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Comey's Testimony Killed the 'Russians Election Hacking' False Narrative

Testifying before the House Intelligence Committee on March 20, NSA Director Admiral Michael Rogers and FBI Director James Comey stated unequivocally that there was no evidence the Russians manipulated election machines to rig the vote. Asked by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Calif.) if there was any intelligence to suggest the vote tallies in several states were tampered with, Admiral Rogers stated, "No, sir." Yet the mainstream media have been deceitfully pushing the "Russia hacked the election" narrative for months.

<https://www.conservativereview.com/commentary/2017/03/comeys-testimony-just-killed-the-russians-election-hacking-false-narrative>

Schumer: Democrats Will Filibuster Gorsuch

With Schumer's announcement that he will lead a filibuster of Gorsuch's nomination, Republicans must either pick up eight Democrats to join Republicans in voting for cloture, or Republicans must hold together at least 50 of their 52 members (with Vice President Mike Pence as a tie-breaker) to extend the constitutional option to Supreme Court nominations.

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/03/23/schumer-democrats-will-filibuster-gorsuch/>

Dems Launch Another New Group to Lead Redistricting Court Battles

Democrats continue to fight Republican-led redistricting efforts, and a new group, Protect Voters Now!, wants to direct funds to court challenges already in place, according to a March 21 press release. The new group hopes to provide better funding and assistance to redistricting challenges currently underway in Michigan, New Hampshire, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, and New Mexico. "(Protect Voters Now!) will leverage our tremendous assets on the ground in the states by combining legislative advocacy, communications, lobbying, grassroots organizing, litigation strategy and

district-level targeting to bring the full force of our progressive campaign coalition to fights for the right to vote," the release said.

https://democracychronicles.org/redistricting-court-battles/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Obama Poised to Jump Into Redistricting Fight

Former President Barack Obama has maintained a "low-key" profile since President Donald Trump's inauguration, but he did issue a statement on Obamacare this week and will be returning to Washington, D.C., to join the fight of redistricting, according to The Washington Post. Former Attorney General Eric Holder is leading the former president's post-White House political agenda "for now," specifically the effort to help Democrats redraw legislative voting maps to be more favorable, per the report.

<http://www.newsmax.com/US/obama-barack-obama-redistricting/2017/03/26/id/780840/>

Russ Feingold Launches Group Aimed at Ending Electoral College

Former U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold (D-Wis.) edged back into the political sphere last Wednesday, announcing he is launching a group that will advocate abolishing the Electoral College. The group, LegitAction, also will focus on voting rights, campaign finance reform and "protecting the independence and credibility of" the U.S. Supreme Court.

http://journaltimes.com/news/state-and-regional/russ-feingold-launches-new-group-aimed-at-ending-electoral-college/article_c3f86ce2-1228-52a1-8c64-fe7071adf998.html

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Wisconsin Election Officials Blame Bernie Sanders for Minors Illegally Voting in 2016

Wisconsin election officials last week in part blamed Sen. Bernie Sanders' (I., Vt.) failed presidential campaign for 17-year-olds illegally voting in the state's 2016 presidential primary. A Wisconsin Elections Commission report found that up to 70 teenagers voted illegally in about 30 of the state's counties during the April primaries.

<http://freebeacon.com/politics/wisconsin-election-officials-blame-bernie-sanders-minors-illegally-voting-2016/>

Nevada Governor Sandoval Vetoes Automatic Voter Registration Initiative

In his veto message, Brian Sandoval said the measure “extinguishes a fundamental, individual choice — the right of eligible voters to decide for themselves whether they desire to apply to register to vote — forfeiting this basic decision to state government.” Sandoval added that it “would create an unnecessary risk that people who are not qualified voters may unintentionally apply to vote, subjecting them to possible criminal prosecution, fines and other legal action.” The Automatic Voter Registration Initiative, or IP1, was sent to the governor last week after it received final legislative approval by the Democrat-controlled Senate and Assembly in a party line vote.

<http://www.reviewjournal.com/news/politics-and-government/nevada/sandoval-s-first-veto-2017-session-rejects-voter-registration>

Former Colorado GOP Chair Charged With Voter Fraud

Steve Curtis, now a conservative radio host, is accused of completing and mailing his ex-wife's ballot in the previous election, according to Fox News affiliate KDVR in Denver. Curtis' ex-wife, Kelly Curtis, discovered her ballot was already delivered when she contacted her local elections office in October after moving to South Carolina to find out how to vote.

<http://www.newsmax.com/Politics/voter-fraud-Republican-Colorado/2017/03/22/id/780195/>

Philadelphia Election Fraud Task Force Launches Investigation into Special Election

The Election Fraud Task Force in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office has launched an investigation into the special election in the 197th Legislative District. The District Attorney's Office says that on March 21, the task force received about 50 calls to its hotline and responded to several dozen allegations of illegal activity at polling places across the 197th District. Some of the issues they are investigating include the use and placement of candidate write-in stamps, electioneering inside the polling place, illegal voter assistance and individuals writing on posted sample ballots.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2017/03/24/election-fraud-task-force-launches-investigation-into-special-election-in-197th-district/#.WNbxdqjI3jE.twitter>

New Yorkers Who Don't Vote Would Pay \$10 fine under Assemblywoman's Bill

A state lawmaker from Manhattan wants to make it costly for New Yorkers not to vote.

Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, a Democrat, introduced legislation this week that would establish “compulsory voting” in the state and punish those who don’t vote with a \$10 fine. “Mandatory voting would drastically increase civic participation and transform the political arena by making politicians more reflective of the constituents that elected them,” Glick wrote in a memo submitted with the bill.

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/new-yorkers-don-vote-pay-10-proposed-bill-article-1.3001499?cid=bitly>

Arizona Governor Signs Bill Banning Pay-Per-Signature on Citizen Initiative Petitions

Doug Ducey signed into law a bill that will reshape how citizen-initiative campaigns are conducted in Arizona. The measure, House Bill 2404, was promoted as a way to fight fraud in petition-signature gathering by banning the paying of circulators for each signature they collect. Instead, they would most likely earn an hourly wage.

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/legislature/2017/03/23/arizona-bill-banning-pay-per-signature-citizen-initiative-petitions/99557348/>