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## Top 10 Questions About the Legitimacy of the 2004 Presidential Election

- 1. Systematic Voting Machine Irregularities:** The Diebold optical scanner voting machines used in 29 Florida counties gave wildly unlikely and unauditible results, with Bush winning huge margins in heavily Democratic areas. Republicans gained 128.45% over 2000 in counties using optical scan machines while Democrats had a -21% loss.
- 2. Highly Irregular Intervention by Federal Authorities:** Warren County Ohio accounted for a third of Bush's statewide margin. The county emergency services coordinator prohibited outside observers from monitoring the counting, on the advice of the Federal Department of Homeland Security. Bush's most important county in Ohio and the nation was the only one to do this.
- 3. Impossible Vote Totals:** More votes were recorded than there are registered voters in six Florida counties. In Baker County Florida there are 12,887 registered voters, and 69.3% of them are registered Democrats and 24.3% are Republicans. Yet Kerry received only 2,180 votes to 7,738 for Bush, meaning that 5 out of 7 Democrats voted for Bush. In Franklin Ohio a machine reported an extra 3,893 votes for Bush. Local officials can neither explain how nor can they provide assurance that thousands of identical machines did not also malfunction.
- 4. Unfair Election Supervisors:** Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell, an aggressive Republican activist, saw to it that the polling place for Kenyon College had only two voting machines, causing some students to wait up to 9 hours to vote. This was true elsewhere as well.
- 5. Untrustworthy Vendors of Election Machinery:** The two major vendors of electronic voting machines, ESS and Diebold, are the chief beneficiaries of the Help America Vote Act and are active Republican donors. The software in these machines is not open source, so its functioning cannot be independently verified, and the machines do not produce an auditible paper trail.
- 6. Unexplained Exit Poll Disparities:** Exit polls in states that had verifiable paper trails were virtually identical to the real results, but in states where electronic voting machines were used the exit polls were very different than the total reported on the voting machines.
- 7. Unreliable Voting Machinery in Poor and Working Class Areas:** Hispanic voters in New Mexico are five times as likely to have their vote "spoiled," or set aside as an uncountable punch card ballot as New Mexico's white voters. About 3% of votes cast are not recorded due to this.
- 8. Atypical Voting Changes from 2000 to 2004:** Bush's statewide total in Ohio declined from 2000 to 2004, and the overwhelming portion of his statewide margin (85%) came from just 9 counties, all of which showed improvement from 2000 to 2004. Bush won over 70% of the vote in just two of those counties in 2000 but won over 70% in all of them in 2004.
- 9. Uncounted Ballots:** In Ohio 92,672 ballots did not register a vote when run through a counting machine and 155,000 people voted on provisional ballots.
- 10. Illegal Voter Suppression Activities:** The Republican Party in Ohio and elsewhere distributed flyers with false information on polling places and eligibility.

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