

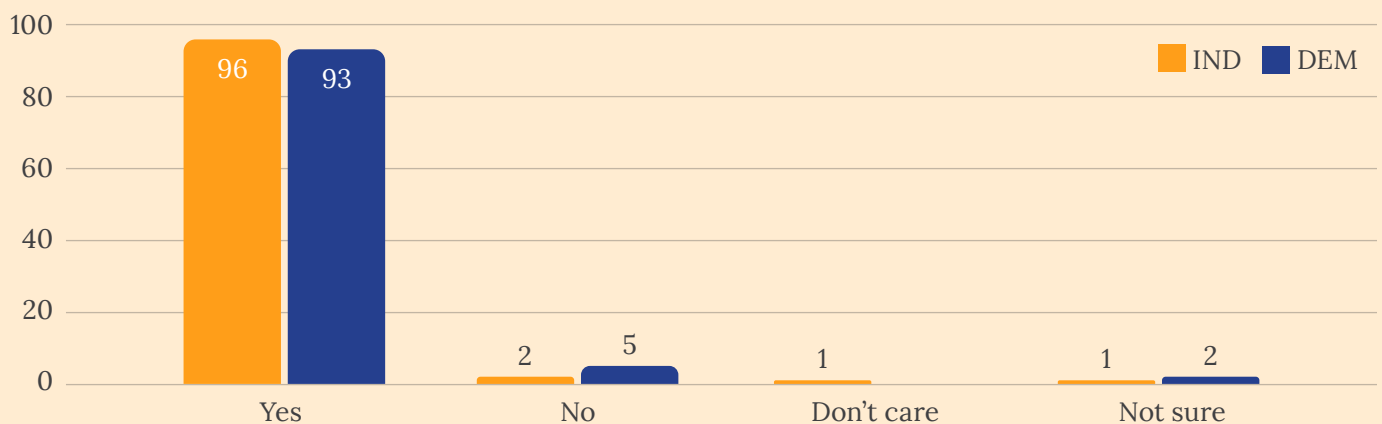
Should the Florida Democratic Party Open Their Primaries?

A Poll of Independents and Democrats

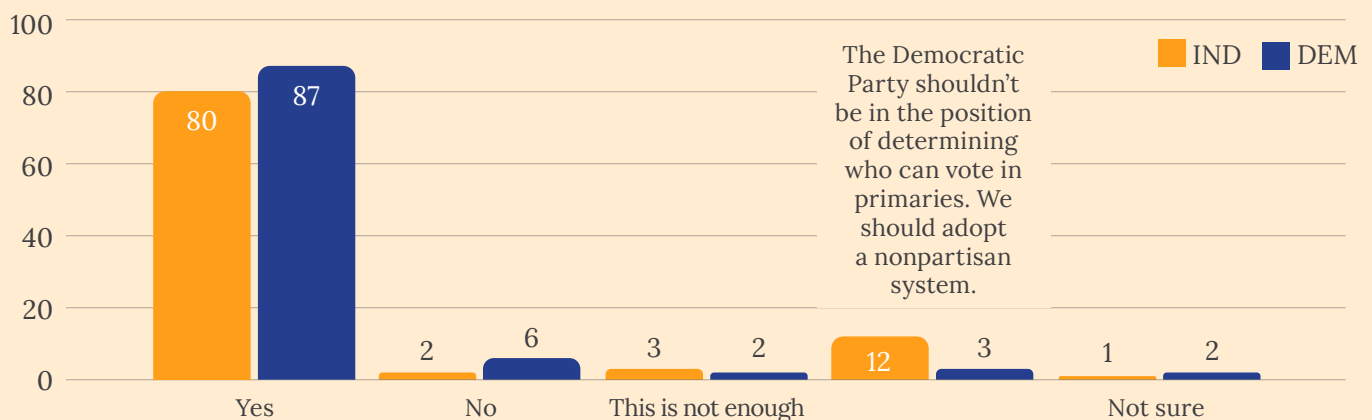
BACKGROUND: Nikki Fried, the chair of the Florida Democratic Party has said that the party is considering opening their primaries to the 3.4 million independent voters (no party affiliation) across the state.

