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## LEAD STORY

### **National Review: The ‘Stolen Election’ Poison Spreads Across Our Political Spectrum**

There is a massive double standard in the national conversation when it comes to election results and irregularities. When Republicans suggest Democrats are up to no good, it is universally decried as a paranoid, craven, or “openly authoritarian” attempt to delegitimize an election. When Democrats suggest an election was stolen, it’s a grave warning of a crisis that should require “international election monitors,” in the words of Dan Rather. When Florida senator Bill Nelson, a three-term Democrat, refused to concede and move on, insisting that Scott was trying to steal victory, liberals didn’t call him a sore loser. And when Abrams refused to concede in Georgia and (still) refuses to say that Kemp is a legitimate governor, it’s hailed as heroic speaking truth to power. Such double standards are poisonous and contagious. Which is why you can be sure you’ll hear even more of this in 2020—and not just from Donald Trump.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2018/11/stolen-election-poisonous-political-rhetoric/>

## FEDERAL

### **Free Beacon: Top Dem Donors Hosted Director from Group that Registered Dead People to Vote**

The left’s largest network of wealthy donors tapped an individual for a discussion on “expanding the electorate” at its fall investment conference from a group that was

caught submitting fraudulent voter registration forms—including registering dead people to vote—and saw one of its employees go to prison for the crime. The Democracy Alliance, a dark money donor club that consists of more than 100 millionaires and billionaires who each vow to pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the coffers of progressive groups every year, held its fall investment conference last Thursday and Friday at the Capital Hilton hotel in Washington, D.C., where donors and progressive activists huddled to begin plotting their upcoming strategy for the 2020 elections. The Democracy Alliance has facilitated more than \$600 million in funds being pushed to approved groups of the network since its founding in 2005.

<https://freebeacon.com/politics/top-dem-donors-hosted-director-group-registered-dead-people-vote/>

### **Washington Examiner: When It Comes to Undermining Faith in Democracy, Another Low Point**

For more than two years, voters have heard Democrats accuse Republicans of trying to undermine confidence in the American democratic system. If one sets aside the Russian effort to disrupt the 2016 election, the statements of Georgia Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams and her supporters after the mid-term election stand as some of the most powerful efforts to undermine confidence in the legitimacy of the American democratic system in recent years. With another presidential election less than two years away, such talk will only increase. And more Democrats will surely accuse Republicans of trying to undermine faith in the electoral process. But Georgia proved that Democrats have done plenty of undermining themselves.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/columnists/byron-york-when-it-comes-to-undermining-faith-in-democracy-another-low-point>

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**STATES****California: Jerry Brown Pardons California Lawmaker Convicted of Felony Voter Fraud**

A former state senator convicted of lying about his residence and three refugees from Vietnam who could face deportation are among 38 people pardoned Wednesday by Gov. Jerry Brown ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday. Former Sen. Roderick Wright was convicted of felony charges of voter fraud and perjury in 2014 when a Los Angeles County jury determined he lived outside the district he represented. The Legislature has since changed the law to make Wright's situation legal, and the state Supreme Court cleared the way for the pardon this week. Wright was sentenced to 90 days in jail then released almost immediately.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2018/nov/21/jerry-brown-pardons-roderick-wright-california-sta/>

**California: Nine Accused of Bribing LA Skid Row Homeless in Voter Fraud Scheme**

Los Angeles County prosecutors have charged nine people with felonies alleging they offered money and cigarettes to homeless people on LA's Skid Row in exchange for false and forged signatures on ballot petitions and voter registration forms. The office of District Attorney Jackie Lacey says in a statement Tuesday the alleged offenses occurred during the 2016 and 2018 election cycles. Five of the nine defendants were arraigned Tuesday in Superior Court. The charges include circulating a petition with false names, use of false names on a petition, and voter fraud by registering fictitious or nonexistent persons. Prosecutors allege there were hundreds of solicitations for false or forged signatures and homeless people were offered a dollar or cigarettes for participation.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/voter-fraud-los-angeles-prosecutor-charges-9-accused-bribing-skid-row-homeless/>

**Florida: Palm Beach Went for iPads, Coloring Books Over Voting Machine Upgrades**

Palm Beach County decided to spend election-integrity funds on civic coloring books and iPads rather than on fixing voting machines that officials have long called a problem. Records show Palm Beach County this year used its \$909,000 share of HAVA funds to buy iPads for voters to check in at the polls. A 2009 audit of the county's elections department found the agency improperly spent \$48,000 in HAVA money on coloring books.

