

This supplement excludes all responses from respondents who meet any of the following criteria

- (1) Respondents did not affirm consent (“No” to Q1)
- (2) Respondents explicitly denied having Chamorro ancestry (“No” to Q2)
- (3) Respondents explicitly denied spending more than half the year in Guam (“Yes” to Q24)
- (4) Respondents who provided blank/“NA” responses for any of the open-ended questions

Q18. When you think about self-determination, what are the first three things that come to mind?
(n=509)

1. Self-determination is to lessen the outside (federal government) rules about how things are being conducted in our island. Our resources, giving us the right to be determining what is built. 2. our culture and our identity. 3. protecting the future generations
Freedom to choose what's good for our island..1. land, 2. sea, 3. Air
NO COMMENT
N/A
Freedom to choose.
Leadership- Governors, Cabinet-Mayors set good example. protection for the people safety for the people
Things that come to mind when I think about self-determination are: 1. Who should be included in voting for the self-determination option? 2. How should everyone be educated and informed of the options of self-determination? 3. What is the time-line for educating on options, voting on options, and implementation of chosen option?
Sovereignty, improved relations with island neighbors, and Environmental sustainability.
I'm from an older generation where we really have no choice. Guam itself is not fully populated but a joint venture with other territories will be much stronger.
i am still working on understanding this term
1. CHamorros being given the opportunity to collectively determine what's best for us 2. Being out of the total control of the US 3. Our archipelago not being considered as just a piece of land that can be used/destroyed/contaminated the way the US military has done and continues to do
Choosing for ourselves what is best for the entire Guam population.
Reclaiming our land, freedom in all realms, cultural revitalization
Uncontrolled corruption, lack of qualified leaders, local population not self sustaining
Opportunities, Protection of our People, Protection of our culture

Disappointed.

Relaxed obligation to the forced Compact Impact, lack of motivation for non-natives to move to Guam in order to gain US residency, more control and decision making for what is best for Chamorus/putting our natives first

1. There are really only two alternatives. Statehood or Independence. Free Association implies that we are already an independent nation. 2. I don't think Guam will ever be ready for Independence from the U.S. 3. Even if the people of Guam chose it, there would be no chance of Guam becoming a state without including the CNMI.

Recognizing that CHamoru people are indigenous, giving us the chance to vote so Congress can recognize our decision on how we want our relationship with the United States to be in the future, and a plan to address the desire of the people in regards to a permanent plan to be part of the United States

Free from colonial ruling, having a voice that can be heard for action to be taken and seeking for what my generations can obtain to better their lives

I don't. As long as they don't mess with my money, I'm cool with whatever.

Sovereignty, more legitimate existence, & being part of Guam's Future.

Independence, motivated, passionate

Freedom. Choice. Responsible control

Freedom, self-determination, long time coming

Land rights. Foreign occupation. Economy.

Self-governing. Free Association. Freedom to build our economic Association with any and all countries we choose.

Land back, peace, sustainable living

Independence, exhaustion, education

We need to work together as a people, there are too many divided mind sets.

Were able to thrive; help preserve our culture; and bring back peace to our people who suffered tremendously from U.S. occupations. For example, give back to the lands that have been taken away and the sacred sites that have been disturbed.

Chamoru sovereignty, independence, demilitarization

I don't know

Sovereignty, sustainability, and self-sustainable
The ability of the native inhabitants of the land to determine their political future. A vote. A voice for the people.
Uncuffed from the federal government's ruling, control over our political affairs with other countries, not relying on the U.S.A. to determine our freedom and freeing ourselves from restrictions and no longer depending on federal funds to "spoil" the people of Guam.
identity, protection, choice
People welfare
It's over due!
Ending colonization, loss/reduction of military aid and federal money, potential citizenship/nationality problems for individuals and commerce/economy
Who get's a say in this? If we choose independence or free association, can we trust our leaders or will they only favor their families and pocketbooks? What are the risks if we change our status?
being able to stand up for yourself and make your own decisions
Only Indigenous Chamorro vote
Education, Sustainable Industries, Food Sovereignty
culture sustainability, control of foreigners and ownership of land, preservation of our environment and land.
Right to land and resources; Protection of our community; Survival and perpetuation of our people
Land ownership, Jones Act, Davis Beacon Act
Self-impowerment independence and confidence
Will guam be able to afford it, what does it really mean to pursue this, and how much autonomy will it give us to have a say in our issues.
Freedom to govern with no big brother watching...respect our culture and the people living here,to make our decisions for the island.
Four me 1. Worry 2. Wonder 3. What
1. Getting our land back/Not having anymore land taken from us 2. Losing federal funding (food stamps, student loans) 3. Losing US citizenship (how does this affect our ability to travel to

