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The Rise of AAPA Asian American Political Alliance: Reshaping the Political Landscape

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Abstract: The AAPA Asian American Political Alliance (AAPA) has emerged as a significant force in American politics, challenging established norms and advocating for the diverse interests of Asian Americans. This article examines the implications of the AAPA's activities, analyzing its impact on political discourse, electoral outcomes, and the broader political landscape. We explore its successes, challenges, and the future trajectory of this influential organization.

1. The Genesis and Growth of the AAPA Asian American Political Alliance

The AAPA Asian American Political Alliance didn't spring into existence overnight. Its roots lie in the growing awareness among Asian Americans of their collective political power and the need for a unified voice in a system often overlooking their concerns. For decades, Asian Americans were frequently treated as a monolithic bloc, obscuring the vast diversity of experiences and political viewpoints within the community – encompassing everything from South Asian immigrants to Japanese Americans, from recent arrivals to families with generations of American heritage. The AAPA recognized this diversity as a strength, building a coalition that transcends ethnic and national origin lines, uniting under common goals.

The organization's early years focused on grassroots organizing, voter registration drives, and candidate endorsements. The AAPA's success in these areas laid the groundwork for its later expansion into policy advocacy and direct engagement with political decision-makers. The organization's ability to mobilize voters, particularly in key swing states, has become increasingly significant in close elections.

2. AAPA's Impact on Electoral Politics

The AAPA Asian American Political Alliance has demonstrably impacted electoral outcomes. Its endorsement of candidates, coupled with its effective get-out-the-vote efforts, has significantly swayed elections at both the local and national levels. The AAPA's strategic focus on identifying and

supporting candidates who champion Asian American interests has led to increased representation in government, resulting in a more inclusive political landscape. However, challenges remain, including reaching underrepresented groups within the Asian American community, such as low-income individuals and undocumented immigrants, ensuring their voices are effectively incorporated into the AAPA's political strategies.

3. Policy Advocacy and Legislative Achievements

Beyond electoral politics, the AAPA Asian American Political Alliance plays a crucial role in shaping public policy. The organization actively lobbies for legislation addressing issues such as immigration reform, affirmative action, hate crime prevention, and economic opportunity for Asian Americans. The AAPA's success in influencing policy stems from its ability to effectively frame issues in a way that resonates with both policymakers and the broader public. Their advocacy work has resulted in tangible legislative achievements, from increased funding for Asian American studies programs to strengthened protections against discrimination.

4. Addressing the Challenges Facing the AAPA

The AAPA Asian American Political Alliance is not without its challenges. Internal divisions within the Asian American community, based on ethnicity, class, and political ideology, sometimes complicate the organization's ability to present a unified front. Furthermore, the AAPA faces the ongoing challenge of combating stereotypes and misconceptions about Asian Americans, fostering a greater understanding of the multifaceted nature of the community. The organization's commitment to inclusivity is constantly tested by the need to balance diverse perspectives and priorities within its membership.

5. The Future of the AAPA Asian American Political Alliance

Despite these challenges, the AAPA Asian American Political Alliance is poised for continued growth and influence. The increasing political awareness among Asian Americans, coupled with the organization's demonstrated effectiveness, suggests a bright future. The AAPA's ability to adapt to changing political circumstances and effectively engage younger generations will be crucial to maintaining its relevance and impact. Their capacity to leverage digital media and build broader coalitions with other minority groups will also play a significant role in shaping its future trajectory. The AAPA's continued success hinges on its ability to remain adaptable, inclusive, and responsive to the evolving needs of the Asian American community.

Conclusion

The AAPA Asian American Political Alliance has significantly reshaped the American political landscape. Its impact on electoral outcomes, policy advocacy, and the broader political discourse is undeniable. While challenges remain, the organization's commitment to inclusivity and its demonstrated effectiveness position it for continued growth and influence in the years to come. The AAPA serves as a powerful example of the impact of organized political action, highlighting the potential for minority groups to actively shape their own destinies within the American political system.

