

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

Q19. When you think about self-determination, what comes to mind as things that you are hopeful and excited about? (n=480)

to give us the right to express ourselves and who we are and to give us the flexibility to live our lives on our island.
To stand on our own feet.
refer to q18.
NO COMMENT
to be free of colonial control
good leaders, safety for all people, helping out the sister villages
When I think about self-determination, I am hopeful and excited about being involved in choosing the best option for the future of the island.
I would be hopeful to the potential opportunities with Pacific region neighbors, ability to make decisions on how to determine use of Guam’s lands and ocean for conservation and create more jobs in that industry without federal limitations. I’d be excited for my children to learn a new, locally relevant curriculum that doesn’t focus on the American worldview.
not sure
The much needed recognition and changes that our people and our islands deserve and are owed
Being able to choose for ourselves what is best for us.
I am hopeful that we can lease our lands to the military, re-build and reimagine the infrastructure of our islands, using science and engineering to design an island geographically positioned to welcome tourists not on the premise of being a US territory, but rather being CHamoru, as our culture is beautiful enough to attract people. I am hopeful that we will think of innovative ways to support local farmers so that we lessen exporting of goods. I am hopeful that we can think of new ways to combat invasive species, and improve the landfill. I can go on and on about things that I am hopeful and excited about if we were to become independent and self-sufficient.
Having our own country

Hope that the Chamorros and local people will have more control in preserving local control of Guam's need to protect its people from the negative impact from outside powers wrestling for control of Guam's culture and destiny.

Being put first as a Native and not secondary to the US/Military needs

Plain and simple... the right to choose for ourselves.

Having a formal relationship with the US so we can contribute further to possibly consolidate Guam and the CNMI as a newly created state

Freedom from oppression of the Colonialism

I would like to see cultural schools like they have in Aotearoa.

Have more control & say Guam's Future

Competing in races, learning the Chamorro language

Clean water. Control of natural habitats. Preservation of land and culture

Being able to make our own decisions, free from political war games

I am hopeful that we would have greater control of our land and ourselves. And that we would realize that we have always had inherent value; it's not the U.S. or anyone else that makes us great. I think we've been brainwashed into thinking that we can only exist with an occupying power. I would hope that we would be able to realize that we can be self-sufficient and successful on our own.

Self-governing. No interference from U.S. when building our economic ties with other countries.

A better future for our children and our home

A role for everyone.

The returning of land to our people and the decisions we shall make that'll benefit our island.

Chamoru agency/autonomy/liberation

Sustainability, industry-making, better policies of Guam's resources

The ability of the native inhabitants of the land to finally determine their future. A unique voice on the world stage. That smallness does not mean inferiority.

No longer allowing outsiders to buy our real estate, no longer allowing our people to live in poverty because those families depend too much on subsidies for food and shelter, no longer allowing the military to take whatever land they want.

Excited that the federal government will finally acknowledge that our people have the right to choose its destiny.

Political change

Being able to chart our own political future, govern according to a more island/Pacific centric policy, and potential foreign relationships

Not hopeful. Don't feel that people can all agree. Too much selfishness in this world.

Mainly because of present hostile activities and global political strife, Guam remains an open port(border) for those from neighboring lands whose people challenge the great ocean just to reach our shores for freedom.

The three things I mentioned in my previous responses are really important to me and are why I advocate so strongly for self-determination. Guam's children should be in an education system modeled after how Pacific peoples learn and that contains content relevant to their social, cultural, and environmental experiences. CHamorus and other people groups on Guam should be given financial resources and incentives to start gardens and build farms, reducing the island's need for exported processed food. Likewise, business owners and trade schools should receive financial backing to develop industries that are earth-gentle and respectful of the people living on Guam -- i.e., factors that aren't present in our tourism and military industries. I believe that self-determination, and ultimately independence, would get us to start thinking about those things.

the ability to control what happens on our island.

I am hopeful and excited about the innovative thinking and creative minds coming forth from our community having been educated in both indigenous and institutionalized modes of knowledge and science.

The building of Camp Blas, DOD Agreement, Military Hospital and caring for FAS citizens

Independence

Getting tougher on environmental issues, like Palau is, getting rid of Compact Impact Agreement that allows for free immigration, deporting much more easily undesirables who commit offenses or refuse to contribute to the betterment of themselves and our community

Expressing our concern for our island

Nothing comes to mind.

Not having land taken. Being able to focus and learn who we really are without extreme Western influence

Hopefully this effort unites Chamorro and would strengthen the culture.

I am hopeful that steps will be taken in my lifetime. I look forward for that day to come and hope that my ancestors who are still with me, such as my Nana and all my uncles and aunties, will be able to see that for themselves

we can make laws and rules that make sense for our people and our resources. we can be more sustainable. we don't have to suffer from laws that do not work in our favor.

Whatever. Are you serious? How is this going to fix our roads. Put the power lines underground. Improve education; improve healthcare; Cut down crime; get rid of drugs. Improve the quality of life? My life?

I wish and want to survive without depending on off island resources

Cooperation, conversation & understanding

That we will be able to make choices.

I am excited and hopeful to see Chamoru speakers, a better and cleaner environment, and even better festive events!

Chamorro people rights

Exemption of the Jones Act

I am hopeful that our leaders will learn to stand on their own two feet, without relying so much on federal monies. I am also hopeful that my people will take more interest in creating a better Guam for everyone.

To have more say in our island's future

That Guamanians will think critically about Guam's relationship with the US, regardless of how they choose to vote. I'd be excited to be finally acknowledged by the US as a viable entity to engage with, instead of something to throw money at and forget about.

