Make Election Day A Federal Holiday, Require In-Person Voting

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Our calendars are full of useless holidays. Just last week, we saw Credit Union Day, Mashed Potato Day, and Raw Milk Cheese Appreciation Day. While observances like these are otherwise irrelevant at the national level, **there is one day of the year that has long lacked federal "holiday" status: Election Day.**

Iamdrncha, Wikimedia

Unlike offranchised observances such as Earth Day, on which life goes on as usual, **Election Day ought to be an official federal holiday like Presidents' Day or Thanksgiving**, with all non-essential workers receiving a paid day off to carry out their civic duty. Establishing this yearly event as a federal holiday would increase voter turnout, restore faith in our elections, and, most importantly, boost morale through a shared civic display.

Designating Election Day as a national holiday and giving workers the day off would largely mitigate the need for accommodations like mail-in voting and early voting, allowing policymakers to require in-person voting except in special circumstances. This would also make possible a mass return to paper ballots, eliminating the need for voting machines which have been swamped in scandal since 2020.

Some say mail-in voting is ripe for manipulation; others contend voting machines are prone to hacks and glitches. While it's difficult to quantify how much voting machines or absentee ballots have increased the risk of election-rigging, if at all, it's clear that a significant number of Americans have lost faith in our elections – just as they've lost faith in our media, our government, and their friends and neighbors.

In a world where most Americans have the day off work and vote in person, on a paper ballot, many common doubts about our election system become moot. Of course, exceptions will apply for essential workers or citizens temporarily living in a different state, but the vast majority of Americans would have no excuse not to cast their ballot in person on that day. Volunteers would then count the paper ballots onsite, significantly reducing doubts about voting machine integrity or ballots lost in the mail.

Prominent right-wingers like Mark Ramaswamy have actually promoted this plan over the course of the 2024 election, citing election integrity concerns. Yet, making Election Day a federal holiday would go far beyond healing the election-denial wound – it would generate patriotism with a new shared tradition.

Civic virtue is a good thing, and public reminders of it are even better. To appreciate our democracy and commit ourselves to maintaining it, we need a public reminder that tyranny, not democracy, has been the norm throughout human history. The United States is exceptional because we establish power not through strength, but by consensus.

As humans, we need physical reminders to keep us mindful of such abstract truths. That's why we build churches, write great works of literature, and even get tattoos. **If the principles we hold dear aren't manifested in anything, we lose them.**

A mass migration of Americans to the polls every year would become a powerful symbol of our democracy's resilience, a shining example to the world that our grand experiment worked. Moreover, a whole day for voting could inspire people to participate in state and local elections – affairs that have an even greater impact on their daily lives than national elections.

People would look forward to voting. It would become a celebrated ritual in a public life otherwise devoid of shared traditions. One could imagine pre-voting brunches and post-voting barbecues. Families could go to the polls in the morning and spend the rest of the day enjoying their newfound freedom. Young children could look forward to participating in their citizenship, just like we look forward to Christmas, Thanksgiving, and the first day of summer vacation.

Days later, Americans can't even agree on whether the Fourth of July is a day worth celebrating (spoiler alert, it is). But without a shared culture, we cannot have a nation. It's time to start rebuilding that shared culture with a national day that puts our exceptional founding ideals to work.

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Starkian 3 weeks ago

1. BAN all mail-in ballots.
2. BAN ballot harvesting.
3. REQUIRE voter ID.
4. CREATE a state election police force for legal compliance.
5. REFUSE to allow federal agent interference at election stations.
6. REQUIRE votes to be hand counted at the precinct level on election day.
7. REQUIRE paper ballots are numbered with black chain security.
8. REQUIRE digital copies of completed ballots and voting rolls to be open public records.
9. REQUIRE a single voting day.
10. REQUIRE a time/location stamp with submission number be applied to submitted ballots.
11. ESTABLISH a ballot counting process where voters can check their ballot on line using the submission number.
12. REQUIRE all ballots contain the voter's finger print
13. REQUIRE forensic audits on all elections.
14. REQUIRE all election software code be open source.

40 Reply

Rule 303 3 weeks ago

CREATE a state election police force for legal compliance.

- You're joking right. It would be staffed by fat jogger women just looking to collect a check and rip up the voter registration of anyone who voted Republican.

1 Reply

Starkian 3 weeks ago

Who is going to prosecute people like the women you mentioned, or the police running off voters. Remember the late night multiple counting. These crimes are not even investigated much less prosecuted.

