# **COLLIERCOUNTY** DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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# STANDING UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS, FREEDOMS & DEMOCRACY

DEMOCRACY is government by the common people, serving all citizens through officials elected to represent the interests of every constituent in the population. It is characterized by differing parties and groups working together toward compromise that works for the majority of the population.



**AUTHORITARIANISM** is government control by an elite few or by a "strongman" dictator, typically maintained by force and characterized by the repression of individual freedom of thought and action. It rejects democracy, with reductions in the rule of law, separation of powers, democratic checks and balances, democratic voting, and engages in persecution of all other political parties and ideologies.

**For Your** 

**Information** 





- Median household net worth jumped by 37% from 2019 to 2022, with Black and Latino households rising fastest
- \$ Historic high of 1/5 of Americans reported owning a business
- Significant decreases in annual inflation rates
- Historically high growth rates in U.S. stock markets - new record highs on 1/22/2024 for the S&P 500 and the Dow
- \$ Substantially reduced inflation with wages now increasing more than inflation

#### **PUBLIC EDUCATION & OUR SCHOOL BOARD**

Collier County students, teachers, and our formerly nonpartisan school board are under partisan attack from Christian Nationalist extremists who are banning books, whitewashing history by eliminating Black American history from curricula, and oppressing the existence of LGBTQ+ Americans. They are enacting partisan takeovers of public education administrations and institutions, ousting anyone who disagrees.

There are 4,200+ recognized religions.

America was colonized by people fleeing religious persecution and was founded on the separation of church and state.

Politicians have no right to force their religious views.



Central to the concept of freedom is the liberty to hold diverse beliefs and make choices based on one's conscience and personal circumstances. Florida's abortion ban is an infringement upon these principles of freedom, liberty, and personal autonomy. Abortion bans deny the individual the power to make choices that are deeply personal and profoundly consequential.



(Source ACLU Florida)

#### The Environmental and Climate Crisis is Nonpartisan

Democrats support addressing climate change and its consequences:

- drastic reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural practices, vehicles, and residential energy
- storm resiliency infrastructure
- restore affordable homeowners' insurance
- extreme heat health and safety measures for outdoor workers

**72%** of Americans nationwide agree that the decision about whether to end a pregnancy should belong solely to the pregnant person.

**67%** of Floridians believe abortion should be legal in most or all cases.

Only 12% of Floridians want to ban abortion entirely.

# **VOTE YES - AMENDMENT 4**

on your November Ballot to Uphold Florida's Constitutional Rights to Privacy and Freedom of Healthcare Choices

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#### REPUBLICANS ARE ANTI-IMMIGRANT

- Immigrants make up 18% of the U.S. workforce, a key factor to meet employment demands of a healthy U.S. economy.
- Florida immigrant business owners account for 33% of all self-employed Florida residents and generate \$7.1 billion in business income.
- Republican rhetoric creates fear of immigrants with extreme, racist, and cruel policies, massive deportations, cruel detention camps, and a new Muslim ban, all intended to appeal to extremist voters who favor isolationism from our global society and economy.
- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has spent millions of our taxpayer dollars cruelly relocating immigrants from southern border states and abandoning them around the country.

Florida has a large community of Green-Card holders, refugees and other migrants granted temporary protected status. All these groups also qualify for coverage under the Obamacare Act once duly processed by immigration authorities.

#### **HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT**

 Trump and Republicans want to cancel the Affordable Care Act (ACA - "Obamacare") and other major health plans benefitting lower-income groups and children, calling them Socialism. But in 14 years, they have not proposed any alternative plan of their own.

**For Your** 

- Florida leads nationwide ACA enrollment with 3.2+ million consumers, 1/5th of the national total.
  - 59% of Americans and 66% of Hispanics say they have a favorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act.
- 62% of 2022 Florida midterm voters and 77% of Hispanic voters felt the federal government should be responsible for ensuring that all people in the country have health care coverage.
- Florida's Republican dominated state government is one of 11 states refusing to expand Medicaid coverage during the last decade depriving 790,000 uninsured Floridians of affordable health insurance and access to needed services.



#### Around 5% of Americans identify as LGBTQ+

Labeling the entire community as dangerous sexual predators, Florida Republicans passed several laws attacking LGBTQ+ Floridians' right to exist, freedom of speech, and their equal representation in schools, literature, society, and government.

### WHEN DEMOCRATS VOTE, WE WIN

Democrats won the popular vote in every presidential election except one since 1992.

**SO REPUBLICANS ARE MAKING IT HARDER TO VOTE** Florida Republicans *ERASED ALL Vote-By-Mail Records* in 2022

YOU MUST RE-APPLY to RECEIVE YOUR

**VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT** 

no later than 5 p.m. on the 12th day before an election

**CollierDems.org/Voting** 

## **VOTE YES for Amendment 3**

### Florida Marijuana Legalization Initiative

Will legalize recreational marijuana use for adults aged 21 and older - as 37 U.S. states have already done.

Medical marijuana has been legal in Florida since 2015, after the Compassionate Medical Cannabis Act was passed, a year earlier.

#### REPUBLICANS PROTECT GUNS OVER PEOPLE

- Of all civilian guns worldwide, 1/3 are owned by Americans.
   America has more deaths from gun violence than any other developed country per capita.
- 55,192 people were shot in 2023, resulting in 18,854 deaths. 938 children were shot, and 297 were killed.
- 77% of Floridians, including 62% of Republicans oppose unlicensed carry of weapons, but Florida Republicans keep passing laws making it easy to buy guns without training, carry them almost anywhere, and are lowering age limits as low as 16 years of age.