To be treated as an equal. It is an absolute injustice that I do not have the same rights as other American citizens. It bothers me quite a bit that we're bound by some archaic law claiming we're simultaneously aliens and citizens. If we got statehood, places that only ship only to the US will have to finally stop ignoring us. That'll be much more convenient. I also think Guam would be much wealthier, though I don't really know the details of our monetary relationship with the federal government and how that would change with statehood to be so sure. I'd be a bit surprised though if being a state didn't bring more money in

Happy to become independent if we really can be self supportive

That we may stop and reverse the damage that has happened to our land and seas.

It would be exciting to see more of the CHamoru culture exemplified throughout the island, just

as the surrounding islands do. This would be very beneficial for Guam being a Tourist driven economy. An example would be like how Palau incorporated a Passport Pledge years ago that visitors must sign in order to gain entry, which protects their culture and environment.

Being able to make our own decisions as an independent island (although, I don't know if I agree with self-determination)

EVERYBODY living on Guam should be allowed to vote on what political status they want for Guam.

Giving closure to the destiny of our children. The expectation that the resources of the land, sea and it's biologics and minerals are restored to the people. The realization that CHamoru seafaring culture is reintegrated back into the body of the ancestral Puntan (the forearc and backarc Marianas island chains).

I get excited thinking about a prouder people, a more peaceful peoples, no financial struggles (housing costs & imported goods)

Educating and growth

Nothing

I do not wish for us to become a self-determined country.

I'm excited for my future

More opportunities for our community to become more educated

Increased assistance and resources from the U.S.

feelings heard and important when considering all things that concern Guam and its people, seeing less military personnel on island, and the conservation of culturally important sites and artifacts.

Better Gov system, better "freedom of choice and speech" for locals, better opportunity for locals to speak and Gov will listen, instead if Gov primarily following US law systems

Statehood could actually happen'

Hope that people stop living like spoiled shets that feel like they are entitled to have their cake and eat it too.

more equality to the US with voting representation in DC and able to vote for President.

None, Guam Can Not Be Self Determined Because To Much Is At Risk. Guam Will Fall.

To see our elected leaders and GVB coming together to provide our people some kind of entertainment once every 6 months as a community gathering have some activities like

chamorro bingo , chamorro dancing , coconut husking competition
freedom
Not excited
I think of self-determination as a step for the CHamoru people to reclaim their identity. I am hopeful that the use of fino' CHamoru will become more prevalent throughout the island and excited to see possibilities in trade with our neighboring islands.
I think of the chance to decide how our land and waters are used.
Being pro-CHamoru and empowering our island people to move beyond limits of control
Self voting, but mostly scared and u sure of future things tbh
We need to hold the vote as soon as is reasonably possible, with a robust public education process facilitated defining choices.
Preservation and passing on of culture
We get to decide what we want
Freedom from outside control
Removal of the Jones Act. But afraid for everything else
Dave Davis eats taki manok
The opportunity to expand local control.
Your able to decide for yourself for your own statehood and your own Government
-change
Voting for statehood
Self determination? I think we should have strong leaders that can guide guam in the right direction and the safer direction, what guam needs the most
Gusm property of all resources and its people have been denied the window of opportunity to be GIVEN time after liberation to concern our people for self development..education opportunities to all indigenous people after the war and imprisonment. They didnt have the time to heal..and decision making enough for development growth and investment for business and social development. Outside investors.. were allowed their decision to develop and grow to the point of buying out properties and ibdigenous prople didnt hsve collateral.. investment opportunities and assistance enough to grow at same time as outside investors abd developers

who had years and monies to come here as our people were incapable to even compete as they were all just trying to rebuild our family and infrastructure back to normal or better conditions. Just saying..we didnt have a chance to be invested in as a people who were just healing and rebuilding. Their window of opportunity wasn't given a chance in time.. money to make enough to compete against outside businesses coming and successfully laying their business foundation.

Nothing find it a waste of time since you don't want to consider the fact over 62% of the island is non Chamorro related but only care about what Chamorro people think btw I am Chamorro myself and find it discriminating you do that

Don't know

Same as previous answer

Greater ability to determine the basic structures of our lives. It is frustrating for me to see my kids go through a school system that connects them to things thousands of miles away and leaves them lost in their own island. It is frustrating to struggle in a health care system that is focused on profit and not prioritizing our own health and lives. It is frustrating to see all these ways the systems of life on island do not serve us, were not made for us and ultimately end up hurting us. When will we finally wake up and make some real changes?

That one day Guahan and its people of Chamoru descent can determine its status and future.

That we can model our self determination with this preamble of Life,Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness!!

In a way it seems like a dreamland that may never come true in a way. For me personally I am hopeful that it will lead to great things that can really impact us in a positive way however there are concerns that I will always think about that me or other people may have and I wouldn't oppose to it. I think it has to be a group effort on what is the best way of living. I am excited that we would have a voice in what happens to my island and that we can make choices independently

Nothing

I wouldn't want it. I believe because we are such a small island, we need the United States as much as they need our location if ever there is war with the east.

Land being returned to family

Language , perpetuation and culture

Im not excited about it

No comments

How will we generate revenue? How can we sustain ourselves? Will we be able to choose leaders who really care about the people?

