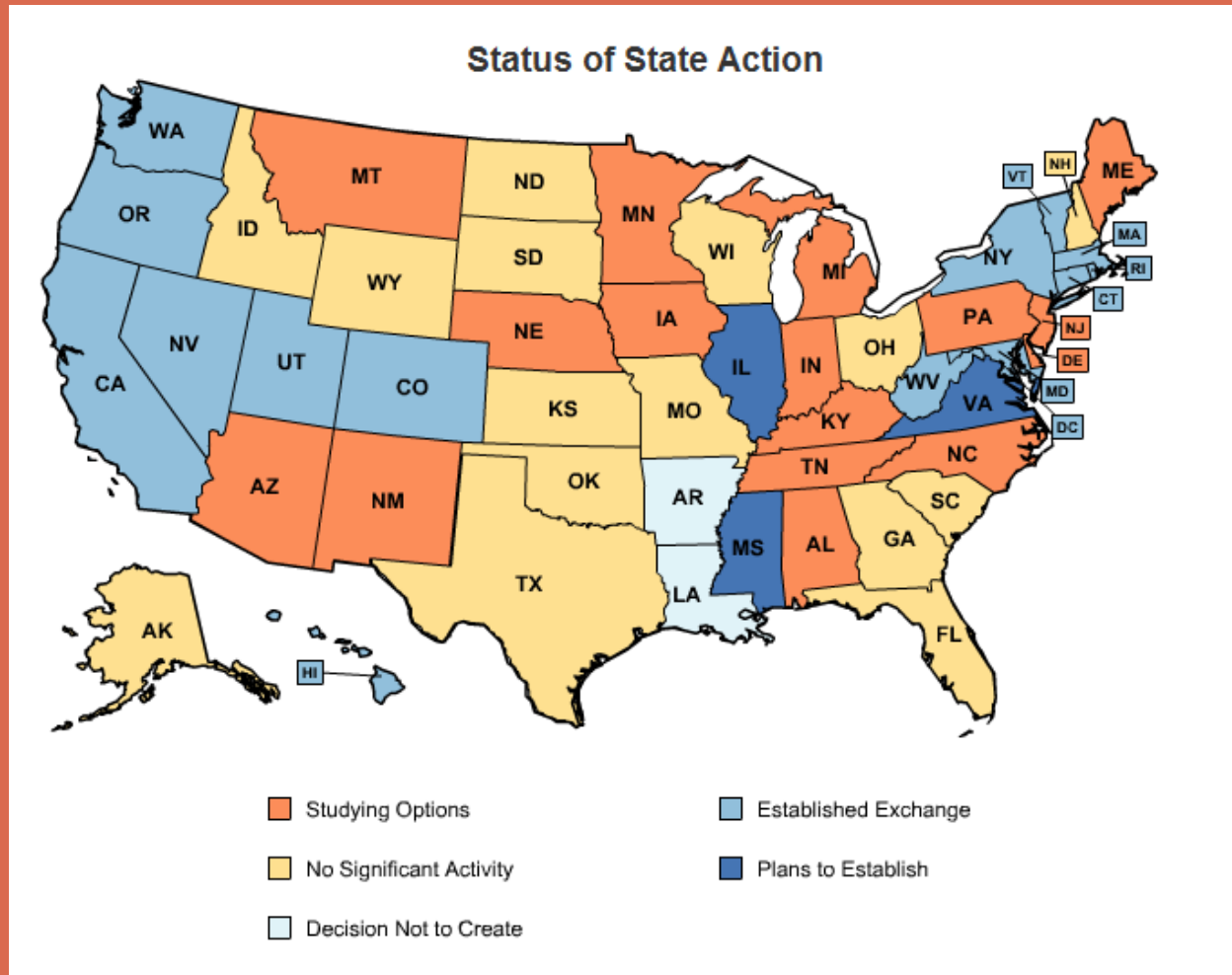
Source: APIAHF analysis of 2009 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)

PROJECTED MEDICAID GAINS by AA and NHPI ETHNIC GROUP

In the Future (2014 and beyond): Health Insurance Exchanges

- About **10% of AAs and NHPIs** are likely to **benefit from subsidies if purchasing insurance on health exchanges**
- AA and NHPI ethnic **groups with the highest uninsurance rates are more likely to benefit** (e.g. 18% of Koreans, 17% of Bangladeshis, 12% of Samoans, 10% Tongans)

The ACA and AA & NHPI
COMMUNITIES (continued)



STATUS OF HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Care

- Language access requirements in the exchange enrollment and appeals process.
- National Health Care Quality Strategy and Plan
 - Incentives for “patient-centered” models of care
 - Linking of quality outcomes to payment
- Prevention and Public Health Fund
 - Includes new Community Transformation Grants targeting vulnerable communities.
- Grants for cultural competency training

IMPROVEMENTS in
HEALTH CARE QUALITY

- Data collection requirements and reporting for race, ethnicity, primary language, sex and disability status (Sec 4302)

Race Data Standard	Categories
<p><i>What is your race?</i> <i>(One or more categories may be selected)</i></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>White</i> b. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Black or African American</i> c. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>American Indian or Alaska Native</i></p>	<p>} These categories are part of the current OMB standard</p>
<p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Asian Indian</i> e. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Chinese</i> f. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Filipino</i> g. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Japanese</i> h. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Korean</i> i. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Vietnamese</i> j. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other Asian</i></p>	<p>} These categories roll-up to the Asian category of the OMB standard</p>
<p>k. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Native Hawaiian</i> l. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Guamanian or Chamorro</i> m. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Samoan</i> n. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other Pacific Islander</i></p>	<p>} These categories roll-up to the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander category of the OMB standard</p>

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Health Equity (continued):

- Reaffirms and strengthens existing civil rights protections (Sec. 1557)
- Establishment of new Offices of Minority Health and elevation of National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities to an Institute.
- Investments in workforce development and recruitment

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What is the Health Equity and Accountability Act?

