

Verifiable:

Guide to Resisting Voter Suppression and Hackable Voting Machines



*Election Protection Supplement
to the INDIVISIBLE Guide*

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Protect US Elections — 2018

A note from the Election Integrity Caucus Team

(caucus: a group of people united to promote an agreed-upon cause)

Hackable voting machines without a paper audit trail. Legitimate voters kicked off registration rolls. Provisional ballots that end up in the trash. Just a few of the ways American citizens were prevented from having their votes counted in 2016.

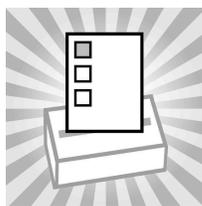
The institutions we trust to keep elections honest let us down, but we won't let it happen in 2018. All across the country, grassroots organizations are forming and gearing up to protect voter rights and monitor elections on all levels. And this past October, the Democratic National Committee adopted a [resolution](#) to mount a 50-state strategy to “pursue all remedies in overturning current and future methods used in undermining U.S. citizens’ right to vote or to have their votes counted as cast in free, fair, verified elections...”

This guide is designed to help you “pursue all remedies,” including giving you tools to work individually or with others to restore the vote to people of color and the young, old, [disabled](#) and poor. We'll be updating this guide and our website based on your feedback.

Like the Indivisible Guide – from which this guide was largely derived – every single person who worked on this document is a volunteer working without coordination or support from any employer. We found each other through our individual efforts to safeguard the conduct, integrity, and security of our elections. As concerned citizens and political activists, we are moving attention from other issues to address this fundamental problem – the solving of which will make all other issues easier to resolve.

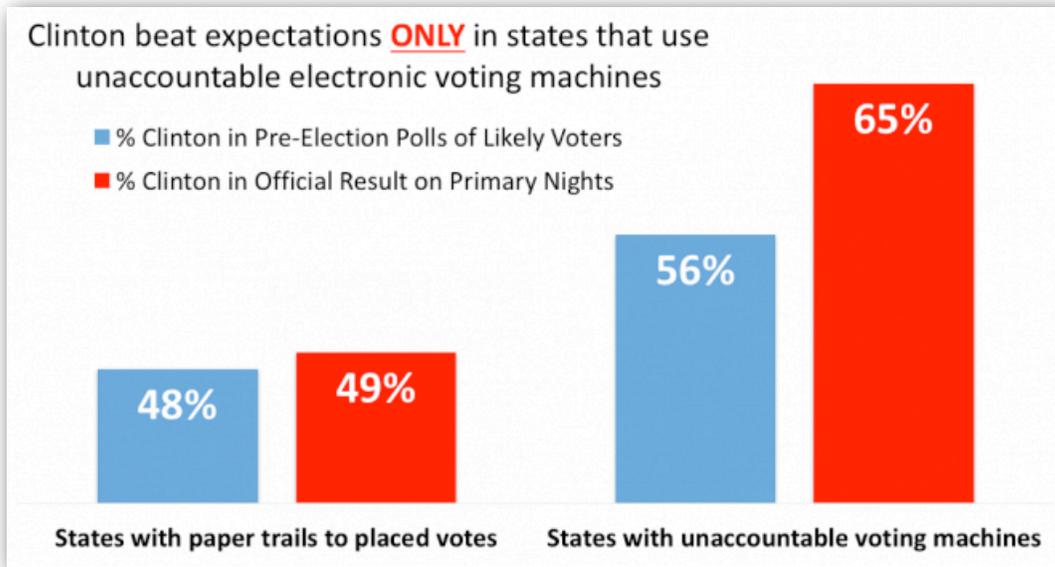
We want to hear your stories, questions, comments, edits, etc. So please feel free to contact us via email at info@ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us so we can update this guide at ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us.

And please, please, please spread the word! Only folks who know this guide exists will use it.



If you preferred Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton to Donald Trump, then you were probably the victim of a hackable voting machine. In fact all Americans who believe in the founding ideals of our democracy were victimized by the 2016 elections.