Ability to be a unified state
Economic opportunity and cultural preservation
I'm not excited about it at all.
Communication, Commitment and Consistency
I don't support self determination.
The right to make decisions of our political status without the influence of outside (United States)
Not taking to the people. Asking first before doing something. Thinking about themselves
Being able to control what happens our land. Being able to control how and/or who we trade with and build relations with.
the Chamorro people have a voice in their land
independence; self-reliant & sustainability
Being able to take part in crafting legislation with a recognized and respected voting member of Congress, No longer being Labeled as an "Unincorporated Territory of the United States".
Independence
Not sure
That the Chamorro culture does not fade in time
Hopeful for future
Ridding the people of our culture of the negative beliefs of ours selves that have been imposed and absorbed through colonization. And through that, becoming closer to understanding our selves as a people of Guam. And in doing so, improving our ability to use the strengths of our culture to resolve our social problems and lift our people.
We can practice our culture freely, we won't have to be interfered by U.S. regarding the government, and we can have our people be united together.
Being able to learn chamoru and use it in my everyday life and have my children learn
I am hopeful that self-determination will result in a balance between current citizenship rights and benefits. We need to be equal rights citizens of America not second-class. You are either an American citizen or not. Right now we are not from a rights and representation standpoint. This bothers me the most that our young Chamorros can be drafted to die defending democracy and freedom but cannot vote for president or have a voting congressional representative. The



rulings of the insular cases are wrong and racist - they don't follow constitutional principals. They are unconstitutional.

ZERO probability the US will ever leave Guam. If one doesn't understand the "why," essentially you're naive in your mental capacity to analyze the current global geopolitical situation. That being said, economic disparity will precipitate through the lack of financial and economic resources. Countries with much greater power will overtake the island and will lead to Chamorus being removed and enslaved in other parts of the world. If you don't understand this, learn about it! What you think you want will have knock-on effects. The self-determination movement is just thinking at a one dimensional level. To run an independent country, you have to have people thinking on multiple dimensional levels which is obviously lacking. The naïveté of the "self-determination" movement is a fools errand given the lack of understanding surrounding the zero probabilistic chance the US will ever leave. Rather than creating propagandizing and fear mongering language to be "independent," groups need to have the different conversations and messagings with the US, not the UN who has absolutely no authority which I find to be quite hilarious. To go to the UN crying about being a territory just shows how much naïveté exists within the Independent Guahan movement.

The people learning the language and understanding the people less crimes the covid virus going away

1. The ability to self-governance. 2. To be respected as an indigenous race. 3 To be allowed to determine our future destiny.

That the US gives us more benefits for our island that they've taken over

We will learn the interests of others.

1) being able to make our decisions with regards to government and our people 2) infusing the chamoru studies back into the classroom

ability of having a voice of concern

for america to look into my eyes and respect my people then understand equality

Nothing.

More rights and benefits.

Same; no good explanation given is so far like playing poker or bingo, at best.

Bad

I wish we would figure out how to stop blaming the United States government for our problems and start being honest with ourselves that 1) we need to address the problem of people not willing to work. 2) Chamorro's need to learn trade jobs and farming jobs to be more self

sufficient. 3) our families need more God in their lives!

Unsure

I'm not that all interested in self-determination as a society. Finding myself wherever that may be is more important than that of finding an identity for the culture I have been born into. It's not a matter of ancestry to me. What matters most is where I find myself and who I'm trying to be not who I should be because of the culture or community i come from.

I can't say I'm hopeful. I feel like it will never happen bc of the powers that be.

Frightening.

Not sure

Ned Pablo likes to say we need to be independent of the United States yet cries about his PUA check being late. This is Chamorro mu'doru. I hope we keep the status quo. A former Guam congressman got mad at me for saying that Chamorro's who think that because they cannot vote for President that it is because of racism. I told this jackass that his being a history professor should have told him that the Constitution states that only states can send electors. So that means I f you were in the Nebraska territory then you could not vote for President. His encouragement for f this false sense of victimhood was in effect using his constituents ignorance for his benefit. The 23rd amendment to the Constitution gave the District of Columbia the right to send the same number of electors as Rhode Island. In all his years as Guam Congressman where was his push for a similar Amendment for Guam. Stop the sense of victimhood and earnestly work toward getting Guam residents the vote in presidential elections. Thank have spent much of my life in the states. I voted in every presidential election from when I turned 18 until I turned 30. I returned to Guam soon after.

The ability to influence our future and have a say in the direction we wish to go.

NO. There are to much self proclaimed, self centered and greed Chamorro who only think about themselves and could care less about the Chamorro people as a whole

My kids future

Statehood. Future President from Guam. Secure quality future.

The land, family and existence of our ancestors

Guam does not go into poverty or get into war with other neighboring countries

The possibillitys also the corruptions

Freedom to carve our future

N/a

I'm blank

I don't know

That we, as a people control our own destiny.

What I am hopeful for is better decisions where we can use all of our resources that will benefit the island and its people. Also the revitalization in the Culture and language so the CHamoru identity will thrive for future generations

the ability to protect Guåhan's land and resources, having a say in issues that directly affect us, not having to rely on an overseas government, less military presence on island, etc.

The ability to make regional partnerships without US Federal government. The ability to create legal systems that work best for our community. The ability to reform education to best fit and teach the youth the knowledge required to thrive in our Island. Marianas reunification. Increased economic opportunities with the world community of countries.

A break from status quo, the promise of a future led by and for CHamorus

The prospect of economic independence for Guam and the establishment of regional integration and interdependence with our island neighbors. I would like to imagine that we would either better economic advantages of being a state if that is the road we go down and that such advantages would dwarf the disadvantages of the Jones Act or even lead to an exemption for us. If we go down one of the other two paths then I would like to imagine that our economy would see a major uptick now that we would be free of that arbitrary and suppressing regulation. I would like to see our involvement in regional and international organizations in order to build a strong and healthy relationship with our globalized world. I'd like to see the establishment of a transportation system between Guam and the CNMI that would allow for someone to live in the CNMI and work on Guam with incredible ease. In fact I would like to see a quick and efficient transportation system that operated throughout the entirety of Micronesia. I would hope that we could diversify our economy and thus reduce our reliance on Tourism which the pandemic has shown to be a fragile arrangement. I would like to see our current power dynamic with the US military which is characterized by us being powerless transition into one in which we have a seat at the table and have the power to negotiate and bargain as equals. I'd like to see Guam become a partner in the welfare of Micronesia, perhaps becoming a leader in the modernization and economic revolution of our region. Our own health is inherently intertwined with the health of our regional neighbors. Their misfortune is ours and this has been one of the reasons why migrants originating from our neighboring islands have, justifiably, made the heavy decision to leave their homelands in search of prosperity. I'd like to see the military take responsibility for the dire environmental harms that it has caused Guam which include but are not limited to: dumping of nuclear waste, polluting our island with UXOs, Fuel spills, Solvents, Radiation,

