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From the Desk of Alex Chang, President
Celebrating 80 Years of Korean Independence



Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

This year, we mark a historic milestone—80 years since Korea reclaimed its independence from Japanese colonial rule. August 15, 1945, is a day of profound importance, not only for Korea but for all who cherish freedom. It marked the end of a dark chapter of occupation, and it was also the beginning of Korea's long and difficult journey toward democracy and self-determination.

As Korean Americans, this anniversary holds deep meaning. Although our community may be far from Korea's soil, our ancestors were not distant from its struggle. Throughout the early 20th century, Korean immigrants in the United States worked tirelessly—organizing, fundraising, publishing, and protesting—in the name of Korean independence. Many of these brave individuals remain lesser known, their stories largely untold, but their contributions were vital. Their sacrifices, passion, and relentless hope helped carry the dream of a free Korea across the Pacific.

We especially remember those who fought for Korean independence and carried the cause to the United States, only to spend the rest of their lives in exile—unable to return to their homeland. For many, there was no independent Korea during their lifetime. But they never stopped believing in the possibility. We honor their memory, and we carry forward the responsibility to ensure they are not forgotten.

Many of their stories live on today in the digital archives of the USC Korean Heritage Library, which continues to preserve the legacy of Korean American contributions to Korea's independence movement.

Today, we celebrate not only Korea's liberation, but also the quiet courage of those who never saw the fruits of their struggle. Their legacy lives in us—in our freedom to speak our language, share our history, and take pride in our identity. Let this 80th anniversary be a moment of gratitude, remembrance, and renewed commitment to preserve our history and values for future generations.

Continuing the will of our ancestors,
Alex Chang

President

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To preserve the legacy, record, and promote the education, understanding, and appreciation of the experiences and history of the Pioneer Generation of the Korean American community.

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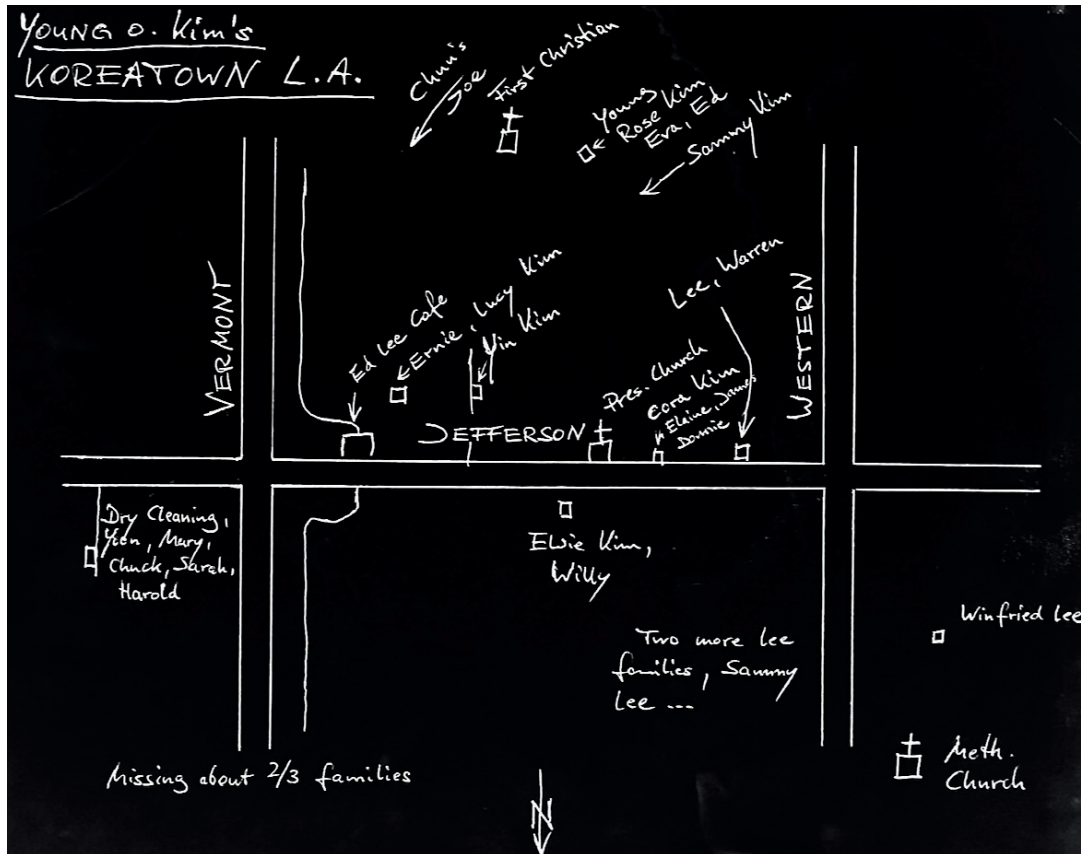
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Dear Members of the Korean American Pioneer Council,

