

Election Integrity Project® California Newsletter

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It Just Ain't So Part 6 of 6 - Questioning Our Elections Threatens Our "Democracy!"

This article is the final part of a series called "It Just Ain't So", in which we have debunked many widely held beliefs about our elections.

Part 1 of this series questioned the assumption that voting should be easy and convenient.

Part 2 of this series stressed that universal Vote by Mail harms election integrity.

Part 3 of this series debunked the myth that simply living here gives you the right to vote.

Part 4 of this series showed that requiring photo voter ID does not amount to voter suppression.

Part 5 of this series highlighted how delays in vote counting provide cover for dishonesty.

And now we address the question of our historically recent phenomenon of placing limits on freedom of speech when it comes to the topic of elections.

Americans used to be raised with the idea that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which protects free speech, serves as the bedrock of our Constitutional Republic. Demanding that our elected officials represent our interests was expected and respected. It was how we derived our great strength and ability to examine and improve on our faults.

This is no longer the case.

Americans of the 21st century appear to have collectively rejected the stabilizing concept of winning humbly and losing graciously, accepting diversity of thought and doing our best to work together toward common goals.

"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

In place of civility, our society is now marred by political chaos and divisiveness unparalleled since the Civil War era. Friendships and even close family ties have been tragically severed due to political animosity. No longer do the majority of Americans appear able to respect diversity of opinion, agree to disagree and still be friends.

Half of Americans are now afraid to express their political bent for fear of very real and violent reprisal.

Freedom of thought and speech are now defined by many as freedom to express <u>only</u> what others agree with.

Half the country routinely expresses their hatred of the other half, and those who dare to raise concerns or ask to verify before they trust are targets of FBI midnight raids and tarred with the moniker "domestic terrorists."

It is no longer patriotic to voice concerns and ask questions regarding what appear to be election anomalies. Nowadays, many people who dare to express doubt find themselves ostracized, investigated by our government, and worse.

The mainstream media and politicians have converged on a narrative: "Questioning our elections threatens our democracy!"

Never mind that America is NOT a democracy! It is a Constitutional Republic.

The "threat to our democracy" mantra now permeates the national conversation, and we are expected to believe it as dogma.

Our Founders often and consistently disagreed violently with each other over far more weighty topics than we bicker about today. They did not hold back, and were often anything but polite and civil in their discourse. But they did not demonize or reject one another. They continued to talk, debate and, for the sake of preserving a union dedicated to liberty and justice for all, compromised and stayed friends or at least respected co-patriots.

Those Founders would tell us that it is vital to zealously guard the legal, Constitutional and moral boundaries that shield the Republic and its people from harm, and **when circumstances suggest,**

It is not only reasonable but <u>our civic duty</u> to question the integrity of our elections.

In fact, a separate series published by EIPCa, <u>On Your Honor</u>, described how California has made numerous changes to our election system over the years, which work together to create diverse opportunities for manipulation and lack of integrity:

• Lack of citizenship verification



- · Inaccurate, outdated voter rolls
- Universal vote by mail
- Steering voters to return ballots through processes operating outside public view
- The need to process millions of mailed ballots
- Extending elections to blur the deadline for receiving and counting ballots
- · Weak chain of custody for mailed in ballots

Elections matter.

If electoral results are not a valid and accurate reflection of the voice of the citizen voters, then **there is no Republic**, and all other rights we so treasure blow away like grains of sand in a desert windstorm.

The fact that sound processes are needed to create valid outcomes, and that those processes should be scrupulously and continuously monitored, should not be controversial.

Questioning the validity of our elections in the wake of legitimate and obvious irregularities does \underline{not} threaten our Republic.

Failing to do so does.

Questioning infuses strength, as long as we can:

- work together to resolve our differences respectfully and civilly,
- look for truth even when it's inconvenient,
- and embrace the opinions of ALL of our fellow Americans as valuable and essential in our continual efforts to "form a more perfect union."

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The fight for election integrity around the Republic...



