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LEAD STORY

UNDERCOVER EXPOSÉ: New Project Veritas Video Shows Shocking Extent of Voter Fraud During 2018 Midterms

Undercover footage released by Project Veritas last week highlights the disturbing impact of voter fraud on the 2018 midterm elections, with new video showing New Hampshire residents admitting they cast their ballot multiple times in different states. “Robert Bell, an Atkinson, New Hampshire resident, cast an early voting ballot in Florida and voted in person at the polls in New Hampshire. This is the third video in a series Project Veritas has released exposing the faces of voter fraud,” writes Project Veritas.

<https://bit.ly/2UE7g9T>

FEDERAL

Free Beacon: Secretive Liberal Donor Club Plots \$275 Million Spending Plan for 2020

A secretive group of top liberal donors has budgeted \$275 million to be injected into progressive infrastructure leading up to the 2020 elections, confidential documents obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon* show. The Democracy Alliance, which has been pivotal in helping bankroll left-wing causes and organizations since its founding in 2005, held its annual spring conference at the ritzy Four Seasons Hotel in Austin, Texas, last week. Members and liberal groups mapped out their goals of expanding

and strengthening the progressive political base, building and supporting progressive governance at every level, and restoring and expanding structural power. The new money to the victory fund will be used to amplify the “harm” that the “Trump administration and conservatives have caused in Americans’ lives,” engaging in year-round organizing, resourcing state-based campaigns to expand access to the ballot, and resourcing efforts in 2019 in Wisconsin and Virginia to win judicial and legislative seats needed to control redistricting, ballot access, and pass progressive policy.

<https://freebeacon.com/politics/confidential-memo-secretive-liberal-donor-club-plots-275-million-for-2020/>

National Review: Bernie Sanders Is Wrong: Felons Shouldn’t Vote from Prison

Giving criminals more of a say in elections is morally wrong—and a political disaster for Republicans to boot. Democrats used to argue that once felons had served their time, they had paid their debt to society and should be able to vote. Now, top-tier Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders wants felons to never lose their right to vote, not even while they’re in prison. For both parties, this is not only a moral issue but also a political one. The push to enfranchise felons started after George W. Bush narrowly edged out Al Gore by 537 votes in the 2000 Florida Presidential election. While felons weren’t legally able to vote in that election, thousands still cast their ballots. It was clear that felon votes could make a decisive difference, and Democrats took notice.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/04/bernie-sanders-wrong-felon-prisoner-vote/>

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Washington Times: National Popular Vote Catches Fire in Blue States as Democrats Seek to Upend Electoral College

After seven failed attempts in 12 years, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact suddenly caught fire this year in Oregon, finally winning passage in the Democrat-controlled state Senate. Still furious about Mr. Trump's 2016 victory despite his loss of the popular vote, Democrats have sought to prevent [that] from ever happening again by embracing the effort to upend the Electoral College. Once viewed as a quixotic quest, the National Popular Vote now has the support of 15 states with a combined 189 electoral votes, bringing the campaign closer to the 270 electoral votes required for the agreement to take effect. Credit for this year's success goes to the "Trump bump," as well as the November blue wave that saw Democrats pull off the trifecta—control of the governor's office as well as both state legislative chambers—in an additional six states, according to Ballotpedia. Democratic governors in three states—Colorado, Delaware and New Mexico—have signed bills this year to join the compact, meaning that they agree to cast their Electoral College votes for the Presidential candidate who wins the popular vote, instead of the candidate supported by state voters.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2019/apr/10/national-popular-vote-catches-fire-blue-states-dem/>

STATES

Arizona: Voter Fraud Alleged in Town Home to Polygamous Sect

An Arizona county attorney wants to investigate unspecified allegations of voter fraud during last year's municipal elections in a rural community on the Arizona-Utah border that is home to the Fundamentalist Church of Latter-Day Saints (FLDS). Mohave County Attorney Matt Smith is requesting \$8,000 in county funds to hire an investigator to look into the allegations, the *Today's News-Herald* in Lake Havasu City reports. Smith declined to provide

specifics about the allegations but said he'll share more when he goes before the county Board of Supervisors to seek approval for the funds at a meeting on Monday.

