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# **The Comprehensive 2024 Election Theft Fact Check The Streisand Effect is bringing all eyes to exactly what the DNC is trying to hide.**

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Wendy Lawrence at Glass Empires published a complementary report today. I'd recommend checking out her work: <https://glassempires.substack.com>

### **For Activists: The 60-Second Version**

This is a 6,500 word article that can be summed up as saying: The GOP had motive. They had means. They had opportunity. Every institution that could have stopped them chose to look the other way or participate in stealing the 2024 election. The proof is here.

There is some urgency now. The DNC conducted 300 interviews and concluded their investigation into 2024 election theft.

DNC Chair Ken Martin promised to release that analysis. He lied. We need to tell him what we think about that. Don't mince words.

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### **Executive Summary**

On December 18, 2025, the Democratic National Committee announced it will not release its internal analysis of the 2024 presidential election.<sup>1</sup>

In February 2025, DNC Chair Ken Martin had promised transparency. He criticized the party for suppressing its 2016 post-election analysis and said the new review would be shared publicly. "Of course it will be released, right? It will be released to our members and we all have to learn from that. There has to be some lessons that we bring on so that we can operationalize it."<sup>2</sup>

The analysis included more than 300 interviews conducted in all 50 states. The DNC now says releasing it “doesn’t help us win.”<sup>3</sup>

What do they know? Why won’t they say it?

This report presents what is publicly documented, what has been demonstrated in federal court, what has been confessed to by guilty parties, and what has been deliberately ignored by every institution with the power to investigate. The evidence speaks for itself.

In law enforcement, they teach you when you can shoot someone. Three elements have to be present: ability, opportunity, and intent. Can they do it? Are they in position to do it? Do they mean to do it? Criminal prosecution uses a parallel framework: means, motive, and opportunity. One is meant to teach when officers can legally shoot; the other teaches us when we can convict. If you want a jury to convict without direct evidence, you show them that the accused wanted to do it, had the means to do it, and was in position to do it. When all three are present and no alternative explanation fits the evidence, juries convict.

The Existentialist Republic research team that compiled and vetted this report includes professionals with backgrounds in constitutional law, criminal law, human intelligence (HUMINT), open source intelligence (OSINT), election security, data analysis, and investigative journalism. We applied that expertise to publicly available evidence: court filings, government reports, congressional testimony, and journalistic investigations. Everything in this document is sourced. Everything is verifiable.

What follows is the case. Means, motive, and opportunity. You are the jury.

## **Timeline**

Before reviewing the evidence, consider the sequence of events. Each date is documented. Each action is a matter of public record.

November 3, 2020: Donald Trump loses the presidential election.

November-December 2020: Trump’s legal team files more than 60 lawsuits challenging election results. All fail.<sup>4</sup>

December 18, 2020: White House meeting discusses seizing voting machines.<sup>5</sup>

January 6, 2021: Capitol attack fails to prevent certification.

January 7, 2021: Coffee County, Georgia breach. Dominion voting system software copied and distributed.<sup>6</sup>

January-February 2021: Stolen software distributed to operatives across multiple states.<sup>7</sup>

June 2022: CISA documents nine critical vulnerabilities in Dominion voting machines.<sup>8</sup>

December 2022: Cybersecurity experts formally warn FBI and DOJ of multistate breach.<sup>9</sup>

February 2023: FBI formally declines to investigate.<sup>10</sup>

August 2023: Stefanie Lambert indicted in Michigan on four felony counts for voting machine tampering. Her trial has been delayed repeatedly. It is currently scheduled for March 2026.

December 4, 2023: Twenty-two experts send letter warning of “potential criminal conspiracy of enormous consequences.” No public response from federal agencies.<sup>11</sup>

January 2024: Professor J. Alex Halderman demonstrates in federal court that Dominion machines can be hacked with a pen, a smart card, a USB device, and minutes of access.<sup>12</sup>

March-September 2024: Pro V&V, one of two labs that certify voting machines nationwide, approves software updates without full testing, calling them minor. At least one update modified the cryptography keys used to verify the software hasn’t been tampered with. If those keys change, tampered software can pass as legitimate.<sup>13</sup>

August 2024: Michigan and North Carolina open investigations into America PAC, Elon Musk’s pro-Trump operation, after reports it collected swing-state voter data without actually registering voters. Both investigations went silent.<sup>14</sup>

August 2024: Tina Peters, the Mesa County, Colorado clerk who facilitated a voting system breach, is convicted on seven counts.<sup>15</sup> In October, she is sentenced to nine years in prison.<sup>16</sup> The judge calls her “a charlatan who used your prior position in office to peddle snake oil.” In December 2025, Trump announces a pardon for Peters, but because she was convicted on state charges, the pardon is legally unenforceable. His administration continues efforts to transfer her to federal custody.

