



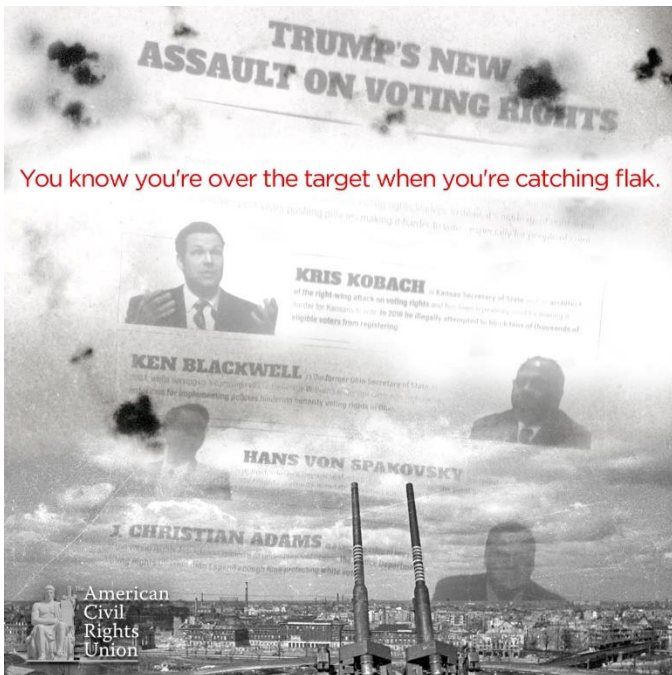
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People for the American Way ran an ad in the *New York Times* attacking Presidential Election Advisory Commission Vice Chair Kris Kobach, top, and three Commissioners who are ACRU Policy Board members (from top): Ken Blackwell, Hans von Spakovsky and J. Christian Adams.

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Remarks by President Trump, Vice President Pence, and Members of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity Meeting

President Trump: “This commission is tasked with the sacred duty of upholding the integrity of the ballot box and the principle of ‘one citizen, one vote.’ Every time voter fraud occurs, it cancels out the vote of a lawful citizen and undermines democracy. Can’t let that happen. Any form of illegal or fraudulent voting, whether by non-citizens or the deceased, and any form of voter suppression or intimidation must be stopped.”

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/07/19/remarks-president-trump-and-vice-president-pence-presidential-advisory>
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/07/19/remarks-vice-president-pence-and-elected-officials-first-meeting>

Adams: President Trump's Voter Fraud Commission Meets, Smearred by Deniers

There are ways to examine the truth about our elections without harming a single legitimate voter registration. I am sure the members of this Commission will do their best, as I will, to improve our election systems. For the first time, we have the tools, the will, and the support of the majority of the American people who are concerned with voter fraud,

to document any vulnerabilities in our election systems and suggest improvements.

<https://pjmedia.com/jchristianadams/2017/07/20/president-trumps-voter-fraud-commission-meets-smearred-by-deniers/>

Rooting Out Vote Fraud: Why the Left Is Frightened

“Judging by the unhinged reaction this past week to the first public meeting of President Trump’s blue-ribbon voter fraud panel, progressives are terrified,” writes ACRU Senior Fellow Robert Knight. “They’re fearful that these election experts are actually going to do the job they’ve been given — uncovering the extent to which the nation’s voter rolls are vulnerable to fraudulent activity. How else to explain the panic and shots fired before the commission even met?”

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/23/voter-fraud-panel-frightens-many-on-the-left/>

The Voter Integrity Commission Might Become One of Trump’s Enduring Legacies

“The media came unhinged over President Trump’s Advisory Commission on Voter Integrity,” writes Richard Black. “CNN falsely claimed that 44 states had stonewalled requests for voter data, when only 14 had done so. Media outlets screamed ‘voter intimidation!’ Their fury suggests that Mr. Trump is onto something really big. The U.S. has a colorful history of voter fraud. Politicians jokingly urge us to ‘vote early and often!’ Voters distrust our system. A Washington Post poll found that 84 percent of Republicans, 75 percent of Independents, and 52 percent of Democrats believe that ‘a meaningful amount of voter fraud occurs in U.S. elections.’”