FAQs

1. What is the AAPA's primary goal? The AAPA's primary goal is to empower Asian Americans politically and advance their interests through advocacy, voter registration, and candidate support.
1. How does the AAPA differ from other Asian American organizations? The AAPA focuses specifically on political action, while other organizations may concentrate on social services, cultural preservation, or community development.
1. What are some of the AAPA's legislative successes? The AAPA has contributed to legislative successes in areas such as hate crime prevention, immigration reform, and funding for Asian American studies. Specific examples vary by location and legislative session.
1. How can I get involved with the AAPA? You can typically find information on joining or supporting the AAPA through their website or by contacting local chapters.
1. Does the AAPA endorse candidates from all political parties? The AAPA typically endorses candidates who align with its policy goals and actively support the Asian American community's interests, regardless of party affiliation.
1. How does the AAPA address internal diversity within the Asian American community? The AAPA strives to represent the diverse interests within the community through inclusive membership structures, internal dialogues, and a commitment to addressing the concerns of various subgroups.
1. What role does fundraising play in the AAPA's activities? Fundraising is crucial for supporting the AAPA's political activities, including voter registration drives, candidate endorsements, and lobbying efforts.
1. How does the AAPA utilize technology and social media? The AAPA effectively utilizes social

media and digital platforms to engage with members, disseminate information, and mobilize voters.

1. What are the biggest challenges facing the AAPA in the future? Future challenges include maintaining internal unity amidst diverse viewpoints, combating anti-Asian sentiment, and ensuring representation for all segments of the Asian American community.

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aapa asian american political alliance: The Asian American Movement William Wei, 1993-06-27
Largely unexamined until recently, the Asian American Movement has been active for more than two decades. William Wei traces to the late 1960s the initial genesis of an Asian American identity, culture, and activism through which members of this pan-Asian group could assert their right to belong to and be respected as responsible members of this society. Although its antecedents were the civil rights and Black Power movements, the Asian American Movement actually resulted from the protests against the Vietnam War and the emergence of a generation of college-aged Chinese and Japanese Americans. In this definitive study of the Asian American Movement, Wei fills an important gap in our knowledge of ethnic social movements and the struggle to achieve American cultural democracy. Lacking a nationally known leader but confronted by many shared issues and concerns, the Asian American Movement was essentially a middle-class reform effort to achieve racial equality, social justice, and political empowerment. It focused on ethnic solidarity and self-empowerment through political activism, educational and community development, and cultural expressions. While the Movement was most visible on the West Coast, notably at the Third World Strike at San Francisco State College in 1968, it became a vital force simultaneously on campuses and in Asian American communities throughout the country. Wei evaluates the Movement's effort to develop a unique but cohesive ethnic identity and the internal struggles between reformist and revolutionary approaches to social change. He analyzes the Asian American women's movement, the alternative press, Asian American studies programs, community-based organizations, and Maoist sects. His study concludes with an examination of Asian American involvement in electoral politics and the quest for political empowerment. Interviews with many of the key participants in the Movement and photographs of Asian American demonstrations and events enhance Wei's portrayal of the development and breadth of the Movement and the conflicts within it. Exploring regional differences; issues of ethnicity, class, and gender; and the transition from radical to electoral politics, Wei's comprehensive study is the first book to examine systematically the coming-to-consciousness and mobilization of Asian Americans.

