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**A WARNING FROM ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.**



Voter suppression is real. It's a crime. And it's happening to YOU.

But there's something that you can do to prevent it. That's what this guide is about.

For many years, Greg Palast and I have been writing about and investigating voter suppression. We found this: Leading up to the November election, elite commandos of bare-knuckle politics are wielding new federal legislation to systematically disenfranchise millions of voters—enough, in another close race, to determine the presidency in November.

The idea that there is something inadvertent about this or coincidental is a fantasy. This is a deliberate strategy to keep minorities from voting, senior citizens from voting, young people from voting in an effort to suppress the vote and maintain their hold on power.

Our concern is not partisan. We need every American to vote: Democrats and Republicans.

It's our job, each of us, to inform the voters that they have a right to vote, and that there are people who are going to try to deprive them of that right. But we can protect our right to vote. Start with page 18: '7 Easy Steps to Steal Back Your Vote.'

You can do all the campaigning you want in a battleground state like Ohio or New Mexico, but if your voters aren't counted, you're going to lose the Presidency—and our democracy.

Download this guide. Download the film, "Steal Back Your Vote." Pass on this link. And get the word out! There's still time to steal back your vote.



"We've marched too long, we've worked too hard, and died too young. Don't let them steal your vote. Fight back!"

—Rev. Jesse Jackson

**THIS GUIDE IS NOT ABOUT SAVING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. IT IS ABOUT SAVING OUR DEMOCRACY. VOTE-GAMING IS—SIGH—A BI-PARTISAN SPORT.**



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# NIGHT OF THE LIVING VOTE-SNATCHERS



BY GREG PALAST

In 2002, George W. Bush signed the Help America Vote Act.

When a Bush tells you he's going to "help" you vote—look out!

The result: in the 2004 presidential election, over three million votes—3,006,080—were cast and not counted. Like, what the !@#!?

That's from the official data from an agency created by George Bush called the "Elections Assistance Commission." When a Bush tells you he's going to "assist" our elections... (well, you get it).

Three MILLION ballots disappeared—pfft!

And not just anyone's ballots. U.S. government experts reported, for example, that a black voter's ballot is 900% more likely

**"INSTEAD OF BEING A VESSEL FOR FACILITATING THE VOTE, [HAVA] BECAME A VESSEL FOR RESTRICTING THE VOTE."** -BOBBY KENNEDY

than a white voter's ballot to get "lost" in the machine. Bush fired the experts.

Three million voters went missing in '04—but that ain't nuthin'!

Law professor and voting law expert Robert F.

and Ladders," with traps and tricks between you and your vote.

Example: the Republican Secretary of State of Colorado "helped" her state vote by eliminating 19.4% of the voters from the vot-

3 MILLION BALLOTS  
DISAPPEARED- PFFT!

-Investigative Reporter  
GREG PALAST



Kennedy Jr. warns that it's about to get a whole lot worse. Nasty new spores of the "Help" America Vote Act" went into effect since the last election that have turned the process into a vicious game of "Chutes

er rolls. That's one in five !@#\$\$@ voters!

Over three million missing ballots—and now the voters themselves are disappearing by the millions. Where the hell did they go?

Read on ...



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FORGET THOSE DIEBOLD MACHINES. THEY'RE GOING TO STEAL THE PRESIDENCY AGAIN, AND THEY'LL RIG THE TOUCH-SCREEN COMPUTER POLLS. BUT THAT'S NOT THE KEY.



WHEN GEORGE BUSH TELLS YOU HE'S GOING TO "HELP" YOU, LOOK OUT. THIS GOES DOUBLE FOR WHEN HE WANTS TO HELP YOU VOTE.



BEFORE THE LAW THAT "HELPS" US VOTE, EVERY VOTER REGISTRATION WAS RECORDED.



NOT ANY MORE, AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006, EACH OF THE 50 SECRETARIES OF STATE BECAME EMPOWERED TO REJECT THOSE VOTER REGISTRATIONS.