Warm greetings to all of you. It is my great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations through this newsletter on the 80th anniversary of Korea's liberation.

Eighty years ago, our nation emerged from the dark tunnel of Japanese colonial rule and reclaimed its sovereignty. This historic turning point awakened the long-suppressed potential of our people. Since then, the Republic of Korea has achieved remarkable economic growth and firmly established its democracy—accomplishments rarely seen in world history.

These achievements were made possible through the unwavering sacrifices and devotion of countless patriots both in Korea and abroad. When the first wave of Korean immigrants arrived in the United States in 1903, they formed a close-knit community that played a vital role as a base for different overseas independence movements and fundraising efforts, all of which led to Korea's liberation.



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Despite the many hardships to be found in starting a new life in a foreign land, early Korean immigrants remained steadfast in their national spirit and served as pioneers for our nation's independence. Today, Korean Americans continue to uphold this proud legacy of preserving our history and culture while contributing meaningfully to American society as a whole, thereby strengthening the bonds between Korea and the United States.

In particular, second and third-generation Korean Americans are notable in honoring the bravery of their forebears. Grounded in a strong sense of identity and pride, they are making outstanding contributions across diverse fields. Their achievements are a testament to the strength and promise of our community.

The publication of this special newsletter to commemorate the 80th anniversary of liberation is a meaningful tribute to the vision and legacy of our immigrant pioneers. I am confident that it will help pass on this invaluable heritage to future generations.

On behalf of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles, I express my deep appreciation for the continued efforts of the Korean American Pioneer Council. I look forward to your continued leadership in preserving our community's legacy, fostering intergenerational solidarity, and promoting Korean-U.S. relations.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to President Alex Chang and all those who assisted in the publication of this newsletter. I wish each of you continued health and happiness.

Thank you.

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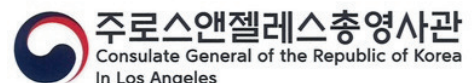
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Newsletter Cover Page

 **Honoring Artist Gary Green of Inglewood, California**
Korean American Pioneer Council | 2025 Special Recognition

The Korean American Pioneer Council (KAPC) is honored to recognize and thank Gary Green, a talented and generous artist from Inglewood, California, whose original hand-drawn artwork now serves as the official visual centerpiece for our 80th Anniversary Newsletter of Korean Independence commemoration.

Gary's drawing beautifully captures the core themes of our event—freedom, memory, identity, and heritage. His composition brings together powerful symbols: the Korean and American flags intertwined, portraits of independence heroes, and a gathering of proud Korean Americans holding historic placards. At the heart of the piece is a young Korean woman, symbolizing the enduring strength and future of our people.


More than a creative contribution, this piece is a personal gift. As a longtime community ally with a deep appreciation for Korean American history, Gary poured care, empathy, and research into honoring the Korean Independence Movement and the journey of Korean immigrants in the United States.

His inclusion of meaningful details, like the mugunghwa (Korea's national flower) and depictions of historical pioneers—reflects his dedication to honoring their legacy with authenticity and depth. The piece has already received praise from community members, pioneer descendants, and our partners at USC.

In recognition of its cultural value, Gary's original piece will be offered on loan to the Korean Consulate General, and will later find its permanent home in the USC Korean Heritage Library's archives.

