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Civil Rights Activists Raise Alarm over Trump's DOJ Pick

Civil rights and LGBT activists say they are concerned about President Donald Trump's nomination of Eric Dreiband to head the Justice Department's civil rights division because of his work defending major corporations and others against discrimination lawsuits. But the Public Interest Legal Foundation, a conservative voting watchdog group, accused Obama's Justice Department of selectively enforcing voting rights laws for partisan gain, saying Dreiband's nomination would reverse such practices. "Eric Dreiband is the right pick to return the Civil Rights Division to a tradition of enforcing the law free from politics," the group's president, J. Christian Adams, said in a statement Thursday. "The DOJ should again enforce laws requiring clean voter rolls and clean elections."

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/01/politics/eric-dreiband-justice-department-civil-rights-lgbt/index.html>

Trump's Pick to Investigate Voter Fraud Will Freak Out Liberal Voting Rights Activists

Conservative voting experts have championed Hans von Spakovsky's appointment and view him as a central figure in rebuilding voting process integrity. "He knows more about this than just about anyone in the country," said J. Christian Adams, a longtime friend and colleague of von Spakovsky's at the Justice Department. "It's going to be fun watching all the

liars smear him" and "reacting like Pavlov's dog" at his appointment, Adams added. "Who would be for bad voting rolls? Why are they afraid of improving the system?"

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2017/06/30/trumps-pick-to-investigate-voter-fraud-is-freaking-out-voting-rights-activists/?utm_term=.db04e53aea48

Growing Pile of Data Shows that Voter Fraud Is a Real and Vast Problem

The Heritage Foundation is updating its Voter Fraud Database with 89 new entries, including 75 convictions and a slew of overturned elections and civil fines targeting vote fraudsters.

With these latest additions, the database now documents 581 cases of proven voter fraud and 848 criminal convictions. Heritage's database proves not only that voter fraud is real and ongoing.

<http://dailysignal.com/2017/06/30/growing-pile-data-shows-voter-fraud-real-vast-problem/>

Steyer to Plow Millions into Voter Mobilization

Through his NextGen Climate group, Billionaire environmentalist Tom Steyer will spend \$7.5 million this year in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Florida, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Nevada and California, with an expectation that he will spend more money organizing young voters in those states in 2018.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/06/22/tom-steyer-voter-registration-efforts-239863>

Trump's Election Integrity Commission Will Meet for First Time

Vice President Mike Pence, who chairs the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, said it will meet in July. Mr. Pence told its members on an "organizational call" that the group's primary work will be to "protect and preserve the principle of one person, one vote."
<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/339923-pence-prepares-for-first-meeting-of-election-integrity-commission>

States Resist Handing Over Information to Trump's Election Commission

Virginia Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla Thursday have both refused to hand over registered voter information from their states to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. All 50 states received a request from Kris Kobach, vice chair of the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, for a list of all registered voters in their respective states, the last four digits of these voters' Social Security numbers, their addresses, date of birth, political affiliation and voting history from 2006 forward. Kobach's letter also asked about election policies and the laws of each state. The letter requests that all publicly available voter roll information be sent to the White House by July 14.
http://dailycaller.com/2017/06/30/states-resist-handing-over-voter-information-to-trumps-election-commission/?utm_source=site-share

On Issue of Voting, Americans Deeply Divided by Party; Majority Oppose Mandatory Voting

Most Americans – 59 percent — think everything possible should be done to make it easy for citizens to vote. Almost 80 percent say they oppose making voting mandatory. 63 percent of Republicans — compared to 15 percent of Democrats — think

citizens should prove they want to vote by registering in advance.

<http://hotair.com/headlines/archives/2017/06/29/should-it-be-easier-to-vote-americans-are-deeply-divided-by-party/>

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Texas Attorney General Joins Dallas Voter Fraud Probe

Ken Paxton announced that his office will assist the Dallas County District Attorney in an investigation into allegations of widespread voter fraud reported during the May 6 city council election in several precincts.
<http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2017/06/29/texas-attorney-general-joins-dallas-voter-fraud-probe/>

Rhode Island Discovers 150,000 Voters Erroneously on Voter Rolls

During the 2016 election, the state held a total of 781,770 registered voters. According to The Providence Journal, almost 65,000 names were cleared away since Nellie Gorbea became Secretary of State in 2015. An additional 30,000 were classified as "inactive."
<http://dailycaller.com/2017/06/28/rhode-island-discover-150000-voters-erroneously-on-rolls/>

Virginia Man Jailed for Registering Dead People

Andrew Spieles, 21, of Harrisonburg, Va., pled guilty in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia and will serve a prison sentence of 100 to 120 days. Spieles worked for Harrisonburg Votes, an organization affiliated with the Democratic Party, when he attempted to commit voter fraud, according to acting United States Attorney Rick A. Mountcastle.
<http://freebeacon.com/politics/virginia-man-sent-jail-registering-dead-individuals-vote-dems-2016/>