3 Reply

backstabber 3 weeks ago

I'm all for it

then I wouldn't have jury duty on 5th

so I voted early and often

Reply

In-the-ether 2 weeks ago

If you really want armed guards to watch the whole thing, give private citizen poll workers on both sides a gun and its mutual assured destruction.

NEVER give the fascist Stasi another police force, dummy.

Reply

AintNoddaGirlInAmerika 2 weeks ago

Exactly the police work for the state it's why we're in this mess. They are the strong arm of the political class.

This is why the Founder warned us about standing armies and giving up freedom for safety

3 Reply

sunspunter 2 weeks ago

There's lots of ways to reform the election process, including ploygraphs, term limits, forensic analysis of wealth, etc.

But why that's being haggled, I'd propose a random drawing to fill all offices, with incumbents not eligible.

Yeah, sure we'd get a few goofs and some crooks. Maybe a lying commie or blow-hard Hitler wanna-be.

But how could you tell if it was worse?

Reply

Schessy 3 weeks ago

Good ideas except for more armed government workers. I don't like that part.

12 Reply

RustLess PREMIUM 3 weeks ago

Me neither.

1 Reply

backstabber 3 weeks ago

if they be armed then I'll gladly accompany them with mine

either or

Reply

ogradaz 3 weeks ago (Edited)

Yep; blockchain plays a big role here. But it'd be immutable hence why it would not ever happen.

3 Reply

ed06 3 weeks ago

go back to those mechanical machines that you see Truman walk out of -we had here until 1990's. You really feel like your voting-something about pushing the vote levers down with a click,click,click then open up the huge curtain with the push of the big red lever. No paper just a mechanical counter.

1 Reply

FriendlyStasi 3 weeks ago

10000%

1 Reply

Colonel Walter E Kurtz 3 weeks ago

Strike #12 as we should have secret voting otherwise big government can strong arm you into voting in whatever manner they want.

We really just need to make registration more rigorous/difficult, so that only those that legally allowed to vote, will attempt to vote. No more Chinese citizens voting in Michigan!

1 Reply

Oxygen Likes Carbon 3 weeks ago

Too complicated, **thus, won't work.**

Remember that most of the elections personnel is made by volunteers. So, they need simple, easy to follow rules. You don't need to hire another level of a huge bureaucracy to follow simple rules. You just need common sense. A grocery store cashier can spot a small mistake without any effort because their hand-eye coordination is properly trained. But they can function without simple, common sense rules.

Reply

rabbowhite3 3 weeks ago

1000+

Reply

In-the-ether 2 weeks ago (Edited)

> 1. *MAKE election day a holiday.*

for the life of me I do not understand why we want MORE people voting. we need significantly LESS people voting. all this would do is encourage more uninformed jagoffs to put their thumb on the scales.

I propose no holiday at all, as well as:

1. if you pay net zero income tax, no vote
2. if you do not own property, no vote
3. revisit the 19th amendment

you should have to put in some real effort to vote.

2 Reply

LiveGlowsInDark 2 weeks ago

These are all very sensible propositions, but if candidates are already pre-selected, then what's the point of the election?

Why were 3rd party candidates not included in participation in the presidential debates? Allowing a greater variety of political parties would do wonders to restore faith in the electoral institution.

That, and getting rid of AIPAC.

Good post...

1 Reply

Street Chief Martin 4 weeks ago

Ok sure. Get right on that for all on NE.

Reply

Kamala harris 2 weeks ago

Lmmmmmm.....mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm..... HHAHAHAHAHAFUCKSGUTHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

20 Reply

Jimmy Jones 2 weeks ago

You add in voter id and we have a, "over my dead body" from the Dems

1 Reply

MattMyUshi 2 weeks ago

The October 7th Hamas Videos are completely fake - Generated by a GAN AI model

https://matt1us.substack.com/p/ai-hamas-videos
https://matt1us.substack.com/p/oct-7-composite-preview **<--- Video Proof**

> *"Based on the anomalies presented in the composite images, the evidence overwhelmingly points toward the use of a GAN-based AI model to generate the original video. The tiling artifacts, motion trails, pixel miscoloring, and blocky patterns observed in both static and dynamic parts of the scene are consistent with GAN-based generation limitations. The use of frame-by-frame compositing has exposed the model's inability to maintain continuity across frames, further eliminating the possibility of conventional CGI or video compression being the cause.*
>
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All I did to produce these images and the video is composite consecutive frames of the original video. Drop the video into an editor and line it up at frame 1. Create a duplicate of the same clip (copy and paste..) and shift one frame ahead so it starts at frame 2 and then composite the frames just as you would in PhotoShop. So you end up with a composite of all consecutive frames as your output.

