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LEAD STORY

Breitbart Exclusive: Eric Eggers: Nearly 250 Counties Have More Registered Voters than Eligible Voters

Nearly 250 counties across the United States have more registered voters on the voting rolls than the number of eligible, citizen voters, Government Accountability Institute (GAI) research director Eric Eggers reveals in his new book. He said that voter fraud in the U.S. is a real issue that has yet to be dealt with. “You have 248 counties in this country that have more registered voters than you have citizens of legal voting age ... nearly three million people are registered to vote in more than one state. Even Barack Obama’s ... administration said that yeah, maybe 16 million election registrations are completely inaccurate. And in some states, this is as many as one in seven [registrations].”

<https://www.breitbart.com/2018-elections/2018/08/15/exclusive-eric-eggers-nearly-250-counties-have-more-registered-voters-than-eligible-voters/>

FEDERAL

Florida: Bill Nelson Backtracks after Claiming Russia Hacked Florida Election Systems

Senator Bill Nelson on Tuesday tried to back away from his unsupported claim that Russian operatives had managed to penetrate Florida’s election databases ahead of the 2018 midterms. Last week, Nelson told the *The Tampa Bay Times* that Russians “have already

penetrated certain counties in the state and they now have free rein to move about.” But at a campaign event on Tuesday, he appeared to try to explain away that comment. “I want you to know why I said what I said,” the Florida Democrat was filmed telling supporters at the event in Lake City. “It would be foolish to think if the Russians were in our election apparatus in Florida in 2016 and that has now been twice documented . . . that they are not continuing.” Nelson added that he was merely reiterating a warning about midterm-election hacking that he and fellow Florida senator Marco Rubio voiced in a July 2 letter to Florida secretary of state Ken Detzner.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/bill-nelson-backtracks-russia-florida-election-hacking-claim/>

Townhall: Yes, Opposing Voter ID Is UnAmerican

@KMCRadio: “If you oppose voter ID you’re unAmerican.” Simple and to the point. Twitter didn’t seem to think so. The arguments they made in response ran the gamut but the gist of them had to do with me being racist, elitist, and in some way attempting to throttle the possibility of a free electorate from participating in our grand republic. Voter IDs may not guarantee that as many people will vote in the next election as did the last. But Voter IDs will guarantee that every vote cast is cast by a citizen of this nation and that will make the integrity of the process soar. And adding more integrity to the ethic of our elections is definitively a pro-American thing to do.

<https://townhall.com/columnists/kevinmccullough/2018/08/12/yes-opposing-voter-id-is-unamerican-n2509034>

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Alabama: Judge Instructs Grand Jury to Consider Phenix City Voter Fraud Allegations

Russell County's chief judge called the hand of the Alabama attorney general's office Monday morning when he instructed the new grand jury to consider the case of alleged Phenix City election fraud. Circuit Court Judge Michael Bellamy charged the grand jury, which has the responsibility to determine whether there should be an indictment in potential crimes, to consider facts from alleged voter fraud in a Nov. 14 Phenix City Council special election.

<https://www.ledger-enquirer.com/latest-news/article216587460.html>

Arizona: Secretary of State Rejects ACLU Voter Registration Request

Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan has rejected a request to unilaterally change more than 500,000 voter registration addresses to the address listed on driver's licenses. She says the American Civil Liberties Union wrote a letter to her office late last year. Reagan says the ACLU requested she direct the Arizona Department of Transportation to automatically update a person's voter registration address when they change information on their driver license using ADOT's website unless the voter opts out. Reagan says the ACLU also wanted her office to alter registration records without a voter's consent.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article216873310.html>

Florida: Elections Chief Snipes Ordered to Change Handling of Mail-In Ballots

In a ruling that could make it easier for groups to challenge potentially ineligible absentee ballots, a Broward circuit judge has ordered Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes to change the way her office handles those mailed-in votes. The Republican Party of Florida had sought the ruling, saying the procedure the elections office follows has given outside groups little opportunity to object to mail-in

ballots they find questionable. Judge Raag Singhal said Florida law was clear on the subject: The ballots should not be opened until the county's three-member canvassing board had determined the validity of the ballots.

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-sb-broward-judge-rules-against-snipes-20180813-story.html#>

Florida: Were 275 Votes Cast by Felons Illegally?