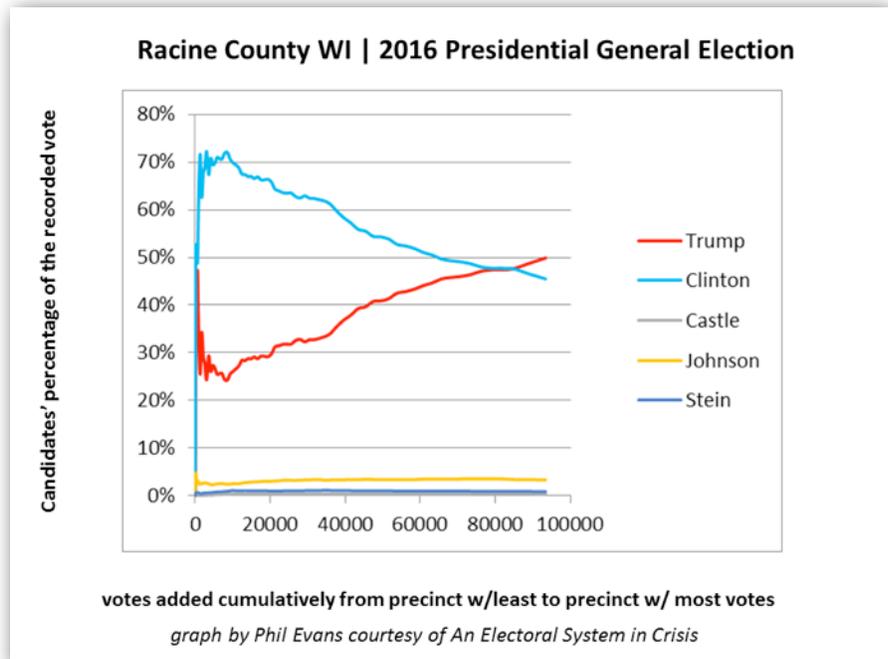
Normally, exit polls track very closely to actual vote counts. That’s why, around the world, exit polls are used to verify the integrity of elections. However, here in the U.S., polling discrepancies are often ignored – including the pre-election polling done during the Democratic Primary races as shown in this chart. A 1% variance is normal; [a 9% variance is not!](#)



Source: Axel Geijssel, Tilburg University & Rodolfo Cortes Barragan, Stanford University

Similar discrepancies show up in the Presidential election, e.g., with Trump beating Clinton mainly in the large-size precincts in Wisconsin – raising a red flag that the votes may have been manipulated in Trump's favor.

[Election integrity experts](#) say that Donald Trump most likely “won” due to voter suppression and possibly hacked voting machines that violated the will of We the People. And he is only one of dozens or hundreds of illegitimates elected over the past decade due to **vote theft**.



Source: Friesdat et al, *An Electoral System in Crisis*

Voter Suppression

Institutional barriers to voting come in at least 12 different forms, what we are calling the *Disen' Dozen* (as in Disenfranchising):