aapa asian american political alliance: The Loneliest Americans Jay Caspian Kang, 2021-10-12
A "provocative and sweeping" (Time) blend of family history and original reportage that explores—and reimagines—Asian American identity in a Black and white world "[Kang's] exploration of class and identity among Asian Americans will be talked about for years to come."—Jennifer Szalai, The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR: Time, NPR, Mother Jones
In 1965, a new immigration law lifted a century of restrictions against Asian immigrants to the United States. Nobody, including the lawmakers who passed the bill, expected it to transform the country's demographics. But over the next four decades, millions arrived, including Jay Caspian Kang's parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles. They came with

almost no understanding of their new home, much less the history of “Asian America” that was supposed to define them. The Loneliest Americans is the unforgettable story of Kang and his family as they move from a housing project in Cambridge to an idyllic college town in the South and eventually to the West Coast. Their story unfolds against the backdrop of a rapidly expanding Asian America, as millions more immigrants, many of them working-class or undocumented, stream into the country. At the same time, upwardly mobile urban professionals have struggled to reconcile their parents’ assimilationist goals with membership in a multicultural elite—all while trying to carve out a new kind of belonging for their own children, who are neither white nor truly “people of color.” Kang recognizes this existential loneliness in himself and in other Asian Americans who try to locate themselves in the country’s racial binary. There are the businessmen turning Flushing into a center of immigrant wealth; the casualties of the Los Angeles riots; the impoverished parents in New York City who believe that admission to the city’s exam schools is the only way out; the men’s right’s activists on Reddit ranting about intermarriage; and the handful of protesters who show up at Black Lives Matter rallies holding “Yellow Peril Supports Black Power” signs. Kang’s exquisitely crafted book brings these lonely parallel climbers together and calls for a new immigrant solidarity—one rooted not in bubble tea and elite college admissions but in the struggles of refugees and the working class.

aapa asian american political alliance: Rethinking the Asian American Movement Daryl Joji Maeda, 2012-02-20 Although it is one of the least-known social movements of the 1960s and 1970s, the Asian American movement drew upon some of the most powerful currents of the era, and had a wide-ranging impact on the political landscape of Asian America, and more generally, the United States. Using the racial discourse of the black power and other movements, as well as antiwar activist and the global decolonization movements, the Asian American movement succeeded in creating a multi-ethnic alliance of Asians in the United States and gave them a voice in their own destinies. Rethinking the Asian American Movement provides a short, accessible overview of this important social and political movement, highlighting key events and key figures, the movement's strengths and weaknesses, how it intersected with other social and political movements of the time, and its lasting effect on the country. It is perfect for anyone wanting to obtain an introduction to the Asian American movement of the twentieth century.

aapa asian american political alliance: Contemporary Asian America Min Zhou, James V. Gatewood, 2007-01-01 How does one capture the delightful irony of Edith Wharton's prose or the spare lyricism of Kate Chopin's? Kathleen Wheeler challenges the reader to experiment with a more imaginative method of literary criticism in order to comprehend more fully writers of the Modernist and late Realist period. In examining the creative works of seven women writers from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Wheeler never lets the mystery and magic of literature be overcome by dry critical analysis. Modernist Women Writers and Narrative Art begins by evaluating how Edith Wharton, Kate Chopin, and Willa Cather all engaged in an ironic critique of realism. They explored the inadequacies of this form in expressing human experience and revealed its hidden, often contradictory, assumptions. Building on the foundation that Wharton, Chopin, and Cather established, Jean Rhys, Katherine Mansfield, Stevie Smith, and Jane Bowles brought literature into the era we now consider modernism. Drawing on insights from feminist theory, deconstructionism and revisions of new historicism, Kathleen Wheeler reveals a literary tradition rich in narrative strategy and stylistic sophistication.

aapa asian american political alliance: Afro Asia Fred Ho, Bill V. Mullen, 2008-06-25 A collection of writing on the historical alliances, cultural connections, and shared political strategies linking African Americans and Asian Americans.

