

MAJORITY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REPUBLICANS OPEN TO SECESSION

Registered Republicans in Florida's 19th Congressional District believe in widespread voter fraud, support Trump's litigation attempts, and are even open to the idea of secession if Biden becomes President.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On November 7th – the day the Associated Press and other news outlets called the Presidential race in Joe Biden’s favor – Victory Insights collected detailed poll results from a group of five hundred and fifty registered Republicans in Florida’s 19th Congressional District. The following report is an overview of our research.

Florida’s 19th Congressional District is one of the most conservative districts in the nation. In 2016, its overwhelming support for Donald Trump gave him the edge he needed to win Florida, and it came up big for him in 2020 as well. But, according to our recent study, Southwest Florida Republicans’ support for President Trump extends far beyond just the vote.

These voters have clearly been listening to Team Trump’s recent messaging, as an overwhelming majority (69%, as per **Section A**) believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden’s victory. Not only that, but when asked whether they’d prefer President Trump peacefully concede the election or continue to litigate and dispute the results, approximately two thirds of respondents answered in favor of continuing litigation (**Section B**).

Interesting patterns emerge as one begins to dive deeper into the crosstabs. A crucial figure for President Trump’s team to consider is that nearly 90% of those who blame Joe Biden’s victory on voter fraud support Trump’s litigation campaign (**Section C**). Conversely, over 91% of those who *don’t* believe that Biden’s victory is a result of voter fraud support a peaceful transition of power. Thus, if President Trump wants to solidify support within his party for a bare-knuckle legal battle for the White House, he must first convince voters that widespread voter fraud occurred.

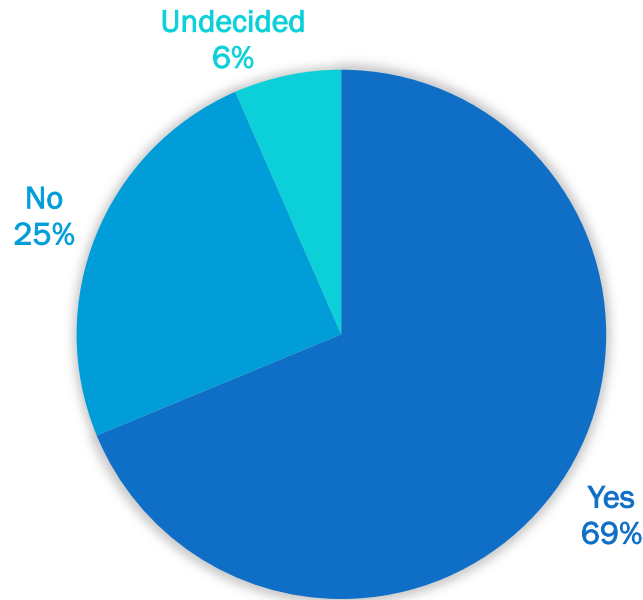
Voters were also asked about their support for Florida seceding from the United States if a Biden-Harris presidency were unavoidable. While 43.7% of Republican voters “strongly opposed” seceding, only about 3.6% indicated that they “somewhat opposed” seceding, meaning that over 50% of voters were either in support of or undecided on the prospect of secession (**Section D**).

That particular metric is perhaps the most telling of all. Nearly 30% of Republicans stated that they were in support of their state seceding from the US if Biden and Harris were to assume power! Additionally, the relatively high (23.1%) proportion of voters who are “undecided” on the issue may suggest that some voters are in support of the idea, but are afraid to share such an opinion. Though legitimate paths to secession are incredibly limited, the fact that a majority of Southwest Florida Republicans are at least open to the idea demonstrates President Trump’s popularity within the region.



