

Fixing Election Integrity Is Urgent

- Election integrity must be airtight. Everyone (especially the losers) must be able to implicitly trust results! We have seen how disruptive it is if there can be any doubt whatever.
- For more than 150 years, election integrity was very good (with the exception of positive voter ID) using hand-marked and hand-counted paper ballots inside properly staffed and managed polling places on election day.
- Modern “improvements” have tended to decrease election integrity.
 1. Hanging chads (in Florida)
 2. Direct-Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machines with no audit trail
 3. Mail-in voting destroys integrity!
- What’s wrong with mail-in voting? (The short answer is everything.)
 1. Ballots float around for days, even weeks, and are handled by an unknown number of unknowable people – there are vulnerabilities too numerous to list! Many are hard to detect and impossible to prosecute.
 2. Signature matching or verification is NOT reliable; it’s a crapshoot.
 3. There is no way to be certain who actually filled out a ballot.
 4. Mass counting operations are very vulnerable to fraud, especially when they span multiple days.
 5. The most obvious problem is that a completely secret ballot simply cannot be guaranteed
- There are two aspects to complete ballot secrecy and BOTH are important:
 1. If the voter wishes to keep secret how they voted, that must be possible
 2. If the voter wishes to prove to someone else how they voted, that must NOT be possible (exposes the voter to coercion and enables vote buying)
- Substantially all voters need to vote in the privacy of a voting booth at their properly managed neighborhood polling place on election day.
- Automation – No one can guarantee that any machine at least as complicated as a paper stapler will work correctly 100% of the time. Therefore, each and every output of a machine should be checked and verified 100% of the time.