other countries, etc)
Hardworking, achieving personal goals, a need to succeed
It's too late. This generation is not interested. Guam will lose out on benefits. Look at how the US treats Puerto Rico.
The first three things that come to mind is its importance, the lack of choice we truly have as a chamoru people, and the fairness it would bring given our history with the United States and the nature of all islands surrounding us
challenging. protection. future.
Is Saipan doing any better than Guam? I don't think so.
Survival, resources and the ability to obtain resources
Conflict, Opinion & Curiosity
Helping our Chamorus gain our land back. Recolonization of the Chamoru culture over the Chamoru people. And Greatness.
Not sure need to provide more details and educate people on what are the pros and cons of statehood, independence, free association, is all about
Not sure, most elected officials are immature to make decisions
1. more say on how we are governed 2. not being treated as a second class citizen 3. adjusting to a new way of living, without so much aid from the federal government
We need leader that could really help our island and people
No forced military occupation; Greater access to land; More bargaining chips with the US
1. If a large amount of people are discontent with their government, they have the right to secede. However. Even so, I don't think the decision should be made simply by a majority. I don't want a large amount of people who find one idea easier to swallow dictating the future of Guam. There needs to be a rigorous conversation. The second thing that comes to mind is my preference for statehood. I feel it is a low risk choice for the future of our island. The United States is extremely powerful. I feel like staying under that umbrella would be best. Especially considering that the first thing that'll happen if America gets kicked out of here is China swooping in to woo our businesses and government. China is very good at that. I don't support the Chinese government.
Less support from the Federal Govt., less cultural diversity, possible colonization for island take over by another country

Injustice righted

The first thing that comes to mind on self-determination is control. The second thing in regards to self determination of our island would be the free will to express our culture and heritage more freely, in greater preservation for the many years to come. Lastly, self determination would mean more resources available for CHamoru families.

conflicting, free, vulnerable

1. Loss of revenue. 2. Corrupt local government. 3. The big local families tightening their grip on the island.

The autonomy of a first people to decide the future for their children. To expressing the desire of being respected as a people. To reclaim ancestral boundaries of the seafaring Chamorus to include the two island arcs of the Marianas as dictated by legend including the Marianas Trench monument and all sea resources for the children. The status quo right now binds or encases the people within the boundaries of each island reef when the traditional jurisdiction of the people extends out into the sea, the 2 Marianas island arcs including the challenger deep which the USA gave to Yap (which was not theirs to give).

self sustainability, cultural longevity, healthy indigenous peoples

Strength, growth, knowledge

I am not for self determination. But if I considered it, I would think of 1.) what will happen to all those who rely on public assistance (those who benefit from SNAP, subsidized housing, federal pell grants and student loans from USDOE, etc.), 2.)How will this affect our medical care?, 3.) How will we defend ourselves against those who want to occupy our island?

-We will not be able to sustain ourselves as a country (economically and politically), how will we protect ourselves from foreign threats if we have no military, how will the people of Guam BENEFIT from self-determination aside from "protecting our culture"?

Self identity (personal definition of identity), inclusion, different political views on culture

Local government, military, infrastructure

Financial issues

people of the land making decisions about the land, not allowing any foreign body to "own" the land, and joining forces with the islands in the CNMI.

Choices and rights made by us not US Gov, not forced to honor a government that could care less, an option we're not entirely ready or stable enough for

The people who want "independence" want to return Guam to time when you were born into your station, your last name was your tribe and determined what you could do with it life and

that only the rich and the Magalahi could own land. Everyone else would be a servant.
allowing the people of Guam to decide if they wish to be ruled themselves or be ruled by others, can the people get out of their poverty and dependence on Federal aid, how will this affect those who love the US military
Fear, misinformation, overdue
Having a say in how Guam will align politically.
Study, educate, vote--create a political status commission to compare with other island nations..
True freedom as a people
No Military Protection For Guam, No Assistance From Federal Government, And Suffering
freedom, freedom, freedom
Nothing
identity, empowerment, self-reliance
The first and only thing that comes to mind is the ability of the native peoples to determine their own political status and associations. For too many of us non-white people, that choice was never ours to make.
Protection of the native people, land, language and culture
Self sustainability, government, and teamwork
1. Total control of political status. 2. Only residents that can prove their ancestor(s) were here before 1950. 3. Hold vote now!
1) preservation of culture, 2) freedom to make choices about your island, 3) wholistic understanding of who and where you come from
We have the saying of how we want things for our land
Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights
Self government, freedom, peace
The government of Guam's lack of self sufficiency to fiscally manage the island. Government officials bribed by other countries to do bad business on Guam.
Activists thinking they know everything. 2. My children 3. Our way of life.
Continuity of CHamoru people, freedom to control use of land and resources, misunderstandings

