

Additional resources on: Voting Rights, Voter Fraud, Voter Suppression and Election 2020

Election fraud has been refuted by...

- Sixteen assistant U.S. attorneys [bipartisan coalition] specially assigned to monitor malfeasance in the 2020 election...[said] they had not seen evidence of any substantial anomalies.”
- International election observers from the Organization of American States (OAS) “reported its members did not see any evidence of fraud”
- Committees within the Department of Homeland Security that worked on protecting U.S. voting systems...called the 2020 election the “most secure in American history”
- Attorney General Barr told the AP, “...we have not seen fraud on a scale that could have affected a different outcome in the election,” [12/1/2020]
- Ben Hovland, nominated by President Trump, runs the Election Assistance Commission - “blasted...false post-election claims”
- The New York Times contacted election officials in every state – received positive reports
- The bipartisan National Council on Election Integrity — a group of more than 40 former elected officials, former Cabinet secretaries, retired military officials, and civic leaders...“it’s time for all Americans...to accept the election results. Peddling baseless conspiracy theories only undermines our democratic process and makes it harder for the country to unite.”

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Bipartisan National Council on Election Integrity: “It’s time for all Americans — including President Trump — to accept the election results.” - Count Every Vote

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International election observers rebuke Trump's 'unprecedented attempts to undermine public trust'. Kelly. 11/4/20.

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Second group of international election observers report no evidence of fraud. Coleman. 11/10/20

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[Barr: No evidence of fraud that’d change election outcome \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/federal-election-official-blasts-trump-s-false-election-claims-as-laughable-baffling-and-insulting/ar-BB1aZS6m?ocid=msedgntp)

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Department of Homeland Security calls election "the most secure in American history". Chen. 11/12/20.

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'No Evidence' Election Was Compromised, Cybersecurity Agency Says. Alana Wise. 11/12/2020

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For Tina Barton, the Republican city clerk of Rochester Hills, Mich. Who made a video for Twitter after people had misrepresented a simple mistake that was corrected by the Elections office:

Republican City Clerk In Metro Detroit Is A National Example Of Defending Election Accuracy

<https://www.deadlinedetroit.com/articles/26773/republican-city-clerk-in-metro-detroit-is-a-national-example-of-defending-election-accuracy>

Fact-checking Fraud Claims

We fact-checked Trump's claims of election fraud in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania

by [William Bender](#), [Maddie Hanna](#) and [Jason Laughlin](#), November 5, 2020

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/trump-fact-check-pennsylvania-ballot-philadelphia-president-20201105.html>

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Trump's Crazy and Confoundingly Successful Conspiracy Theory. Kruse. 11/13/2020.

His opponents think his evidence-free claims of voter fraud have no chance of winning. They already are.

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Our democracy hangs in the balance: The consequences of Trump's relentless assault on the legitimacy of our elections. Drutman. New York Daily News. 11/10/20.

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What Judges Have Said

On **some judges quotes** [including GOP appointed] - some lost patience with the cases brought before them:

Over 30 Trump Campaign Lawsuits Have Failed. Some Rulings Are Scathing.

Alan Feuer and Zach Montague Nov 25, 2020 via NYT, or <https://vocalley.com/news/us-elections-trump-campaign-lawsuits-html>

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-campaign-asks-supreme-court-to-overturn-bidens-wisconsin-win-11609298811>

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/trump-campaign-loses-appeal-in-pennsylvania/ar-BB1bqyTJ?ocid=msedgntp>

Attempt to Disqualify Electoral Votes Jan 6

Statement by Senator Ted Cruz et al on Jan 6 saying that "By any measure, the allegations of fraud and irregularities in the 2020 election exceed any in our lifetimes" (but providing no proof) and demanding a stop to the counting and an inquiry instead.

https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=5541

On Mitch McConnell citing **the circular argument used by Cruz et al to attempt to stop the Electoral Vote counting** on Jan 6, in Congress: "Nor can public doubt alone justify a radical break when the doubt itself was incited without any evidence." <https://www.wbur.org/npr/958410118/this-mob-was-fed-lies-mcconnell-rebukes-trump-for-his-role-in-capitol-riot>

On January 19, 2021, Mitch McConnell, GOP head of the Senate [then] said, about Jan 6 Capitol Hill insurrection: "The mob was fed by lies. They were provoked by the President and other powerful people."

Lawsuits

For information on cases brought against elections search on (omit carats)...<election lawsuit (name of state) November 2020>

Some lawsuits are summarized here [Post-election lawsuits related to the 2020 United States presidential election - Wikipedia](#)

Lawsuit tracker: where and how is Donald Trump fighting the result? Financial Times. 11/14/20.

President launches flurry of legal action but experts say he will struggle to overturn outcome

<https://www.ft.com/content/20b114b5-5419-493b-9923-a918a2527931>

Republicans have won just one out of nearly two dozen lawsuits they've filed since Election Day. Sheth. 11/16/20.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/republicans-have-won-just-one-out-of-nearly-two-dozen-lawsuits-they-ve-filed-since-election-day/ar-BB1aK8lr?ocid=msedgntp>

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure video. 53 secs. [somewhat humorous description of what is needed to have a valid voter fraud case and how for a lawyer to not have evidence of fraud to back up a claim may subject him/her to sanctions]

<https://twitter.com/thekoreanvegan/status/1325479249189482498?s=20>

Trump's Legal Path to Overturn the Election Results Appears 100 Percent Dead. Hasan. 11/16/20.

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Myth of Voter Fraud

Let's put the vote-by-mail 'fraud' myth to rest. Stewart and McReynolds. April 28, 2020
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<https://cyber.harvard.edu/publication/2020/Mail-in-Voter-Fraud-Disinformation-2020>

Absentee and Mail-in Voting

Americans Mostly Support Voting By Mail. 7/24/20.

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/americans-support-voting-by-mail-but-not-all-of-them-want-to-or-can/>

When Absentee/Mail Ballot Processing and Counting Can Begin

National Conference of State Legislatures

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-16-when-absentee-mail-ballot-processing-and-counting-can-begin.aspx>

Why counting votes in Pennsylvania is taking so long

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/11/04/1011705/pennsylvania-vote-count-security/>

Absentee and Mail Voting Policies in Effect for the 2020 Election

National Conference of State Legislatures

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-mail-voting-policies-in-effect-for-the-2020-election.aspx>

Congressional Bills to Improve Elections

HR1 For the People Act of 2021 [soon to be accompanied by S1 in the Senate]. Click "Text" to see the full bill. Has major sections on: Elections, Campaign Finance, and Ethics.

[H.R.1 - 117th Congress \(2021-2022\): For the People Act of 2021 | Congress.gov | Library of Congress](#)

PDF <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1/BILLS-117hr1ih.pdf>

HR 4 Voting Rights Enhancement Act of 2019. Will be reintroduced in 117th Congress. Will reinstate some of the safeguards to voting rights repealed in 2013 under Shelby County v Holder.

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