Herbicide Purple, Defoliants, Agent Orange, PCB's, Cadmium, DDT, PFAS, (2,4 -D), (2,4,5 - T), TCE, Mustard Gas, Heavy metals, and Phosgene. By responsibility I mean footing the bill for comprehensive programs that would research, identify, and remove those harmful substances from our environment, provide residents with health screenings and free healthcare to address any ailments caused by military polluting, etc. in perpetuity. I don't want a Bikini Islands incident on our hands. No 1 and done half-assed attempts to put a Band-Aid on an fatal wound.

Freedom, independence, people's rights

One day we will be able to decide for ourselves what happens on our lands, in our waters, and in the skies above us.

The UN rappateurs letters to President Biden and the Congress. I'm hopeful that their agreement can help move things along and make real changes. I'm also hopeful about all the lawsuits coming up against the US for violating our rights regarding our land and water. These lawsuits being to light that the US doesn't see us as citizens and only wants the land and cares nothing for the people.

Being able to protect our land and ocean. Being able to make the island more culturally rich.

Strengthening language and cultural programs. Improvement of our relationship with the US and others. A United Marianas, and hopefully a newly United Micronesia, and then on to a United Pacific.

Learning to protect and live with land

Excited about our language and culture surviving. Better Protection over our environments as well as our sacred sites. I am excited about our future and the pride that my children and their children will feel about who they are as well as their responsibilities in safeguarding our natural resources and our language and practices.

Decolonization

Future Land use! Return of Unused 'military' land

I am hopeful that the people of Guam become educated on this issue. So many CHamorus don't see the significance in the issue. I am also hopeful that non- CHamorus that call Guam home can collectively respect the CHamoru right to self-determination.

none

Not having to pay so much taxes

**INDEPENDENCE, JOB OPPORTUNITY, SUSTAINABILITY**

We will be heard

Land back, water back, our voices heard.
Moving towards more sustainable living and being able to govern ourselves based on our cultural beliefs and values
New ideas and integrations
nothing
Free choice
My people will be free of the US and no longer used by the military as a chess piece in their quest for world power and control. I think about a brighter future where my children and future generations will no longer have to bow down to the whims, ideologies, and politics of the US/federal government.
Not to sure right now
There are examples of other countries that have reclaimed their right to self-determination after it was taken. It is more than possible. And then on an individual level, I am encouraged by the fact every day people reclaim their personal rights to themselves.
Nothing right now
Land back, protecting the land, farming, reasonable and responsible decision making
No longer controlled by US, better/more reliance on local/regional goods to import/export, Chamorro island lifestyle for my daughter..,
Cultural emphasis and awareness
The power for our local people to have more say on what happens to our islands development, the ability to build good relationships with other countries besides the US, a happier and more United Chamorro people, not divided.
I am hopeful that future generations of Chamorros and people on Guam will experience better economic prosperity, military involvement in the island will lessen, our natural environment will thrive again, and Guam will be a welcoming place for Chamorros all over the world for them to experience and live according to their culture.
I am hopeful that CHamorus will finally have an input on their ancestral lands. I am hopeful that our people will make the right decision that helps preserve our culture, language, values and helps the well-being of our people. I am hopeful that it would happen in my lifetime so that I can have a say in a decision that my parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, my now passed family members, and ancestors never got to have afforded to them. I am excited to see how my generation and the next generation become more aware of the importance of our island and see our island's potential.

Guam as a country first, not just a military installation.

Work hard. Don't quit.

I don't know

Strengthen the culture

Reviving the CHamoru culture and people and the world to acknowledge the CHamoru culture and people and to learn and discover more.

Now this, I'm genuinely excited to talk about! I'm excited about progression! I want Guam to be such a clean green- carbon reducing place of progression, equality, education, and experiences. I want us to offer a lot of good ideas and services to the world. I want us to be a lot like Japan in terms of keeping our culture alive but still being a driving force that is recognized in the world. I also want to be a lot like Europe where there are such wonderful ideas on bringing nature into urban environments. I want green walls where you put plants vertically on the wall where it looks like there's a whole lawn on the wall, that would be an amazing tourist attraction. I want us to make algae biofuel to use and to sell to Asia, I want to be a tourist attraction where we're like America in Micronesia, but better with an integration of culture, technology and nature. I want us to have our own recycling plants for plastic and mainly renewable sources like bottling companies made of aluminum or glass that's closed to Guam. I want cyber services that would bring literally millions of dollars to the island, I want fashion designers and scientists to come up with textiles, fabrics and designs that would adhere to a zero waste fashion statement that would wow the world. I want us to be open to new suggestions that would better our horrendous transportation. I want us to have a lot of private entities only so we can have the people choose and vote with their money and whoever doesn't have enough money, we would still have the programs that push them to have a job and income while accommodating their needs. I'm really excited to move forward and there's a lot of ideas that can be done.

Having a voice in what happens and being able to determine the way ahead for our island.

Health care- federal assistance

Better cooperation between Guam and the Federal government, better economy, increase or growth in agriculture and investments and training centers

Having a stronger say about what happens on Guam.

