



# Texas Eagle Forum

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Dear Eagles,

As you will read in this month's *Torch*, the issues we face in the arena of elections are heavy. A population not educated to read and think for themselves hardly understands our founding principles and the ideals that have allowed our nation to endure.

Election fraud appears to be frighteningly real. My first reaction upon understanding the issue was to be deeply disheartened; but, I soon realized that we can rally our friends on this issue. The demand for a fair outcome from our elections runs deep in our veins: so many Americans have sacrificed and given their lives for our right to select our leaders. Our Founders' ideals are under attack on all fronts, and being able to elect like-minded people to office must be an option if we are going to have a chance to win our battles of ideas.

Please commit to watch Kevin Freeman's "Episode #70" video ([economicwarroom.com](http://economicwarroom.com)). You will not regret it, and we promise you will be glued to the screen.

What can we do about election fraud? We can spread the word and get others talking about it. We can compel our elected officials to watch the video (this is where building a relationship pays off!). We can commit to vote on the day of an election and avoid early voting, unless there is no other option. We can stand up for hand counts of paper ballots.

Did you watch the counting of the British ballots after their election on December 11, 2019? I was enamored watching hundreds of citizens gathered in teams of two or more to hand count, check, and double-check the count of paper ballots. Every voter knew their vote would count. The media in Great Britain carried the narrative that the people really didn't want a "Brexit." If there had been electronic ballots, machine counting, chip readers, and illegally connected computers in those counting rooms, the naysaying media might have appeared right.

The National Popular Vote movement is another way the Left is trying to take our individual vote from us. So far, 15 states, plus Washington, D.C., have passed this terrible, and likely unconstitutional, idea of awarding their electors to the winner of the popular vote. We have included a helpful "Myth vs. Truth" guide by Tara Ross in this *Torch*, so you can win any discussion on this idea. Our Founders' design for our elections was brilliant, and for over 200 years has kept us from ever electing a president who only represents a sliver of our population. We are blessed to be able to choose from two different candidates with two different sets of ideals, and rarely have to compromise on many issues when we go to place our vote.

Be sure you have vetted your candidate options before voting in the March 3 primary. Ask them where they stand on the issues most important to your family and Texas. I've been asking them whose praise they are seeking. Last session they were looking for the praise of man. We want next session's legislators to be seeking the praise of God, as He knows what blesses a nation and her people.

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Thank you for standing with us, learning with us, and growing with us. Together we are a strong voice and we can make a difference. Even when we lose on an issue (I am still frustrated over the over-reaching mental health bills passed last session), we know we have fought the good fight and have done our best.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the rest of the letters.

Cindi Castilla  
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. In this crucial election year, we so appreciate your prayers and financial gifts as we continue to stand for liberty and LIFE in the public square.



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## Election Fraud on a National Scale?

By **Eric Georgatos**, *American Thinker*, 11/22/19

Dallas patriots Kevin Freeman, host of *Economic War Room* on BlazeTV, and Russ Ramsland, a voter fraud and election expert, have released detailed findings from a cyber/forensic investigation into election fraud utilizing compromised voting machines in 2018.

In summary terms, Freeman's "Episode #70" reveals that (1) security protections in voting machines were disabled, (2) penetration and manipulation of actual vote tabulations was and is possible, and (3) evidence already exists that votes were surreptitiously, electronically

manipulated to change election results.

This is the 21st century version of Stalin's ruthless observation, "It's not the people who vote that count, it's the people who count the votes." Only today's Stalins can do it all by online penetration of unsecure "voting machines" to count and alter votes, and leave almost no IT fingerprints.

The implications of what has been exposed are absolutely staggering on both hindsight perspective on the meaning of past election results, and on the future of America as a constitutional republic. *Yes, it is that serious.*

The magnitude of the threat posed to those

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who have had a role in perpetrating this fraud makes the whole story ripe for orchestrated leftist twitter-mob dismissal as “Conspiracy Theory!”