On behalf of our entire Council and community, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Gary Green. His artwork is not just an image—it is a bridge between generations, a testament to history, and a timeless contribution to our collective memory.

Thank you, Gary, for marking this historic milestone with such meaning, generosity, and beauty.

 **KAPC 80th Year of Korean Independence Commemorative T-Shirt** is available on the KAPC Website: <https://www.officialkapc.org> or Korean American Pioneer Council - Artist Gary Green for a suggested donation of **\$35.00 + postage**. *Design may change slightly at time of printing. Estimated delivery date is end of October 2025.





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Honoring Colonel Young Oak Kim

Korean American Pioneer Council | 80th Anniversary Series

As part of our 80th anniversary celebration of Korean independence, the Korean American Pioneer Council (KAPC) is proud to honor the legacy of one of our own—the late Colonel Young Oak Kim.

Colonel Kim was not only a decorated war hero and tireless public servant, but also a devoted member of the Korean American community. A second-generation Korean American born in Los Angeles in 1919, Young Oak Kim defied discrimination and expectations throughout his life. He served with distinction in World War II and the Korean War, becoming one of the first Asian American officers to lead U.S. combat troops.

But his service extended far beyond the battlefield. After retiring from the military, Colonel Kim dedicated his life to serving the community—mentoring youth, promoting civil rights, and supporting Korean American organizations like the KAPC. He believed in the power of education, identity, and service, and he remained a passionate advocate for Korean American causes until his passing in 2005.

In his honor, KAPC is releasing a limited-edition commemorative T-shirt featuring a pre-World War II map of Young Oak Kim's Los Angeles Koreatown**—a tribute to the roots he never forgot and the community he helped uplift. 📌 Young Oak Kim Commemorative T-Shirt is available on the KAPC Website: <https://www.officialkapc.org> or Korean American Pioneer Council - 80 Years of Korean Independence for a suggested donation of **\$35.00 + postage**. *Design may change slightly at time of printing. Estimated delivery date is end of October 2025.

We wear this shirt not just to remember a hero, but to carry his vision forward. Join us in honoring a legacy that continues to inspire generations of Korean Americans.





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Korean American Pilots' Descendants to Visit Korea

As part of the celebrations for the 80th anniversary of Liberation Day, the Republic of Korea's Air Force is inviting descendants of participants in the 1919–1920 pilot training school in Willows, California, to visit Korea.

The Air Force traces its history back to a group of Korean Americans who were among the first to be trained to fly — with the purpose of helping to win independence from Japanese rule. With support from the Korean National Association and the Provisional Government of Korea in Shanghai — and financial backing from the “Rice King” — more than two dozen men learned to fly.

Each descendant — primarily grandchildren or great-grandchildren of the pioneer pilots — will receive orientation and simulated flight training in an FA-50 Korean Fighter Jet, a far more sophisticated craft than the Curtis JN-4D biplanes their grandfathers flew just over a century ago. To learn more about these descendants, please visit: <https://www.koreanindependencelegacy.com>





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The Anticolonial Generations

The men and women in Hawai'i and North America who launched organized campaigns to resist Japanese rule over Korea were part of a broader generation of Asian anti-colonialists. Mohandas Gandhi (1869-) in India, Sun Yat-sen (1866-) in China, Emilion Aguinaldo (1869-) in the Philippines each sought and advanced new strategies, specific to their own country's situation, to develop native nationalisms as the basis for re-taking control from foreign intervention.

The situation in Korea was such that the foreign intervention came not from across broad oceanic distances, but from an emergent colonial power a short distance away. In the years leading up to Japanese full occupation of Korea, thousands of Koreans emigrated to Hawai'i, California and Mexico, some for economic opportunity, but many also to escape Japanese domination.

The founding of the Korean National Association (Kungminhoe) was triggered most directly by the 1908 assassination of Durham Stevens, an American advisor who had publicly supported full Japanese rule of Korea. The upsurge of support—both political and monetary—for the defense of Chang In Whan and Chun Myung Woon, the two Korean Americans who shot Stevens in San Francisco, made clear that Koreans abroad were capable of building a strong foundation for winning Korean independence and self-governance.