November 5, 2024: Bomb threats from Russian email domains target polling places in swing states.<sup>17</sup> Trump wins.

January 19, 2025: Trump says of Musk: “He knows those computers better than anybody. All those computers. Those vote counting computers.”<sup>18</sup>

October 2025: Scott Leindecker acquires Dominion Voting Systems, rebrands as Liberty Vote. Settlement of lawsuits against Sidney Powell and Rudy Giuliani required as condition of sale.<sup>19</sup>

December 18, 2025: DNC announces it will not release its internal analysis of the 2024 election.<sup>20</sup>

## **The Case**

Donald Trump did not accept the results of the 2020 election. This is not disputed. He stated publicly, repeatedly, and under oath through his legal representatives that the election was stolen from him.

His legal team filed more than 60 lawsuits in state and federal courts challenging the results. Judges appointed by both parties, including judges Trump himself appointed, rejected every case. Many were dismissed with language describing the claims as baseless, lacking evidence, or frivolous.<sup>21</sup>

When litigation failed, Trump's allies pursued an alternative strategy involving slates of alternate electors in seven states. These individuals signed documents falsely claiming to be the legitimate electors, despite certification of results for Joe Biden. Multiple participants have since been indicted.<sup>22</sup>

On January 6, 2021, a mob of Trump supporters stormed the United States Capitol during the certification of electoral votes. Trump had told them to "fight like hell" and that if they didn't, they wouldn't "have a country anymore." The attack delayed certification for hours but did not prevent it.<sup>23</sup>

On December 18, 2020, a meeting took place in the Oval Office. Present were Sidney Powell, Michael Flynn, and others. The discussion included proposals to seize voting machines and appoint Powell as a special counsel to investigate election fraud. White House counsel opposed the proposals.<sup>24</sup>

On January 7, 2021, less than 24 hours after the Capitol attack failed to prevent certification, operatives entered the election office in Coffee County, Georgia. They copied the software from Dominion voting machines. The breach was funded by Defending the Republic, a nonprofit organization run by Sidney Powell.<sup>25</sup> The timing is notable. The day after every legal and extralegal avenue failed, they began acquiring the tools.

Trump continued to claim he won the 2020 election throughout his time out of office. He

announced his candidacy for 2024 on November 15, 2022. Throughout the campaign, he maintained that the 2020 election was stolen and that measures would be taken to prevent similar fraud in 2024.

On January 19, 2025, the day before his inauguration, Trump held a victory rally in Washington, D.C. Speaking about Elon Musk's campaign support, he said:

"He journeyed to Pennsylvania where he spent like a month and a half campaigning for me in Pennsylvania, and he's a popular guy, and he was very effective. And he knows those computers better than anybody, all those computers, those vote counting computers. And we ended up winning Pennsylvania like, in a landslide, so it was pretty good, it was pretty good. So, thank you to Elon."<sup>26</sup>

Fact-checkers have confirmed this quote is authentic and unedited.<sup>27</sup> They note there is no direct evidence Trump was claiming Musk manipulated vote-counting computers. The reader may assess whether any alternative interpretation of "he knows those computers better than anybody, all those computers, those vote counting computers" is plausible.

Trump and his allies attempted to overturn the 2020 election through every available mechanism: litigation, alternate electors, physical disruption of certification, and discussions of seizing voting machines. All attempts failed. They stated they believed the election was stolen. They stated they would return to power. They began acquiring voting system software the day after their final attempt failed. Motive is not circumstantial. It was stated publicly, repeatedly, and is documented in court filings, congressional testimony, and video recordings.

