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Michael Moore: Trump Will Be Re-Elected Unless National Popular Vote Initiative Kills Electoral College

Michael Moore predicted Trump would win the 2016 election. Now he's predicting Trump will win re-election unless drastic changes are made to the Electoral College. The NPV compact has already been passed in 10 states plus the District of Columbia for a combined total of 165 electoral votes. The law would take effect once states totaling 270 electoral votes have passed it. At that point, whoever wins the popular vote would automatically win the election.

<https://hotair.com/archives/2017/08/28/michael-moore-trump-will-win-re-election-unless-undercut-electoral-college/>

What Have Liberals Got to Hide?

“Progressives are in an uproar over the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, and we have to ask why?” writes Robert Knight in *The Washington Times*. “Why not look into ways to protect our elections from fraud?”

“Because to do so would advance ‘white supremacy,’ according to Democratic Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer of New York, who tweeted on Aug. 24, that ‘If the president wants to truly show that he rejects the discrimination agenda of the white supremacist movement, he will rescind the Executive Order that created this commission.’”

“Then, he warned, ‘And if the president does not act, the Congress should prohibit its operation through one of the must-pass legislative vehicles in September.’”

“Wow. So, the Democrats would shut down Congress in order to keep a blue-ribbon panel from studying the vulnerabilities of our election process?”

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/3/what-have-liberals-got-to-hide/>

J. Christian Adams: Why I'm Sticking with Trump's Election Commission

“After a few weeks of pre-packaged tweets designed to push me to quit the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, I'm reminded why the commission is so important and timely. You would think critics of the commission would relish the chance to prove once and for all the concerns about election integrity are overblown and that voter fraud is really a myth, as they assert. After all, if the commission comes up empty, their argument is strengthened, right?”

<http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/the-administration/348711-opinion-why-im-sticking-with-trumps-election-commission#.Wag8tDdWBQw.twitter>

Daily Signal: Spewing Outrage at Voter Fraud Commission, Judge and Media Miss Facts

The latest narrative painting President Donald Trump's Election Integrity Advisory Commission as a shady group refusing to make its documents public falls apart. <http://dailysignal.com/2017/08/31/spewing-outrage-at-voter-fraud-commission-judge-and-media-miss-facts/>

Stars & Stripes: Troops Turned Out in Smaller Numbers for 2016 Presidential Vote

The 2016 U.S. presidential election failed to interest many military voters, a recently released federal study has found. Voting rates dropped from 58 percent in 2012 to just 46 percent in 2016 among service members, says the Federal Voting Assistance Program report, released earlier this month.

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2017/08/22/troops-turned-out-smaller-numbers-2016-presidential-vote.html#.WaVhelQfYj4.twitter>

Adam Putnam, Florida Gubernatorial Candidate: The Right to Vote

“Voting is a right that we, as Americans, hold dear. It is the right to choose the leaders who represent us. It is the foundation of a democratic republic. That’s why we must protect that right and not minimize the value of it by allowing noncitizens the same right.”

<http://www.sunshinestateneews.com/story/right-vote>

Clinton’s Former Top Campaign Lawyer behind New Hampshire Voter ID Lawsuit

The former top campaign lawyer for failed Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton is behind yet another lawsuit against a state's voter identification laws. Marc Elias, a partner at the Washington, D.C.-based law firm Perkins Coie, and Clinton's former top campaign lawyer, is listed as an attorney on the New Hampshire lawsuit. Elias joined the board of Priorities earlier this year when the group absorbed Every Vote Counts, a nonprofit created by Clinton allies to mobilize African-American and Latino voters. The group is in the process of building a "one-stop inventory" on voting measures that will be shared with other liberal groups.

<http://freebeacon.com/politics/clintons-former-top-campaign-lawyer-behind-new-hampshire-voter-id-lawsuit/>

STATES

Florida: Broward County Election Official Admits that Noncitizens, Felons Are Voting

A veteran Democrat chief election official in Florida has conceded in court that noncitizens and felons possibly voted, in a case that could have national implications for how localities clean up voter rolls. Broward County Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes is defending her office against a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Rights Union, which contends that there are more voters registered on Broward’s rolls than there are eligible voters in the county. Those rolls are said to be inflated with not only noncitizens and felons, but also other ineligible people who have voted illegally.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/08/30/florida-democratic-election-official-admits-noncitizens-felons-voting/>

Indiana Official: Election Reform Hasn't Lured Non-voters

An effort to reform Indiana election laws hasn't spurred a larger percentage of infrequent voters to go to the polls, Secretary of State Connie Lawson said. Turnout of registered voters for the 2016 general election was 58 percent, said Lawson, who is the state's chief election officer. When taking into consideration a recent statewide purge of more than 481,000 outdated or inaccurate voter records, that rate is consistent with previous elections, she said. About 65 percent of Indiana's registered voters turned out for the 2008 election, the first following Indiana's requirement that voters show a government-issued photo ID at the polls. Indiana election reform over the years has included allowing voters to register by mail and through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, extended hours at voter registration sites and established vote centers in 30 counties.