1. **Felony Disenfranchisement** – Over [6 million](#) ex-felons nationwide are prevented from voting. That is over 4% of the 136M voters who cast ballots in 2016.
2. **Suppress Voter Registration** – In Florida, you are guilty of a crime if you register someone to vote and they make any trivial error as they fill out the form. As a result, the League of Women Voters no longer registers people in Florida. The fix: [Automatic Voter Registration \(AVR\)](#) builds on the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA) and other voter registration reforms to improve the overall effectiveness of the voter registration system.
3. **Caging** – Send a letter to a voter's address requesting a response. If it looks like junk mail and gets tossed, or the recipient is stationed in Afghanistan, that voter's name will be removed from the voters list.
4. **Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck** – Made famous by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach (and exposed in Greg Palast's movie "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy"), Interstate Crosscheck removes people from the voter rolls in conspiring states based on bogus name matches. In 2016, this **voter purge** scam was used in [30 states](#) to [remove over 1 million voters](#) from registration lists while claiming to prevent "voter fraud." See Justin Levitt's Washington Post (Aug. 6, 2014) entitled [A Comprehensive Investigation Of Voter Impersonation Finds 31 Credible Incidents Out Of One Billion Ballots Cast](#). Also, check out ACLU's [Oppose Voter ID Legislation - Fact Sheet](#) (May 2017). Learn more about why this is a problem and what you can do on page 5 of this [voter guide](#).
5. **Reduce # of polling places/times** – By [reducing the number of polling places](#) and polling times, many low-income voters who normally vote before the election may not get the opportunity. Learn more about polling place closures/consolidations and limits on early voting on pages 5 and 6 of this [voter guide](#).
6. **Polling Place Moved** – Your precinct's voting place where you voted for years changed, but you were not notified? Tough luck if you can't find, or get to, the new polling place.
7. **Intimidation at the Polls** – Popular with anti-democratic bigots since Reconstruction, intimidation still [widely occurs](#), including aggressive [police presence in Missouri](#).
8. **Shortage/Broken Machines** – Long lines at polling places are often a deliberate outcome of sending too few (or several broken) voting machines to a polling place, like the [87 optical scanners](#) that broke on Election Day in Detroit. [Long Voting Lines Explained](#) from the Brennan Center for Justice explains the problem; here's the [solution](#).
9. **Selective Voter IDs** – A concealed carry permit for a gun is OK, but a student ID is not. A driver license is OK, but poor, young, disabled and elderly often don't drive – especially when they live in city centers. A particularly dirty trick is to close DMV offices so people cannot get a license at all. An estimated 21 million voters were prevented from voting via [voter ID restrictions](#). Find your State's voter ID requirements [here](#) or [here](#). Learn more about why this is a problem on pages 3 and 4 of this [voter guide](#).
10. **Residence Required** – Some places require that you register to vote with an actual physical address. Post Office boxes and mail stops are not permitted. Thus, the homeless and nomads (RV

people/snowbirds) are prevented from voting. Learn more about why this is a problem and what you can do on page 4 of this [voter guide](#).

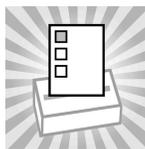
11. **Electronic Voter Lists Hacked** – You registered to vote, and confirmed you are on the rolls. But when you get to the polling place, the poll workers cannot find your name on the electronic lists that have supplanted the printed rolls used in the past. Could the Russians (or someone else) have hacked the list and removed your name? And why? Go ahead and cast a provisional ballot (See the next scam.) Demos and Project Vote offer a solution: [What Is Same Day Registration? Where Is It Available?](#)
12. **Ballot Spoilage & Uncounted Provisional Ballots** – In some places, you can mail in a ballot – but be careful. Your ballot may not be counted if there is any trivial error such as not filling in a bubble next to your signature. Provisional ballots are given to people not on the voter rolls. As Greg Palast [previously reported](#), “provisional ballots are ‘placebo’ ballots that let you feel like you’ve voted, but you haven’t. Provisional ballots are generally not counted.” Find your State’s [Provisional Ballot rules](#).



What’s Voter Stalking? Another name for voter suppression — Any activity or policy whose aim is to deceive, intimidate, harass, or otherwise challenge legitimate voters in order to deny or **suppress** their votes.

Voter stalking or suppression comes in many other forms, such as when the establishment media calls a winner the day before the election (e.g., the [Associated Press declared Clinton](#) the presumptive nominee the day before the 2016 California Democratic Presidential primary); or when social media is used for dirty tricks (e.g., A [Twitter account misleading Democratic voters](#) in Virginia by telling them they could cast their ballot by text message was active for almost three hours on Tuesday morning before Twitter suspended the account. The account “MAGA Mike King,” was suspended after it tweeted more than a dozen times a graphic purportedly instructing Virginians on how to vote by text and including the logos of the Democratic Party and its gubernatorial candidate, Ralph Northam).

Voter stalking and suppression scams are so prevalent that the New York Times created a video game that helps people learn about them, entitled “[The Voter Suppression Trail](#).”