AND THEY DID. CALIFORNIA, FOR EXAMPLE, REJECTED 40% OF VOTER REGISTRATIONS DURING 2006.



MOST WERE PEOPLE WITH "UNUSUAL NAMES." UNUSUAL FOR REPUBLICANS, ANYWAY.



# SIX WAYS THEY'RE TRYING TO STEAL YOUR VOTE

## 1 BUST THE LEAGUE

These numbers should scare the hell out of The Rotten Old Order: There are 7 million unregistered Hispanic citizens—and another 17 million unregistered voters between the ages of 18 and 24.

The Establishment's solution: make registering voters a crime.

The Republican Governor and legislature of Florida, for example, made the League of Women Voters and other voter-drive groups subject to a \$5000 fine for every voter form they submitted with a picky, accidental error – or if they came in a couple hours past a deadline.

Twenty states (like Florida, thanks to a GOP legislature) have now put weird restrictions on voter drives.

What's their excuse? "The Democrats have registered five million illegal aliens," the

**"THE FIRINGS OF THE SEVEN U.S. ATTORNEYS CAME DIRECTLY OUT OF THIS CAMPAIGN BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO GIN UP CASES OF VOTER FRAUD IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY A NATIONAL EFFORT TO CREATE IMPEDIMENTS FOR PEOPLE TO VOTE."**

**—BOBBY KENNEDY**

office of Arizona Republican pol Russell Pearce told me.

5,000,000?? Wow! We asked him to name just five – after all, they have to give

the entire USA! Those are the findings of the top expert in the field, Barnard College professor Lorraine Minnite.

THE PAST 4 YEARS HAVE SEEN NEW RULES TO BLOCK VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGNS FOR THE POOR.



their name and address to register. He could name ... zero.

Despite a huge nationwide manhunt, the Bush Administration could find only five fraudulent voters a year—in

Five ne'er-do-wells per year out of 170 million registered voters. But these goofy rules—and all the tricks that follow—are wiping out 5 million innocent voters.

And that's their plan.

**VOTER FRAUD IS NON-EXISTENT...EVERYBODY WHO HAS EVER STUDIED THIS—NON-PARTISAN, BI-PARTISAN GROUPS—HAVE SAID THAT IT IS SIMPLY NOT A PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY."**—BOBBY KENNEDY

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS A NICE GROUP OF LADIES WHO EDUCATE VOTERS ABOUT HOW CANDIDATES ACT AND ELECTIONS WORK.

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POLITICIANS ARE LIARS. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOUR VOTE DOESN'T COUNT ANYWAY.\*

\*ACTUAL TRUTH. NOT ACTUAL VOTER TRAINING.

ENCOURAGING AMERICANS TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S BIGGEST GOALS.

CAN'T YOU JUST SEND ME A **LINK**?

REGISTER TO VOTE

Sign up VOTE!

WHICH IS A PROBLEM. MANY NEW VOTERS ARE POOR, AND HAVE DARK SKIN. IN OTHER WORDS, DEMOCRATS.

THOSE HOS ARE WORSE THAN **OSAMA!**

DON'T DISS MY CAVEBOY - HE HATES DEMOCRACY TOO!

FORTUNATELY, REPUBLICAN (AND YELLOW DOG/CRACKER/WUSSY/DEMOCRAT) STATE OFFICIALS ARE FIGHTING BACK.

WE MAKE EVERY ITTY-BITTY REGISTRATION ERROR A **CRIME**. 14 MISTAKES AND THE LEAGUE IS BANKRUPT.\*

JEB BUSH

\* REALLY!

ULTIMATELY, BLOCKING VOTER REGISTRATION ISN'T ABOUT RACE, OR PARTY. IT'S ABOUT CLASS.