The average birth year of the first members of the Kungminhoe was 1877, aligned with the growing resistance to Western domination throughout Asia.

As the first generation of Koreans to come to America, they maintained a close bridge between the country they had left behind and their children who were born in Hawai'i, the United States, Mexico and Cuba. This second generation grew up absorbing the values and culture of America, while also knowing the importance of their parents' Korean homeland. They joined the organizations working for Korean independence- and, many joined the military in large numbers - to help achieve their parents' life-long goal.



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80 Years Free: Reclaiming Our Names and Identity

This year marks 80 years since Korea regained its independence from Japanese colonial rule in 1945. During the occupation, the Japanese government enforced a policy called 'Sōshi-kaimei', which forced Koreans to adopt Japanese-style names. This was a form of cultural erasure, targeting identity and heritage. Most Koreans reverted to their original names after liberation, reclaiming their dignity and identity. Below are examples of name changes Koreans were subjected to under this policy.

Original Korean Name	Japanese Colonial Name	Notes
Kim Yong-ho	Kanemoto Haruo	“Kim” becomes “Kanemoto”; given name Haruo is Japanese style
Park Soon-ja	Hayashi Sumiko	“Park” becomes “Hayashi” (same meaning: ‘forest’)
Lee Jong-suk	Iwamoto Masao	“Lee” changes to “Iwamoto,” a common Japanese surname
Choi Min-kyu	Saegusa Kenji	“Choi” is replaced entirely; Japanese given name assigned
Yoon Hye-jin	Ando Keiko	Family name and given name completely Japanized

Why This History Matters for Korean Americans

For Korean Americans, especially younger generations, understanding the history of forced name changes during Japanese colonization is more than a lesson in historical facts—it’s a vital connection to our heritage. Our names carry the weight of family, tradition, and national identity. The loss and eventual reclamation of those names highlight the enduring strength of Korean culture and the deep scars left by colonialism. By learning this history, we honor our ancestors who endured cultural erasure and resisted it by reclaiming their true identities. We are reminded of the importance of preserving our names, language, and stories in a world that still challenges cultural authenticity. As Korean Americans, knowing this chapter of our past strengthens our voice, deepens our identity, and bridges generations across continents.



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80 Years Later: The Enduring Influence of Korean Americans in the United States **Korean American Pioneer Council | Heritage Series**

In 1945, as Korea regained its independence from Japanese colonial rule, a quiet but powerful transformation was also taking place across the Pacific. The Korean American community—small, determined, and deeply tied to both nations—began to find its voice in U.S. history.

Eighty years later, Korean Americans have become an integral part of the fabric of the United States, leaving lasting marks in politics, culture, science, business, and civil rights. The journey has not been without hardship, but it has been defined by persistence, pride, and purpose.

From the early sugar plantations of Hawai'i to the bustling neighborhoods of Los Angeles' Koreatown, the Korean American journey has touched nearly every region of the country. In Hawai'i, early Korean immigrants arrived in the early 1900s as contract laborers. There, they planted the seeds of political activism, raising money and awareness for Korean independence.

On the West Coast, Los Angeles became a central hub of Korean life. Community leaders, churches, and newspapers all helped build a strong sense of identity. San Francisco and Seattle were also home to early Korean immigrants who established independence organizations and cultural institutions. These cities served as critical ports where ideas, people, and resistance strategies flowed.

In the Midwest, Chicago became a base for Korean students, scholars, and community groups working to support a free Korea while building lives in the U.S. On the East Coast, New York became home to one of the most diverse and active Korean American populations in the country. Through education, the arts, small businesses, and civic engagement, Korean Americans in New York and beyond began to influence the broader American culture.

Today, Korean Americans are leaders in public service, from city councils to Congress. Figures like Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland, one of the first Korean American women elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, represent a generation that bridges Korean heritage and American civic leadership.



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In business, Korean Americans have built global enterprises and transformed local economies—from founding family-run stores in the 1970s and 1980s to leading Fortune 500 companies and tech startups today.

