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LEAD STORY

Ken Blackwell: Even the NAACP Demands Election Clean-Up in Alabama

Amazing, but true. The NAACP is concerned about vote fraud. As a result, the venerable civil rights organization is demanding an election investigation. Voting rolls need to be purged. Really. This could become the start of a bipartisan crusade. The NAACP and conservative groups, such as the American Civil Rights Union, could together insist that only citizens, currently alive and residing in their claimed jurisdiction, are entitled to vote. Left and right could unite behind the principle that voting is a basic right that must be protected, both from those who would prevent properly registered Americans from participating and those who would dilute Americans' votes by allowing those not eligible to cast ballots. Elections matter. We should make sure that everyone eligible is able to vote, but only those who are eligible are able to vote. That requires making sure election rolls are accurate and asking voters to prove their identity. There's nothing radical about doing so. Why shouldn't the government safeguard the process through which voters choose those who will make our laws, take us into war, and determine our futures? As the NAACP seems to have finally recognized in one town, at least, election integrity matters for all of us.

<https://www.cnsnews.com/commentary/ken-blackwell/ken-blackwell-even-naACP-demands-election-clean-alabama>

Video Update: Voter Rolls Still a Mess in Phenix City

The ACRU has compiled a series of local TV segments on the scandal.

<http://www.theacru.org/phenix-city-naACP-calls-for-investigation-into-voter-fraud/>

Felons, the Dead, Georgia Residents Cast Ballots in Phenix City, Alabama

A voter fraud investigation exposed people casting ballots illegally in a City Council election. Phenix City Police Chief Ray Smith said he identified 82 voters that registered using their business address. Even more shocking, the Registrar produced a roll that includes convicted felons, dead people and Columbus, Georgia residents.

<http://www.wltz.com/2017/11/30/voter-fraud-felons-dead-ga-residents-cast-ballot-phenix-city/>

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Guam Has a Racist Voting Law and the Justice Department Is Finally Helping to Fight It

It looks like Arnold Davis is finally getting some justice. Through eight long years of litigation, Davis has been represented by J. Christian Adams and the Center for Individual Rights. The Eric Holder/Loretta Lynch Justice Department refused to represent Davis or otherwise assist with the lawsuit. Holder even made a ceremonial visit to Guam in 2012, one in which he voiced no criticism whatsoever of the territorial government, or even of the racist attacks that Guam's community leaders and government officials have launched against Davis. Finally, in March of this year, a federal judge in Guam ruled in favor of Davis and issued a permanent injunction against the territory, barring it from enforcing its discriminatory registration law. Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood held that limiting voter registration to so-called Native Inhabitants of the island violated both the 14th and 15th Amendments. The Constitution does not allow the

government “to exclude otherwise qualified voters in participating in an election where public issues are decided simply because those otherwise qualified voters do not have the correct ancestry or bloodline.” After Guam lost in March, it appealed the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. On November 28, after eight years of studied indifference, the U.S. Justice Department under Attorney General Jeff Sessions finally did the right thing: It filed an amicus brief in the Ninth Circuit supporting Arnold Davis. <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/454212/guams-racist-voting-law-doj-fights>

STATES

Iowa: State Begins Mailing Cards as Part of New Voter ID Law

Iowa's top elections official says his office is beginning to mail identification cards as part of a new law requiring voters to show ID at the polls. Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate says that 123,000 registered voters will be sent the non-photo ID cards automatically. They'll go to voters without an Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-driver's ID. The Republican-controlled Iowa Legislature passed legislation last spring requiring voters to show acceptable identification at the polls, arguing it'll maintain election integrity.

https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/iowa/articles/2017-12-04/iowa-begins-mailing-paper-cards-as-part-of-new-voter-id-law?src=usn_tw

Texas: Attorney General Defends Voter ID Law at 5th Circuit

Ken Paxton expressed confidence after lawyers from his office defended Texas' voter ID law before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit in New Orleans. “We appreciated the opportunity to inform the 5th Circuit that the Legislature passed Senate Bill 5 last session to comply with the changes that this court ordered to the original voter ID law, Senate Bill 14, from 2011,” Attorney General Paxton said. “Those who challenged the voter ID law cannot identify one person who faces a substantial burden to voting under the reasonable-impediment exception of the revised law. We're hopeful the 5th Circuit will uphold Texas' common-sense voter ID law.”

<https://easttexasreview.com/ag-paxton-defends-texas-voter-id-law-5th-circuit/>

Wisconsin: Infamous John Doe Was More Sinister than First Reported

A Wisconsin Attorney General report on the year-long investigation into leaks of sealed John Doe court documents to a liberal British publication in September 2016 finds a rogue agency of partisan bureaucrats bent on a mission “to bring down the (Gov. Scott) Walker campaign and the Governor himself.” The AG report details an expanded John Doe probe into a “broad range of Wisconsin Republicans,” a “John Doe III,” according to Attorney General Brad Schimel, that widened the scope of the so-called John Doe II investigation into dozens of right-of-center groups and scores of conservatives. Republican lawmakers, conservative talk show hosts, a former employee from the MacIver Institute, average citizens, even churches, were secretly monitored by the dark John Doe.

www.maciverinstitute.com/2017/12/doj-report-wisconsin-infamous-john-doe-was-more-sinister-than-first-reported/

Virginia: Contested Virginia Races Highlight Election Vulnerabilities

Disputed races for the Virginia House of Delegates—which could determine control of the chamber—highlight the potential for fraud and even innocuous bureaucratic glitches to impact elections. It has been three weeks since Virginians voted for governor and representatives in the House of Delegates, and the tenuous Republican hold is still not confirmed. Democrats swamped Republicans in the election but—as things currently stand—will hold only 49 seats to the GOP's 51 when the new members take office. No one has suggested that voter fraud played any role in the outcome of any of those races. But elections experts contend that the close races refute the argument that voter fraud is too rare to make a difference.

<https://www.lifezette.com/polizette/contested-virginia-races-highlight-election-vulnerabilities/>