AMONG PEOPLE WHO EARN LESS THAN \$15,000 A YEAR, VOTER REGISTRATION IS DOWN TO A **RECORD LOW**.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

HOW 6,400,000 VOTES WILL DISAPPEAR

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## 2 THE PURGE'N GENERAL

To those millions of would-be new voters: Good Luck.

Beginning in 2006, for the first time in U. S. history, federal law allows, even requires, U.S. Secretaries of State to reject first-time registrants where officials decide they cannot match your identity to government records.

The result has been a virtual voter-registry pogrom. States have rejected forms by the hundreds of thousands. In just the first ten weeks under the new rules, a little-noted codicil within the "Help America Vote Act," Republican Secretary of State Bruce McPherson of California successfully blocked 42% of new registrations out-of-hand, 14,629 voters in Los Angeles County alone.

And who were the rejected?

Typically "Latino, Vietnamese, Chinese, Muslim-surnamed citizens," and, in

**"IF THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH FRAUDULENT VOTING THAT WAS DEMONSTRABLE, IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY. BUT IN THIS CASE, THERE IS NO PROBLEM - THE PROBLEM DOESN'T EXIST."—BOBBY KENNEDY**

general, the poor, says Debra Bowen, the Democrat who replaced McPherson. The new Secretary of State told us she is hoping, but not certain, she can restore the civil rights of

ican—just in time for the November "election."

And the Secretary of State of Colorado—the one who disappeared one in five of that swing state's voters. George

THE GRANDDADDY OF VOTER PURGES. THE TRIED AND TRUE METHOD FIRST GIVEN A ROAD TEST BY KATHERINE HARRIS IN FLORIDA 2000. IS THE PURGE OF 'FELONS'.



the tens of thousands of rejected by November.

Others aren't trying at all.

The GOP Secretary of State of Florida is rejecting 85,000 voters, most of them (you guessed it!) African-Amer-

Bush appointed her as Chairman of the US Elections Assistance Commission—to police the whole nation's vote in November. We hear he wanted to call her the "Purge'n General."

**"EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE. AND EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REGISTER. AND THAT'S NOT HAPPENING IN THIS COUNTRY ANYMORE."—BOBBY KENNEDY**

IN THE 2008 ELECTION, THE DICE ARE LOADED AGAINST VOTERS WHO ARE HISPANIC, POOR, OR "ITINERANT" (I.E., STUDENTS).



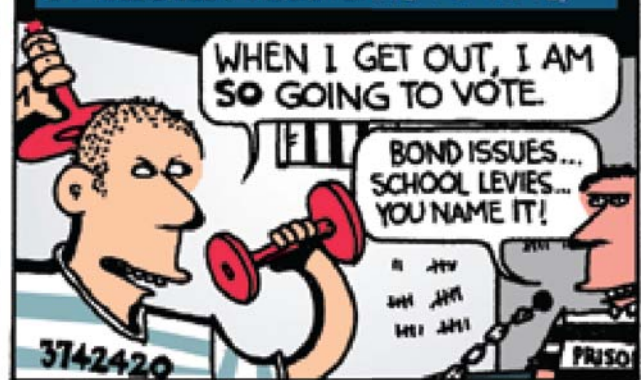
IN JUNE 2006, GEORGIA'S SECRETARY OF STATE CATHY COX [SIC] PURGED 80,000 VOTERS AS CONVICTED FELONS.



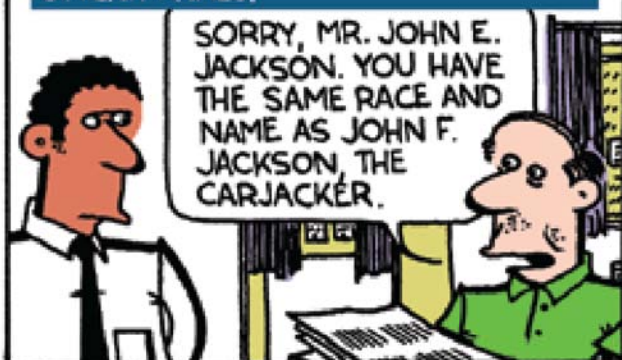
PALAST DISCOVERED COMPUTER FILES PURGING BAD-ASS VOTERS LIKE BERNICE KINES, CONVICTED IN 2009 (!) OF AN UNKNOWN FUTURE CRIME.