(A) Voter Fraud Played Role in Joe Biden Victory

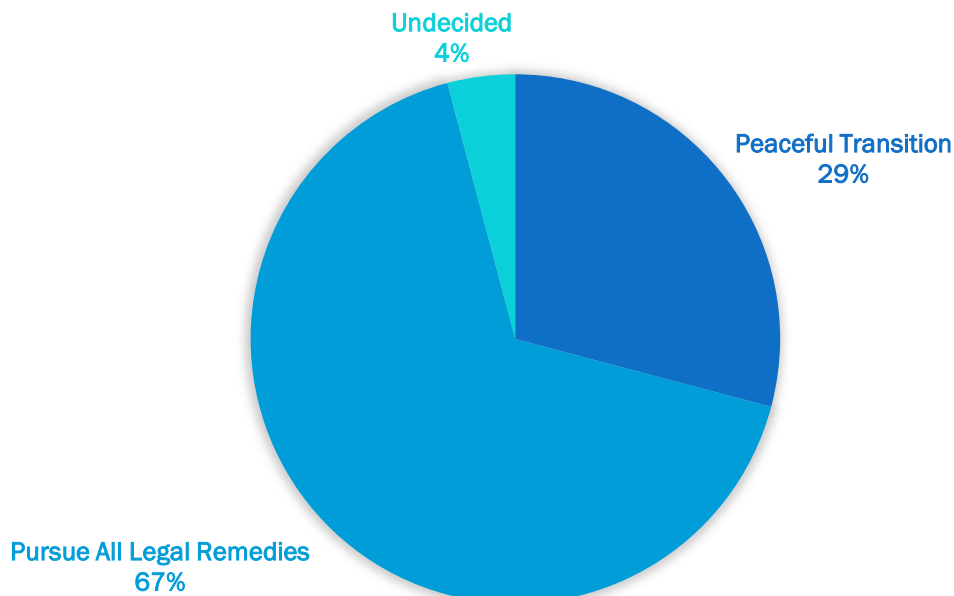
Q: Do you believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden's projected victory in the 2020 Presidential Election?



(B) Accepting the Results of the Election

Q: Which of the following statements best describes your position on accepting the results of the 2020 Presidential election?

- **Peaceful Transition:** "President Trump should concede the election to Joe Biden and proceed with a peaceful transition of power."
- **Pursue All Legal Remedies:** "President Trump should pursue any and all legal remedies available to maintain his position as President."
- **Undecided:** "Undecided."



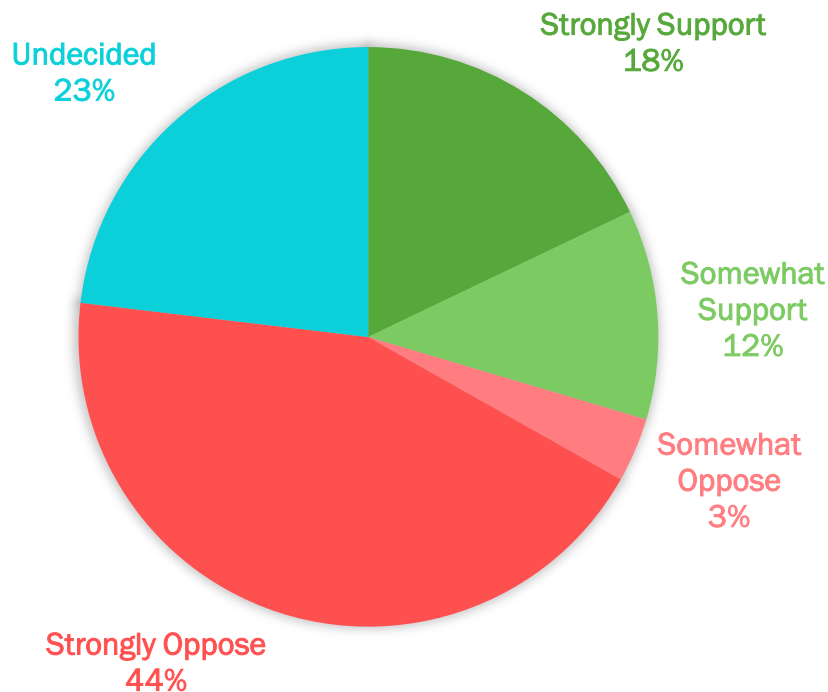


(C) Voter Fraud vs. Accepting Results



(D) Support for Secession

Q: Would you support the Florida state legislature pursuing acts of secession from the United States if a Biden/Harris Presidency is otherwise unavoidable?





RELEVANT CROSSTABS

Q: Do you believe that voter fraud played a role in Joe Biden's projected victory in the 2020 Presidential Election?