They cannot fix this or 'correct' it somehow - the current state of ai image/video generation means they are stuck with these videos 'as-is'....

Image 1

Image 2

Image 3

Image 4

Image 5

1 Reply

Buttish 3 weeks ago

nice try, buckos. we don't do legitimate elections in this particular banana republic.

13 Reply

RankLore MOD 2 weeks ago

Spot on!

Reply

Satzar 2 weeks ago

He wants all non-essential government workers, that's all of them, receiving a paid day off, for an activity that only half eligible voters participate in.

And somehow a federal employee holiday is going to "restore faith in our elections".

Did AI write this?

Reply

Alohal 2 weeks ago

Election day is already a state holiday and most people are off school and work. Since my state is all mailed ballots now, we all will have a beach day on Tuesday instead of standing in line. Nevermind voter fraud.

Reply

AnonymousRedCredible 2 weeks ago

I've been saying that for years. of all days, election day should be a holiday so people can go vote.... IN PERSON only.

16 Reply

chiddar 2 weeks ago

with ID

12 Reply

Son of Loki 2 weeks ago Edited

"Every citizen has an ID ...it's called your Birth Certificate."

– Herschel Walker

He's right. There is no excuse not to have an ID. If you don't bother to get an ID, then you aren't worth voting.

PS: Notice that Obama still refuses to release his Birth certificate?

Reply

Ranger_Rick 2 weeks ago Edited

Never going to happen.

Wouldn't matter anyway. You lost real elections when we went to electronic voting.

They make the numbers whatever they want and they don't even care if it looks credible anymore.

Every election they have more votes than people in many blue areas and nobody does anything about a 125% turnout.

13 Reply

Schnexy 2 weeks ago

"I care not who votes, as long as I control the outcome"

Reply

Schnexy 2 weeks ago

The statistical probability of Biden winning is "virtually impossible". Likewise, his vote tallies. Ignored. Because we use Jewish math in the US.

1 Reply

ssi55A 2 weeks ago

like in Philadelphia? 110% of the precinct reported.

2 Reply

RankLore MOD 2 weeks ago

They make the numbers whatever they want and they don't even care if it looks credible anymore.

Just like with digital money but with ballots?

2 Reply

Independent Thinker PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

US elections are being stolen.

The system we have now for voting is completely broken, there is zero trust in the procedure, especially the electronic voting machines.

10 Reply

burnsw97 2 weeks ago

x1 I'm not voting in a rigged election.

Reply

I Frank Ferrell 2 weeks ago

Sure, why not? In my lifetime we traded Good Friday, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day for juneteenth and MLK Day. Why not further neuter our culture and trade away Christmas for election Day?

10 Reply

mph3 2 weeks ago

Nice try, but I think this will be the last election for me any way.

The current methodology has been so corrupted it will take a generation to correct it...

10 Reply

Shift 2 weeks ago

All change is not progress.

Reply

Max-911 MOD 2 weeks ago

Totally agree and ad Voter ID to the mix.

Reply

AngusMcSweddy 2 weeks ago

I would agree if politicians can be arrested and charged with fraud if they take $ and fall on campaign promises. Because if you collect money saying you'll do x,y,z and then don't do x,y,z, that is fraud, and you have a lot, and should be put in prison for fraud...promises made not kept

Reply

ssi55A 2 weeks ago

Funny everywhere we go that deals with gov: offices, defence contractors buildings,etc requires ID at all time.

Reply

Willys 2 weeks ago

FUCK this, and FUCK any statist bastard who wants mandatory voting!

That would just further cement Democrat one-party rule in this country, by not just encouraging, but demanding, the most ignorant and the least informed vote. Because we all know that the most ignorant and the least informed heavily lean towards the Democrats.

Reply

chiddar 2 weeks ago

You make an opposed to today where the Demtards have all the voting machines rigged? Yeah, that makes sense.

Reply

Willys 2 weeks ago

Would mandating that every moron and idiot vote do anything to ameliorate that situation?

Reply

CC7152techmax 2 weeks ago

Charley Reese had a good article about limiting the right to vote. I think it included citizenship tests to check the election/political/government knowledge of the voters.

Reply

Willys 2 weeks ago

I would very possibly get behind something like that.

It would certainly weed out the low-information and low-IQ voters. So much for the Democrats.

Reply

chiquita 2 weeks ago

It would also weed out those who are mentally incompetent due to retardation, mental illness, Alzheimers, dementia, brain damage, and many other conditions that seem to be able to vote because someone makes sure their registrations are valid and they get mail-in ballots that can be submitted without challenge.

Reply

Sad Tar Fed 2 weeks ago

Landowners.