METHODOLOGY: This poll was conducted from August 5 – September 1, 2025. The poll was conducted online and via email. The poll included 684 independent (NPA) voters and 626 Democrats from across the state.

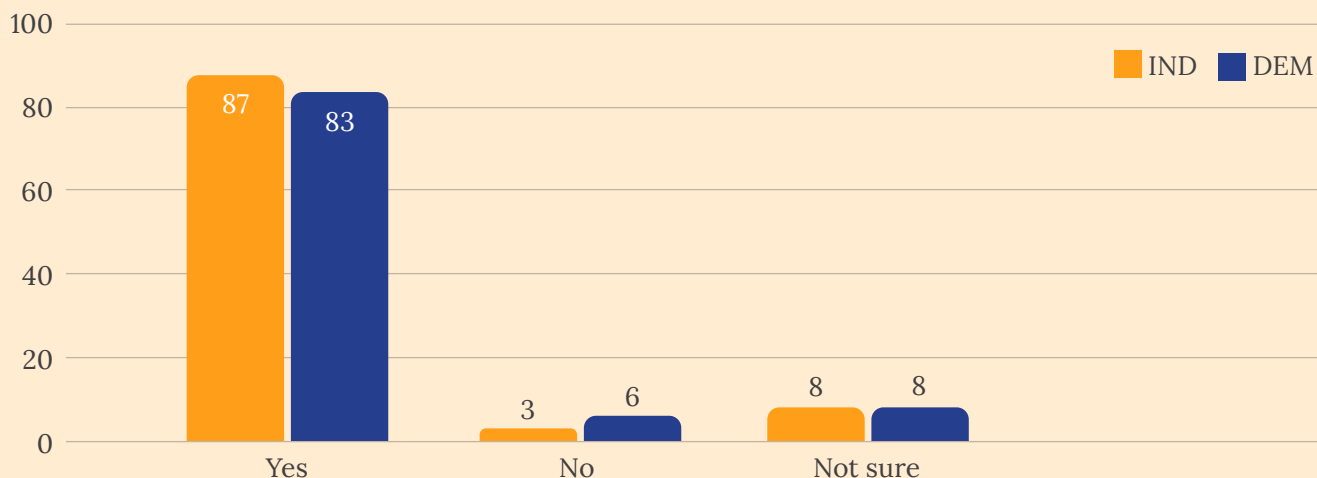
Do you believe that Florida should adopt an open primary system, where the 3.4 million NPA voters would be able to vote in publicly funded primaries?



The Chair of the Democratic Party of Florida has said that the Florida Democratic Party is considering opening their party primaries to NPA voters. Would you like to see the Democratic Party open their primaries?



Would you support a lobbying effort directed at the DP to ask them to do the following: **1.** Open their primaries to NPA voters and call on the RP to do the same **2.** Acknowledge they made a mistake in 2020 in opposing open primaries when it was on the ballot **3.** Introduce legislation for a nonpartisan primary system for the state **4.** Pledge to stop using the “write in loophole” that allows them to close primaries when only one party has a primary.



COMMENTS FROM POLL TAKERS:

“I believe as a taxpayer we deserve the right to vote for who we want.”

—Tracy M (Coral Springs, FL)
Independent Voter

“All elections should be open to everyone. One person one vote.”

—Ruth N (Belle Isle, FL)
Democrat

“I don’t feel it is fair to deny independents a vote. It is our constitutional right to have a voice.”

—Penny F (Bushnell, FL)
Independent Voter

“As an Independent voter I feel like I am not considered an important part of our democratic system and that needs to change.”

—Samantha S (North Port, FL)
Independent Voter

“Open primaries help elect candidates that better reflect voters. It is so unfair in Florida that if you’re not sworn to a party, you don’t get to vote at the beginning of the process.”

—Jackie D (Melbourne, FL)
Democrat

“Very simple: vote in the best people, regardless of party. In Florida, 3.4 M people have been gagged (and pay the bill).”

—John B (Melbourne, FL)
Independent Voter

“Closed primaries encourage candidates to only speak to their partisan bases, resulting in highly divisive legislators unwilling to compromise.”

—Curt R (Punta Gorda, FL)
Independent Voter

“Independent voters have been excluded for too long. I am not an Independent only because of this fact.”

—Donald F (Lake Placid, FL)
Democrat