Korean Americans have also reshaped American culture. The rise of K-pop and Korean cinema has opened doors for Korean American artists and storytellers, bringing their voices to mainstream film, music, and literature. Today's cultural landscape includes actors like Steven Yeun, musicians like Yaeji (Kathy Yaeji Lee), and authors like Min Jin Lee, whose works capture the complexity of identity, migration, and resilience.

But perhaps the most profound influence is less visible: Korean Americans are living links between the Korean independence movement and America's evolving democratic ideals. Many are the descendants of those who sacrificed for a free Korea—people who never saw their homeland again, yet never gave up hope.

Their legacy is not just Korean; it is also American. It reflects the belief that freedom must be defended, identity matters, and that history must be preserved and passed down.

As we reflect on 80 years since Korea's liberation, let us also recognize the parallel journey of Korean Americans—from freedom fighters to nation builders, from immigrants to leaders, from silent contributors to proud voices.

The Korean American story is not just about where we came from. It is about how we continue to shape where we are—and where we're going.



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In Remembrance: Places to Visit in Korea & United States Honoring the Independence Movement Korean American Pioneer Council | Heritage Travel Guide

As we reflect on the 80th anniversary of Korean independence, many Korean Americans seek meaningful ways to reconnect with the legacy of our ancestors. For those planning to visit Korea, the homeland holds many powerful and solemn sites dedicated to the people and events that shaped the nation's fight for freedom. Here are some of the most important places to visit in Korea in remembrance of the independence movement:

- ****Seodaemun Prison History Hall * – *Seoul***

Once used to imprison and torture Korean independence activists under Japanese rule, this site now stands as a powerful museum and memorial. Visitors can walk through the original prison cells, view haunting exhibits, and pay tribute to those who sacrificed everything for freedom.

- ****Independence Hall of Korea ** – *Cheonan***

This large museum complex offers a deep dive into Korea's struggle for independence. Through interactive displays, multimedia, and historical artifacts, visitors can trace Korea's resistance movements and heroes.

- ****Tapgol Park ** – *Seoul***

Known as the birthplace of the March 1st Movement in 1919, Tapgol Park features monuments and statues commemorating those who led one of Korea's first mass protests against colonial rule.

- ****Yu Gwan-sun Memorial and Birthplace ** – *Cheonan***

Yu Gwan-sun was a teenage activist who became a symbol of resistance after her arrest and death in prison. Her memorial includes a museum and her preserved birthplace.

- ****Provisional Government of the Republic of Korea Memorial Hall ** – *Seoul***

This museum tells the story of the Korean Provisional Government, established in exile in 1919. It highlights the efforts of leaders like Kim Koo to rally international support and organize resistance from abroad.

- ****National Cemeteries ** – *Seoul & Daejeon***

The final resting places for many independence fighters, soldiers, and patriots. A visit here is a quiet and respectful way to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

- ****Gwangbokjeol (Liberation Day) Celebrations – August 15****

If visiting Korea in August, be sure to attend Liberation Day events, which are held nationwide. These include parades, flag displays, musical tributes, and public remembrances that keep the spirit of independence alive.

Whether you're making your first trip or returning to ancestral roots, these sites offer more than history—they offer connection. They remind us not only of what was lost, but of what was fought for and won: identity, dignity, and a nation reborn.



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Remembering in the United States: Sites Honoring Korean Independence

While Korea holds the heart of the independence movement, the United States is where many Korean patriots lived, organized, and fought for freedom from afar. Here are notable places across the U.S. where Korean Americans and allies can honor that history:

- ****Korean National Association Memorial Hall – Los Angeles, CA****

This historic site was once the headquarters of the Korean National Association, an organization that played a vital role in the Korean independence movement. It now serves as a museum preserving the story of Korean activism in America.

- ****Korean Bell of Friendship – San Pedro, CA****

While primarily a symbol of U.S.-Korea friendship, the bell also serves as a serene location to reflect on Korean history and resilience. It overlooks the Pacific Ocean, symbolizing the trans-Pacific ties that sustained Korea's fight for freedom.

- ****Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Memorial Interchange – Los Angeles, CA****

Named after one of the most prominent Korean independence activists based in the U.S., this memorial honors Dosan Ahn Chang Ho's contributions to both Korea and the Korean American community.