*They wanted to do it. Could they?*

On January 7, 2021, a team hired by Sidney Powell's organization Defending the Republic entered the Coffee County, Georgia election office with the cooperation of local officials. They made complete copies of Dominion voting system software, including election management system software, ballot programming files, and security key data. Court exhibits include an email from Paul Maggio of Sullivan Strickler sent that morning: "We are on our way to Coffee County Georgia to collect what we can from the Election / Voting machines and systems." A follow-up confirmed "Everything went smoothly yesterday." The engagement letter showed \$26,000 billed to Defending the Republic.<sup>28</sup>

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation produced a 392-page report documenting the breach.<sup>29</sup> According to that report and civil litigation filings, the software was subsequently distributed through file-sharing websites to election deniers across the country. Named recipients identified in investigations include Jim Penrose, a former NSA official who worked with Powell's legal team; Conan Hayes, a former professional surfer

who became involved in election denial efforts; Todd Sanders, connected to Patrick Byrne's The America Project; Doug Logan, CEO of Cyber Ninjas, the firm that conducted the Arizona "audit"; Jeff Lenberg, a computer security consultant who examined voting equipment in Michigan and New Mexico; Ben Cotton, founder of CyFIR, who claims to have examined voting equipment in Bibb County, Georgia; and Stefanie Lambert, an attorney indicted in Michigan for improper possession of voting machine data and tampering with voting machines.<sup>30</sup>

Machines Lambert accessed were physically pried open and damaged, then decertified and removed from use. Her trial has been delayed so many times that the judge called it the oldest case on his docket. It is now scheduled for March 2026. Tina Peters, the Mesa County, Colorado clerk who facilitated a similar breach, was convicted on seven counts in August 2024 and sentenced to nine years in prison two months later. The judge called her "a charlatan who used your prior position in office to peddle snake oil." Trump has since announced a pardon for Peters, but because she was convicted on state charges, he has no authority to grant one. She remains in prison while his administration pursues other avenues to free her. Peters is the first election official in the United States to be criminally convicted for a voting system security breach.

The breaches were not limited to Georgia. Similar unauthorized access to voting equipment occurred in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, Nevada, and Colorado. In December 2023, twenty-two cybersecurity experts sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray, Special Counsel Jack Smith, and CISA Director Jen Easterly warning that the breaches affected both Dominion and ES&S systems, which together count more than 70 percent of votes cast nationally.<sup>34</sup>

In June 2022, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency published an advisory documenting nine vulnerabilities in Dominion voting machines. These included vulnerabilities that could allow malicious code execution, privilege escalation, and the ability to spread malicious code to other machines. Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger was aware of these vulnerabilities. He declined to patch or replace the approximately 34,000 affected machines before the November 2024 election. His stated rationale was that physical security and procedural safeguards were sufficient. The vulnerabilities documented by CISA remained in place on Election Day 2024.<sup>36</sup>

In January 2024, Professor J. Alex Halderman of the University of Michigan demonstrated in federal court that those vulnerabilities were real. Working under judicial supervision in the case *Curling v. Raffensperger*, Halderman showed that with a pen, a smart card, and a USB device, an attacker could install malicious software on voting machines, cause QR codes printed on ballots to not match the human-readable text, and change vote totals without detection.<sup>35</sup>

Judge Amy Totenberg acknowledged the vulnerabilities but did not order machines replaced before the election. Her stated reason was timing: the trial was in January, the election was in November, and ten months wasn't enough to replace 34,000 machines. But the Halderman Report had been submitted in 2021. The judge herself kept it under seal for two years. Everyone who could have acted treated it as someone else's problem until the clock became their excuse. Ten months wasn't enough time to secure American democracy. As of this writing, Judge Totenberg still has not issued a final ruling.

Meanwhile, the operatives who stole the Coffee County software had nearly four years to study those same vulnerabilities. The officials responsible for securing the machines said they ran out of time. The people trying to break them had plenty.

Between March and September 2024, Pro V&V, one of only two laboratories accredited by the Election Assistance Commission to certify voting machines, approved multiple updates to Dominion and ES&S voting machine software. These updates were classified as "de minimis," meaning they were deemed minor enough to not require full certification testing. The changes included modifications to ballot scanners, audit files, and software verification processes. At least one update modified cryptography keys and identity assurance protocols. A technical advisor reviewing the changes stated: "That is a major change and should require closer inspection. This affects the cryptography keys and identity assurance of the device."<sup>37</sup>

Shortly after the 2024 election, Pro V&V's website collapsed to a single page with minimal content, where it remained as of June 2025. The lab operates without a public complaint mechanism, without an external audit board, and with an inherent financial conflict of interest: the vendors pay for their own testing. Pro V&V's accreditation lapsed entirely from 2017 to 2019 due to what was described as an "administrative error." It was re-certified in February 2021. In October 2020, a federal judge found that Pro V&V director Jack Cobb had "no specialized expertise in cybersecurity testing or analysis."<sup>38</sup> The same person approved the 2024 changes.