of Guahan's history
Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights
The right to determine our own statehood form our own Governmentit and allegiance it can not be determine when Guam's right to self determination is recognized
-sacrifice -unity -strong
Independence, self governing and ...
I think guam isn't capable of taking care of itself, if guam stops being supported by the u.s. then we are an open warzone field by other countries to try and take over. Personally being protected by the u.s. is a true blessing, but... they need to stop making their bases bigger and think of all the land they took from the local people
That there is acknowledgement from the diverse community that Gusm does have true Chamorro lineage that should be given the dognity to keep that identity as such and not rob us of that understanding there are true Chamorro people of the land of Guam. The 2nd understanding is our ancestors never meant for any country who rulled or had Chamorros under their rule does not give them the right to have sole authority to rule even issues of the land and indigenous right the concerns and opinoons of our indigenous right to govern what outside ruling govt can do on our land and its natural resources and ancestral culture or right to indigenous rights as a unique people with request to respect and have a right to protect and detrrmine unaimously with outside govt the processes and progress uniquely determined by and for indigenous govern of our agreement or disagreement. Third. An understanding that the U. S. Govt does not have the right to ignore.. disregard and disrespect the concerns of what the U. S. Govt has been ignoring... our response of their decisions to pristine.. vitally important plea to have access and rights to decision making of property under their possession. They need to respect indigenous rights tothey need to adhere and respect to give access and further stopping all intentions to destroy those properties under their posession
Why don't you allow status quo as an option? Are you that inconsiderate of others who prefer to stay the way it is? Or you just scared there is more of us out there that would prefer that?
Don't know much about this
Being able to make decisions for our island without outside influence, Taking dominion over our land and water, Reintegrating our language back into the classroom
#1: Long overdue. #2: Absolutely essential to the long-term planning for our people and island. #3: A right that we don't take seriously enough.
People of CHamoru descent ONLY shall be able to determine/decide the status of Guahan, it's relationship with U.S. and determine policies governing Guahan.

That those whose heart/mind are into Guam are given the opportunity to choose political status they desire. That, we are given advice by those who are knowledgeable in self determination can raise issues/ questions we should be looking at/ considering. And that we think of the preamble of the American constitution that we insure or assure Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness to All Citizens!

Independence freedom working hard

Fear, corruption, greed

Loss of protection, failed economy, loss of US citizenship

Culture, Heritage, and Language

Perpetuation, language and culture

More Corruption

No comments

Economy, Sustenance, and Corruption.

Protection, safety and currency

Identity, political status, self-governance

1. Why bother? 2. When will it be addressed? 3. Who has the right to vote for it?

Communication, Commitment and Consistency

Corruption. Loss of revenue for the island. Lack of US protection.

Independency, We have a say to who we are and what we own,

Thinking about themselves. Not thinking about the community. Not asking the the people if they can build here or there

Ability to control what happens on our land. The ability to build relations with other nations. The ability to decide which course we want to travel as a people.

1. having the right to choose without having to explain.

Giving Indigenous CHamoru people - Cultural Rights - Human Rights - Environmental Rights

independence

Identity, Ownership, Citizenship

to choose on our own
I have to think about this.
I still need more information
Consistency, resilience and being realistic
economy, can guam be independent, children's future
On an individual and societal level, we recognize and trust our selves and governments ability and competence to self govern. Cultures around the world see that we recognize our worth, value, and ability and in turn they can start to see it too.
It means that you can do whatever for your country or island. It means you can have a say in the vote for political status. I think of having our rights back when I think of self-determination.
1. Our leaders fail to move the issue forward, 2. It's Guahan's prerogative at this point to settle the issue not the federal government, 3. many activists don't understand the economic feasibility of independence because they are focus in a negative way about "restorative justice".
Extremism, anarchism, violence
1.stick to your goal 2.don't give up 3. Stay strong
Guam population too small to be independent and the U.S. financially.
1. The ability to self-governance. 2. To be respected as an indigenous race. 3 To be allowed to determine our future destiny.
Self determination should be for the war survivors. Back then. Should we be independent, we will be invaded by countries that would kill, starve, and torture our people. We may be under the US flag, but we were liberated by them. The japanese invasion and Spanish conquest killed so many Chamorros. We don't have government officials capable and trust worthy . Greed would put their personal and family claim first. Statehood would offer double taxation. Our high cost of living is burdensome enough. We should accept our status and move forward. I prefer status quo..
1)taking back what was ours 2)educating our community 3)advocating for the rights of the chamoru people
CHamoru only vote, treat me as equal, let me decide direction of Guahan
we have bigger fish to fry. Drugs. Homelessness. Economy. Education.
The right to decide my own destiny, how one will benefit and financial sustainability.

Palau: how do they maintain country status. Status quo is fine but it would be nice that as recognition Native Chamorros we paid a stipend. No one has been able to explain the benefits of self-determination so for no clear reason, I consider SD ridiculous.

Right of indigenous Chamorros to vote

Lousy idea

For questions 16 and 17 you don't offer an answer for Status Quo. Guam has benefited from its association with the United States. Our political leaders both on Guam and in the federal government are lost in their own self-love of their power. When I hear of self-determination, I think that a great deal of our youth have been misled to believe that the US Government is evil and we are being abused. We are the ones destroying ourselves. We are selling our properties to non-locals who turn around and build same style houses and then sell them. Our young generation doesn't know how to pay their own bills.

statehood/future protection from aggression/lasting peace/freedom/equality/permanent US citizenship.

Cultural revitalization, lots of Education needed and banning together to be more sustainable

Human rights, colonization and control

We will suck at it and our island will be more corrupt

Where will we get the money to sustain us? Will we be able to survive without U.S. federal aide? What will happen to Guam?

