

## Two years after Biden's win, South Asian Americans voice fiscal concerns

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The voting preferences of South Asian American citizens during the Midterm elections were fraught with growing concerns over financial conditions. Being one of the highest earning ethnic groups in the United States, a large majority of South Asian Americans reside in swing states and generally vote Democrat. However, Democrats may now be losing favour with this community as many have questioned the handling of developments after the 2020 Presidential elections.

As reported by National Public Radio Inc., 80 million Americans didn't vote in the 2020 Presidential Elections; a figure which included Republicans whose primary reason was not liking the candidate.

"I didn't vote in 2020, I don't like Trump," said Rohit Joshi, who lives in Dallas, Texas. "I don't know if voting Republican now like I always do will really change a lot, it's just that they're in favour of cutting back on spending and I feel like that's what we need right now."

According to a survey conducted by online survey platform YCharts, the U.S. Inflation Rate is at 8.20 per cent, compared to 5.39 per cent last year. This has become cause for alarm and was one of the main considerations of voters during this election.

The International Monetary Fund reports India's economic growth at 7 per cent this year, making it the fifth largest economy in the world. Nirmala Sitharaman, India's Minister of Finance, has been implementing conservative fiscal policies in India - an ideology that may now be on the rise amongst the Indian diaspora in the United States, especially those of the working class with families.

Rohit Tarkunde, Business Director at IT outsourcing firm 'Nair & Co.', lives in California with his wife and son, a swing state that has often been labelled one of the most expensive. "I'm a fiscal conservative and I hate that Biden is sitting there writing cheques to everybody," said Rohit. "I fear I'm going to leave the world a worse place for my son with too much debt and not a single idea of how to pay for it."