THEY WEREN'T REALLY FELONS--REAL FELONS WOULDN'T RISK MORE JAIL TIME BY ILLEGALLY REGISTERING TO VOTE.



THEY HAD THE SAME NAME AS REAL FELONS. ONE LEGACY OF SLAVERY IS THAT MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE SIMILAR NAMES.



FELONS WHO VOTE ARE COMMITTING ANOTHER FELONY. YET COX DIDN'T ARREST A SINGLE ONE OF THESE 80,000 EVILDOERS/VOTERS.



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## 3 SPOILING AMERICA

Odd thing about the 207 voters of precinct 999 in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

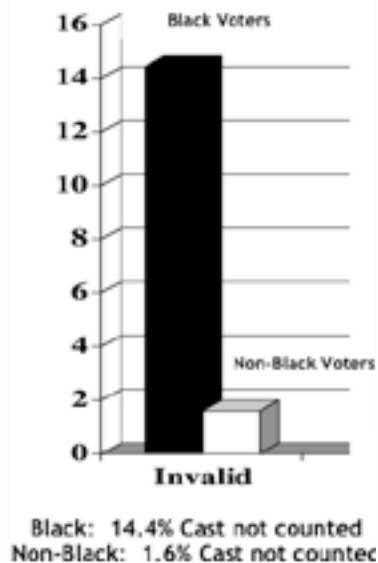
Not a single one could choose between George Bush and John Kerry in 2004.

Or at least that's what their ballots said.

The Secretary of State at the time told me, "Some of those people just can't make up their minds." Dirt-poor Dona Ana is 63% Hispanic and the precinct is made up entirely of overseas voters, mostly the Chicano soldiers in Iraq or on duty. The



**"TOUCH-SCREENS ARE NOTORIOUS. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO END THE 'SPOILAGE' PROBLEM. BUT WE DISCOVERED THAT HISPANICS VOTING ON COMPUTER SCREENS ARE SIX TIMES AS LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR VOTE THAN IF THEY VOTE ON PAPER BALLOTS. SOMETHING'S VERY ROTTEN." –BOBBY KENNEDY**



machines say that Hispanic soldiers don't care who becomes their commander-in-chief.

Or maybe, the machines failed to register their votes.

Few Americans realize that in 2004, 1,389,231 ballots were never counted because they were "spoiled." How do ballots spoil? They get left out of the 'fridge? No, they're supposedly unreadable, blank, or just

somehow lost in the machines.

Here's an unfun fact: not everyone's vote spoils the same.

The U.S. Civil Rights Commission found that the chances of an African-American voter losing their vote is 900% higher than a white voter. Hispanic votes vanished at a rate 500% higher than Anglo votes.

Something's rotten.

DIG THESE NUMBERS. IN '04 BUSH WON NEW MEXICO BY JUST 5,988 VOTES. YET OVER 21,000 WERE **BLANK**—



I HUNTED DOWN THE THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON HER CELL WHILE SHE WAS TOOLING TO CHI-CHI SANTA FE. TOLD ME INDIANS ARE INDECISIVE.



I ASKED THE TAOS WAR CHIEF.

YOU GUYS CAN'T MAKE UP YOUR MINDS?



WE TRUSTED THEM. WE THOUGHT THEY KNEW ABOUT THESE SOPHISTICATED THINGS.



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## 4 PROVISIONAL DEMOCRACY

Uh-oh.