Scott Leiendecker is a former Republican elections director from St. Louis who served under Ed Martin, then chair of the St. Louis election board and now Trump's DOJ Pardon Attorney and Director of the Weaponization Working Group.<sup>39 40</sup> In 2011, Leiendecker founded KNOWiNK, a company that manufactures electronic poll books used to check in voters at polling locations. KNOWiNK's Poll Pad devices are internet-connected and can sync in real time through a monitoring platform called ePulse. In the 2024 election, 36 million voters in 29 states were checked in using KNOWiNK devices. This represented approximately one in four voters nationally.<sup>41</sup> Security researchers at Project Minnesota identified "precision cheating" vulnerabilities in the system, noting that internet-connected poll books could potentially be used to target specific precincts or voters.<sup>42</sup>

In October 2025, Leiendecker acquired Dominion Voting Systems and rebranded it as Liberty Vote.<sup>43</sup> Dominion equipment was used in 27 states in the 2024 election. The acquisition price was not disclosed. Leiendecker claimed to have personally financed the purchase. As a condition of the sale, Leiendecker required Dominion to settle its defamation lawsuits against Trump allies who had falsely accused the company of rigging the 2020 election. In the weeks before the acquisition closed, Dominion reached undisclosed settlements with Sidney Powell, Rudy Giuliani, and One America News Network.<sup>44</sup>

Liberty Vote's acquisition announcement explicitly pledged compliance with President Trump's executive order on voting procedures. That executive order has been blocked by federal judges as unconstitutional. The announcement used language echoing election denial talking points: "restore public confidence in the electoral process," "paper-based transparency," and "100% American-owned." Three companies control 92 percent of the voting machine market. The combined KNOWiNK and Liberty Vote operation will function in more than 40 states. One individual now controls both the poll book systems used to check in voters and the voting machines used to count their ballots across a significant portion of the American electorate.

America PAC was created by Elon Musk to support Donald Trump's 2024 campaign.<sup>45</sup> Its leaders included Joe Lonsdale, co-founder of Palantir, the data analytics company that provides surveillance and data mining services to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Pentagon, and intelligence agencies. America PAC's website collected detailed personal information from voters in swing states, including name, address, phone number, and date of birth, under the stated purpose of voter registration assistance. However, investigation by CNBC found that the site did not actually register voters in swing states. Users in battleground states who completed the forms were shown a message thanking them for "taking the first step to register" but were not directed to voter registration. Users in non-competitive states were simply redirected to their state's actual registration page.<sup>46</sup>

In August 2024, election officials in Michigan and North Carolina opened investigations into America PAC's data collection practices.<sup>47</sup> Those investigations have not produced public findings. On November 4, 2024, America PAC lawyer Chris Gober admitted in court: "The \$1 million recipients are not chosen by chance. We know exactly who will be announced as the \$1 million recipient today and tomorrow."<sup>48</sup> The winners were pre-vetted spokespeople who had signed consulting agreements. The Philadelphia District Attorney said over a million people had been "scammed for their information."<sup>49</sup> As a canvassing operation, America PAC was legally permitted to coordinate directly with the Trump campaign, unlike other PACs that must operate independently.

*They had the software. They had the demonstrated capability. They had the data. They*



*bought the infrastructure.*

The final element is opportunity. Motive and means are not enough. The circumstances must permit the act. In this case, who was watching?

On December 4, 2023, twenty-two computer scientists, election security experts, and voter advocacy organizations sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland, FBI Director Christopher Wray, Special Counsel Jack Smith, and CISA Director Jen Easterly. The letter stated: “The multistate effort to unlawfully obtain copies of voting system software poses serious threats to election security and national security and constitutes a potential criminal conspiracy of enormous consequences.”<sup>50</sup>

The letter documented that breaches had affected both Dominion and ES&S systems, which together count more than 70 percent of votes cast nationally. It named the network of individuals involved: Sidney Powell, Doug Logan, Stefanie Lambert, Misty Hampton, Matt DePerno, Ben Cotton, Jeff Lenberg, and the forensic firm SullivanStrickler. It warned that the stolen software could be used to develop malware, study vulnerabilities, and conduct disinformation campaigns. The letter concluded: “Urgent implications for the 2024 election and beyond.”