Reply

burnsw97 2 weeks ago

nobody asked for mandatory voting.....

Reply

statistixpounder PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

A better idea would be to abolish the government and the fed if you want actual freedom.

Reply

Prudent Recharge 2 weeks ago

Obsessing over who the next massa will be seems counterproductive.

Reply

statistixpounder PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

It is indeed counterproductive.

Reply

PrideInSlave 2 weeks ago

As much as I despise the government, anarchy would be worse. Some strongarm would take over, creating a worse non government, government. Government will always be a necessary evil. Small and hell in check is the way.....hard to do...I agree.

Reply

Willys 2 weeks ago

Government is nothing more than institutionalized coercion.

Do you REALLY think that coercion is both a moral and a practical basis for a society?

Reply

statistixpounder PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

Anarchy is nothing more than no slaves it has nothing to do with survival of the fittest. Government is just a group of people who got together and decided they'd be "in charge". Mostly because that group was able to pillage better than any other group, then they created the ritual of voting to make the extortion victims feel like they had a say in who ruled over them.

Reply

thecodexus 2 weeks ago

Only allow property owners to vote on property taxes and levies.

Reply

Sweetpheasbabe 2 weeks ago

What a total scam and squeeze that is.

Reply

Son of Loki 2 weeks ago Edited

Or at least own 10 oz of 22k or 24k gold.

And speak English.

Reply

chiquita 2 weeks ago

Why? Property owners have a stake in everything. Renters and those living in section 8 housing shouldn't have a say in laws that affect property owners, especially when it comes to school taxes, entitlement spending, and anything else for which they don't foot the bill.

Reply

SkyrakaSC2 2 weeks ago

paper ballots , in person, with voter Id.

Get your ass to the polls. Military exemption.

Reply

Sweetpheasbabe 2 weeks ago

Yeah but then they couldn't totally fraud things.

2 Reply

Kirok26 2 weeks ago

That sounds racist.

Reply

Hoax Fatigue 2 weeks ago

Make Election Day a federal holiday replacing, say, Columbus Day, and get rid of Juneteenth National Independence Day which is every bit as stupid as its name.

Reply

visitor 2 weeks ago

1,000s of bogus applications for mail in ballots found in Pennsylvania.

Reply

flyk66er 2 weeks ago

probably about .01 of the total.

Reply

CatfanTrain28 2 weeks ago

That's .01 too many!!

Reply

Holmes 2 weeks ago

Still enuf to steal an election.

Reply

Anonymous Sources 2 weeks ago

Unless it's called "*Black History/Juneteenth/MLK-BLM/George Floyd/Pride Election Day*"...it will somehow be construed as "the new Jim Crow" laws.

Reply

chiquita 2 weeks ago

Aw come on man—let's just call it Jim Crow Day

Reply

Roaming potato 2 weeks ago

It should be a holiday. No to requirements.

Reply

SerbianSteel 2 weeks ago

in a proper communist shithole we would have 72 public holidays a year

Reply

burnsw97 2 weeks ago

AMEN!!!

This is the most applicable story I have ever seen on 21.

Election **DAY** not election **SEASON**

Reply

Rodos 2 weeks ago

Agreed. What we have right now is institutionalized voter fraud.

Though I love Halloween, my second favorite holiday is International Talk Like Pirate day. It's too bad September 19th only happens once per year, me mates.

Reply

Schnexy 2 weeks ago

Indeed. Once I saw a guy give a lecture on boating regulations in Pirate. I thought what a cheeseball, but the guy was hilarious.

Reply

Elon Jack Ripper 2 weeks ago

Only if they shitcan MLK Day in trade.

Reply

RadioBear 2 weeks ago

juneteenth, please

Reply

Holmes 2 weeks ago

Agreed, with MLK day at least people who can think can use the "judge a man by their actions not by the color of their skin" a statement i agree with. Juneteeth is divisive bs

Reply

moralityshalute 2 weeks ago

MLK was a great man; too bad we didn't take his advice.

Reply

Wise52 2 weeks ago

But then that makes Democrats rigging the outcome very difficult. That makes the idea very unlikely!

Reply

Dunbendad PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

I agree - voter id and election holiday

Reply

Dumpster Elite 2 weeks ago

I've said this for years. It would incentivize people to vote, and those who didn't, would have zero excuses. And you'd have ALL the time in the World to "plan" your voting day. No more "I couldn't figure out a way to get there". Really? How to you get groceries? How do you go to the doctor?

Reply

Dunk Reg 2 weeks ago

Move voting day to the weekend, idiots.

Reply

Schnexy 2 weeks ago

I'de rather have day off, thanks for trying though.