Three million voters showed up at the polls on Election Day 2004 and, instead of getting real ballots, were handed something called a "provisional" ballot, a new creature created by the Help America Vote Act. And guess what? About a third—one million votes—were then thrown away, rejected. In Ohio, the pile in the dumpster would



**"THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SENT LETTERS TO VOTERS AT THE NAVAL AIR STATION, AND IF THIS VOTER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN OR EUROPE, THEN THE LETTER WILL COME BACK TO THE SENDER, WHICH IS THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE."**

**—BOBBY KENNEDY**

have changed the name of the guy in the White House.

It's about to happen again. Big time. In the caucus primary of 2008 in New Mexico, one in eight Democrats were handed these bogus bouncing ballots. How come so many ballots? There's a big old challenge machine operation lying in wait to get you.

It started with a man named Tim Griffin, Karl Rove's protégé, who directed a scheme called "caging." But we caught him. Tim's not the sharpest knife in the drawer, so he addressed his confiden-

tial emails to GeorgeWBush.org instead of GeorgeWBush.com. The .org site is owned by John Wooden, friend of the BBC team, who sent it right to us. Oops!

In one New Mexico pueblo, hundreds of Native Americans were forced to vote provisionally—but local politicians didn't give them official envelopes. Then these same politicians threw the votes away because they didn't have official envelopes.

The politicians, by the way, were all, uh, Democrats.

**"WHEN THIS FELLOW SHOWS UP TO VOTE, THEY'LL SAY: 'YOU DON'T LIVE AT THIS ADDRESS ANYMORE, WE'RE CHALLENGING YOUR VOTE. WE CAN'T GIVE YOU A REAL BALLOT, WE'LL INSTEAD GIVE YOU A PROVISIONAL BALLOT. BUT OF COURSE, PROVISIONAL BALLOTS HAVE TURNED OUT TO BE JUST A PLACEBO, THROWN AWAY IN HALF THE CASES.'" —BOBBY KENNEDY**

CLEVELAND, OHIO

LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION,  
3 MILLION VOTERS WERE HANDED,  
INSTEAD OF A REAL BALLOT,  
A WEIRD BALONEY BALLOT.

IT WAS INVENTED BY ROVE AND BUSH—  
ESPECIALLY FOR VOTERS OF THE WRONG  
COLOR (BLACK AND BLUE). PART OF THEIR  
HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT. WHEN GEORGE  
BUSH WANTS TO "HELP" YOU VOTE,  
LOOK OUT.



EVERY TIME A PIMPLY REPUBLICAN WITH A BLACKBERRY  
CHALLENGED A VOTER IN A BLACK PRECINCT, THE CITIZEN  
GOT A "PROVISIONAL" BALLOT, FILLED IT OUT—  
THEN IT WAS TOSSED IN THE GARBAGE.

11 MILLION VOTES IN THE TRASH

OUR DEMOCRACY'S IN A DUMPSTER IN CLEVELAND.



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## 5 VOTES GONE POSTAL

**"WE ARE...BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE WE HAVE ELECTIONS LIKE THOSE RUN IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE GUYS IN CHARGE ARE, YOU KNOW, COLONELS IN MIRRORED GLASSES."—KARL ROVE**

You're a new voter in Idaho and mail in your absentee ballot. Save the stamp and throw it away—because elections officials will: you have to personally appear with your ID.

Idaho isn't alone with that new voter Block-the-Vote trick. Missouri—did

you notarize your ballot? In Kentucky, did you sign it twice? In Colorado, did you use the official envelope?

With partisan officials ready to rip up your ballot over signatures, postage sums, envelope sizes, challenging a circle

versus 'X' and other picky-picky gotcha stuff, mailing in your ballot today is a kind of electoral Russian Roulette.

About one in ten absentee ballots get chucked in the dumpster. You're still mailing in your ballot??? Like, hello!

**"WE LIVE IN A DEMOCRACY. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AN EXEMPLARY NATION. WE'RE SPENDING THREE TRILLION DOLLARS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE DEMOCRACY IN IRAQ...BUT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE DEMOCRACY IN OHIO."—BOBBY KENNEDY**

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Computer-wary voters went postal in 2004: In some states, mail-in ballot requests were up 500%. The chance that all those votes--over 19 million--were counted? ZILCH!

