

Eliminate the Machines, Return to Paper Ballots



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Pretending that voter fraud does not exist puts the integrity of our voting process at risk. –Mercedes Schlapp

When you have a million plus names on the rolls, people who aren't voting or are inactive, dead, people who have moved away, that's a massive pool of potential voter fraud opportunities for those who want to be able to steal elections. –Tom Fitton

The Democratic Party does not want anybody to have a photo ID because that would have a very negative impact on cheating! If you require a photo ID, that pretty much shuts out cheating. Well, it doesn't shut it out. It just makes it harder, and that's why they don't want it. –Rush Limbaugh

Why allow paper ballots and voter ID when you can make a fortune harvesting the biometric data of hundreds of millions of people while rigging the vote count as you choose. –Dr. J. Michael Waller

In previous articles, I've mentioned J. Michael Waller's book several times, [Big Intel How the CIA and FBI Went from Cold War Heroes to Deep State Villains](#). Dr. Waller is the Senior Analyst for Strategy at the [Center for Security Policy](#) and President of Georgetown Research, a political risk and private intelligence company. Waller worked for the CIA in Central

America, did groundbreaking scholarship after the Soviet empire's breakup, and taught history and methods at America's premier intelligence schools.

The following information comes from a wide selection of Dr. Waller's articles which can be found at the Center's website.

For generations, the United States has been constantly assaulted by what former Soviet KGB colonel Anatoliy Golitsyn called "strategic disinformation." He [warned in 1984](#) that the United States and its interests were under a permanent strategic disinformation offensive from Moscow. They paired this with political influence.

President Reagan recognized what was going on and established a permanent Foreign Denial and Deception Committee (FDDC) to coordinate within the intelligence community. The goal was to counter the dual challenges raised by Golitsyn and other defectors. It operated for 30 years.

Without public knowledge, Obama ordered it shut down in the spring of 2016. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence ran the FDDC. James Clapper oversaw its demise. CIA Director John Brennan, FBI Director James Comey, and VP Biden all went along with it. This was part of the coverup in weaponizing the intelligence community and ultimately the entire federal government.

As a result, the mainstream media denial of election fraud has been successful.

Venezuela

Byron York, chief political correspondent for the Washington Examiner, exposed an affidavit from a former confidant of the late Venezuelan dictator, Hugo Chavez. He provided evidence that Smartmatic election tabulation software was created by the regime with the help of Cuban intelligence, and exported internationally to manipulate voting results. Chavez wanted

to give himself dictatorial powers through guaranteed election fraud. He also wanted to guarantee the election of allies.

The confidant explained that the Smartmatic software works in the Dominion machines and is the core of all major vote counting software. He said, "The conspiracy included Chavez and his people, and representatives and personnel from Smartmatic." The software could change the votes from against to in their favor.

Smartmatic was used in a 2009 referendum to change the Venezuelan constitution to end term limits, including for Hugo Chavez. The referendum passed. It was Chavez's electoral chief, Jorge Rodriguez, who promoted the idea of software that could change the outcomes of elections. Smartmatic even fed the false voting tabulations directly onto the Internet and to the news media.

In the 2013 Venezuelan election, Chavez' opponent was ahead by two million votes, so the decision was made to reset the system and take it offline for about two hours. (Sound familiar?) Smartmatic's fraud went public in Venezuela in 2017.

Wonder where our intel was on this key operation to change the outcomes of elections? Well guess who was in charge of protecting the USA from this kind of election villainy? FBI Counterintelligence chief, Peter Strzok.

Here is the [Smartmatic/Dominion affidavit](#) from the Chavez confidant.

Smartmatic Owners Indicted

The firm said it is [owned primarily by three entrepreneurs](#): Antonio Mugica, a dual-Spanish-Venezuelan national (78.8 percent); Alfredo Anzola (3.87 percent); and Roger Pinate (8.47 percent). The other main investor is Jorge Massa (5.97 percent), a French-Venezuelan businessman. Smartmatic

employees and friends and family own the remainder of the firm (2.89 percent).

Smartmatic competes with Dominion Voting Systems, Hart InterCivic, and other companies to supply machines and software for running elections. In addition to selling voting systems, Smartmatic also makes identity management systems for governments.

Three current and former Smartmatic executives are [charged with running a brazen alleged bribery scheme](#) to use bribes connected to use of the company's voting machine technology.

"The co-conspirators allegedly funded the bribes through a slush fund that was created by over-invoicing the cost per voting machine for the 2016 Philippine elections. To conceal and disguise the nature and purpose of the corrupt payments, the co-conspirators used coded language to refer to the slush fund and caused the creation of fraudulent contracts and sham loan agreements to justify transfers. The co-conspirators then allegedly laundered funds related to the bribery scheme through bank accounts located in Asia, Europe, and the United States, including in the Southern District of Florida." [Link](#)

The indictment, handed down in [Florida](#) in August 2024, doesn't identify the name of the company, which gained notoriety in 2000. "These bribes were allegedly paid to obtain and retain business related to providing voting machines and election services for the 2016 Philippine elections and to secure payments on the contracts, including the release of value added tax payments," according to a Justice Department release on the indictments. [Link](#)

In relation to the recent DOJ indictment, Smartmatic stated the following:

Smartmatic has learned that two of our employees have been indicted for alleged violations of the FCPA in the Philippines almost 10 years ago. Regardless of the veracity of the

allegations and while our accused employees remain innocent until proven guilty, we have placed both employees on leaves of absence, effective immediately.

