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## **It Just Ain't So**

### **Part 1 of 6: Convenient Voting is Better**

There was a time when people believed the earth was the center of the universe, babies do not feel pain, and going outside with wet hair causes illness. Such “common knowledge” swirled around as gospel, unquestioned by almost none. To doubt this “common knowledge” or to even inquire about it was considered heresy.

**We now know that many previously common beliefs just ain't so.**

And yet, each age creates its own conventional wisdom, unsuspecting that the next age will prove their convictions wrong. In fact, much of what is spewed by corporate media today will be exposed for what it is: pure propaganda.

On the topic of elections there is plenty of “conventional wisdom” these days. Whatever we are told, however counter-intuitive, we are expected to accept unquestioningly. The media, politicians, political organizations, and even relatives, friends and neighbors all perpetuate these truisms.

**Whoever questions them is labeled a conspiracy theorist  
and relegated to the ash heap of modern history.**

**This 6-article series** identifies several widely held notions about our elections and puts them under a microscope to ask the question: **Are they really so?**

#### **Notion #1: Voting Must Be Easy and Convenient!**

In any other aspect of government bureaucracy, user ease and convenience are nowhere to be seen.

- Any interaction with the **DMV or social services** agencies is endlessly frustrating and time-consuming.
- The processes of paying taxes are so complex that it is necessary for most people to hire a tax-expert or purchase a tax software program in order to figure out what is owed.
- Obtaining building permits or any number of business or recreational licenses appears to be designed to be challenging and discouraging.

#### **Why the obsession regarding user friendliness when it comes to voting?**

“Making voting effortless” is a phrase used to convince voters that the plethora of election laws passed in California since 2012 are designed to improve voter turnout. However, EIPCa is not aware of any research indicating that modern changes made to our elections, particularly universal mailing of ballots and ballot harvesting, have actually improved turnout among **eligible** voters.

**Perhaps taking reasonable steps to ensure INTEGRITY might have been a more effective way of increasing public participation.**

An honest look at the statistics shows that mailing ballots to all names on the faulty voter rolls, providing drop boxes every few blocks and other “vote easy” efforts do little to increase voter turnout.

However, mailing ballots to all names on the faulty voter rolls and providing “convenient” drop boxes **definitely increases** the potential of ballots being cast fraudulently.

**This begs the question:  
Might that be the true goal of those who push such agendas?**

The changes that states and counties have implemented to make voting more “user-friendly” have come at a great cost, especially the loss of integrity in the process and loss of public trust in the system.

- Mass mailing ballots to voters who have not requested them,
  - Allowing ballot harvesting, and
  - Extending Election Day to a 60-day election season
- have **removed** safeguards against dishonesty in our elections.

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People will not be more willing to participate just because the process is made ridiculously effortless.

Everyone understands and accepts that security often comes with a modicum of inconvenience. **People will be more willing to participate if they TRUST.**

**Convenient Voting is Better?**

**If providing excessive convenience  
requires opening doors to manipulation and even fraud,**

**It Just Ain't So!!!**

Please stay tuned for Part 2 of this series, It Just Ain't So.

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