

Florida Voters Want to Protect Public Employees' First Amendment Rights

67 percent of Florida voters
support informing public
employees of their rights



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The United States Supreme Court has ruled that all government workers have a right to choose whether or not to pay a union. This is similar to the right that workers in Florida have had for decades under the state’s right-to-work law. Should the Florida legislature ensure that public employees are informed of these rights?

		By party identification			Public sector union households		
		Republican	Democrat	Independent			
All voters		Yes	69.2%	66.9%	65.5%	Yes	64.6%
		No	11.2%	13.7%	16.5%	No	21.3%
		Unsure	19.6%	19.4%	17.9%	Unsure	14.1%

Should the government collect union dues from public employees’ paychecks or should unions collect dues for themselves?

		By party identification			Public sector union households		
		Republican	Democrat	Independent			
All voters		Government	15.3%	16.5%	18.0%	Government	31.9%
		Unions	64.3%	67.4%	68.0%	Unions	50.1%
		Unsure	20.5%	16.1%	14.1%	Unsure	18.0%

Florida law gives teachers the opportunity to have an election to keep or remove the union at their workplace if less than fifty percent of teachers are members of that union. Do you support or oppose this law?

All voters		By party identification			Public sector union households		
		Republican	Democrat	Independent			
Support	44.4%	Support	49.9%	36.6%	45.9%	Support	31.3%
Oppose	24.3%	Oppose	19.4%	28.4%	25.7%	Oppose	45.6%
Unsure	31.3%	Unsure	30.7%	35.0%	28.4%	Unsure	23.0%

Would you support or oppose giving other public employees in Florida the same rights as teachers to have an election to keep or remove the union if less than fifty percent of members participate?

All voters		By party identification			Public sector union households		
		Republican	Democrat	Independent			
Support	57.2%	Support	64.2%	49.7%	56.7%	Support	42.4%
Oppose	20.7%	Oppose	14.5%	24.4%	24.0%	Oppose	44.7%
Unsure	22.1%	Unsure	21.3%	25.9%	19.3%	Unsure	12.8%

Currently, a union representative signs a form showing their membership numbers without any evidence or corresponding proof. Would you support or oppose directing unions to accurately show their reported union membership levels with evidence?

		By party identification			Public sector union households	
		Republican	Democrat	Independent		
All voters						
Support	59.2%	69.6%	47.7%	58.8%	Support	44.4%
Oppose	19.3%	9.0%	27.5%	22.9%	Oppose	36.4%
Unsure	21.5%	21.4%	24.8%	18.3%	Unsure	19.2%

Demographics

With which political party do you most identify?

All voters

Republican	36.0%
Democrat	31.5%
Independent	32.5%

What is your age?

All voters

44 or younger	33.0%
Between 45 and 64	37.9%
65 or older	29.1%

What is your gender?

All voters

Male	47.9%
Female	52.1%

**Are you, or is anyone in your household,
a member of a union?**

All voters

Yes	7.1%
No	92.9%

Methodology

Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a statewide sample of 502 likely voters in Florida. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted January 18-20, 2022. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.37 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

The James Madison Institute paid for all costs associated with this survey.



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