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# NEW BENDIXEN & AMANDI INTERNATIONAL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY VOTER POLL REVEALS SHARP DIVIDES AND STRONG SENTIMENTS ON MANY IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUES

MIAMI – A new countywide survey of Miami-Dade County voters conducted by Bendixen & Amandi International between September 30 and October 3, 2025, reveals a Miami-Dade County electorate deeply engaged but sharply divided on key political and policy issues.

The survey of 600 registered voters has a margin of error of ±4.0 percentage points.

### **ISSUE AREA HIGHLIGHTS**

<u>For the first time</u>, Miami Dade County voters were asked their opinion and viewpoint on a wide variety of extremely newsworthy issues including:

- The decision by the State of Florida to transfer land owned by Miami-Dade College to become the future site of the Donald Trump Presidential Library
- Ending Temporary Protected Status for Venezuelan Exiles
- The Use of Military Force by the Trump Administration to remove Nicolas Maduro
- The potential future use of the current Miami Seaquarium site
- Continuing or ending Automatic Camera Ticketing in School Zones
- The decision to stay or relocate from Miami-Dade over affordability concerns.
- Deporting Miami-Dade undocumented immigrants with no criminal record.
- The ending of the practice of adding fluoride to Miami-Dade County water supply
- The decision to end vaccine mandates in Florida and job approval ratings of President Donald Trump, Governor Ron DeSantis and Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava

#### **TOPLINE SURVEY RESULTS**

#### **SCREENS**

1. To be sure we have a representative sample, can you please tell me your age – are you under 18, between 18 and 29, between 30 and 39, between 40 and 54, between 55 and 64, or are you 65 or older?

1. Under 18	TERMINATE	
2. Between 18 and 29	CONTINUE	<b>12</b> %
3. Between 30 and 39	CONTINUE	16%
4. Between 40 and 54	CONTINUE	26%
5. Between 55 and 64	CONTINUE	21%
6. 65 or older	CONTINUE	25%
9. Don't know/No answer	TERMINATE	

2. Are you currently a resident of Miami-Dade County?

1.	Yes	CONTINUE	100%
2.	No	TERMINATE	
9.	Don't know/No answer	TERMINATE	

3. Are you currently registered to vote in Miami-Dade County?

1.	Yes	CONTINUE	100%
2.	No	TERMINATE	
9.	Don't know/No answer	TERMINATE	

Next, please specifically think about the job that each of the following individuals are doing and indicate whether you approve or disapprove of their job performance in office.

#### 4. President Donald Trump

1.Strongly approve	32%
2.Somewhat approve	14%
3. Somewhat disapprove	9%
4.Strongly disapprove	40%
5.Do not recognize	0%
9.No Answer	5%

#### **Trump Approval (by Party and Among Cubans):**

BY PARTY - Republicans are overwhelmingly supportive of Trump, (72% strongly, 19% somewhat), while Democrats are nearly unanimous in opposition (71% strongly disapprove). Independents lean negative, with 61% disapproving (47% strongly) compared to 27% approving.

AMONG CUBANS - Trump's approval is net positive (59% approve vs. 38% disapprove). Intensity runs high, with nearly half (42%) "strongly approve." While over one-third disapprove (32% strongly)

#### 5. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis

1.	Strongly approve	28%
2.	Somewhat approve	19%
3.	Somewhat disapprove	12%
4.	Strongly disapprove	36%
5.	Do not recognize	1%
9.	No Answer	4%

#### **Governor DeSantis Approval (by Party):**

BY PARTY - Republicans are nearly universally supportive, (60% strongly, 32% somewhat) and only 4% disapproving. Democrats are overwhelmingly opposed, with 84% disapproving (65% strongly) and just 13% approving. Independents lean negative, with 55% disapproving (41% strongly) versus 36% approving.

