

# AIF poll shows Byron Donalds leading GOP Primary by 46 points

**New poll shows Byron Donalds firmly ahead in GOP race.**

A new poll from the **Associated Industries of Florida** shows **Byron Donalds** holding a commanding lead in the Republican Primary for Governor, capturing 54% support in a four-way field – 46 points ahead of his nearest competitor.

The survey, conducted June 3-7 among 386 Republican Primary voters, found **James Fishback** at 8%, Lt. Gov. **Jay Collins** at 5%, and former House Speaker **Paul Renner** at 2%. Thirty-one percent of respondents remain undecided.

Donalds' support is broad geographically. He posts 71% support in Fort Myers, 69% in West Palm Beach, 54% in Orlando, 53% in the Panhandle and 51% in Tampa.

He also draws 55% support among white Republicans and 54% among Hispanic Republicans. Among seniors – typically the highest-propensity Primary voters – he reaches 60%.

“Byron Donalds is dominating the Republican Primary race for Florida Governor,” said **Jeremy Sheftel**, AIF vice president of Political Operations. “With a commanding \$81 million war chest, an extensive campaign and field apparatus, and a complete and total endorsement from President **Donald J. Trump**, Donalds is in an extremely advantageous position to be Florida’s Republican nominee for Governor with early voting beginning in two short months.”

The AIF results align with a broader polling picture showing Donalds consolidating support. An **Emerson College survey** in April showed him at 46% in the Primary, with Collins and Fishback each at 4%. An **Echelon Insights poll** that same month found him leading Democrat **David Jolly** 49% to 43% in a General Election matchup.

“Florida Republicans are rallying around Trump-endorsed Byron Donalds and his plan to make Florida more affordable,” said **Ryan Smith**, Chief Strategist for Donalds’ campaign. “He’s the common sense conservative who will hand failed liberal lobbyists and politicians David Jolly and Gwen Graham yet another defeat.”

Donalds has raised **more than \$81 million** through his campaign and the Friends of Byron Donalds PAC from more than 35,000 donors. The Primary is Aug. 18.

AIF will present the findings in full at its **Summer Political and Policy Retreat in Sarasota**.



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