

Election Integrity Project® California Newsletter

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On Your Honor Part 7 of 7

Though there may be much more to say, this is our final article in a series designed to expose the vulnerable underbelly of California's over-lenient election process.

Parts 1-6 in this article series discussed California's on-your-honor policies of

- lack of citizenship verification
- unmaintained voter rolls
- universal mailing of ballots
- ballots returned via ways that operate outside of public view
- ballot processing fails to filter out illegally cast ballots
- election day becoming election season

No discussion of election vulnerabilities would be complete without discussing ballot chain of custody.

With the reality of a huge vote by mail system in California, the chain of custody of EVERY ballot is crucial to a fair, honest and transparent election process.

- Chain of custody means verifying and documenting every transfer of every ballot, ensuring they are never unsupervised or unprotected.
- Proper chain of custody ensures that from the time counties issue ballots to the time they tally the results, no one can steal, divert, alter, inject extra or discard ballots.

In the <u>vote-in-person model</u> of voting, there is <u>no break in the chain of custody</u>:

"THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph...."

Thomas Paine

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- Voters insert their ballots to a secured ballot box or through a scanner where results are stored.
- Poll workers under supervision of other poll workers and observers transfer those ballots or computer chips to a transport container, clearly labeled and tamper-evident sealed.
- That container is transported to the counting center with at least a two-person team to ensure there is no break in the chain of custody.
- At the counting center, the transport container is opened and the ballots (which are not in need of further processing or validation) are immediately counted with oversight of other election workers and citizen observers.

Unfortunately, California's <u>vote by mail system</u> has NO chain of custody.

- Counties send millions of blank ballots through the U.S. mail with no way to verify that the intended recipients actually receive them.
- Voters drop their voted ballots in U.S. mailboxes and unmonitored community drop boxes.
- USPS and ballot transport drivers move ballots from mailboxes and drop boxes.
 - o If drivers mishandle, discard or fail to deliver ballots there will be no way to know, because counties do not know how many ballots these individuals retrieved.
- The State no longer requires voters at vote centers to surrender the ballot they received in the mail and render it invalid.
 - In 2020, EIPCa observers documented election workers telling voters to throw their VBM envelopes and ballots into trash cans without invalidating them by tearing or voiding markings.

This creates the possibility that unscrupulous individuals will retrieve untold numbers of them from the trash and vote them.

Lax signature verification regulations ensure the strong likelihood that those retrieved ballots will be accepted and tabulated without question.

In addition, in 2016, California legalized ballot harvesting, meaning **ANYONE** can now <u>turn in an unlimited number of ballots</u>



without any established requirements to verify that harvesters obtained those ballots legally or did nothing to alter them.

Ballot harvesting creates numerous opportunities for election manipulation, all made possible by the elimination of chain of custody.

Most states prohibit or restrict ballot harvesting and many states consider it a felony.

And yet, despite the obvious and widely-acknowledged threat to election integrity, ballot harvesting is welcomed and encouraged in California.

- At polling locations, citizens may observe interactions between voters and election workers but not between voters and ballot harvesters.
- Harvesters operate in any number of places, such as private homes, dormitories, nursing homes, and homeless shelters.
 - Thus, they can coerce or wrongly influence voters without anyone knowing.
 - In states that allow ballot harvesting, citizens have observed cash payments for votes and harvesters preying upon and deceiving vulnerable populations such as the elderly.
- If a harvester decides to discard a ballot, there would be no way to discover it unless a voter checks whether the county received it.

In a multitude of ways, California's legislature, ostensibly in the name of "access" and "inclusion," has **created a porous election system that can be easily manipulated**.

The complete disregard for verifiable ballot chain of custody may be the most significant of all the failings.

California's current electoral system is a betrayal of California citizens.

California must move away from an on-your-honor system to one based on <u>verifiable integrity</u>.

In the meantime, California voters can make informed choices that increase the chances of their own voice being accurately heard.

California voters still have the option to vote in a way that virtually guarantees their ballot is counted

- on the same day
- as they cast it
- · with unbroken chain of custody.

That option is **to vote in person** (without an envelope) <u>on or as close</u> as possible to Election Day at a polling location.

Doing so removes the vulnerability and opportunities for manipulation provided by the highly touted vote by mail system. The more voters who make that choice, the fewer ballots there will be to manipulate or fall through the cracks.

We can and will restore integrity to the process and return faith, hope and trust to every legitimate voter in the Golden State.

Voters in growing numbers making wise choices in the way they submit their ballots will lead the way.

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The fight for election integrity around the Republic...



Note: EIPCa monitors the efforts to ensure fair, honest, and transparent elections around the Republic. It is apparent that various efforts are in alignment with State laws and the US Constitution, and others are in alignment primarily with partisan objectives. Featuring a particular news story does not indicate support of, nor opposition to partisan-originated or politically-motivated articles.

