

PROTECT ELECTION INTEGRITY

The 2020 election saw widespread allegations of voting irregularities, mistakes, fraud, and constitutional violations. As a result, many Americans have lost faith in our democratic process. Here are 10 reforms state legislatures can enact to restore trust and prevent future elections from following the bad example of the 2020 election.

1. ENSURE VOTER ROLLS ARE UP TO DATE

Statewide voter rolls ought to be updated with the most recent information on voters so errors related to voting eligibility, address, name changes, etc., can be avoided.

2. REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO REGISTER TO VOTE

States should require voters to provide proof of citizenship to register to vote, as well as verify the citizenship status of voters already on the voter rolls.

3. ASK THAT VOTERS PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION TO VOTE

States should ask voters to show an ID to make sure that an individual is who they say they are and does not vote for another person.

4. LIMIT NO-EXCUSE MAIL-IN VOTING

Mail-in voting, or mail-in absentee ballots, should be reserved for those who truly want to vote but cannot make it to the polls on election day, such as individuals with disabilities or individuals who are out of state or country on election day.

5. BAN BALLOT HARVESTING BY THIRD PARTIES

States should prohibit political consultants, political parties, and other groups from collecting ballots, or pressuring vulnerable voters at home to vote a certain way. Maintaining the integrity of the chain of custody, and preventing voters from coercion will go a long way to improve trust in the mail-in voting process.

6. PROTECT ELECTION OBSERVERS' ACCESS TO THE ELECTION PROCESS

Transparency is key to giving voters trust that their votes are being counted properly. States should ensure political parties, candidates, and third-party organizations can have observers in every stage of the election process.

7. ASSIST VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

States should ensure that voters with disabilities that inhibit their ability to vote and that require assistance will get the help that they need. However, this process should be safeguarded by documentation from the person assisting a voter in a voting booth. This would provide a paper trail to make sure vulnerable voters can cast their vote in confidence.



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8. SAFEGUARD EARLY VOTING RESULTS

States should prohibit the tabulation of early in-person and mail-in voting before polls close on election day. This will limit early results from influencing potential bad actors. If states insist on tabulating early voting results, they should ensure that the results are not released until polls close on election day.

9. GRANT STATE LEGISLATURES LEGAL STANDING TO SUE STATE OFFICIALS TO PROTECT STATE ELECTION LAW

If state executive officers, county or precinct-level officers, or state courts insist on changing state election law, state legislatures should be empowered to challenge them in court.

10. PROHIBIT PRIVATE COMPANIES FROM FINANCING PUBLIC ELECTIONS

States should take seriously the inherent conflict of interest in private entities funneling cash into public elections. Private entities like Facebook, which funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to local election offices in 2020, have agendas. If they're paying for compensation to election officials or funding election operations, voters cannot be confident these private companies can separate their political goals from the integrity of the election process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tony Perkins: [Facebook CEO Uses Fortune to Zuckerpunch Voters](#)

Hans von Spakovsky: [9 Election Reforms States Can Implement to Prevent Mistakes and Voter Fraud](#)



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