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Please donate to USCountVotes' National Election Data Public Archive Project.

With your support, the National Election Data Archive will allow us to detect statistically significant election or voting problems and inform all candidates, regardless of party, when to request investigations or recounts prior to conceding.

Join our group of Sustainers for just \$10 per month. With just 2,000 Sustainers – or about \$20,000/month in financial assistance – we can reach our goal of providing all candidates in the 2006 elections with timely and accurate notification of potential vote counting errors. For the first time in US history candidates will be able to reliably identify vote counting errors, with sufficient time to challenge the results.

If you can't become a Sustainer, consider a one-time donation of any amount you can afford. The National Election Data Archive is committed to financial openness and integrity. As a volunteer-driven project, we will purchase only those goods and services that we must have and cannot obtain for free.

You may donate on-line at ElectionArchive.org or mail checks to:

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INVESTIGATING THE ACCURACY OF ELECTIONS



Mission Statement

The National Election Data Archive is a scientific research project whose mission is to objectively investigate the accuracy of elections in America through the creation and analysis of a database containing precinct-level election data for the entire United States. Our goal is to pinpoint probable errors in vote counts in time to challenge the results.

Statisticians

The National Election Data Archive has about two dozen statisticians on its discussion mail list. Some of these statisticians have agreed to publicly commit themselves to the National Election Data Archive.

Volunteers

To accomplish this unprecedented civic project, we must rely on a network of volunteers to help gather, archive, and normalize detailed precinct-level election data from all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

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2004 Presidential Election - Conclusions

The irregular patterns in the 2004 presidential exit polls and election data have not been explained and are consistent with significant vote miscounts. Detailed data that would allow independent analysts to investigate has not been released.

U.S. election systems are vulnerable to undetected vote miscounts. The persistence of credible hypotheses of vote embezzlement months after the election, underscores the fragility of U.S. democracy.

Our country can and must do better.

The National Election Data Archive will work to ensure that election data is collected and publicly released for unrestricted and transparent review and analysis. Few procedures are more important to the strength and health of U.S. democracy than fair and accurate elections.

Recommendations

We appeal to our fellow citizens, the media, our courts and our elected officials to implement:

- a thorough non-partisan investigation of the 2004 presidential election
- full funding of the National Election Data Archive precinct level database
- election equipment that permits non-specialist citizen election judges to recount voter verified paper ballots
- routine randomly selected, independent audits of vote counts in all elections
- transparent and publicly accessible exit polling
- election administration by non-partisan public civil servants
- non-proprietary open-source coding for all computerized election equipment
- no wired or wireless network connections to any vote casting or counting equipment

Vote counts in America need to be routinely and independently audited. It is not enough to require voter verified paper records of ballots. The paper records must be easily and “independently” auditable by persons other than the voting machine vendor, preferably without having to hire computer technicians, paper roll advancers, bar code readers, and laptops, as is true with many DRE (electronic ballot) voting systems on the market today.

In particular, 2 to 5% of randomly selected precincts can be recounted, using the paper record, immediately when polls close, in the precinct, before removing ballots from the precinct. If discrepancies are found, a county-wide recount can be automatically triggered. Additional funding may need to be allocated to state and county election offices to routinely perform independent audits of vote counts.

In order to monitor the accuracy of vote counting systems, all state and county election offices should set up election data reporting systems to quickly and easily make publicly available, their precinct-level vote totals, broken out by vote type (i.e. election day, absentee, overseas, provisional, early voting, etc.) If vote counts are not reported at this detailed level, then padded votes in one vote type can easily “cancel out” under-votes in another type. In other words, votes can be subtracted from one candidate in one vote type, while being added for another candidate in another vote type, yet these two problems, when added together, may look perfectly normal.

We emphasize that the objective of the National Election Data Archive is to ensure that, if election fraud favoring either party occurred, it does not occur in the future.

What We've Accomplished So Far

- Applied for 501 3c nonprofit status & Board of Directors
- Uncovered disturbing information with limited data – voter suppression & voting machine problems
- Challenged those who have discounted the 2004 US exit polls
- Designed a database to handle all states' election results
- High-speed Internet database servers installed
- Designed information systems for data gathering and document archival
- Formed e-mail discussion groups for:
 - Volunteer data gatherers, fund-raisers, programmers...
 - Statisticians & mathematicians
 - Attorneys willing to help w/ state FOI acts for each state
- For voting activists:
 - Letters requesting paper ballots & Election Officials' contact info

“The right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which all other rights are protected. To take away that right is to reduce a man to slavery.”

– Thomas Paine