The FBI, DOJ, and Smith’s office declined comment. CISA did not respond. No federal investigation has been publicly announced. This was not the first warning. In December 2019, Senators Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Ron Wyden, and Representative Mark Pocan wrote to the private equity firms that own voting machine companies, stating that vendors “have long skimmed on security in favor of convenience.”<sup>51</sup> Five years later, nothing had changed.

In February 2023, the nonprofit organization Free Speech for People reported that the FBI had formally declined to investigate the Coffee County breach. The FBI’s stated rationale was that it would not assist without a formal request from Georgia state authorities.<sup>52</sup> The FBI chose to treat a multistate breach of election infrastructure, funded by associates of a former president who was actively running for reelection, as a matter for state authorities to request assistance on. No such formal request was made. No federal investigation followed. The FBI’s declination came twenty-one months before the 2024 election.

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Coffee County report was delivered to the state Attorney General more than a year before this document was written. No state charges have been filed against any participant in the breach other than those already charged in Fulton County. Sidney Powell and Misty Hampton pleaded to misdemeanors and received probation.<sup>53</sup> Stefanie Lambert was indicted in Michigan in August 2023 on four felony counts related to voting machine tampering. Her trial was originally scheduled for

October 2024, then delayed to December 2024, then to July 2025. She was charged with possessing stolen voting machine software and remained free through Election Day.<sup>54</sup>

Every prosecution related to the voting machine breaches has been delayed, minimized, or abandoned. The individuals who stole and distributed election software have faced either no charges or misdemeanor pleas with probation.

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger was aware of the CISA vulnerabilities documented in June 2022. He was aware of the Halderman demonstration in January 2024 showing that the machines could be compromised. He chose not to patch or replace approximately 34,000 affected machines before the November 2024 election. The machines that Halderman demonstrated could be hacked were the same machines used to count votes in Georgia on November 5, 2024.

Post-election audits in 2024 followed the same pattern as previous elections. They verified that machines counted ballots as programmed. They did not examine whether QR codes matched human-readable ballot text. They did not examine whether software had been modified. They did not examine whether voter roll purges had removed eligible voters. The audits checked whether the machines did what they were told to do. They did not check whether what they were told to do was legitimate.

On December 18, 2025, the Democratic National Committee announced it will not release its internal analysis of the 2024 election. This analysis included more than 300 interviews conducted across all 50 states. DNC Chair Ken Martin, who had previously promised to release the findings publicly, now says that releasing them “doesn’t help us win.”<sup>55</sup> David Hogg, former DNC Vice Chair, stated: “I ran for DNC vice chair after massive losses in 2024 because I believed we needed to change our party. Leadership disagreed with my work to primary asleep-at-the-wheel incumbents and challenge the status quo. Now, they are spiking an autopsy of the election that gave us Trump 2.0.”<sup>56</sup>

*Every door was left open. Every alarm was ignored. Every investigation was declined or stalled.*

## **Corroborating Evidence**

Dr. Walter Mebane of the University of Michigan is one of the world’s leading experts in election forensics. His statistical methods have been used to detect fraud in elections around the world and have been cited in peer-reviewed academic literature for decades. In his preliminary analysis of 2024 Pennsylvania results, Mebane identified approximately 111,088 votes in the presidential race that exhibited statistical properties consistent with fraudulent increments rather than legitimate voting patterns. His methodology, known as “second digit Benford’s Law” analysis combined with finite

mixture modeling, has been peer-reviewed and published in academic journals.<sup>57</sup>

In Rockland County, New York, voters filed suit after the 2024 election claiming their votes were not properly recorded. Multiple voters testified under oath that they had cast ballots for Senate candidate Diane Sare, yet official results showed fewer votes for Sare than the number of people who testified they had voted for her. In multiple districts, results showed hundreds of votes for Democratic Senate candidate Kirsten Gillibrand but zero votes recorded for Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris.<sup>58</sup> A statistician retained by the plaintiffs determined these results were “statistically highly unlikely” when compared to 2020 voting patterns. On May 22, 2025, Judge Rachel Tanguay ruled that discovery could proceed.<sup>59</sup> Plaintiffs’ discovery requests included voting machines, software updates, forensic hard drive copies, network diagrams, communications with ES&S and Pro V&V, and documentation of any modem, WiFi, cellular, or Starlink Direct to Cell connections. Judge Tanguay subsequently dismissed the case, ruling that plaintiffs lacked standing.<sup>60</sup> The court didn’t rule the anomalies were explainable. The court said the plaintiffs didn’t have the right to ask.

