

Subject: FW: Public Records Law Request (WI-REP-21-1620)
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:19:13 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Dylan Winters
To: AO Records
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From: "Redell, Carol" <Carol.Redell@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:18 PM
To: Dylan Winters <dylan.winters@americanoversight.org>
Cc: "Rep.Brandtjen" <Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov>, "Blazel, Ted" <Ted.Blazel@legis.wisconsin.gov>
Subject: RE: Public Records Law Request (WI-REP-21-1620)

EXTERNAL SENDER

Dylan Winters
American Oversight
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Dear Mr. Winters:

Open records requests are processed through the Assembly Chief Clerk's office for billing purposes only. You submitted an open records request to Representative Brandtjen. The records are being provided in electronic format and, thus, there is no charge for any location or reproduction costs. Accordingly, all records that are responsive to your request are attached to this email.

Carol Redell
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Duesterbeck, Melodie

Subject: Election Reform Taskforce Meeting
Location: Waukesha HQ

Start: Thu 7/22/2021 11:00 AM
End: Thu 7/22/2021 1:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: Brandtjen, Janel

Categories: Janel

516-395-3569 – A man left a vm confirming Janel's attendance.

Duesterbeck, Melodie

Subject: Salt Lake City

Start: Sat 7/24/2021 12:00 AM
End: Thu 7/29/2021 12:00 AM
Show Time As: Free

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: ce41c236-8928-4838-bfea-35e308682ca7

Categories: Janel

Pay for checked bags at check-in if you have any.
Get seat assignments at gate.
Grand America Hotel – Premier View 2 Queens
Check In = 3pm Check Out = 11am

Traveler details

JANEL BRANDTJEN (Adult)
BROOKE BRANDTJEN (Adult)

 [View all ticketing details](#)

Milwaukee (MKE) to Salt Lake City (SLC)

Delta 3500 7:44am • Milwaukee, WI, United States (MKE-General Mitchell Intl.) to Salt Lake City, UT, United States (SLC-Salt Lake City Intl.)

Airline confirmation: GD5ZM4 (Delta)

Economy / Coach (E)

Sat, Jul 24, 7:44am - 10:10am

3h 26m flight duration

Salt Lake City (SLC) to Milwaukee (MKE)

Delta 3853 5:25pm • Salt Lake City, UT, United States (SLC-Salt Lake City Intl.) to Milwaukee, WI, United States (MKE-General Mitchell Intl.)

Airline confirmation: GD5ZM4 (Delta)

Economy / Coach (E)

Wed, Jul 28, 5:25pm - 9:30pm

3h 5m flight duration

Hello all,

We are very much looking forward to seeing you in less than a week for the Honest Elections Project Academy in the beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah. Jason Snead has been at work organizing a fabulous program for both attendees and speakers, and you are certainly in for a great experience next week.

In preparation, I wanted to send you all the logistical details to keep in mind as we look forward to the event.

1. I have attached the agenda to this email. As you can see, it's a "working agenda," with note-taking sections embedded and lined sheets included at the end. We'll be giving you hard copies of this agenda at the registration table, and we encourage you to utilize these note-taking spaces, or paper of your own, to write down your thoughts, questions, and reflections throughout the event. There will be *a lot* of great information shared from some of the foremost election experts in the country, so we think you'll want to take notes!
2. All events will be held at **The Grand America Hotel**, located at **555 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111**. It is about a 10-minute drive from the airport (SLC).
3. The event will kick off on **Monday, July 26 at 2 PM** local time with an ice cream social, which will be held in the **Vienna Room on the 3rd floor** of the Grand America. After the opening social, we will move across the hall (also on the 3rd floor) to the **Audubon Room** for programming. If you are arriving later in the evening or the next day and would like to know the room for your first event, please send me a text or email and I'd be happy to provide it for you.
4. We will have a registration table set up right outside the Vienna Room as the ice cream social kicks off. There, you will be able to collect a **folder** containing the attached **agenda**, a **name badge** and **tent card**, and **zip drive** containing a resources document and a one-pager on your state's election policies. If you arrive later in the evening or the next day, you will be able to pick up this folder with one of us when you arrive.
5. Please save our contact information so you can get in touch with us day-of:
 - a. For logistical questions, please call or text me, Michael Bowman, or Graham Chatoor:
 - i. Sarah Wall: (757) 407-4255; email swall@alec.org
 - ii. Michael Bowman: (202) 557-8483
 - iii. Graham Chatoor: (929) 777-1039
 - b. For programmatic questions, please call, text, or email Jason Snead, Executive Director of Honest Elections Project:
 - i. Jason Snead: (937) 708-6350; email jsnead@honestelections.org

Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us anytime. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Thanks,
Sarah Wall
Manager, Coalitions and Outreach
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Arlington, VA 22202



Dear Representative Brandtjen,

Because of your strategic leadership on election integrity legislation in Wisconsin, we are pleased to invite you to an exclusive, invitation-only Academy with the Honest Elections Project. Here's what you can expect for this 2-day educational and enjoyable event. (Please register for your attendance at [this Eventbrite link](#).)

Who?

Academy attendees include 13 legislators from across the country, representing battleground states like yours where election integrity is of the utmost importance. We are also inviting 3 Secretaries of State to discuss the implementation of new election legislation. Speakers include national public officials, seasoned election attorneys, professional

messaging experts, grassroots specialists, and others who are dedicated to expanding election integrity across the country.

What?

Throughout the Academy, we'll have roundtable discussions and what states have done to improve election integrity in recent years, and ideas for what more they can do. We'll also have panel discussions featuring legislators and Secretaries of State on both state and federal election-related policies, as well as expert-led talks on polling, litigation, and federal overreach.

When?

The program will begin at **2 PM Mountain time on Monday, July 26**, and conclude on **Wednesday, July 28 at 11:30 MT**.

Where?

The Academy will take place at the **Grand America Hotel** in Salt Lake City, Utah.

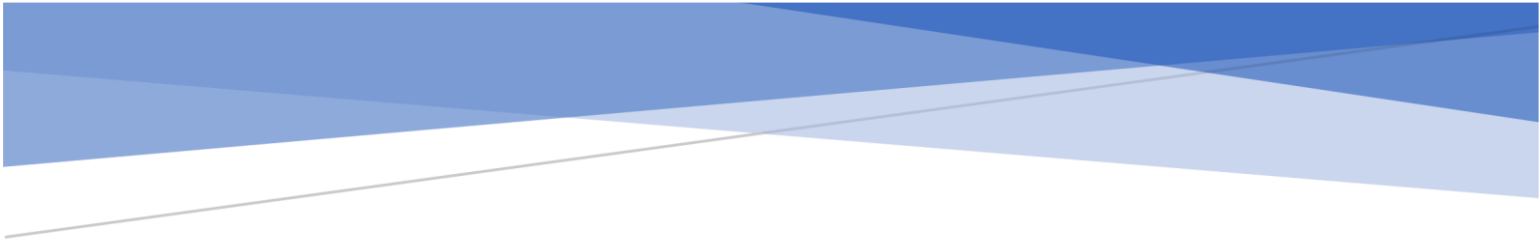
- We'll provide a **\$450 reimbursement**, with receipts, for **travel to and from Salt Lake City**.
- We'll provide **2 nights of hotel accommodations** (likely Monday night / Tuesday night) for all Academy attendees. Please book all hotel nights (academy and Annual Meeting if applicable) [through this link](#).
- We'll provide **all 5 meals** while you're at the Academy, plus a welcome cocktail reception on Monday evening, many of which will feature keynote speakers.

Thanks,

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HONEST ELECTIONS PROJECT ACADEMY

July 26 - 28, 2021

Jason Snead
Executive Director
Honest Elections Project

Speaker Bios
(listed in alphabetical order)

Secretary of State Michael Adams: Michael Adams is the 86th and current Kentucky Secretary of State, elected in 2019. Adams served as Deputy General Counsel to Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher, before moving to Washington to accept an appointment as Counsel to the U.S. Deputy Attorney General in the second Bush Administration. In 2007, Adams began full-time private practice in election law, first as General Counsel to the Republican Governors Association, and later opening a national practice in the field. He represented Vice President Mike Pence and other national political figures. Adams successfully pushed his signature legislative issue, Kentucky's first Photo ID to Vote law, through the state legislature only three months into his term. Having received national recognition for running smooth primary and general elections last year amid the pandemic, Adams this year presented and passed the most ambitious election reform legislation in Kentucky since 1891. Adams holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Jessica Anderson: Jessica Anderson is the Executive Director of Heritage Action, the 501(c)(4) sister organization of the Heritage Foundation. In this role, Ms. Anderson is responsible for the advocacy and government relations operations of Heritage Action, which serves to advance the conservative and limited government policies formulated at Heritage. Prior to assuming this role, Ms. Anderson served as Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Strategic Initiatives for the Office of Management and Budget in President Trump's Administration.

Brian Barnes: Brian Barnes is a partner at Cooper & Kirk PLLC. He has litigated cases at all levels of state trial and appellate courts, as well as all levels of the federal court system: he was the principal author of the briefs for the petitioners in *Collins v. Mnuchin*, a case challenging the nationalization of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which is pending in the United States Supreme Court. Previously, Mr. Barnes cleared for Justice Samuel Alito during the Supreme Court's 2012 Term. He received his Bachelor's degree from Yale College and his JD from Yale Law School, where he was also an Articles Editor for the Yale Law Journal and a member of the Yale Supreme Court Clinic.

The Hon. Ken Blackwell: Ken Blackwell is the former Ohio Secretary of State, where he served from 1999 to 2007. Previously, he served as the Ohio State Treasurer as well as the Mayor of Cincinnati. Mr. Blackwell was the Republican nominee for Ohio governor in 2006. He is currently a Senior Fellow for Family Empowerment with the Family Research Council, a group dedicated to enacting family values-based legislation in Congress. In his time as Secretary of State, Mr. Blackwell was named an honorary co-chair of the George W. Bush campaign. He holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master's of Education from Xavier University.

The Hon. Ken Cuccinelli: Ken Cuccinelli is the chairman of the Election Transparency Initiative, an organization dedicated to preserving election integrity in both state legislatures and within the federal government. Prior to serving as chairman, Mr. Cuccinelli served in the Virginia Senate from 2002-2010 and served as the 46th Attorney General of Virginia from 2010-2014. In the federal government, Mr. Cuccinelli was appointed by President Trump in 2019 as the Acting Director of United States Immigration and Citizenship Services, and he proceeded to serve as the acting Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. When President Trump created the Coronavirus Task Force as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Cuccinelli was appointed as an original member. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia as well as a Master's and Juris Doctor from George Mason University.

The Hon. Lee Goodman: Lee Goodman is the former Chairman and Commissioner of the Federal Election Commission (FEC), nominated by President Obama in 2013 and confirmed by unanimous consent. While serving on the FEC, he successfully led initiatives to conform the agency's rules and regulations to the Citizens United and McCutcheon Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Goodman previously served as legal counsel and policy advisor to the Governor of Virginia and the Attorney General of Virginia, and he was named a "Top Campaign & Elections Lawyer" by *Washingtonian* magazine, and his writings have appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *the Richmond-Times Dispatch*, and *Politico*. Mr. Goodman is now a partner at Wiley & Rein. He received his Bachelor's with highest distinction from the University of

Virginia, and he received is JD from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as Articles Editor for the U.Va. Journal of Law & Politics.

Tyler Green: Tyler Green is a partner at Consovoy McCarthy, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based law firm which assists clients with litigating constitutional, statutory, and regulatory issues in courts throughout the country. Mr. Green served as the Solicitor General of the state of Utah for five years, where he oversaw all civil and criminal appellate matters in which the state of Utah was a party. He has successfully argued cases before the Utah Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Before his role as Solicitor General, Mr. Green was Deputy Chief Counsel for Litigation at the U.S Chamber Litigation Center. He has also served as a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas as well as judges on the Tenth Circuit and the U.S District Court for the District of Utah. He currently serves on the Utah Supreme Court's advisory committee for the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure. Green holds a Bachelor's and a JD from the University of Utah.

Secretary of State Tre Hargett: Tre Hargett is the 37th and current Tennessee Secretary of State. He was first elected to serve by the Tennessee General Assembly in 2009, and he has been re-elected every four years since. Under Secretary Hargett's leadership, the department has significantly modernized its technological capability and redesigned its website to offer a breadth of information to Tennessean citizens. Previously, he served in the Tennessee House of Representatives for a decade, and he was elected Republican Leader twice by his colleagues. Secretary Hargett earned a BBA in Accounting with honors from Memphis State University, as well as an MBA from the University of Memphis.

The Hon. Cleta Mitchell: Cleta Mitchell chairs the National Election Protection Initiative. As one of the foremost election attorneys in the country, she has litigated for years on issues as wide-ranging as campaign finance, redistricting, election integrity, and much more, even arguing before the United Supreme Court in *U.S. Term Limits Inc. v. Thornton*. Ms. Mitchell is also former member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and she was a candidate for Oklahoma's Lieutenant Governor in 1986. Ms. Mitchell also serves on the Board of Directors for a number of organizations, including the Bradley Foundation, the National Rifle Association, and the American Conservative Union Foundation. Recently, she has been a leading voice in training young conservatives to win elections and educating millions on the importance of voter integrity laws across the country. She holds a Bachelor's degree as well as a JD from the University of Oklahoma.

Commissioner Don Palmer: Donald Palmer has served on the U.S Election Assistance Commission since his appointment by President Trump and subsequent confirmation by unanimous consent in 2019. Previously, he was a fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center, where he advanced the recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration to resolve the voting technology crisis, find ways to reduce lines of voters, and improve the voting experience. From 2011-2015, Palmer served as Virginia's Chief Election Official, during which time he implemented an online voter registration system and founded a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing the accuracy of America's voter rolls and access to voter registration. Prior to all of this, he served in the U.S military for 20 years as an intelligence officer and judge advocate general. He holds a Master's degree from George Mason University and a JD from Stetson University.

Jason Snead: Jason Snead is the Executive Director of the Honest Elections Project, a nonprofit nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring that every lawful voter can participate in free and fair elections. Previously, he worked as a senior analyst at the Heritage Foundation, where he managed the development of the Heritage Election Fraud Database, a tool that aggregates instances of voter fraud from across the country. Jason holds a Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green University and a Master's in Public Policy from George Mason University.

Hans von Spakovsky: Hans von Spakovsky is the Senior Legal Fellow in the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, as well as the current manager of the Election Law Reform Initiative at the Heritage Foundation. He extensively studies issues in election law, such as voter ID, voter fraud, enforcement of federal legislation, and voting equipment standards. In 2017, then-President Donald Trump appointed Mr. von Spakovsky to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity. He also has a great deal of experience working in governmental positions related to election administration, having served as a member of the Federal Elections Commission (FEC), counsel within the Department of

Justice, and the Board of Elections in both Fulton County, GA, and Fairfax County, VA. Mr. von Spakovsky holds a Bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a JD from Vanderbilt University.

Michael Thielen: Michael Thielen has served as the Executive Director of the Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) since 2000, through which he presents regularly on election administration and judicial confirmation. Since 2001, Mr. Thielen has been a preeminent voice exposing the actions of members of Congress who obstruct the confirmation of qualified appellate judges based solely on the president who appointed them. Previously, Mr. Thielen worked for the Republican National Committee (RNC) from 1994 to 1996, before transitioning to work directly for Congressional, Attorney General, and House of Delegates candidates in Virginia. He obtained his Bachelor's from the University of California Los Angeles and his JD from Pepperdine School of Law.

Jason Torchinsky: Jason Torchinsky is a partner at Holtzman Vogel Josefiak Torchinsky PLLC, where he specializes in campaign finance law, election law, lobbying disclosure, and issue advocacy groups. He has been named by Politico as one of "50 Politicos to Watch" and by Campaigns and Elections Magazine as a "Rising Star of Politics." As an attorney, he has represented clients in numerous litigation matters in Louisiana and Maryland involving redistricting maps, as well as representing clients in litigation matters before the Nevada Supreme Court. In various Virginia Circuit Courts, he has represented Virginia candidates in recounts and voter registration challenges. Mr. Torchinsky served as Deputy General Counsel on the Bush campaign in 2004, as well as Deputy General Counsel to the 2005 Presidential Inaugural Committee. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the College of William & Mary and a JD from the William & Mary School of Law.

