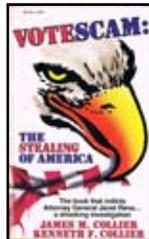


Books — Restore Voting Rights, Reclaim Our Ballot

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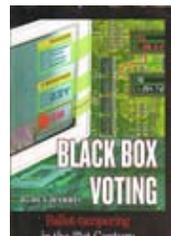
Whereas the current mainstream media has ignored the corruption of integrity in our electoral system, the publishing industry and a bastion of dedicated authors has helped put this story out in all of its facets. *Votescam: The Stealing of America* by James M. and Kenneth F. Collier is one of the originals. It traces the amazing 18-year journey of two entrepreneurial and concerned brothers as they worked to reveal the corruption they witnessed in a 1970 Florida election when Ken was running for Congress.



From there they trace vote rigging, forged signatures, blocked investigations, corrupt election officials, shady non-profits, broken promises, untrustworthy party elites, reluctant publishers, both good and bad media, and corrupt judges in the electoral system. They cover over twenty years of history moving from Florida to Washington DC to New York and include national figures from Antonin Scalia to Janet Reno.

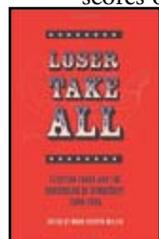
Victoria Collier, James' daughter, is carrying on their pioneering investigations as co-founder of the National Election Defense Coalition and many of her writings can be found at the AfD website.

Black Box Voting: Ballot Tampering in the 21st Century by Bev Harris carries the journey on into the 21st Century. She starts back almost 150 years ago, with the passing of the Fifteenth



Amendment that gave citizens the right to vote with no interference from local or national governments. Then she brings us up into the 1950s with the introduction of the first voting machines in Louisiana and Governor Earl Long declaring "Gimme five (electoral) commissioners and I'll make them voting machines sing Home Sweet Home." Harris' important contribution is her classic research on voting machines, the companies that make them, the crooks that own them, the corruption that surrounds their marketing and the hackable software that Diebold left on the Internet for all to see. It is an alarming and revealing story.

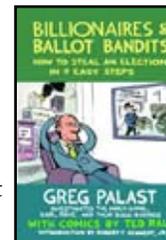
Then questions of fraud and corruption around the 2004 presidential election brought scores of experts out to work on alerting the



American public about the dangers of electronic voting machines. New York University professor and media critic Mark Crispin Miller brought many of them together in his book *Loser Take All: Election Fraud and the Subversion of Democracy 2000-2008*. He and 16

co-authors cover the Florida boondoggle in 2000; the manipulated returns in Ohio in 2004; and the corporate bonanza and democratic disaster of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. They also cover obviously rigged elections in Florida, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and multiple other states. They take on voter suppression happening across the country, as well as the importance of instituting hand-counted paper ballots, as many countries have done around the world.

In his always-delightful style, journalist Greg Palast jumped into this area of concern with his book *Billionaires and Ballot Bandits: How to Steal an Election in 9 Easy Steps*. With that promise, he brings the big money involved in election corruption into the light and outlines nine of the multiple ways the man-behind-the-curtain manipulates elections to disenfranchise poor, non-white citizens and ensures the continued enactment of public policy favoring the wealthy elite. His nine easy steps to steal an election include: purging; caging; spoiling; ejecting; blocking; rejecting; prestidigitizing; tossing; and stuffing. Now Palast has made this into a movie about the stealing of the 2016 election. See it in a theater near you.



The real guru on the problems with computer voting is Jonathan Simon. His 2016 edition of *Code Red: Computerized Election Theft and the New American Century* answers all of your questions about the problems of computerized voting and vote counting. He goes through thirty of the most pressing questions about electronics in our electoral system and gives clear and precise answers. His most valuable contribution, however, is his description of what he calls "the red shift." That is the unmistakable pattern of how certified vote counts differ so consistently from professionally operated exit polls in a direction that would "make Karl Rove smile." He dispels all of the naysayers and doubters and leaves you to make your own decision.



Finally, veteran journalists Bob Fittrakis and Harvey Wasserman wrap it all up in a grand historical perspective in their book *The Strip and Flip Selection of 2016: Five Jim Crows and Electronic Election Theft*. They outline the centuries long practice of American elites disenfranchising the poor and communities of color in this country. Starting with Elbridge Gerry's gerrymandering on to Nixon's war on blacks and the counter culture, they outline how voter suppression and vote rigging is nothing more than a continuation of the war waged by the American wealthy on the huge percentage of the population that has been their servants, slaves and critics for centuries.

