



National Task Force on Election Crises Statement on Unsubstantiated Claims of Fraud that Undermine Confidence in the Election Process

Elections are the cornerstone of our democracy. No candidate for public office should make unsubstantiated claims of fraud in an attempt to undermine confidence in the outcome of an election. Millions of American citizens have voted safely and securely by mail for decades, including members of the military and elected officials of both parties. As this Task Force has [recommended](#), state and local officials across the country should prepare now to conduct wide-scale voting by mail in November as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to safe in-person voting options -- because no American citizen should have to choose between protecting their health and exercising their fundamental right to vote. The likelihood that many Americans will choose to vote absentee or otherwise by mail in November is no justification for President Trump to claim, more than three months in advance, that he may not accept the results of the general election. Our democracy deserves better.