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Obama Says Election Cyberattack Came from 'Highest Levels' of Russian Government, Vows Retaliation

<http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-na-pol-obama-end-of-year-news-conference-20161216-story.html>

Georgia Secretary of State Seeks Donald Trump's Aid in Alleged Hacking

Brian Kemp last Wednesday asked President-elect Donald Trump to investigate the Department of Homeland Security's apparent attempt to hack his office's computer system. In a letter to Trump, Kemp asked that the president-elect to act once he is sworn in to office in January. Kemp said he is not satisfied with the response from current DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson.

<http://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional-govt--politics/brian-kemp-seeks-donald-trump-aid-alleged-hacking/njzSSIpqHww8C9dcHIF1PP/>

Federal Appeals Court Upholds Virginia Voter ID Law

<http://www.nbc12.com/story/34042135/federal-appeals-court-upholds-virginia-voter-id-law>

Virginia Cracks the Code on Voter ID Laws

<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2016-12-15/virginia-cracks-the-code-on-voter-id-laws>

Electors Are Being Threatened in Bid to Stop Trump

Reports of GOP electors being badgered and worse have surfaced in numerous states, including Georgia, Idaho, Tennessee, Arizona, Utah and Michigan.

<http://nypost.com/2016/12/14/electors-are-being-harassed-threatened-in-bid-to-stop-trump/>

North Carolina GOP Balances Partisan Representation on State Board of Elections

Republican Gov. Pat McCrory, who lost to Democrat Roy Cooper by about 10,000 votes, quickly signed into law a bill that merges the State Board of Elections and State Ethics Commission into one board composed equally of Democrats and Republicans. The previous state elections board law would have allowed Cooper to put a majority of Democrats on the elections panel.

<http://www.ohio.com/news/nation/n-carolina-gop-strips-some-of-democratic-governor-s-power-1.734222>

Virginia Democrats Block the Truth about (Noncitizen) Voter Fraud

“Election integrity foes mistakenly tell us voter fraud is a myth,” writes Hans von Spakovsky. “So when legitimate voter fraud is actually discovered, these foes pretend it didn’t happen, fail to take any steps to investigate or prosecute such cases, or, even worse, try to cover it up. Take Virginia, where the State Board of Elections and some local election officials want to hide a blatant case of voter fraud involving noncitizens.”

<http://www.heritage.org/research/commentary/2016/12/virginia-dems-blocking-the-truth-about-voter-fraud>

Virginia Governor McAuliffe Recommends \$1 million to Modernize Voter Registration

<http://augustafreepress.com/mcauliffe-unveils-amendments-biennial-state-budget/>

Former Florida Sen. Lemieux: Sessions Needs to Restore Justice Department’s Integrity

President-elect Donald Trump's choice for attorney general, Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions, should work to restore the reputation and integrity of the Justice Department and the FBI. Besides our military, there is no greater force for good, or if improperly managed, for trouble, than our federal police and prosecutors.

<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/columns/lemieux-concerning-trends-at-the-justice-department/2306628>

Votes Over-Tallied in 37 Percent of Detroit Precincts

Many Detroit precincts could not be recounted because the number of ballots in a sealed container did not match the number of voter names recorded in the poll book.

<http://www.slttrib.com/home/4690723-155/after-long-election-lines-lawmaker-looking>

More Voters Will Have Access to Non-English Ballots in Next Election Cycle

New data from the Census Bureau show that [263 counties, cities and other jurisdictions](#) in 29 states will now be subject to this requirement in future elections, a slight increase from five years ago.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/12/16/more-voters-will-have-access-to-non-english-ballots-in-the-next-election-cycle/>

New Hampshire to Join Voter List Crosscheck Program

New Hampshire will soon be comparing its voter checklists with registration rolls in 29 other states, in the hope of detecting duplicate registrations. The Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program, which started in Kansas, has been steadily enlisting other states since 2006, when four Midwestern states began to share voter data.

<http://www.unionleader.com/politics/NH-to-join-voter-list-crosscheck-program-12162016>

Florida Election Supervisors Want More Accurate Voter Rolls

The Sunshine State’s 67 county election supervisors are seeking a change in the election laws in the upcoming legislative session, in hopes of joining the Electronic Registration Information Center.

<http://wuwf.org/post/floridas-election-supervisors-want-more-accurate-voter-rolls>

Report: Hacker Breaches U.S. Election Agency after Election

<http://www.pcmag.com/news/350383/report-hacker-breaches-us-election-agency>

Palmer: “No Evidence of Hacking”

“The electoral process was secure, its integrity was maintained,” said Don Palmer, a fellow with the Bipartisan Policy Center. Palmer said there was “no evidence of hacking.” Still, election officials concede it has been hard to ease voter concerns about cyber threats.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/12/15/feds-probe-potential-breach-election-assistance-commission/95500722/>

Kobach Meets with Trump Again

Clay Barker, the Kansas GOP’s executive director, heard that Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach “was being looked at or negotiating” for an assistant secretary position at either Homeland Security or the Department of Justice and that part of that process involves presenting a work portfolio to Trump.

<http://www.kansas.com/news/politics-government/article121043418.html>