



Florida Survey Results

Q1 Have you heard of “civil asset forfeiture laws” before, or not?

Yes..... 25%
No..... 65%
Not sure 10%

Q2 I am going to read you a description of civil asset forfeiture laws. Civil asset forfeiture laws allow law enforcement to seize a person's cash and property if they suspect it has been involved in criminal activity. Under these laws, the property owner doesn't have to be convicted of a crime to lose their property. In your opinion, should police be allowed to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime, or not?

Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime 13%
Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime 84%
Not sure 4%

Q3 Civil asset forfeiture laws also allow law enforcement to seize cash and other property without charging the property owner with a crime. Do you think police should be allowed to seize and permanently take away property even if they haven't charged the property owner with a crime, or not?

Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime 9%
Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime 86%
Not sure 4%

Q4 Now that you have heard a description of civil asset forfeiture laws, have you or someone you know ever had cash or other property taken away by a police officer without being charged with a crime, or not?

You or someone you know has had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime 8%
You or someone you know has not ever had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime 89%
Not sure 3%
Don't care to say 0%

Q5 (Among those who said “yes” to Q4) Was this cash or property taken from you or someone you know during a traffic stop; in a public place such as an airport, train station, or park; at home; or another location?

During a traffic stop 54%
In a public place such as an airport, train station, or park 20%
At home 13%
Another location..... 3%
Not sure / Don't remember..... 10%
Don't care to say 0%

Q6 The civil asset forfeiture laws of your state allow police departments to keep a portion of the profits from the sale of property they seize. In your opinion, should police departments in your state be able to keep the profits from the property they seize?

Police departments in your state should be able to keep the profits from the property they seize..... 18%
Police departments in your state should not be able to keep the profits from the property they seize..... 71%
Not sure 11%





Q7 Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: Police should be able to use the profits from the sale of seized property to purchase crime fighting equipment for the police department, even if property is seized from people who are never charged with or convicted of a crime.

- Strongly agree*..... 11%
- Somewhat agree*..... 13%
- Somewhat disagree*..... 17%
- Strongly disagree*..... 50%
- Not sure*..... 9%

Q8 If a candidate for president took the position that the government should not be able to take property from a person who has not been convicted of a crime, would that make you more likely to support them, less likely, or would it not make a difference?

- More likely*..... 66%
- Less likely*..... 11%
- Wouldn't make a difference*..... 16%
- Not sure*..... 7%

Q9 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

- Woman*..... 53%
- Man*..... 47%

Q10 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

- Democrat*..... 43%
- Republican*..... 43%
- Independent*..... 14%

Q11 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

- Hispanic*..... 14%
- White*..... 68%
- African-American*..... 14%
- Other*..... 5%

Q12 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

- 18 to 45*..... 28%
- 46 to 65*..... 40%
- Older than 65*..... 32%



| | Base | Gender | |
|--|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Heard of Forfeiture Laws Yes/No | | | |
| Yes | 25% | 18% | 32% |
| No | 65% | 75% | 53% |
| Not sure | 10% | 7% | 14% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Police Seize Property No Crime Yes/No | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 13% | 14% | 11% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 84% | 82% | 85% |
| Not sure | 4% | 4% | 4% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Police Seize Property Without Charges Yes/No | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 9% | 11% | 7% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 86% | 83% | 89% |
| Not sure | 4% | 5% | 3% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Property Taken by Police Yes/No | | | |
| You or someone you know has had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 8% | 10% | 6% |
| You or someone you know has not ever had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 89% | 87% | 90% |
| Not sure | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Don't care to say | 0% | 0% | 0% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Location of Property Seizure | | | |
| During a traffic stop | 54% | 45% | 71% |
| In a public place such as an airport, train station, or park | 20% | 21% | 18% |
| At home | 13% | 15% | 8% |
| Another location | 3% | 3% | 3% |
| Not sure / Don't remember | 10% | 16% | - |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Police Keep Profits from Seizures Yes/No | | | |
| Police departments in your state should be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 18% | 22% | 13% |
| Police departments in your state should not be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 71% | 67% | 75% |
| Not sure | 11% | 11% | 11% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Police Use Profits to Buy Equipment Agree/Disagree | | | |
| Strongly agree | 11% | 12% | 11% |
| Somewhat agree | 13% | 15% | 11% |
| Somewhat disagree | 17% | 20% | 13% |
| Strongly disagree | 50% | 49% | 52% |
| Not sure | 9% | 4% | 13% |

