"The left" now sees hand-counting paper ballots as a danger to "democracy" (along with the First Amendment)

This (state-backed) "leftist" has also championed jabbing every Palestinian (and everybody else), "asylum" for ALL "migrants," censoring "hate speech" and "misinformation," and the Green New Deal

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With Trump as president (again), everybody's talking, or screaming, about everything he's said or done since his inauguration—just like last time, only the reaction now is even more hysterical. This is, to say the least, unfortunate. Between Trump's provocations and the answering din of "liberal" propaganda, there seems to be no possibility of civil conversation, as we're split—beyond repair, it seems—into opposing *camps*, as in a war; and this at a moment when our unity could not be more important, as the *only* way to fight the powers intent on killing us. And this raucous stalemate has not just divided us, but, no less, degraded us, with politicians, journalists and others *on both sides* routinely shouting "Fuck you!" at each other—even in Congress!—and calling one another "assholes"; while, worldwide and every day (or so it seems), there are random murders, crazy brawls, arbitrary mob attacks on subways, stores, shopping malls and airliners, and other outbursts of uncivilized behavior (which, as readers of this Substack know, I ascribe to "vaccination," with its now well-established neuropsychiatric "adverse events").

Another and less shocking consequence of this new wave of profanities and other barbarous behavior is that it distracts us from key issues seemingly unrelated to what Trump and/or his enemies just said or did. There are many such concerns; but the most urgent of them, surely, is the shocking state of "our" electoral democracy, as we're stuck with the worst voting system in the developed world (the judgment of researchers at Harvard and the University of Sydney). We must therefore address that crucial problem, even though the next election is some eighteen months away, since it would probably take that long, if not longer, to bring about the radical reforms that this rotting democracy requires, and as soon as possible.

Here, as with so many other issues, "the left" is on the same wrong side that the Republicans were on for decades, while, since the grand theft in 2020, it's been the *right* that cares about the vote (or at least *their* votes), and that—regardless of the media's dismissal of such work—has put together a vast trove of evidence proving that "Joe Biden" (like George W. Bush) was an unelected "president," just as Hillary Clinton was, twice, her party's un-nominated "nominee." (The only weakness of the right's researches is their partisan conviction that the stealing of elections is exclusively a Democratic crime, whereas *both* parties do it—or rather, it's the CIA that calls the shots, "electing" whichever candidate they choose, just as they've done worldwide since World War II.) To make this point about "the left" having gone off the rails as far as elections (and much else) is concerned, I turn to the case of Amy Goodman, whose stance has shifted radically since Diebold (now Dominion) and ES&S were used to make Bush/Cheney "president" (no doubt in furtherance of 9/11).

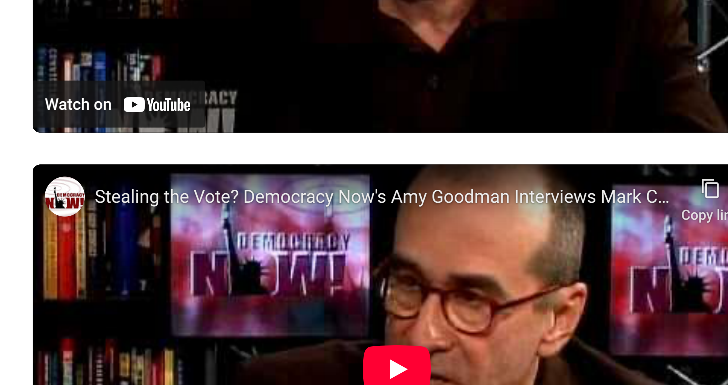
Prior to this last Election Day, Goodman—like all her cohorts on "the left"—was having kittens over a new rule in Georgia, whose Election Board had voted to require election workers to hand-count the ballots, so as to verify the numbers spewed out by the complex of computers now used almost everywhere in the US to "count the vote." Since this is the *most* democratic way to check the corporate say-so of the "vote-counting" cartel, its shrill condemnation by "the left" *in favor of* what Goodman calls "the use of standard voting machines" makes clear that this "left" has no use for democracy: on the contrary.