- ****Korean American National Museum – Los Angeles, CA (Opening Soon)****

Located in the heart of Koreatown, this museum will document the history, culture, and legacy of Korean Americans, including their role in Korea's independence movement.

- ****Korean Independence Memorial – Palisades Park, NJ****

A solemn memorial dedicated to Korean independence and those who sacrificed for the cause. It is a peaceful space for reflection and community remembrance on the East Coast.

- ****University of Southern California – Korean Heritage Library – Los Angeles, CA****

Home to an extensive collection of archival materials related to the Korean independence movement, including letters, photos, and documents from Korean American activists.

- ****Lincoln Memorial – Washington, D.C.****

Though not Korean-specific, the Lincoln Memorial was the site of Korean American demonstrations and gatherings advocating for Korean independence, symbolizing the shared values of freedom and justice.

By visiting these places, we remember that Korea's path to independence was not walked alone. Korean Americans, alongside allies, helped carry that struggle on foreign soil—*through action, sacrifice, and hope.*

As we reflect on the 80th anniversary of Korean independence, many Korean Americans seek meaningful ways to reconnect...



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Streaming the Spirit of Independence: Korean Dramas That Reflect Korea's Fight for Freedom **Korean American Pioneer Council | Culture Spotlight**

As we commemorate the 80th anniversary of Korean independence, it's a fitting time to explore how Korean popular culture—especially dramas—pays tribute to the courage and sacrifices of those who fought for freedom. While many K-dramas focus on romance or modern life, a select few dive deeply into Korea's colonial past, illuminating the resistance, resilience, and enduring pride of the Korean people.

Here are a few powerful dramas currently available on Netflix that bring the Korean independence movement to life:

- **Mr. Sunshine** – Set in the early 1900s, this sweeping historical epic tells the story of a Korean-born U.S. Marine who returns to Joseon, where he becomes entangled with freedom fighters. It's a stirring tribute to those who resisted Japanese colonization with heart, strategy, and sacrifice.
- **Hymn of Death** – A short, emotional drama based on the tragic true story of soprano Yun Sim-deok and her lover Kim Woo-jin, an independence activist. Set during the Japanese occupation, it captures the intersection of love, resistance, and cultural suppression.
- **Chicago Typewriter** – This creative drama blends modern-day storytelling with flashbacks to the 1930s, when its characters lived past lives as resistance writers during Japanese rule. It reminds viewers that the spirit of resistance can echo across generations.
- **Bridal Mask** – Though not always on Netflix availability may vary by region, this action-packed series tells the story of a masked vigilante fighting Japanese authorities in 1930s Korea. It's a symbolic and thrilling portrayal of rebellion and national identity.

These dramas don't just entertain—they educate and inspire, keeping the stories of Korea's independence movement alive in vivid, emotional ways. Whether you're new to Korean drama or a lifelong fan, these shows offer a meaningful way to connect with our shared history.

Let us continue to honor our past not only through remembrance, but through the stories we share and the culture we pass on.



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Exploring Homeownership Disparities within the AAPI Community by Makayla Carrillo

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population in the United States has grown remarkably, expanding from 3.6 million in 1980 to 18.8 million by 2019. This diverse community is often mistakenly viewed as a homogeneous group, but significant disparities exist in homeownership rates among different AAPI ethnicities.

Key Insights on Homeownership Trends

While AAPI homeownership rates have increased overall since 1980, the growth has not been uniform across the community. The AAPI population encompasses individuals from over 40 countries, and several factors contribute to the varying homeownership experiences among these groups.

1. Diverse Backgrounds

The six largest groups make up about 82 percent of the AAPI population, each with unique historical backgrounds, economic circumstances, and cultural contexts. The groups are Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, and Vietnamese.

2. Economic Factors

Generally, lower income is linked to lower homeownership rates. As of 2019, the median income for all AAPI households was \$88,204, which reflects greater economic stability compared to national averages. However, disparities persist, particularly among groups like the Vietnamese and Korean populations.

