## The Government is the Biggest Threat to Our Republic

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On October 18, 2022, *The New York Times* shocked themselves when their Siena College poll revealed that 68% of likely US voters answered the same openended question the same way:

What do you see as the biggest threat to democracy?

Government Corruption — That the government is not working on behalf of the people.

Americans are sobering up to the realities of unaccountable governance via public private partnerships. In Colorado, this shift in awareness is pronounced.

On October 29, 2024, during early voting, the Colorado GOP revealed the Colorado Department of State (CDoS) published the BIOS passwords for hundreds of pieces of election equipment on their public website.

According to a redacted affidavit, later revealed from Colonel Shawn Smith (USAF, Ret.), from August 8 through October 24, the BIOS passwords were exposed for 600+ individual pieces of election equipment in 63 counties. On October 24, the spreadsheet was removed from the website and replaced with an updated version without the passwords.

The October 24 date is important, because it proves that CDoS knew about the breach but failed to alert the county clerks. The clerks held the potentially exposed devices, and this breach occurred during the voting period.

In November, the Libertarian Party of Colorado unsuccessfully sued CDoS and, during that hearing, it was revealed that the passwords had actually been up since June 21, not August and that was BEFORE COLORADO's 2024 primary — and that there was true security exposure for devices in 34 counties.

But the county clerks didn't know about this until the general public did: From the Colorado GOP press release on October 29-more than three months after the data breach!

This was a coverup, and following the GOP press release, the crisis communications began immediately. Deputy Secretary Chris Beall (public) and Colorado County Clerks



Association Executive Director Matt Crane (private) handled the clerks, while Secretary Jena Griswold (public) shared her story with her pal Kyle Clark (private).

There was never any real threat. They were all acting out of an abundance of caution. There is no security breach.

Again, these contemporaneous assertions were later proved untrue in court and, regardless, at the time Beall, Crane, Griswold, and Clark made these assertions, CDoS could not possibly have known if there was exploitation for a very simple reason: They didn't tell the Clerks, and the Clerks had the devices.

It was just spin. Narrative. A Story.

They said it anyway. On November 1, just three days after news of the breach hit the public, Griswold claimed victory:

"All of the passwords in affected counties have been changed...every eligible voter should know their ballot will be counted as cast."

The coverup appears to have been successful for now; but, in early October, additional news about Colorado Executive Branch corruption broke.

On December 2, *The Gateway Pundit* published a bombshell article with newly discovered emails that revealed Mesa County Treasurer Sheila Reiner working with Dominion Voting Systems in 2021. Reiner had a Dominion email address and was coordinating with the election vendor in 2021, without the knowledge or involvement of Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters.

Open Records don't cover email domains that are hosted by private companies. Dominion is the corporation that supplies Colorado with their election equipment. Tina Peters, the County Clerk who ran elections for Mesa County Colorado, didn't know Dominion had setup a private email through their email server for the Mesa County Treasurer to be able to communicate off the record

The Mesa County Treasurer was not only hiding communications from the public by using the election vendor's email domain to send and receive messages, but it begs the question of what the Treasurer, who has noting to do with elections is even doing when sending and receiving emails through Dominion's private email servers. Hiding communications from open records exposure is an intentional choice. How could this even be allowed to have happened, and why would an elected official be doing this, let alone through a vendor that has nothing to do with the Treasurer's Office?

CSoS Griswald who for over four months posted online the BIOS passwords for over 600 machines in 63 counties, then removed Clerk and Recorder, Tina Peters, from the Clerk post for leaking her election machine BIOS password to an outside vendor in order for them to be able to write a back-up copy for the county to be able to preserve their election records-(later Tina was convicted in a state court for this password leak).

Griswald then appoints Treasurer Reiner, who was intentionally communicating via email through the Dominion email server to keep her messages private, to run the Mesa County Clerk's Office. What was Reiner trying to keep secret and who is she working for-The People of Mesa County of Dominion the election equipment vendor?

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other."

Although this Bible passage refers to working for God or for the attainment of money, this passage is still very applicable to this situation and is extra concerning because the Treasurer's Office should have no relationship with an election company, So, what is going on here?

You can't make this up.