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900065027/voter-fraud-alleged-in-arizona-town-home-to-polygamous-sect.html>

Georgia: GOP Trolls Dem Over Residency Claims, Gets Her to Accept Gift Basket at 'Real Home' in Tennessee

Georgia Democratic Rep. Lucy McBath was the target of some creative trolling by the Republican Party over her widely disputed claim that she actually lives in Georgia, after receiving and signing for a gift basket the GOP sent to her address—in Tennessee. McBath, a racial justice activist who defeated Republican incumbent Karen Handel in November, has been dogged with questions since the election campaign on whether she actually lives in the state she now represents. The state's Cobb County Tax Commissioner's Office, which refrained from issuing a decision during the election due to appeals, confirmed last month that McBath didn't meet the requirements to call her Cobb County home her primary residence for the three tax years leading up to the election, meaning she was a Tennessee resident when she was elected to Congress.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/georgia-dem-residency-gift-basket-tennessee>

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Indiana: Bill to Extend Absentee Ballot Deadline on Its Way to Governor's Desk

House lawmakers sat divided Wednesday when the majority party backed a bill to change absentee mail-in ballot deadlines, clearing its final hurdle before heading to the governor. In a 65-31 vote led by House Republicans. The main goal of HB 1311 is to move the deadline for absentee mail-in ballots from eight to 12 days before an election. After it passed the Senate in a 37-9 vote, lawmakers asked to adjust the bill's effective date to July 1, 2019, several months ahead of the original start date of Jan. 1, 2020. Bill author Thomas Saunders, R-Lewisville, explained that he drafted the measure in response to complaints from county clerks that arose after the 2018 general election, namely that their offices needed more time to receive and process absentee ballots before election day. Without additional time, Saunders and the clerks have said, ballots might be lost in the process or be received too late.

<http://thestatehousefile.com/absentee-ballot-bill-way-governors-desk-changes-deadline-2019-elections/38494/>

Ohio: State to Monitor Miami County Elections Board After Votes Went Uncounted

Human error was to blame for thousands of Miami County votes going uncounted during last fall's midterm elections, an investigation by the Ohio Secretary of State's office has revealed. State officials say they'll closely monitor the county's Board of Elections this election season. The state's investigation found more than 6,000 early votes went uncounted last fall because board staff members shut down voting machines improperly. Miami County elections officials later tallied the votes after the error was discovered. Secretary of State Frank LaRose says the mishap didn't affect election outcomes. The director of Miami County's Board of Elections was fired after the error was found.

<https://www.wyso.org/post/state-monitor-miami-county-elections-board-after-vote-count-error>

Ohio: State's Mandated Mailing Results in Updated Voter Rolls

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's mailing to thousands of voters recently purged from the rolls under a controversial state law prompted a scant 540 people to re-register to vote. With printing and postage costs of \$130,512, that's about \$242 per voter registration. LaRose's office had no comment on whether the cost to re-register the 540 voters removed from the rolls was worthwhile. In March, the secretary of state's office sent letters and voter-registration forms to 264,516 former voters who had failed to respond to last-chance postcards sent by their county boards of elections in January. Registration forms had to be returned by Monday to be eligible to vote in the May primary election.

<https://www.ohio.com/news/20190410/130k-in-taxpayer-money-to-sign-up-540-ohio-voters---was-it-worth-it/1>

Tennessee: Bill Provides Penalties for Incomplete and Incorrect Voter Registrations

A Tennessee Senate panel on Tuesday advanced a bill that could subject some large groups involved in voter registration efforts to civil and possibly even criminal charges as well as fines if they submit too many incomplete or incorrect registrations. The GOP-led Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill on a 7-2 vote, despite concerns raised by the League of Women Voters. Sen. Todd Gardenhire, R-Chattanooga, voted for the bill. Secretary of State Tre Hargett, a Republican, and his election coordinator, Mark Goins, brought the bill in response to problems they say erupted in 2018 fall elections in Davidson and Shelby counties and, to a lesser extent, in a number of other counties. Goins said county election officials were deluged with tens of thousands of last-minute voter registration applications, including a large number of incomplete forms or forms containing wrong or false information. He's calling the bill an "election security" measure.

<https://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2019/apr/09/voter-registration-groups-penalties/492302/>

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REDISTRICTING

Mississippi: State Requests New Hearing in Redistricting Lawsuit

Two Republicans in Mississippi took steps Monday to block the court-ordered redrawing of a state Senate district that could increase black representation at the state Capitol. Attorneys for Gov. Phil Bryant and Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann filed papers asking the entire 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear arguments in a redistricting lawsuit filed by black plaintiffs. The lawsuit challenges Senate District 22, which stretches from mostly black and poor parts of the rural Delta into mostly white and affluent suburbs outside Jackson. The district has a 51% black voting age population and a white Republican senator.

<http://bit.ly/2KB9Dpl>