Hackable Voting Machines

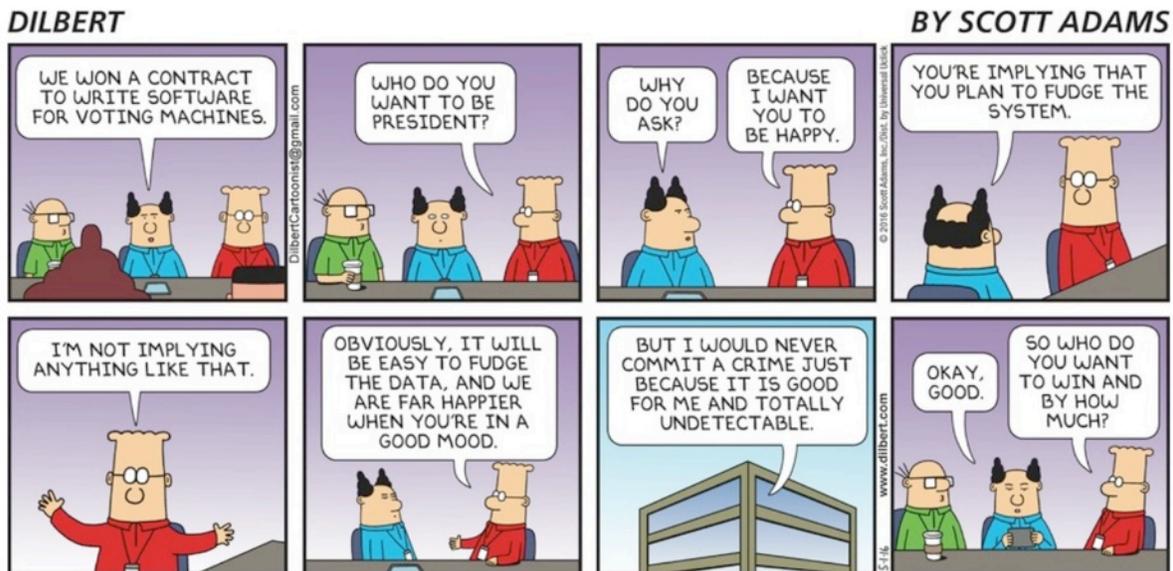
In the realm of vote theft and election fraud, hackable voting machines are even more significant. Imagine that you overcame all the voter suppression scams and you actually vote, did your vote get counted correctly? In many instances, the answer is NO. Find out the type of machines your county uses at [The Verifier - Polling Place Equipment](#).

Consider the contrast in 2 recent elections. Compare the 2018 June [Ossoff election results](#) from vote-counting machines with those 5 months later in [Virginia](#) where paperless voting machines *were not used*. Clearly, voting machines make a difference – at the very least in the number of election-integrity lawsuits.

Thanks to movies like Greg Palast’s [The Best Democracy Money Can Buy](#), many are aware that registered voters are kicked off voting rolls for bogus reasons. However, most people still question the rigging of vote-counting machines: “Wouldn’t I know if this was happening?” Responding to that question, [supplemental information](#) was collected that includes dozens of news articles (in chronological order), book and film titles, election integrity organizations, and a resounding rebuttal of bogus efforts to explain away the differences between exit polls and electronic voting machine results. You can also check a presentation by one of this guide’s authors about vote theft. Here’s the [44-minute video of that presentation](#) and its [slide show](#).

Our democracy has been corrupted by voter suppression and hackable voting machines. To restore democracy, we must nonviolently **resist** all forms of vote theft and **insist** on **verifiable** elections (hand-marked paper ballots subject to [routine audits that are robust and cost-effective](#)).

This says it all ...



Together, we have the power to resist — and we have the power to win. We know this because we witnessed the rise – and success – of other grassroots movements. Protecting our values, our neighbors, and ourselves will require mounting a similar resistance to voter suppression and hackable voting machines. Our resistance *and our insistence* is built on the values of inclusion, democracy, and fairness.

We've adapted and organized 5 "Action Areas" (modeled on Chapters 1-5 of the Indivisible Guide) as a framework for individuals, groups, and organizations looking to have an impact on election integrity and security. This guide is intended to be equally useful for both constructive and defensive efforts — both quiet negotiations and loud, public squealing.

We believe that the 2018 elections will demonstrate the public's desire for a less corporate-dominated agenda — *if voters are allowed to vote and have their votes counted accurately*. We also believe that permitting vote theft to continue, or accepting delays past the 2018 elections will only further empower the ruling oligarchy to victimize us and our neighbors. For those who share these beliefs — and value democracy — we hope this guide provides some of the support and tools needed to make your election officials and elected representatives responsive.