Reply

An Appeal to Heaven 2 weeks ago

This is a no brainer. Inked finger as well.

Reply

Instigatorsa 2 weeks ago Edited

or a stamp on forehead

Reply

RBH of Apalatan 2.0 · 3 weeks ago

How about a ballot tattoo with the date?

Reply

Tikirly_Burn · 3 weeks ago

The jews and blacks control the federal holiday racket.

Reply

Live and Let Live · 3 weeks ago

Just what we need, another holiday for millions of government union parasites. Wow, this country has become a bunch of sniveling simpletons. Oh, it's to difficult to vote or get to the polls. A great many are functionally illiterate and the rest are mid-wits. Since many have advanced degrees, they think regurgitating the nonsensical propaganda their masters fill their heads with is profound. They should be restricting voting, not trying to expand the rolls. Sick a fork in this dying empire.

Reply

CUCommander · 3 weeks ago

I've been saying this for a long time. Make voting a full 24 hour period, it should be a federal holiday and treated like Christmas day where only hospitals and a few gas stations are open. Ban ALL early and mail in voting except for military personnel. Voting should be something that you do even if inconvenient, the idea that voting needs to be as easy as possible is asinine

Reply

Thrack · 3 weeks ago

We don't need another MLK day.

Reply

chiquita · 2 weeks ago

Okay--eliminate MLK day and have Election Day instead. It would be a whole lot more useful to more citizens, that's for sure. Or maybe eliminate Juneteenth--what percentage of the population cares about that? 10 to 12% maybe?

Reply

dispergad · 3 weeks ago

Make Voting In Person Required on your own dime. No holiday - if it isn't important to you then you don't need to vote. No incentives other than your ability to pretend you make a difference.

Reply

Wise That was Weird · 3 weeks ago

A minimum 30 word cognitive paragraph on why you are choosing this candidate, would cut thru a lot of riff raff. Nah tatwod be easiest.

Reply

Son of Loki · 2 weeks ago

"voting and shit"

Reply

SwingingDick · 2 weeks ago

dominion got what votes crave...

Reply

chiquita · 2 weeks ago

Electrolytes?

Reply

PristineSheep · 2 weeks ago

I sure don't want to give up Juneteenth for it!

Reply

philosowerofgrief · 2 weeks ago

Juneteenth is not a holiday until there is a real free-shit sale at Target on that day.

Reply

BIG nilly · 3 weeks ago

This is the way it should be done. One day in person, count it all done.

Reply

Cobra Commander · 2 weeks ago

A Federal holiday would only mean postal employees, unions members, and other government employees vote en masse. No thanks.

Cobra!

Reply

Purulent Discharge · 2 weeks ago

I propose making every day a Federal holiday. The less time those clowns spend "working", the better off we all are.

Reply

TerminalBelief · 2 weeks ago

what makes you think they spend time working?

Reply

Tarsey of Derya PREMIUM · 2 weeks ago

If only proposing an idea was the same as implementing it...

Reply

hysterical american · 2 weeks ago

Bullshit. I want to vote over the internet. The government spies on me 24/7, they know exactly who is who. If people can do online banking, they can do online voting.

Reply

ed004 · 2 weeks ago

NSA kommissario: oh look who voted today and not the politically correct choice. Isnt he on our "do not vote" list? Dont know about that internet voting.

Reply

CEraWheSOFA PREMIUM · 4 weeks ago

Not everyone can work in a cubicle pointing and clicking. Some people actually have to go out into the world and do something. We can't always be home to vote.

Reply

MortisAxCass · 3 weeks ago

Do it on a weekend. Most of Europe does it on the weekend. Why can't we?

Reply

MortisAxCass · 2 weeks ago

Have a look at how other countries do absentee voting. In France you can give your vote to a person of your choice so they vote for you. That person can only vote for themselves and for one other person. All has to be established in front of the police as witnesses.

Reply

PristineSheep · 2 weeks ago

Corporations are required BY LAW to give you time to vote. Try again. If what you choose to do is more important then don't vote. But allowing mail in or God forbid internet voting is a shitshow except for the cheating thieving Communists pretending to be democrats.

Reply

bennosh PREMIUM · 4 weeks ago

mail only voting would solve the lack of cheap housing problem. there will be millions of new addresses filled with people.

Reply

Triomphe · 3 weeks ago (Edited)

AND.....Send those who are involved in Election Fraud.....to "FEDERAL" prison.

Reply

Ross Fatigue · 2 weeks ago

Or send 'em to the meat grinder in Ukraine.

Reply

PristineSheep · 2 weeks ago

Ass pounding prison.