On November 5, 2024, polling places in swing states received bomb threats. The FBI stated that many threats “appear to originate from Russian email domains.”<sup>61</sup> Targeted states included Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona, and Pennsylvania. Fulton County, Georgia, a Democratic stronghold, received 32 bomb threats.<sup>62</sup> Five polling locations were briefly evacuated. DeKalb County, an overwhelmingly Democratic suburb of Atlanta, had five locations where voting was suspended until police confirmed no bombs were present.<sup>63</sup> Security analysts at Graphika and SentinelOne linked the email addresses used for Election Day threats to the same addresses used for bomb threats at LGBTQ+ Pride events in Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Texas in June 2024. Courts extended polling hours in some affected areas. The cumulative effect on turnout has not been quantified.

Investigative journalist Greg Palast, whose work on voter purges has been cited in federal litigation for over two decades, documented that between 2020 and 2024, states used voter roll purge programs to remove voters based on name matches with voters in other states.<sup>64</sup> These purges disproportionately affected voters with common surnames prevalent in minority communities. Palast’s research found that purged voters were often removed without notification, discovered their registration status only when attempting to vote, and were offered provisional ballots that in many jurisdictions were not counted. The cumulative effect of these purges across swing states has not been comprehensively quantified. What is documented is that voters were removed from rolls based on name-matching algorithms known to produce false positives, that these removals disproportionately affected Democratic-leaning demographics, and that many removed voters were not restored before November 2024.

## Conclusion

In criminal trials, jurors are instructed to convict if they find the evidence proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. This does not mean beyond all possible doubt. It means that the evidence leaves no reasonable alternative explanation.

Consider the alternative explanation required to dismiss this evidence:

Trump and his allies spent four years claiming elections were rigged. They attempted to overturn 2020 through every available mechanism: litigation, alternate electors, physical disruption of certification, discussions of seizing voting machines. All attempts failed. The day after their final attempt failed, they began stealing voting machine software. They distributed that software to operatives across multiple states. A federal court demonstration proved the machines could be hacked with a pen, a smart card, and a USB device. CISA documented nine critical vulnerabilities. Those vulnerabilities went unpatched through November 2024. A testing lab approved changes to machine software without full scrutiny in the months before the election. Investigations into America PAC's collection of swing state voter data went quiet. One person acquired control of both voter check-in systems and vote-counting machines. The lawsuits that would have required discovery into 2020 election claims were settled as a condition of that acquisition. The FBI declined to investigate. Expert warnings went unanswered. Prosecutions were delayed and minimized.

And then Trump won.

And the day before his inauguration, he thanked Elon Musk by saying: "He knows those computers better than anybody. All those computers. Those vote counting computers."

To dismiss this evidence, one must believe that all of this was coincidental. That stealing voting machine software had no connection to winning an election. That documented vulnerabilities left unpatched had no consequences. That untested software changes affected nothing. That collecting voter data from swing states without registering voters served some other purpose. That consolidating control over election infrastructure was innocent. That settling lawsuits to avoid discovery was unrelated. That every institution declining to investigate was simply exercising appropriate discretion. That suppressing analysis of what happened was merely political convenience.

That is what must be believed.

**Motive:** Documented. Stated publicly. Pursued through every available mechanism for four years.

**Means:** Stolen software. Demonstrated vulnerabilities. Untested changes. Consolidated infrastructure. Collected data.

**Opportunity:** Unpatched machines. Ignored warnings. Declined investigations. Stalled prosecutions. Suppressed analysis.

The evidence does not prove with certainty that the 2024 election was stolen. The evidence proves that every element required to steal it was in place, that every person with the motive to steal it had access to the means, and that every institution with the power to prevent or detect it chose to look the other way.

The 2026 elections will use the same machines. The same testing laboratories. The same ownership structures. The same institutions that declined to investigate.

All with fewer oversight and an “opposition” party that refuses to speak up.

DNC Chair Ken Martin promised transparency. He said the 2024 analysis would be released publicly. He broke that promise. If you believe the Democratic Party owes its members an explanation, tell him.

