

Biden Has Support and Crist is Still Leading DeSantis with Florida Likely Voters

Voters Want Local Control of Biden's Mandates

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For Immediate Release:

Consistent with everything we have been polling for the past year, likely voters trust and want local control of this pandemic while not supporting the intrusive behavior of the state and federal authorities. In a poll of 911 likely Florida voters, we see 63% have a favorable opinion of President Joe Biden's workforce vaccine/testing mandate he put forth September 9, 2021. In fact, out of the 63% that favored it, 46% were Extremely Favorable of the move; despite the calls against it from the elected partisan aisle. In fact, the attitudes are so strong we only had 2% say they were undecided on this issue. However, as you will see later in the study, 38% want those measured want it to be handled locally. **(Crosstabs on following pages.)**

First, what is your opinion of President Biden's mandate for all workers in companies with at least 100 employees, to be vaccinated, or prove they test negative for Covid, weekly?

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1. Extremely Favorable	419	46.0%
2. Very Favorable	79	8.7%
3. Favorable	76	8.3%
4. unfavorable	103	11.3%
5. Very Unfavorable	73	8.0%
6. Extremely Unfavorable	143	15.7%
7. No Opinion	18	2.0%

Additionally, we asked them how committed to the mandates they were. We see that 57.7% are strongly committed to full mandates, rather than partial. Exactly we see that 57.7% said all, 35.3% said it should be voluntary, 2.4% said Vaccine only and 2.6% said mask mandates only. **(Crosstabs on following pages.)**

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2. Voluntary Choice	322	35.3%
3. Vaccine Mandates Only	22	2.4%
4. Mask Mandates Only	24	2.6%
5. No Opinion	17	1.9%

Next, we found out that although the voters strongly support what President Biden is doing, 38% want the actions to be controlled and enforced on a local level while 27.6% say they would like federal control and only 16.6% wanting it to be working through the state agencies. This might play greatly into the overall disdain with the way they perceive Governor DeSantis is handling and managing the Covid 19 situation overall. **(Crosstabs on following pages.)**

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When it comes to the election times, we see Charlie Crist still leading Ron DeSantis by 9%. Here again, though, it is about getting out the base. Crist is carrying 77.3% of the Democrat vote while DeSantis is carrying 69.8% of the Republican vote. In a state where the parties are so close in numbers, especially with likely voters, every vote counts in a more than major manner. **(Crosstabs on following pages.)**

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This is the same for the presidential race. Last week we did a blind head-to-head as compared to this hypothetical match-up between Biden and DeSantis showing that Biden, with 55.2%, still has a great deal of support in Florida; especially when matched against Ron DeSantis with 44.8%. Here Biden is picking up 55.2% of the NPA along with 74.2% of the Democrat vote. **(Crosstabs on following pages.)**

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METHODOLOGY:

The persons sampled were Florida likely voters with a voting score of 100% for the primary and general election cycles. The voters called were those only with landlines and were called using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system and were called during the hours of 1PM to 8PM September 11-12, 2021. The Margin of Error for this study is +/- 3.1% with a confidence level of 95%. The crosstabs are broken down by Party Affiliation.

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CROSSTAB ANALYSIS

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	Democrat, Responses: 422			
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	2. Very Favorable	48	11.4%	5.3%
	3. Favorable	29	6.9%	3.2%
	4. unfavorable	17	4.0%	1.9%
	5. Very Unfavorable	8	1.9%	0.9%
	6. Extremely Unfavorable	22	5.2%	2.4%
	7. No Opinion	6	1.4%	0.7%

No Party Affiliation, Responses: 125				
1. Extremely Favorable	52	41.6%	5.7%	
2. Very Favorable	10	8.0%	1.1%	
3. Favorable	10	8.0%	1.1%	
4. unfavorable	18	14.4%	2.0%	
5. Very Unfavorable	11	8.8%	1.2%	
6. Extremely Unfavorable	21	16.8%	2.3%	
7. No Opinion	3	2.4%	0.3%	
Republican, Responses: 364				
1. Extremely Favorable	75	20.6%	8.2%	
2. Very Favorable	21	5.8%	2.3%	
3. Favorable	37	10.2%	4.1%	
4. unfavorable	68	18.7%	7.5%	
5. Very Unfavorable	54	14.8%	5.9%	
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2. Voluntary Choice		65	15.4%	7.1%
3. Vaccine Mandates Only		9	2.1%	1.0%
4. Mask Mandates Only		11	2.6%	1.2%
5. No Opinion		6	1.4%	0.7%
No Party Affiliation, Responses: 125				
1. Supporting All Mandates		68	54.4%	7.5%
2. Voluntary Choice		49	39.2%	5.4%
3. Vaccine Mandates Only		2	1.6%	0.2%
4. Mask Mandates Only		2	1.6%	0.2%
5. No Opinion		4	3.2%	0.4%
Republican, Responses: 364				
1. Supporting All Mandates		127	34.9%	13.9%
2. Voluntary Choice		208	57.1%	22.8%
3. Vaccine Mandates Only		11	3.0%	1.2%
4. Mask Mandates Only		11	3.0%	1.2%
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2. State		62	14.7%	6.8%
3. Federal		166	39.3%	18.2%
4. No Opinion		62	14.7%	6.8%
No Party Affiliation, Responses: 125				
1. Local		45	36.0%	4.9%
2. State		19	15.2%	2.1%
3. Federal		34	27.2%	3.7%
4. No Opinion		27	21.6%	3.0%
Republican, Responses: 364				
1. Local		169	46.4%	18.6%
2. State		70	19.2%	7.7%
3. Federal		51	14.0%	5.6%
4. No Opinion		74	20.3%	8.1%

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2. Ron DeSantis		63	50.4%	6.9%
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1. Charlie Crist		110	30.2%	12.1%
2. Ron DeSantis		254	69.8%	27.9%

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	2. Ron DeSantis	243	66.8%	26.7%