

President Trump Will Restore Election Integrity

This Benefits All Americans

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President Trump just announced what might be the most important of many important Executive Orders of the year. Election integrity ought to be an issue on which all Americans can agree. We want elections to be fair. We want votes counted fast. We want a clear paper trail providing a record of all votes.

This is what the President's Executive Order establishes. It is a return to common sense, fairness, and impartiality. How could anyone disagree with it?

The answer is both clear and frightening. In-person voting is safer than mail-in voting. Therefore, those who favor our broken mail-in voting system de facto want elections to be less safe. Furthermore, paper ballots are much more straightforward than voting machines. Therefore, those who prefer cumbersome machines to normal paper ballots clearly want elections to be more confusing, something that will inspire less confidence in our elections than tried-and-true paper.



It is time to move away from the horrific trend of ballot gathering and counting that influences election outcomes. Election outcomes must once again be based on only one thing—the confidence of the electorate in a candidate.

In his statement on the forthcoming Executive Order, the President made it clear that in federal elections, states act as "agents" of the federal government and therefore are obligated to comply with the order.

I have little doubt that those who thrive on the confusion and slowness of mail-in ballots will use the courts to try to upset the progress of this great Executive Order, but I have every confidence that no matter how hard the fight, the battle for election integrity and transparency will be won.

Those who complain about "democracy being

in danger" ought to be celebrating today's announcement. France, arguably our oldest ally, began phasing out electronic voting machines over 17 years ago. Prior to this, in the 1970s, mail-in voting was banned in France. The results speak for themselves. A large European country with a complex election system, due to its system of presidential runoffs, is able to tabulate votes within a couple of hours of polls closing. There is no funny business, and while French voters have strong opinions about their politicians, they have full confidence in their voting system.

As the world's leading democracy, the United States must return to its position as a shining city on a hill where elections are universally regarded as fair. The President's Executive Order will allow us to once again be an exemplary democracy that has the confidence of all Americans and is looked to throughout the world as a model for countries wishing to bask in the light of liberty, freedom, and democracy.

Thank you, President Trump, for today's announcement. It is long overdue.

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