Scott Walter: Scott Walter serves as the president of the Capital Research Center, an investigative think tank dedicated to gaining insight into how foundations, charities, and other nonprofits spend money in politics and political advocacy. Previously, he served as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy in the George W. Bush administration. He was also Vice President of Publications and Research at the Philanthropy Roundtable, where he edited the Philanthropy Magazine and produced donor guidebooks on public policy research, school choice, and assistance to the poor. Mr. Walter previously served as a Senior Fellow at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and as senior editor of the American Enterprise Institute's flagship publication. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.

Secretary of State Mac Warner: Secretary Andrew "Mac" Warner is the 30th and current West Virginia Secretary of State, having been elected to the position in November of 2016 when he unseated the office's 8-year incumbent. Prior to his election, Secretary Warner served in the U.S Army JAG Corps before retiring and becoming a United States Department of State contractor. Since taking office, Secretary Warner has worked hard to educate voters and Congress on the dangers of the For the People Act (Congress' HR 1 / S 1), a federal bill that constitutes a federal takeover of election procedures. He holds a Bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy, a JD from West Virginia University and an LLM from the University of Virginia.

Honest Elections Project Academy
Run of Show

Monday, July 26

2 PM – 5 PM **Registration Opens**

2:30 – 3 PM **Ice Cream Social**

3 – 3:30 PM **Opening Session**

Welcome from Lisa B. Nelson / ALEC

Welcome and opening remarks by Honest Elections Project

3:30 PM – 5 PM **Opening Roundtable Discussion**

Topic: What has your state done to improve election integrity in your state since the 2020 election?

Moderated by HEP

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

5 PM – 6 PM **Break**

6 PM – 7 PM **Election Reception**

7 PM – 8:30 PM **Dinner with keynote speaker**

Attorney General of Indiana Todd Rokita

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

Tuesday, July 27

8:15 AM – 9 AM **Breakfast**

Legislation and Policy Section Priorities

Jason Snead / Honest Elections Project lays out priorities for election integrity across the states, as well as polling results.

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

9 AM – 9:15 AM **Break** (reset for panel discussion with Secretaries of State)

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM **Panel Discussion with Secretaries of State**
Tennessee’s Tre Hargett, Kentucky’s Michael Adams, West Virginia’s Mac Warner;
Discussing what policies the states need to employ to make it easier to vote and
harder to cheat; Q&A

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM **The Left’s attack** on our election system (state-level attacks on election integrity
legislation; HR 1) – ft. Hans von Spakovsky and Ken Cuccinelli

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM **Legislative Authority** over election processes (how it was undermined and how to shore it up) – ft. Jason Snead, Jason Torchinsky, Lee Goodman

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM **Securing absentee ballots** – ft. Jessica Anderson and Ken Blackwell

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

12 PM – 1 PM **Mapping the Left Lunch** - keynote speaker Scott Walter, Capital Research Center

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

1 PM – 2 PM Panel of legislators (3-4) **discussing election challenges** they've faced in their own states; intended to be wrap-up of morning/lunch discussion
Moderator: Ken Blackwell

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

2:15 PM – 4:30 PM **Litigation Cornerstone**

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM Panel #1 **Facing in litigation challenges**, e.g., anticipating challenges to the Voting Rights Act in Arizona, Marc Elias, redistricting fight, and more.

Panelists: Jason Torchinsky, Michael Thielen, Brian Barnes

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

3:15 PM – 3:30 PM **Break**

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Panel #2 **Operationalizing litigation challenges** – how can/do legislators and attorneys engage these challenges? E.g., budget, tactics for intervening in lawsuits; ways to challenge the scope of litigation attacks on new election integrity legislation (defense) as well as advance the ball on election integrity (offense). *Panelists: Tyler Green, Lee Goodman*

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM Q&A; closing remarks

6 PM – 8:00 PM Evening: Group dinner out
The Blue Iguana
165 S West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Meet at ALEC registration desk at 5:30 PM for charter transportation

8 PM – 9:30 PM Election Transparency Initiatives Dessert Reception: Open House

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM Breakfast Panel – ft. EAC Commissioner Don Palmer and Cleta Mitchell
Election Day Integrity (things to consider with implementation of laws) – election observer
protections, getting people registered to vote, organizing senior citizens to be poll workers.

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM Roundtable discussion, Resources & Roadblocks – What do you need from us? Resources legislators and Secretaries of State need to make reform happen, what roadblocks are in the way and how to overcome them -- Contacts in RNC, RSLC, HEP, etc.

Notes & 1 Key Takeaway:

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Jason / HEP offers concluding remarks and takeaways

WORKSHEET

Of all my takeaways throughout the Academy, these three (3) issues or policy areas resonated with me most:

1.

2.

3. _____

Of these three, I commit to working on implementing this one (1) in my state:

1. _____

What considerations might I need to take into account (for instance, political dynamics, the position of my Secretary of State, the make-up of the legislature) in order to implement this policy in my own state?

End Notes & Takeaways:

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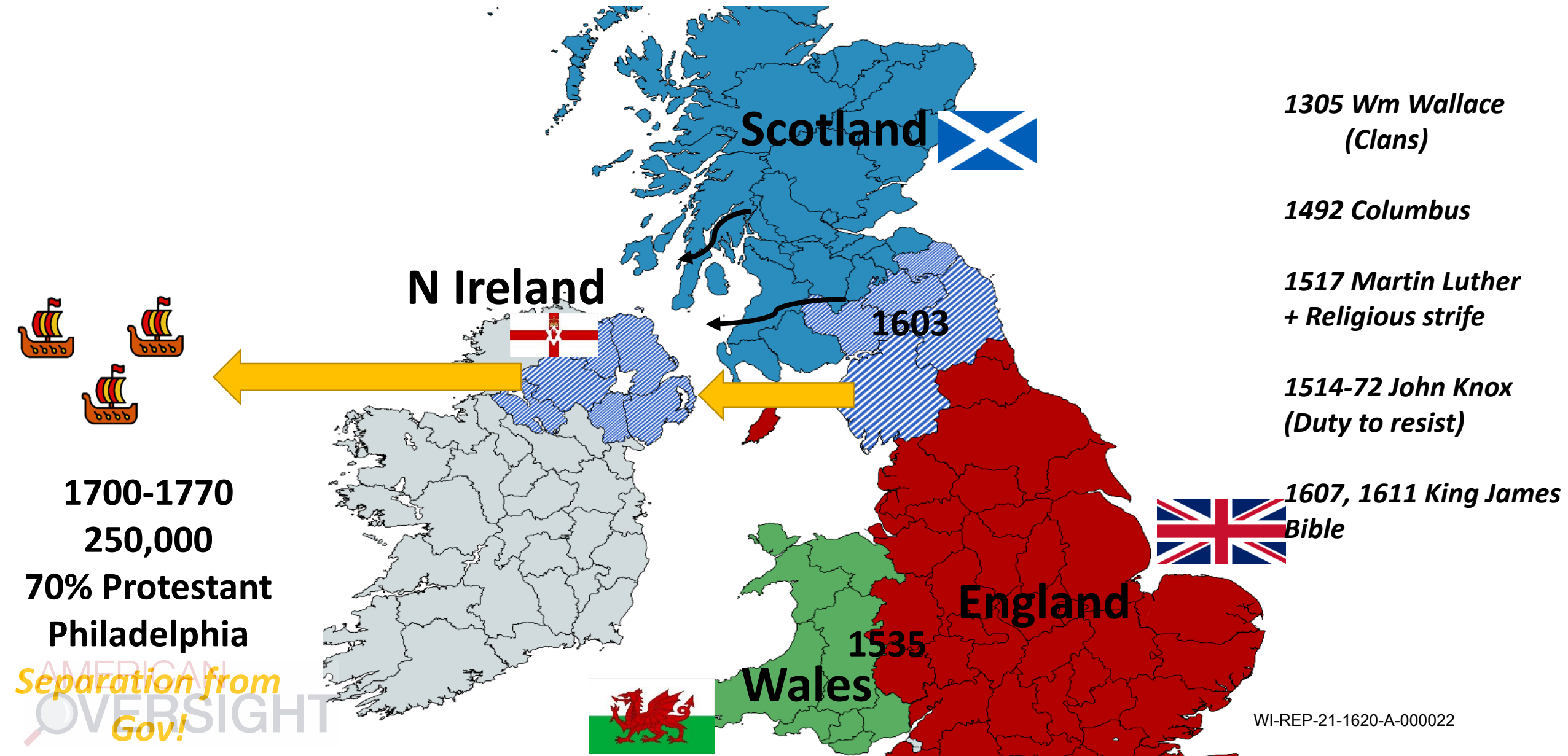
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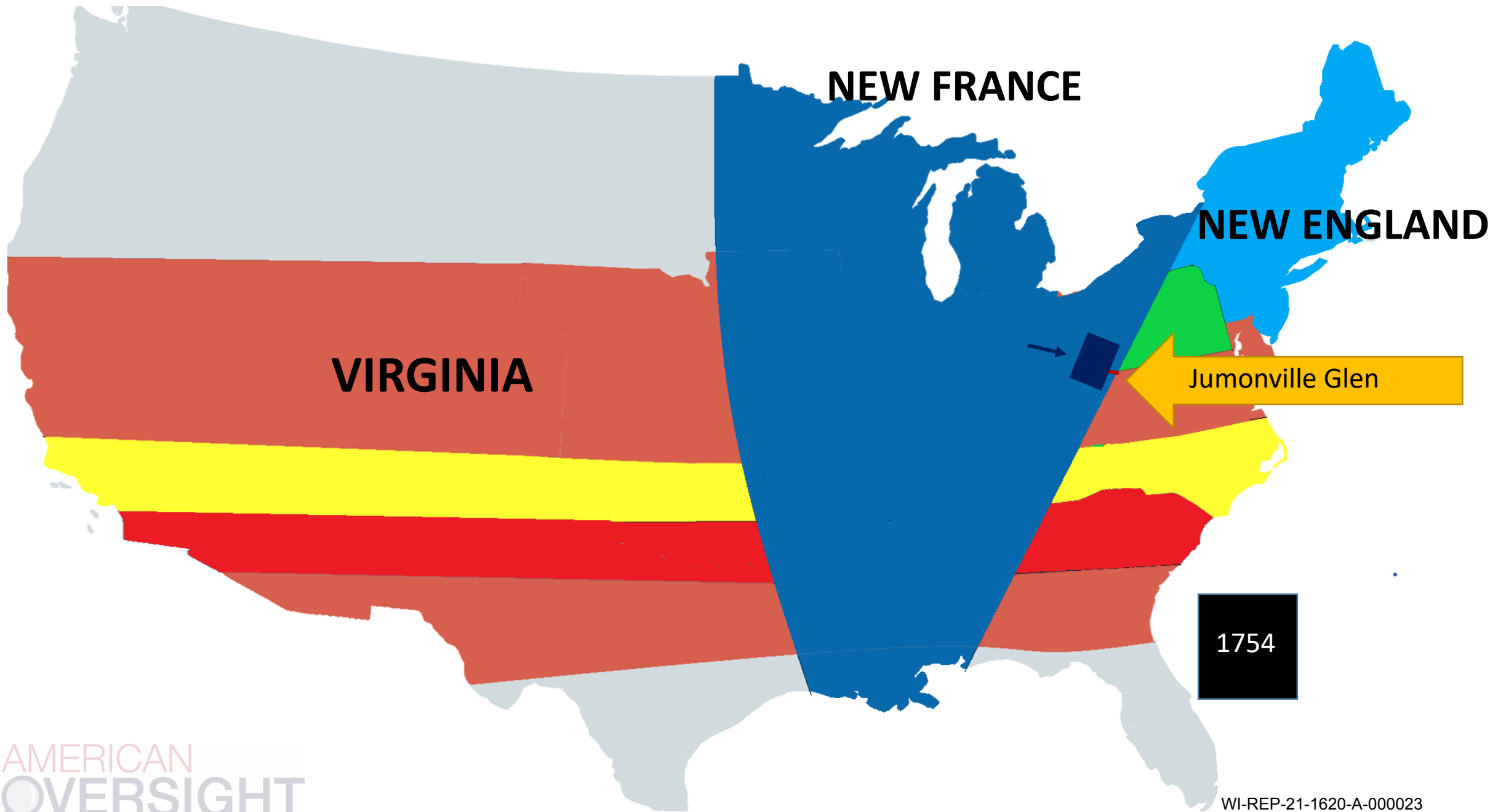
You are a leaf

**That doesn't know
it's part of a tree.**

Michael Crichton

King James, the Scotch-Irish, & United Kingdom



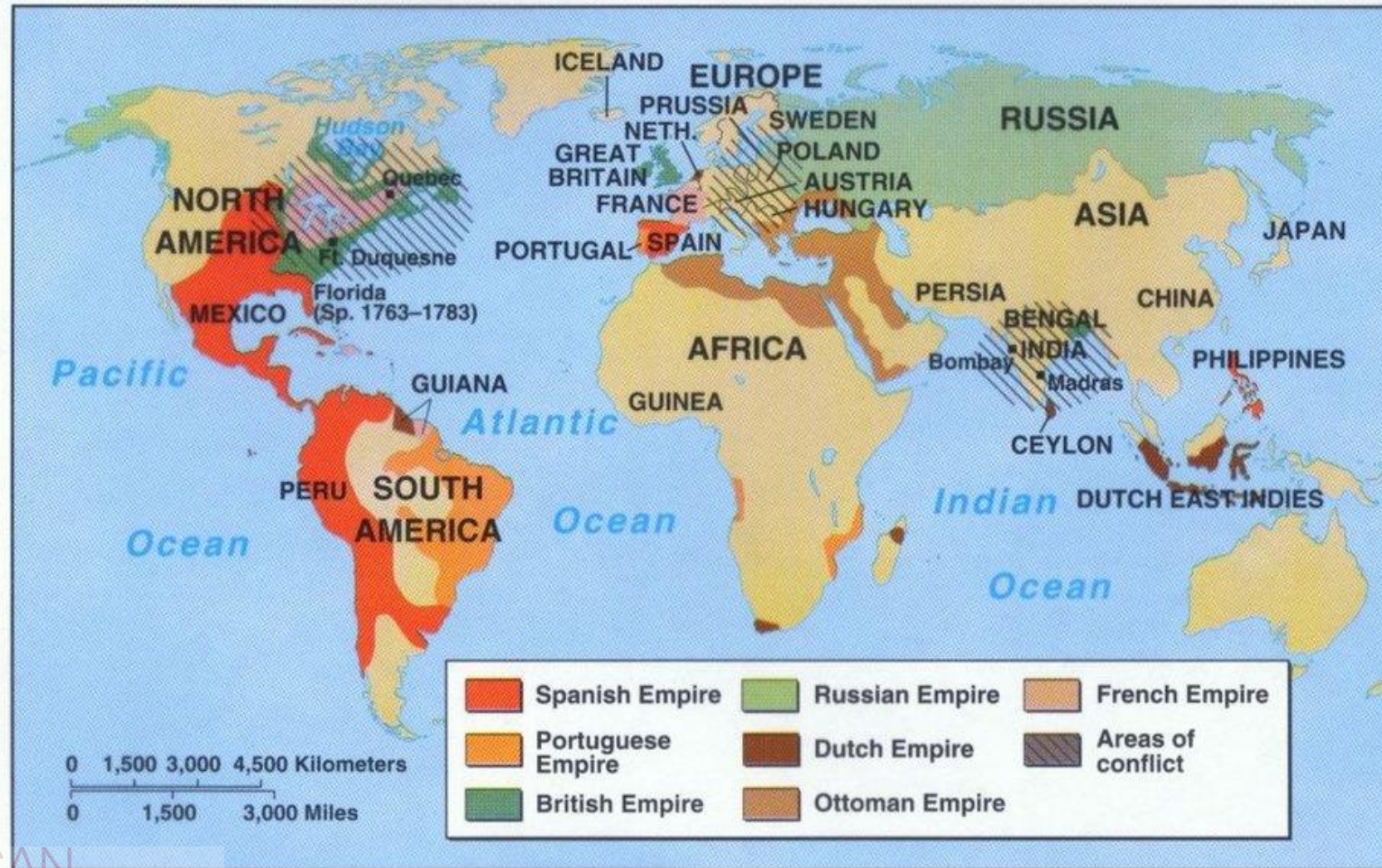


1754



21 yr old GW

1756



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France loses – goes bankrupt

England Wins – goes bankrupt

***England doesn't want another war –
“Settlers, stay east of Appalachians”***

1764 Sugar Act

1765 Stamp Act; Quartering Act

1767 Townshend Act – taxes on goods

1773 Boston Tea Party; Proclamation Act – not past Appalachian Divide

1774 Coercive Acts to punish/repay losses; appoint vs elect; immunity for British officials

Battle of Point Pleasant: *British were supplying rifles/supplies to Indians !*

Return control back to French between Ohio River & Mississippi River

1775 British move to confiscate American weapons at Concord

Lexington “Shot heard around the world”

1776 Declaration of Independence – “Endowed by Creator”

Revolution – 1775-1783

Declaration – for trade / legitimacy / allies

Gave reasons & vision; “*We hold these truths...*”

*...with a firm reliance on the protection of **divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes & our sacred Honor.*

The nited **States** of America...