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Election Integrity News from October and November (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>Dirty Voter Rolls Can Lead To Election Fraud</u> – From The Absolute Truth with Emerald Robinson (11/1/23)

Our Electoral Process - We Are a Republic Not A Democracy w/ Joe & Rick Green - From Conservative Daily Podcast via FrankSpeech (October '23)

<u>Joe Oltmann and David Clements Live with Rachel Alexander - Persecution of John Eastman - FrankSpeech</u> – From Conservative Daily (approx. – 11/1/23)

'Shocking' Fraud on Video Prompts Judge to Toss Election Outcome in Connecticut's Largest City From The Daily Signal (11/2/23)

<u>Mike Lindell Exposes Robin Vos as One of The Biggest Blockers of Our Fair Election</u> – From The Lindell Report - Lindell TV (11/4/23)

Must Reads:

<u>Ranked-Choice Voting Is The Monster Under The Bed Of American Elections</u> – From The Federalist (10/31/23)

Can Trump be on ballot? It hinges on one word – From California Political Review (11/6/23)

How Sam Bankman-Fried And His Crypto Empire Used Dark Money To Influence U.S. Elections – From The Federalist (11/3/23)

Election News From the States:

<u>Texas Think Tank Expands Election Integrity Focus to 5 Key Battleground States for 2024</u> – From The Daily Signal (11/7/23)

Lawsuits across the US over voter ID laws crawling on as the 2024 presidential election approaches – From Just The News (11/6/23)

<u>6 Bizarre Examples of How Voter Registration Fraud Happens</u> – From The Daily Signal (11/6/23)

ICYMI > Laws Protecting Americans' Right to Vote – From The Thought Company (7/28/23)

From California -

ICYMI > CA Secretary of State Election Observation Rights and Responsibilities Regulations Hearing – Oct. 31, 2023 The transparent process that included NO transparency – Election Integrity Project®California, Inc. [EIPCa] (10/31/23)

From Connecticut -

<u>Judge Overturns Bridgeport Mayoral Election Due To Evidence Of Mail Ballot Fraud</u> – From The Federalist (11/2/23)

<u>Vote In Mayor Race For Bridgeport Ct Overturned By Judge</u>, <u>Here's Why</u> – From The Sentinel Report with Alex Newman via Frank Clips (11/4/23)

Connecticut Mayor Race Reveals Illegal Ballot Stuffing on Democrat's Behalf, with Adam Carolla – From Megan Kelly w/ Adam Carolla (11/3/23) >> **Related** (from Megan Kelly) > <u>Vote In Mayor Race For Bridgeport Ct Overturned By Judge</u>, Here's Why (11/3/23)

From Colorado -

<u>Trump denied bid to end Colorado 14th Amendment trial that featured Kash Patel</u> – From Washington Examiner (11/1/23)

<u>Unions Deploy Eye-Popping 'Methods Of Disruption' Against Conservative School Board Facing Reelection</u> – From The Federalist (11/2/23)

News From Florida -

<u>Court: Democrats Have No Evidence Florida's Voter Registration Process Is Illegal</u> – From The Federalist (11/1/23)

From Georgia:

<u>Concerns Surrounding Georgia's Elections Being Raised</u> – From The Absolute Truth with Emerald Robinson (11/3/23)

<u>Election Fraud Took Place In Fulton County, Georgia</u> – From The Absolute Truth with Emerald Robinson (11/3/23) >> **Related** > <u>Lindell TV LIVE 24/7 - FrankSpeech</u>

From Michigan -

<u>ELECTION INTEGRITY COURT VICTORY: 3-0 Decision By MI Court of Appeals</u> – From Let's Fix Stuff (10/19/23)

From Minnesota -

<u>The Minnesota Supreme Court Hears Oral Arguments On Effort To Keep Trump Off Ballot In</u> 2024 – From Forbes News (11/2/23)

From Virginia -

Nonprofit watching Virginia election – From 13News Now (11/4/23)

Election News fross the World

<u>Argentina Election: Milei Holds Narrow Lead Over Massa in Poll Ahead of Runoff</u> – From Bloomberg (11/3/23)

<u>Argentina Polls Show Election Race Tightening; Winner Hard to Call</u> – From US News & World Report (11/6/23)

El Salvador's President Bukele registers for 2024 reelection -- unconstitutionally, critics say - From ABC News (10/27/23)

<u>Ecuador's 2023 Election: What Noboa's Victory Means</u> – From the Council on Foreign Relations (10/19/23)

"Upcoming Elections Look Good": Kamal Nath's Son – From NDTV [New Delhi Television] (11/6/23)

<u>Final New Zealand election results show National party will need populist NZ First to govern</u> – From The Guardian (11/2/23)

<u>Poland election: Donald Tusk's pro-European opposition seems set to oust populists, but tense days lie ahead</u> – From CNN (10/17/23)

<u>'Defender of Democracy' Zelensky Rules Out Holding Wartime Elections Under Martial Law</u> – From The Gateway Pundit (11/6/23)



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