No voter fraud has been alleged and Smartmatic is not indicted. Voters worldwide must be assured that the elections they participate in are conducted with the utmost integrity and transparency. These are the values that Smartmatic lives by.

Smartmatic grotesquely understates the problem. Those indicted are not mere employees. They are the co-founder/President and COO, and the brother-in-law of the Chairman and CEO.

Smartmatic in America

Somehow, the United States saw fit to use software from that company in our own voting machines. In 2020, five states using Dominion equipment stopped vote counting and [then the votes flipped](#). Smartmatic ended up buying Sequoia Company, although we don't know how they got the cash for the purchase. Then it used its own software in the Sequoia software election counting systems.

Smartmatic's chairman, Lord Malloch-Brown, a socialist politician from the UK, who was Deputy Secretary General of the UN and is now President of the Soros Open Society Foundations, told us in 2009 that Dominion voting machines licensed the Smartmatic software.

Frank Gaffney interviewed Dr. Michael Waller on Securing America podcast and Waller has the goods on Smartmatic. Here's what he told Frank:

“During the Trump administration, the justice department started an investigation of Smartmatic. A federal grand jury was convened to investigate Smartmatic for corruption. They couldn't do it in the United States, they didn't have the evidence for it, but they had evidence from the Philippines

that Smartmatic had bribed the head of the Philippine Commission to buy Smartmatic machines for Philippine voting. Turns out the information came from the estranged wife of the head of the election commission who was complaining all of a sudden that her husband came across a whole lot of money.

“That got the federal investigation started and so last week (in early August) the federal grand jury indictment was unsealed for the Smartmatic president and COO, the Smartmatic Vice President for Development and the brother-in-law of Smartmatic’s CEO, the largest shareholders were the four Venezuelan Americans indicted for criminal conspiracy and bribery under the [Foreign Corrupt Practices Act](#) to bribe the Philippine Elections Commission to buy their machines.

“The DOJ announcement purposely didn’t even mention Smartmatic. You had to know the personalities involved to put two and two together. The indictment only alleged that these executives of this unnamed company, were being accused of corruption and bribery. But of course, the character of the CEO or COO or the people running the company, shows the character of the company itself.

“This was an end-of-day news release by the DOJ about an unsealed indictment. It just mentioned the individuals and the Philippines. It didn’t mention Smartmatic at all, when the whole thing, of course, was all about Smartmatic. That was really curious, why would that not be in the announcement of the indictment? The text of the indictment itself was not released at that time. So, when I found that out and put two and two together and threw it up on X, and was first to market on putting that together, then all the news organizations had to follow suit and mention Smartmatic. CNN did and Miami-Herald because it was unsealed in Miami.

“What we know is the executives and one of the co-founders, of the company that designed the DNA of election software in different jurisdictions of our country, was just indicted by a

grand jury for international corruption and bribery. [The federal grand jury found sufficient cause to indict them on a range of corruption crimes.](#)

“The President and CEO entered ‘no plea’ when he appeared and turned himself in, claiming that he didn’t have legal counsel, when his colleagues’ legal counsel told them that **they’ve known about this investigation since 2019.**”

“So, something is very strange and especially an election company who prides itself on [transparency](#) and integrity, they have to be beyond reproach, and I don’t think Smartmatic meets that standard anymore.

“Right now, the only Smartmatic machines I’m aware that are being used are in Los Angeles County, California. However, a lot of the people investigating election fraud or potential election fraud, including some people who had been associated with Smartmatic the company, say that Smartmatic software has become woven into the DNA software of other big election voter machine companies. So, it’s not Smartmatic software per say, but these people, who have studied it really closely, say that it’s the same DNA.”

When Dr. Waller was asked by Frank Gaffney if our machines were similarly at risk of being manipulated, especially if hooked up with the internet, he answered, “It is possible and even plausible that if you’ve got the federal grand jury charging the leaders of the company with corruption...the fact is, we don’t know. But the fact is also that you have five-year investigations just come to fruition with federal felony charges involved. So, there is something there that shows there is an integrity deficit with this important company.”

Frank Gaffney then asked Mike if we should be using this kind of software with this legacy. Dr. Waller said, “We shouldn’t be using any electronic voting machines because even the computer experts themselves say that ‘nothing is not hackable

in this world,' so if foreign powers or corrupt domestic elements can hack our voting systems, then we shouldn't be having these voting systems. The whole way our voting system structure has been from town and city and state upward, it's not central downward, and if you have a central software that is being used or varieties of it being used to tabulate our votes, then that's going completely opposite the way our voting system should function. So, if you have paper ballots, you can't hack paper ballots. And the big advocates of these electronic voting systems are like the late Hugo Chavez in Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela, the Marxists running Brazil, and the Harris/Walz campaign."

Conclusion

It is apparent that voting machine software has been used to compromise elections throughout the world.

One has to wonder if this software gave us a false result of the US 2020 election. If so, what is to stop it from happening again?

I agree with Dr. Waller that paper ballots are the answer.

However, in the Texas Senate race of 1948, Lyndon Baines Johnson had his people change paper ballot votes from 7s to 9s in his favor and claimed victory over the beloved former Texas Governor, Coke Stevenson. Texas Ranger, Frank Hamer, proved the fraud and took it all the way to the Supreme Court. Democrat Justice Hugo Black never looked at the proof and gave the election to LBJ.

Swindlers will always find a way to cheat, but it's much less likely with paper ballots.

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