1st Constitution – 1777 Articles of Confederation

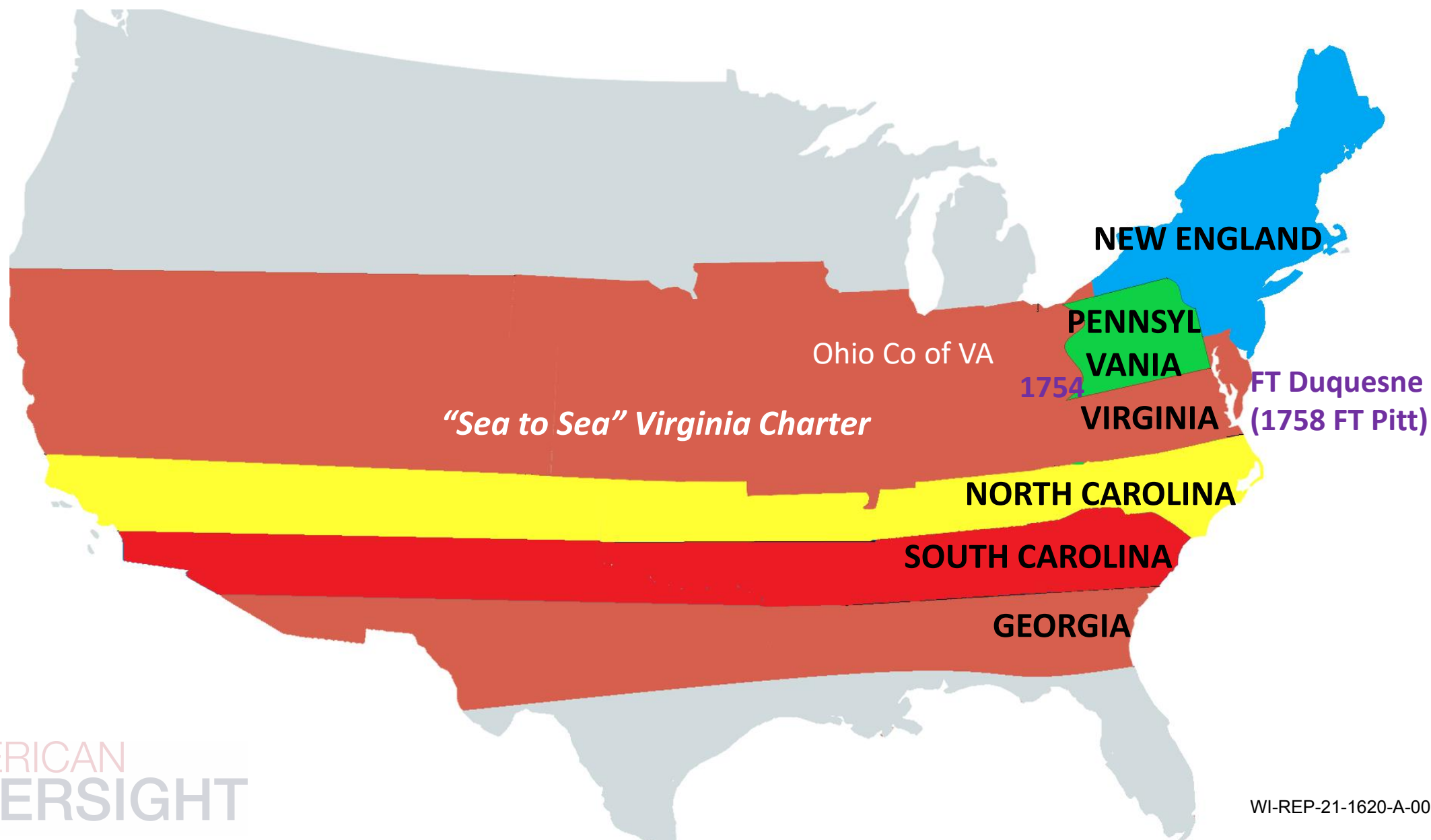
“League of Friendship” - *Proposed by Richard Henry Lee*

“The united states, in congress assembled...”

2nd Constitution – 1787 a Fed Gov’t, a President

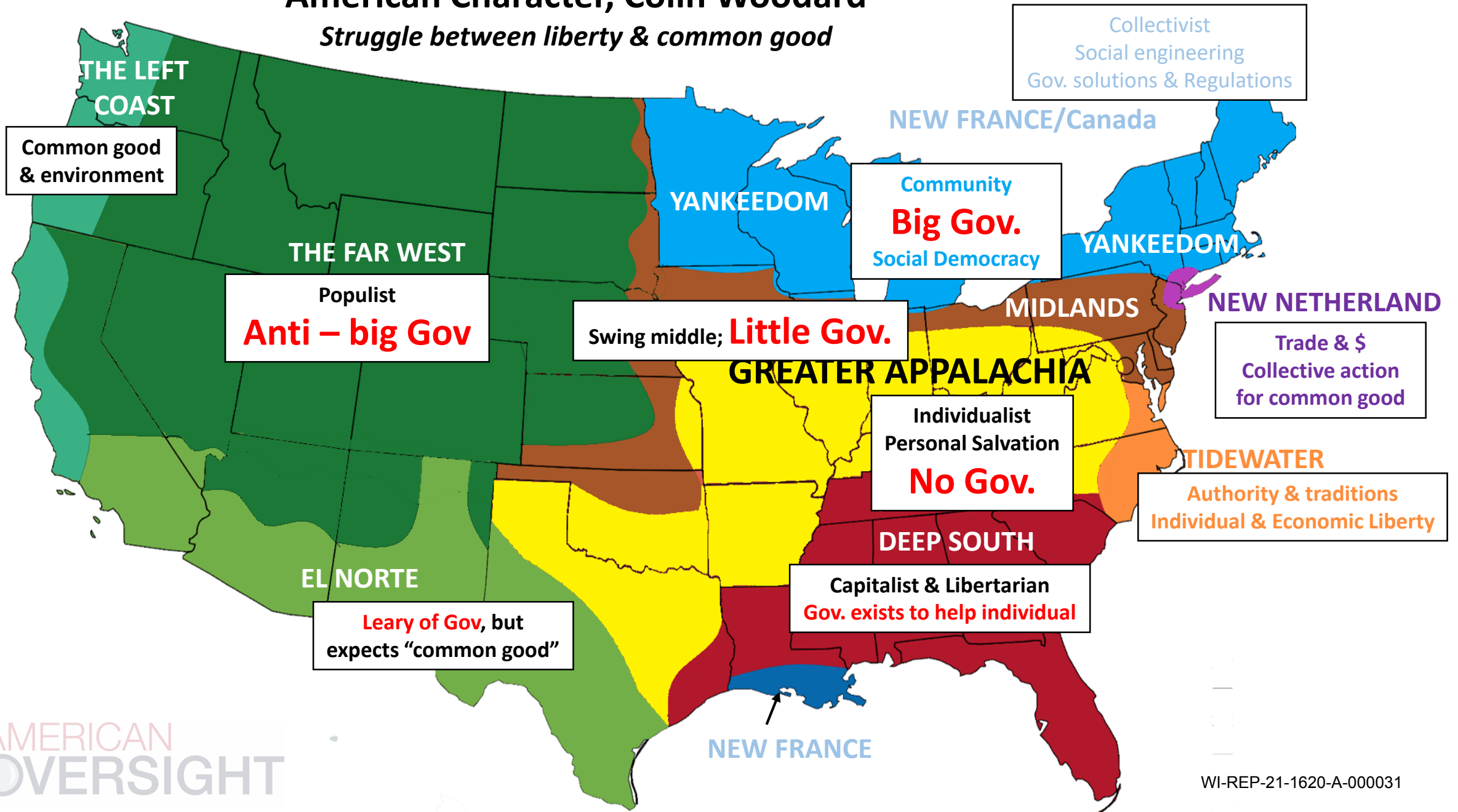
“We the people of the United States...”

GEN Henry Knox: *Army – “A hoop to the barrel”*



American Character, Colin Woodard

Struggle between liberty & common good





Elections Access vs. Security

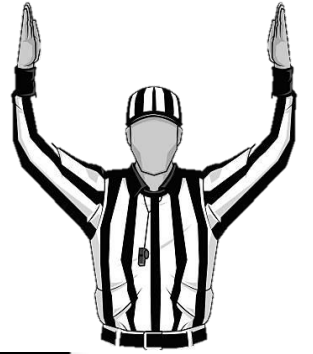
West Virginia Secretary of State

Expansion of Voting Access in US

- **1789 6% - Property Owners/Taxpayers**
- **1828 Most Men**
- **1845 – Single “Election Day” (to prevent early voting cheating)**
- **1864 Absentee** **1900s – expanded to civilians w/ “state-approved excuse”**
- **1868-70 Naturalized Citizens & Universal Male Suffrage (14th & 15th A)**
 - **Reconstruction: “Grandfather” – if grandfather could vote, so can you**
- **1884 Secret Ballot vs Open Voting**
 - **1890 – 1908 Jim Crow: Poll Taxes, Literacy Tests, Length of Residency, At-Large Voting**
- **1915 Grandfather Clauses Start Getting Struck Down (NAACP cases)**
- **1920 Women (19th A)**
- **1924 Native Americans / 1943 Chinese Immigrants / 1961 DC Residents (23rd A)**
- **1964-6 Voting Rights Act; Poll Taxes, etc. eliminated**
- **1971 18-20 Year Olds (26th A; 11 million)** **1980 CA “no-excuse absentee voting”**
- **1986 UOCAVA**
- **1992 > in Early Voting**
- **1998 Vote by Mail (OR)** **2001 OR - election “consummated” on election day**
- **2018 E-voting (WV)**
- **2020 COVID 19 – HR 1 / S. 1 Reforms?**

Penn State's Football Field

According to Alabama



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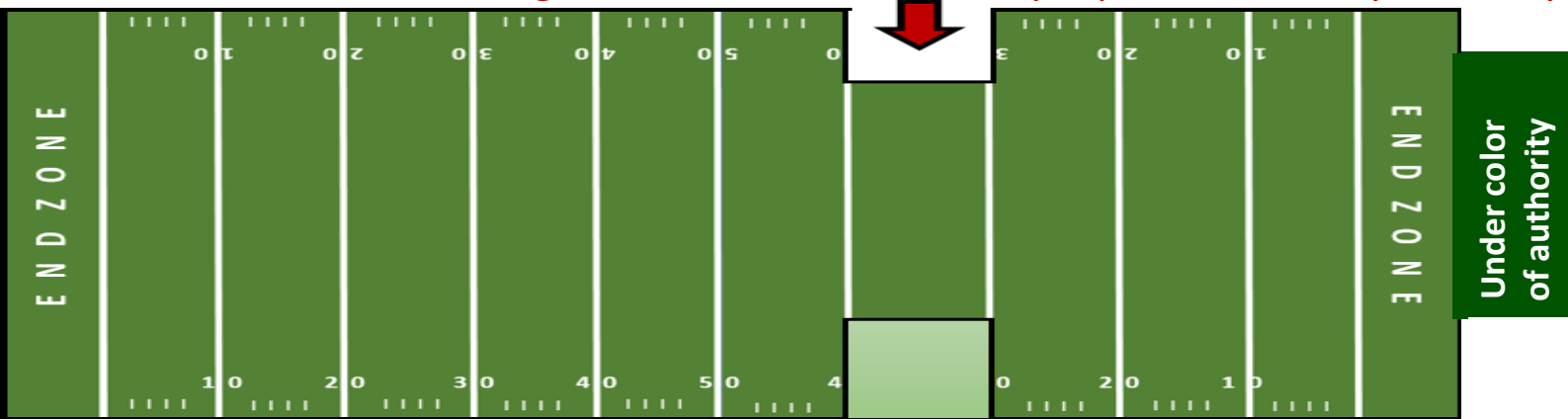
"Game was stolen!"

Not all votes - Count All Legal Votes!

"We got cheated!"

Legal, but didn't get counted?

- Machine errors
- "You've already voted, vote provisional"
- Official claims signature did not match
- Ballot harvested & thrown away
- Ballot was lost / delayed in mail / arrived late
- Folded ballots cause tabulation error
- Ignore rules & don't count proper votes -Harpers Ferry



Got counted, but legal?

Irregularities

- "2nd look Commission"
 - *Validity adjudicated outside law*
- Ballots cured after the fact
- Absentee applications sent w/o request
- Extending polling hours
- Drop boxes w/o Legis approval
- Election date moved

Improprieties

- Mail ballots to everyone
- "Assume valid" – w/o signature/address
- Mail-ins submitted w/o envelopes
- Arrive late (3-days after election)
- Accepting w/o ID (when ID required)
- Harvesting more than allowed
- Accepting voters in wrong precinct

Akin to:

Player was paid

Teacher changes grades

Booster "job"

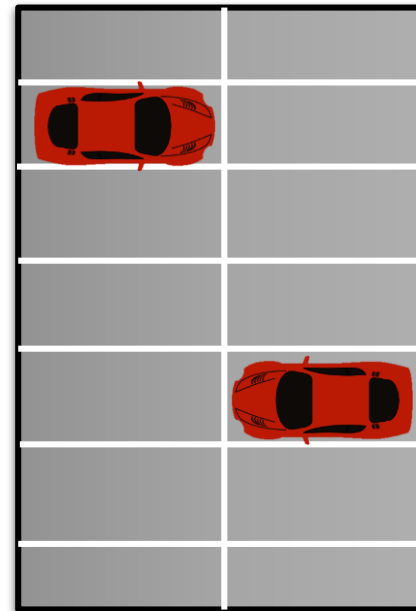
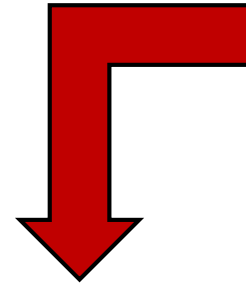
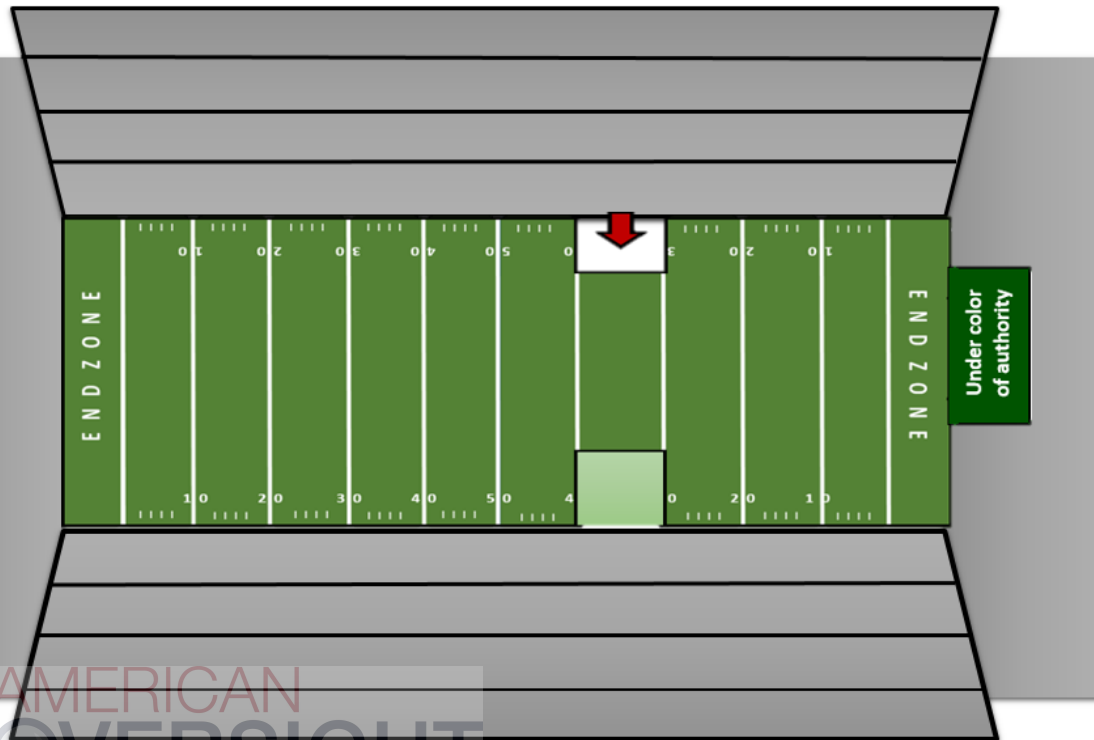
Lori Laughlin

