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Subject: RE: Why Republicans want voter ID?

<https://www.quora.com/What-proof-is-there-that-there-has-been-voter-fraud-in-past-or-present-presidential-elections>
http://townhall.com/columnists/johnhawkins/2012/09/14/7_examples_that_show_voter_fraud_is_a_huge_problem

Hi gang:

According to <http://www.factcheck.org/2013/01/voting-conspiracies/> and <http://www.snopes.com/politics/ballot/2012fraud.asp>, this viral email that makes those claims is primarily bogus. It fabricates Ohio and Florida results. Also, Obama won four of the 11 states with photo ID laws. Now remember that snopes.com, in particular, is a left leaning fact check outfit.

Origins: Claims of fraud have arisen after each of the last several U.S. presidential elections, especially since the 2000 election, the outcome of which hinged on a prolonged dispute over a victory margin of just 537 votes in the state of Florida. As the example cited above demonstrates, the election of 2012 was no exception in that regard.

For instance, in 2012 election it is true that 59 voting divisions in Philadelphia recorded no votes for Mitt Romney, but given the voter composition of the Philadelphia area (and some Philadelphia wards in particular) and the number of voters in each division, that outcome was hardly a "mathematical and statistical impossibility."

But whatever voter fraud (if any) might have occurred during the 2012 presidential election, none is evidenced by the example reproduced here. As shown above, all of the statements it comprises are demonstrably false:

Having said what the fact checkers find, there have been verified reports on voter rolls being out of date etc. or multiple examples of voters registered in more than one state. For instance, you can review the references above for a liberal view (Quora) or conservative view (Townhall)!

The conservative view and seven examples are summarized in http://townhall.com/columnists/johnhawkins/2012/09/14/7_examples_that_show_voter_fraud_is_a_huge_problem :

GOP view: After George W. Bush defeated Al Gore at the ballot box and in a rare show of fortitude for a Republican, didn't stand by haplessly wringing his hands when Gore tried to lawyer his way into the White House, liberals were outraged. Sure, Gore had never been ahead at any point, but OBVIOUSLY voter fraud had cost Democrats the election. Afterwards, Democrats DEMANDED that we do more to insure the integrity of our elections. Republicans agreed and for a while, we finally had an issue where there was genuine bipartisan agreement. Then came the 2004 elections and many of the same liberals who had requested better, more accurate voting machines claimed the very machines they wanted were being used for fraud because they didn't get the result they wanted. That marked the end of the Left's interest in stopping fraud at the ballot box.

On the other hand, Republicans have continued to try to make our elections honest and fair. Towards that end, one of the measures the GOP is pushing for is voter identification. If you need a picture ID to get on a plane, cash a check, buy alcohol, rent a car, get a marriage license,

or to get into the Democratic National Convention, then asking for a photo ID to vote is a no-brainer. However, Democrats believe that they benefit from voter fraud; so they oppose any sort of attempt to verify that voters are who they say they are.

They can't admit that; so they use two excuses. The first is their patronizing and insulting claim that black Americans are so uniquely stupid and incompetent that you can't expect them to get a photo ID like white people do. It's amazing that in 2012, a major political party would make such a racist argument, but the Democrats do. Their other claim is that voter fraud is so exceedingly rare, so unlikely, such an impossibility that there's no need for any voter identification. According to the Democrats, we can afford to assume that everyone will be honest on Election Day. So, there's no need to take any basic precautions or take any steps to prevent fraud because it just doesn't happen.

Well, to the contrary, voter fraud happens all the time and it does sometimes occur on a level large enough to impact close elections. Furthermore, it undoubtedly happens much more than we realize. After all, if poll workers are prevented by law from asking if people are who they say they are, how often are they going to catch people in the act? Afterwards, when you have disinterested government employees or partisan groups scanning voter data to try to find fraud, it's nearly impossible to look at a spread sheet and determine that person X was really person Y. So, if you don't bother to check for voter ID on the front end, you're probably not going to find it on the back end either. When you consider that a dedicated, well prepared team of say a dozen operatives could literally go from polling place to polling place and cast HUNDREDS of fraudulent votes a day with little chance of being caught, it's not a small issue. That's why we should have some system in place other than the Democrats' touching insistence that we can trust everyone to be honest on Election Day because as you're about to see, that's certainly not the case.

One example from Townhall:

1) James O' Keefe's Project Veritas shows how easy voter fraud is without

Identification: When an undercover conservative reporter can vote as Ben Jealous, Bill Maher, or David Brock if he wants, there's a hole as wide as the Grand Canyon in the system.

James O'Keefe's new video shows Project Veritas going into poll locations in DC on April 3, being offered ballots for Ben Jealous, President & CEO of the NAACP; one Bill Maher; and David Brock (Project Veritas says they could not verify whether the David Brock for which they were offered a ballot was the same David Brock as the Media Matters president). hilariously, Project Veritas also shows that you can't get into Media Matters without showing ID. The video also depicts Project Veritas going to a polling place and asking about Alicia Menendez, daughter of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez (D) and political commentator on MSNBC; a poll worker asks to see ID, preventing Project Veritas from being offered Menendez's ballot.

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"You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life."
-Winston Churchill-