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FEDERAL VOTER FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Trump Seeks ‘Major Investigation’ into Voter Fraud

The White House has yet to provide details, but Trump said in back-to-back tweets that the investigation into “VOTER FRAUD”—Trump used all capitals for emphasis—would cover “those registered to vote in two states, those who are illegal” and “those registered to vote who are dead (and many for a long time).” “Depending on results,” Trump tweeted, “we will strengthen up voting procedures!” Trump did not indicate who would lead such an investigation or what ground it would cover. White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer didn't use the word “investigation” during a briefing last Wednesday afternoon, instead saying the president wants a “study” or “task force” to study the issue of fraud, especially in “bigger states.” Spicer made clear that such a probe would not just focus on the 2016 election. A Justice Department spokesman declined to comment on whether it would launch an investigation.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2017/01/25/trump-seeks-major-investigation-into-unsupported-claims-of-voter-fraud/?utm_term=.7ec75fc40276

Study: Trump Argument Bolstered: Clinton Received 800,000 Votes from Non-citizens

Based on national polling by a consortium of universities, a report by Old Dominion political

scientist Jesse Richman said 6.4 percent of the estimated 20 million adult non-citizens in the U.S. voted in November. He extrapolated that this percentage would have added 834,381 net votes for Mrs. Clinton, who received about 2.8 million more votes than Mr. Trump. Mr. Richman calculated that Mrs. Clinton would have collected 81 percent of non-citizen votes. “Is it plausible that non-citizen votes added to Clinton’s margin? Yes,” Mr. Richman wrote. “Is it plausible that non-citizen votes account for the entire nation-wide popular vote margin held by Clinton? Not at all.” Still, the finding is significant because it means non-citizens may have helped Mrs. Clinton carry a state or finish better than she otherwise would have.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jan/26/hillary-clinton-received-800000-votes-from-nonciti/>

Pence Vows ‘Full Evaluation of Voting Rolls’ over Claims of Fraud

In a private meeting with congressional Republicans last week, Vice President Mike Pence vowed that the Trump administration would pursue a wide-ranging probe of voting rolls in the United States to examine whether millions of people voted illegally in the 2016 election as President Trump has charged. “What I can tell you is that I would anticipate that the administration is going to initiate a full evaluation of voting rolls in the country, the overall integrity of our voting system in the wake of this past election,” Pence told Republican lawmakers during a question-and-answer session at their annual policy retreat in Philadelphia.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/powerpost/in-private-meeting-pence-vows-full-evaluation-of-voting-rolls-over-claims-of-voting-fraud/2017/01/27/1c1fa1de-e49a-11e6-a547-5fb9411d332c_story.html?postshare=7911485538343214&tid=ss_tw-bottom&utm_term=.3b1aecc40872

John Fund and Hans von Spakovsky: Trump's Probe of Voter Fraud Long Overdue

Our honor system for voting doesn't work. We don't know how big of a problem voter fraud really is because no systematic effort has ever been made to investigate it. But the public doesn't think it's insignificant, as the media insist. It's time to learn more about just how many people are exploiting weaknesses that damage election integrity.

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2017/01/25/john-fund-and-hans-von-spakovsky-why-trumps-probe-voter-fraud-is-long-overdue.html>

Ohio Secretary of State: Vote Fraud Rare in His State

Jon Husted says Ohio has little vote fraud and that in most cases, people are caught in the process before their votes are actually counted. He says voter rolls are updated weekly. And he says that if the federal government wants to help, it should allow Ohio to access the homeland security database and require all states to cross-match their voter rolls.

<http://statenews.org/post/ohios-secretary-state-talks-about-president-trumps-voter-fraud-investigation>

State Officials: No Fraud in Michigan Elections

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson says Michigan has done a very good job of clearing its voter rolls of people who have died or moved. "If you want elections to have integrity, you have to clean up the qualified voter file, which we have done," she said. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette agrees

there's no evidence of any widespread voter fraud in the 2016 election. "It was an election in Michigan that was conducted fair and square," he said. Schuette says the partial recount of votes confirmed that. Johnson says the recount revealed problems with training, practices, and equipment, but not people voting illegally. But she says there is more that can be done. Johnson says Michigan is part of a 26-state consortium that shares voter registration information. She says the federal government should order every state to join. "The Congress has to pass that law," she said. "You never should be registered in more than one state."

<http://wemu.org/post/state-officials-no-fraud-michigan-elections>

"Jig is Up" on Left's Denial of Voter Fraud

"Most voters are never asked for voter ID, so it is dishonest to suggest that with the tens of millions of illegal and legal aliens here, there is no voter fraud," said Tom Fitton, who heads the conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch. "If the key Old Dominion study results on the 2008 election are applied to 2016—1.41 million aliens may have voted illegally, with 1.13 million voting for Democrats. A federal voter fraud investigation is long overdue. It would be a simple matter of analyzing voter registration databases against federal databases of aliens and deceased individuals. Why is the left afraid to even ask the questions? The jig is up."

<http://www.judicialwatch.org/press-room/press-releases/jig-lefts-denial-voter-fraud/>

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Court Refuses to Revive Texas Voter ID Law for Now

The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 23 declined to revive Texas' controversial voter ID law, dashing for now the hopes of the state's Republican leaders to overturn a lower-court decision that the rule

discriminated against blacks and Hispanics. This could mean that the Texas Legislature, which is now in session for five months, could try to fix the legal issues with the law on its own. But officials who were reviewing the ruling said the most likely course will be to let pending appeals continue in lower courts.

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/politics/texas/article/U-S-Supreme-Court-refuses-to-revive-Texas-voter-10876789.php>

Top Contender for U.S. Supreme Court Emerges

Judge Neil M. Gorsuch, a highly regarded conservative jurist best known for upholding religious liberty rights in the legal battles over Obamacare, has emerged as a leading contender for President Donald Trump's first Supreme Court nomination. Gorsuch, 49, was among 21 potential high court candidates circulated by Trump's team during the campaign, but his stock has been rising lately as several admirers and supporters have been named to positions in the Trump administration.

http://www.alestlelive.com/news/article_abc7c22e-e352-11e6-9c23-6b8f75c67bc5.html

Potential Nominee Profile: Thomas Hardiman

The Massachusetts-born Hardiman became the first person in his family to go to college when he went to the University of Notre Dame, and he financed his law degree at the Georgetown University Law Center by driving a taxi. Hardiman would bring educational diversity to a court on which all of the other justices attended Ivy League law schools.

<http://www.scotusblog.com/2017/01/potential-nominee-profile-thomas-hardiman/>

VOTER ID LEGISLATION

Voter ID again before North Dakota Legislature

Lawmakers are considering changes to the state's voter identification law, an issue that has landed the state in federal court over previous laws passed by the Legislature.

<http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4207319-voter-id-again-comes-north-dakota-legislature>

Proposal to Reinstate Arkansas Voter ID Law in Hands of Full House

State representatives should vote on the proposal today (Monday, Jan. 30). Voters without photo IDs could cast provisional ballots.

<http://www.arkansasmatters.com/news/local-news/proposal-to-reinstate-arkansas-voter-id-law-in-hands-of-full-house/646007580>

REDISTRICTING

North Carolina Civitas: 'Nonpartisan' Redistricting Just a Fantasy

Drawing legislative districts is inherently partisan, and such proposals would take power away from the voters.

<https://www.nccivitas.org/2017/nonpartisan-redistricting-just-fantasy/>