#### 6. Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava

1.	Strongly approve	23%
2.	Somewhat approve	31%
3.	Somewhat disapprove	12%
4.	Strongly disapprove	16%
5.	Do not recognize	8%
9.	No Answer	10%

#### Levine Cava Approval (by Party):

BY PARTY - Democrats overwhelmingly back Levine Cava (64% approve, 43% strongly), while a majority of Republicans giving her positive marks (54% approve vs. 31% disapprove). Independents are also supportive (44% approve, 26% disapprove).

# 7. Do you support or do not support the Trump administration's efforts to end Temporary Protected Status - also known as TPS - for Venezuelans now living in the United States?

1.	Yes, I support	35%
2.	No, I don't support	<b>50</b> %
9.	Don't Know/No Answer	15%

### **Ending TPS for Venezuelans (by Party and Race):**

BY PARTY - Republicans largely support ending TPS (68%), Democrats overwhelmingly oppose ending TPS (69%), and Independents lean against ending TPS (57% oppose, 22% support).

BY RACE - Anglo respondents are evenly divided (47% support, 41% oppose). Hispanic respondents lean toward opposition (55% oppose ending TPS vs. 34% support). Black respondents lean toward opposition ending TPS (44% vs. 23%).

# 8. Should President Trump attempt to use military force to get Nicolas Maduro to step down as Venezuela's president?

1. Yes	Yes	35%
2.	No	42%
9.	Don't Know/ No Answer	23%

## Using Military Force in Venezuela (by Party and Race):

BY PARTY - A majority of Republicans support the use of military force (59%), while Democrats (57% oppose) and Independents (51% oppose) lean negative.

BY RACE - Anglo respondents opposed (45% oppose vs. 27% support). Hispanic respondents lean against intervention (36% oppose vs. 44% support). Black respondents are the most opposed (56% oppose vs. 20% support).

9. Do you feel like you can speak your mind in public or on social media without fear of retaliation for expressing your opinions and political views?

1.	Yes	40%
2.	No	<b>50</b> %
9.	Don't Know/No Answer	10%

#### **Speaking Freely Without Fear (by Party):**

BY PARTY - A majority of Republicans (56%) say they can express their views without fear, though more than a third of Republican voters disagree (37%). Among Democrats and Independents, majorities feel constrained (53% and 63% respectively).

10. Do you agree or disagree with the allocation of Miami-Dade County public dollars to support the World Cup soccer matches coming to Hard Rock Stadium in Miami-Dade County in 2026?

1.	Agree	<b>25</b> %
2.	Disagree	66%
9.	Don't Know/No Answer	9%

11. After several decades of operation, Miami-Dade County is considering ending the lease and operational rights for the Miami Seaquarium tourist attraction on public land in Key Biscayne. Would prefer to see the land in Key Biscayne that is currently home to the Miami Seaquarium continue to be a tourist attraction or should Miami-Dade County explore other uses for the property in the future?

1.	Yes, continue to be a tourist attraction	<b>54</b> %
2.	No, Miami-Dade County should explore other uses for the property	<b>36</b> %
3.	Don't Know/No Answer	10%

12. Are you in favor of continuing or ending the issuance of automatic cameras ticketing fines for vehicles speeding above the 15 mile per hour maximum speed limit around school zones in Miami-Dade County?

1. Co	Continue	54%
2.	End	42%
9.	Don't know/No Answer	4%

13. Have you actively considered relocating out of or moving from Miami-Dade County due to cost of living and affordability issues?

1.	Yes	56%
2.	No	39%
9.	Don't know/No Answer	5%

# Relocation Due to Cost of Living (by Income):

BY INCOME - Across income brackets, majorities have considered leaving Miami-Dade due to affordability pressures: 61% of those earning under \$50K, 59% in the \$50–100K range, and even 55% of those earning \$100K+.

14. "Do you support or oppose arresting, and detaining undocumented immigrants with no criminal record who currently reside in Miami-Dade County and deporting them to other countries?"

