



王裔 80-20 動議組織為什麼支持奧巴馬

以亞裔美國人為主體的政治行動組織 80-20 動議(80-20 Initiative)在今年年初宣佈,決定在 2008 年總統大選中為民主黨候選人奧巴馬。該組織來自全美各地 33 名代表,在灣區中半島的 Foster City 舉行的一次大會上,經過一整天的分組討論和投票後,最終以 31 票對 2 票大比數同意支持奧巴馬。作出此項決定的主要原因之一是共和黨候選人麥凱恩根本沒有答覆該會發出許諾亞裔平等權利的問卷,也沒有派出代表出席 80-20 這次的大會。與之相反,民主黨候選人奧巴馬則全部作出肯定回答,承諾當選總統後給予亞裔社區平等機會及公正待遇,任命亞裔人士出任政府高層公職及聯邦法官,奧巴馬更承諾與美國的亞裔團體加強溝通,成為該會支持歐巴瑪的原因。

80-20 動議組織是由德拉瓦州華裔博士吳仙標在 1998 年發起成立。該政治行動組織的主要目標是集合 80% 的華裔選票和資金集中支持一個總統候選人,以爭取亞裔美國人的平等機會和正義。此次大會的 33 名代表來自全美各地,大部分是自費參加此次會議,包括加州、德州、東岸等,族裔背景包括華裔、日裔、韓裔、印度裔、越南裔等,其中三分之一的代表是民主黨,三分之一來自共和黨,剩下的三分之一則是獨立或無黨派人。

吳仙標表呼籲亞裔社區選民每人捐款五元、十元予奧巴馬競選陣營,將收立竿見影之效,可以讓奧巴馬知道亞裔社區與前有別,在本屆總統大選中展示團結的力量。亞裔占美國人口 4%,但擔任聯邦法官的亞裔僅占聯邦法官 0.6%。奧巴馬承諾若當選總統,將致力改變此一不合理現象,同時承諾委派更多亞裔人士出任公職,這亦是吳仙標支持奧巴馬的原因所在。他表示,捐款的選民通常都會投票,亞裔社區與政治人物的溝通絕不能靠私人關係,而是要靠「遠票」的力量。

亞裔民權組織 80-20 促進會董事會主席杜潔靈表示,會議討論亞裔團結的重要性、解決種族歧視問題,以及和參選人談話討論的結果。

80-20 促進會自 2000 年開始,均向所有總統候選

人發出問卷,以確保他們當選後會對亞裔爭取應有權益。問卷中六項議題,均要求如候選人當選的話,必須履行承諾為亞裔爭取管理階層要職,打破職場上的種族歧視等。其中兩項是要求勞工部強化執行 11246 號行政令,以此打破制約亞裔在職場發展的限制。此外,當選人必須任命合資格的亞裔,當上巡迴法院或最高法院的法官,在 4 年總統任期結束前,亞裔法官人數須達到現時的三倍。

杜表示,就促進會與奧巴馬競選團商議後,同意就總統參選人問卷調查其中兩問題的字眼修改後(新問題重點為:當選

後是否會將亞裔終生及巡迴聯邦法官任命,列為首要優先政策),奧巴馬方面對所有題問呈交了肯定(Yes)回覆,該會對其回應感到嘉許。而 80-20 促進會也積極和麥凱恩聯繫,但麥凱恩對問卷卻無回應,可證明共和黨無心確保亞裔權利。80-20 促進會開始對 70 萬會員進行支持奧巴馬宣導活動,並將為奧巴馬籌款競選。

80-20 董事林正綸指出,該會支持奧巴馬主要基於兩個原因,首先奧巴馬在今年的 1 月 31 日回覆促進會發出的問卷,同意執行行政命令 11246 來給予亞裔平等的晉陞機會,同時他亦承諾會給予亞裔專業法律人士可出任聯邦法官的公平機會。而且奧巴馬書面應承與全國性的亞裔組織會面,在 80-20 和勞工部的安排下審查有關的進展。