By not much including the status quo. This survey tries to lead the survey taker. There is a political agenda here.

Connection to the US government; disagreement; fear for the future

Idiotic, greed and selfish

Independent

Statehood. A Chamorro as President of the USA.

Language, culture and our people

Poverty, war, resentment

A chance for Guahan to have a stronger voice on the table with the world.

Freedom, Marianas centric, cultural perpetuation

Persistent, active, driven
We will not survive! Period!
I don't know
Control of immigration, land and environment
Independent country, have a seat at the table, culture revitalization
reparations, reclaiming land and identity, and freedom
Sovereignty, justice, military
Food sovereignty, decolonization, liberation
Being able to regulate ourselves
Hope, cynicism, a deep sense of distress
No political interference, no outside influence, decide on my own
I think about the true meaning of liberty. I think about Arnold Dave Davis using the colonial laws to keep us from justice. I think about colonized minds
Right to choose/without any interference
We make our rules, and they cannot be so easily overturned by the federal government. Control and full benefit of our rights and resources (human, land, sea, air). Being able to stand on our own, while helping to uplift others.
Justice, Empowerment, Healing
1) Charging the military rent for the land their bases occupy. 2) Our people finally, finally deciding our fate for ourselves 3) The Chamoru people controlling Chamoru lands
no longer having support and resources that the federal government provides
Self, education, decolonization
Land Use : Land Return to original owners at closing of unused property: the Government of Guam having a final voice in land use
The forceful taking of lands without or insufficient compensation. The fact CHamoru sovereignty on Guam has been ignored or disregarded for the last 500 years. The thought of "being guests in our own house".
economy will go down

I think guam people should do it but if the US was to leave tomorrow, cut off us and get out of here, a lot of people now don't know how to do anything , I feel our people can do it but not right now. We are not ready as a community and it's going to effect me

PERSEVERANCE, PATIENCE, PRIDE

To get the people that are Chamorro together and be recognized, to have more CHamoru classes and activities besides fun and games, and to have us be heard

Indigenous rights, empowerment, environmental healing

1. Independence 2. CHamoru's voting 3. Land back

Motivation, equal opportunities, open mindedness

status quo

Free choice , identity, political status

Independence, land control, cultural pride

Hågu,I fosiños yan I guálu

1. It is a right that no one should be able to take from you. 2. Applies to countries as well as individuals. 3. How evil it is to interfere with someone else's self-determination

Equal rights,

Having the ability to decide.

Land back, CHamoru language and studies in school are more prevalent, food sovereignty

Separating an entity from another controlled entity; Independent Guahan; protests

Locally, it is a 1. Culturally-motivated goal with no definitive plan for the way forward 2. Economic instability 3. Autonomy, but at what expense?

When I think of that word, I think that it is much bigger than simply choosing a political future. I can't really put it into words. But self determination to me is important, important, important

The first three things that come to mind are native and local people of Guam having a greater say over political issues that affect our island, a radical restructuring of our economy to uplift marginalized communities and better address our needs, and a stronger emphasis on protecting/reviving our natural environment and the Chamorro culture.

What does it mean? What are interactions with other countries? What about the people on the island who aren't of Chamorro descent who call the island home?

1. It is a right that has never been afforded to us 2. hard-work; as generations of our people have been trying to organize and fight for it 3. unity; as it would take CHamorus uniting to say it is an issue for action to be taken and for us to be taken seriously by non-natives

Unattainable with current relationship with US.

Will power. Discipline. Self control.

I don't know

Free of US restrictions, stronger Marianas Island Allegiance, Cultural empowerment

Acknowledging the wrongs by the Spanish, Japanese, and American government. Right the wrongs of the past through collaborative efforts of restoring CHamoru culture through study and documentation. Celebrating the CHamoru culture with CHamoru culture sites throughout the island.

Automatically, I think of the (1)hardships my people would have to endure, and between me, this survey , and everyone else working on said survey; my people are a lazy bunch. I know a lot of hard working chamorros that keep their head up with a smile but it doesn't over power the amount of chamorros I've met that would rather do absolutely nothing. I also think of the (2) threats that would face our island if we don't carry our weight and we chose political status that can quickly go downhill. I'm very realistic about the issues we can face. I genuinely (3) worry about how this can affect us. As far as I know, I've seen my people filled with more hate than possibilities when it comes to our self determination. Before, there were a lot of things handed to us that we couldn't choose. Now we've gotten so used to bad things being handed to us it feels like we forgot how to build something good. Because we were handed things out of our control now it feels like were expected good things to be handed to us because of our past.

Attack from other countries, loss of U.S. citizenship. More government corruption.

1. Freedom, 2. Being able to choose for one's self, 3. Control

Citizenship- political status- federal relations

Guam's Strategic security, status quo, fairness

Being able to identify what political status we want on Guam.

the ability to make the decisions; rights of the people; determine our own outcome

A voice of our own. Empowerment. Explosion of cultural practices becoming the norm....no more fast food, consumerism,tourism as our lifeblood, etc. we grow our food, prepare them, share in the experience of the whole. Sell. Barter. Whatever but keep the money, energy, Labor and products here.