- Introduced by the **Tri-Caucus** (made up of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus) as a comprehensive health disparities elimination bill for racial and ethnic communities over the last 5 Congresses
- Rotates sponsorship in each Congress
 - CAPAC is the lead in the 112th Session

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Congressional Tri-Caucus Health Task Force chairs



**Congressional
Hispanic Caucus**

Community Working Group (Who)

- In late May, APIAHF started to convene advocacy groups to work on updating H.R. 3090 (111th version).
- This CWG is made up of a broad range of national and state advocacy organizations.
- Weekly meetings to discuss the scope, strategy and logistics of a HEAA in the 112th



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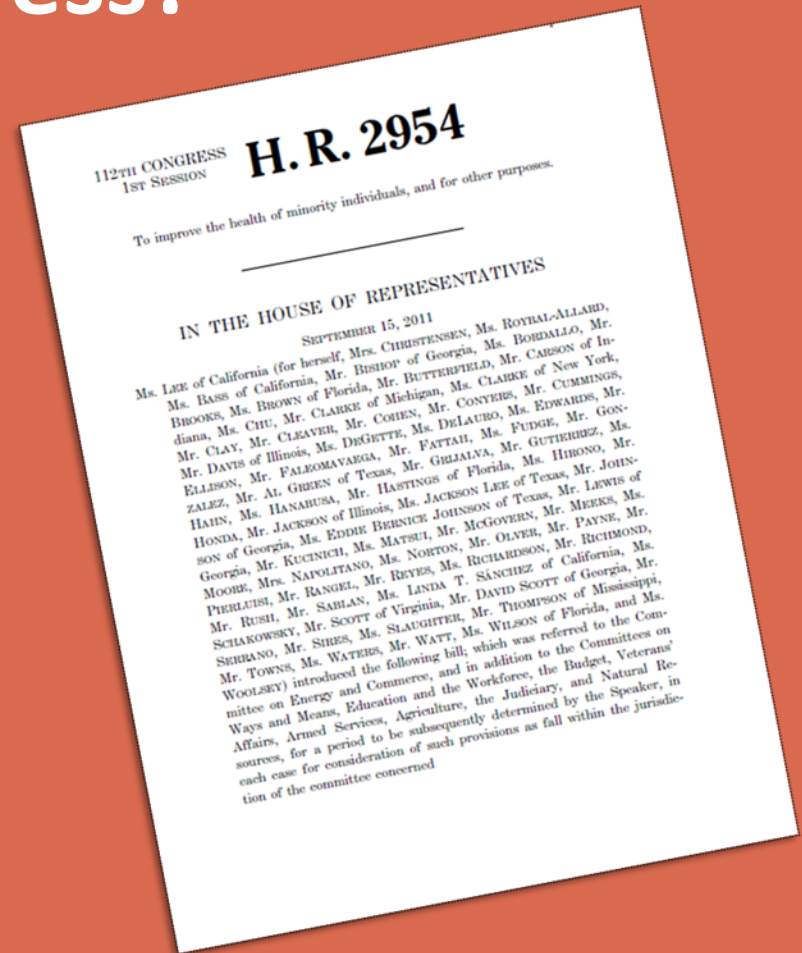
Community Working Group (How)

- The CWG conducted an analysis of H.R. 3090 with the ACA, ARRA and other enacted laws.
- Developed educational and advocacy materials.
- The group conducts its work through content and strategy committees.
- The CWG works in partnership with Congressional Tri-Caucus and Senate staff.

HEALTH EQUITY AND
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What's happened in the 112th Congress?

- Rep. Barbara Lee introduced the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2011 (H.R. 2954) on September 15, 2011.
 - 83 co-sponsors (68 original)



The HEAA of 2011

- Title I Data Collection and Reporting
- Title II Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Care
- Title III Health Workforce Diversity, Expansion and Training
- Title IV Improvement of Health Care Services
- Title V Improving Health Outcomes for Women, Children and Families

The HEAA of 2011 (cont.)

- Title VI Mental Health
- Title VII Addressing High Minority Impact Diseases
- Title VIII Health Information Technology
- Title IX Accountability and Evaluation
- Title X Prevention & Social Determinants of Health

Senate Side

- Senator Akaka introduced S. 2474 in April of this year
- Senator Inouye is an original co-sponsor



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Administrative Implementation

- CAPAC Meeting with President Obama
- Meetings with Senior Administration Officials at HHS
- Next Steps



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MEDICAID RESTORATION PROJECT

Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum Health Reform Resource Page

<http://www.apiahf.org/hcr>

Health Equity and Accountability Act in the 112th Congress

[http://www.apiahf.org/policy-and-advocacy/
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