IT'S 10 PM:

# Do You Know Where Your ABSENTEE BALLOT is?

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In the 2004 Florida primaries, Palm Beach Elections Supervisor Theresa LePore counted 37,839 absentee votes. But days before, her office told journalist Greg Palast, that only 29,000 ballots had been received! AMAZING!



If a few thousand votes had gone missing, instead of more miraculously appearing, there'd be almost no way to figure it out. LePore was made to do a recount...and acknowledge 6000 phones.

Meanwhile, in Arapahoe County, Colorado, three times more absentee ballots mailed to Democrats 'failed to return' as compared to Republicans-- A fact that couldn't be accounted for by the number of Dems versus Reps using them.



Millions of voters, not trusting elections officials to operate voting machines without tampering, mailed in their ballots to these same officials on the faith that they would be tallied. Who knew that their signature, envelope, address, or pencil lead thickness could be reason enough for their votes to be trashed?

In San Diego, a Democratic write-in candidate for mayor lost by 2,108 votes after 5,551 absentee ballots with her name clearly written in were tossed. The reason? While the voters wrote in her name, they failed to also check the box next to it.



Precinct-by-precinct arithmetic disclosed that absentee voters in strong Kerry precincts were 265% more likely to have their votes tossed than those in Bush precincts. Behind this statistic is (Surprise!) Jim Crow Racism. Black voters' absentee ballots were rejected at a rate 316% higher than whites.'

In the US in 2004, from official reports, half a million (526,426) absentee ballots were received but not counted--and those are just the ones they acknowledge receiving!



Democrats, who once excelled at the art of counting Chicago's absentees, even dead ones, are way behind in this new game. It makes you wonder, do they want to win-- or are they just mailing it in?

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## 6 NUNS ON THE RUN

So, these ten nuns walk into a polling station and...Oh, you've heard that one?

What you didn't hear is that, besides the Sisters of the Holy Cross, based on data from the University of Washington, 144,896 other legal voters were told to scam in this year's primary—all caught attempting to vote without a license. The rejected were, disproportionately, African-American.

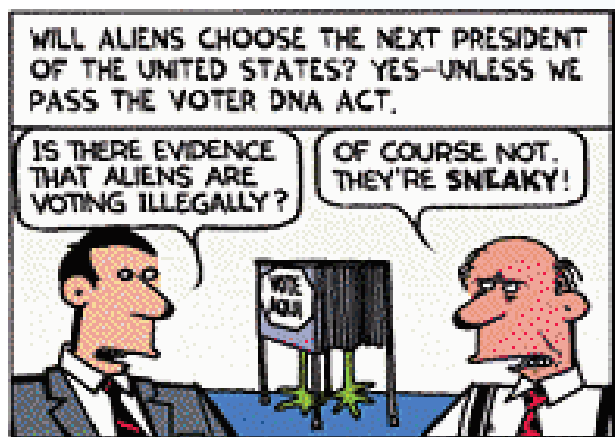
Apparently, the idea for this racially rancid rule came to Karl Rove while he was buying his Pampers: "If I try to cash a check at a grocery store, I have to show an ID. Why not for voting?"

The answer, Karl, is that for a century, Indiana folks have voted without photo ID with not a single known case of voter identity theft. It's

true the law nabbed Shirley Preiss, a 98-year-old Democrat whose driver's license expired. Drop that ballot, Shirl, and no one gets hurt.

Santiago Juarez sees some truth in Rove's remarks. We met with Santiago in Espanola, New Mexico, where he was running a registration drive among low-riders, the young Mexican-Americans who cruise the street in hopping, bopping, neon-outlined Chevys. He says, "The same poverty and racism that keeps these kids from getting credit cards keeps them

from getting ID." A young Mexicana he escorted to the polls was turned away from her first-ever attempt to vote for failure to produce an ID



to the white pollworker's satisfaction, despite Santiago's protest.

