Declining Voter Confidence in the New Era

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The Myth of Widespread Voter Fraud
In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally.

I will be asking for a major investigation into VOTER FRAUD, including those registered to vote in two states, those who are illegal and....
Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity

Republicans
Vice-President Mike Pence, Chair
Secretary of State Kris Kobach, Vice Chair
Secretary of State Connie Lawson
Former Secretary of State Ken Blackwell
EAC Commissioner Christy McCormick
Hans von Spakovsky
J. Christian Adams

Democrats
Secretary of State Bill Gardner
Secretary of State Matt Dunlap
David Dunn
Mark Rhodes
Alan King
Trump Voter Fraud Commission Halts Data Collection Amid Torrent of Lawsuits and Complaints
Misunderstanding the Cyber-Threat to Elections
TOP-SECRET NSA REPORT DETAILS RUSSIAN HACKING EFFORT DAYS BEFORE 2016 ELECTION

Matthew Cole, Richard Esposito, Sam Biddle, Ryan Grim

June 5 2017, 3:44 p.m.
Russian Cyber Hacks on U.S. Electoral System Far Wider Than Previously Known

By Michael Riley and Jordan Robertson

June 13, 2017, 5:00 AM EDT
Will the Georgia Special Election Get Hacked?

The state’s voting systems are uniquely vulnerable, security researchers say—and the state has ignored efforts to fix the problem.

By KIM ZETTER | June 14, 2017
Elections officials outgunned in Russia’s cyberwar against America
Hackers at DefCon conference exploit vulnerabilities in voting machines
Hacking the Vote: Why Voting Systems Aren’t as Secure as You Might Think
Voter Identity Theft: How the Ability to Change Voter Registrations Online Made U.S. Elections Vulnerable

Latanya Sweeney, Ji Su Yoo, and Jinyan Zang
The Facts about Election “Hacking”
The Threat is Real
Only 2 Confirmed Attempted Hacks with Only 1 Successful
ZERO Evidence Any Hacking or Tampering With Vote Totals
Were 2016 vote counts in Michigan and Wisconsin hacked? We double-checked.

By Matthew Bernhard and Walter R. Mebane, Jr.  June 6
Our analysis offers evidence that voting technology did not distort the votes in Wisconsin or Michigan. How a vote was treated appears not to have depended on which candidate the vote was for. If there was a hack, it appears not to have changed the results.
The Facts about Voter Fraud
## Fraud cases in 2016

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<th>STATE</th>
<th>POSSIBLE CASES OF FRAUD IN 2016</th>
<th>TOTAL BALLOTS CAST IN 2016</th>
<th>PERCENT OF POSSIBLY FRAUDULENT VOTES</th>
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<td>California</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>14,610,509</td>
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<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>4,769,640</td>
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<td>Ohio</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>5,607,641</td>
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<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>42</td>
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Diminished Voter Confidence
However, voters still have concerns about key safeguards within the system.

Percent of voters who are “very” or “somewhat” concerned that each of the following nationwide phenomena might have affected the outcome of the 2016 presidential election.

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<td>Instances of voter fraud, like people voting multiple times or voting without being registered.</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>A candidate or party changed the election results to create false or inaccurate vote counts.</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>44%</td>
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<td>An electronic security breach or hack impacted the vote counts.</td>
<td>39%</td>
<td>47%</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>A voting machine miscalculated votes.</td>
<td>38%</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Successful interference on Election Day by an outside country.</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>50%</td>
<td>23%</td>
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Almost half of voters who believe that the 2016 election was “very fairly” determined still expressed some concern regarding the integrity of the U.S. election system.
How much do you trust that elections are fair?

Overall
- Not at all: 18%
- Not very much: 29%
- A good amount: 33%
- A great deal: 17%

Democrats
- Not at all: 19%
- Not very much: 38%
- A good amount: 29%
- A great deal: 13%

Republicans
- Not at all: 6%
- Not very much: 20%
- A good amount: 45%
- A great deal: 27%

Independents
- Not at all: 20%
- Not very much: 29%
- A good amount: 35%
- A great deal: 15%

Source: NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll of 1,205 U.S. adults conducted June 21-25. “Overall” results reflect all respondents, and the margin of error is +/- 2.8 percentage points. Party affiliation and ideology results reflect respondents who identified as registered voters (995 respondents), and the margin of error is +/- 3.1 percentage points. “Unsure” responses not shown.

Credit: Alyson Hurt/NPR
OPINION

Wikileaks Proves Primary Was Rigged: DNC Undermined Democracy

20,000 freshly leaked emails reveal resentful disdain toward Sanders, as party favored Clinton long before any votes were cast

By Michael Sainato • 07/22/16 2:00pm

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Sanders supporters walk off convention floor, blame ‘rigged system’ for his loss
Almost Half of Republicans Say Trump Won Popular Vote

Based on what you know, who received the most votes from the general population in the 2016 presidential election?

- Hillary Clinton: 59%, 28%, 3%
- Donald Trump: 79%, 25%, 12%
- Someone else: 54%, 5%, 7%
- Don't know: 42%, 47%, 11%

Poll conducted from 7/20 – 24, 2017, among 3,981 registered voters, with a margin of error of +/-2%. 

MORNING CONSULT
In a new poll, half of Republicans say they would support postponing the 2020 election if Trump proposed it
RECOMMENDATIONS
Re-dedicate ourselves to relying SOLELY on facts and evidence
Election officials are not the problem, they are part of the solution.
Don’t waste this opportunity for bipartisanship
Recognize that inaccurate voter rolls are driving a lot of the concern.
Acknowledge that this threat is real, and that it’s not going away
Stronger audits of process and ballots will be necessary
Review of security protocols and training
Better two-way communication between federal law enforcement and the intelligence community, and state and local election officials
Support the Election Assistance Commission
Re-invest in
election infrastructure