aapa asian american political alliance: Asian American Panethnicity Yen Le Espiritu, 1992 With different histories, cultures, languages, and identities, most Americans of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and Vietnamese origin are lumped together and viewed by other Americans simply as Asian Americans. Since the mid 1960s, however, these different Asian American groups have come together to promote and protect both their individual and their united interests. The first book

to examine this particular subject, Asian American Panethnicity is a highly detailed case study of how, and with what success, diverse national-origin groups can come together as a new, enlarged panethnic group. Yen Le Espiritu explores the construction of large-scale affiliations, in which previously unrelated groups submerge their differences and assume a common identity. Making use of extensive interviews and statistical data, she examines how Asian panethnicity protects the rights and interests of all Asian American groups, including those, like the Vietnamese and Cambodians, which are less powerful and prominent than the Chinese and Japanese. By citing specific examples—educational discrimination, legal redress, anti-Asian violence, the development of Asian American Studies programs, social services, and affirmative action—the author demonstrates how Asian Americans came to understand that only by cooperating with each other would they succeed in fighting the racism they all faced.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Asian American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia* Huping Ling, Allan W. Austin, 2015-03-17 With overview essays and more than 400 A-Z entries, this exhaustive encyclopedia documents the history of Asians in America from earliest contact to the present day. Organized topically by group, with an in-depth overview essay on each group, the encyclopedia examines the myriad ethnic groups and histories that make up the Asian American population in the United States. Asian American History and Culture covers the political, social, and cultural history of immigrants from East Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Pacific Islands, and their descendants, as well as the social and cultural issues faced by Asian American communities, families, and individuals in contemporary society. In addition to entries on various groups and cultures, the encyclopedia also includes articles on general topics such as parenting and child rearing, assimilation and acculturation, business, education, and literature. More than 100 images round out the set.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Contemporary Asian America (third Edition)* Min Zhou, Anthony Christian Ocampo, 2016-04-19 The third edition of the foundational volume in Asian American studies Who are Asian Americans? Moving beyond popular stereotypes of the “model minority” or “forever foreigner,” most Americans know surprisingly little of the nation’s fastest growing minority population. Since the 1960s, when different Asian immigrant groups came together under the “Asian American” umbrella, they have tirelessly carved out their presence in the labor market, education, politics, and pop culture. Many times, they have done so in the face of racism, discrimination, sexism, homophobia, and socioeconomic disadvantage. Today, contemporary Asian America has emerged as an incredibly diverse population, with each segment of the community facing its unique challenges. When Contemporary Asian America was first published in 2000, it exposed its readers to the formation and development of Asian American studies as an academic field of study, from its inception as part of the ethnic consciousness movement of the 1960s to the systematic inquiry into more contemporary theoretical and practical issues facing Asian America at the century’s end. It was the first volume to integrate a broad range of interdisciplinary research and approaches from a social science perspective to assess the effects of immigration, community development, and socialization on Asian American communities. This updated third edition discusses the impact of September 11 on Asian American identity and citizenship; the continued influence of globalization on past and present waves of immigration; and the intersection of race, gender, sexuality, and class on the experiences of Asian immigrants and their children. The volume also provides study questions and recommended supplementary readings and documentary films. This critical text offers a broad overview of Asian American studies and the current state of Asian America.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Serve the People* Karen L. Ishizuka, 2018-01-16 A narrative history of the movement that turned “Orientals” into Asian Americans Until the political ferment of the Long Sixties, there were no Asian Americans. There were only isolated communities of mostly Chinese, Japanese, and Filipinos lumped together as “Orientals.” Serve the People tells the story of the social and cultural movement that knit these disparate communities into a political identity, the history of how—and why—the double consciousness of Asian America came to be. At the

same time, Karen Ishizuka's vivid narrative reveals the personal epiphanies and intimate stories of insurgent movers and shakers and ground-level activists alike. Drawing on more than 120 interviews and illustrated with striking images from guerrilla movement publications, the book evokes the feeling of growing up alien in a society rendered in black and white, and recalls the intricate memories and meanings of the Asian American movement. *Serve the People* paints a panoramic landscape of a radical time, and is destined to become the definitive history of the making of Asian America.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Japanese American History* Brian Niiya, Japanese American National Museum (Los Angeles, Calif.), 1993 Produced under the auspices of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, this comprehensive reference culls information from primary sources--Japanese-language texts and documents, oral histories, and other previously neglected or obscured materials--to document the history and nature of the Japanese American experience as told by the people who lived it. The volume is divided into three major sections: a chronology with some 800 entries; a 400-entry encyclopedia covering people, events, groups, and cultural terms; and an annotated bibliography of major works on Japanese Americans. Includes about 80 bandw illustrations and photographs. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

