

Asian Americans & Faith Communities

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5%

of the US Population is
Asian American
(July 2004)

http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/006557.html

14M

Asian Americans in the US
(July 2004)

33.4M

Asian Americans by 2050
(projected)

49%

of Asian Americans
are college graduates
(age 25 and older)

20%

of Asian Americans
have advanced degrees
(Masters, Ph.D., M.D.)

\$60,367

Highest median household
income of any racial group

<http://www.freep.com/apps/bcs.d/article?AID=2006114NEWS07611403871009>

67%

Asian Americans
were foreign born

http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2006/acpop_profile_highlights.html

26%

Asian Americans
under age 18

11.1%

Poverty rate of Asians
(in 2005)

<http://www.freep.com/apps/bcs.d/article?AID=2006114NEWS07611403871009>

13.7%

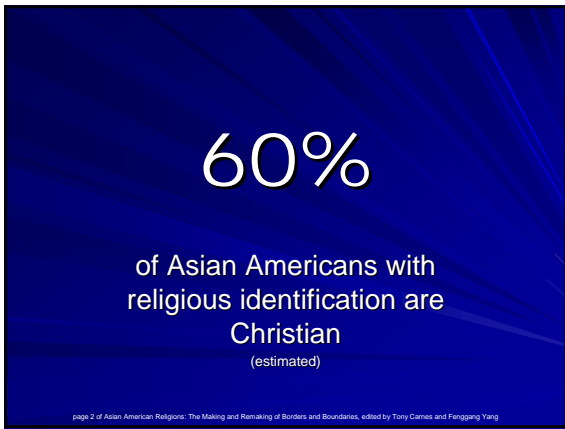
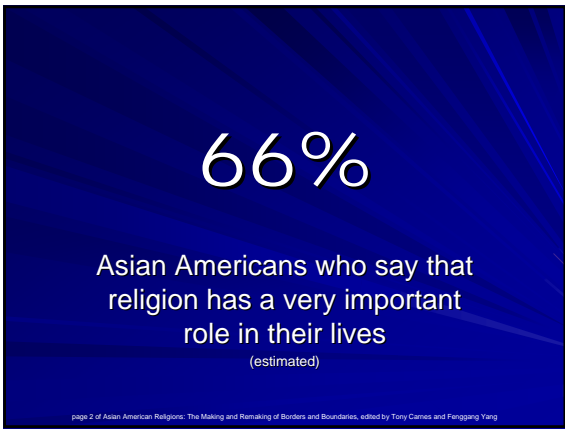
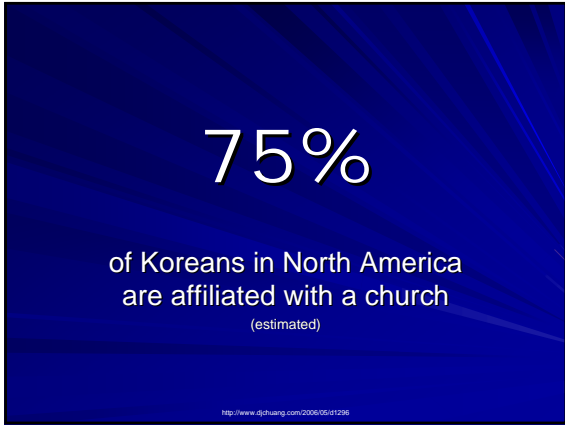
APA Student Population
at University of Maryland
(2000)

http://www.asian-nation.org/best_colleges.shtml

11.6%

Asian Americans
in Montgomery County
(2004)

http://www.city-data.com/county/Montgomery_County.MD.html



9.1%

Asian Americans
affiliated with Buddhists

<http://www.asian-nation.org/religion.shtml>

13%

Asian Americans who
participate in business /
professional groups

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15%

Asian Americans who engage
in PTA

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25%

Asian Americans who
participate in organized
religious activity

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“The largest Asian American
college and university student
organizations are religious.”

page 2 of Asian American Religions: The Making and Remaking of Borders and Boundaries, edited by Tony Carnes and Fenggang Yang

“Religious groups are the
community’s primary social
institution in maintaining
ethnic solidarity and
promoting ethnic identity.”

