

THE SAVE ACT

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WHAT IS THE SAVE ACT?

- The **SAVE Act** (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act) is proposed piece of federal legislation that would require individuals to provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections.
- Proof of citizenship can include a passport, birth certificate, or naturalization papers.
- It would require states to verify citizenship before registering voters and adjust registration procedures to ensure only citizens are added to federal voter rolls.

HOW'S IT GOING?

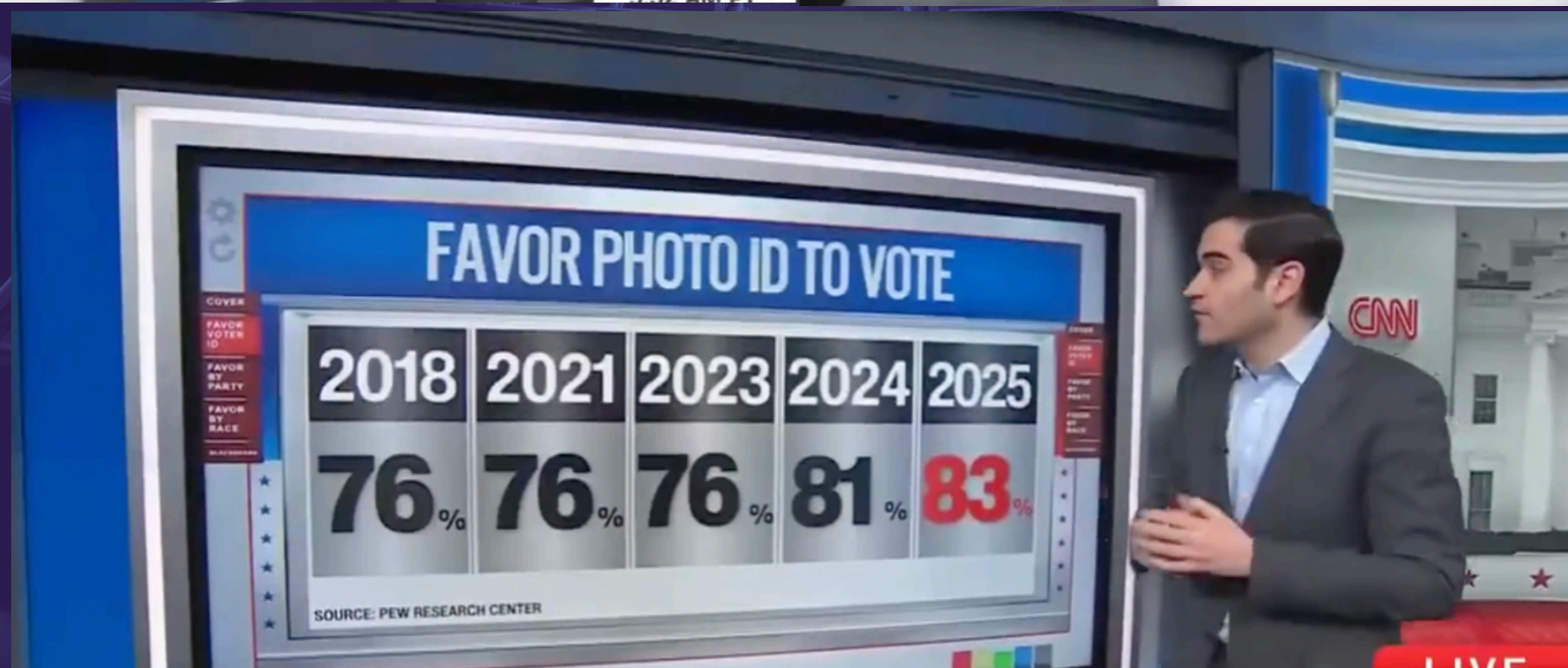