Election Integrity News primarily from July (Note: Don't get greedy - only read what you can adequately digest)

PLEASE NOTE: EIPCa has Spanish language translations of our VoteSafe articles on our website: <u>VOTE SEGURO EN 2022</u>

Election News Across the Nation

Video Views:

<u>Mike Lindell Joins Live From Missouri As Final Preparations Are Made Before The Summit - FrankSpeech</u> – From Lindell TV (8/15/23)

PURE COMMUNISM: Georgia DA Fani Willis's Indictment includes Trump Asking Supporters to Watch Newsmax, RSBN, and One America News - Now a Criminal Act - From The Gateway Pundit [w/ video] (8/14/23)

<u>Full Trump lawyer: Election fraud case will be 'most important' civil rights case in decades</u> – From NBC News (8/7/23)

<u>Conservative Daily Shorts: Solomon Has Requests For Data Denied And Ignored w Edward Solomon</u> – From Conservative Daily Podcast (8/14/23)

<u>6 Reasons Why Computers Should Not Be Used in Elections - Dr. Walter Daugherity - FrankSpeech</u> – From The Colonel of Truth - Colonel Conard Reynolds (August-2023)

Must Reads:

Report: Engineers Discover Nationwide Cellular Network Connects Election Equipment and Gives Federal Government Access to Election Systems at Precinct Level – From The Gateway Pundit (8/14/23)

<u>Conservatives Fight Secretive Biden Voting Order as 'Bidenbucks' -- Federal 'Zuckbucks' on Steroids</u> – From RealClearWire (8/4/23)

<u>Democrats' 'Freedom to Vote Act' is the Death of Free Elections</u> – From American Greatness (8/3/23)

Left's Election Litigation Abuses Democracy To Line Their Pockets – From The Federalist (8/4/23)

<u>Lawmaker's Bill Would Clean Up 30-Year 'Motor Voter' Registration Roll Mess</u> – From The Daily Signal (7/27/22)

<u>Left's Election Litigation Abuses Democracy To Line Their Pockets</u> – From The Federalist (8/4/23)

Still Doubting the 2020 Election – From American Thinker (8/5/23)

Review> How Is Mail-In Voting 'Secure' When Postal Theft Is Rampant? – From The Federalist (8/7/23)

Election News from the States -

Georgia Grand Jury Returns Indictment in Trump 2020 Case - From NTD News (w/ video) (8/14/23)

<u>Conservative Daily Shorts: Solomon Has Requests For Data Denied And Ignored w Edward Solomon</u> – From Conservative Daily Podcast (8/14/23)

Sign Up NOW At LindellEvent.com | Learn The Plan That Will Secure Our Election Immediately – From Bannon's War Room (8/14/23)

ICYMI > Election Crime Bureau Summit – From Frank Clips on Lindell TV

ICYMI > Exclusive: Poll Shows Majority Of Americans Support Voter ID, Limited Mail-In Voting – From The Federalist (7/31/23)

From California -

<u>Judge Dismissed EIPCa Federal Lawsuit: What Does It Mean?</u> – From Election Integrity Project - California [Join EIPCa in true Self Governance] (8/14/2023)

ICYMI > <u>DEMYSTIFYING THE MYSTERIOUS</u>: <u>California's Election Laws Part 12</u>: <u>Voters Choice Act</u> – From Election Integrity Project - California (August-2023)

From Georgia -

<u>Trump indicted by Georgia grand jury for attempting to overturn 2020 election</u> – From The Center Square (8/14/23)

<u>Coffee Co Adjudication-Free-For-All PLUS Jeff Lenberg Overview of Coffee Co Election Night</u> – From Conservative Daily Podcast (8/10/23)

EXCLUSIVE: Fulton Co DA Fani Willis Eyeing Racketeering Charges This Week... But Against Who? - Emails Reveal Georgia Officials Knew For Months About Severe Tabulator Malfunctions – From The Gateway Pundit (8/10/23)

News From Maryland -

<u>Baltimore FInds That 15% Of Voter Registrations Are Incorrect</u> – From <u>The Absolute Truth with Emerald Robinson</u> (8/14/23)

Elections: A County Board of Elections Pulls a Fast one - From UncoverDC (8/4/23)

From Michigan -

Michigan AG CONFIRMS Up To 10,000 Ballots Registrations Turned In Were All Fraudulent – From Bannon's War Room (8/14/23)

Bags of Pre-Paid Gift Cards, Guns with Silencers, Burner Phones, and a Democrat-Funded Organization with Multiple Temporary Facilities in Several States – From The Gateway Pundit (8/10/23)

<u>ICYMI: Hero Michigan State Police Officer Confirms that GBI Strategies Is Operating in Numerous States</u> – From The Gateway Pundit (8/10/23)

From Ohio -

Ohio voters reject Issue 1, scoring win for abortion-rights supporters ahead of November – From Columbus Dispatch (updated - 8/9/23)

World Election News -

In Argentina, an electoral blowout for a libertarian shocks the left – From American Thinker (8/14/23)

'Opportunity to be lifted up': PM calls on Australians to vote Yes – From Head Topics - Philippines (8/8/23)

Ecuador presidential candidate Fernando Villavicencio assassinated at campaign event – From CNN (8/10/23)

Ecuador candidates talk tough on crime after assassination – From Reuters (8/13/23)

<u>Modi Modi! General election 2024 campaigning shuru on TV news</u> – From News Laundry (independent news - India)

PM Narendra Modi campaigning for Loksabha 2024 Election #bjp #news #shorts – From Netaji Ka Show (8/2/23)

Anwar did good but Zahid responsible for BN's losses in polls - PKR MP – From Head Topics - Malaysia (8/13/23)

<u>'Don't panic': Puad tells Umno members amid electoral setback</u> – From Head Topics - Malaysia (8/13/23)

<u>Poland to ask voters if they want 'thousands of illegal immigrants from the Middle East and Africa'</u> – From John Solomon's Just the News (8/13/23)

<u>2023 barangay polls: Mock voting held in villages where elections will be automated</u> – From Head Topics - Philippines (8/8/23)



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