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Why You Should Care

Election Rigging Controls Public Policy

Election rigging puts candidates in office to do business for the 1% at the expense of people and the planet. Public policy in the public interest and for the common good has ground to a halt – hijacked and obstructed as a result of a corrupt election system. Elected state and Congressional office holders, who want lucrative corporate and lobbying jobs, have no incentive to support overdue election reform.

E-Voting Is Ripe For Fraud

This Fall, electronic voting machines that will record more than half the nation's votes are mostly a decade old, have antiquated software platforms and are easily hackable. Similarly, electronic scanning machines counting hand-marked ballots can be hacked. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 put in place a privatized system of corporate vendors that profit from e-voting and use legal decisions to protect their computer code as "proprietary," not open to inspections that could prevent election fraud.

Voter Suppression is Undemocratic

Whipping up fear of non-existent voter fraud, right-wing state legislators and election officials have passed laws to block voters. From Voter ID laws to slashing early voting hours, eliminating same-day registration, changing poll locations, providing few machines to discourage voters with long lines, purging identical names, and disallowing felons in prison — or those who have served time — to vote, the right to vote of the poor, African-Americans, elderly and many others is stolen.

Democracy Needs Secure Elections

Is the US a Democracy? In March 2015, the Harvard Electoral Integrity Project reported the US was 45th in election integrity among the world's long-standing democracies, and based on a 100-point scale gave the US only a 69.3% integrity rating. We must mobilize to restore the integrity of our elections to ensure that election results reflect the true will of the governed.



What You Can Do

Reclaim Our Elections

Rise up and support the Election Integrity Act recently introduced by Representative Hank Johnson to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and promote accuracy, integrity, and security in the administration of elections across America. Tell your Congressional Representative to be a cosponsor and make sure it is assigned to a Committee so that it can be debated and passed in Congress.

Promote Hand-Counted Paper Ballots

To reclaim our elections and protect the ballot, we must mobilize for reforms by 2018. There is no time for delay! Join the Alliance for Democracy's *People's Vote Must Count* Campaign — www.peoplesvotemustcount.org (see pages 10-11), and mobilize in your community to implement hand-counted paper ballots at county or precinct levels by 2018. This grassroots effort will support a national movement for HCPB.

Help Reinstatement the Voting Rights Act

Call your Congressional Representative when the new Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 2867) comes up for debate and a vote in the House and Senate. It will restore provisions of the Voting Rights (1965), gutted by the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v Holder* (2013).

Create Independent Redistricting Boards

Start or join the call in your state for independent redistricting boards. We must undo the damage done when Republican efforts high-jacked the redistricting process by taking control of 20 state legislatures in 2010 and the US House of Representatives in 2012 to push through an extreme right-wing legislative agenda. It is time to end gerrymandering. By the next census in 2020, new impartial and independent redistricting boards must be in place.