Decentralized, one-off incidents and examples fomenting general distrust. No clear overarching narrative that ‘stuck’

Content centralizes on contentious states. One-off incidents are swept into larger conspiracies or salient tactics with sticking power.

Storylines and methods that have stuck converge and diverge.
#Sharpiegate

ARIZONA RESIDENTS, if the voting machine in Maricopa rejected your ballot with the Sharpies provided by Fontes, please call the attorneys at 602-730-2985.

8:39 AM - Nov 4, 2020 - Twitter Web App

17.5K Retweets 1.5K Quote Tweets 22.5K Likes
#Sharpiegate Election Officials Counter-Messaging

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**Secretary Katie Hobbs**
@SecretaryHobbs

**IMPORTANT:** If you voted a regular ballot in-person, your ballot will be counted, no matter what kind of pen you used (even a Sharpie)! 1/

11:42 AM · Nov 4, 2020 · Twitter Web App

**1,995 Retweets 608 Quote Tweets 8,832 Likes**

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**Lisa Posthumus Lyons**
@KentCountyClerk

We’ve recy’d questions abt Sharpie markers used to vote at #Kent County polls. Sharpies are the preferred device of our election equipment vendor. Black or blue pen also acceptable for proper tabulating. Bleed through is not a concern as ballots are programmed to ignore bleed.

11:57 AM · Nov 4, 2020 · Twitter Web App

**35 Retweets 25 Quote Tweets 114 Likes**

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**Maricopa County Elections Department**
@MaricopaVotes

Did you know we use Sharpies in the Vote Centers so the ink doesn't smudge as ballots are counted onsite? New offset columns on the ballots means bleed through won’t impact your vote! Find a location before the polls close at 7 p.m. today at Locations.Maricopa.Vote.

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**Secretary Katie Hobbs**
@SecretaryHobbs

Voters who received an early ballot in the mail but chose to instead vote in-person will see their early ballot status as “Canceled” on their Ballot-by-Mail/Early Ballot Status update. This is because the early ballot is canceled so the ballot cast-in person can be counted. 2/

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**Ballot-by-Mail/Early Ballot Search Results**

- **Name:**
- **Election:**
- **Election Date:**
- **Ballot Status:**
- **Ballot Status Date:**
- **Ballot Status Reason:**

**Return**
#Sharpiegate

SHARPIES DO NOT INVALIDATE BALLOTS

- Ballot counting machines are designed to read that kind of ink
- It is OK if the ink bleeds through your ballot -- it will still get counted
- Elections officials have been communicating this for several weeks
- Every ballot will be counted
- If your vote status says "CANCELED," that's because you requested a mail-in ballot but voted in person instead

Pushback on counter-narratives
- November 19, 2018 - on forum
- April 8, 2020 - discussed on 8kun
- November 5, 2020 - on Twitter

November 6, 2020
Is Ballotgate the Single Greatest Crime in Modern American History?
Move to Parler

### People

- #DOMINION: 2.7K Parleys
- #DOMINIONSOFTWARE: 446 Parleys
- #DOMINIONGATE: 112 Parleys
- #DOMINIONBALLOTCOUNTINGSYSTEMS: 39 Parleys

### Hashtags

- #DOMINIONVOTINGSYSTEMS: 19K Parleys
- #DOMINIONVOTING: 130 Parleys
- #DOMINIONVOTINGSYSTEM: 82 Parleys
- #DOMINIONFRAUD: 36 Parleys

### #scorecard on Parler, Nov 06–12

### People

- #SCORERCARD: 3.9K Parleys
- #HAMMERSCORECARD: 470 Parleys
- #OPERATIONSORECARD: 103 Parleys
- #SCORECARDANDHAMMER: 29 Parleys

### Hashtags

- #HAMMERANDSCORECARD: 2.6K Parleys
- #SCORECARDHAMMER: 117 Parleys
- #THEHAMMERANDSCORECARD: 92 Parleys
- #THESCORECARD: 77 Parleys
Dominion Voting Systems

Number of Tweets

Time in UTC

dominion

glitch

"REPORT: DOMINION DELETED 2.7 MILLION TRUMP VOTES NATIONWIDE. DATA ANALYSIS FINDS 221,000 PENNSYLVANIA VOTES SWITCHED FROM PRESIDENT TRUMP TO BIDEN. 971,000 TRUMP VOTES DELETED. STATES USING DOMINION VOTING SYSTEMS SWITCHED 435,000 VOTES FROM TRUMP TO BIDEN."
@ChanelRion @OANN

This claim about election fraud is disputed
8:34 AM - Nov 13, 2020 - Twitter for iPhone
105.6K Retweets 36.3K Quote Tweets 316.7K Likes
Livestreams Became Conspiracy Fodder

Livestream controversies:

- Touching a pen
- Filling out a ballot copy
- Looking around
- Having camera pan away
Misapplied Statistics
Overt Foreign Influence: State-Affiliated Media

Маргарита Симоньян
@M_Simonyan
Государственное издание, Россия

Neither free nor fair.