aapa asian american political alliance: *The Black Power Movement* Peniel E. Joseph, 2006 The Black Power Movement is one of the most controversial phenomenas in post-war America. This book provides a historical interpretation of the period during the 1960s which started a movement that redefined black identity. It is meant for scholars and students looking for a historical meaning behind the Black Power Movement.

aapa asian american political alliance: *The Human Tradition in California* Clark Davis, David Igler, 2002 During the past three centuries, California has stood at the crossroads of European, Asian, Native American and Latino cultures, and seen the best and worst of multiracial and multi-ethnic interaction. *The Human Tradition in California* captures the region's rich history and takes readers into the daily lives of ordinary Californians at key moments in time. Professors Davis and Igler have selected essays that emphasize how individual people and communities have experienced and influenced the broad social, cultural, political and economic forces that have shaped California history. Organized chronologically from the pre-mission period through the late-twentieth century, this book taps into the whole spectrum of Californian experience and offers new perspectives on the state's complex social character. The story is personalized through the use of mini-biographies, drawing readers directly into the narrative.

aapa asian american political alliance: *At the Crossroads of Music and Social Justice* Brenda M. Romero, Susan M. Asai, David A. McDonald, Andrew G. Snyder, Katelyn E. Best, 2023 Music is powerful and transformational, but can it spur actual social change? A strong collection of essays, *At the Crossroads of Music and Social Justice* studies the meaning of music within a community to investigate the intersections of sound and race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and differing abilities. Ethnographic work from a range of theoretical frameworks uncovers and analyzes the successes and limitations of music's efficacies in resolving conflicts, easing tensions, reconciling groups, promoting unity, and healing communities. This volume is rooted in the Crossroads Section for Difference and Representation of the Society for Ethnomusicology, whose mandate is to address issues of diversity, difference, and underrepresentation in the society and its members' professional spheres. Activist scholars who contribute to this volume illuminate possible pathways and directions to support musical diversity and representation. *At the Crossroads of Music and Social Justice* is an excellent resource for readers interested in real-world examples of how folklore, ethnomusicology, and activism can, together, create a more just and inclusive world.

aapa asian american political alliance: *The US Antifascism Reader* Bill Mullen, Christopher Vials, 2020-01-07 Since the birth of fascism in the 1920s, well before the global renaissance of white nationalism, the United States has been home to its own distinct fascist

movements, some of which decisively influenced the course of U.S. history. Yet long before antifa became a household word in the United States, they were met, time and again, by an equally deep antifascist current. Many on the left are unaware that the United States has a rich antifascist tradition, because it has rarely been discussed as such, nor has it been accessible in one place. This reader reconstructs the history of U.S. antifascism into the twenty-first century, showing how generations of writers, organizers, and fighters spoke to each other over time. Spanning the 1930s to the present, this chronologically-arranged, primary source reader is made up of antifascist writings by Americans and by exiles in the U.S. - some instantly recognizable, others long-forgotten. It also includes a sampling of influential writings from the U.S. fascist, white nationalist, and proto-fascist traditions. Its contents, mostly written by people embedded in antifascist movements, include a number of pieces produced abroad that deeply influenced the U.S. left. The collection thus places U.S. antifascism in a global context.

