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Why Election Integrity Matters

After the 2020 presidential election, Americans were inundated with news about alleged voter fraud that tipped the scales in favor of Democratic candidate Joe Biden.

Many conservatives, Trump supporters in particular, believed that massive election tampering had occurred in populous counties of five “battleground” states — Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin — in order to give Biden the victory. Democratic voters and the mainstream media, predictably, laughed off such accusations as “baseless,” calling Trump’s continued insistence that Biden won fraudulently the “Big Lie,” a not-so-subtle reference to a term used by Adolf Hitler in his *Mein Kampf*. Trump’s January 6 rally in Washington, D.C., and the subsequent riot at the U.S. Capitol only served to further fan the flames of division over the election.

Three years later, while the political climate has cooled somewhat since late 2020-early 2021, Americans are still divided on the topic of election integrity.

We’d do well to remember the claims of Hillary Clinton (and other Democratic politicians) that she actually won the 2016 presidential election and that it was only election tampering on the part of the Russian government that gave Donald Trump a narrow victory. During the 2016 presidential debates, Clinton had excoriated Trump for not promising to automatically accept the results of the upcoming election, yet in 2020 she pressured Biden to refuse to concede to Trump, no matter the results of the election.

We also remember Democrats in Congress voicing strong concerns that voting machines were untrustworthy and that a paper trail was essential to ensure election integrity. This was in the aftermath of George W. Bush’s victory over John Kerry in the 2004 presidential election. But since then they’ve changed their tune, claiming that the 2020 election, with all of its machine voting and mail-in ballots, was the most secure in our nation’s history.

Indeed, many Democratic voters ridicule claims of fraud in the 2020 election as baseless conspiracy theories, stating confidently that there is “no evidence” that the election was stolen. The truth is, there is

an enormous amount of evidence of electoral shenanigans on the part of Democrats in the 2020 presidential election, and other elections since. The *Navarro Report* released by Trump Trade Director Peter Navarro and Dinesh D’Souza’s *2000 Mules* are just two of many sources exposing the massive amount of election fraud in today’s America.

Let’s put it this way: If the shoe were on the other foot — that is, if Trump had won the 2020 election and all the evidence of fraud pointed to a stolen election in his favor — Democratic voters would no doubt be crying bloody murder and we would see nonstop coverage on the mainstream media about how Trump stole the election.

There is obviously an election-integrity problem in this country, but simply being aware of a problem and doing nothing about it can lead to cynicism and defeatism. After all, if people can’t trust elections, why vote? But throwing our hands up and *not voting* is not a solution. In fact, that’s exactly what the Deep State wants. No, cynicism and defeatism are not the answer! We need to get active to help restore election integrity in this country. If this is not done, it will be the death of our country as we know it.

In this issue of *The New American*, we take a look at election integrity in America. The first article in our cover story package by senior editor William F. Jasper details establishment efforts to control the election narrative by controlling the media and persecuting “election deniers.” In his second article, Jasper outlines China’s subversive activities aimed at steering U.S. elections in the Chinese Communist Party’s favor. Finally, in an interview with election-integrity expert Dr. Douglas Frank, we learn about the ways in which election fraud can be carried out, particularly ballot stuffing. Helpfully, Frank also offers practical solutions to help restore election integrity, providing resources for readers who want to get involved.

Eternal vigilance is needed to maintain our liberty. Massive grassroots pushback and activism is the only way election integrity can be restored in our Republic.

— John T. Larabell