http://www.heraldbulletin.com/news/state_news/top-election-official-reform-hasn-t-lured-non-voters/article_1145502a-ae5a-54a2-9f8d-4afe501ad3ea.html

Kansas: Two Charged with Vote Fraud – Double Voting and Noncitizen Voting

Two more people have been charged with voter fraud in Kansas, the Secretary of State's office announced. David Haddock is charged with two counts of election perjury, one count of voting without being qualified and one count of advance voting. Haddock is accused of voting in both Franklin County and the state of Colorado in the same election. Sergio Salgado-Juarez of Johnson County is charged with two counts of election perjury and one count of voting while a noncitizen.

<http://www.kake.com/story/36255563/two-charged-with-voter-fraud-in-kansas#.Wai8jInBwG8.twitter>

New Mexico: Fight over Ranked-Choice Voting Hits State Supreme Court

The state Supreme Court has been asked to order the Santa Fe mayor and City Council to implement ranked-choice voting in March's municipal elections — a change that was approved at the ballot box a decade ago.

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1056113>

Missouri: Secretary of State Seeks to Dismiss Voter ID Lawsuit

Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit against the state's new voter ID law. In a statement, Ashcroft said the certified results of the Aug. 8 special elections in two legislative districts showed that "Missouri's photo voter ID law works."

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouri-secretary-state-seeking-dismissal-voter-id-lawsuit#stream/0>

Virginia: No Evidence of Voter Suppression after ID Law Change, Registrars Say

Three years after it was enacted, a law requiring Virginia residents to show a photo ID at the polls has done little to suppress voting or registration in the region, according to local registrars and political experts. Virginia's law has survived recent legal attempts to

strike it down. Last year, a federal appeals court upheld a ruling after determining the law was not discriminatory. http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/no-evidence-of-voter-suppression-after-id-law-change-dan/article_69996550-8d0d-11e7-9071-7f4ca8b0f52f.html

Texas Voter ID Law Stays in Place for September 9 Elections

The Texas ID law used in the 2016 presidential contest will remain in place for elections in early September. Officials worried that changing it at this stage could create voter confusion.

<http://m.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Voter-ID-in-place-for-Sept-9-elections-12165614.php?cmpid=twitter-mobile>

REDISTRICTING

North Carolina Sen. Phil Berger on the 2017 Senate Redistricting Plan

"In the nine districts the court ruled were racial gerrymanders, only the Guilford County district 28 — as the court predicted could incidentally occur when using traditional districting principles, in this case following Greensboro's municipal boundary — continues to have a black voting age population over 50 percent, and it has fallen from 56.5 percent to 50.5 percent. The other eight previously unconstitutional districts now have black voting age populations ranging from 32.9 percent to 48.5 percent.

This is important because the expert reports submitted by Allan Lichtman on behalf of the Democrats and plaintiffs in the Covington and Harris cases define all those districts as having the "ability to elect" a candidate who is the preferred choice of a cohesively voting minority community. So while race was not used to draw this plan, I believe it fully remedies the racial gerrymander in the previous map while avoiding any new potential claims of vote dilution under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act."

http://www.philberger.org/redistricting_remarks

Michigan ‘Nonpartisan’ Redistricting Board Has Partisan Ties

A majority of leaders behind a “nonpartisan” plan to reform the Michigan redistricting process have supported partisan Democrats in the past, fueling criticism from a conservative group opposing the effort. Tony Daunt, executive director of the Michigan Freedom Fund, argues that past political contributions by board members show that the purported good government effort is “just another attempt by liberal activists to change the rules because the Democrats can’t field candidates or develop a message that resonates with the voters of Michigan.”

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2017/08/31/voters-politicians-petition-committee/105151114/>

Supreme Court Stays Lower Court Order on Texas Redistricting

The U.S. Supreme Court stayed the order of a lower federal court order invalidating two congressional districts. The lower court had scheduled a hearing to begin the process of redrawing the districts. Texas appealed the ruling to the Supreme Court, and this order stays that hearing. The stay order comes solely from Justice Samuel Alito, who generally handles emergency appeals from Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

<http://www.jurist.org/paperchase/2017/08/supreme-court-stays-lower-court-order-on-texas-redistricting.php#.WaiVEQLTyXU.twitter>

How Democrats Fooled California’s Redistricting Commission

To get the districts they wanted, Democrats organized groups that said they represented communities, but really represented the party. As part of a national look at redistricting, *ProPublica* reconstructed the Democrats’ stealth success in California, drawing on internal memos, emails, interviews with participants and map analysis. What emerges is a portrait of skilled political professionals armed with modern mapping software and detailed voter information who managed to replicate the results of the smoked-filled rooms of old.

<https://www.propublica.org/article/how-democrats-fooled-californias-redistricting-commission>