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**Marshall Herskovitz Is Right and Wrong:  
First We Have To Confront Our Stolen Elections  
25 Years: Hanging chads, millions of disappeared votes, fake counties,  
corrupt testing labs, partisan election-equipment companies,  
and forged documents by the EAC. U.S. democracy is a facade.  
Olivia Noceda - This Will Hold  
December 10, 2025**

A friend called to suggest I watch **The Rising** podcast with Marshall Herskovitz and **The Dangerous Ones'** Nick Knudsen. In her opinion it encapsulates everything she's listened to me "scream about for the last ten years." Her words. And she's right.

But we can't reach the second rung on the "saving democracy" ladder when our elections are neither safe nor secure. The first rung is broken. And we're not just talking about gerrymandering and voter suppression.

We're talking about outright foreign interference and the GOP's electronic theft of our elections, which our politicians have been informed about and have ignored for more than two decades.

### **Duty To Warn**

Dr. Duncan Buell, Dr. Walter Mebane Jr., Dr. Alex Halderman, Dr. Susan Greenhalgh, Dr. Aviel Rubin, Dr. Andrew Appel, Marilyn Marks, and Stephen Spoonamore—if these names sound familiar, it's because they are the heroes of democracy who've spent decades sounding the alarm about election-equipment vulnerabilities and the mirage of election security in the United States.

These experts have conducted studies, written papers (including Dr. Mebane Jr.'s *The Wrong Man Is President!*, 2004), proposed legislation, testified in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and even sent Duty to Warn letters to the White House.

ICYMI: Between 2020 and 2021, Trump's allies illegally breached voting equipment in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Colorado, and Arizona—equipment that was still in use in 2024.

And thanks to a Federalist Society-aligned court system in Georgia that focused on "investigating" DA Willis and the thread count of the sheets at the DoubleTree Napa instead of the breaches themselves, "Teflon Don" got away with breaking the law again.

## **Another Crack In The Liberty Bell**

No, Kamala Harris didn't lose Pennsylvania because of "anti-trans ads," as Herskovitz believes. She lost because the state's election system was infiltrated by bad actors on multiple levels and is now the subject of an Election Truth Alliance lawsuit seeking a hand-count audit of the 2024 ballots.

What went wrong in Pennsylvania:

- 30% of Pennsylvania counties reported equipment malfunctions

- Cambria County: printing errors and unnecessary duplication of 65,000 ballots

- Centre County: malfunctioning tabulators left 13,401 ballots unscanned until the following morning, changing the outcome to favor VP Harris

- Untested and fraudulently certified voting equipment

- Decreasing vote totals in real time, as documented by Rep. Frank Burns

- Conflicting official vote-total reports

- Perfectly symmetrical mathematical swings in the election data

- More than thirty fake Russian bomb threats

- Gaps in legally required chain-of-custody records after said bomb threats

In light of all this, more than 45,000 citizens petitioned for a hand-count audit, but Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt denied it. No investigation. No recount. No audit.

As we've said before: certifying the election under these conditions puts Pennsylvania's election results in "trust me, bro" status. As one autocrat famously warned, "The power lies not with those who vote, but with those who count."

## **The GOP's Long Game**

As reported in a joint study by Caltech and MIT, this has been happening since at least the 2000 election. Our political parties maintain the narrative that nothing is wrong with our elections while allowing bad actors to go unpunished and even take office in the name of "protecting democracy."

They claim they don't want to alienate voters or fuel apathy, but it's more than that. As Vice President Harris said herself, "the system is broken."

"Perhaps it's naive of me ... there should be many who consider themselves to be guardians of our system and our democracy who just capitulated, and I didn't see that coming." – Vice President Kamala Harris

Why aren't state attorneys general asking Elon or the DOGE boys about the statistically absurd election data in the swing states and why 30% of Pennsylvania's election equipment malfunctioned? After all, "He knows those computers better than anybody, all those computers... those vote counting computers..." and Trump ended up winning Pennsylvania "like, in a landslide."

### **How Bad Is It?**

That was Pennsylvania—here's more of what we've covered:

Fake counties and millions of votes disappearing in swing states and Florida: How Did 6 Million People Vote In Burke County, Florida—When It Doesn't Exist?