Valid, but delivery outside law

- Vote was paid for
- Delivered to unsecure / improper drop box
- Harvested in excess of state law
- Collected by unauthorized person
- Delivered by person paid in excess of permissible amount

Questionable ballots/process

- Counting “stopped”
- Suitcases of ballots delivered or appear, then counting resumes
- Only one race is marked on multiple ballots
- Ovals are perfectly filled in
- Counted when legal observers not permitted to witness
- Backdating machines prior to audit



Fraudulent

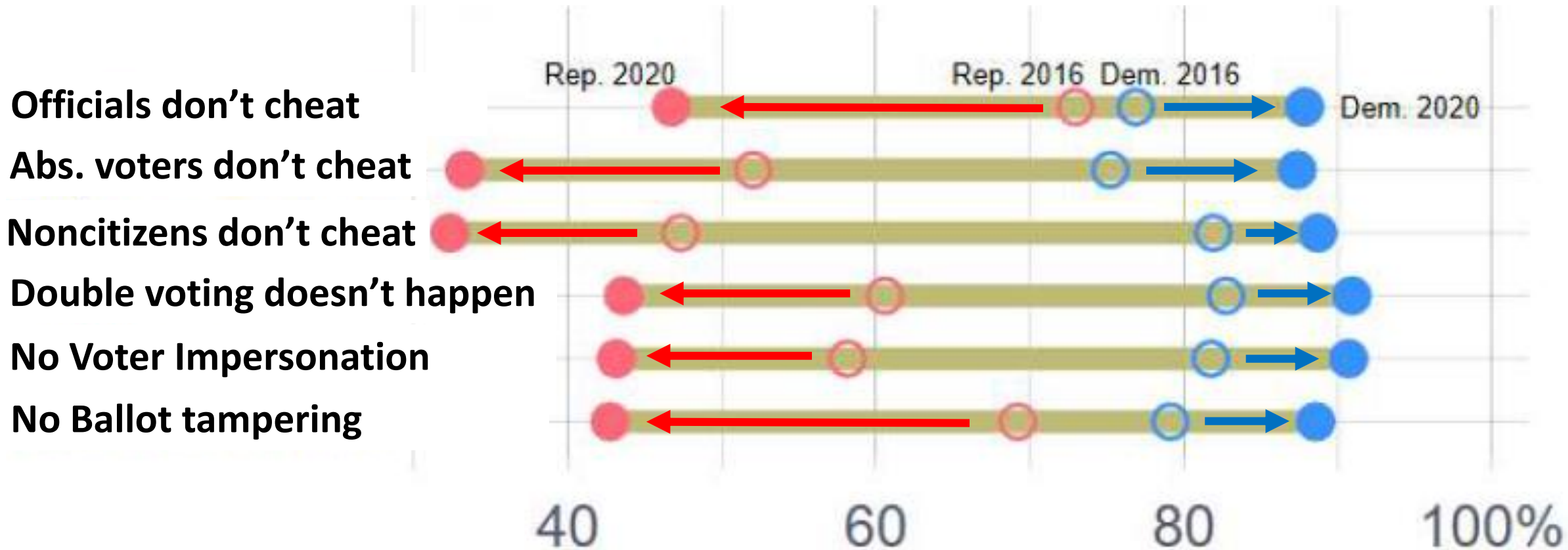
- Double voting
- Voting for someone else
- Depositing preprinted ballots
- Coercing a vote
- Requesting abs. applications w/o cause
- Counting same ballots twice
- Bought votes (\$, liquor, food, job, etc.)
- Apportioned by algorithm (1.3 vs .7)
- On slate checked by operatives
- Completed ballot given to voter to cast
- Not counting legitimate votes
- Cyber attack (+/- or flip votes)

Counting votes from:

- Felons
- Non-citizens
- Underage citizens
- Not registered
- Deceased
- Out-of-state
- Vacationers
- 2nd home residents
- Bussed-in
- Commuting business owners
- Wrong precinct

Fraud by Party

← *The polarization of America* →



*8 in 10 have **Lost Respect** for the other side*

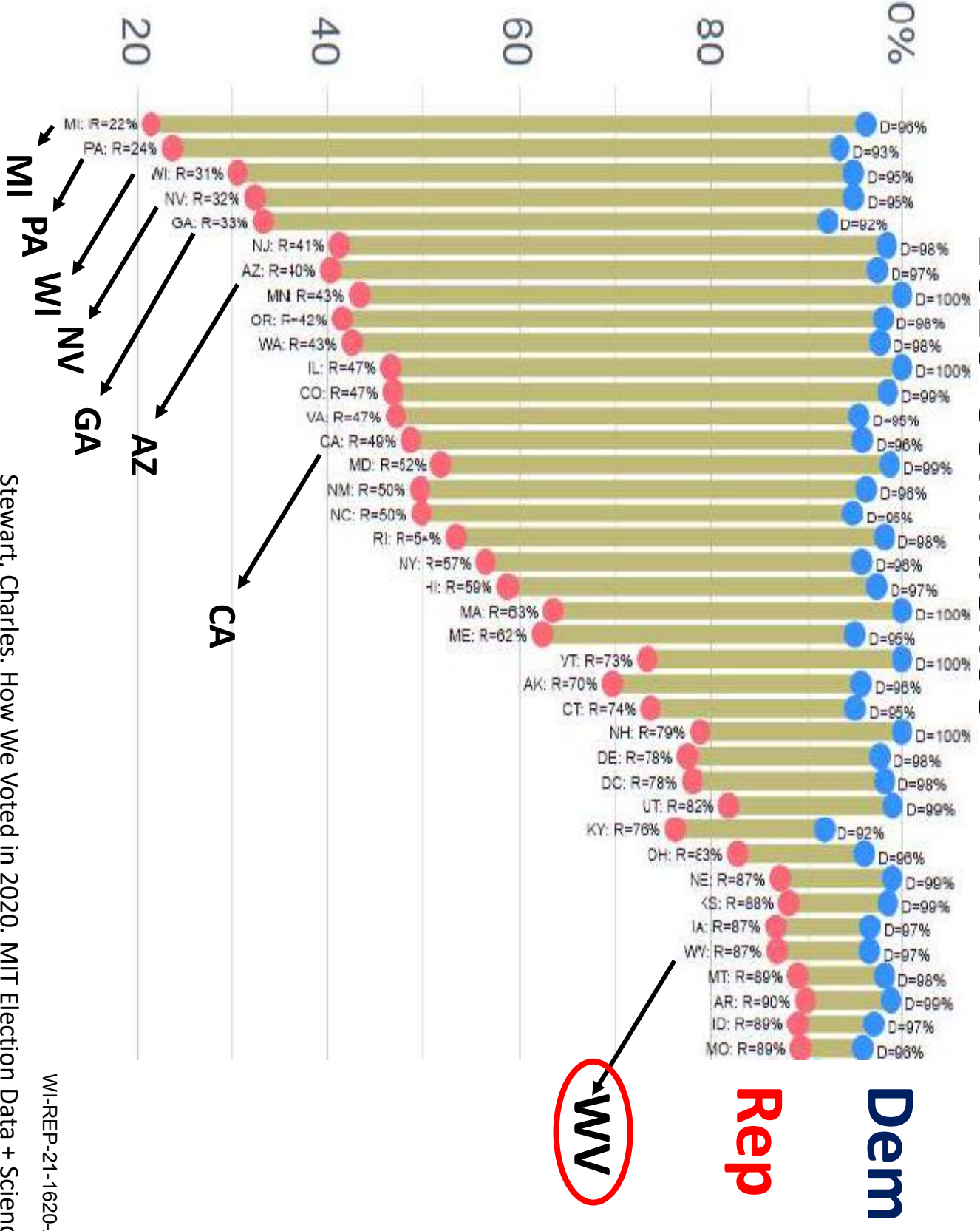
“I have less respect for people from the other party than I did 4 years ago”

 **Democrats**
77%

Republicans 
81 %

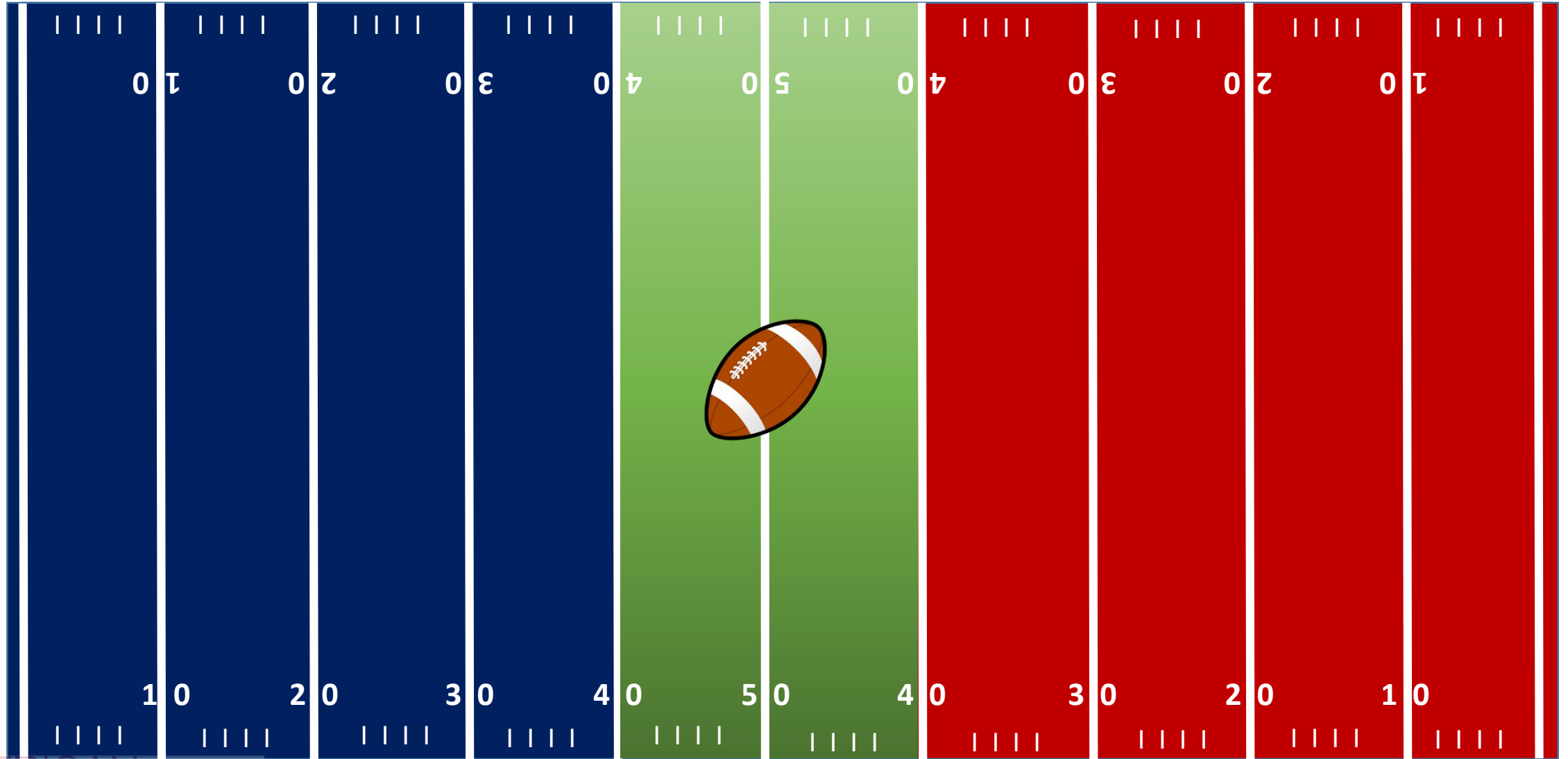
Seven Letter Insight: 2020 Voter Priorities
National Survey – November 10, 2020
1,500 likely general election voters
Margin of error is +/- 2.5%

2020 Confidence



Where We Need to Be!

Between the 40's



Honest Elections Project Academy



Academy Attendee

The Grand America Hotel, 555 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 2:00 PM - Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:30 AM (MDT)

Free Order

Order Information

Order #1773799705. Ordered by Janel Brandtjen on June 28, 2021 11:50 AM

Name

Janel Brandtjen



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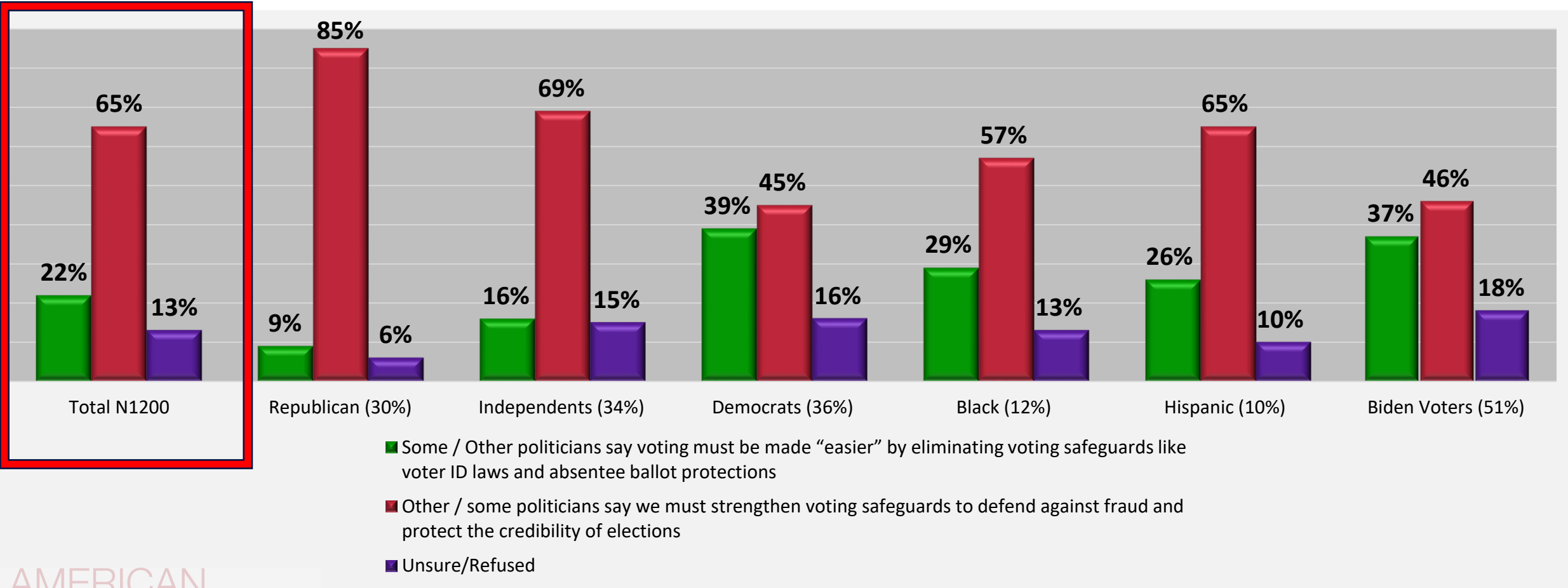


N1200 Respondents
N1200 Republican and Independent Oversamples
July 8 – 17, 2021
Margin of Error $\pm 2.83\%$