Hopeful to make decisions on how our island and our people are treated

More people who actually care about the land, culture, and community being our leaders instead of political robots bred for the perpetuation of the incredibly unjust and imbalanced system. Please, for the love of God, can we start over? Because this system is NOT working for anyone other than the 1%. CHamoru or not, this cannot be the way for any community to thrive under

any system. Any change is welcome change.

We must balance the reality that we still need the US federal government.

I am not for self determination

The biggest thing is control over our land, air, and sea, to include our port and trading negotiations.

I am excited about the possibility of politically re-unifying the Marianas Islands and undoing the political division that was caused by the U.S. capture of Guam in 1898. If this is accomplished and we obtain statehood, it will benefit all the people of the Marianas Islands for several generations beyond us by giving us the right to vote for U.S. President and introduce bills in the U.S. Congress as well as vote on legislation that affects the entire U.S.

To give the CHamorus more say, or power on the governing of their island.

Voice & Choice to what is right, valued, belief in God's eyes.

getting better representation in federal affairs

I'm excited about having Yankee Go Home so we can see just what a real contemporary Chamoru society looks like not some colonial fantasy propped up by expropriated capital made off the backs of african slaves and first nations land

That the Federal Government take care of our entire island such as building a new hospital, purchasing buses, take care of our roadways, keep our land and beaches clean.

That we are accepted and treated as equal citizens of the United States.

Freedom

The government does not care for the guamainans here

True freedom to decide Guam's future

I would like Guam to remain a territory. However, that status can be better. I mean look at Palau. We should strive to be like Palau.

Yes because for so long the federal government has been making decisions without our full consent nt

2025

Our land being ours again

None

Equitability to Mainland citizens and more assistance by the federal government to help Guahan become more fiscally independent.

Strong voice to practice and express our culture. Preservation of our lands

Not sure

I want to have the power to determine our future. A Congress of people that can't even confidently point out Guam on the map should not have the power to tell us what is right for our people, our island, and our future. I want us to be able to protect our sacred spaces without having to plead to the very same people that are putting up the red tape. I want to stop this half American identity.

The government in the past to the present can't run itself what makes you think it will get better

Building a nation

I'm not political corruption would be worse. Self determination means nothing when we can't even fix what is broken now. schools education our infrastructure all commodities going up gas food materials.

End the charade of self determination once and for all

We will finally have a say about the direction we want the island to go. I hope we don't take things for granted. We must be actively engaged in our own self determination and stop blaming others. We are responsible for our choices and actions.

The Respect for the People & Land of the Island of Guahan.

its great to see folks who are willing to speak up and advocate for their rights, eg, land

Answered in the previous question. Same response.

A closer relationship with the US

I'm hopeful because despite not being Chamorro I see the support of many many people in Guam.

the hope and excitement is for the direction in which the people of guam decide to go. i am excited to go wherever the people want!

As a Chamorro-American, I just want to have a formal voice. My great grand parents were born during the Spanish colonization of Guam in the late 1800s. My grand parents were born on Guam in the early 1900s. My parents were born right before the Japanese invaded Guam and survived through the war.

I am not too sure about what self determination entails but I am really hopeful that it will lead to an increased level of sustainability and Intentional, healthy living.



Land returning to chamoru people.

My hope is that we view self determination beyond just Guam or the Marianas. A broader perspective that includes all of Micronesia will be better for all of us in the long term.

Federal Government won't dictate harmful mandates for our cultur culture

I'm hopeful that the CHamoru people will actually have rights and not be treated as second class citizens

Successive generations of Guamanians are integrating faster as racially-ambiguous Americans as the speed of communication and travel accelerates. This is inevitable and can only be preserved some unrealistic, oppressive North Korean-style lockdown of our society.

To achieve and complete all I have set out to do by any means necessary

Bringing back our culture and language

Support of local businesses, Reduced grocery costs, Less emphasis on military, Return of land back to the native people, Regulating pollution and garbage dumping, A government that honors and respects its own citizens before accommodating outsiders and tourists

I think about all the things Guam can do when it finally has more power to govern itself. I dream of a day where things aren't so expensive because we aren't pushed down by U.S. policy. I dream of one day opening up military lands and giving it back to the families who lost them. I dream of Chamorro children growing up healthy and without fear of bombing from North Korea

We as Chamorros can dictate our own destinies; however, we will have the burden of establishing our own economy, trade, and international relationships.

Hopefully that our island will start to do more for ourselves, thrive past what is now, develop things more in line with our agenda (more laws to enforce or maintain chamoru culture)

People must be allowed to exercise their free-will which God-given. Active without external compulsion, and possessing a high degree of national consciousness.

Better control over economic and social policies locally.

Jones Act will be removed; free country; if the military wants to have their bases on Guam, they will have to pay us instead of using our land for free.

I am excited about the University of Guam's active involvement in the discussions about self-determination. I am happy to see new and younger former and current students at U.O.G. who have been instrumental in keeping self-determination in our political conversations.