We can't agree with local politics the way it is now, what more self-determination?

Mistake, impossible, greed

Freedom from Jones Act; Equal footing in negotiations; Local control over land, air, and sea

1. The movement has been hijacked by the "CHamorro Separatists." 2. Uniting with the CNMI and pursuing statehood is the best option. 2. Uniting with Saipan and pursuing free association is the next best option.

To let CHamorus vote on the various options of their political future.

Beliefs, Morals, Ethics.

Deciding what we want as a future

Cultivate the Land. Navigate the Sea. Unite the Marianas

Focus. Drive. Self-empowerment.

What do I want? What do I hope to achieve? How do we get there?

Sovereignty, Right to Choose our Path and Freedom

Are we able to self sustain, do we have a strong military background, will the economy have both the power and money to stand on its own

Chamorro only vote

The covid pandemic is a great example of how Guam depended on the U.S for assistance. Guam's MAIN income came from tourism, but when the countries shut down, Guam had to rely on the U.S for stimulus checks. Do you seriously believe Guam will survive if we broke away? Not only money, but what about protection? Our history showed us that we didn't lose to colonizations once, twice, but three times. Do you really want to repeat history?

Being able to have a say on what goes on our island. being able to make decisions here that affect our lives. Being able to protect our culture and traditions

Complex but I guess it is ok

Survival, sustainability, preservation

Our local government cannot sustain itself or our people. Local government cannot protect our island from military forces. Local government cannot build a future for our island

Fiscal sustainability, increasing revenue outside tourism, and overhauling govguam system of operations.

Life for any human, when one's own choices are made in a free environment when one's own decisions matter.
More freedom, clear identity, empowerment to protect our culture
Not sure
1) land rights, 2) sovereignty, 3) Jones Act
Independence. Food sustainability. Agriculture.
Not going to happen in my lifetime, why did all the past congressional delegate not push it , who should determine the island's fate
Being able to make decisions as our own country and still be US citizens.
People choose; corruption
Will America let us do it? Need big push to educate public on the choices.
Government corruption
Freedom of choice; politics; division
Educating people about what self determination is. Fulfilling our own destiny. How woefully behind we are in efforts to educate our people and to take action.
Free to make choices for our Land, Language & respect for the Taotao Tano.
chamorro choice, government inaction, colonialization
Ability to have voting rights in Congress and Senate. More access to federal assistance. Opportunities not currently afforded as an Unincorporated Territory.
1. Issue finally settled 2. I want a closer relationship with the US. 3. Not be distracted by status issue, so we can focus more on what we want for future generations.
Better education, more inclusivity with the entire community, more accessibility to Chamorro culture for all people of Guam.
our exercise of self-determination is a plebiscite on our future political status. the vote must be open to all guam residents regardless of ethnicity or origin. this vote must be as democratic as possible. the vote must be conducted with the utmost integrity and competence so that no one can question the outcome. our leadership at all levels of society, industry, government, politics, and religion must strive towards the political status for which the people voted.
Stupid guam cant do it on our own

Independence which is not necessary a great thing for Guam because of its dependence on tourism and US federal funding. Corrupt leadership and banana republic. I've been fortunate to have travelled to several countries all over the world and experienced living in their communities.

Chaos, communication, community

1. Overdue 2. Our people need an enlightenment. 3. Options must show connection to economic sustainability.

May not be ready.

healing of the land, self sustainable, and richer culture

Full and equal status as Americans with the right to vote for president, voting members in Congress, and the integration of native Guamanians into the fabric of the American people. I believe race only serves to divide us by our genetic makeup, and racial integration with a nation built by those who share common values for the benefit of all is the highest achievement of a people.

Goals, ambition, and productivity

How will we support ourselves without Federal aid, how is it possible with so many outsiders calling Guam home, is it too late to make this change?

debate, a lot of questions

Freedom, Revival, Ownership

Freedom, peace, stability

People have the right to choose their destinies; Not beholden to external forces; A place in international relations

Food security, can we survive without financial assistance from federal gov, how protected will we be without military

Poverty. Land. War.

1) true sovereignty! 2) Guam can potentially be an Economic powerhouse 3) Independence

We need to keep this issue in the forefront of our communications with the United States and other concerned countries, including the United Nations. We need to continue educating the people, especially the youth and young adults of the importance of self-determination. We need to challenge and force the hand of the U.S. political and judicial systems to allow our self-determination.

EQUAL RIGHTS AND IDENTITY AS A PEOPLE AND CARVING A DESIRED PATHWAY WITH KNOWLEDGE

Having a voice in the government under which I live, political autonomy and control over the future

instability, self-doubt, chaos

Sources of funding, ability to decide how our lands are utilized, immigration laws

Good. Bad. In between.

Independence, freedom, future

Human rights, freedom, unity

Economic downturn, higher crime, mass exodus of residents.