3. Citizenship and Residency

Higher citizenship rates and prolonged residency in the United States significantly correlate with increased likelihood of homeownership. For example, 88 percent of Vietnamese individuals are U.S. citizens, leading to higher homeownership rates despite facing challenges such as high mortgage denial rates.

4. Educational Attainment

Educational levels play a crucial role in shaping income and, consequently, homeownership capabilities. Vietnamese and Korean populations reported lower educational attainment compared to other AAPI groups, impacting their ability to purchase homes.

5. Generational Differences

The age demographic is also influential. Older populations, as seen in Japanese Americans who have the second-highest homeownership rate at 66 percent, typically own homes at higher rates due to their longer time in the U.S. and accumulated wealth.





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Case Studies of Notable Groups

- Vietnamese Americans

High citizenship and residency rates create a more permanent homeownership scenario, yet they face the highest mortgage denial rates within the AAPI community.

- Korean Households

Despite being among the highest in citizenship, they possess the second-lowest homeownership rate due to historical low-income migration trends.

- Asian Indian Households

With the highest median income at \$118,733, their homeownership rate of 56 percent is surprisingly lower than the overall AAPI average, suggesting that newer arrivals may have lower citizenship rates.

Conclusion

Understanding the landscape of homeownership within the AAPI community requires a nuanced approach that acknowledges the diverse experiences and challenges faced by different ethnic groups. Future research and policies should strive to address these disparities and ensure inclusivity for all AAPI communities.

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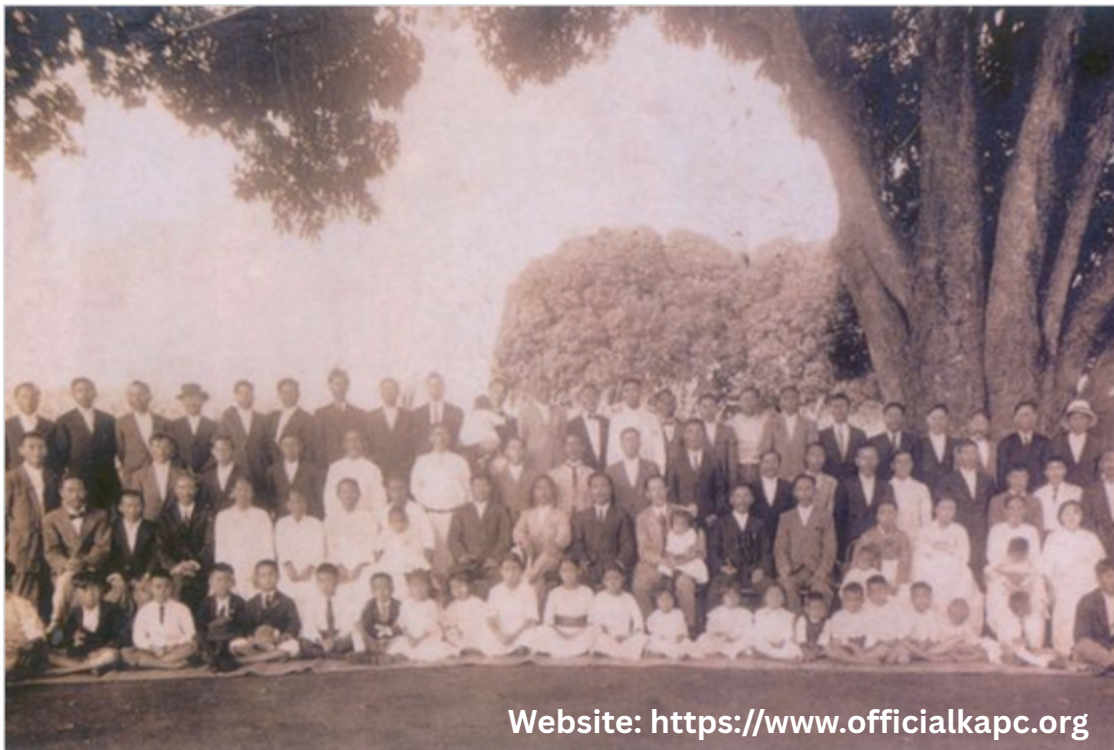
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