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Knight: Vote Fraudsters Double Their Opportunities

Sorting data from 21 states comprising 75 million voters in 2016, GAI identified 8,471 “high-confidence” duplicate voting matches. Some 200 couples voted in two different states. Initially, there were 60,000 potential duplicate matches of names and birthdates, but the researchers had to make certain by using additional data from credit reports, Social Security or magazine subscription information. Scoffers might say that 8,471 is small potatoes in a nation where 130 million people voted in the November election in 2016. But it’s only one of many ways to make vote fraud easier, and lots of elections are decided by slim margins. George W. Bush won the presidency in 2000 by a 537-vote margin in Florida, where 5,825,043 votes were cast. In the 2016 presidential election in Florida, about 2,200 duplicate voters cast a ballot — four times Mr. Bush’s margin of victory in the state in 2000.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/17/voter-fraud-could-be-headed-off-with-registration/>

Democrat Columnist: Why Do Democrats Want to Kill the Electoral College?

In normal times, dumping the Electoral College would require a constitutional amendment. However, the far Left is advocating for what it calls an “elegant” runaround – officially labeled the Interstate Compact – where states pool their electors for whichever candidate wins the national vote irrespective of their state’s vote. Let’s take an example. Had the compact been in place in

2016, electors in states like Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania would have been forced to vote for Clinton even though Trump won their home states. Why? Clinton won more total national votes. Eleven states and their legislatures have signed on to the Interstate Compact. If the effort attracts a few more states that represent 105 Electoral College votes, the scheme goes into effect.

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/09/12/why-do-democrats-want-to-dump-electoral-college.html>

Hillary Wants to End the Electoral College

Hillary Clinton said the Electoral College should be abolished after Republican Donald Trump won the electoral vote, while she garnered the popular vote.

<https://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/electoral-college-campaign-popular-vote-one-person-one-vote/2017/09/13/id/813466/>

Why Are College Students’ Votes Worth More Than Everyone Else’s?

Why should students have the option to vote in multiple places, making their votes count more than an average American? Putting aside the presidential election or headlining statewide races, think what this does to local races. Does a student, who is only voting in a state because her preferred presidential candidate told him to, really care about the city referendum or a bond issue on the ballot to be paid in 20 years? We should hold students to the same standards as every other citizen.

http://dailycaller.com/2017/09/14/why-are-college-students-votes-worth-more-than-everyone-elses/?utm_source=site-share

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Colorado: Study Finds 48 Possible Cases of "Improper Voting"

The Secretary of State's office reported that a study examining 11.5 million voter records between five states, including Colorado, uncovered 112 instances of possible improper voting in the 2016 presidential election. The study found that 10 people who voted in Colorado are suspected of casting two ballots within the state, while 38 people may also have voted in one of the other four states.

<http://www.krdo.com/news/top-stories/study-finds-48-possible-cases-of-improper-voting-in-colorado-during-2016-presidential-election/621335533>

Maryland: Noncitizen Voting Reversed in College Park

The City Council of College Park, Maryland reversed its decision that allowed noncitizens of the U.S., including illegal aliens, the right to vote. Significant changes to the College Park City Charter require the vote of a supermajority as opposed to a simple majority.

Ironically, the law that mandated a supermajority to pass changes to the city charter was enacted just this summer.

<https://townhall.com/columnists/larryprovost/2017/09/16/breaking-noncitizen-voting-reversed-in-college-park-n2382425>

Maryland: ACRU Video Shows Council Rescinding Noncitizen Voting

On September 12, 2017, the College Park, Maryland, City Council voted 4-3 in favor of amending their Charter in favor of allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections. There was one problem. Their city's charter requires six votes to amend it.

<http://www.votingintegrityinstitute.org/college-park-rescinds-noncitizen-voting-for-now/>

Oregon: Elections Chief: More than 50 May Have Voted Illegally

Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said his office has detected 54 instances of what it believes is voter fraud during Oregon's November 2016 election. His agency has turned over information about those cases to Ellen Rosenblum, the Oregon attorney general, for use in potential criminal prosecutions. Richardson, Oregon's head elections officer, said his agency found 46 people who appear to have voted in two states, six deceased people who had ballots cast in their name and two people who appear to have voted twice.

http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2017/09/elections_chief_more_than_50_m.html

Ohio: 7 Noncitizens Indicted for Election Fraud in Franklin County

Seven people who are not U.S. citizens have been indicted for registering and voting in Franklin County. Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien announced that a grand jury returned seven indictments for illegal voting charges in connection with elections in 2012, 2015 and 2016.

<http://www.10tv.com/article/7-non-us-citizens-indicted-election-fraud-franklin-county>

Texas: Federal Appeals Court OKs Voter ID Law

A federal appeals court voted 2-1 to allow Texas to use its voter ID law in November elections, overturning a U.S. District Court judge, Politico reported. "The State has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed on the merits," wrote Judge Jerry Smith and Judge Jennifer Elrod of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. The judges also said U.S. District Court Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos went beyond the scope of a previous ruling by the 5th Circuit that told her to determine whether the new law had rectified the issues with a previous voter ID law Texas passed in 2011.

<https://www.newsmax.com/US/federal-appeals-court-texas-voter-id-laws/2017/09/05/id/811834/#>

REDISTRICTING**Group Files to Put Redistricting Reform on Colorado's 2018 Ballot in Bid to End Gerrymandering**

A bipartisan coalition backed by two former governors took the first step toward putting redistricting reform on the 2018 ballot, filing three initiatives that the group hopes will lead to more competitive elections in Colorado. The three ballot initiatives seek to dilute the influence of the two major political parties in the state's redistricting process by putting more unaffiliated voters on the commissions tasked with drawing the lines for state legislative and congressional districts.

<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/09/06/colorado-2018-redistricting-reform-ballot/>