Miami-Dade prosecutors investigate Miami-Dade corruption prosecutors are investigating allegations that at least 275 ineligible felons voted illegally in the county's November 2016 general election. The questionable ballots were discovered during an examination of a sample of 922 registered, but ineligible felon voters identified and purged by the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections Office in the six months after the 2016 election. It is a third-degree felony to cast a fraudulent vote or to swear falsely when registering to vote. The investigation's existence was disclosed in a July 25 email from prosecutors to Andrew Ladanowski, a Coral Springs data analyst who contacted authorities after his public records request to the elections office turned up evidence of voting by ineligible felons whose civil rights had not been restored.

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/article216694645.html>

Iowa: Secretary of State Paul Pate: Russians Haven't Hacked Iowa

Attempts by foreign interests to impact Iowa elections have been unsuccessful so far, according to Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate. Pate and Winneshiek County Auditor Ben Steines hosted a "Voter Ready" roundtable discussion to help inform the public about new voter integrity election laws last Tuesday in the courthouse annex in Decorah. "Not a single vote has ever been touched here by Russia or any bad actors," Pate said. It's not for a lack of trying. "Hundreds of thousands of bad actors every day try to get into government systems—state, counties, schools—either to show off or steal identities or create discord and a lack of confidence in the voting system," he said. "The cold war isn't over, it's just shifted gears—

propaganda and trade wars are where it's at today," Pate said.

<https://decorahnewspapers.com/Content/Home/Home/Article/Paul-Pate-Russians-haven-t-hacked-Iowa/-2/-2/46020>

Nevada: Las Vegas Man Gets Probation for Voter Fraud Scheme

A Las Vegas man was given a suspended sentence and placed on probation by a judge for his role in a voter fraud scheme during the 2016 election, Nevada law officials announced Wednesday. Renaldo Johnson, 56, had pleaded guilty to a single felony count of misconduct in signing, filing, or altering a petition for his role in falsifying signatures in an attempt to qualify the Nevada Green Party for the general election ballot in 2016, according to a press release from the Nevada attorney general's office. "Ensuring the integrity of the petition process is a critical component of the duties of this office," Nevada Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske said in the release.

<https://www.reviewjournal.com/crime/courts/las-vegas-man-gets-probation-for-voter-fraud-scheme/>

North Carolina: Wake County Man Sentenced for Illegally Voting in U.S. Elections

A Wake County man was sentenced to four months in prison for illegally voting in the 2012 and 2016 elections. Roberto Hernandez-Cuarenta, 57, of Zebulon, was convicted on two counts of voting by alien. Although Hernandez-Cuarenta is a legal resident of the United States, the native of Mexico is not a U.S. citizen, rendering him ineligible to cast ballots in U.S. elections. According to authorities, Hernandez-Cuarenta, "knowing he was not a United States citizen, did knowingly vote in two elections held in part for the purpose of electing a candidate for the Office of President, Vice President, and Member of the House of Representatives. The right to vote is a precious privilege available only to citizens of the United States," said Robert J. Higdon Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. "When a non-citizen votes in a federal election it serves to dilute and devalue the vote of American citizens and places the decision-making authority of the American electorate in the hands of

those who have no right to make those choices." Hernandez-Cuarenta was sentenced to time served on both counts which is four months of imprisonment.

<https://abc11.com/3949746/>

Texas: Woman Pleads Guilty to Voter Fraud, Sentenced to Five Days in Jail

Cynthia Gonzalez was charged with three election code violations. Investigators said those include marking a ballot and then sending it in for another voter. Gonzalez pleaded guilty in San Patricio County court Tuesday. Nueces County Elections Clerk Kara Sands said the charges send a clear message—they will not tolerate voter fraud.

<https://www.kiiitv.com/article/news/local/woman-pleads-guilty-to-voter-fraud-sentenced-to-five-days-in-jail/503-584137349>

REDISTRICTING

The Hill: Pioneer of Modern Redistricting Dies at 75

For more than four decades, when Republicans needed strategic advice drawing political boundaries, the party turned to a small cadre of expert cartographers, trained in the rare art of redistricting. At the heart of that group was Tom Hofeller. A mild-mannered California native who rarely allowed himself to be quoted in the media, Hofeller may be more responsible for the Republican majority in Congress than any other single person in modern politics. He is one of only a handful of people who helped create the modern redistricting process, first by crafting district lines meant to overcome decades of Democratic advantages and then by tilting the field in favor of Republicans in later years.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/402489-pioneer-of-modern-redistricting-dies-at-75>