North Carolina: 93 of 100 Counties Used Untested, Uncertified Equipment in 2024

Minnesota: Hand Count Uncovers 6–8% Shift in Election Results

Florida: 172% of Voters Cast Ballots in Palm Beach Precinct 1716 and VR Systems, 151 Fake Vote By Mail Reports, and a False Certification

And, of course, our three-part Election Whistleblower series, which outlines the NSA-authorized audit confirming that Vice President Harris won "in a landslide"—an audit no one seems able to produce, which is why the whistleblowers came forward. The series also traces how these findings leveraged silence within the Democratic Party and intersect with the Epstein files.

We also examined the corrupt, MAGA-aligned election-equipment companies and the EAC's forged documents for Pro V&V, one of only two firms responsible for testing and certifying U.S. election equipment.

In other words, the calls are coming from inside the house. Our follow-up to the Election Whistleblower closes the loop with the release of the latest tranche of Epstein communications.



## Billionaires and Tech Giants Pulled Off the Crime of the Century

Why? There wasn't just one reason—there were many.

Elon Musk himself hinted at the stakes in a conversation with Joe Rogan: he faced the real possibility of a prison sentence if Trump lost. He launched his bid for Twitter—at \$20 billion over market value—just forty-nine days after Putin invaded Ukraine. That alone should have raised every red flag. But when the ROI is \$15 trillion in mineral rights tied to Ukraine losing the war, along with the geopolitical deals Trump could green-light, it became leverage.

According to New York Times reporting, on October 5—just two weeks before Starlink's DTC activation—Musk texted a confidant:

“I'm feeling more optimistic after tonight. Tomorrow we unleash the anomaly in the matrix.”

Then, an hour later:

“This isn't something on the chessboard, so they'll be quite surprised. ‘Lasers’ from space.”

It's no secret Musk was in communication with Putin for over two years. He even granted Starlink access to Russian forces and blocked Ukraine's access during a strategic operation aimed at Sevastopol. That's not just profiteering. That's treason and it comes with accoutrements.

Then there's Peter Thiel and the “broligarchs,” the tech billionaires who worship at the altar of shower-avoidant blogger Curtis Yarvin. They have long viewed democracy as a nuisance—an obstacle to their surveillance-state vision of hypercapitalism, and as noted in Project 2025, themselves as the permanent “ruling elite.”

And of course, Donald Trump himself:

He spent a year telling his followers he didn't need their votes—at one point stating,

“...in four years, you don't have to vote again. We'll have it fixed so good, you're not gonna have to vote.”

Trump was facing eighty-eight felony indictments, desperate to avoid conviction and bound by a decades-long alliance with Vladimir Putin. An alliance that's impossible to ignore; just look at his policy trail and the latest “peace deal,” which is nothing short of a Russian-authored wish list.

He froze aid to Ukraine, openly campaigned for anti-EU candidates, and sided with Russia in multiple key United Nations votes related to the Ukraine conflict. All of which makes Trump's latest anti-EU security doctrine and his threats to leave NATO unsurprising to anyone who has been paying attention.

To be clear: Donald Trump pledges allegiance to a red, white, and blue flag—it's just not the American one.

## **What Comes Next**

This is the point where I would typically give readers an actionable list: contacting legislators, spreading the word, pushing the data as far and wide as possible.

But Trump is saying blue states will “completely disappear from the map” in 2026 and that he has a “big, big surprise.” Meanwhile, after the Democrats ran the table on November 4, Elon Musk was on Twitter/X talking about pulling rabbits out of a hat. Have we learned anything from the year leading up to the 2024 election?

As of July, more than 41% of the Democratic base believes the election was stolen.

We are telling our leaders to stop trying to convince us that a loathsome, misogynistic, thirty-four-count convicted felon and adjudicated sexual predator somehow flipped eighty-eight counties red, without a single county flipping blue, outperforming Ronald Reagan's 1984 landslide.

We were at the rallies. We saw the overflowing crowds. We heard the marching bands heading to the polls, and we danced in line as we waited for hours to vote for Vice President Kamala Harris.

We know better.

We are asking our leaders—and everyone with a platform—to “Rise up,” acknowledge the stolen election and “Do something.” We have constitutional avenues to remove this entire illegitimate administration. Will it be easy? No. Has it been done before? Also no. Do we owe it to future generations to try? Unequivocally yes.

And readers, hold on to your hope. This is not left vs. right—it's bottom vs. top. Again, we don't need permission to enforce the Constitution. We just need courage.

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