

## Alien National Capital

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While the 58th anniversary of the Selma, Alabama, Bloody Sunday seemed an apt occasion to address the right of all citizens to participate democratically in their government, [leaving](#) the job to President Joe Biden was . . . awkward. He said nothing of consequence.

But back in 2020, *candidate* Biden [said](#) this: “In order to be able to vote, it’s important that you be a U.S. citizen.” *That’s* consequential.

In 2021, however, when the New York City Council [extended](#) suffrage to foreign nationals living legally in the Big Apple, [against](#)

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the [will](#) of the majority of New Yorkers, I don’t recall hearing even the slightest peep from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Now the wackos in Washington, D.C., have enacted a non-citizen voting measure that goes further. It allows Russian nationals working for Mr. Putin at their embassy in our nation’s capital to vote on city candidates and ballot issues and welcomes onto Washington’s voter rolls Chinese citizens here promoting Xi Jinping and the interests of his genocidal regime.

The District of Columbia’s ordinance extends the franchise even to people here illegally, allowing anyone from anywhere in the world able to avoid deportation to cast a ballot. *Legally.*



Thankfully, House Joint Resolution 24, which [seeks](#) to block the D.C. non-citizen voting ordinance [passed](#) the U.S. House last month, garnering [support](#) from every Republican present as well as roughly one in five Democrats. Action now moves to the Senate.

“After years of lamenting so-called “foreign interference” in our elections,” [argues](#) Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), “every single Democrat ought to join in invalidating this insane policy.”

But will they?

Congressional Democrats might claim that their support for local control in D.C. excuses them for allowing this non-citizen voting measure to become law. But it’s not even a fig-leaf after Biden [declared](#) he would sign the congressional Republicans’ repeal of another D.C. council enactment, a controversial crime “reform” law, which District officials then hurriedly [withdrew](#) to placate nervous national Dems.

Talk about awkward!

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.

**Note:** Biden certainly has a cavernous credibility gap on election integrity. After he attacked Republicans as “un-American” and the 2021 election reform legislation enacted in [Georgia](#) as “Jim Crow in the 21st Century,” the Peach State [saw](#) “record breaking turnout” in last year’s election. Sadly, much of the media merely ignored reality; CBS News headlined one [report](#), “Effect of Georgia’s voting law unclear, despite high turnout.”