16:30 · 04/11/2020 · Twitter for Android

Trump’s reign has proved the US president is merely a figurehead. Does it really matter who wins the vote?

On Wednesday, RT amplified Ruptly’s coverage of US based protesters on Twitter, falsely portraying the election as chaotic and elevating domestic political division. Ruptly is a subsidiary video news agency of RT.

DFRLab
@DFRLab

#RiggedElection

Hundreds of protesters march in Portland, Oregon. Protest ends in march.

4:06 PM · Nov 5, 2020 · Twitter Web App
Covert Foreign Influence: Amplifying Disinformation

Sample posts by NAIBC assets on Twitter amplifying claims of pro-Democratic election fraud. We have obscured the handles of these accounts to avoid giving them a greater audience. Note the undiplomatic English in the top left-hand post: "Don't let Democrats cheat their way to the power!"

Credit: Graphika, https://graphika.com/reports
Vote for Trump or else!

Proud Boys <info@proudboysusa.com>

To

Wed 10/21/2020 6:27 AM

We are in possession of all your information. You are currently registered as a Democrat and we know this because we have gained access into the entire voting infrastructure. You will vote for Trump on Election Day or we will come after you. Change your party affiliation to Republican to let us know you received our message and will comply. We will know which candidate you voted for. I would take this seriously if I were you. Your address: #address# - good luck ;)

https://dl.orangedox.com/TQ7K1cj9RVvFKRAfL6

Analysis of 10/21 Foreign Election Interference Announcement
CISA’s role

✓ Reality: Robust safeguards including canvassing and auditing procedures help ensure the accuracy of official election results.

✗ Rumor: A bad actor could change election results without detection.

Get the Facts: The systems and processes used by election officials to tabulate votes and certify official results are protected by various safeguards that help ensure the accuracy of election results. These safeguards include measures that help ensure tabulation systems function as intended, protect against malicious software, and enable the identification and correction of any irregularities.

Every state has voting system safeguards to ensure each ballot cast in the election can be correctly counted. State procedures often include testing and certification of voting systems, required auditable logs, and software checks, such as logic and accuracy tests, to ensure ballots are properly counted before election results are made official. With these security measures, election officials can check to determine that devices are running the certified software and functioning properly.

Every state also has laws and processes to verify vote tallies before results are officially certified. State processes include robust chain-of-custody procedures, auditable logs, and canvas processes. The vast majority of votes cast in this election will be cast on paper ballots or using machines that produce a paper audit trail, which allow for tabulation audits to be conducted from the paper record in the event any issues emerge with the voting system software, audit logs, or tabulation. These canvass and certification procedures are also generally conducted in the public eye, as political party representatives and other observers are typically allowed to present, to add an additional layer of verification. This means voting system software is not a single point of failure and such systems are subject to multiple audits to ensure accuracy and reliability. For example, some counties conduct multiple audits, including a post-election logic and accuracy test of the voting system, and a bipartisan hand count of paper ballots.

Useful Sources

- Election Results Reporting Risks and Mitigations, CISA
- Election Infrastructure Cyber Risk Assessment, CISA
- Mail-in Voting Integrity Safeguards, CISA
- Mail-in Voting Processing Factors Map, CISA
- Post-Election Process Mapping Infographic, CISA
- Your local or state election officials. EAC state-by-state directory
- Post-election audits, NCSC
- Policies for Election Observers, NSC
- Tabulation Security, Maricopa County AZ
- Link directly to this rumor by using: https://www.cisa.gov/rumorcontrol#rumor17
What Now: Steps to Take

Fact Checks

Ahead of and following the 2020 general election, Michiganders were inundated with more information about the administration of the election than ever before. Much of this information was inaccurate. Whether spread intentionally or unintentionally, false information about election results led to confusion and doubt among our citizens, and a reduction of faith in Michigan’s electoral process. This is dangerous for our democracy. The Michigan Department of State provides the factual information below to provide all Michiganders certainty of what truly occurred in 2020.

Wisconsin Election Officials Say Vote Counting Will Take Longer This Year. Here's What To Expect.

Large Portion Of Milwaukee Results Expected Early Wednesday Morning

'This has to stop': Georgia official calls out Trump, U.S. senators over threats to election workers
ELECTION INTEGRITY PARTNERSHIP

Stanford Internet Observatory Cyber Policy Center

Graphika

DFR Lab

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