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3,000

denominations & sects
in the United States

Originally from Frank Mead's Handbook of Denominations in the United States (7)

34,000

Christian denominations &
sects in the world

http://www.religioustolerance.org/chry_div.htm

1853



Photo from 100th anniversary in 1953.

The Presbyterian Church in Chinatown
(San Francisco), the oldest Asian
American Christian congregation in
North America

http://www.psr.edu/parsa.dts.htm#187 and http://www.pccaf.org/

social
services

language
instruction

citizenship/
political
education

business
contacts

health
education

Hepatitis B Initiative
www.hepbinitiative.org



Thomas Oh & Leslie Hsu

1.3M

chronic hepatitis B cases
in the United States --
50% are Asian Americans

<http://www.hepbinitiative.org/statistics.html>

32%

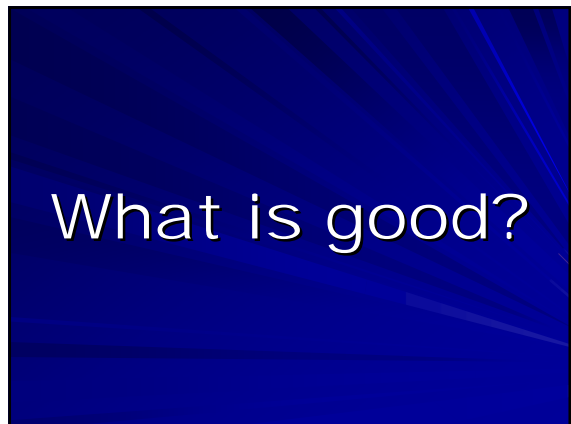
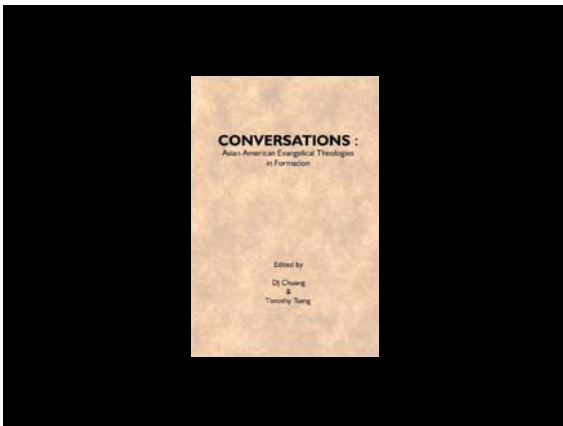
Asian Americans
without a regular doctor

<http://www.hepbinitiative.org/statistics.html>

Asian Americans more likely to strongly agree with:

“it is better to take care
of one’s own health
and that staying healthy is
a matter of luck . . .”

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cultural gap

conformity
vs.
creativity

avoid shame
vs.
taking risks

duty
vs.
passion

communal
vs.
individual

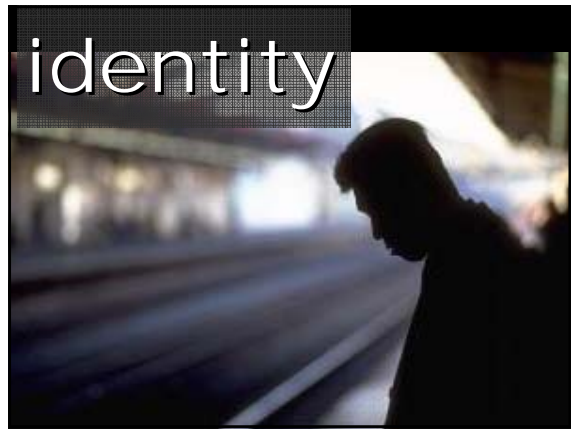
hierarchical
vs.
egalitarian

academic
vs.
holistic

formality
vs.
authenticity

developing
leaders

identity



imago dei

grace

peace

wisdom

hope

acceptance

gifted

community



household
of faith

justice

righteousness

forgiven

love

charity

generosity

volunteering



holistic

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