<http://www.washingtonties.com/news/2017/jul/17/voter-fraud-commission-might-be-trumps-enduring-legacy/>

Heritage Foundation: Voter Fraud Database Tops 1,000 Proven Cases

The Heritage Foundation is releasing a new edition of its Voter Fraud Database. The database documents 1,071 instances of voter fraud spanning 47 states, including 938 criminal convictions. This revamped edition of the database separates cases by type of disposition, allowing readers to easily distinguish not only what type of fraud occurred but the outcome of the case—criminal convictions, pre-trial diversion programs, and other types of adjudication used in various states and counties across the United States.

<http://www.heritage.org/election-integrity/commentary/voter-fraud-database-tops-1000-proven-cases>

Roger Clegg: Let the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity Do Its Job

The Left has to discredit the new election integrity commission. It says it is afraid that the commission will somehow falsely declare that there is widespread voter fraud, but really it would be fatal to the Left’s agenda even if the commission just found that there was some voter fraud. Conservatives, on the other hand, should be happy with the commission simply doing an honest job of documenting what the facts are. If it does so, it probably won’t find that, for example, fraudulent ballots cost Donald Trump the popular vote, but it would also be most unlikely to find that, as a practical matter, there is no voter fraud at all. And such a balanced conclusion would be not only perfectly reasonable — it would also shut up the Left.

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/449684/election-integrity-presidential-advisory-commission>

Quinn Hillyer, Liberty Headlines: Liberals, Media Ignore Obvious Vote Fraud

Maybe fact-based observers ought to coin a new term for liberals and media mavens who say vote fraud doesn’t exist: vote fraud deniers. Christian Adams, the former decorated Justice Department voting-rights

attorney who was recently named to the new Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, said on Fox News on Sunday that vote fraud deniers are equivalent to “flat earthers” denying incontrovertible facts.

<http://quinhillier.com/liberals-media-ignore-obvious-vote-fraud/>

HOMELAND SECURITY

Iowa Elections Official "Disappointed" with Homeland Security Secretary

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate has taken issue with comments made by Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly earlier this week. Kelly says states that are not asking the federal government for help with protecting their elections from hackers are “nuts.” Secretary Pate says that in recent years, the Department of Homeland Security has not given state election officials enough information. “It’s making it difficult for us to be proactive when they cite that there were 20 instances of some potential hacking going on, and they don’t share it with us,” Pate says. “That’s frustrating. The least they can do is say, ‘Hey, you’re not one of them,’ if that’s the case.”

<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/iowa-elections-official-disappointed-homeland-security-secretary>

Obama Administration Once Considered Deploying Troops to Polling Places

In preparation for potential Russian election hacking in October 2016, the Obama White House prepared a response plan that included aggressive measures, such as deploying troops to polling places and launching a counter propaganda campaign in the days following the election. The 15-page plan granted White House officials the authority to intercede in hacking attempts to local and state authorities, but stipulated that the federal government should remain prepared to implement several “enhanced procedures” in the event of a “significant incident.” Authorities were prepared to deploy “armed federal law enforcement agents” to

polling places if hackers succeeded in halting the voting process.

http://dailycaller.com/2017/07/20/the-obama-administration-once-considered-deploying-troops-to-polling-places/?utm_source=site-share

STATES

Meet the Elected Democrat Who Wants to Fight Voter Fraud

Mark Rhodes, the Wood County, West Virginia clerk, has seen both sides of the argument over enhancing voter access and enhancing election security, first when he was found to be deceased, and later when he won an election.

http://dailysignal.com/2017/07/19/meet-the-elected-democrat-who-wants-to-fight-voter-fraud/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=tds-tw

Texas Governor Abbott: Voter Fraud Is Real, and We Must Stamp It Out

Voter fraud is real, and it undermines the integrity of the election process in Texas.

The right to vote is sacred in this country. Ensuring the integrity of the ballot box is one of the most fundamental functions of government. We must do more to ensure that there is no illegal voting in Texas.

<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/07/19/voter-fraud-real-must-stamp>