THAT WE BE TREATED WITH EQUITY AND DETERMINE WHAT WE WANT TOGETHER EVEN IF IT IS WE CHOOSE STATUS QUO...NO MORE TREATMENT AS 2ND CLASS CITIZENS

Economic opportunities (new industries, new trading partners, cheaper goods), not feeling like second-class citizens
Hopeful that we'll have better preservation of our land and resources
the excitement about it. that's the best part.
To have a voice, to be United as a people
The reunification of the Marianas. To have power back to the indigenous.
I do not want/support self-determination.
Having the US military pay to for the lands they are occupying
(Refer to previous question..)
eliminating corruption freedom of speech
No at all, and fighting is as the process in not inclusive of all people.
Those of CHamoru heritage and those who called Guam their home before the enactment of the Organic Act recognize and appreciate the value of their wishes that were not sought after before the Organic Act. Unlike many other post-colonial communities throughout the world, the people of Guam will claim that they have and will continue to have a say in the political, economic, and cultural future of the island.
Statehood
No comment
None
Better relationships
The involvement of younger voices.
Guam Independence, Immigration control, and family
Preservation/perpetuation/growth of Chamoru culture, language and identity.
Worried
Self determination is not an issue I am hopeful or excited about. I think that activists try to use this issue as a way to cause division within the community and push their own agendas. I don't believe each option put forth has been fully fleshed out. What are the governmental, economic/self sustaining, and military/self defense structures that will be put in place under each

option?
Land ownership, control of destiny, immigration
I'm not at all hopeful. Our American political leaders have already proven that they don't really care what we have to say. They say they're giving us opportunities to share our voices, but that's all it is. They do it only for the sake of saying they gave us the opportunity. They never will take anything we say serious. Nothing we could ever say would influence their decisions.
Worried about Guam being able to take care of itself without US aid as we are too dependent on tourism. No other industry to sustain island without federal aid
Having control over what we can do with our island overall.
Having the freedom to choose our destiny and having a partnership with the U.S. Basically, having a seat at the table and no longer having to be considered a "possession" which makes our status inferior. And being able to openly practice cockfighting...a tradition of our ancestors.
I am not hopeful or excited with regards to self-determination.
I do not think self-determination will bring about positive change.
That we get to save our culture by preserving our historical land marks.
Control of our land sea and air.
Returning of Land, Better economic opportunities, cheaper food/drinks
1. Indigenous. 2. Common wealth 3. Statehood
n/a
Improving status quo, but unlikely due to inability to forge united front on issues
Nothing comes to mind. Its gonna be private property if independence comes to effect
Resolve
I believe statehood is the best option even though it is the least likely to occur. However, I hope that what the process of self-determination will do is force the US to recognize our state sovereignty and realize that the laws and actions they make for themselves does not always work best for our island.
I just want a decision amde already. Since i was a child we have been arguing our politcal status. Meanwhile most CHamorus no longer live here. Ask everyone ñiving here today and accept the will of the people already. To do otherwise will drag this out for decades to come and beyond.

For Chamorus to finally have a say in their government, righting wrongs that have been done to our people

reviving our culture and identity

Bringing back the Chamoru language and making future generations fluent in Chamoru.

New opportunities to share our culture and our worth to the world

Finally setting a course of our own again

Guam is more recognized by the US

Negotiating power with the U.S.

i am hopeful that we are able to do whatever we want to do, to be free of everything

im hopeful if we become a state and that we all choose to become a state

i want my kids and my grand-kids to be given the privileges to go to these places like fena, tarague beach, naval station beach, and all other places affected by the military

Guam leaders involved in decisions being made for Guam not by US Govt. voting for president.

Control over resources, sacred places, borders, political affairs both internationally and nationally. Power to sit at the same table with big countries rather than be told what to do. Power to negotiate our destiny and be respected for our choices.

Not sure

Nothing really. It still seems like a pipe dream

The movement for greater empowerment over ourselves excites me. I am hopeful that our children seize control of their destiny and are enabled to prosper through self-determination in all aspects of their lives.

We should all work together and have a fare exchange of words. And be civil

Education and awareness about all aspects of self-determination, in a positive light, as a process that Guam will reach in the near future. Having everyone on Guam understand that self-determination is not about cutting off or cutting out the US from our history or our future, but a redefining of a relationship in hopefully a more positive way that presents benefits for all parties involved

The freedom to choose and make decisions for the people of our island. We would be able to find ways to address issues that affect our island and its people. We don't have to answer to Uncle Sam or get permission to decide what's best for our island.

Self determination is an ethereal idea. Don't we have that determination in our daily lives. We get to vote however we should also be able to vote for the President of the United States.

Identity

Hopeful

Guam deserves to determine their status,

Change for the better, standing on our own financially

Independence, but continued relationship with the United States.

I don't know

The ability for the indigenous people to have control over our lands use and not be taken by that federal government.

Statehood and less entitled activists

None

idk

N/A

More say in government with what happens to Guam. Our relationship with the federal government

Funding for Guam

The island profiting off of the military LEASING our land from us at market value. The returning of our lands

Right to vote

I hope that self determination will allow us to control the land, waters, laws, etc. On our island without having anyone outside of the Marianas requiring their permission or opinion.

Everything and staying focus

Cultural revitalization, reparations, no more war games, military pollution, ammunitions testing, protection of sacred places and our aquifer and our resources.

Strengthening the culture

Stopping the militarization if Guahan and hopefully the rest of the Mariãnas, reunification with NMI, land back, freedom and ability to make Chamoru language mandatory in school, decolonizing the education system, reviving subsistence living/farming/fishing practices to

sustain us and lift us out of poverty, access to sacred sites currently restricted by the military, and ideally shrinking the dependence on tourism, and addressing compact impact issues/racism

I am hopeful because I am of a generation that believes in Guåhan. We believe that Guåhan was formerly a free and sovereign state with an envied civilization that colonizers sought to destroy and rebuild in their own image. We believe we are CHamoru and the heirs of an island that is slowly and surely reclaiming its freedom and society. We believe in Guåhan and not only returning to the independence we enjoyed, but rebuilding for a decolonized future full of opportunity.

To better the beauty of our island

For Guåhan to speak CHamoru 100%

Not sure

Not hopeful. Besides spending all your time preaching self determination, teach kids & people how to preserve the culture

State hood would be sweet

FinLly, having a sense of where Chamorros want to go politically

We have an opportunity to make right things. Learn from the past, grab hold of the wonderful opportunities, lets not waste them, and keep moving forward.

