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Citizens,

Here is today's rap sheet of ongoing election crimes that threaten our democracy.

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* Learn about the crisis we face
* Pass this on to educate others
and
TAKE ACTION TO STOP
THE ASSAULT!*



Today's Crime Against Democracy: Paperless E-Voting Machines

Electronic voting (e-voting/touchscreen) machines are fast replacing other voting systems in the U.S., especially paper ballot systems such as punch card machines. This is in large part due to the 2002 Help America Vote Act (HAVA) which strongly encourages, *but does not require*, the "upgrade" to e-voting systems. Even though these systems are vastly more expensive and problematic than paper ballot systems, such as optical scan, counties and states across the country are embracing this "new technology." Unlike its older cousin, the ATM banking machines, e-voting machines are rarely made with a paper record of the voter's ballot that can be verified by the voter, commonly called a voter-verified paper trail. Hence, any recount that might be done is simply a regurgitation of the machine count.

It should be noted that even using a voter-verified paper trail with e-voting machine systems is ***no guarantee that the voter's ballot was recorded as cast***. Only a statistically valid verification process involving a check of paper ballots or voter-verified paper trails can indicate if the machine tallies do indeed accurately reflect the will of the voters. Of course, without paper ballots or records, no legitimate recount or verification is possible. Until paper ballots are required and such a verification process is adopted and used, voters using e-voting machines ***have no basis for confidence in the reported election results***.

Furthermore, as predicted by many, counties around the country have been experiencing major problems with their new e-voting systems. It appears inevitable that the coming elections will essentially be a major train wreck. Unless We the People demand reliable and verifiable election systems, confidence in a government *of, by, and for the people* will become a thing of the past.

What will YOUR response be when the train wreck happens on Nov. 7?

(NOTE: Think your vote is safe because e-voting systems aren't used in your county? Stay tuned for an upcoming Daily Rap Sheet covering the use of secret software in ALL electronic election systems, including e-voting, optical scan, and punch card systems.)

History, Suspects & Perps: **Conspiracy to Prevent Paper Trails for Election Verification**

According to an April 2006 article in *Rolling Stone Magazine*, "Diebold paid some \$275,000 to [Jack] Abramoff's firm, Greenberg Traurig, with the apparent aim of keeping legislation requiring paper trails in the voting process from getting into HAVA. Conveniently, Abramoff pal [Rep.] Bob Ney [R-OH], one of the HAVA architects, blocked every attempt to put paper trails into law." Since then, both Ney and Abramoff have pled guilty to felony charges of corruption.



Background Check: Learn the Crime History, Routines, and Rackets

[Cost Information about Voting Systems](#), by VotersUnite.org

[Brennan Center Task Force Says Software Attacks Pose Real Danger to All Electronic Voting Machines](#), Brennan Center for Justice, NYU School of Law, 6/27/06

[Will the Next Election Be Hacked?](#), by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

[Severe Election Problems Seen in 10 States](#), by Jason Leopold, Truthout.org

[Articles pertaining to the Train Wreck 2006](#), at VotersUnite.org

[BlackBoxVoting.org](#)

Action & Prevention: Take Steps to Restore Elections to the PEOPLE

1. Fight for the requirement of **paper ballots** in ALL election systems and for the paper ballots to be the **legal ballots of record**.

2. Fight for the elimination of e-voting systems and for the use of paper ballot systems such as optical scan.

3. Demand statistically valid verification procedures to ensure the reported machine tallies accurately reflect the ballots cast by the voters, and that election results are *not certified* until the results have been verified or corrected.

4. DON'T LET ANOTHER QUESTIONABLE ELECTION GO UNCHALLENGED. Check websites such as [Network of Citizens](http://NetworkofCitizens.org), www.velvetrevolution.us/electionstrikeforce/, and [BlackBoxVoting](http://BlackBoxVoting.org) for ways to help protect the coming elections and restore elections to We the People.

5. The best election observation is or can be done by pollworkers. Protect election integrity from inside the system by [signing up to be a pollworker](#).



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Voting Rights Institute Hotline:
1-888-DEMVOTE (1-888-336-8683)

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