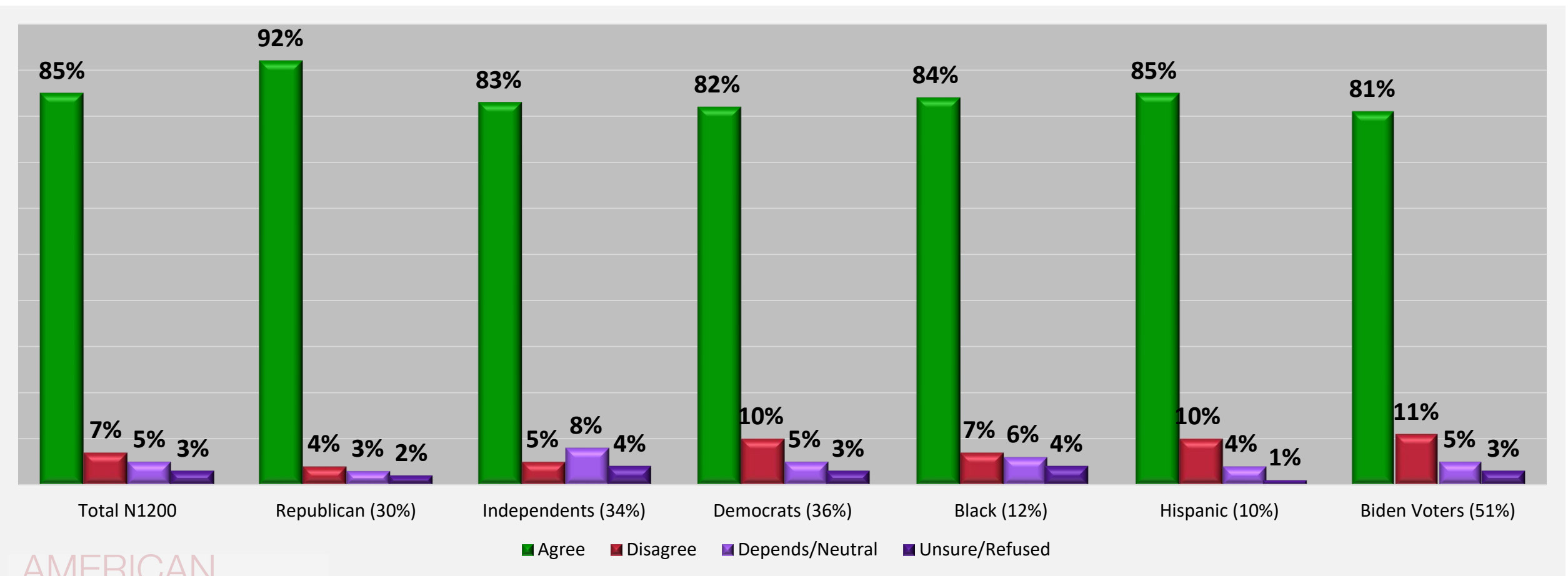
Methodology

- Online survey among 1,200 registered voters nationwide conducted July 8 – 17, 2021 by CRC Research. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants. Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region.
 - Gender breakdown: 48% men – 52% women
- This survey includes oversamples of both 1200 Independents and Republicans nationwide
- $\pm 2.83\%$ overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for overall survey. M.O.E.s for subgroups are larger.

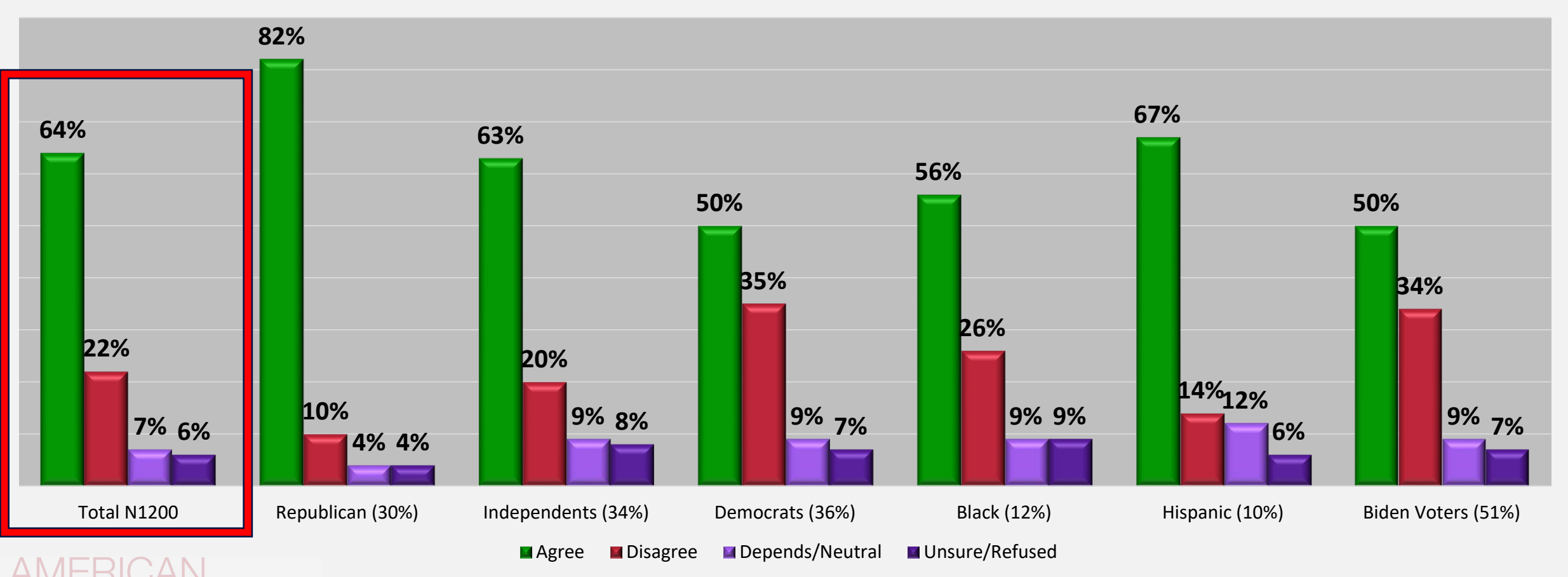
Should we strengthen voting safeguards, or make voting “easier” by eliminating them?



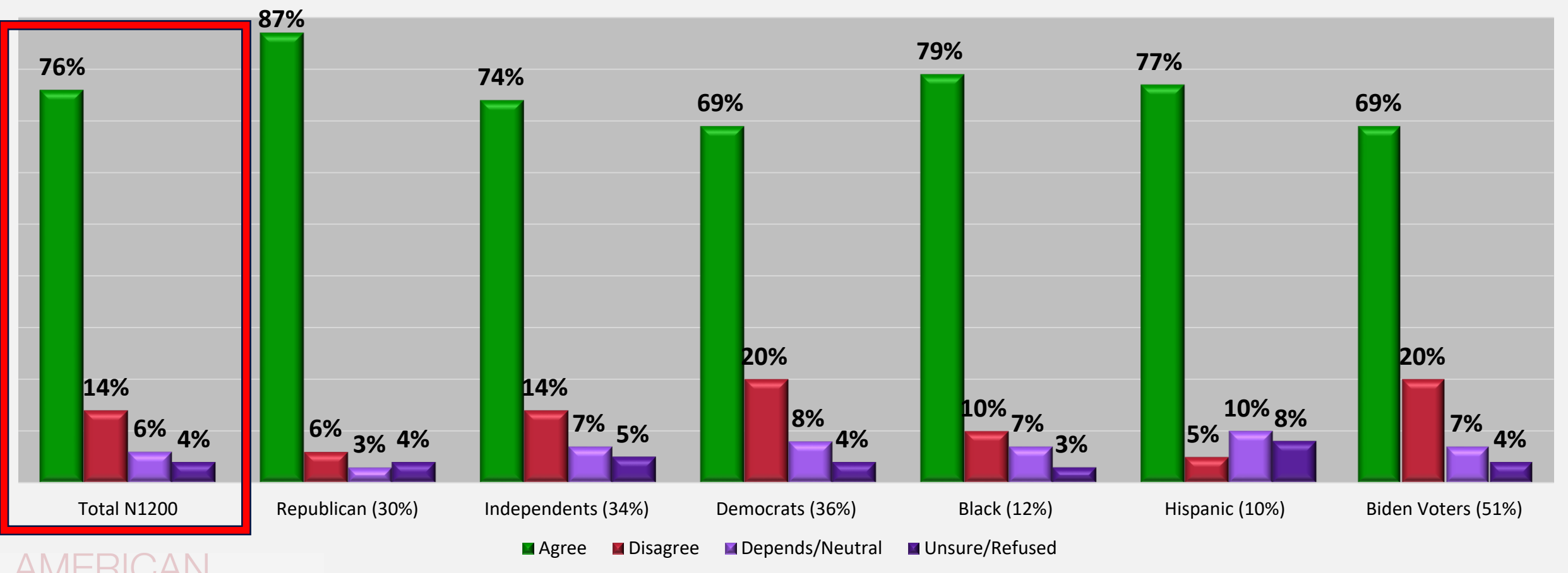
Protecting the right to vote is about more than casting ballots, it is about protecting a fair and honest election system that ensures every lawful ballot is counted, and guards against voter fraud.



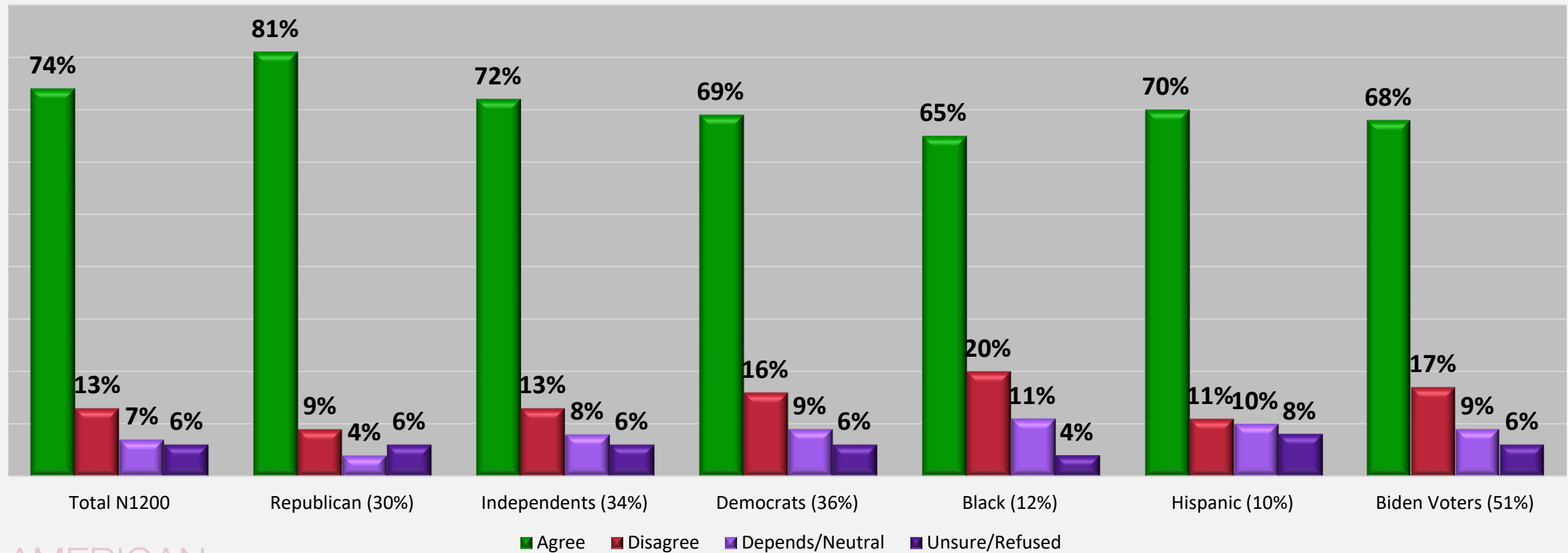
Voter fraud occurs to some degree in every national election.



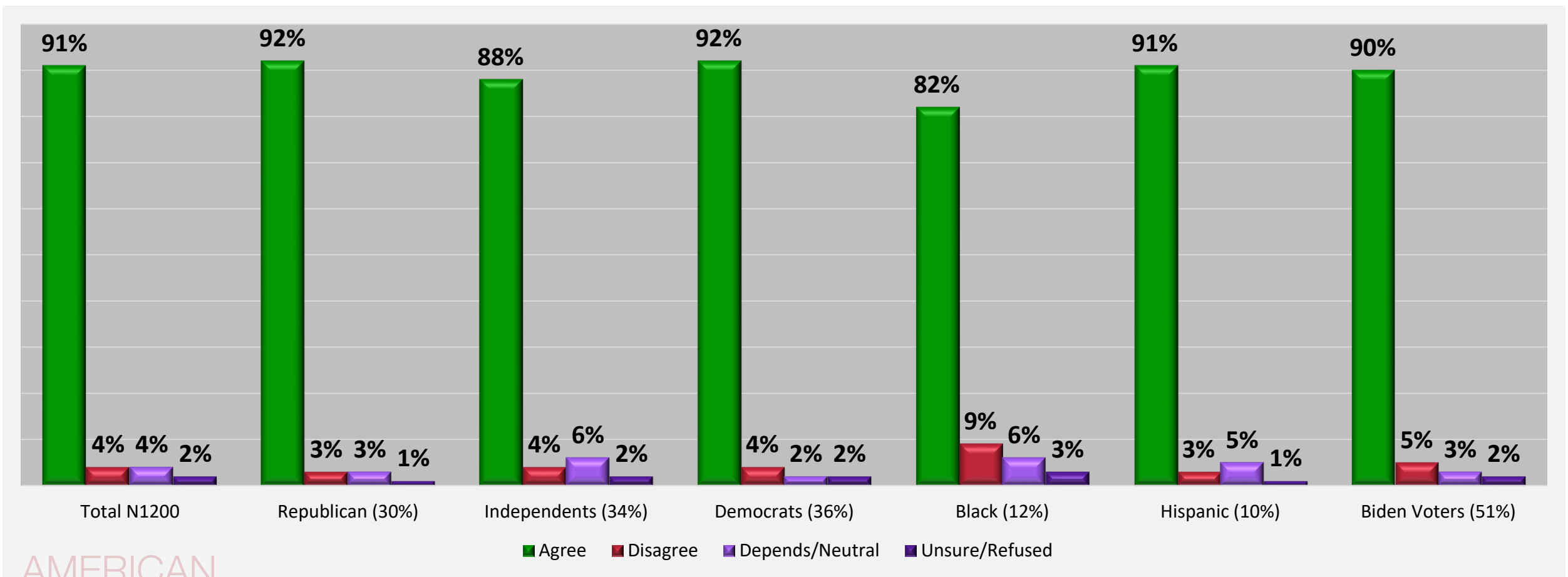
Election fraud disenfranchises voters and casts doubt on the legitimacy of the democratic process.



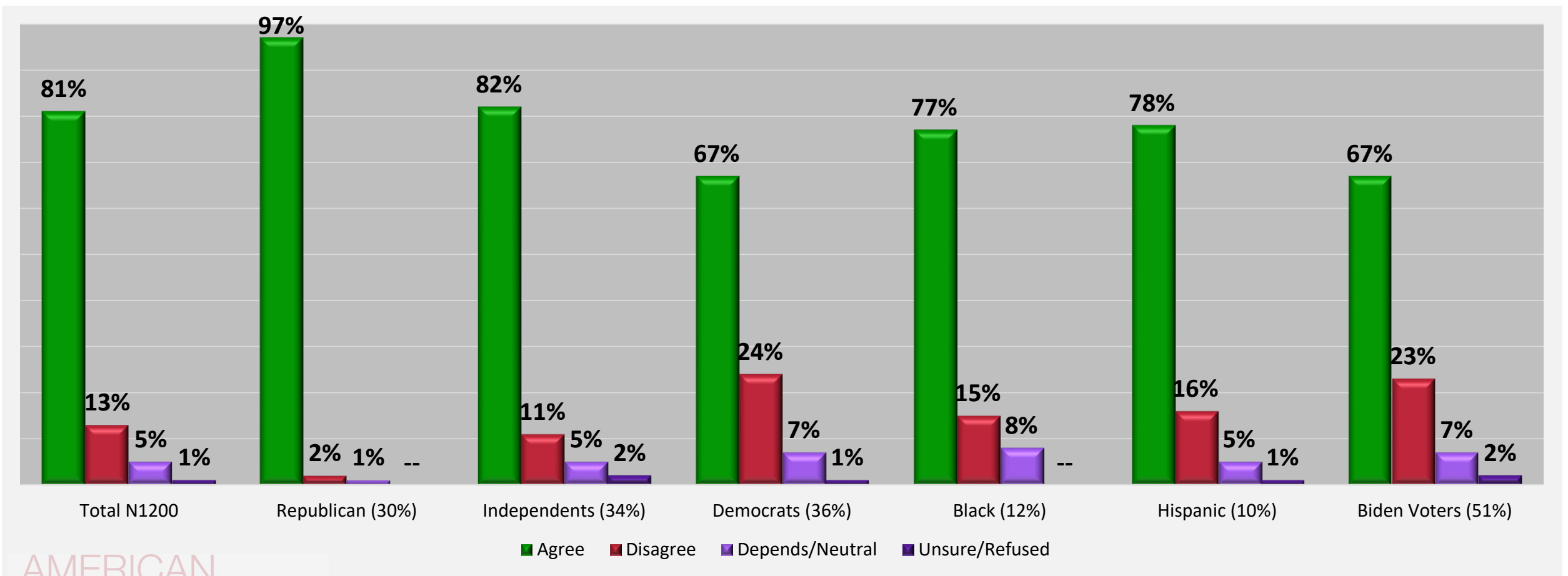
Strong safeguards and ballot protections inspire confidence by making it harder to hide fraud, and easier to dispel false allegations of fraud.



