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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Crucial Primaries Today]

VLADIMIR DUTHIERS: We have midterm primary elections today in three states, including Florida, where there are a number of Democratic socialists on the ballot. Nicole Killian is at a polling location in Florida, just outside Fort Lauderdale. Nicole, good morning.

NIKOLE KILLION: Hey, good morning to you, Vlad. Well, Florida is not exactly a hotbed of Democratic socialism, but there are a few candidates who are trying to build on national gains and hope to pull off a potential upset or two in this reliably red state.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Democratic Socialists on Ballot in Florida]

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANGIE NIXON (D-FL) [in campaign ad]: Something has to change right now.

KILLION: State Representative Angie Nixon is one of at least two Democratic socialists vying for federal office in Florida. She's seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate against combat veteran and Trump impeachment whistleblower Alexander Vindman.

ALEXANDER VINDMAN [in campaign ad]: And I've seen corruption in Washington up close.

KILLION: North of Miami —

OLIVER LARKIN [at campaign rally]: This sounds an awful lot like a win on Tuesday

KILLION: DSA candidate Oliver Larkin is trying to unseat incumbent Democratic Congressman Jared Moskowitz.

CONGRESSMAN JARED MOSKOWITZ (D-FL): He can say a lot of things, none of which are ever going to get accomplished.

LARKIN: Politics, as they are today, are broken.

KILLION: 27-year-old Elijah Manley says he isn't a Democratic socialist, but is one of the more progressive candidates in a crowded field in an historically black House district that was recently redrawn.

ELIJAH MANLEY: This is not just about black representation. This is about who's going to actually deliver for a community. We're seeing progressives across the country win, whether it's in Texas, whether it's in New York, and I think that progressive values and progressive wins are

going to come to the South too.

KILLION: But not all voters are on board.

FLORIDA VOTER FRANKLIN MENDOZA: It's not very well received here, especially in the South Florida community.

KILLION: The races are amongst several that have captured national attention in the Sunshine State. At the top of the ticket, a wide-open race for governor where GOP frontrunner Byron Donalds wants to challenge the Democratic nominee this fall.

CONGRESSMAN BYRON DONALDS (R-FL): There's a reason people keep coming here because they want common-sense conservatism.

KILLION: This morning, President Trump reaffirmed his support for Donald's on Truth Social, but another Trump-backed candidate is facing a top primary challenge. Congressman Corey Mills is trying to defend his Orlando-area seat amid a House Ethics investigation for alleged sexual and financial misconduct. He's denied any wrongdoing, Gayle.

GAYLE KING: Alright, thank you very much, Nikole.