

Election Integrity Project® California Newsletter

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It Just Ain't So Part 4 of 6 - Voter ID is Voter Suppression!

We all grow up hearing common sayings, things we are expected to believe. Widely held beliefs carry a lot of weight and are often necessary and helpful. Haste makes waste. Patience is a virtue. But these days, many people are waking up to the fact that popular mantras about our elections, which so many so-called experts want us to accept, just aren't so.

- Part 1 of this series, called into question the assumption that it is desirable to make voting easy and convenient.
- Part 2, showed that universal vote by mail is actually not wonderful, and
- Part 3, debunked the myth that simply living here gives you the right to vote.

In this article, we take on the claim that requiring voter ID, especially photo voter ID, amounts to voter suppression.

Words are powerful, word choices matter, and repetition becomes reality. Progressives, the media and other activists strategically use the word "suppression" to gloss over the fact that some people should simply not be voting. Many people lack the constitutional right to vote, including non-citizens, people under the age of 18 and those who are not registered.

The deeper goal behind brandishing the word "suppression" is to shut down all rational conversation. To suppress means to prevent something from being seen, expressed, or operating. It implies action and intention, and is typically bad. It rules out a positive intent, or any effort to ensure that officials conduct our elections legally and according to the Constitution.

"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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Invoking the word "suppression" manipulates the hearer into thinking that any action that ensures voting is limited to **eligible voters** is insidious and intentionally dishonest. That premise is transparently false, but the word choice subtly communicates the message in a way that subverts honest discussion.

In modern societies people must produce photo ID for so many different activities. This includes buying a house, renting an apartment, opening a bank account, cashing a check, purchasing alcohol, cigarettes, or firearms, renting a car or entering certain buildings, **to name a few**. In other words, to function at all in today's society, people need a photo ID. There is never an objection; the requirement makes too much common sense.

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The purpose of photo ID is to confirm the verifiable identity of an individual.

And yet the mantra exists that the one place requiring photo ID would be a horrendous miscarriage of justice and violation of equal access is at the polls.

The sacred right to vote, which is limited to eligible U.S. citizens, cannot be safeguarded without requiring people to show their ID.

Presenting proof of identity helps avoid impersonation and ensures that our elected representatives are chosen by only those individuals with the constitutional right to vote.

The most often repeated argument from those opposing reasonable voter ID requirements is that such a mandate suppresses the minority vote. They assert that members of minority groups are less likely to have a photo ID, and are unable to obtain one. Thus, requiring it to vote is "racist."

Just making that statement is blatantly racist.

All minority individuals should be incensed by the very notion that they are not equally capable of something every 16-year-old can accomplish in 15 minutes at the DMV.

There is no state with a voter ID requirement that does not provide free-of-charge services for those who may have challenges acquiring their birth certificate or other form of evidence needed to acquire the mandated photo ID.

The claim that the vote of <u>any</u> category of individuals would be suppressed "just ain't so!!"

The people of California and the nation heartily agree that reliable voter ID is a necessity. Polls across **all** political, ethnic and socioeconomic groupings show a support of 75% - 80%.

But victory in the opinion polls accomplishes nothing. We the People must ACT to put strong photo voter ID policies in place in every state.

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Please stay tuned for Part 5 of this series, It Just Ain't So

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The fight for election integrity around the Republic...



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

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Election News Across the Nation

Video Views:

<u>WSJ Opinion: Democrats Move Against Ballot Access</u> – From the Wall Street Journal w/ video (10/8/23)

Mike Lindell: "We are gonna secure our country, secure our elections, and get our country back" – From Bannon's War Room (10/6/23)

Gavin Newson Signs Bill To Force Counties To Use The Machines - FrankSpeech - From Frank Clips on Lindell TV (September '23)

Must Reads:

'Zuckerbucks' in Wisconsin: State constitutional amendment to ban private election funding in 2024 – From Just The News (October '23)