Metaphorically, these “citizen-investigators” appear to have arrived at the scene of the burglary, discovered the points of break-in (and other break-ins), and found telltale evidence all around the scene pointing to the means, motives, and names of the perpetrators, but they have reached the limits of citizen investigation and law enforcement authority. Search warrants and the legal authority to subpoena documents and interrogate people under oath are going to be necessary to determine exactly what was stolen and who took it (and how to restructure security to prevent future burglaries).

In other words, objective viewers of “Episode #70” will conclude, at minimum, this ought to be rigorously and thoroughly investigated (with trust and hope that there is still an arm of the federal government capable of honest and thorough investigation).

If the ruling class-controlled law enforcement authorities refuse to investigate, the American people are going to have to force a remedy.

A brief post like this can’t do justice to the technical findings, which are laid out in detail in the video. In essence, security protections in software (operated on voting machines throughout the country) had been purposely disabled or “un-activated;” penetration of the machines was possible via online access methods widely understood among reasonably sophisticated IT people; and mismatches in time-stamped dataflows suggest votes were changed.

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For example, using open-source “Burp Suite” web-crawling software, the investigators looked into a company that supplies software used at polling locations in Texas and 15 other states. They found readily accessible information within this company’s website showing purposeful disclosure of passwords by which anyone could log in to databases that include a wide range of voter and precinct and poll-worker information, including voter names, addresses, social security numbers, driver’s license numbers, etc. More devastating, accessible “storyboards” effectively amount to disclosure of source code for this software (in both iOS and Android form), opening up a range of nefarious “black hat” hacking and manipulation that can enable, in bottom-line terms, control over any and every voting result.

To repeat, **the enabling of access by which all of this manipulation is possible, appears to the investigators—and apparently would appear to anyone with a reasonable amount of relevant IT knowledge—to have been purposeful.**

Freeman and Ramsland recount how efforts to get the attention of state and federal enforcement authorities to look into all of this have been inexplicably stymied, slow-rolled, or ignored. The seriousness and specificity of what they have exposed does not allow for a comforting explanation of why the government has not jumped into this with both feet. It makes one wonder if elements of the ruling class of both parties have reasons for not wanting this to be investigated.

Conservative punditry tends to fall in line in accepting the premises of MSM narratives on electoral trends.

To wit, Senator Cruz’ tight 2018 re-election victory over Beto O’Rourke proved there’s a blue wave building, even in Texas. It proved Cruz’ band of conservatism was going out of favor; it proved Beto O’Rourke had unique political talent and national fund-raising/star power. (And the implications of all this “proof” apparently caused the GOP-controlled Texas state legislature in 2019 to back off across a wide range of conservative legislative initiatives for fear that such initiatives are out of favor with what they believed to be the increasingly blue mood of the electorate.)

But what if the “proof” was a complete delusion? What if an honest vote tabulation would have had Cruz winning by 10 points or more? What if congressional seats that flipped to Democrats in Texas in 2018—to wit, Congressman Pete Sessions’ loss to Democrat Colin Allred—were not losses at all, but were entirely the product of election fraud? What if Texas State representatives elections—many of which went Democrat in 2018 by strangely and suspiciously similar margins—were also fraudulent? All that appears far more plausible than the actual outcomes in those races; in all events an investigation is warranted.

To state the obvious, a compromised tabulation system destroys trust in elections. It makes voting, campaigning, door-knocking, advertising, and message strategizing pointless. Widespread public understanding of the ease of hidden vote tabulation manipulation, and the probability that American elections are rigged, would be a national soul-shattering, social-fabric-rendering event. Yet vigorous investigation, exposure, and correction would be a monumental republic-restoring process. AG William Barr needs to get on this!

If the fraud is as widespread as “Episode #70” suggests, there isn’t going to be a technical fix in time for the 2020 elections.

There may be only one solution: **An American grassroots effort on a scale never before seen to demand that the 2020 election be by paper ballot, counted manually in all 50 states.**

All Americans, of any and all political affiliations, ought to join in this demand.

NOTE: “Episode #70” is currently available on Kevin Freeman’s website: [economicwarroom.com](http://economicwarroom.com), and is also and posted on [AmericaCanWeTalk.org](http://AmericaCanWeTalk.org). There are several things we can do to lessen voter fraud in the Nov. 3 Election: Get out the vote, do not early vote, unless there is no other option, and request a paper ballot.