Im have ancestral roots in the CNMi too and I hope that there is more discussion on reunifying the marianas.

1. The right to vote for president of the USA. 2. Making decisions about the futire of Guam.. 3. Having unrestricted relationship with other nations

no more corruption freedom of speech

We are not politically ready. Our government instruments aren't ready based on integrity. This is a low priority issue for most people.

1) That the people who can trace their backgrounds to those who were born on Guam before August 1, 1950 are those who will determine Guam's political status. 2) That the education of those who will vote will be a dialogue that encourages dissenting opinions to help clarify individuals' interests, concerns, values. 3) That all the processes leading to a vote on self-determination be transparent, free of bias, and effective in reaching as many people as possible.

Statehood

No comment

Misconception, pride over precedence, lack of community trust and education given

Decision-making

Who can vote to decide.

Hard work, success, family

Sovereignty, culture/language survival and identity for my children and grandchildren.

Unsure
Statehood, commonwealth, independence
Land ownership, control of destiny, immigration
I like the idea of self determination, while at the same time I'm worried about what that would mean, and I hate that being colonized has put us in a situation where we are no longer self sustaining.
I believe in status quo
Our island having complete control of making our own decisions.
Guam's inability to sustain itself. Only politically and financially connected families will have an influence and will profit from any decision.
Corruption, Poverty, No viable import or exports
Being able to choose what policies are in the best interest of Guam and her people. Being able to stop the destruction of our ancestral lands & being able to preserve them. Doing away with the Jones Act & amending or doing away with the Organic Act altogether.
1 cutting off the U.S. 2 confusion over how to move forward. 3 chaos due to other countries trying to get involved
Decolonization, chaos, and regret come to mind.
That Guam gets to have more say on how the US government, especially the military build up, affects our island And it's people. We need to think about preserving our culture and the environment.
Control of our destiny
faith, prayer, God
Public Confusion, Necessary, Arguing
Don't Know
making our own decisions
1.Impractical 2. Security jeopardized 3. Futile
What will happen if U.S actually pulls out, the public trashing and swimming in water supply, and land development from other off-island entrepreneurs
Purpose, resolve, confidence

Political status, local control of our borders, lack of input on how the military utilizes base property

1. Too much time has passed to pursue a CHamoru only vote. Ask everyone what they wish and accept the will of the people living here now. Too late for CHamoru only vote. Most CHamorus dont even live on Guahan any more anyway so any decision wont affect them anyway. 2. The protection and security of US govt remains needed by our island. I am a proud CHamoru American.

Necessary, long awaited,

culture, identity, freedom

If we had full control of our ports we can be self sustaining. If we had control of the land the U.S. military is on we could leverage for a lot mor money. China might want to try and occupy us as well should our self determination train pick up speed.

Empowerment, self awareness and understanding

Fear of getting it wrong, Suffrage dictated by US, federal govt ignoring

The Chamorro people voting on their own government officials, negotiating military presence, free of federal restrictions

freedom of choice, we're free to choose what we want to do, we are able to voice our concerns

true identity, rights, and privileges

to preserve the chamorro culture, to grant the chamorro people their rights to the property that military has taken for their defense, i want Guam to be a statehood so we can get all the privileges. Why should the other people from other islands get more assistance than us

Im not sure right now.

Control over all resources, borders, and policies both locally and internationally

The power of choice, preserving our lands, and giving the people of Guam a voice, and not just the Chamorro people. Every resident of our island.

I dont know

Being able to govern without the assistance or little to no help.

1) being occupied by another country 2) Guam unable to defend herself. 3) That the majority of people on island would not be able to live a more "self sustainable" lifestyle.

Arnold Davis. US will never let us choose. Too reliant on US

1. Rights of the people. 2. David & Goliath 3. Inalienable Destiny

Don't know

(1) ability to strengthen the Chamoru/Guam community and identity without having it be overly influenced by the strong presence of the American identity that is taught in schools; (2) how are we going to create/support an economy on an island that does not currently have one prominent industry not tied to the US?; (3) fuck the U.S. stronghold on the island due to the created dependence on federal money and the education system that indoctrinates people of all ages into the American identity without care of the identities that already exist on an island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean that holds such a great mix of cultures and communities that should have the ability to thrive along side that of the American identity.

Liberated, decolonized, free to choose for ourselves as native people of Guåhan.

Culture, environment, and our political system.

How will this affect Guam's economy? Will we still be US citizens? Will there be less jobs?

Actually Im not well informed of our options and their benefits.

Fair, control, rights

Identity, freedom and cultural identity.