5 Action Areas

Action Area 1—Grassroots advocacy can stop vote theft.

Many decades of nonviolent resistance have shown us ways to influence the public debate and the behavior of policymakers. From those lessons we can recommend two critical strategic elements:

1. Focus locally. Adopt a local strategy targeting those who have an immediate effect on our voting system — voting officials, elected representatives, and those opposed to verified elections. We can be successful if we build an organic movement built on small local groups of dedicated People. Although we can look for some support/coordination from external organizations working on these issues, fundamentally we need a relatively small number of people working together locally to make change appropriate to their communities.

2. Understand and call out the issue. Say NO to your elected representatives who are responsible for creating — or condoning — voter suppression and hackable voting machines. A defensive approach purely focused on letting citizens vote, and stopping the Russians (or others!?) from hacking our voting machines is a worthy strategy. But, since we activists are united by a core belief in the value of democracy, we can organize to support candidates and strong legislation aiming toward achieving *real* election integrity. We are united in opposition to voter suppression and hacked elections. That unity leads to the single-policy demand of **verified elections**.

Voter suppression and hackable voting machines are, like racism, more oppressive in some places than others. Find out if your community is being victimized. If it is, and you are committed to democracy, plan to work for it. Some of your elected and appointed representatives who have been helped into office by vote theft scams will resist your efforts. However, many elected representatives care much more about getting reelected than they care about any specific issue.

This action area is based on Chapter 1 of the [Indivisible Guide](#).

Politics isn't about left versus right; it's about top versus bottom.

—Jim Hightower

Action Area 2 – Your elected reps are almost constantly thinking about reelection — use that to save democracy.

Chapter 2 of the [Indivisible Guide](#) explains in more detail how representatives' offices and the people within them work, and what that means for your advocacy strategy.

1. In a nutshell, it's all about reelection, reelection, reelection. To influence your elected representatives, you have to understand one thing: every elected representative runs for office every two, four or six years. The vast majority of people in elected office believe in their ideals and care deeply about representing their constituents and having a positive impact. But they also know that to make change, they need to stay in office.

This means that electeds are enormously sensitive to their image in the district or state, and they will work very hard to avoid signs of public dissent or disapproval. What every elected wants is for his or her constituents to agree with the following narrative:

“My representative cares about me, shares my values, and is working hard for me.”
— *What every elected wants their constituents to think*

2. What Your Elected Representative is Thinking: Good Outcome vs. Bad Outcome When it comes to constituent interactions, elected representatives care about things that make them look good, responsive, and hardworking to the people of their district. In practice, that means that they care about some things very much, and other things very little. To make this a bit more concrete and show where advocacy comes in, consider examples of actions that an elected might take, what they're hoping to see happen as a result, and what they really don't want to see happen. Some electeds will go to great lengths to avoid bad outcomes — even as far as changing their way of doing things.

This action area is based on Chapter 2 of the [Indivisible Guide](#).

Action Area 3 – Identify or organize your local group.

There's no need to reinvent the wheel. If a local activist group or network is already attempting to oppose voter suppression and hackable voting machines, just join them. Start your search with Action Area 5 of this guide, Election Protection Resources for Local Advocacy, or resources at [ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us](#).

If you're reading this, you're probably already part of a local network of people who value democracy — even if it's just your friends or a group on Facebook. If you are ready to take that energy to the next level and start fighting locally to restore election integrity, then start with these [Steps to Secure Our Elections](#) and the [Election Security Organizing Worksheet](#) from [Secure Our Vote](#).

If you look around and can't find a group working specifically on local action focused on **verified elections** in your area, just form your own group, or start a Voting & Elections subcommittee in a group you're already active in, pick a few issues of concern, and start doing it!

This action area is based on Chapter 3 of the [Indivisible Guide](#).

Action Area 4 – Five local advocacy opportunities that actually work.

Below you'll find a list of 5 advocacy opportunities to put pressure on your election officials. Getting them to respond to that pressure is your goal! (Find a more detailed step-by-step write-up [here](#).)