Having more say in utilizing Guåhans resources (land, air, sea)

Realization of full potential as a people

Free association

If the locals are educated about all options and educated about global history, they could make the wise decision. Do not make a decision based on emotion. Analyze history. We are lucky to be Americans, however you feel about that statement. USA is one of the last bastions of freedom in the world. Also, the supposed vaccine full of foreign contaminants to the body will kill people. Most people will naively take it because of learned helplessness and generationally acquired subservience. Think for yourself. Guam is now at ~80% "vaccination." Yet no one can say what the longterm effects are, especially when it comes to reproductive adverse effects. In the next few years, we will learn if Guam can survive the future.

It would be so powerful to give our chamoru people a voice to decide how to utilize our resources and exercise our rights. Our people deserve this justice.

That young people both CHamoru and otherwise are exposed to more information about it which hopefully leads to more support

Native land given back to its rightful owners and being able to incorporate MORE of our history and language in schools as well as college.

The freedom to speak and be heard with respect and engage in activities that genuinely benefit the people of Guam would be paramount.

Guam, although small, gets the respect that we so deserve. Be able to control our island without the federal govt constantly dictating and imposing their rules and regulations on how they think we should run our island.

From the most innovative, most wealthy countries to the most oppressed and most impoverished; we can do all those things we see fit for ourselves.

Increased influence on what land is used on Guam

Rights to be same as all US citizens, not limited to stateside. Allowing me to be responsible for my own life choices, whether it has consequences. There is a learning curve in all situations. Allowed to choose in social and cultural determination.

Money for guahan

I am hopeful for the confidence about Guam having a star on the American Flag and being the 51st or 52nd state.

Control of our land

Same as 18

Guam being able to choose its own political status.

Access to our own resources. Partnering with the rest of the Pacific

Dont know enough abt it

Will we be double taxed.

I don't know

Being a US Citizen

Independence; revitalization of our CHamoru culture and sovereignty; reclaiming land ownership and natural resources

How can I be excited about not having any options to sustain an economy much less in improving our current status. I have walked the streets of third world countries and yet to find one better than Guam or most areas stateside. America has issues but being an American citizen means everything to me

Our culture, our people & our land

Symbiosis. I want to know what the community thinks - to have that discussion, a meeting of minds as a way to remember that the "self" in self determination is not about the individual. It is about the collective. Collective doesn't mean we have to share opinions. It means I get to meet my neighbor, and I get to listen and really hear what people want. I don't remember a time in recent memory, aside from post-typhoon moments, when our people could function as one community.

A voice in the international community that we are heard and alive

A chance to craft a new chapter in Guam's book, one written by CHamorus.

Hopefully more preservation of the Chamoru culture.

Nothing

I'm hopeful to change in a better government

more use of Chamorro language, more Chamorro activities, and celebration/Projects

Living off the land with natural resources (clean water), enough locally owned property for livestock, jungle access to create environments for medicine and wildlife, so that our livelihood doesn't depend on tourism like everyone says. Local entrepreneurs thriving in agriculture and the arts. Less of our people thinking that the military is the only option for success.

Return of ancestral lands by the military, sustainability of our language and culture, being able to self-govern.

I hope the people smoking weed protesting about indigenous rights can get an education... protesting against the federal government while on public assistance or pell grants

Independance

I am hopeful that as a community we would be able to overcome the challenges that may come from self determination, I am hopeful that our Chamorro people will continue to embrace those with ethnic backgrounds different from our own, and I would be excited for new opportunities

Autonomy and land reclamation

Guam as 51st state

refer to previous answer

I am very hopeful for the next generation of CHamorus to be able to become more culturally competent as well as implementing ideals such as food sovereignty



Resolution
Finally putting this subject matter to rest.
Freedom to choose what we want to do
the future of the next generations like our kids
changes that will be positive and beneficial to us CHamorus
I don't support self-determination.
With the growth of white supremacy stateside, I think it will be important to shield Guam from any expansion of federal power over the people and lands of Guam. I worry that our infrastructure will not be able to sustain our current habits and expectations. I hope for an educated indigenous population to lead us through the rest of this 21st century. I hope for the resurgence of the cHamoru language. I look forward to the island moving toward more agricultural sustainability that will promote both better health and economic independence.
3rd country
Have the vote and move on .
Freedom to write our laws that benefit our people.
I'm hopeful that our idea of hope is grounded and not some fantasy. It's not glamorous or aesthetically pleasing for social media posts. It's hard work and testing all of your relationships and all that you know.
Freedom, opportunity, visioning our thriving future
I am neither hopeful nor excited.
Better control of many aspects of our lives, and of lands; being able to access and have ownership of our land.
I don't know. Other places who have achieved independence aren't doing as well as they'd like.
Deciding how Guam may interact with the US/rest of the world.
Shucks..I think I'm more concerned about how will be self-sustainable, how will we be able to defend ourselves from another country that may want to seize Guahan again. Perhaps hopeful for the opportunity to have free trade with other countries.
Independence
i believe statehood would be good for us here with the exception that we may be labeled as the

native americans, we may become a state but also we may have our reservations and within our reservations and tribes we may make deals with the federal government.

True freedom to choose. To be honest I think I'm more scared than excited.

Maturation. Self reliant. Forging ones destiny.

Our land

I haven't really thought about it

Having a voice

Having the ability to create a government that will work for our people, preserving our environment and culture for future generations, finding our place in the world on our own terms

I am not at all excited about it.

I'm hopeful for our future and current generations to thrive on our own island without the help of outside forces. I hope for a future that our people can live in the traditions and customs of our culture in a way where we do not have to worry about if were CHamoru or American. I hope that self determination can help our communities better ourselves through health, politics and stability for future generations to come.