Urgent, necessary, overdue

It's hard there's alot that come in play

Freedom, safety, control, and respect

Guam accepted as a state, the right to vote for the US President while being a resident of Guam, completely enforce English and Chamorro as the only acceptable languages in a professional or government setting

Corruption of GovGuam. GovGuam's inability to sustain itself with revenue generated through taxes. Total failure of Guam

Freedom, representation, and voting

Right to choose. Sovereignty. Communal decision

1. Continuity of economic relationships outside of the US 2. Ability to travel and move freely 3. Availability of Heath care and medical services

Self funding, strong ideas,

Independence, confidence,
Corruption, every man for themselves
1. Cultural identity 2. Equal rights 3. Right to vote
Not sure
Independence, Cultural revitalization, struggle, our people believing in self-reliance and sustainability
Autonomy, land back, demilitarization
1. Rebuilding of Government and Democracy. 2. Economic initiatives and investments. 3. Community-based initiatives to address poverty, education, public safety, health and major meaningful areas of life.
The Chamorro language allow free programs our culture 2. Better the governments court policy 3. Better maintain the beauty of our island
Culturally influence. Language revitalization. Goal oriented.
In regards to questions 16 an 17 I would choose status quo. There is no option to put that. Political corruption getting worse, disaster, a lot of hard work.
It crazy, their would be another country to battle if they try & overtake Guam. Not enough resources for the people, and loosing freedom & benefits & security from the US, I cant believe this is even a discussion. Guam cant even maintain public places, while the bases are cleaned a properly taken care of.
The idea of an Independent Guahan is inconsequential, the Untied States will never surrender Guãhan because of our strategical geological location in the Pacific.
Deciding our political future, indigenous rights, having a voice
We must have a constitution, or some document that speaks of who we are and what we desire for our island and our nation.
Equality. Representation. Integration
Liberty
Self governing
Economic, cultural, global.
Power, freedom, rights

Delayed, forgotten, misunderstood
Independence, change, responsibility
Independence
Finally getting out of status quo. Praying that voters make the right decision. Our children will be the recipients of our actions of today so we all need to get involved more so we can leave a great legacy.
Basic human rights, God given rights, Basic Freedoms
Independence, Cultural movement, political activism
Canada, Freedom to choose destiny, Change is good
Money people and freedom
Voting for President, Getting rid of criminals from the FSA, Re-foresting Native plants.
Guam is not ready for it
To be able to make more decisions that effect guam localy
Freedom Independence and Peace
Politics, westernism, conflict
land back. ocean back. sharing true and accurate information to children
Dont know enough abt it
Can Gusm be self sustaining and the answer iswe rely ofUncle Sam
Idk
US Citizen, strong military and economy
Human and civil rights; independence; food sovereignty
Poverty
Independent, strong, Chamoru
1) long-time coming, 2) political control, and 3) sovereignty
The struggles of our forefathers in trying to accomplish what is still going on, my cultural identity being known to the modern world . A voice in the international community about what

happens to Guam and other pacific islands
An opportunity, greener grass (but still with its problems), and modernization of relationship with the U.S.
I don't think anything. I feel like no matter what I choose I would be a traitor to my island if I didn't choose independence.
Self-sustaining practices
The Independence movement people are very unfriendly to anyone who doesn't automatically go along with them, even if that person (me) innocently doesn't understand their position.
knowledge is all that comes to mind
military power, financial stability, disaster aid
We would finally have a choice. Most people aren't educated enough to make a knowledgeable decision. A lot of people don't care.
Sustainability, harmony, resilience
return of ancestral land, loss of federal funds, loss of Constitutional rights.
No comment
Independence. Freedom. Fundamental Civil Rights
Discontinued support from the U.S. economy/government, another world power coming in for control of the island, and chaos within the local government
freedom to choose guam's way of doing things politically and economically, imagination and innovation of guam's future infrastructure, and new age of guam
When I think about self-determination, I think of the right of the CHamoru people to visit and protect all sacred grounds, abolishing the Jones act on Guam and most importantly the right to determine a political status
People need to have realistic expectations, being pro-Chamorro does not have to automatically mean anti-American, real education is more important than sensationalist propaganda (on both sides of the issue)
poverty, corruption, and justice
Independence, control, choices
for the people, preservation of culture and history and traditions, the future of our kids
myself, me as an individual and others concerning the community that lives here, our roots, how

we have to deal with everything and places like Japan, Russia, China
No, No, No. We depend on federal aid and support to get by.
Land use, educational opportunities, economy
slave ,poor, hungry
Status quo. Independence option ridiculous option.Poor education on options available .
Our own constitution, better representation and freedom from federal laws that prohibit the growth and prosperity of our island and its people.
1) a lot of worthwhile work 2) internal conflicts 3) a vague unknown
Our lack of political power, American apathy and CHamoru apathy
immaturity; rivalry; fighting
CHamoru. Control. Democracy.
Activists, making decisions for our people, USA will not give up Guam.
complicated, politicized, requires extensive education and imagination
Finally determining the direction of the island in its relationship with the world.
It should be the Chamorro people who decides our political status. 2. Not non-Chamorros. 3. Why do we still debate this issue?.
Independence
a choice that will effect my children and my grandchildren.
Banding with the neighboring Chamorros, economic stability, value changes/ clashes
Autonomy. 4,000 years of being. Self sustaining.
how the federal government pushes aside the issue. That the Feds think so-o little of our right to political self determination. To them this issue takes the "back burner", putting it aside in favor of addressing national concerns
1. Chamorro only vote. 2. Greater economic autonomy. 3. Pride.
Freedom of speech
Separation from the U.S