Start by learning the [barriers to voting in your state](#). Also, to find out how your votes get counted, [Verified Voting](#) provides information on what voting equipment is used in each State, how the equipment works, and laws and regulations in place across the country to promote transparent and verifiable elections.

You can improve access to voting in your community. This [Voting Right and Voter Suppression guide](#) from [Indivisible435.org](#) and [accessdemocracy.us](#), covers actions you can take now to change how elections are run, and make voting more accessible for every eligible person in your community. These are steps you can take today because they don't require your state's legislature to change any laws, or a court to issue a new ruling. The problems that local officials and voters face are unique to the situation on the ground, and the solutions need to be, too.

Each state has a government official or elections board that is charged with managing elections statewide. In most states, the Secretary of State fills this role. You can look up your state election official [here](#), or both state and local officials [here](#). Although the specifics vary by state, the state election official or board is typically charged with administering the statewide voter registration database, developing the process for testing voting equipment, and making sure local officials follow election laws. Typically, **county election officials** have power over the following things: local administration of elections, recruiting and training poll workers, voter education, allocating funding at the county level, list maintenance, determining polling place locations, purchasing voting equipment, and processing and disseminating voter registration forms.

- Find your local officials here: <https://www.usa.gov/local-governments>
- Find your Chief Election Official/Secretary of State here: <http://nass.org/membership>
- Elections are administered at the local level where elections officials are either elected or appointed. Find your local official's contact information plus voting requirements & information here: <https://www.usvotefoundation.org/vote/eoddomestic.htm>

Five local advocacy opportunities that actually work. Secretaries of State and Registrars of Voters are duty-bound to prevent any **vote theft** occurring in your area. Here are five key opportunity areas that a handful of local constituents can use to great effect. Always record encounters on video, prepare questions ahead of time, coordinate with your group, and report online and to local media:

1. **Office visits to elected representatives.** Every Secretary of State, Registrar of Voters, and elected representative has an office. They are responsible for **election integrity**, so meet with them and report to the world whether or not they demonstrate support for **verified elections**.
2. **Coordinated calls.** Calls are a light lift, but they can have an impact. Organize your local group to barrage your electeds at an opportune moment about a specific issue.
3. **Town halls.** Unlike many elected representatives, your SoS and ROV don't regularly hold public events to show they are listening to constituents. Since they are responsible for **election integrity**, it may be time for them to start. Make them listen to you, and report out when they don't.
4. **Sue.** Lawsuits, even those in Small Claims Courts, may actually be successful. Regardless, use them to call attention to the problem of **vote theft**.
5. **Challenge Vote-Counting Machine Integrity.** Here are techniques that individuals and groups can take to shine a light on **hackable voting machines**.

This action area is based on Chapter 4 of the [Indivisible Guide](#), and is more thoroughly detailed [here](#).

Action Area 5 – Election Protection Resources for Local Advocacy

Here are a few organizations focused on solving the problems of voter suppression and hackable voting machines. If there's no group in your area opposing Vote Theft, use these *resources & remedies* to create your own (see more complete listing at ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us).

Voter Suppression – Resources & Remedies

Let America Vote (LAV): Extreme **voter suppression** laws that disproportionately impact people based on their race or ethnicity, gender, age, or income have started popping up all over the country. If we don't fight back, more and more Americans will become disenfranchised.

Whether it's discriminatory ID requirements, questionable purges of voter rolls, voter intimidation, new and extreme voter registration processes, or anything that makes voting harder, LAV will be there to lead the way against it. Through online and grassroots organizing, an aggressive earned media strategy, and advertising, LAV will play a crucial role among the existing network of organizations fighting for voting rights. LAV's guide – [Taking on Voter Suppression in 2018](#) – complements this *Verifiable* guide as a toolkit that individuals across the country can use to break down barriers to the ballot box at the local, state, and federal level.

Lift Every Vote (LEV): We focus on the basics of voting, to ensure that all eligible voters are able to vote, only eligible voters are on the rolls, and all votes get counted fairly. **Our goal: to train citizens to protect our democracy's critical infrastructure.** Current project: AVR (Automatic Voter Registration).