| | Base | Gender | |
|---|------|--------|-----|
| | | Woman | Man |
| Candidate Oppose Civil Forfeiture More/Less Likely | | | |
| More likely | 66% | 63% | 69% |
| Less likely | 11% | 11% | 11% |
| Wouldn't make a difference | 16% | 17% | 15% |
| Not sure | 7% | 10% | 4% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Heard of Forfeiture Laws Yes/No | | | | |
| Yes | 25% | 23% | 29% | 19% |
| No | 65% | 66% | 62% | 71% |
| Not sure | 10% | 12% | 9% | 10% |



| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Police Seize Property No Crime Yes/No | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 13% | 14% | 11% | 11% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 84% | 82% | 86% | 81% |
| Not sure | 4% | 3% | 3% | 7% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Police Seize Property Without Charges Yes/No | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 9% | 11% | 8% | 7% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 86% | 83% | 89% | 85% |
| Not sure | 4% | 6% | 2% | 8% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Property Taken by Police Yes/No | | | | |
| You or someone you know has had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 8% | 9% | 8% | 3% |
| You or someone you know has not ever had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 89% | 87% | 90% | 89% |
| Not sure | 3% | 4% | 1% | 8% |
| Don't care to say | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% |

| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Location of Property Seizure | | | | |
| During a traffic stop | 54% | 52% | 62% | - |
| In a public place such as an airport, train station, or park | 20% | 5% | 34% | 49% |
| At home | 13% | 20% | - | 51% |
| Another location | 3% | 4% | 2% | - |
| Not sure / Don't remember | 10% | 19% | 2% | - |



| | Base | Party | | |
|--|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Police Keep Profits from Seizures Yes/No | | | | |
| Police departments in your state should be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 18% | 19% | 19% | 13% |
| Police departments in your state should not be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 71% | 70% | 70% | 79% |
| Not sure | 11% | 12% | 12% | 9% |

| | Base | Party | | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------|--|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent | |
| Police Use Profits to Buy Equipment Agree/Disagree | | | | | |
| Strongly agree | 11% | 15% | 9% | 8% | |
| Somewhat agree | 13% | 12% | 15% | 12% | |
| Somewhat disagree | 17% | 18% | 15% | 16% | |
| Strongly disagree | 50% | 52% | 46% | 57% | |
| Not sure | 9% | 4% | 14% | 7% | |

| | Base | Party | | |
|---|------|----------|------------|-------------|
| | | Democrat | Republican | Independent |
| Candidate Oppose Civil Forfeiture More/Less Likely | | | | |
| More likely | 66% | 68% | 65% | 63% |
| Less likely | 11% | 9% | 12% | 15% |
| Wouldn't make a difference | 16% | 14% | 17% | 20% |
| Not sure | 7% | 9% | 7% | 3% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Heard of Forfeiture Laws Yes/No | | | | | |
| Yes | 25% | 53% | 24% | 2% | 27% |
| No | 65% | 43% | 67% | 73% | 70% |
| Not sure | 10% | 4% | 9% | 25% | 3% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Police Seize Property No Crime Yes/No | | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 13% | 29% | 8% | 22% | 9% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 84% | 67% | 88% | 77% | 84% |
| Not sure | 4% | 4% | 4% | 1% | 8% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Police Seize Property Without Charges Yes/No | | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 9% | 18% | 7% | 13% | 9% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 86% | 77% | 90% | 77% | 90% |
| Not sure | 4% | 5% | 3% | 10% | 1% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Property Taken by Police Yes/No | | | | | |
| You or someone you know has had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 8% | 23% | 5% | 6% | 7% |
| You or someone you know has not ever had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 89% | 74% | 91% | 92% | 88% |
| Not sure | 3% | 4% | 3% | 1% | 6% |
| Don't care to say | 0% | - | 1% | - | - |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Location of Property Seizure | | | | | |
| During a traffic stop | 54% | 71% | 58% | - | - |
| In a public place such as an airport, train station, or park | 20% | 29% | 13% | 23% | - |
| At home | 13% | - | 19% | - | 100% |
| Another location | 3% | - | 6% | - | - |
| Not sure / Don't remember | 10% | - | 4% | 77% | - |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|--|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Police Keep Profits from Seizures Yes/No | | | | | |
| Police departments in your state should be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 18% | 22% | 19% | 10% | 13% |
| Police departments in your state should not be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 71% | 70% | 70% | 71% | 76% |
| Not sure | 11% | 8% | 11% | 19% | 11% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|---|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Police Use Profits to Buy Equipment Agree/Disagree | | | | | |
| Strongly agree | 11% | 11% | 9% | 22% | 9% |
| Somewhat agree | 13% | 11% | 16% | 3% | 11% |
| Somewhat disagree | 17% | 5% | 18% | 20% | 14% |
| Strongly disagree | 50% | 50% | 52% | 40% | 52% |
| Not sure | 9% | 24% | 4% | 14% | 14% |

