



2021 Guåhan Survey

Welcome and Consent Page

The 2021 Guåhan Survey received approval by the Institutional Review Boards at Hawai'i Pacific University (#56042021031), MIT (E-3336) and the University of Guam (#21-98). It is supported by research grants from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

We invite you to participate in this research project. You should only join if you want to. Before you take part, we want to share the purpose and activities involved. Please read the information carefully? Ask us if there is anything unclear or if you would like more information. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. Your answers are confidential and anonymous.

What is the purpose of the study, and who can take part?

The study aims to capture how Chamorros think about themselves, what their concerns, hopes, and aspirations are, and why. We are looking for adults (18 or older) living in Guåhan who identify as Chamorro. We hope your participation will assist in building baseline evidence that can help shed light on everyday Chamorro lived experiences in Guåhan.

What will taking part involve?

The study will involve completing a survey, including questions about how you think about your identity, behaviors, thoughts on current events, and demographic questions. Participation should take approximately 15 minutes. After completing the survey, you can request the community report. Your responses will be anonymous and confidential.

Incentives

There are no incentives to participate in this study.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

Benefits

There may be no direct benefits to you for taking part in this study. However, the results may help better understand how Chamorros think about themselves in their own words. This data may also magnify the voice and concerns of the Chamorro community.

Risks

There are minimal risks to participating in this survey. You may withdraw from the study at any point. Your responses will be anonymous and cannot be traced back to you. The data collected will not be used to surveil, monitor, or curtail Chamorro cultural or community activities.

Do I have to take part?

No, participation is voluntary, and it is up to you to decide whether to participate. You may skip any question(s) and exit the survey at any time.

Will my participation be confidential?

Yes. You are assigned a random subject identification number. Your contact information is not linked to your subject identification number/responses. We will only obtain your contact information if you are interested in the community report. Your contact information will be kept separate from your survey data. Your data is stored electronically on a password-protected computer. Only the research team will have access to the raw data. Your responses will be anonymous and cannot be linked back to you.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The findings from this study will be written up as part of conference papers and disseminated through peer-reviewed articles in academic journals and research conferences. A research summary will be publicly available to all participants through the study website.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about the study, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Ngoc Phan, co-principal investigator, at 808-544-5408 or ntphan@hpu.edu.

What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this study has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint, you can contact Dr. Patricia Burrell, Professor of Nursing, Hawaii Pacific University's IRB Chair, at 808-236-5816 or irbchair@hpu.edu.

*** 1. Do you consent to participating in this survey and confirm that you self-identify as Chamorro, are at least 18 year or older, and currently residing in Guåhan?**

Yes

No



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Part 1: Identity

* 2. Are you of Chamorro ancestry?

Yes

No

3. Do you self-identify with one or more of these groups? Please check all that apply.

American

Chamorro

CHamoru (capital CH)

Chamoru (small h)

Guamanian

Guamanian-American

Chamorro-American

Native Inhabitant of Guam

Other (please specify)

4. What village do you live in?

- Agana Heights
- Agat
- Asan-Maina
- Barrigada
- Chalan Pago-Ordot
- Dededo
- Hagåtña
- Inalåhan / Inarajan / Malojloj
- Mangilao
- Malesso'/Merizo
- Mongmong-Toto-Maite
- Piti
- Santa Rita / Sumay
- Sinajana
- Talofofo
- Tamuning / Tumon / Harmon
- Humåtak / Umatac
- Yigo
- Yona



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5. In your opinion, what does being Chamorro mean to you? Please use the entire page if necessary.



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6. How do you express your Chamorro identity? Please use the entire page if necessary.



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7. In your opinion, what are the three most important issues facing the Chamorro community today? Please use the entire page if necessary.