aapa asian american political alliance: The Long Sixties Christopher B. Strain, 2016-05-23
The Long Sixties is a concise and engaging treatment of the major political, social, and cultural developments of this tumultuous period. A comprehensive yet concise overview that offers coverage of a variety of topics, from the beginnings of the Cold War shortly after World War II, through the civil rights, women's, and Chicano civil rights movements, to Watergate, an event that transpired in 1974 but capped the "Long Sixties." A detached and unprejudiced look at this turbulent decade, that is both lively and revelatory Timelines are included to help students understand how particular episodes transpired in quick succession, and how topics intertwined and overlapped Nicely complemented by Brian Ward's The 1960s: A Documentary Reader (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), The Long Sixties book matches the documentary reader chapter-by-chapter in theme and periodization

aapa asian american political alliance: The Making of Asian America Erika Lee, 2015-09
In the past fifty years, Asian Americans have helped change the face of America and are now the fastest growing group in the United States. But as ... historian Erika Lee reminds us, Asian Americans also have deep roots in the country. The Making of Asian America tells the little-known history of Asian Americans and their role in American life, from the arrival of the first Asians in the Americas to the present-day. An epic history of global journeys and new beginnings, this book shows how generations of Asian immigrants and their American-born descendants have made and remade Asian American life in the United States: sailors who came on the first trans-Pacific ships in the 1500s to the Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. Over the past fifty years, a new Asian America has emerged out of community activism and the arrival of new immigrants and refugees. No longer a despised minority, Asian Americans are now held up as America's model minorities in ways that reveal the complicated role that race still plays in the United States. Published to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the passage of the United States' Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 that has remade our nation of immigrants, this is a new and definitive history of Asian Americans. But more than that, it is a new way of understanding America itself, its complicated histories of race and immigration, and its place in the world today--Jacket.

aapa asian american political alliance: This Land Is Your Land RD Moore, 2023-06-10 "This land was made for you and me." This is the emphatic refrain of Woody Guthrie's iconic anthem, a profound rendering of one of our nation's most sacred truths. Yet, for far too many and for far too long, this hasn't felt like a land made for them, or one that even wants them. And that's just not sustainable. This Land Is Your Land (TLIYL) is a telling of our social story through the lens of the American people, how we became who we are and who we're in the process of becoming. It's about the systems we built, both generative and degenerative, from democracy and equality to slavery and social supremacy, and how everything about us is changing. Right this minute, we're in the midst of the greatest sociological shift in U.S. history, one where, in every way we currently measure, we'll soon be a post-majority nation. By 2045, incumbent majorities, from racial whiteness to Christianization to heteronormativity will all be downgraded to minority status. This "Time of Turmoil", one where everything's shifting, is why we're experiencing so much unrest and instability, from rising poverty to increasingly caustic elections to diminishing human regard. But it's also why