| | Base | Race | | | |
|---|------|----------|-------|------------------|-------|
| | | Hispanic | White | African-American | Other |
| Candidate Oppose Civil Forfeiture More/Less Likely | | | | | |
| More likely | 66% | 68% | 68% | 54% | 66% |
| Less likely | 11% | 8% | 12% | 10% | 10% |
| Wouldn't make a difference | 16% | 20% | 12% | 28% | 19% |
| Not sure | 7% | 4% | 8% | 8% | 5% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Heard of Forfeiture Laws Yes/No | | | | |
| Yes | 25% | 39% | 21% | 17% |
| No | 65% | 48% | 70% | 74% |
| Not sure | 10% | 13% | 9% | 9% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Police Seize Property No Crime Yes/No | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 13% | 25% | 5% | 11% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been convicted of a crime | 84% | 70% | 92% | 85% |
| Not sure | 4% | 5% | 3% | 4% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Police Seize Property Without Charges Yes/No | | | | |
| Police should be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 9% | 18% | 4% | 8% |
| Police should not be able to seize and permanently take away property from people who have not been charged with a crime | 86% | 74% | 93% | 88% |
| Not sure | 4% | 8% | 3% | 4% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Property Taken by Police Yes/No | | | | |
| You or someone you know has had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 8% | 16% | 6% | 4% |
| You or someone you know has not ever had property taken from them by a police officer without being charged with a crime | 89% | 80% | 90% | 94% |
| Not sure | 3% | 4% | 4% | 2% |
| Don't care to say | 0% | - | 1% | 0% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Location of Property Seizure | | | | |
| During a traffic stop | 54% | 80% | 18% | 25% |
| In a public place such as an airport, train station, or park | 20% | 20% | 18% | 23% |
| At home | 13% | - | 42% | 6% |
| Another location | 3% | - | - | 19% |
| Not sure / Don't remember | 10% | - | 22% | 27% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|--|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Police Keep Profits from Seizures Yes/No | | | | |
| Police departments in your state should be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 18% | 24% | 17% | 13% |
| Police departments in your state should not be able to keep the profits from the property they seize | 71% | 68% | 68% | 77% |
| Not sure | 11% | 8% | 15% | 9% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Police Use Profits to Buy Equipment Agree/Disagree | | | | |
| Strongly agree | 11% | 25% | 6% | 7% |
| Somewhat agree | 13% | 15% | 11% | 14% |
| Somewhat disagree | 17% | 10% | 17% | 22% |
| Strongly disagree | 50% | 34% | 61% | 52% |
| Not sure | 9% | 16% | 6% | 5% |

| | Base | Age | | |
|---|------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | 18 to 45 | 46 to 65 | Older than 65 |
| Candidate Oppose Civil Forfeiture More/Less Likely | | | | |
| More likely | 66% | 66% | 70% | 61% |
| Less likely | 11% | 17% | 7% | 11% |
| Wouldn't make a difference | 16% | 13% | 18% | 17% |
| Not sure | 7% | 5% | 6% | 11% |