<u>Elon Musk Has Fired Most Of Twitter's 'Election Integrity' Team</u> – From Summit News (9/28/23)

<u>Is Google Rigging The 2024 Election? The Controversy Over Invisible Republicans</u> – From ZeroHedge (9/30/23)

Ahead of 2024, Felons Fight to Regain Right to Vote – From the Wall Street Journal (10/5/23)

<u>Voter Fraud Lawsuit Intensifies</u> – From American Faith (10/5/23)

Election News From the States:

<u>State Election Officials Will Defer to Courts on Removing Trump From 2024 Ballot</u> – From The Daily Signal (9/27/23)

Amazon's Alexa Claims 2020 U.S. President Election Was 'Stolen' - From Breitbart (10/9/23)

Let's Fix Election Integrity by Patrick Colbeck - From Let's Fix Stuff

Review > Election Integrity and the American Republic – From The Heritage Foundation

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From Arizona -

As Kari Lake presses on with litigation, here is a cheat sheet for all 2022 election disputes – From Just The News (October '23)

From California -

Bill limiting ballot hand counting in California becomes law; one county pledges to defy statute – From ABC News - (10/4/23)

Election Results in Riverside County, California Are Illegitimate After Activities Went Against State Code for Years – From The Gateway Pundit(10/9/23)

California County Ordered to Pay \$85,000 for Unlawfully Withholding 2020 "Boring" Public Election Records – From The Gateway Pundit (10/9/23)

<u>All Lanes Lead to the Finish Line - Part 1</u> – From Election Integrity Project®California (October '23) >> See part 2 here: <u>All Lanes Lead to the Finish Line - Part 2</u>

From Colorado -

Colorado Tried To Throw Out An Election Watchdog's Lawsuit Seeking ERIC Data. A Judge Said No – From The Federalist (10/4/23)

From Georgia:

Georgia Election Case Defendant Seeks Dismissal Over Prosecutor's 'Embarrassing' Mistake – From The Western Journal (10/5/23)

From Michigan -

<u>Sandy Kiesel, Election Integrity Force, Michigan</u> – From William Wallis For America on Lindell TV (10/9/23)

From Pennsylvania -

<u>Pennsylvania latest state to embrace automatic voter registration, triggers new integrity fears</u> – From Just The News (October '23)

ICYMI > Pennsylvania Governor Calls for Automatic Voter Registration – From The Daily Signal (9/5/23)

From Texas -

<u>Paxton Saved Texas From Millions Of Illegal Ballots</u> – <u>From Frank Clips</u> on Lindell TV (9/19/23)

From Wisconsin -

Here We Go: Marc Elias and National Democrats Sue Wisconsin to Block Absentee Voter Witness Requirements - Anything to Steal an Election! - From The Gateway Pundit (10/3/23)

<u>Marc Elias Behind Wisconsin Lawsuit To Influence 2024 Election</u> – From RealClearPolitics (10/7/23)

'Zuckerbucks' in Wisconsin: State constitutional amendment to ban private election funding in 2024 – From Just The News (October '23)

Election News from Across the World

<u>U.S. Virgin Islands to Hold February 8 Caucus, Making It the Third Nationwide GOP Primary Contest</u> – From Breitbart (10/2/23)

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AfD Party Surges in Local Elections in Germany, Passing Olaf Scholz's Governing Coalition – From The Gateway Pundit (10/9/23)

German conservative opposition wins 2 state elections, with far-right making gains – From AP News (10/8/23)

Opposition Moves: Leftist Labour in the UK and Conservative Christian Democratic Union in Germany Both Booming in Popularity, Expected to Defeat Current Administrations – From The Gateway Pundit (10/9/23)

<u>Mexico's Sheinbaum holds commanding lead in presidency race - polls</u> – From R<u>euter</u>s (10/5/23)

Slovakia election 2023: populist party Smer takes commanding lead in count with 98% of precincts reporting – as it happened – From The Guardian



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