Reply

The Muppets Take Manhattan · 2 weeks ago

You act like they WANT legitimate elections, imagine the senators and representatives that would need to actually represent their districts.

Reply

everythingisOSSIfied · 3 weeks ago

Talk about paper ballots, or continue slurping for diarrhea through a straw

But I see you have made your choice.... NOT to talk about paper ballots... so...

That makes you fucking insane. Not listening to you.

PAPER BALLOTS.

Have that conversation - and DON'T STOP HAVING IT - until people try to use violence to make you be quiet - AND THEN YOU TALK ABOUT IT A MILLION TIMES HARDER - and then you MAKE IT HAPPEN

And then you won't have to drink hot diarrhea.

Wouldn't that be nice?

Don't you want to just DO WHAT I SAY and STOP BEING FUCKING STUPID?

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it?

Paper. Ballots.

Reply

stuman · 3 weeks ago

If voting mattered it would be banned!

Reply

Golden Showers PREMIUM · 3 weeks ago

Voting days should definitely be holidays. I voted today. It took just over an hour. Saw 1,000 people easy. The single county voting headquarters had their shit together in my state. Voter ID, signature match. Professional courtesy.

Don't like crowds. Don't trust the system. Asked the guy leading me to the booth what the number of my ballot meant. It was code for "absentee ballot". He did not know this said "I don't know they just make up numbers" which I was quietly laughing at AND hearing this at a voting location is not quite the right answer one wants to hear. "Of course they do", I says. My paranoid self asked whether it got jacked with a provisional ballot somehow. This is what I was wondering looking for any fuckery, and around hundreds of people I'm vigilant.

I vote. The scanner into which I fed my correct, completed ballot was tagged "absentee". So I know that because I'm voting in person early it is considered "absentee" from my local voting location. Ok.

Then I go to the SoS website and discover they have a database that gives a breakdown of all of the ballots mailed out, all of the mail ballots returned. Breaks down number of in person early voters --2 million. Breaks it down into individual days, by county, all kinds of shit. Every in person early vote was cast by a human. So I feel a little ok. When they scan my ballot I want a receipt of my ballot with a big watermark that prints out what was scanned in. I don't want a sticker.

I want a single voting day national holiday with paper and a big transparent box to drop my paper into. I don't want to first get a receipt to scan into a machine to print a ballot to scan into another machine that is a black box. I don't like that shit. I don't like giving my receipt to go vote to someone else to scan for me. I want to do it. My neighbors are magicians and their card tricks are sick. So... I've be the first thing that makes me sick to my stomach is someone touching what is mine to scan. The other thing is how do I know that the piece of paper called my ballot isn't a fish?

For example, that blank piece of paper goes into the machine and I can't see it. I'm supposed to think that when it prints out on the same piece of paper that my vote hasn't been digitally fucked with and sent up to the server? I can't know. That the third part of getting my ballot back with the answers printed on it... Now I need to scan that into another machine. I've just lost chain of custody twice before getting anywhere near a subway car and this is where my "real" vote takes place?

Why do we need redundancies when the final scanner doesn't print out 2 receipts? One for me and one for the record in case there's a discrepancy between the two?

So, I don't trust any of that. Once I show my ID, signature match all that, I get a paper ballot. I fill it out and drop it in a clear box. In truth there's no way of knowing what happens along that path *when extra days are added*. Once your trust is destroyed, it's not a pleasant experience to vote.

I don't want to interact with 3 people to vote. One is plenty. Insisted 24/7 filming of cast public votes should be easy to do for chain of custody that anyone could watch. Because counting is relevant. That's just another black box.

In 2020 I turned up done with an Antifa bro and had to tell him I didn't want to hear shit about the election on election night. It should be a holiday. It should be the one day that is as-gargled for you to do your shit whatever that is. Any more it should also be the day after so that people get a chance to process.

I'm sick of being hunt run, which is what my election process today was all about. A jumbled mess of distractions. To make it more secure like the banks used to do is ask for a thumbprint. Remember those days? Sure, I'm all over the place here, but my signature is a biometric. What about the records of my vote? Where's the biometric? Where's the chain of custody?

When I get nervous, I'll think of anything that could go wrong or get exploited even if it's absurd. I'm well aware of that. Systems are designed to remove informed consent. That's why I don't trust anyone ever about anything. Especially not some strangers whom I have to interact with.

Do I think my vote was stolen today? Absolutely. I can't know. I can say I did everything right. Do I know my vote was stolen? No. I don't know that. Does that make sense?

I have no trust. Zero. In today with wall to wall assholes surrounding me. No trust.