Age

	0-39	40-54	55-65	66+
Yes	71.43%	72.41%	72.13%	64.81%
No	25.00%	27.59%	21.31%	25.23%
Undecided	3.57%	0.00%	6.56%	9.95%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Gender

	Female	Male
Yes	67.68%	64.82%
No	22.56%	27.67%
Undecided	9.76%	7.51%
Total	100%	100%

Voted in 2016

	No	Yes
Yes	58.49%	67.20%
No	32.08%	24.14%
Undecided	9.43%	8.65%
Total	100%	100%

Transition

	Legal Remedies	Peaceful	Undecided
Yes	90.53%	12.88%	67.86%
No	2.79%	76.69%	7.14%
Undecided	6.69%	10.43%	25.00%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Secession

	Somewhat Oppose	Somewhat Support	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Support	Undecided
Yes	71.43%	81.54%	54.89%	82.76%	71.19%
No	21.43%	7.69%	36.84%	11.49%	17.80%
Undecided	7.14%	10.77%	8.27%	5.75%	11.02%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Q: Which of the following statements best describes your position on accepting the results of the 2020 Presidential election?

- **Peaceful Transition:** “President Trump should concede the election to Joe Biden and proceed with a peaceful transition of power.”
- **Pursue All Legal Remedies:** “President Trump should pursue any and all legal remedies available to maintain his position as President.”
- **Undecided:** “Undecided.”

Age

	0-39	40-54	55-65	66+
Legal Remedies	60.71%	72.41%	72.13%	64.12%
Peaceful Transition	32.14%	27.59%	26.23%	30.09%
Undecided	7.14%	0.00%	1.64%	5.79%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Gender

	Female	Male
Legal Remedies	68.01%	62.06%
Peaceful Transition	25.93%	33.99%
Undecided	6.06%	3.95%
Total	100%	100%

Voted in 2016

	No	Yes
Legal Remedies	60.38%	65.79%
Peaceful Transition	35.85%	28.97%
Undecided	3.77%	5.23%
Total	100%	100%

Voter Fraud

	No	Undecided	Yes
Legal Remedies	7.30%	50.00%	89.04%
Peaceful Transition	91.24%	35.42%	5.75%
Undecided	1.46%	14.58%	5.21%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Secession

	Somewhat Oppose	Somewhat Support	Strongly Oppose	Strongly Support	Undecided
Legal Remedies	50.00%	87.69%	51.88%	81.61%	72.88%
Peaceful Transition	28.57%	6.15%	44.36%	17.24%	18.64%
Undecided	21.43%	6.15%	3.76%	1.15%	8.47%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



Q: Would you support the Florida state legislature pursuing acts of secession from the United States if a Biden/Harris Presidency is otherwise unavoidable?

Age

	0-39	40-54	55-65	66+
Strongly Support	21.43%	27.59%	14.75%	14.81%
Somewhat Support	10.71%	10.34%	13.11%	11.81%
Somewhat Oppose	7.14%	6.90%	1.64%	2.08%
Strongly Oppose	39.29%	31.03%	40.98%	51.16%
Undecided	21.43%	24.14%	29.51%	20.14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Gender

	Female	Male
Strongly Support	13.80%	18.18%
Somewhat Support	13.47%	9.88%
Somewhat Oppose	1.35%	3.95%
Strongly Oppose	46.46%	50.59%
Undecided	24.92%	17.39%
Total	100%	100%

Voted 2016

	No	Yes
Strongly Support	16.98%	15.69%
Somewhat Support	11.32%	11.87%
Somewhat Oppose	3.77%	2.41%
Strongly Oppose	39.62%	49.30%
Undecided	28.30%	20.72%
Total	100%	100%

Voter Fraud

	No	Undecided	Yes
Strongly Support	7.30%	10.42%	19.73%
Somewhat Support	3.65%	14.58%	14.52%
Somewhat Oppose	2.19%	2.08%	2.74%
Strongly Oppose	71.53%	45.83%	40.00%
Undecided	15.33%	27.08%	23.01%
Total	100%	100%	100%

(Crosstabs continued on next page.)

*Transition*

	Legal Remedies	Peaceful Transition	Undecided
Strongly Support	19.78%	9.20%	3.57%
Somewhat Support	15.88%	2.45%	14.29%
Somewhat Oppose	1.95%	2.45%	10.71%
Strongly Oppose	38.44%	72.39%	35.71%
Undecided	23.96%	13.50%	35.71%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Note: Topline results are age-weighted in order to obtain a more accurate representation of the voter universe. Crosstab results are not weighted.