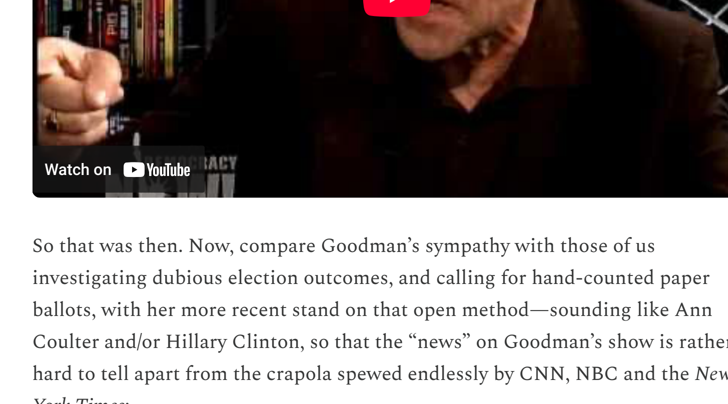
Thus this "leftist" push *for* black-box voting is as glaring a betrayal of democracy as mandatory "vaccination" (a horror avidly endorsed by feminists stone-blind to *its* infringement of their "right to choose"); cheering on the Nazis in Ukraine, and splurging billions on their weaponry; state and corporate censorship of all opposing points of view; and whatever else the "Democrats" now stand for. Thus this latest "leftist" turnaround should come as no surprise—startling though it is to see the *Democrats* all worked up in *defense* of the same hinky gadgetry that was, for decades, used to take or keep them *out* of office. Those "standard voting machines" concocted by Dominion (among others), and now suddenly endorsed by all the "liberals" as the only way to hold a fair election (as only the "vaccines" could save us all from "COVID") are no less easily hacked than those made by the once-notorious Diebold (which, again, is now owned by Dominion) and Diebold's twin brother, ES&S, to do *for the Republicans* what Dominion did for Biden/Harris, "electing" and then "re-electing" BushCheney, as well as scores (at least) of mediocrities who, evidently (that is, according to the most precise forensic evidence),"won" regardless of the will of the electorate. Among such "winning" losers were "legislators" such as Saxby Chambliss and Denise Majette of Georgia, Norm Coleman of Minnesota (Paul Wellstone having been eliminated, as Dick Cheney had threatened publicly), Brian Bilbray of California, Wayne Allard of Colorado, Vern Buchanan and Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida, and John Thune of South Dakota; and "governors" like (among others) Sonny Perdue of Georgia, John H. Sununu of New Hampshire, Scott Walker of Wisconsin, Arnold Schwarzenegger of Hollywood, and Steve Windom of Alabama (whose "victory" began the political and personal destruction of Don Siegelman, perhaps the state's most popular politician, yet not a single prominent Democrat defended him).

Siegelman's abandonment by his own party's leading lights, throughout his long and punitive ordeal in federal prison (on a baldly trumped-up charge of bribery), reaffirms that *both* parties, and the intelligence agencies that back them, are to blame for our disgraceful voting system. Even though, from (roughly) 2000 to 2008, it was the GOP that mainly benefited from the one-two punch whereby American elections have been rigged—(1) variously shrinking the pool of eligible Democratic voters prior to Election Day, then (2) using the computers to further shrink the Democratic vote, while multiplying the Republicans—the Democrats, with very few exceptions, *let it happen*, and even joined the GOP in *defending* that election (although their defense was quiet, while the Republicans' was one long loud roar of bogus indignation). Moreover, "our free press" back then was no less contemptuous of any effort to investigate the GOP's fake victories than they are today of Mike Lindell et al. (From 2000 to 2008, and afterward, the media called us "conpiracy theorists" for our work, whereas today they call such heretics "election deniers.") Meanwhile, of all the Democrats back then, it was only Rep. John Conyers, and the other Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee, who looked hard at how Bush/Cheney had "won" Ohio, as the key to "winning" the election overall, and thereby *setting the stage* for 9/11 and the "war on terror" (which was, in fact, the prequel to the loosing of "the virus" 19 years later).

Having fought long and hard to focus national attention on the ludicrous abomination that we call "our voting system," there's tons more I could say (and have said, and will keep on saying). I could, for instance, tell of how John Kerry actually *told me* that he thought that his "defeat" was engineered ("It's the machines!" he said, with what looked like sincerity). Or I could tell of my encounter with Jerry Nadler, and his lame dismissal of the argument that that election (2004) had been stolen. (I approached him on the train from DC to New York.) "Bush won Ohio by, what, 400,000 votes," he said. "So he would have won anyway." (Bush "won" Ohio by 118,201 votes, which he didn't win.)

While both parties and the media laughed off all charges of election fraud back in the first years of the century, so did "the left," with very few exceptions. One of those exceptions was Amy Goodman, whose "Democracy Now!" gave us a hearing, so that *some* Americans knew something was amiss. Here, for example, are two of my appearances on that show from 2009:





So that was then. Now, compare Goodman's sympathy with those of us investigating dubious election outcomes, and calling for hand-counted paper ballots, with her more recent stand on that open method—sounding like Ann Coulter and/or Hillary Clinton, so that the "news" on Goodman's show is rather hard to tell apart from the crapola spewed endlessly by CNN, NBC and the *New York Times*:

MAGA-Allied Georgia Election Board Votes to Hand-Count Ballots: Move Could Throw National Election