You know that feeling when you get under your own car and it's on jack stands, wheel chocks on the back tires, and two jacks on the frame and you have to get under it and start busting knuckles on some exhaust hoping you made clearance to turn a torque wrench or can get a bolt to break loose by touch? That's how I feel doing this voting shit. I think I know it's impossible to get crushed under this car, but once I get in there under it, no matter what precautions I've taken, no second chance if it fails

Reply

RestlessNerdGoth · 3 weeks ago

Blah Blah BLAH...

YOU, YOU, YOU.

ME, ME, ME!

WHEN I GET NERVOUS....

WASSA MATTAH?

You are on ZERO HEDGE.

No enough PHYZICOLD and PHYZSILVER?

I recently bought 6 oz. of 2Yr one ounce coins from JMBullion (delivered today)...

Did you take the VACCINE; or are you simply trying to brag about ' *busting knuckles on some exhaust hoping you made clearance to turn a torque wrench or can get a bolt to break loose*'?

'KNOX,' (formerly known as 'AERONOX') is probably THE BEST 'penetrant', as far as salty rusty things are concerned. OF COURSE, HEAT is your BEST FRIEND as well.

Changing a rear (FIREWALL) BANK ONE) turbo on a 2014 Ford Explorer 3.5 liter twin-turbo, time to soak the fasteners with AERONOX®, makes ALL the difference, between snapping all the bolts off or working them out without major damage.

Did you state that you only SUCKED the ph-nix, or that you PREFER the peh-nis?

You have NO SKILLS or ABILITIES when it comes to WHAT IS COMING.

Reply

WashingtonRancherEugene · 3 weeks ago

When both parties are corrupt then voting is a sham. This does not justify a holiday - but a day of mourning!

Reply

dajolly · 3 weeks ago

One Tax File number = One Vote.

Couples who share get a separate form.

Is it really that hard?

F Me.

Reply

Evening Salad · 2 weeks ago

They'd turn it into a shopping sale day like Black Friday so people would wait in line for a TV instead of voting.

Reply

amarobud · 2 weeks ago

Why not? People vote, and then they hit the sales.

Reply

Dirk · 2 weeks ago

Make it a National holiday, like Juneteenth

Reply

crwdddy · 2 weeks ago (Edited)

Screw this commie moron. It is every bit a right not to vote as to do so.

Most years I don't see much reason to vote for with a corrupted two party system but more of the same and have only voted twice in 45 years of being able to. I would have voted this time but this corrupt garbage system blocked Ron Paul out.

You already have the majority of voters that are so stupid and uninformed they shouldn't even be allowed to vote and that is how we got here.

The Founding Fathers meant for it to be a right ONLY for a landed aristocracy for a reason.

Reply

buzzsaw99 · 2 weeks ago

+1 forcing people to vote is what totalitarian dictatorships do.

Reply

chiquita · 2 weeks ago

Nothing about this says people are "forced" to vote. It would still be voluntary. Something to consider is how many people don't vote out of apathy, laziness, or protest. None of that makes good sense.

Glenn Beck just provided a very good example for not doing this. He cited the second term election of Woodrow Wilson, who is arguably one of the very worst presidents this country ever had. People were pissed off so they didn't go to the polls and Charles Evan Hughes, a good candidate, lost by a very small number of votes. Instead, Wilson went on to his second term where--HUGO ENTO YOUR HITLER!

1. The US got dragged into WWI
2. Women got the vote (the 19th Amendment was passed)
3. The Federal Reserve was established
4. The League of Nations was established

All this was after Wilson screwed the US citizenry up to this day by instituting income tax in his first term. Don't forget that he suffered a serious stroke and his wife was actually running the country throughout much of his 2nd term.

Not voting has consequences--very similar to stolen elections.

Reply

BeatBilly · 2 weeks ago

The idea of 100+million souls going to 200,000 voting booths to spend 1 minute voting, all organized and administered by the same crowd that brings you the DMV and the USPS, would itself be a wake up call that democracy is a seriously inferior means of deciding any question.

Reply

Ellacz · 2 weeks ago

Voting day is a state holiday in Virginia, but only for state workers and teachers. The rest of us still have punch the clock...

Reply

dispergad · 2 weeks ago

State workers and teachers - hmmmmmmm.

My Venn Diagram detects the overlap of unions.

Reply

CC7713techman · 2 weeks ago

Thank you, I've been saying this for years. To heck with the rest of the invented holidays to promote division. Have a holiday to promote something positive. Let citizens have in common, the ability to vote. With so many brainwashed, it may not matter that much. But it would be a start. At least some states have early voting instead of making people go through the hassle of having to vote after work with hoards of others around the same time.