Having a voice
Justice, freedom, rights
Right to choose our future, independence from colonization, righting a wrong
I think that it is a contrived idea that is driven by self interest.
When I think of self-determination, I think of how myself and other indigenous CHamorus will have a voice for once. After so many years of colonization, I feel that our people can thrive if they are educated in what they can do with our resources that they have here and how we do not have to rely on the U.S. for income or safety of our island and people. I feel that self-determination will empower our people if we just show them how it can help us and the future of Guåhan.
No comment
Making a choice and reinstating justice. Human rights
Human Right, Long Deserved, Belongs to CHamorus (Not Guam Inhabitants)
We are and should remain part of the United States. Self determination is a very bad idea.
Independence from the US, self sustainable economy, local pride and responsibility
Guam's sustainability... Guam's growth... an option which helps the majority.
Return of are lands /ports/ immigration
1. The "Inalienable Right " to self determination. 2. u.s. government controls and interests are not different from any other country that has occupied or wishes to occupy Guahan. 3. The people of Guahan's God given right to make their own decisions.
Guam on its own
GovGuam barely affords the expenses with US assistance, they would nose dive without guidance
Self-governance, economy, sovereignty.
Land, language, people
I think it is wrongheaded. I believe we have the best situation of anyone in the United States. I noticed that you do not have no change as an option. That makes this entire exercise dishonest.
I think the current environment is muddied by a people who enjoy the US welfare payments and the free life it brings, who have enjoyed the escape brought by US Military jobs, but cannot

clearly paint any picture of future sustenance of our island and people in an independent Guam. Will Guam quickly fall prey to the Chinese promise and takeover of the Pacific? Who will they turn to for social welfare?

Choice, people, independent

Waste of time, fanatical, shameless

Universal suffrage

Restoring traditional ways of leadership roles, choosing how we want to restore our land and sea, reuniting with our NMI brothers and sisters as a people

Independence changing the Organic Act losing my US citizenship

1.) Real Freedom; 2.) Equality; 3.) Respect

Self-sustaining; control; health

We will suffer. Guam will fail. No economic and military security.

1. The return of the seized lands taken by the U.S. military, 2. Transition from importing produce to supporting agriculture independence on the island, 3. Promotion of the CHamoru language

1. Economic Opportunities in the Region; 2. Greater relationship with the United States; 3. A lot of struggling and hard times for Guam in the short-term in order to create a better future for the island

If we are ready as a culture, as I mentioned the way of leadership and businesses has changed the way we operate to be very westernized. In the worlds climate today, it's difficult to have the resources to get thru.

National security

i think about the hard work needed to draw up proper documentation which support Guam's right positioning as bright, promising American outpost in the Western Pacific!, respected by the rest of the country (USA)

Voting, justice, and time

Right to determine our island future. Planned and thoughtful approach. Chamorro People determination.

Struggle, knowledge and hope

Don't know the difference

Who am I? How will self determination change my life? What immediate changes will I see in my lifetime?

Identity wholeness inclusiveness

Culture. Language. Property

ability to decide

Freedom to choose, freedom to fail, freedom to be Chamorro

More participation with US; cultural preservation; less governmental interference

It means having a voice in the existing US relationship. It means negotiations in the use of our Chamorro lands and resources in exchange for education, health and welfare of the people of Guahan.

Identity, mutuality, unity

Control of my destiny Stronger voice. Influence policy in the global arena

1. Self determination of the Chamorro people 2. Push hard to move forward the United Nations initiatives regarding colonized countries. 3. Real Chamorro activism

Challenging but worth it, needs organization, and smart.

Sovereign, independence, Chamorro

identity, control, ancient chamorros

Aggressive stance on public policy and laws for Guam. In depth political involvement.

Freedom of speech, right to bear arms, freedom of religion....

Self empowerment, Authority, decision-making for Guam.

Agency, Participation, Power

Demilitarization. Food sovereignty. Environmental sustainability.

Our government, our economy, our future

Independence, free, proud

Food sovereignty, accessible land use for Chamorro people, political freedom

Self governance; true independence; & a liberated people

Work money parenthood
Not in favor of self determination. Political heads in Guam have not proved that Guam can be independent
Independence and Free Association are horrible options . People need to stop living in the past and realize that culture is dynamic . Adapt to modern times or wither away. Status Quo or statehood .
1. Liberation 2. Free from being a target by enemies of the United States 3. Reintroducing Guam to the world
What type of hierarchy or government we are going to use if we become independent or freely associated? Taking back fena, bringing back the Chamoru language
Human rights, sovereignty, justice
Discipline, passion, effort
Does Congress really understand & care about what we feel?
We will die without the US.
Economic opportunity, cultural Renaissance, and violence
Decide what is best for my island and our people. Having the right to have a say in what happens on our island
Self-belief, motive, strong-headed
Not sure
1. Self rule 2. Control immigration 3. Control of land
1. CHamoru rights. 2. Education 3. Nation-building
Our birthright finally realized. True justice. True self governance