# National Popular Vote vs. the Electoral College: Debunking the Myths

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**Myth:** *National Popular Vote (NPV) would force presidential candidates to run truly national campaigns because votes in every corner of the country would have equal weight.*

**Fact:** Eliminating the Electoral College would undermine the need for national campaigns and promote campaigns aimed at heavily populated urban areas. Candidates have limited time and resources, and must strategize and prioritize. Campaigns aimed at big cities would be immensely more productive, as a matter of pure math. In a world without the Electoral College, rural areas and small states will never again matter in the presidential election.

**Myth:** *Most states are ignored by presidential campaigns because of the Electoral College. Only swing states matter. NPV would fix this.*

**Fact:** The identity of “swing” and “safe” states changes all the time. Texas used to vote reliably Democrat, just as California used to vote reliably Republican. Georgia, Kentucky, and Louisiana all voted for Bill Clinton, but they were considered very safe Republican states in 2008. An honest assessment of American history shows many other such examples. No political party has ever been able to ignore any state for too long without feeling the ramifications at the polls.

**Myth:** *The person who wins the national popular vote should win the White House. The Electoral College does not guarantee such results and is thus undemocratic.*

**Fact:** The question is not “democracy” vs. “no democracy.” The question is “democracy with federalism” (the Electoral College) vs. “democracy without federalism” (NPV). America’s unique blend of democracy and federalism has served the country well. In this context, it encourages presidential candidates to create national coalitions. A candidate must do more than simply rack up a majority of voters in one region or among the voters of one special interest group. He must appeal to a variety of Americans before he can win a majority of states’ electoral votes.

Moreover, NPV proponents too quickly dismiss the possibility that the presidential election system will change as the rules of the game change. These changes will make it impossible for candidates to achieve majority support: NPV allows any plurality winner to take the White House. Multi-party races will become more common, and voters will be more easily fractured, splitting their votes across several candidates. If a president is elected with the support of 30 percent of Americans, is this “better” or “more fair” than our current system? No election system can make a majority of Americans agree on the identity of the best president. But the Electoral College offers the next best thing: It can be won only by a candidate who achieves simultaneous victories across many states; thus, it is better able to identify a good compromise candidate that satisfies most Americans, as represented by their states.

**Myth:** *NPV is not an “end-run” around the Constitution because the winner-take-all method of distributing electoral votes is not in our founding document.*

**Fact:** NPV’s compact turns the current presidential election system on its head. If it is legal, it is only because NPV has found a loophole in the law. The compact will certainly be contested. There are many reasons to argue that the compact is unconstitutional, as has been detailed elsewhere.

Legislators should remember that the Constitution was the product of much give and take. It never would have been ratified, at least by the small states, but for the compromises that were made at the Constitutional Convention. Indeed, the small states explicitly objected to a national direct election for president (as proposed by NPV); they feared that the large states would trump them each and every presidential election year. Moreover, the delegates deliberately created a difficult constitutional amendment process (requiring approval from two-thirds of Congress and three-fourths of the states). This tough process exists, at least in part, to protect the small states from tyranny by the large states. Finally, the Constitution values federalism and the ability of states to act on their own behalves. NPV attempts to undercut all of these protections, yet claims to be in line with the Founders’ intent. Such a claim is disingenuous, at best.

**Myth:** *The Nation’s presidential election system will continue to operate smoothly with NPV in place.*

**Fact:** Logistical problems will be unavoidable with NPV. NPV will leave 51 sets of local election laws in place (each state, plus D.C.). Today, the varying states’ processes are irrelevant because each state is conducting its own election with its own election outcome. NPV would change this. It would instead attempt to derive one single, coherent result from 51 separate election processes. It’s an impossible task. Consider: states have different provisions for recounts, ballot qualification, felon voting, and early voting. What happens when Florida and California are each conducting recounts with different definitions of a hanging chad? The 2000 election will look like a picnic in comparison. Or what happens when Connecticut voters have more time to early vote than Texas voters, and a voter in Texas files a lawsuit contesting the election results?