Reply

zeropol 2 weeks ago

And $500 tax deduction if voted. And only those paid income taxes are allowed to vote.

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coercionforthee 2 weeks ago

Why incentivize voting? If someone couldn't be bothered to vote, I certainly don't want them checking boxes just for tax deductions.

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zeropol 2 weeks ago

If everyone goes to vote any stolen votes would become apparent. Perhaps in your case you can just check the "present" box.

▲ ▼ Reply

AnonymousButCredible 2 weeks ago *(Edited)*

... and own at least 2 acres of land.

▲ 1 ▼ 2 Reply

moralityabsolute 2 weeks ago

Don't need another stinking federal holiday. Just move it to sunday like all European countries.

▲ 2 ▼ 1 Reply

That pod 2 weeks ago

Vote for the, *Military industrial complex sponsored candidate*, OR the, *Military industrial complex sponsored candidate ? choices choices so many choices.....*

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Purulent Discharge 2 weeks ago

Democracy is mob rule, my little lamb.

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That pod 2 weeks ago

you have a dictatorship.

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ssgredux 2 weeks ago

"If voting made a difference, they wouldn't let us do it" - misattributed Mark Twain quote. Still like it.

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Respite 2 weeks ago *(Edited)*

Can the dead vote on a federal holiday?

Necrophobes!

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Kid A 2 weeks ago *(Edited)*

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Moron Tagger 2 weeks ago

If voting changed anything it would be banned.

Voting is there to give you the illusion of choice.

If you vote, you validate the criminal games of governments and are, therefore accessory to the crimes they commit, and they commit a lot.

Vote Guy Fawkes, the only man to enter the House of Parliament with honest intentions.

▲ 2 ▼ 2 Reply

PrintemDano 2 weeks ago

Like they give a shit if you *validate* them. Not voting is the dumbest thing imaginable. Force them to work hard at cheating. Otherwise they have more time for even more nefarious deeds.

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Moron Tagger 2 weeks ago

If turnout was 5% no party could claim a mandate to rule.

That would seriously put a cat among the pigeons.

We need that cat.

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Delusion Spotter 2 weeks ago

"Our calendars are full of useless holidays"

They forgot to list the absurd Juneteenth....

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bkwaz4 2 weeks ago

"Pride month"

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cockyRoach83 2 weeks ago

We vote on Sundays in my country. It's not rocket science.

▲ 2 ▼ Reply

MortAuxCons 2 weeks ago

Agreed.

The stupid systems (50 states individually decide the system for their state) in the US are simply there to allow CHEATING.

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USSA émigré PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

Since the totalitarian party offers nothing productive intelligent tax payers can use they have to import their voters and make votes appear from thin air. They will never ever go for in person paper ballots on a Federal holiday. Overcome them, then scale back Juneteenth every two years and we lose no productivity.

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WadeBaker 2 weeks ago

Makes too much sense to actually happen.

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flykiller 2 weeks ago

"require in-person voting"

that would be anti-semitic.

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MortAuxCons 2 weeks ago

LMAO!

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DeepCover 2 weeks ago

> *Make Election Day A Federal Holiday, Require In-Person Voting*

They'll be more than happy to make it another Federal holiday. Just another paid holiday for federal workers. But they will never require in-person voting. It makes the vote manipulation that much harder.

▲ 2 ▼ Reply

Gogo 2 weeks ago

This is pretty we how we do it here in Peru. The US, in 25 years has gone to shit! It is not only the main global thug, but also the laughing stock of the globe. Trump will only kick the can down the road a bit.

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Stay-On-Target! 2 weeks ago

The US is in the final stages of collapse, sad thing is we've done it to ourselves through ignorance and apathy.

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MaroonOwl2160 PREMIUM 2 weeks ago

This has been proposed before. Congress keeps knocking it down. Why would they do that? Maybe it's because the voters will actually dump politicians who don't care about anything but themselves taking the responsibility of Term Limits seriously.

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Prince Eugene of Savoy 2 weeks ago

Texas AG Ken Paxton demands that the Biden-Harris administration turn over data to verify the citizenship status of 454,289 registered voters in Texas. There's a snowball's chance in hell the Harris campaign lifts a finger (besides a middle-one) to help Texas cleanup their voter rolls. This is HOW ELECTIONS ARE STOLEN. It's not the machines. Here's another for instance where the GOP establishment is doing what it does best. Nothing.

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Saucony 2 weeks ago

Might as well combine it with Purge day

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Noodles 2 weeks ago

Poindexter doesn't even know that we live in a Constitutional Republic.

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