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Knight: Automatic Voter Registration Expands Government Automatically

In 1993, when President Clinton signed the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), its boosters claimed that it would solve, once and for all, a plethora of problems plaguing the nation's voter registration rolls. However, like many ballyhooed efforts, the Motor Voter Law, as it is best known, resulted in an even crazier system, with such absurdities as millions of people registered in more than one state, cemeteries full of active "voters," and noncitizens "inadvertently" placed on voter rolls. Now comes the left's latest "solution," which they call automatic voter registration (AVR). The idea is to enroll everyone who has contact with the DMV or any public agency, whether they want to be in the system or not. This is mandatory registration, a precursor to mandatory voting, one of Barack Obama's pet schemes.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/aug/20/election-integrity-can-be-guarded-with-automatic-r/>

Illegal Voter Wants Supreme Court to Overturn Deportation Order

A Peruvian immigrant named Margarita Del Pilar Fitzpatrick walked into a driver's license office in Illinois and left as a registered voter — after a clerk told her that it was up to her whether or not to register. That decision led to Fitzpatrick's eventual deportation, which she now hopes the Supreme Court will overturn. One voter integrity group argues that the Fitzpatrick case is the logical result of activists such as billionaire

progressive George Soros aggressively promoting ineligible voting and an electoral system that shuns safeguards against fraud.

<http://www.lifezette.com/polizette/illegal-voter-wants-supreme-court-overturn-deportation-order/>

Columnist: Vote Fraud Really Does Exist

One side says voter fraud is nonexistent, yet there is proof it exists. When confronted with the facts they switch tracks and proclaim the problem really isn't that bad. They maintain their political foes are up to no good and their real goal is voter suppression. I suppose they also worry that the sun may not come up tomorrow.

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1050294>

West Virginia Attorney General, Secretary of State ask U.S. Supreme Court to Protect Election Integrity

Two elected West Virginia officials are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to protect election integrity while reviewing a case out of Ohio that questions a commonly used process to maintain the accuracy of voter lists. Attorney General Patrick Morrisey recently signed on to a friend-of-the-court brief supporting similar methods used in West Virginia and 12 other states. "Keeping voter lists up to date is crucial to ensuring the integrity of elections in West Virginia," Morrisey said. "The process used by multiple states is completely in line with federal law and necessary in maintaining free and fair elections."

<http://wvrecord.com/stories/511184790-state-ag-sos-ask-u-s-supreme-court-to-protect-election-integrity#.WZTEJgqwSa4.twitter>

Investors Daily: U.S. Has 3.5 Million More Registered Voters than Live Adults — A Red Flag for Electoral Fraud

American democracy has a problem — a voting problem. According to a new study of U.S. Census data, America has more registered voters than actual live voters. It's a troubling fact that puts our nation's future in peril. As reported by the *National Review's* Deroy Murdock, "some 3.5 million more people are registered to vote in the U.S. than are alive among America's adult citizens. Such staggering inaccuracy is an engraved invitation to voter fraud." The 3.5 million possible fraudulent ballots that exist are a problem that deserves serious immediate attention. Nothing really hinges on it, of course, except the integrity and honesty of our democratic elections.

<http://www.investors.com/politics/editorials/u-s-has-3-5-million-more-registered-voters-than-live-adults-a-red-flag-for-electoral-fraud/>

New York Times: Ex-Trump Aides Hunt for Untapped Voters and Proof of Fraud

The former aides are starting a group called Look Ahead America to identify "disaffected" rural and working-class Americans who either do not vote or are not on the voter rolls, in order to register and mobilize them ahead of future elections, according to a prospectus being distributed to possible donors. Look Ahead America also seeks to discourage or invalidate "fraudulent" votes by deploying poll watchers with cameras, and through what it called a forensic voter fraud investigation to identify "votes cast in the names of the deceased, by illegal immigrants or non-citizens," according to the prospectus, which was shared with *The New York Times*.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/16/us/politics/voter-registration-rural-republican.html>

HOMELAND SECURITY

Obama Never Told 21 States that Russians Were Hacking Their Voting Systems

State election officials still don't know which 21 of their jurisdictions Russian hackers targeted. Secretaries of state — who are the top election officials in 40 states — told the Daily Caller they were shocked to learn of the Russian hacking when Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials first divulged it at a June 21, 2017, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing. "We can't find any secretaries of state who say they have been told they are part of this list of 'targeted' states," said a spokeswoman for the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), which is the oldest nonpartisan professional organization for public officials, representing top state election officials.

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/15/exclusive-obama-never-told-21-states-russians-were-hacking-their-voting-systems/>

STATES

Florida Election Worker Gets Two Years House Arrest and Probation for Marking Ballots

The Miami Herald reports that 74-year-old Gladys Coego received two years of house arrest and three years of probation. She had pled guilty to filling out somebody else's absentee ballot. Coego was hired by a temp agency and working as an elections support specialist at the Miami-Dade election office last October, just weeks before the Nov. 8 election. Her job was to open, count and sort vote-by-mail absentee ballots.

https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/florida/articles/2017-08-17/election-worker-gets-house-arrest-for-marking-ballots?src=usn_tw

New Texas Law Toughens Penalties for Mail-in Voter Fraud

After months of working on it, debating it and revising it, Senate Bill 5 was signed by Governor Greg Abbott and will become law Dec. 1. The legislation toughens penalties against those who commit mail-in voter fraud. Anyone who is caught harvesting votes either by going to nursing homes, knocking door-to-door or requesting mail-in ballots, will face up to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine if convicted. The law prohibits the use of an electronic signature and requires signature verification for absentee ballots.

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/local/new-texas-law-toughens-penalties-for-mail-in-voter-fraud/464673884>

REDISTRICTING

North Carolina House Proposes New Legislative District Map

Mapmakers are proposing new districts for most members of the North Carolina House, a move forced after federal judges ruled that state Republicans illegally gave too much emphasis to race in the current version of legislative voting lines. Both the North Carolina House and Senate committees agreed not to use racial data about voters in drawing new boundaries. But their criteria did allow for the use of past election results — a key projector of a district's political leanings.

<http://wunc.org/post/north-carolina-house-proposes-new-legislative-district-map#stream/0>

Texas Appeals Ruling Requiring New Congressional Districts Heads to Supreme Court

Three days after a federal court ruled that Republican lawmakers drew congressional districts to intentionally discriminate against minority voters, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the decision and protect districts in Travis and Bastrop counties from having to be redrawn. Paxton also told the lower court that Gov. Greg Abbott has declined to call a special session to redraw the districts, saying there wouldn't be enough time and that doing so would

waive the state's right to appeal a ruling "with which it vigorously disagrees." Paxton announced the appeal by vowing to "aggressively defend the maps on all fronts." In a written statement, he said, "Judges should get out of the business of drawing maps. We firmly believe that the maps Texas used in the last three election cycles are lawful."

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/texas-appeals-ruling-requiring-new-congressional-districts/lnya7PUWIEumwuA9xnUeiJ/>