



The Non-Citizen Dodge

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Apparently After telling *Meet the Press* viewers that non-citizen voting is “exceedingly rare” and “already against the law,” NBC’s Kristen Welker [asked](#) Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger what he thought about “efforts to prevent non-citizens from voting.”

“I believe only American citizens should be voting in our elections,” replied Raffensperger. “I’m the first secretary of state in Georgia to ever do 100 percent citizenship verification,” adding that Georgia officials discovered “about 1600 people that attempted to register, but we couldn’t verify citizenship, so they weren’t put on the voter rolls.”

The Secretary also explained that his office “just won a court case which came from the left, the Coalition of the People’s Agenda and the New Georgia Project, which was founded by Stacey Abrams.”* Raffensperger points out that the lawsuit “tried to stop us from doing citizenship verification before people were put on the voter rolls.”

“Good news, good news for everyone,” Michigan Secretary of State

Jocelyn Benson chided, dismissively. “All of us want to make sure only U.S. citizens are voting in our elections. And all of us follow the law, ensure the federal provisions are protected, and that we’re ensuring that only valid votes are counted in our state.”

Democrat Benson reiterated that “regardless of our party affiliation, we’re doing all that we can and more to ensure, as the facts show, in all of our states, that only U.S. citizens are voting.”

“What you just said there was ‘federal provisions,’” responded Raffensperger, noting that non-citizens have been given the vote—legally—at the local level in a number of states.

He argued that states should place in their constitutions “that only American citizens are voting in any election in your state.”**

Still, Welker inquired, “Is it a red herring?”

No, Raffensperger answered, arguing that “already there’s the left-wing groups trying to get noncitizens voting in local elections in Washington, D.C., New York City and in other places.” And he asked, “Why are we getting sued by the left to stop us from doing citizenship verification?”

Many Democrats and much of the media continue to dodge such questions.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.

*In her first run for Governor, Abrams [said](#) her “blue wave” was “comprised of those who are documented and undocumented” and specifically acknowledged that she “wouldn’t oppose” allowing non-citizens to vote at the local level.

** Americans for Citizen Voting has worked closely with the [Georgia](#) Secretary of State to place such constitutional amendments on six state ballots this November: [Idaho](#), [Iowa](#), [Kentucky](#), [Missouri](#), [South Carolina](#), and [Wisconsin](#). [North Carolina](#) may soon become the seventh state to do so.