

# **Election Fraud in the U.S.A. 2004**

## **facts every American should know**

- **Eighty percent of all votes were counted on electronic voting machines made by one of two companies -** Diebold and ES&S. The president of Diebold and the vice president of ES&S are brothers and both companies are contributors to the Republican Party. Walden O'Dell, the owner of Diebold, said in a 2003 fundraising letter that he is "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president next year." O'Dell has spent time on President Bush's ranch in Texas, and is a top level contributor to the Bush campaign.
- **Diebold and ES&S insisted on manufacturing computerized voting machines that produce no paper ballot** and can not be recounted. They claimed it was not technically possible to produce paper ballots, although Diebold also makes bank ATM machines, which do produce paper receipts. The state of California outlawed Diebold voting machines because of their lack of security and paper printout. A bill was introduced into Congress in 2002, to require a paper ballot printout on all voting machines. Although there was bipartisan support for the bill, the leadership of the Republican Party prevented the bills from coming to a vote. No explanation has been given.
- **Several programmers and managers at Diebold have previously been convicted of computer fraud.**
- **Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska used to be the president of ES&S**, who manufactured the voting machines that were used in his own election to his Senate seat. Hagel is known to be considering running for President in 2008.
- **Thousands of complaints about electronic voting machines malfunctioning on election day have been logged.** Nearly every reported problem made a mistake that favored President Bush.
- **Exit polls are used internationally to identify problems with elections. On election day, the exit polls showed Kerry winning both Ohio and Florida.** In Florida, Diebold and ES&S machines were used to count the votes. In Ohio, votes were counted by machines produced by Triad, another supporter of the Republican party. Many statistical experts have published reports stating that the difference between our exit polls and the official results is much larger than it should be, far beyond the margin of error.
- **Systematic voter suppression has been documented, particularly in Ohio.** More voting machines were placed in Republican strongholds and less were placed in Democratic areas. Long voting lines, up to 10 hours, were only seen in Democratic, minority, and low income areas, while Republican and higher-income areas had no lines. In some areas, the voter registration list from 2000 was used, and anyone who had registered since then was forced to use a provisional ballot. People were phoned and sent letters telling them their voting location had changed when it had not. A lawsuit has been filed in regards to widespread voter suppression in Ohio.
- **Ken Blackwell, the Secretary of State of Ohio, is both the overseer of elections and the head of the re-elect Bush campaign in the same state.** This is like allowing the coach of a team to be the referee in an important game. Blackwell has been sent a letter signed by several Congressmen asking him specific questions about the voter suppression and other things that went on in Ohio on election day, and he was asked to come to Washington DC to testify about this information. Blackwell ignored the request to testify and has not answered a single question asked in the letter.
- **Congress is holding hearings on voting irregularities in Ohio.** In the testimony there has been sworn statements of witnesses who saw unauthorized manipulation of the voting machines. One witness has signed a sworn affidavit stating that he was paid to write software code that would swing the election to the Republican candidate.

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO VOTE AND HAVE IT COUNTED PROPERLY.**

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