

## FLORIDIANS OPPOSE FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ELECTIONS

## 82% of Florida voters agree: It is time to stop foreign nationals from influencing campaigns to change Florida's constitution.

It is illegal for foreign nationals to contribute to candidates running for political office. Thanks to a loophole in the law, though, foreign nationals are free to give millions to influence ballot issue campaigns.

In fact, just one foreign billionaire—progressive activist Hansjorg Wyss—has given nearly \$300 million to a liberal, Washington, D.C.-based dark money group called the Sixteen Thirty Fund. So far, that group has spent \$130 million in foreign-tied funds to influence ballot measures in 26 states.

Florida is a top target for foreign-tied spending. The Sixteen Thirty Fund has already spent \$17 million in foreign-tied funds on ballot issues in Florida. That includes \$14 million spent last year alone.



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Florida lawmakers should prioritize closing the foreign funding loophole.

A new survey by Honest Elections Project Action found that Floridians are concerned and demanding action: 89% think Florida lawmakers should prioritize closing the foreign funding loophole.

The survey also found that:

- 85% of Republicans, 83% of Independents, and 78% of Democrats agree that foreign nationals should be banned from contributing.
- 76% of Floridians would be less likely to vote for a ballot measure if they knew it was financially supported by foreign nationals.
- Over half (51%) are also concerned that foreign adversaries like China and Russia could exploit the same loophole to influence Florida's constitution.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Foreign nationals should be banned from donating to ballot issue campaigns in Florida.	Total agree Total disagree	82% 15%
Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Florida lawmakers should prioritize closing the foreign funding loophole?	Total agree Total disagree	89% 10%
Would you be more likely or less likely to support a ballot initiative in Florida if you knew it was financially backed by foreign sources?	Total more likely Total less likely	19% 76%

**METHODOLOGY:** This mixed mode survey was conducted March 9-11, 2025 among 800 likely voters in Florida, half via phone and half online. Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region. ±3.46% overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for the overall survey.