<https://bit.ly/2zpOeaU>

**Florida: DeSantis Cheers Brenda Snipes' Resignation, Says Broward County 'Dropped the Ball'**

Republican Florida Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis appeared on "Fox & Friends" Monday to applaud the resignation of Broward County Election Supervisor Brenda Snipes and said there was "no way as governor that [he] was going to let her preside over another election. Obviously we're going to have to address some of the problems with the election administration in places like Broward and Palm Beach County," DeSantis said.

<https://dailysign.al/2DKhj3C>

**North Carolina: Republicans Reveal Their Voter ID Proposal**

Boards of elections would provide registration cards with photos, and students at North Carolina's public universities would be able to use their school IDs to vote under a draft voter ID bill that Republican legislators released Tuesday. Voters decided this month to add a voter ID requirement to the state constitution. The legislature is returning next week to pass a law to implement the constitutional change. The draft bill includes other photo IDs, such as driver's licenses, tribal IDs, military and veteran ID cards, and state ID cards the state DMV provides to non-drivers. An elections oversight committee is meeting Monday to discuss the proposal. An email from a spokesman for Senate leader Phil Berger described the proposal by Rep. David Lewis of Harnett County and Sen. Ralph Hise of Mitchell County as a "starting point," and said changes are likely.

<https://www.newsobserver.com/news/politics-government/article221979885.html>

## Texas: Seven Reasons for Summary Judgment in Harris County Noncitizen Voter Data Case

The Public Interest Legal Foundation's (PILF) filed a motion for summary judgment, citing a variety of undisputed facts regarding Harris County's possession and refusal to disclose noncitizen voter records as required by federal law. "The facts in this case are clear-cut and lead us to seek summary judgment to hopefully end the matter," PILF Communications Director Logan Churchwell said. "Harris County officials are wasting taxpayer resources by trying to flaunt federal law by keeping the public in the dark about how voter rolls are maintained." The brief outlines seven core facts underscoring the necessity for a summary judgment on the case. Harris County admitted (in this case and in years prior) that it has records related to noncitizen voter registration.

<https://publicinterestlegal.org/blog/7-reasons-for-summary-judgment-in-harris-county-noncitizen-voter-data-case/>

## REDISTRICTING

### **Free Beacon: Democrats' Redistricting Effort Touts Wins Where Steyer and Soros Invested**

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), an effort spearheaded by former Obama-era Attorney General Eric Holder, is claiming victory in several states targeted for a barrage of outside spending by a 527-group led by billionaire activists George Soros and Tom Steyer. The NDRC believes one of the reasons Republicans have enjoyed a lengthy majority in the House of Representatives is because of gerrymandered house districts. Because state legislative bodies usually draw house districts, the NDRC was trying to elevate some of these elections by putting a national veneer on races that usually come down strictly to local politics. Drawing new house districts will begin again after the completion of the 2020 census, which is why the NDRC is making such a strident push now in what they call a "fight to shift the balance of power away from Republicans before redistricting occurs in 2021."

<https://freebeacon.com/politics/democrats-redistricting-effort-touts-wins-steyer-soros-invested/>

## New Jersey: Democrats' Redistricting Plan Would Wipe Out GOP, Leader Says

A plan to transform how New Jersey draws its legislative districts would keep Democrats in power permanently, a veteran Republican leader said. A bill backed by Democrats, who control the governor's office as well as the Assembly and Senate, seeks to put redistricting in the control of a 12-member panel, chosen in part by legislative leaders. Currently, those appointments are by Democratic and Republican state party chairmen. Committee members every 10 years adjust districts according to U.S. Census statistics in a process that relies on partisan horse-trading. "This is a Democratic plan for job security, and the security to keep Democrats in the majority forever in New Jersey," Assembly Minority Leader Jon Bramnick, a Republican from Westfield, said during a phone call with reporters. No Assembly Republicans will vote for the bill, he said. Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by 931,000, according to state data as of Nov. 5. Unaffiliated voters, who make up the bulk, typically help sway state and national elections toward Democrats.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-11-21/n-j-democrat-redistricting-plan-would-wipe-out-gop-leader-says>