The most basic rule of democracy is that all voters in one voting pool should operate under the same set of laws. NPV would ensure that this most basic rule is constantly violated. Equal Protection problems, lawsuits, and constant uncertainty are sure to result.

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By **Tara Ross**, a retired lawyer and author of several books about the Electoral College, including *Why We Need the Electoral College*.

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## Our Mrs. America: Phyllis Schlafly

A new website: [MrsAmerica.org](http://MrsAmerica.org), features *On Wings of an Eagle*, the life story of Phyllis Schlafly, which not only honors her legacy but counters the upcoming FX TV miniseries, “Mrs. America,” starring Cate Blanchett as Phyllis. The series is a reenactment of the 1970s fight for the Equal Rights Amendment and is sympathetic to the ideology of radical feminists. Phyllis was a national leader of the conservative movement since the publication of her best-selling 1964 book, *A Choice Not An Echo*. She created the pro-family movement in 1972, when she started her national volunteer organization Eagle Forum, and was a heroine, a role model, and a mentor to many Americans. “My mother was remarkable because she combined the roles of wife, mother, writer, and community organizer,” writes Anne Schlafly Cori, Chairman of Eagle Forum. “She charted a course and paved the way for conservative women to be confident in public and join the discourse. Because of Phyllis Schlafly, American women rejected the false promise of ‘feminism.’”

SOURCES: [MrsAmerica.org](http://MrsAmerica.org) and Anne Schlafly Cori, 1/14/20

## Texas’ Opt-Out of Federal Refugee Resettlement Program Blocked

A federal judge in Maryland, appointed by President Bill Clinton, has blocked Gov. Greg Abbott’s rejection of refugee placements in Texas. Confused? Last year the Trump Administration issued an executive order allowing states to opt out of the federal refugee resettlement program. Gov. Abbott recently became the first governor to utilize the new authority by sending an “opt-out” letter to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. The federal judge’s order states the judge’s belief the executive order “does not appear to serve the overall public interest” and placed a preliminary injunction on the ability of governors to opt-out. So a liberal federal judge in Maryland knows what’s in Texas’ “public interest” better than Texans? Too many federal judges—especially those appointed by Democrats—can best be described as black-robed philosopher-kings legislating from the bench—imposing their will on the public. No, it’s not what our founding fathers intended for the judiciary.

SOURCE: *The Texas Minute*, 1/16/20

## Space Bible Prompts Some Real Solar Searching

The Space Force just got off the ground—but thanks to secularists, it’s already logged its first controversy! The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) flew into a rage when pictures surfaced of the Air Force’s Chief of Chaplains having a Bible blessed at the National Cathedral for anyone who wanted to be sworn in on this “official” Space Force copy. Convinced he’d seen a UFO (Unacceptable Faith Object), MRFF’s Mikey Weinstein seethed, “We condemn in as full-throated a manner as is humanly possible, the shocking and repulsive display of only the most vile, exclusivist, fundamentalist Christian supremacy, dominance, triumphalism, and exceptionalism.” Of course, to reasonable people, none of that should be hair-raising—let alone court-worthy. The Space Force, led by General Mark Walsh, isn’t taking over the galaxy for Christ. It’s simply giving officers the option to put their hand on the Bible when they’re finally sworn in. That may be, but Weinstein is still threatening legal action. That’ll be a waste of time, First Liberty Institute’s Michael Berry argued. “The tradition of using a Bible for swearing-in dates back to the very founding of our nation.... It is, in every sense, part of our historic heritage, and is perfectly legal.”

SOURCE: Tony Perkins, Family Research Council, 1/16/20

### Quote of the Month

*“But eons before Greta Thunberg hurled her ‘How Dare You!’ lecture at world leaders at the U.N., the Unholy Trinity of Al Gore, Mikhail Gorbachev and Maurice Strong had converted Climate Change into a religion that is really nothing but a crazed ongoing cult.”*

~ Journalist Judi McLeod,  
Canada Free Press, 1/9/20

### Great American Quote

*“We should be unfaithful to ourselves if we should ever lose sight of the danger to our liberties if anything partial or extraneous should infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections.”*

~ President John Adams, 1797

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