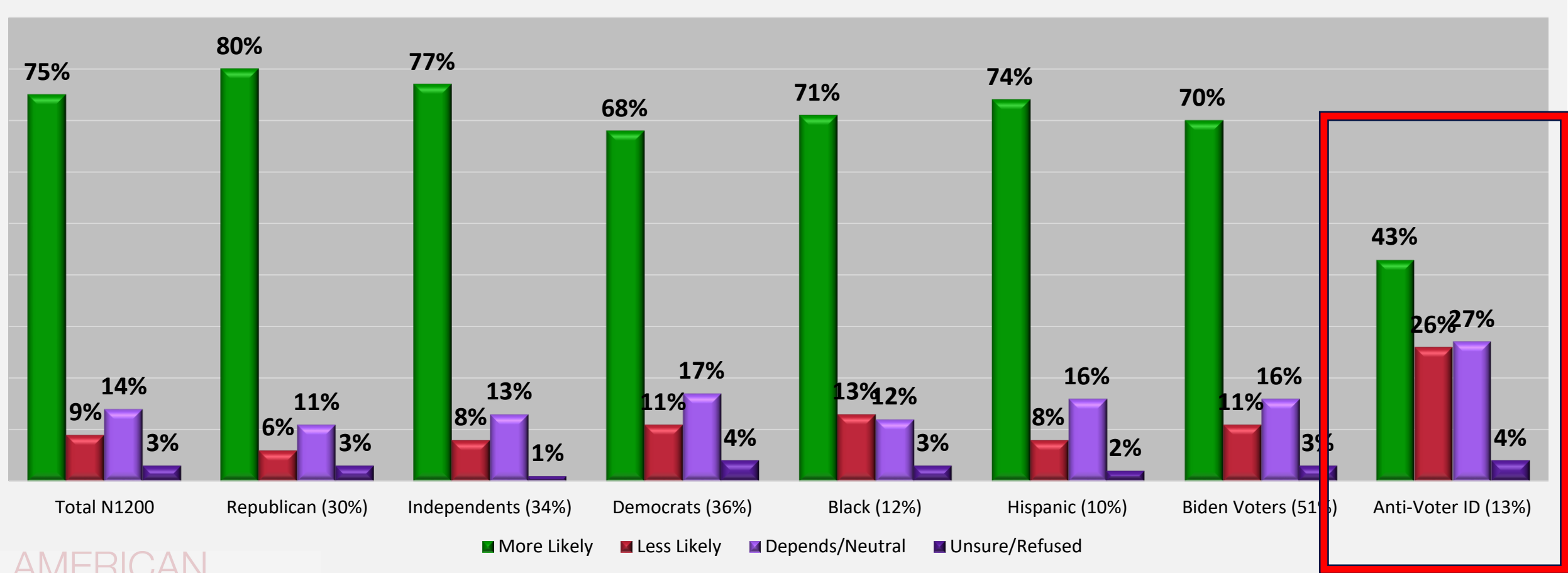
It should be easy to vote, but hard to cheat.



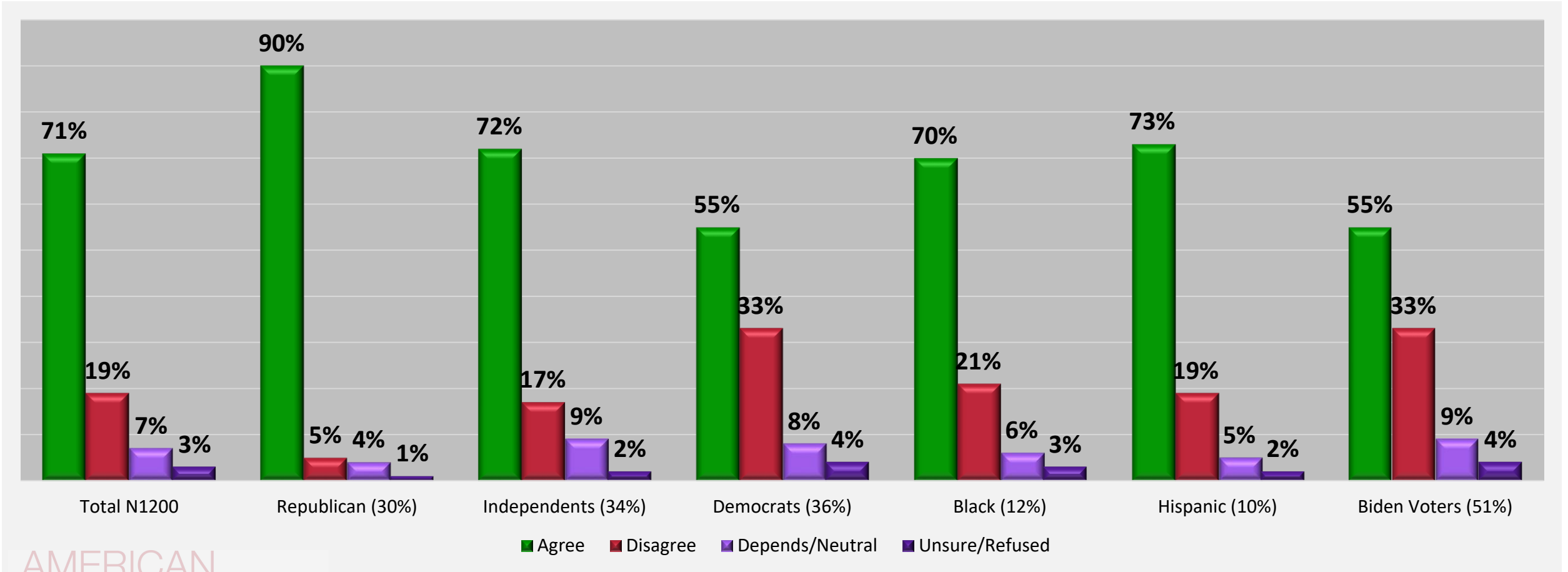
Do you agree or disagree that voters should be required to show a photo ID when they vote?



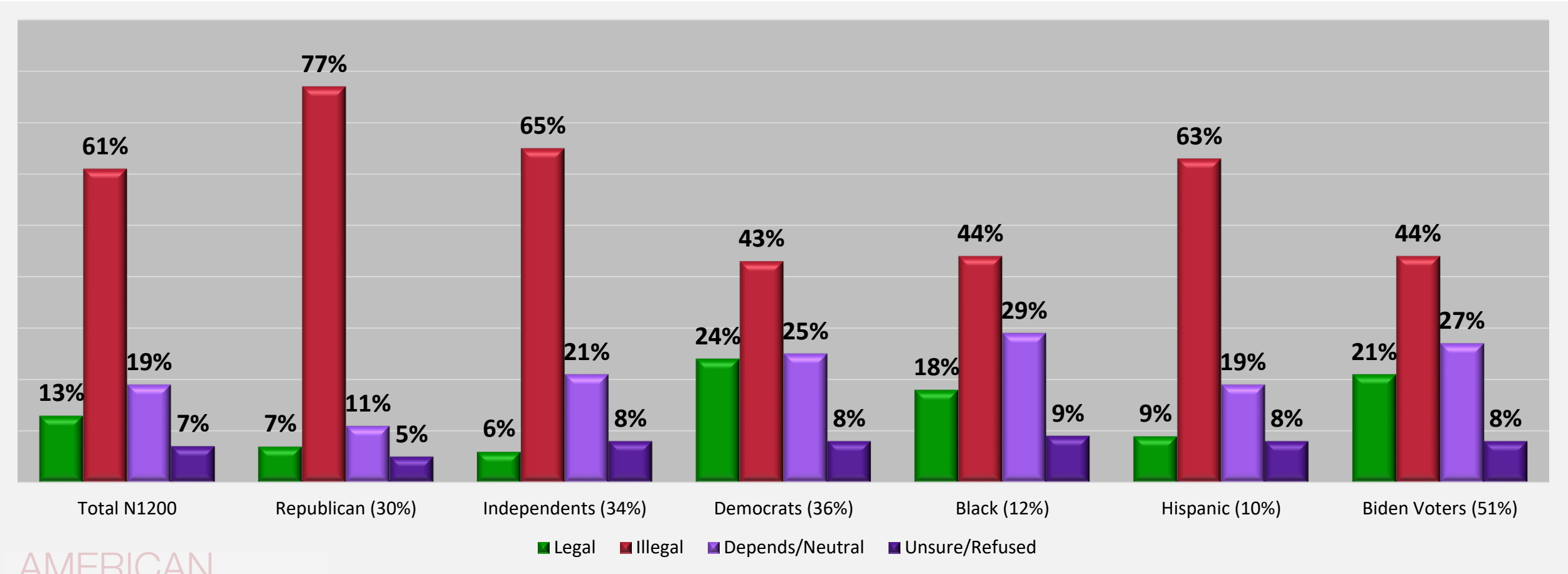
If states provided free photo ID to any voter that needed one, would you be more or less likely to support voter ID requirements?



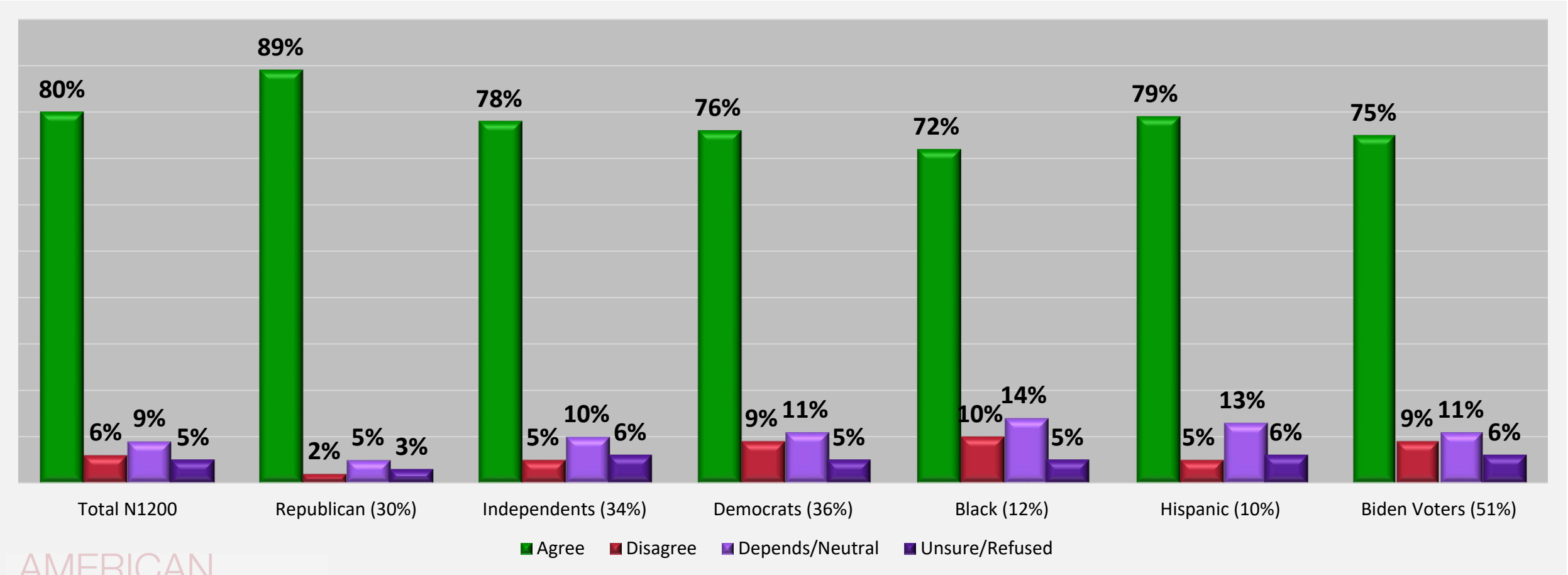
Should voters who cast absentee or mail-in ballots have to comply with a photo identification requirement, as they would when voting in person?



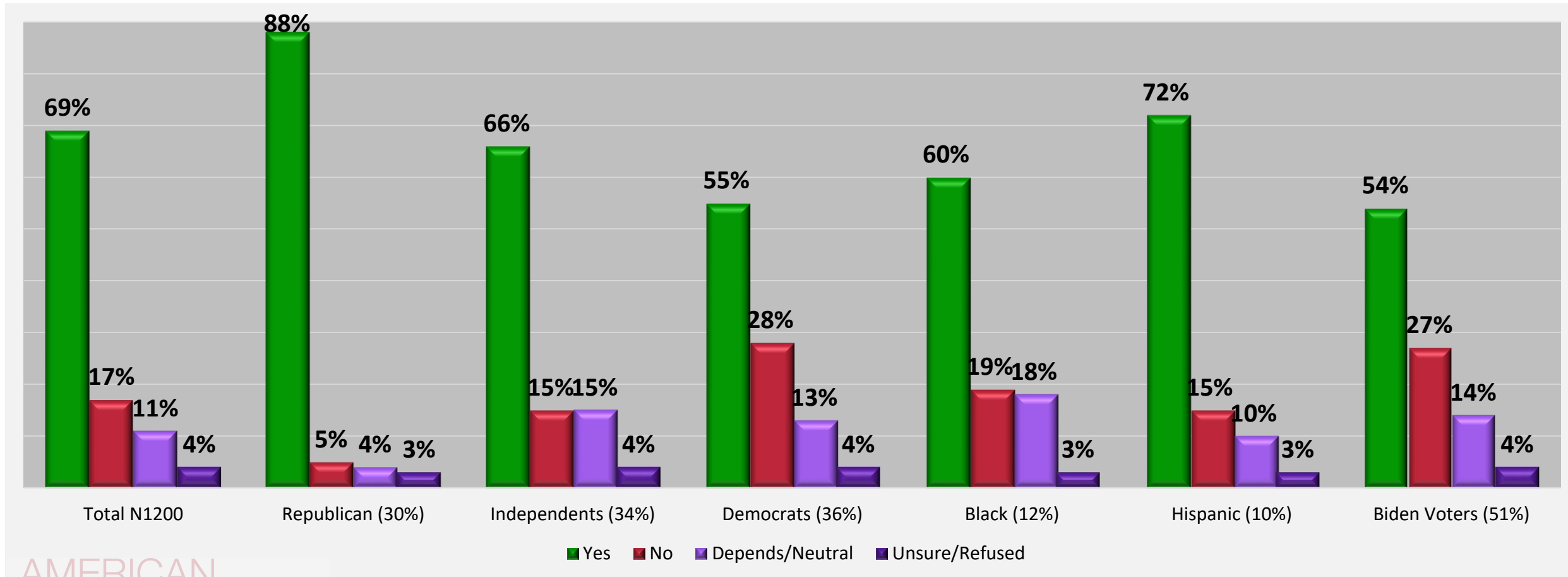
Do you think ballot trafficking, the practice where political candidates, campaigns, or paid organizers go door to door collecting absentee ballots directly from voters, even when the voter has not asked for help casting their ballot, should be legal or illegal?



If states are going to keep or expand no-excuse absentee voting, they must balance that with safeguards that protect the security of each ballot and preserve the credibility of every election.