No comment

We as chamorros finally determine the path of our own governance in full.

Expansion of CHamoru Pride events in school (more than Gupot CHamoru during Mes CHamoru), Less military presence, Less reliance on tourism industry

Who is writing this survey ? Most of us who descend from the original inhabitants know that we are a mixed race now. Stop and let's make Guam a welcoming place for all.

Not sure

To be respected as a native to are islands

Cultural presentation. Self governing. Open and free trade with any country we choose, without u.s. government interference.

Don't know

Closer relations with the US

Immigration control, lower prices for goods and services since we don't have to abide by Jones Act, equal footing with FSM, Palau, and RMI and they can stop telling us they don't have to deal with out local leadership when it comes to national matters.

Our laws for our island and our people

Nothing. It would be great for a few powerful people, and horrible for the rest of us.

I am hopeful that a more conservative voice rises and counters the socialist activist rhetoric that are given the current microphone and gavel. I'd hope for a re-think of the poorly thought or planned list of options. Status quo is a better option than the current 3. You can love your island, you can call yourself a proud Chamorro but not align yourself with the far left antics. Not every proud Chamorro is oppressed and deserving of reparations.

Choice

Nothing. Smug ungrateful activists hate-filled rhetoric, caustic, sanctimonious, forget what we survived, no future, bullies

End of looking in the rear view mirror and moving forward with a vision for a better Guam for all!

My CHamoru people being freed from poverty due to lack of Americano money, healthier sustainability for the whole community, CHamoru lands being returned to my CHamoru people

Future benefits have not been clear to me what can we expect there is no vision of what Guahan will be like from these pro-independence activists and de-colonizers

Hopeful that the United States would someday treat Guam like we are equal partners.,Treat us with respect—like we are important and we are valued.

Becoming a self-sustaining culture again; Deciding whether or not we want the military presence to grow;

Nothing.

I am hopeful of the reclamation of taken lands back to the indigenous people, the retreat of U.S. military presence, and the ability for the island to participate in other markets without the need to go through American rules.

Better relationship with the United States and the region to create a prosperous future for our island and the people.

To be able to pass better policies that are specific to our needs as a community, the ability to open up business opportunities- ex. Limitations of the Jones act, etc.

Opportunity to forge our own socio-economic, future... negating all USA federal laws which impair our economic opportunities, given our geographic location and proximity to prosperous, democratic countries across the Asian rim.....

Resolution

Right to participate and plan future direction for the good of the People, the land, the environment
Preservation of culture
Don't know
The people of Guam are finally curious as why our rights are limited as "Americans"
Being able to feel heard
Chamorro only property, strengthen Chamorro languages & culture by mandating it in all schools (public, private, and military schools. Intergrade and initiate an exchange program or collaboration between public, private; and military school students.
Freedom and protection
I am hopeful that we can just decide what we believe is best for ourselves
Guam gets a seat at the table to discuss its future
Guam cannot sustain on its own
I'm excited to graduate, join the military, and start a family
It means taking the opportunity to decide the political direction of our people. The chance to vote in behalf of our families before us, who have died and didn't get the chance to vote of political status of their land and race.
Being able to actually be apart of the US rather than owned by them. To really benefit from the right and services we sometimes only get the scraps of. Being able to not feel I'm betraying either sides of my identity
Able to control immigration. More foreign aid. Influence politics more independently
The future of Guam is perilous. We have lost generations of young people who don't care about their culture and language because they have not been taught properly. If our children don't identify as being Chamorro, we are lost. However, I have seen our people who are part of the diaspora, becoming more active in social media, and are having conversations.
The only way to win is through peace and togetherness. As a people we have the right to live and thrive in our lands with no fear of being kicked out, poisoned, or blown to bits because of someone else's weapons, greed, and fear. People are understanding what that means and hopefully we can stand together for our future.
Independence, collaborating with other foreign countries

the chamorros to finally gain their identity , our culture gaining originality back, for chamorros to be able to create their own everything without any outside influences

For Guam to be acknowledged as a US Territory and to be allowed to vote and participate in the election of the next President of the United States.

Realistic Unity that recognizes the good that can be found by following the US Constitution while still looking out for the interest of all people who call Guam and the CNMI home.

Self-determination is about taking leadership, being able to making self determining and governing the needs, the protection and the strength for our Island of Guam.

I am hopeful because CHamorus have a long history of enacting change even if incremental despite the plenary power of the United States. I am hopeful that decolonization and self-determination are still important to the CHamoru people (evidenced by the Dos Mit March). CHamorus are still fighting and that leaves me optimistic.

I don't

Cultural revitalization. Food security. Long term sustainability.

Governing ourselves and not being limited to the laws that currently govern us, which we do not have a say in

Determine our future, our destiny, rebuild, educate the everyone on the truth, re instill pride of bring CHamoru

Development/betterment of Regional relations

The ability for guam to shape our laws that blend well with our culture

Political freedom, no militarization (lands returned) and a proud and happy people.

Money growth knowledge

Not hopeful

Status Quo or statehood . Let's improve quality of life, not regress .

Controlling our boarders, reduce imported foods, and shortened work weeks.

Human potential

Passion

Does US Congress really understand how we feel?

A diverse Guam economy, being able to do work on the international stage and with other countries besides the US, balancing cultural importance with economic prosperity and urban

density in Guam, CHamoru culture being prioritized
The next generation, sharing and educating others about what needs to change on our island. For our future
Motive, discipline, strong-minded
Not sure
Return of land to people
A re-emerging drive for self-determination & decolonization that builds on past movements. The strength and endurance of the CHamoru people in light of colonization. CHamoru self-determination being something that I hope to see/be a part of in my lifetime.
True Self governance. lands being returned to original owners. True freedom realized and colonialism now our past