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These Three Lawyers Are Quietly Purging Voter Rolls Across the Country -- The Trump administration could Soon Follow Their Lead

A biased but fascinating article in Mother Jones, the leftwing activist magazine, says: “In June 2014, [Willie] Miller and her four fellow election commissioners received a letter threatening legal action if they did not purge voters from the rolls. The letter came from the American Civil Rights Union (ACRU), a Virginia-based group that has fashioned itself in recent years as a conservative counterpart to the ACLU. The ACRU requested that the commissioners reduce the number of registered voters by the midterm elections that fall because, it claimed, there were more people registered than there were voting-age citizens in the county.”

<http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2017/07/these-three-lawyers-are-quietly-purging-voter-rolls-across-the-country/>

Kobach Says Reports of Massive Resistance to Voter Commission Are ‘Fake News’

The vice chairman of President Trump’s voting integrity commission said that despite TV news headlines reporting more than 40 states resisting his calls for data, he knows of just 14 that have refused, and he labeled as “fake news” reports to the contrary. “In all, 36 states have either agreed or are considering participating with the Commission’s work to ensure

the integrity of the American electoral system,” said Mr. Kobach, who is also secretary of state in Kansas. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/jul/5/kobach-report-resistance-voter-commission-fake/>

Byron York: Rebel States Sell Info They Hide from Trump Election Panel

For commission members, the “no” responses are hard to understand. “The reaction to this has been absurd,” said Hans von Spakovsky, a former Bush Justice Department official, former member of the Federal Elections Commission, and head of the conservative Heritage Foundation’s Election Law Reform Initiative, who is now serving on the Trump commission. “The commission is asking for voter registration and other information that is publicly available. Not only do all of the political parties buy this information routinely from secretaries of states — so do candidates.”

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/byron-york-rebel-states-sell-info-they-hide-from-trump-votercommission/article/2627849>

Mississippi Secretary of State Hosemann Said He Wouldn’t Give Out Voter Data, but Lawmaker Says He Already Has

Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann got a lot of praise when he said he would tell President Donald Trump’s Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity to “go jump in the Gulf” should it ask for Mississippi voter information. There’s just

one problem, says an upstate lawmaker: Hosemann's office already is sharing that information nationally through the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program of the National Association of State Election Directors. <http://www.sunherald.com/news/politics-government/state-politics/article160004659.html>

DOJ Request for Voting Data Brings Up Long Fight over Voter Registration Lists

The Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice wants details from Georgia and other states about how the names of people who recently died or changed addresses are removed from voter registration lists. That worries Georgia voting rights activists and voting law experts. That request adds energy to a long fight over how to handle broadly acknowledged inaccuracies in voter registration lists. Conservative groups have filed a series of lawsuits pushing counties to clean up the lists that often include names of people who moved, changed names or died. "The Department of Justice is committed to free and fair elections for all Americans," said DOJ spokesperson Devin O'Malley in an email. <http://news.wabe.org/post/doj-request-brings-long-fight-over-voter-registration-lists>

New Hampshire Should Share Data with Trump Election Commission, Governor Says

Chris Sununu wants New Hampshire to turn over public information on voters to the Trump administration election integrity commission, a view shared by the state's top election official, Secretary of State Bill Gardner. But Gardner says the matter is under review by the attorney general. <http://nhpr.org/post/sununu-nh-should-turn-over-voter-data-trump-election-commission#stream/0>

Facts Debunk the Attacks against Ken Blackwell and the Election Commission

Partisan Democrats are aggressively attempting to delegitimize President Donald Trump's election integrity commission, in part by smearing one of its most prominent members, Secretary of State Ken Blackwell, as a vote suppressor. But the facts of Blackwell's story vindicate the former big-city mayor and U.S. ambassador, and by extension, validate the commission that Blackwell represents. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2017/07/05/attacks-against-ken-blackwell-and-trumps-voting-commission-debunked-by-the-facts/>

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Texas: Travis County Investigates Possibility that 17 People Voted Twice in 2016 Election

Travis County has referred 17 alleged cases of people voting twice — once during early voting and again on Election Day — to the county attorney. <http://kxan.com/2017/07/05/travis-county-investigates-possibility-17-people-voted-twice-in-2016election/>

Texas: Trump DOJ Urges Court to End Voter ID Lawsuit

The Trump Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a pleading saying the judge should take no more action in the voter ID lawsuit against Texas. The deputy assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division, John M. Gore, and lawyers for the Voting Section of that division, filed the pleading stating, "The Court should vacate the agreed interim remedy as of the January 1, 2018, effective date for S.B. 5 and should decline to enter an injunction, declaratory judgement, or retention of jurisdiction to review future legislation." <http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/07/06/trump-doj-urges-court-end-texas-voter-id-lawsuit/>

West Virginia Secretary of State: Some May Have Voted Twice

West Virginia Secretary of State Mac Warner said his office is looking into the possibility that people voted twice in some elections because their names were on voter rolls in more than one county. Since he took office earlier in the year, Warner has been working with county clerks to clean up the rolls in what Warner calls the “election integrity process.” So far, nearly 63,500 names have been removed across the state’s 55 counties for various reasons.

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/07/05/warner-election-integrity-process-could-turn-up-voter-fraud/>