1.	Support	32%
2.	Oppose	60%
9.	Don't know/No Answer	8%

#### **Deporting Undocumented Without Criminal Records (by Party and Race):**

BY PARTY - A majority of Republicans (62%) support deportations even for those without criminal records, but Democrats (84%) and Independents (69%) overwhelmingly oppose.

BY RACE – White Anglo respondents lean slightly toward support (51% vs. 43%). Hispanic respondents are strongly opposed (69% vs. 27%). Black respondents lean toward opposition (48% vs. 32%)

15. As you may know, in May of this year the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners directed the Water Department to end the practice of adding fluoride to Miami-Dade County's public water supply.

Since 1958, in alignment with guidance from medical and public health professionals, the County has added fluoride to the drinking water as a longstanding preventive measure to help reduce tooth decay and support oral health.

Critics of adding fluoride to the drinking water supply argue the practice amounts to "forced medication", question the long-term health effects, and have said fluoride

could lead to developmental issues in children and could be harmful to babies in the womb, despite most scientific studies showing no harm at recommended levels.

Do you support or oppose ending the addition of fluoride to the county's drinking water?"

1.	Strongly support	30%
2.	Somewhat support	17%
3.	Somewhat oppose	13%
4.	Strongly oppose	27%
5	Don't know / No opinion	13%

#### **Ending Fluoride in Drinking Water (by Party and Gender):**

BY PARTY - Republicans lean toward ending fluoridation (63% support vs. 24% oppose), Democrats lean the other way (35% support vs. 57% oppose), and Independents are nearly split (42% support vs. 38% oppose).

BY GENDER - Gender gaps are modest: men lean slightly supportive (52%–35%) while women tilt toward opposition (41%–44%)

16. Recently, Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo and Governor Ron Desantis announced a decision to end all vaccine mandates in the State of Florida for children and adults saying this protects individual freedoms and the right of people to make their own health decisions. Most public health experts warn however that ending vaccine mandates could open the door to outbreaks of preventable diseases such as measles, mumps, polio chicken pox and hepatitis putting children, seniors and vulnerable Floridians at risk. Do you agree or disagree with this decision to end vaccine mandates in Florida?

1.	Strongly agree	28%
2.	Somewhat agree	12%
3.	Somewhat disagree	11%
4.	Strongly disagree	44%
5.	Don't know / No opinion	5%

#### **Ending Vaccine Mandates (by Party):**

BY PARTY - Republicans overwhelmingly support ending mandates (72% approve, 52% strongly), while Democrats nearly unanimously oppose (82% oppose, 77% strongly). Independents are opposed, 62% compared to 30% supportive.

17. The state of Florida is considering taking land in downtown Miami that Miami-Dade College currently owns for future expansion and instead using it for the Donald Trump Presidential Library. Do you think the land should stay with Miami-Dade College or be taken by the state instead for the Trump Presidential Library?

1.	Stay with Miami-Dade College	74%
2.	Taken by the state for the Trump Presidential Library	14%
3.	Not sure	12%

### Trump Library vs. Miami-Dade College (by Party):

BY PARTY - A majority of Republicans favor keeping the land with Miami-Dade College (59% vs. 29% for Trump Library), and Democrats (94%) and Independents (69%) overwhelmingly favor keeping the land for use by Miami-Dade College.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This survey of Miami-Dade County voters was conducted between September 30 and October 3, 2025, using a hybrid methodology combining live telephone and online interviews. A total of 600 completed interviews were obtained among registered voters drawn from the official Miami-Dade County voter file as of the July 31, 2025 book closing.

The sample was designed to be representative of the Miami-Dade County electorate by key demographic and geographic variables, including age, gender, race/ethnicity, political party registration, and commission district. Telephone interviews were conducted by professional interviewers via both landline and cell phone, while online participants were invited through secure, personalized links to ensure voter-file verification.

The data was weighed to reflect the demographic and political composition of the county's registered voter population. The overall margin of sampling error for the total sample is ±4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

#### **ABOUT BENDIXEN & AMANDI INTERNATIONAL**

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