National Voter Corps Vision: *A more engaged citizenry with unfettered access to the voting booth nationwide. Every eligible citizen votes, and all votes are counted.*

Mission: Create a national, non-partisan, umbrella organization to support equal voting rights for all and work towards full voter participation, by education about voting in America and by linking willing volunteers to organizations that are fighting for fairer elections.

[National organizations that protect American elections](#) and help citizens register, get voter IDs and vote.

[Find groups with special voting rights goals.](#)

[Volunteer to help a state organization.](#)

People Power, ACLU's platform for grassroots action, has launched the **Let People Vote** campaign to **expand access to the ballot and make our democracy more representative.** In all 50 states and the District of Columbia, People Power activists will play a crucial role in campaigning for voting rights policies tailored to their state. These actions include restoring the right to vote for people with prior criminal convictions; creating independent, nonpartisan redistricting commissions; enacting early voting periods; and implementing automatic voter registration, online voter registration, and Election Day registration. [Pick your state](#) to get the details on how to expand access to the ballot and make your democracy more representative.

Securing American Suffrage: In this 28-minute video (and transcript), Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Grimes talks about gerrymandering, voting rights and election security. (The Open Mind, hosted by Alexander Heffner, Air Date: November 11, 2017)

Reclaim the American Dream: Gateway to various pathways of reform. We're here to explain the issues. To show you where things are happening. To tell you success stories. To help you connect with organizations already at work on reform.

Hackable Voting Machines – Resources & Remedies

[National Election Defense Coalition](#) is creating a big-tent movement to inform decision-makers and the public on the **vulnerability of US election security** and to identify and implement practical solutions. The time to upgrade election security is now.

[Verified Voting](#) provides resources that allow you to **find what voting equipment is used** in each State, how the equipment works and laws and regulations in place across the country to promote transparent and verifiable elections.

[Secure Our Vote](#): We can make sure every vote cast is counted, that our elections are secure from hacking and computer error. Join us to make sure every voter in your community can cast their **vote securely**. We are a coalition of organizations and concerned citizens working to make sure every vote cast is counted, that our elections are secure from hacking and computer error: [Common Cause](#), [Public Citizen](#), [Stand Up America](#), [CAP Action](#), [Rock the Vote](#).

[Black Box Voting](#): Website of Bev Harris, renowned election investigator, analyst, and forensics specialist, and author of the book *Black Box Voting*. See this BradBlog report on the discovery she and Bennie Smith made of [Fraction Magic](#). Watch the video Detailed Vote Rigging Demo [here](#).

[2016 USA Elections](#): In the 2016 Wisconsin presidential recount, Liz Whitlock and her team find an error rate of almost 5% in the optical scanner vote in the Village of Elmwood Park. A similar error rate applied across all of Wisconsin's 2,976,150 votes – could produce an error of 140,000 votes. Trump won Wisconsin by 22,000 votes.

[Brennan Center for Justice](#): Your state probably has voting machine problems. See page 7 of this Brennan Center report [POST-ELECTION AUDITS: RESTORING TRUST IN ELECTIONS](#).

[Publicly Verified Elections are Key to De-Corrupting Our Democracy](#) (accompanying 49-minute [video](#)) gets into the details of voting machines and legal issues. (“*Using ballot image technology to the full capacity – as it was created for – is the new model for trustworthy elections that are transparent, trackable and publicly verified.*”) A simple 3-step method places public elections back under public control.

1. Preserve and make public the “ballot images.” Modern voting systems take a picture of every ballot, called a “ballot image.”
2. Peg the ballot image to the actual ballot using a unique ID number that is not connected to any voter identifier in any way.
3. Make sure ballots are a public record so that any person can arrange to inspect the actual ballots at any time.

[It's now clear US voting is hackable](#). Here are **6 things we must do to prevent chaos** (Vox article by Suzanne Mello-Stark, an associate teaching professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts, who has served in technical advisory roles to the election commissions and secretary of state offices in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

(Partial listing, see more at [ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us](#).)

Can U.S. Elections Really Be Stolen? Yes.