getting this right has never been more important or mattered more. A combination of personal vignettes and cultural analysis, TLIYL covers 300+ years of shared history, one that's been shaped by nearly 550 million lives lived, and explores how, together, we move forward. It's a story with three parts: Part One: How the American Race Construct (ARC) and other toxic frameworks impaired us; Part Two: How the Degenerative Cycle (DGC) and other predatory processes imperiled us (Part Two); and Part Three: How through personal practices like the Four Actions, each of us can help us become a society that embraces all of us. Today, we find ourselves in a bit of a tough place. But instead of an ending, this shift we're undergoing might actually be a beginning – a chance to both make our founding dreams real and gift the future a future. And in doing so, we transform ourselves into a new land, one, as Woody sang, made for you and me.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Voices of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Experience* [2 volumes] Sang Chi, Emily Moberg Robinson, 2012-02-13 This unique work presents an extraordinary breadth of contemporary and historical views on Asian America and Pacific Islanders, conveyed through the voices of the men and women who lived these experiences over more than 150 years. In 1848, the First Wave of Asian immigration arrived in the United States. By the first decade of the 21st century, Asian Americans were the nation's fastest growing racial group. Through a far-ranging array of primary source documents, *Voices of the Asian American and Pacific Islander Experience* shares what it was like for these diverse peoples to live and work in the United States, for better and for worse. Organized chronologically by ethnicity, the book covers a panoply of ethnic groups, including recent Asian immigrants and mixed race/mixed heritage Asian Americans. There is also a topical section that showcases views on everything from politics to class to gender dynamics, underscoring that the Asian American population is not—nor has it ever been—monolithic. In choosing material, the editors strove to make the volume as comprehensive as possible. Thus, readers will discover documents written by transnational, adopted, and homosexual Asian Americans, as well as documents written from particular religious positions.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Model Minority Masochism* Takeo Rivera, 2022 There are few grand narratives that loom over Asian Americans more than the model minority. While many Asian Americanist scholars and activists are quick to disprove the model minority as myth, author Takeo Rivera instead rethinks the model minority as cultural politics. Rather than disproving the model minority, Rivera instead argues that Asian Americans have formulated their racial and gendered subjectivities in relation to the model minority relation that Rivera terms model minority masochism. With specific attention to hegemonic masculine Asian American cultural production, Rivera details two complementary forms of contemporary racial masochism: a self-subjugating masochism which embraces the model minority, and its opposite, a self-flagellating masochism that punishes oneself for having been associated with the model minority at all.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Asian American Literature in Transition, 1965-1996: Volume 3* Asha Nadkarni, Cathy J. Schlund-Vials, 2021-06-17 This volume traces the formation of the Asian American literary canon and the field of Asian American Studies from 1965-1996. It is intended for an academic audience, ranging from advanced undergraduate students to scholars from a variety of disciplines, interested in the formation of Asian American literary studies from 1965-1996.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Power of the People Won't Stop* Harvey Dong, Janie Chen, 2020-07 This book is about the Third World Liberation Front strike that began in 1969, the solidarity built by peoples of color and many white allies. It is also about the many generations following that have taken up the fight for decolonization of the educational system. While it is about the origins of the struggle, it does not end there. It is very much about the contemporary situation where conditions call for political and social activism, new collective participation and leadership. There are enough stories here for a multigenerational story that strongly underscores the title of this book: *The Power of the People Won't Stop*. Stories and reflections by contributors help rethink past efforts as well as ways to learn from, become encouraged to change the present.

aapa asian american political alliance: *Reorienting the Pure Land* Michael Kenji Masatsugu,

2023-07-31 Post-World War II historical developments, including Japanese American resettlement, the U.S. occupation of Japan, the Cold War, and decolonization in an emerging "Third World," created both a climate of uncertainty and possibility for the future of Japanese American Buddhism in the United States. As both a racial minority and as adherents of a non-Christian religious tradition with roots in Asia, Nikkei Buddhists faced distinct challenges in asserting their religion as part of their ethnic heritage. Adaptations associated with Nisei Buddhism sought to prioritize cultural assimilation as prescribed by U.S. government officials and other proponents of racial liberalism, while also seeking to maintain Shin Buddhist tradition, claiming it as integral to Nikkei heritage and part of a tradition of American religious freedom. Nisei also presented Buddhism as a world religion, which served as more than a rhetorical strategy, since many Nisei extended their vision of the sangha (community of Buddhists) to include connections with Buddhists in Japan and South and Southeast Asia. But Nisei Buddhism's emerging influence among American Shin Buddhist communities would be challenged by converts and a younger generation of more progressive Nikkei during the 1960s. *Reorienting the Pure Land: Nisei Buddhism in the Transwar Years, 1943-1965*, is the first historical study of Nisei Shin Buddhists in the United States during the tumultuous period between World War II and the early decades of the Cold War. This book examines Nisei-led adaptations to American Shin Buddhist institutions and organizations in an effort to reconstitute Nikkei Buddhist communities following the end of World War II and release from U.S. government sponsored concentration camps. Taking a transnational perspective, this text establishes the importance of Buddhism in shaping networks in the United States and across the globe, and is the first to highlight the centrality of ethnic Buddhism in building the terms of racial inclusion and the construction of Asian Americans as a model minority. In addressing themes of religious adaptation, cultural nationalism, and global connection, *Reorienting the Pure Land* makes new contributions to the fields of Japanese American history, the history of Buddhism in America, and the study of Cold War racial liberalism.

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