With the pandemic ending, should states return their voting practices to pre-pandemic standards?



Going Forward

- “Easy to vote, hard to cheat.”
- This is about voter confidence, election credibility.
- Most effective messaging is nonpartisan, positive.
- Emphasizing free ID can soften the voter ID opposition.
- Be mindful of the no-excuse divide.
- Don’t be on defense.



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Mapping the Left

Charitable Dollars for Politics

July 27, 2021

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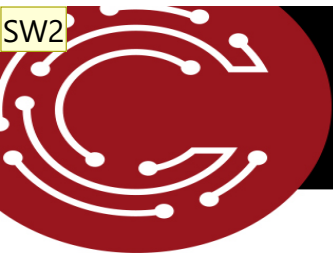
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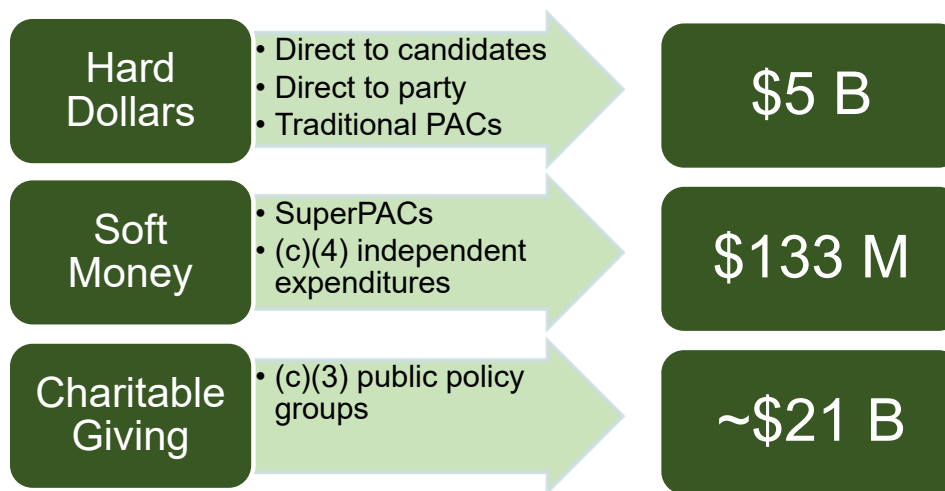
Since 2005, the nonprofit tail has wagged the Democratic Party dog

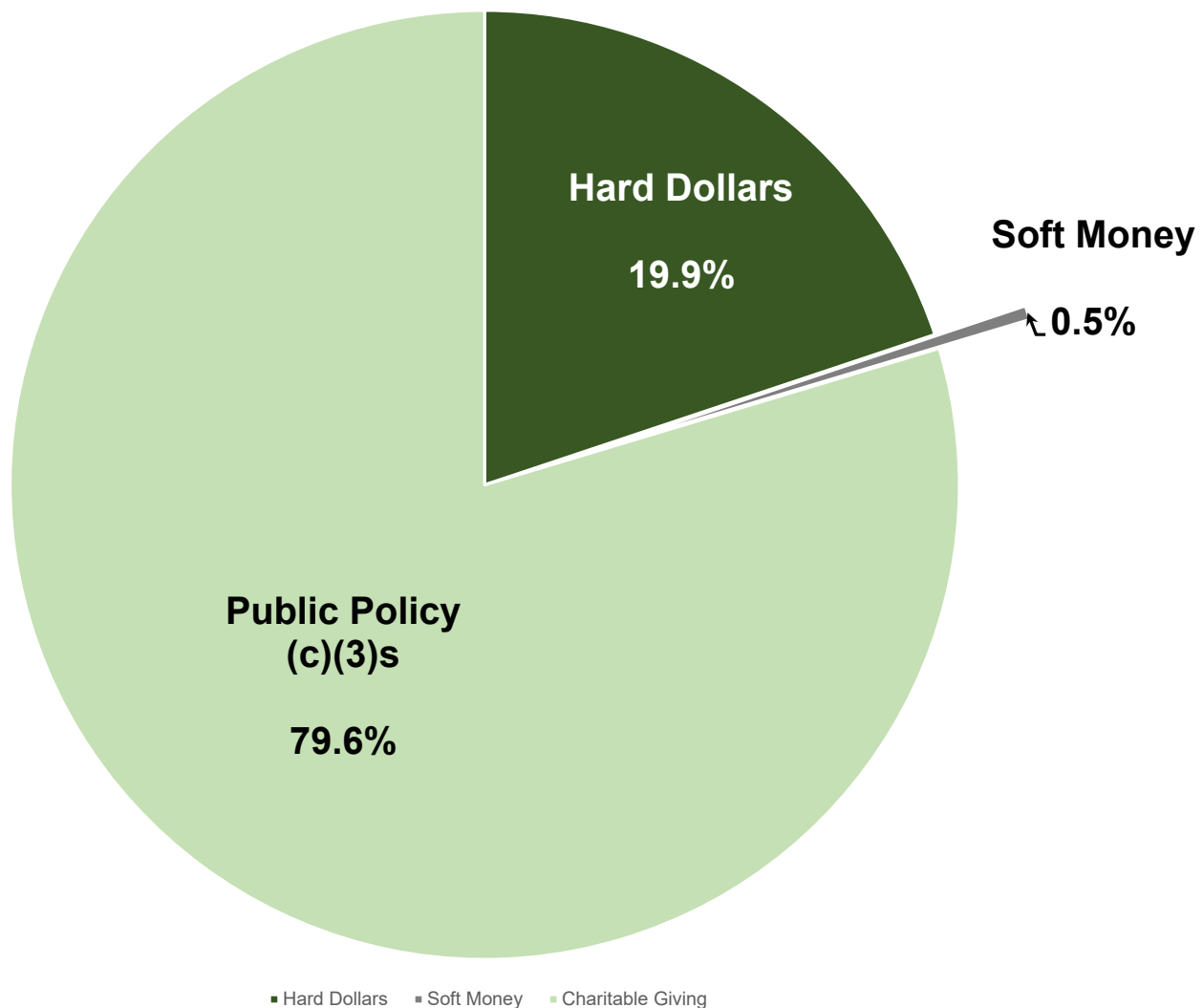
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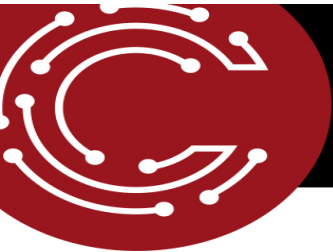
Three Rivers of Political Spending

(2018 Cycle)



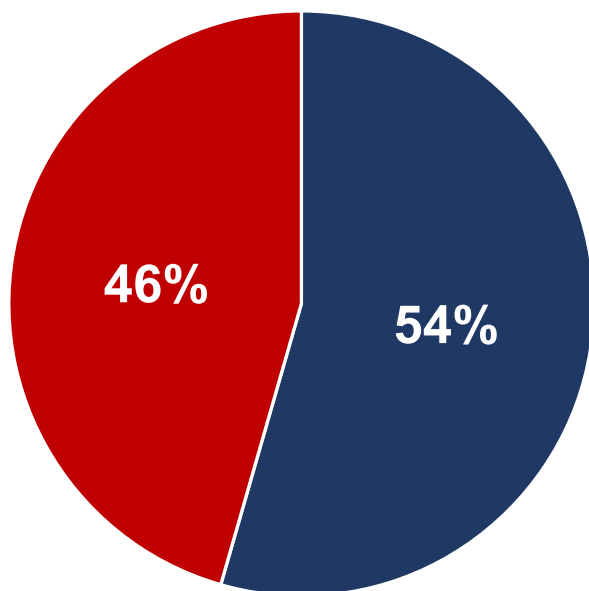


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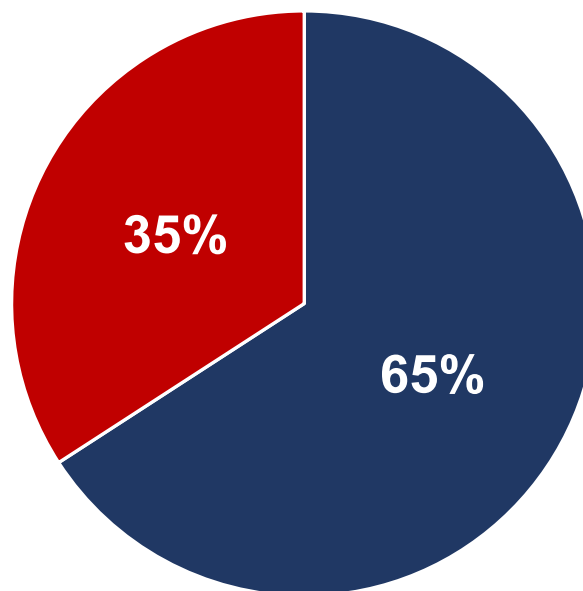


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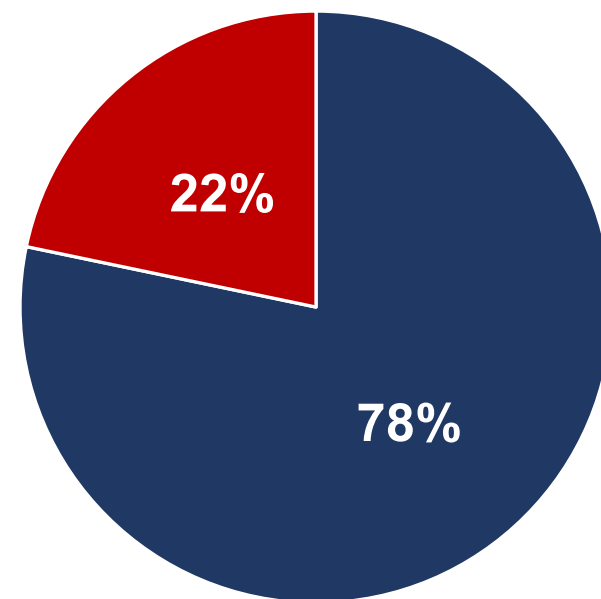
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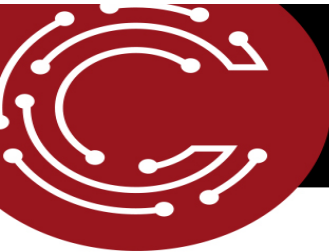


Soft Dollars



Public Policy (c)(3)s

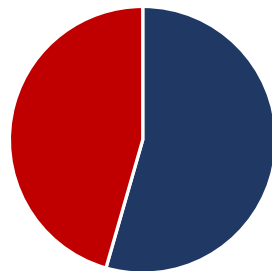
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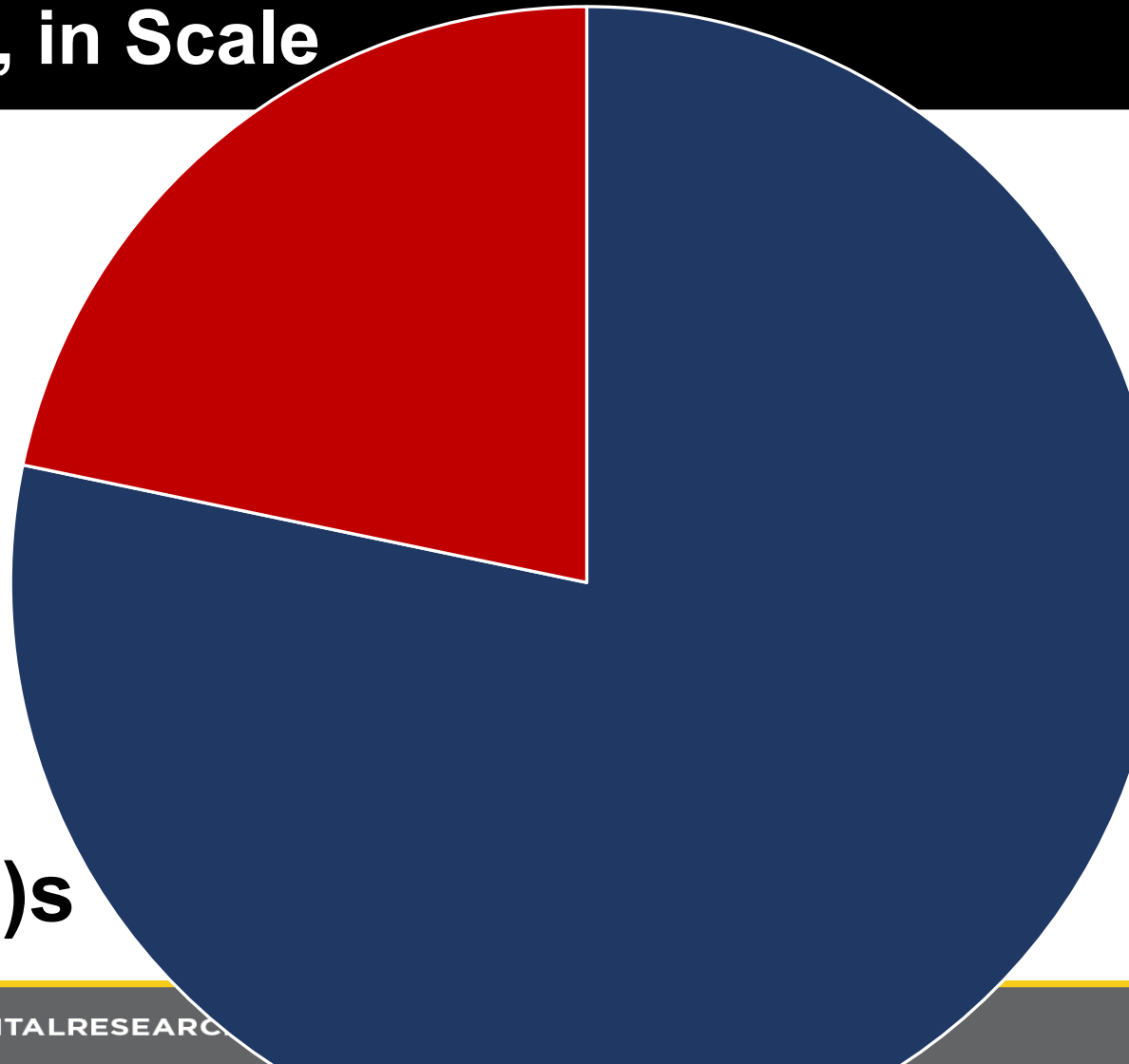
Political Giving, in Scale

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Money

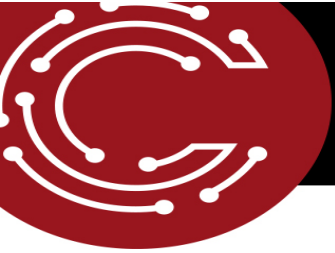


Hard
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Public Policy (c)(3)s

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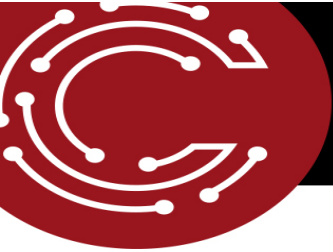
DEMOCRACY ALLIANCE



- **George Soros & Peter Lewis**
- **~\$27 M each on party apparatus in '04 cycle**
- **Turned to nonprofits**
- **DA still advises ~100 billionaires and millionaires**

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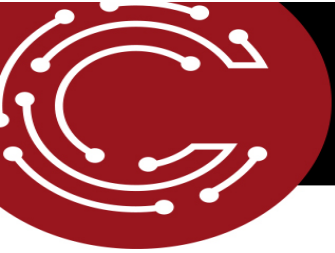
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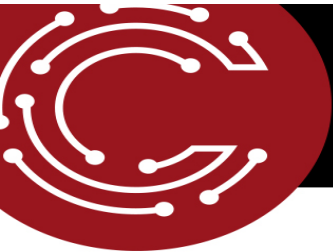
- **Eric Kessler (Clinton Administration)**
- **New, darker legal structure**
- **Huge growth: 2019 nonprofit revenues of \$731 M**
- **2018 cycle revenues: \$1.2 B = 2x DNC + RNC**



2006



- **Michael Podhorzer (AFL-CIO)**
- **Secret, for-profit think tank**
- **Studies voter turnout research**
- **Research needs data...**



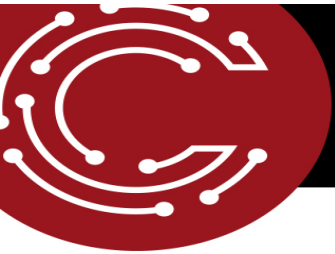
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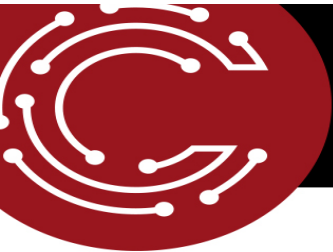
- **...so Catalist formed by Podhorzer & Harold Ickes**
- **Podhorzer/AFL-CIO coerced left-wing groups**

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**“Hand over data or lose
union endorsements,
money, & boots on the
ground.”**



2006

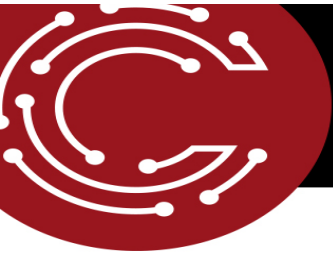


**Also a for-profit
to hide...**

**...to violate campaign finance walls between
campaigns & outside groups.**

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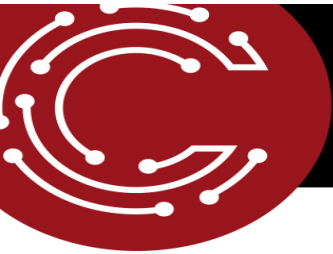
Who is Michael Podhorzer?

