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ACRU Election Integrity Bulletin

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Election Integrity Panel's First Meeting Will Be Livestreamed

The White House issued this advisory:

What: First Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Where: Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Room 350

When: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at 11:00 AM EDT

Coverage Note: The meeting, in its entirety, will be open to the public via livestream on <https://www.whitehouse.gov/live>. More information about the Commission may be found [HERE](#).

The ACLU's Attack on Election Integrity

"If you don't think the Left is terrified by the prospect of clean voter rolls, you might not have heard about the latest ploy by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)," writes ACRU Senior Fellow Robert Knight in the Washington Times. "The ACLU has sued President Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, charging them with violating federal "transparency" laws. The suit is a bald attempt to halt the panel's mission, which is to examine

the prevalence of vote fraud in America and to recommend ways to secure the election process. Given the media-fed hysteria over Russia's alleged tampering with last November's election, you'd think progressives would welcome a thorough investigation."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/16/aclu-attacks-election-integrity/>

Obama Sets Sights on Post-2020 Redistricting Efforts at D.C. Fundraiser

Former President Barack Obama made his first political appearance since leaving office in January at a private fundraiser for the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC). The event was put on to help bankroll the effort of Democrats to take back power after a devastating loss last November. It was held in a private home and was attended by Obama's former Attorney General Eric Holder and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. Holder is currently leading the NDRC. The fundraiser was aimed at raising money for the upcoming electoral battles the party will face, which will determine the success of their anticipated redistricting efforts set to occur after the 2020 U.S. Census is complete.

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/07/14/obama-sets-sights-on-post-2020-redistricting-efforts-at-d-c-fundraiser/>

Independent Commissions Gerrymander Just as Much as State Legislators

On the face of it, taking the process out of the hands of self-interested politicians might sound like it would reduce incumbent-protection redistricting. But a new working paper by researchers at UCLA and Yale suggests otherwise. "In sum, independent commissions do not draw House maps that encourage greater electoral competition any more than partisan legislature do," the researchers conclude. "Overall, our results suggest caution in overhauling state redistricting institutions to increase electoral competition: independent commissions may not be as politically-neutral as theorized."

<http://reason.com/blog/2017/07/14/independent-commissions-gerrymander-just>

J. Christian Adams to Serve on Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Former DOJ Civil Rights Division Attorney and head of the Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), J. Christian Adams, is slated to join President Donald Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. An ACRU Policy Board member, Christian is heading the ACRU's litigation campaign to clean up counties' registration rolls.

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/07/11/j-christian-adams-serve-presidential-advisory-commission-election-integrity/>

33 States Have Enacted Voter ID Requirements

Thirty-three states now require voters to present some form of identification before casting a vote. That's up from 26 states in 2010 and 14 in 2000.

Among states requiring voters to provide identification, 18 require photo IDs while 15 accept some other proof of identity. The number of states requiring photo IDs grew from four in 2000 to eight in 2010 to 17 today. The increase in voter identification laws has taken place as Republicans have gained more control of state governments. Republicans now have a governing trifecta – House, Senate, and Governor – in 25 states, up from eight in 2010.

<http://www.newsmax.com/ScottRasmussen/governorship-houses-photo-republicans/2017/07/14/id/801635/>

Washington Times Editorial: Resisting Election Integrity

The howls mostly come from blue-state Democrats, who have been gnashing their teeth over the Russian interference narrative. Back in the real world, evidence of domestic voter fraud is expanding and actual evidence of Russian interference is as scarce as sightings of Elvis. In California, ground zero of Trump Derangement Syndrome, Secretary of State Alex Padilla insists primly that "I will not provide sensitive voter information to a commission that has already inaccurately passed judgment that millions of Californians voted illegally."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/10/editorial-resisting-election-integrity/>

Ken Blackwell: It's Time to Clean Up Our Elections

Despite the massive media attention given to the claim that Russia attempted to influence last year's election, the greatest threat to American democracy is vote fraud at home. Later this month, the ACRU is confronting Broward County, Florida at the federal district court in Miami. Broward's election officials see nothing wrong with the fact that they have far more people registered to vote than actually live there. Although Broward officials claim to follow state

requirements, only 19 registrants were removed from the rolls over the last five years for not being citizens – in a county where 13 percent of the population holds foreign citizenship.

Something obviously isn't right.

<http://dailycaller.com/2017/07/14/its-time-to-clean-up-our-elections/>

More Soros-Funded Groups Pile on Lawsuits Against Voter Fraud Commission

President Donald Trump's Advisory Commission on Election Integrity finds itself under attack in the courts this week as multiple nonprofits with links to left-wing billionaire George Soros pursue lawsuits against the newly established commission. The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) filed an amended complaint in their own lawsuit against the commission alleging it has no authority to request voting records from the states as part of its mission. The commission halted such collections as a result.

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/07/13/soros-funded-groups-pile-lawsuit-voter-fraud-commission/>

STATES

Colorado: Woman Charged with Voter Fraud Accused of Forging Dead Parents' Signatures

A woman has been charged with six counts of voter fraud for allegedly writing her dead parents' names on their mail-in ballots multiple times in elections between 2009 and 2013. Sarilu Sosa-Sanchez, 59, was charged in late May in El Paso County with six counts of forgery of a government-issued document, a class 5 felony.

<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/politics/colorado-woman-charged-with-voter-fraud-accused-of-forging-dead-parents-signatures>

Colorado: Thousands Cancel Voter Registrations after Panel Request

Nearly 3,400 Colorado voters canceled their voter registrations following the request by President Donald Trump's Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity that all 50 states provide details about registrants.

<http://www.newsmax.com/Politics/colorado-voters-cancel-registrations/2017/07/14/id/801784/#>

California: Partisan Rift Opens over Vote-by-Mail Law

Dramatic change planned for California elections next year is morphing into a partisan battle over how the state's ballots should be cast. When Gov. Jerry Brown signed SB450 in September, it was billed as a new way to boost California's falling election turnout. Mailing a ballot to every voter in participating counties and replacing the traditional neighborhood polling places with a relative handful of community voting centers would cut costs and make it easier to cast a ballot. But Padilla was far less jolly last month after Orange County supervisors, worried about what they said was the potential for abuse, unanimously refused to sign on to his plan, dismissing it without discussion. "I have real concerns about voter fraud," Supervisor Todd Spitzer, who made the motion to reject Padilla's plan, told the Orange County Register.

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/Partisan-rift-opens-over-vote-by-mail-law-11290232.php?cmpid=twitter-premium&cmpid=twitter-premium>

Texas: Man Charged with Voter Fraud in Dallas

The Dallas Police Department made its first arrest in the West Dallas voter fraud case. Miguel Hernandez has been associated with "Jose Rodriguez," the anonymous figure accused of assisting in over 700 mail-in ballots. Hernandez is currently only accused of one count of illegal voting.

<http://www.irvingweekly.com/s/2390/Man-Arrested-for-Voter-Fraud-in-Dallas.php>