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Columnist: Trump's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity Leaves the Left in a Panic

As President Trump's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity met on Tuesday in New Hampshire to discuss voter fraud, the usual liberal suspects cried wolf. During last year's election, the president voiced what we know — that voter fraud exists. The only question is to what degree, and that's the mission of the commission. For anyone who dismisses concerns about voter fraud, the unhinged reaction by the left at investigating it should, at the very least, make a logical person wonder what they're so concerned about. After all, if you believe the issue is false, or at the most an irrelevant factor in end results, you should welcome confirmation of that fact. Unless, of course, one fears the actual outcome may prove how voter fraud impacts local and state races to the point of shifting the balance of power in Washington, D.C.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/13/voter-fraud-investigations-eschewed-by-democrats/>

New Hampshire Voter Fraud Fight Takes New Turn

New Hampshire, the state that helps kick off presidential elections, is now at the center of a partisan battle over voter fraud, and the debate was set to heat up Tuesday. The Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, convened for just the second time Tuesday in Manchester, hosted by New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner. The session comes less than a week after commission co-chairman and Kansas Secretary of

State Kris Kobach charged in a column on conservative news site Breitbart that voter fraud in the Granite State may account for Democrat Maggie Hassan's extremely narrow Senate victory last November over incumbent Republican Kelly Ayotte.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/09/11/new-hampshire-voter-fraud-fight-takes-new-turn.html>

Why This New Hampshire Democrat Wants to Restore Confidence in Voting Integrity

Bill Gardner, New Hampshire's Democratic secretary of state, is an institution in the state, having held the office for more than four decades, and now, for being one of a few Democratic election officials in the country stepping up to prevent voter fraud. Last week, New Hampshire House Speaker Shawn Jasper released a report — based on data from Gardner's office — that more than 6,500 people registered to vote in New Hampshire on Nov. 8 using out-of-state driver's licenses. Of those, about 5,500 never subsequently obtained a New Hampshire driver's license. Under New Hampshire law, new residents have 60 days after moving to the state to update their license.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/09/13/why-this-democrat-wants-to-restore-confidence-in-voting-integrity/>

Attacks on Heritage Voter Fraud Database Are Baseless

The Heritage Foundation's Voter Fraud Database is the result of two years of effort to track down examples of proven voter fraud throughout the nation. Americans need an alternative to the mainstream media. But this can't be done alone. At present, the database has 1,071 such incidents, including 938 cases that have resulted in criminal convictions, 43 that have ended in civil penalties, 74 that have seen defendants enter diversion programs, and 16 that are supported by judicial or other official findings of election fraud. The database contains proof of fraud in 47 states, involves elections at all levels of government, and describes the duplicitous activities of fraudsters on both the right and the left.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/09/11/brennan-centers-attacks-heritage-voter-fraud-database-baseless/>

Vote Fraud, a Problem Pols Can Fix

"How much voter fraud are you willing to tolerate? One voter? One hundred? One thousand?"

That's the question Christian Adams of the Public Interest Legal Foundation was asking in New Hampshire at a public meeting of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. And it's a significant question in the Granite State, where popular incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte was defeated by popular Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan by just 1,017 votes last November. And that was out of more than 700,000 total votes cast.

http://www.bostonherald.com/opinion/op_ed/2017/09/graham_vote_fraud_a_problem_pols_can_fix

Hillary Clinton Says Chief Justice Roberts' "Gutting the Voting Rights Act" Contributed to Her Loss

The failed Democratic presidential candidate cites the Supreme Court's 2013 decision that a section of the Voting Rights Act was no longer necessary. She says it hurt voter turnout. Clinton also writes on page 419 of the forthcoming book that "Trump actively tried to discourage people from voting at all."

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/hillary-clinton-blames-chief-justice-john-roberts-for-contributing-to-her-election-loss-in-new-book/article/2634059>

STATES

Ohio: Man Pleads Guilty to Illegal Voting in November Election

In February 2016, Awais Jamil registered to vote in Muskingum County, despite not being a U.S. citizen. On Nov. 8, 2016, he voted in the U.S. election. He pleaded guilty in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court to illegal voting, a fourth-degree felony. He was one of 82 non-citizens who voted in at least one election in Ohio, according to an investigation by the Ohio secretary of state's office. Jamil faces 18 months in prison for the offense. Another charge, tampering with records, will be dropped.