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8. The next questions are about your Chamorro identity. For each statement please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Dont Know
I have spent time trying to find out more about Chamorro history, traditions, and culture.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am active in Chamorro organizations, social events, or cultural activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel good about my Chamorro identity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a deep sense of belonging to my Chamorro community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a deep sense of belonging to America.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I struggle with balancing my Chamorro identity w/other identities (e.g. American, Servicemember)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Part 2: Lived Experience

9. Thinking back to elementary, middle, or high school, were you offered Chamorro language courses?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

10. Thinking back to elementary, middle, or high school, were you taught Chamorro culture and history?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

11. Do you consider Guåhan to be occupied by the United States?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

12. Do you support the construction of the US military firing range at Camp Blaz/above Litekyan (Ritidian)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

13. How important is it to you that sacred places are protected and accessible?

- Extremely Important
- Important
- Somewhat important
- Not so Important
- Not at all important



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Part 3: Civic Engagement

14. In the past year, what kind of political activities have you engaged in? Check all that apply.

- Internet petition
- Social media message
- Political rally, protest, demonstration
- Civil disobedience
- Policy advocacy
- Public education and outreach
- Community organizing and people power
- Mutual aid funds

15. The next questions are about how you feel about government. For each statement, please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Dont Know
I feel that public officials in the Government of Guam care about what I have to say.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can affect what the Government of Guam does.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I think public officials in the US federal government care about what I have to say.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can affect what the US federal government does in Guam.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Part 4: Issues Today

16. If you were asked to vote on the political future of Guåhan, what options might you choose? Check all that apply.

- Statehood (integration)
- Free Association
- Independence

17. If you had to vote today on Guåhan's political future, how would you vote? [choose only one option]

- Statehood (integration)
- Free association
- Independence
- No Preference
- Don't Know

18. When you think about self-determination, what are the first three things that come to your mind?



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19. When you think about self-determination, what comes to mind as things that you are hopeful and excited about? Please use the entire page if necessary.



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20. Do you support, oppose, or neither support nor oppose the US military paying rent to Guåhan to lease land for US military bases?

- Support
- Oppose
- Neither support or oppose

21. As a US citizen in Guåhan, do you feel that you have the same rights as US citizens who are residents of one of the 50 states?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

22. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: ONLY the “Native inhabitants of Guam” (per the 1950 Organic Act of Guam) have the fundamental human right to vote for the future political status of Guåhan?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree or Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

23. The next questions are about policy changes. For each statement, please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, neither agree or disagree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Dont Know
If Guåhan became a freely associated state, the national security of Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If Guåhan became a freely associated state, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If Guåhan became an independent nation, the national security of Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If Guåhan became an independent nation, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If Guåhan became a US state, the national security of Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If Guåhan became a US state, high quality jobs on Guåhan would increase.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Part 5. In this last section, please answer demographic questions.

24. Do you spend more than half of the year living outside of Guåhan?

- Yes
- No

25. If you Yes to Question 24. Please provide the country and state. Otherwise, skip to Question 26.

26. What is your age?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75+

27. What is the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

- Less than high school
- High school degree or GED
- Some college
- Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate degree

28. Are you currently employed?

- Yes, full-time
- Yes, part-time
- No
- Retired or disabled

29. Do you have any children?

- Yes, all over 18
- Yes, one or more under 18
- No

30. If you are multiracial, please list any other racial or ethnic groups that you belong to.

31. How would you describe your gender identity? Check all that apply.

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Nonbinary/Genderqueer
- Other

32. All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as whole these days?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

33. Thank you again for your help and time. Is there anything else that you'd like to share with us about how you think about being Chamorro or this survey?



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Exit Page and Debriefing

Thank you for helping us. We hope you will stay in contact with us and help us recruit 325 Chamorros for this study. Note this page is separated from your survey responses and cannot be linked back to you. Our records will only show that you took part in the survey, and we will not be able to connect survey responses to you.

34. We would like your help in surveying 325 Chamorros for this between July 2021-August 2021. Would you list three individuals that may be interested in filling out the survey? Please provide their names and contact information. Or please share the QR code with them.

Contact 1

Contact 2

Contact 3

QR Code





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35. Would you be interested in the results of this study or taking part in small focus groups or in-person interviews? If so, please write: Name, Email, and Phone number.

Name

Email

Phone

If you have any questions about this study, feel free to contact Dr. Ngoc Phan, at ntphan@hpu.edu or 808-544-0821. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the IRB Chair at 808- 566-2467 or irbchair@hpu.edu.

If you are disturbed by or feel harmed by filling out the survey, please contact the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, (671) 647-5440, or care@gbhwc.guam.gov

Thank you again for your time and cooperation.