- **AFL-CIO Political Director**
- **Starts 1997**
- **1981-1993 at Citizen Action...**
 - started by SDS alumni
 - collapsed in 1997
 - amid campaign scandals & Teamsters/Dems money laundering scandals



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Podhorzer is “The Architect”

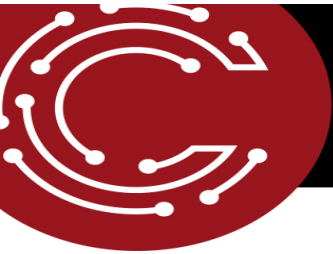
TIME

The Secret History of the Shadow Campaign
That Saved the 2020 Election



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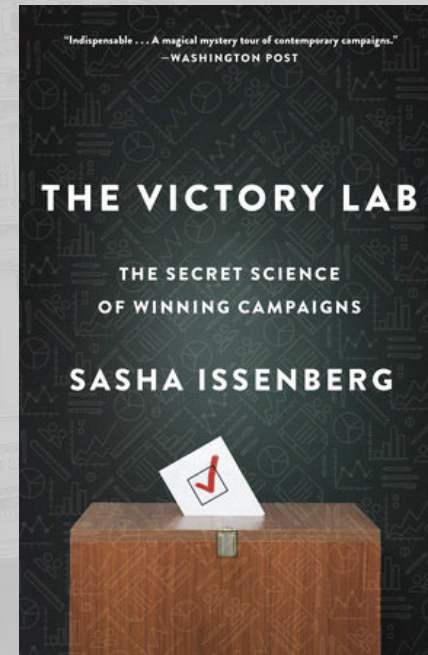
Podhorzer is “The Architect”

- **Central planner of 2020 “conspiracy”**
- **Organized the Zooms to align the Left**
- **Continuation of AFL-CIO lunches that launched the Analyst Institute & Catalyst in 2005**



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The pre- history of the *Time* article is....



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Interlude: 2004-2008

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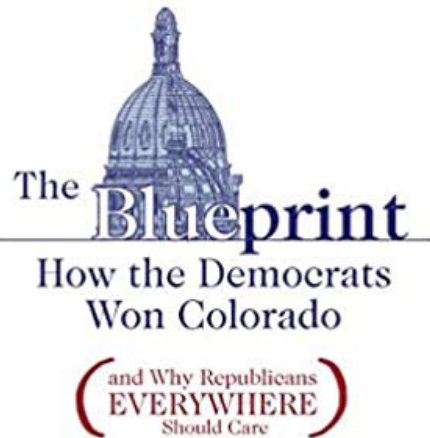
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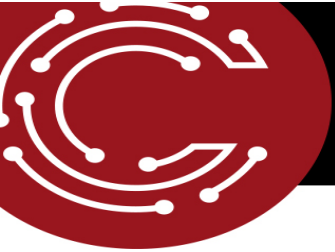
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“Campaign finance reform had completely changed the rules of the game. By limiting the amount of money candidates and political parties could raise and spend, the new law had **seriously weakened candidates—and all but killed political parties.”**

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Interlude: 2004-2008

- **In 2004, Left takes over both CO legislative chambers.**
- **By 2008, Left takes over state-wide offices, U.S. Congressional delegation, and electoral college votes.**
- **Four megadonors fuel the engine of victories from 2004 onward.**
- **This Colorado Democracy Alliance of donors is model for national version in 2005.**



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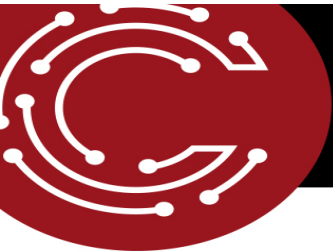
The **Blueprint**
How the Democrats
Won Colorado

(and Why Republicans
EVERYWHERE
Should Care)

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“Colorado Democracy Alliance has been likened to a political venture capital fund.”

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2011

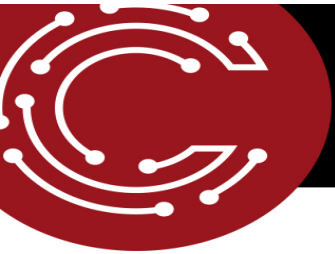
- **January Memo (beginning of 2012 cycle)**
- **Written by Andy Stern, SEIU (top West Wing visitor)**
- **& Deepak Bhargava, Center for Community Change**

MEMORANDUM

To: Sherrilyn Ifill, George Soros, and the U.S. Programs Board
From: Deepak Bhargava and Andy Stern
Re: New Thinking on 2012 Election and Beyond

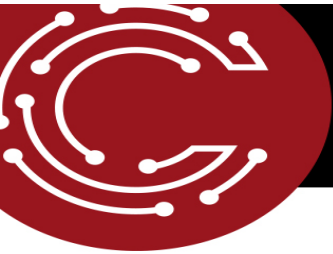
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Three Points

- 1. Winning the 2012 presidential election is everything**
- 2. Only way to accomplish #1 ...**
again give (c)(3) grantees millions to register & GOTV
(\$84 M budget: OSF, Ford, Carnegie, Democracy Alliance, etc.)
- 3. Long-term solution:**
election reforms like ending voter ID laws,
automatic registration, early voting, etc.

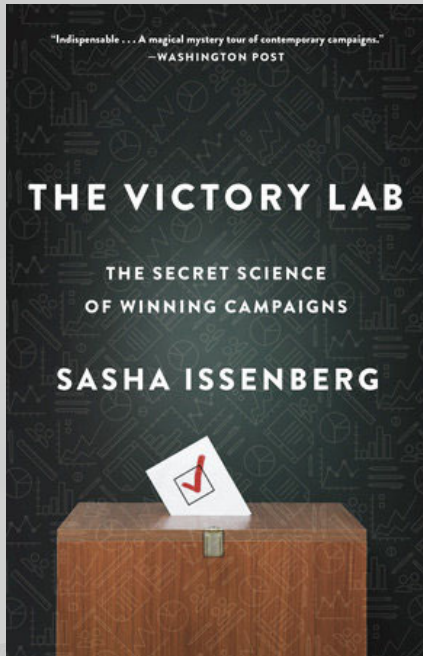


2012

- Liberal journalist writes *Victory Lab: The Secret Science of Winning Campaigns*
- Pre-history of 2020 *Time* article on “conspiracy”
- *Time* praised Voter Participation Center, a c3, for sending 15 M absentee ballot applications in 2020.

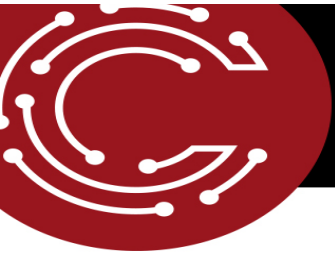


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“Even though the group was officially nonpartisan, for tax purposes, there was no secret that the **goal of all of its efforts was to generate **new votes for Democrats.**”**

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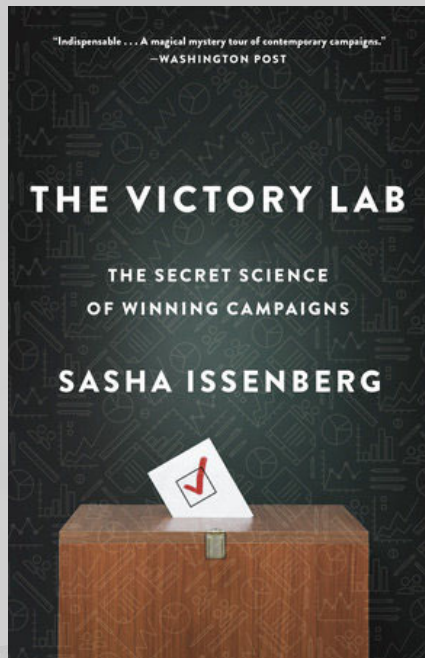


2012

- ***Victory Lab* was also honest about the donors**
- **Carnegie foundation in 2011 Soros memo**
- ***Victory Lab* admits Carnegie's intentions**



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“Because the tax code allowed nonprofit organizations to run registration and turnout drives as long as they did not push a particular candidate, organizing ‘historically disenfranchised’ communities (as Carnegie described them) became a backdoor approach to **ginning up Democratic votes outside the campaign finance laws**

that applied to candidates, parties, and political action committees.”

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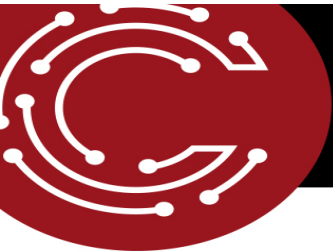
**“historically disenfranchised
communities”**

***What electioneering c3 used that
for cover in 2020?***

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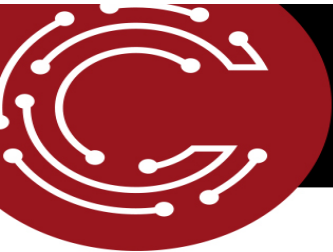


2020

- **Zuckerberg gives ~\$400 million to “help” conduct election**
- **Supercharges left-wing c3 voter turnout**
 - **4x the money**
 - **Money goes directly into gov’t election offices from two c3s – unprecedented (& legal)**
- **J. Christian Adams: “The Real Kraken” – biggest factor**

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2020

- **Capital Research gets *NY Times* & AP on the record: Zuckerberg's c3s have partisan backgrounds**
- **But...**

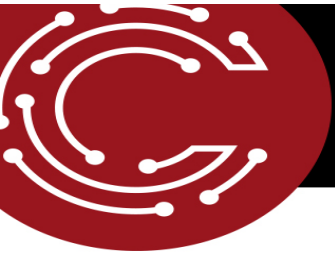
No outrage. No major publicity.



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Conservatives don't notice *process* issues!

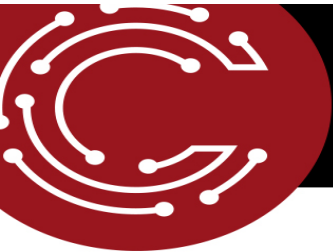
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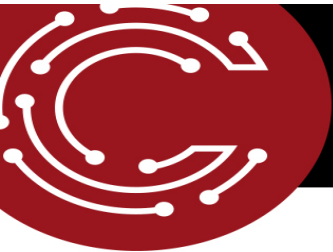
CRC state-by-state reports show:

- 1. Money goes disproportionately to D jurisdictions, esp. big cities**
- 2. D votes in funded jurisdictions surge much more than D votes in *unfunded* ones**
- 3. Margin produced always larger—often far larger—than official margin**



2020

- **Zuckerberg's \$400 M goes to two c3s:**
- **Center for Election Innovation & Research**
 - \$50 M Zuck Bucks (previous annual budgets ~\$1 M)
 - Est'd 2016 by David Becker
 - DoJ Voting Section under Clinton, George W. Bush
 - 2005 Ethics complaint (helping DoJ adversary)
 - Next hired by PFAW (tries to hide)
 - Then goes to Pew; helps Ds in NC evade online reg. ban



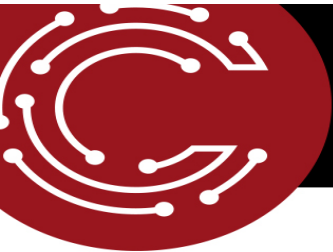
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Center for Election Innovation & Research

- Most re-grants of Zuck Bucks go to Secretaries of State
- Priorities include mail voting, early voting
- Rec'd major funding from Arabella Advisors

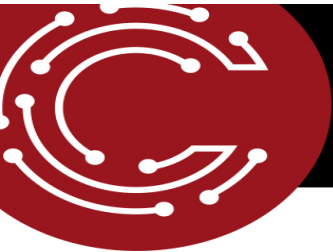
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2020

- Remaining \$350 M in Zuck Bucks goes to
- **Center for Tech & Civic Life**
 - Previous budgets ~1M/year
 - Est'd & still led by refugees from New Organizing Institute



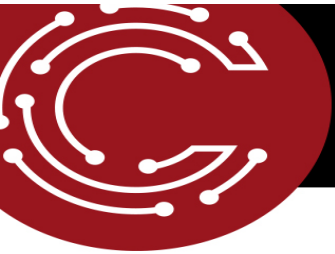
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New Organizing Institute (RIP)

- *Not* a c3 but a c4
- Democracy Alliance endorsed
- Co-founders were union-operatives
- trained 1000s of Democratic organizers per year
- WaPo says, “Democratic Party’s Hogwarts for Digital Wizardry”

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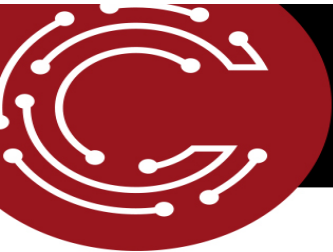
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Center for Tech & Civic Life

- **Re-grants Zuck Bucks to **local** gov't election offices**
- **“Key Funders & Partners”**
 - Google (2020 fed. contribs 95/5)
 - Facebook (92/8)
 - Rock the Vote
 - Center for Civic Design
 - Women Donors Network

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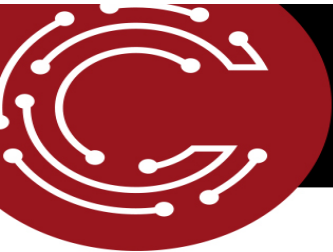


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Arizona presidential vote – 2020 vs. 2016

	<u>R</u>	<u>D</u>
UnZucked counties:	+46	+40
Zucked counties:	+67	+72

- Vote margin in Zucked counties = 122,000
- Statewide victory margin = 10,457



2020

Pennsylvania funding difference (currently known)

- **Highest per capita funding of a Biden county (Philly): \$6.32**
- **Highest per capita funding of a Trump county (Berks): \$1.23**
- **In Zucked counties presidential vote increase 2020 vs. 2016**

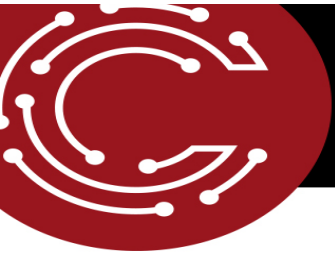
Republicans = +266,000

Democrats = +460,000

- **So 194,000 margin in Zucked counties**
- **Statewide victory margin = 81,000**

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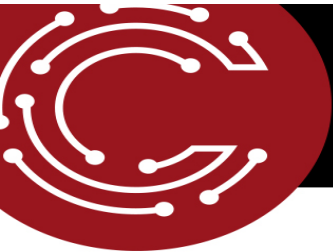
Georgia

- In Zucked counties presidential vote increase 2020 vs. 2016

Republicans = +207,000

Democrats = +530,000

- 323,000 margin in Zucked counties
- Statewide victory margin = 12,670 or 25x



2020

Aftermath of Zuck Bucks

- **State bans of private funding**
- **Records requests revealing misdeeds**
 - Wisconsin has the most startling
 - Vote at Home Institute is a villain
- **Christian Adams: Zuck explains disparity between Presidential vs. U.S. House & state legis. vote:**

Zuck juiced big-city turnout, which won Electoral College votes, but no effect on urban House & state legis. seats Left already controlled

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