<http://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/story/news/local/2017/09/11/man-pleads-guilty-illegal-voting-november-election/654479001/>

New Jersey: Study Finds Non-Citizens Are Unknowingly Registered to Vote

A review of New Jersey's publicly available voter records has uncovered hundreds of non-citizens registered to vote in 11 of the state's counties. In addition to demonstrating the scale of just one of many elements — non-citizen registrants — of the nation's failure to maintain election integrity, the review found that three-quarters of the non-citizens had revealed their ineligible status to a New Jersey state official, who then presented and accepted the illegal forms anyway.

<https://pjmedia.com/trending/2017/09/11/study-finds-non-citizens-unknowingly-registered-vote/>

Knight: Data from New Hampshire Show How Fraud at Ballot Box Is Alive and Well

Donald Trump lost to Hillary Clinton in New Hampshire by 2,736 votes out of 745,000 cast. Republican incumbent Sen. Kelly Ayotte lost her seat to Democrat Maggie Hassan by a mere 1,017 votes out of 739,140 cast. Mr. Trump was ridiculed for insisting that Democrats used illicit votes to steal the election. The evidence suggests he was right. For years, liberal carpetbaggers from Massachusetts, Vermont and

Connecticut have flooded into swing state New Hampshire, ostensibly to assist Democratic campaigns. To vote, all they had to do was to declare a “domicile” in the state and an intention to remain there. No proof was needed. “Voter fraud in New Hampshire has gotten to the point of Lucille Ball in the chocolate factory. And the chocolates are spilling out of the box,” said Coalition of New Hampshire Taxpayers Chairman Ed Naile, who has been tracking vote fraud for 17 years.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/10/new-hampshire-voter-fraud-needs-to-be-investigated/>

New Hampshire: Howard Dean Threatens Primary over Voter ID Law

Howard Dean, who ran the DNC from 2006 to 2008, argued that the Granite State could be stripped of its “first-in-the-nation” primary status and, potentially, have its presidential delegates removed.

“A state with voter suppression ought not to be honored by the Democratic Party by having the first-in-the-nation primary, period,” Dean said in an interview with *The Daily Beast*.

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/howard-dean-threatens-new-hampshire-primary-over-proposed-voter-id-restrictions>

Spakovsky: Texas’ Voter ID Law Is Back in Force. Here’s Why That’s Such a Big Deal.

Christian Adams and I reported on the latest mistaken decision by federal District Court Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos, who threw out — for the fifth time — Texas’ amended voter ID law.

Texas immediately appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and requested a stay of Ramos’ decision. On Sept. 5, in a 2-1 vote, a three-judge panel of the 5th Circuit granted the state’s request. That means the Texas voter ID is back in effect and will remain in effect until the appeals court makes its final decision on the appeal.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/09/07/texas-voter-id-law-back-force-heres-thats-big-deal/>

REDISTRICTING

SCOTUS Grants Temporary Stay in Texas Redistricting Case

Justice Samuel Alito stayed a lower court order requiring the Texas state legislature to draw new legislative district lines in advance of the 2018 elections. The stay will remain in effect on a temporary basis until the coalition of political and civil rights groups challenging the current district map files its response to Texas’ motion.

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/08/28/scotus-grants-temporary-stay-in-texas-redistricting-case/>

Supreme Court Blocks Challenge to Texas Redistricting

The Democrats are carrying out a concentrated attack on redistricting because they hold a distinct minority of state houses and governor’s mansions and have been on the losing end too often. So, they are attacking the process at every point. The Texas case uses race, there is a case in Wisconsin that tries to ensure districts mirror the voter make-up of the state. Essentially, the Wisconsin case tries to make party registration an impermissible criteria in redistricting...while keeping race and ethnicity.

The only legal consideration in constructing districts should be ‘one-man-one-vote.’ Beyond that it is a political and a partisan issue.

<https://www.redstate.com/streiff/2017/09/13/supreme-court-texas-redistricting/>