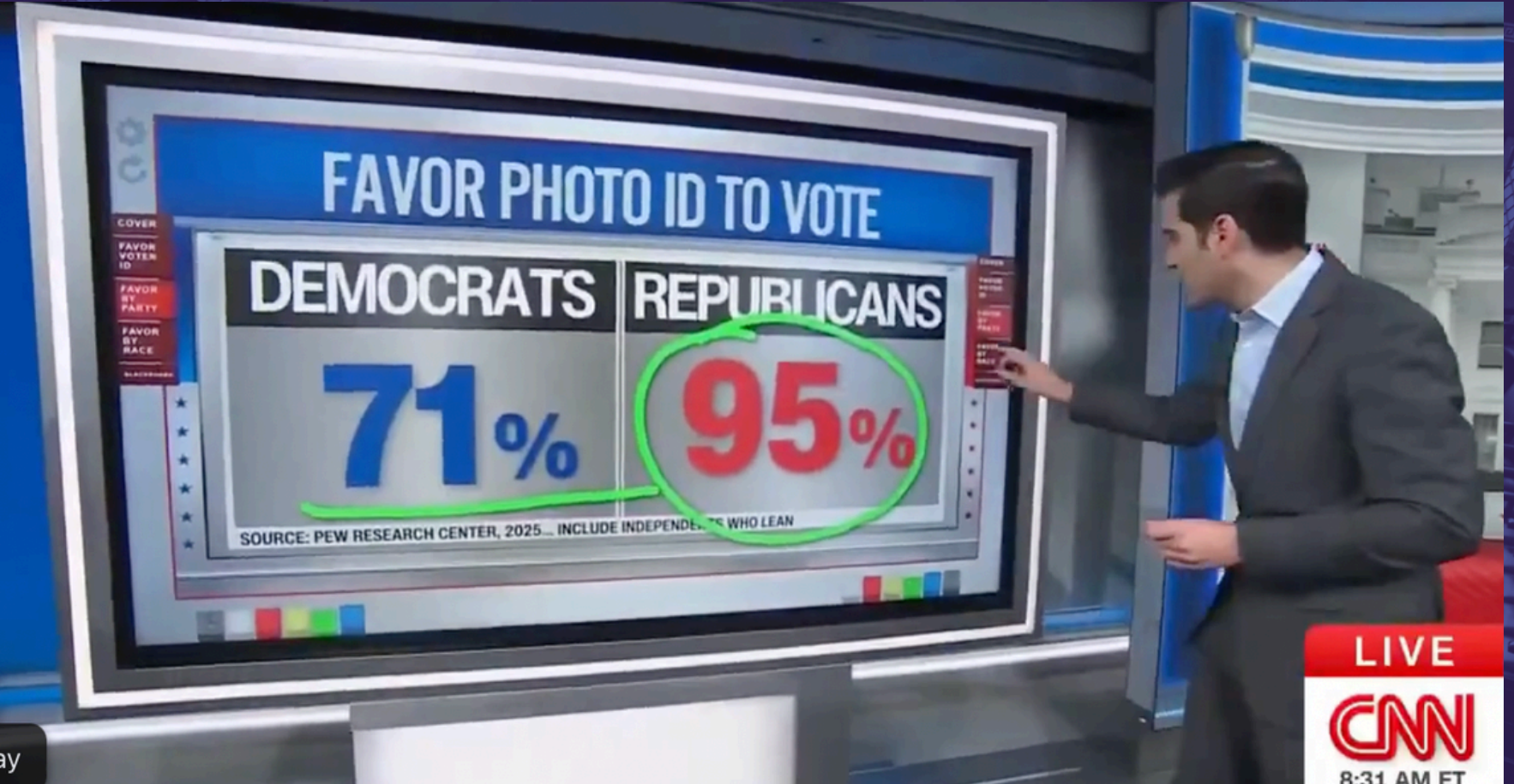
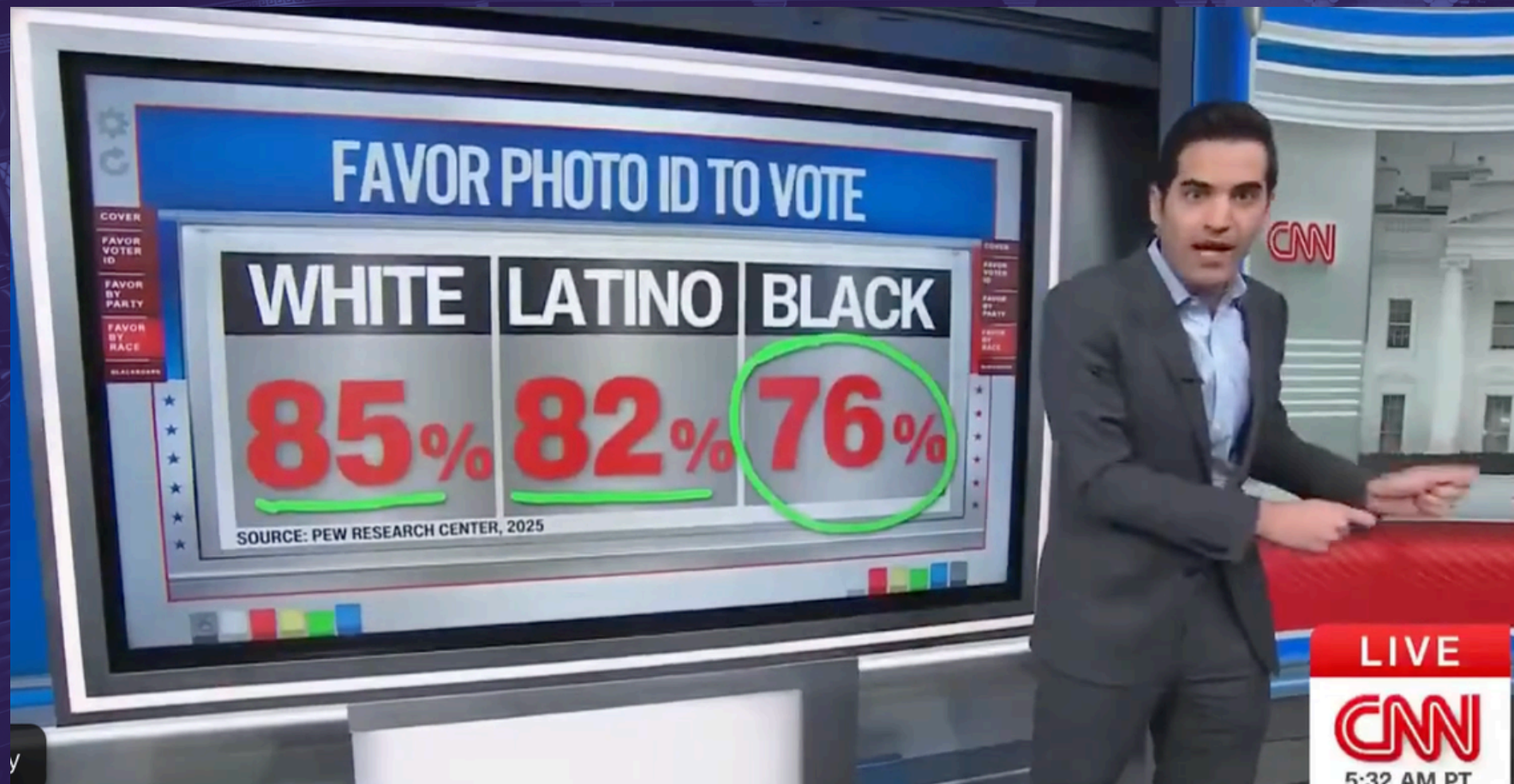
- The SAVE Act has passed the house 218-213, and is awaiting a Senate vote.
- Henry Cuellar (D, TX-28) was the only Democrat to vote for the SAVE Act. Cuellar is a self-described “moderate centrist” from a border district in Texas.
- The bill needs 60 votes in the Senate for a full vote, something Democrats are expected to try to block.



POLLING ON VOTER ID

- A few other numbers for comparison: In an April CNN poll, 64% of Americans said that requiring voters to provide photo identification before casting a ballot would make elections more fair. In a March AP-NORC poll, 72% of Americans said they favored requiring photo ID to vote, and in an April Pew Research Center poll, 76% were in favor. Those latter two polls find near-universal backing among Republicans, along with support from a smaller majority of Democrats.
- This is from CNN!

POLLING BY DEMOGRAPHIC



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Are any groups legitimately challenged when it comes to obtaining a photo ID to vote?
- Can the **SAVE** Act help reinstate confidence in elections?
- If this is such a popular position, across all demographics, why don't Democrats vote for it?
- Does this even matter?