Election integrity expert Mark Crispin Miller claims “we actually have the worst voting system in the world” in this 8-minute [video](#).

Need further resources on election security?

Check out the 50-state directory we’re compiling at [ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us](#), and stay tuned as we continue updating the listings.



Other Resources

Democracy Initiative acts as a catalyst to mobilize coalition partners’ members on democracy issues.

This can be achieved by structural reforms that give more power and influence to our citizenry, like: citizen-funded elections, campaign finance reform, blunting the influence of monied interests in governing, restoration of rights for returning citizens, voting by mail, same day voter registration, automatic voter registration and ending gerrymandering.

Voter suppression cost millions of voters their vote in 2016 – primarily old, young, poor, disabled and people of color. The Film “[The Best Democracy Money Can Buy](#)” by Greg Palast outlines many forms of voter suppression with particular emphasis on **Interstate Crosscheck**. This 44-minute video presentation covers them all with particular emphasis on hackable voting machines: <https://youtu.be/EenDYN4j7zI> Find the states that implemented Interstate Crosscheck on page 10 of [this report](#).

National Legislation to address these issues include (see EIC website and Facebook page for updates):

- [Securing America’s Future Elections](#) (SAFE) Act ([HR-1562](#)). This comprehensive legislation would safeguard our elections from future foreign cyber-attacks and interference.
- [Voter Roll Integrity Act](#) ([HR-3091](#)). Title III of the Election Integrity Act addresses key voter rights issues that will ensure our elections remain accessible for all Americans.
- [Secure Elections Act](#) is a bill to strengthen election cybersecurity in America and protect against foreign interference in future elections.

Election Integrity Caucus (EIC)

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Common Cause (December 8, 2017 email)

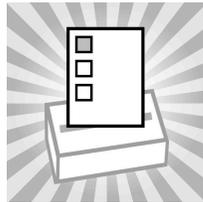
The integrity of our elections are under threat like never before.

Your vote is your voice, but only if your vote is counted. In the 2016 elections, multiple parts of our state and local election infrastructure were targeted by sophisticated cyber attacks, from statewide voter registration databases to the voting system vendors. The U.S. intelligence community is in full agreement that Russia attempted to influence the outcome of the 2016 elections by hacking election systems and manipulating social media.

That’s why we must get to work NOW to secure our elections before voters head to the polls in 2018. Our Voting Integrity campaign is dedicated to ensuring that all election results -- local, state and national -- are accurate and verifiable.

Nothing is more fundamental in a democracy than the accuracy of our votes. For over a decade Common Cause has worked to improve the security of our elections. But this is unlike any threat we've seen before, which is why Common Cause has dramatically ramped up our election security work in the last year. We've already won some critical reforms in multiple states, but with the 2018 elections less than a year away, there is much more to do.

This action area is based on Chapter 5 of the [Indivisible Guide](#).



We set about producing this guide shortly before the release of Indivisible435.org's own voting rights and voter suppression [guide](#). Our goal is to provide a supplement to the original Indivisible guide focused on critical election protection issues – especially hackable, *unverifiable* election systems. Ever since the selection of Bush over Gore, and the tech fix to “solve” the problem of “voter intent” that followed, election integrity activists' efforts to sound the alarm about our paperless, electronic voting systems' vulnerability to manipulation have been largely dismissed or ignored.

Until 2016. Now that there's a spotlight on the insecurity of our election systems, and the use of voting and vote-counting machines, running on secret, undisclosed software, many without any meaningful ability to verify the integrity and accuracy of such systems or to audit the results they produce, we must keep it on — and organize to insure that future elections result in truly representative government, chosen by the voters.

The success of Indivisible.org has already demonstrated the potential for networking a movement of thousands of groups. We invite you to join election integrity activists in your local area, and others across the country to mobilize long-term, consistent direct action and media attention directed at vote theft until we get **verifiable** elections.

This guide and our website (ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us) will be evolving as we move forward — with resources and listings that will be updated as the resistance to the vote theft agenda takes shape. Please contact us via email at info@ElectionIntegrityCaucus.us, or post to our [Facebook group](#) so your comments and efforts can be shared with the caucus.

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