

The Facts: Driver's Licenses for Immigrants and Voting

✓ FACT:

- Noncitizens have nothing to gain—and everything to lose—if they vote illegally.
- It is ILLEGAL for noncitizens to vote in a federal election. As of 1996, [federal law](#) explicitly prohibits noncitizens from casting a ballot in federal elections.
- States have multiple systems in place to prevent noncitizen voting, and noncitizens face HARSH PENALTIES for voting unlawfully.
 - Illegally voting in a federal election can result in a fine and up to [five years in prison](#).
 - A noncitizen found guilty of this crime may face deportation and revocation of their legal status under immigration law.
 - Falsely claiming U.S. citizenship for the purpose of registering to vote may also result in deportation or denial of future immigration status.

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- Studies have found no evidence of widespread noncitizen voting in U.S. elections.
- According to the CATO Institute, “[noncitizens don't illegally vote in detectable Numbers](#),” and claims about noncitizen voter fraud are “[bogus](#).”
- A [recent search of the Heritage Foundation election fraud database](#) found only 85 cases involving allegations of noncitizen voting from 2002 to 2023.
- A [Brennan Center for Justice study](#) of 42 jurisdictions in the 2016 elections found that votes election officials suspected (not proven) to be cast by noncitizens accounted for just 0.0001 percent of the total votes cast.

✓ FACT:

- Lawful Permanent Residents (i.e. “green card” holders) and other noncitizens who are lawfully present are issued driver's licenses in every state, even though they cannot vote.

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