September 23, 2024

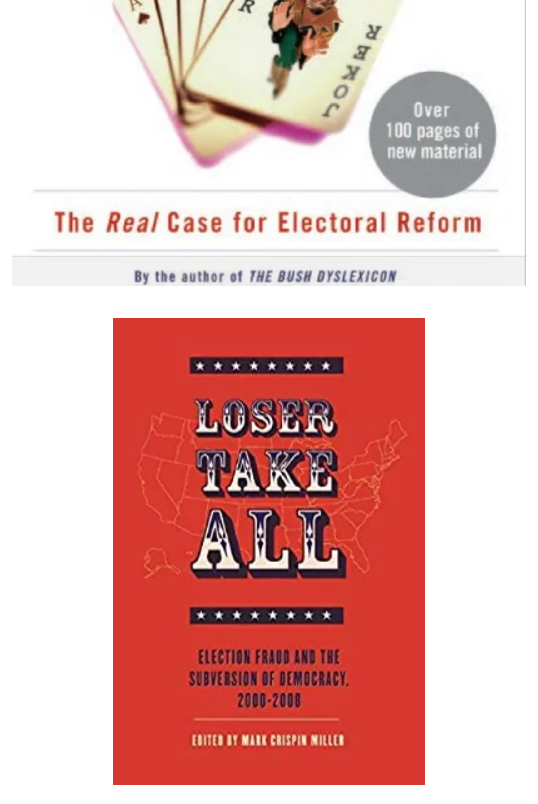
With just weeks to go before the November 5 presidential vote, the pro-Trump majority on Georgia's State Election Board voted 3-2 on Friday to require ballots to be hand-counted, potentially delaying results and sowing chaos on election night in the swing state. ***Voting rights advocates say hand-counting ballots is more time-consuming and could also introduce errors compared to the use of standard voting machines [!!!].*** *"This adds, at really the 11th hour, another layer of confusion," says election law attorney Sara Tindall Ghazal, the lone Democrat on the Georgia State Election Board. "The counties are being set up for failure, but to me one of the most troubling aspects of this whole thing is we were told by our attorneys … that we don't have the legal authorities to even do this." Donald Trump lost Georgia to Joe Biden in 2020 by fewer than 12,000 votes, and he continues to falsely claim the election was marred by fraud. We also speak with Mother Jones voting rights correspondent* ***[and possible CIA asset]*** *Ari Berman, who says the Georgia rules change is part of a wider Republican campaign to "rig the voting rules to benefit their side in a really unprecedented way." Jones also discusses how Trump allies in Nebraska are ramping up efforts to change the state's Electoral College process to grant all votes to the statewide winner.*

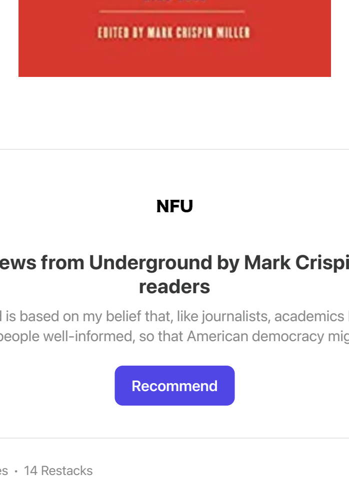
https://www.democracynow.org/2024/9/23/georgia_election

So what happened to induce this startling change? Likelier than not, Goodman's funders—the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations and OSI among them—somehow let it be known to her and her associates that, for whatever reason, it was now time to *support* the voting infrastructure that has, since JFK, made a dismal joke of our democracy, which we can never save, or realize, until we work *together* to enable fair elections.

One last point: After Biden/Harris "won" in 2020, and the right (among others) were righteously indignant over it, to the point of massing in the Capitol, I wrote to Lara Heimert, the director of Basic Books, which had, in 2005, published my book *Fooled Again: The* Real *Case for Electoral Reform*, focusing on the election of 2004. The mass uproar over Trump's "defeat" struck me as an important opportunity to grow my readership, and, therefore, to diversify the election integrity movement, so that right and left might come together to agree on a solution to this fundamental civic problem. (After all, the hardcover edition boasted blurbs from both the liberal Larry David and the conservative Paul Craig Robert, as well as Rep. Conyers.) To that end, I offered to write a long new introduction, noting all the evidence of fraud *this* time around, with the *Democrats* as beneficiaries of the theft.

But that was not to be, since Basic Books apparently had zero interest in this quasi-ecumenical proposal: Ms. Heimert never even answered me, nor did she respond to my follow-up email, regardless of the likely commercial benefit of such a new, "inclusive" version of *Fooled Again*. Nor was it only Basic Books that turned away. When I asked my agent about other houses that might do the book as I proposed, she told me, without hesitating, that she simply couldn't sell a book like that, presumably because it would give credence to the Nazi hordes that mounted their "attempted coup" on "January 6." Thus the crucial and illuminating *facts* of that election were beside the point, what with the "liberal" need to stand against the Enemy (a need shared by their counterparts "across the aisle").





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If Trump were to accomplish nothing else, his political journey since 2016 has exposed, for many of us who were once in ignorant bliss, the complete rot of our corrupt and deceitful government, which is nothing short of a sophisticated criminal cartel. At least now that we know it exists, we have a chance to fight it.

Thank you for your work on exposing election fraud...both back then and now. I hope one day people realize that it's the narrow field of the ruling class elites against all of us, not the right against the left or vice versa.

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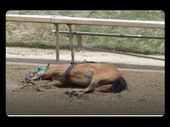

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