第二個原因是民主黨全國委員會回覆 80-20 主席,願意在國會召開公聽會來討論如何打破亞裔頭上的玻璃天花板,而在民主黨取得國會控制權後,由華裔眾議員吳振偉所提出的法案最終在眾院內獲得通過,該法案將給予被忽略的亞裔學生同等機會可享有教育上的幫助,而這些幫助長期以來早已給予其他少數族裔。此外,民主黨支持家庭團聚的移民法案,支持更嚴懲仇恨罪,這些對亞裔社區來言均至關重要。

來自密歇根州的共和黨代表張誠、陳玲夫婦表示,對麥凱恩沒有答覆 80-20 發出許諾亞裔平等權利的問卷非常失望,將會全力支持 80-20 大會支持奧巴馬競選 2008 年總統大選的決定,並捐助美金 1 萬元支持 80-20 動議組織。

促進會表示,奧巴馬支持亞裔社區的政治理念,也堅信奧巴馬對勞工階層有更深切了解和體會,過去行動亦證明奧巴馬對亞裔社區的貢獻。八 / 二十促進會從人力物力上大力支持奧巴馬,全力協助奧巴馬取得 2008 年總統大選的勝利,同時呼籲亞裔選民積極參與這次大選,投票支持奧巴馬。

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Asian Americans yearn to make greater contributions to our country.

However, today, Asian Americans have the least opportunity to enter management and the slowest rate of progress towards equal employment opportunity, despite having the highest educational attainment.

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Chart 1
% CHANCE TO RISE TO MANAGEMENT LEVEL, BY GROUPS, AS COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

| ASIAN AMERICANS | WHITES | BLACKS | HISPANICS | WOMEN |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 40% | 110% | 100% | 80% | 80% |

Chart 2
% POPULATION WITH HIGHEST ATTAINED DEGREE AS COMPARED WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

| ASIAN AMERICANS | WHITES | BLACKS | HISPANICS | WOMEN |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 10% | 20% | 10% | 10% | 10% |

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Research Shows

(1) Asian Americans have the lowest odds of getting into management in private industries, universities and the Federal government. 2.1 million Asian Americans work in the three sectors (see Chart 1). Data come from government sources and the methodology from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

(2) Should Asian Americans be more patient? The rate of progress from 1996 to 2001 for all workers in Chart 1 was studied. Although Asian Americans are twice the distance from equal opportunity (the blue dashed line) compared with Hispanics and women, Asian Americans' rate of progress is only half that of the latter groups. At the current rate, equal opportunity will not be reached by Asian Americans in another 75 years or three more generations.

(3) Asian Americans face these realities of low odds and the slowest rate of progress towards equal opportunity, despite having the highest educational attainment, according to data from US census 2000 (see Chart 2). Educational attainments have come to all from deep sacrifices by parents and sheer diligence by their children.

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Barack Obama

January 31, 2008

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80-20 Educational Foundation Presidential Candidate Questionnaire for Barack Obama

(1) If elected, will you direct the Labor Secretary to hold public hearings regarding the validity of the huge amount of statistical data strongly suggesting discriminatory practices against Asian Americans in workplaces today?

YES

(2) If the data were shown valid, will you issue a directive to the Labor Department asking it to focus on enforcing Executive Order 11246 on behalf of Asian Americans, since in the past similar efforts have already been made on behalf of women and other minorities?

YES

(3) Two years after you have issued the directive described in item 2, will you meet with a group of Asian American national organizations, put together by 80-20 and the Labor Department, to review the progress in extending equal opportunity to Asian Americans?

YES

(4) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III life-tenured District Court federal judges, whenever such vacancies are available?

YES

(5) If elected, will you make it a top priority of your Administration to nominate qualified Asian Americans to serve as Article III Circuit Judges, whenever there are vacancies in those positions?

YES

(6) If elected, will you consider nominating a qualified Asian American to the Supreme Court, when a vacancy occurs? Two years upon your taking the office, will you meet with a group of Asian American leaders, put together jointly by 80-20 and other Asian American national organizations to review the progress in adding Asian American Federal judges?

YES

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