"She said, well, something you can't print, and refused to try again. She said, 'They don't want me to vote, anyway.'"

**"ONE OUT OF EVERY TEN AMERICANS DON'T HAVE A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID BECAUSE THEY DON'T TRAVEL ABROAD, SO THEY DON'T HAVE PASSPORTS, AND THEY DON'T DRIVE A CAR SO THEY DON'T HAVE DRIVERS LICENSES. THE NUMBER RISES TO ONE IN FIVE WHEN YOU'RE DEALING WITH THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. AND INDEED, FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO GET A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID—IT'S AN OBSTACLE."—BOBBY KENNEDY**

# THE NEWEST SCAM TO STEAL YOUR VOTE



On May 6, 2008, 12 elderly sisters of the cloth were denied the right to vote in Indiana because they had the wrong kind of I.D....

NICE TRY, HONEY! IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'D BETTER RETURN THAT GET-UP TO THE COSTUME STORE!



Angela H., Allyson M., and who knows how many other college students had their votes denied because their student I.D.'s didn't show their dorm room addresses...

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M BEING CARDED!

THIS ISN'T EVEN MY FAKE I.D.!



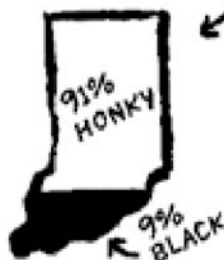
What the HELL is going on? Nothing, says Secretary of State Todd Rokita:

INDIANA'S VOTER I.D. LAW APPLIES (FAIRLY) TO EVERYONE



REALLY? Journalist, Greg Palast, wondered if it applied the same if you happened to be voting while black...

So Palast crunched the numbers: African-Americans make up 9% of Indiana's electorate (that comes to approx. 400,000 voters).



According to a Univ. of Washington study, 28% of those don't carry the I.D. that's required



In a state that Hillary won by only 14,000 votes, 100,000 African-Americans, the young, the old, and those who live in convents - that adds up to a lot of missing I.D. cards - and **STOLEN VOTES!**

If that's not enough, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, and Arizona have jumped on the voter I.D. bandwagon, supposedly to stop "vote fraud."



That's what cost U.S. Attorneys their jobs - they discovered that vote fraud only existed in Karl Rove's imagination.

Martin Luther King walked 56 miles from Selma to Montgomery for the right to vote. In the Supreme Court, Justice Scalia remarked that the burden of a 17-mile walk to the voter I.D. office was no different for a 98-year-old nun than for a chauffeur-driven Republican.



So, did Indiana go to all the trouble to fix a primary for Hillary? No. But as a dry run, it proved that voter I.D. should work just as planned in November.

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# STEAL BACK YOUR VOTE IN 7 EASY STEPS

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## 1 DON'T DON'T DON'T MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT

For those of you who mailed in your ballot, please tell me, what happened to it? You don't know, do you? I can tell you that officially, three-fourths of a million absentee ballots were never counted last time, on the weakest of technical excuses. And you won't even know it. Furthermore, tens of thou-

sands of ballots are not mailed out to voters in time to return them - in which case you're out of luck. Most states won't let you vote in-precinct once you've applied to vote absentee. Every time I hear of a voter going "absentee" to avoid computer screens, I want to "go postal" myself.

## 2 VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN

Every state now lets voters cast ballots in designated polling stations and at county offices in the weeks before Election Day. Do it. Don't wait until Election Day to find out you have the wrong ID, your registration's "inactive," or you're on a challenge list. By Election Day, there's little to do but hold up the line.



## 3 REGISTER AND REGISTER AND REGISTER

Think you're registered to vote? Think again. With all this purg'n going on, you could be x'd out and you won't know it. Check online with your Secretary of State's office or call your County Board of Elections. Then register your girlfriend, your wife, your mailman and your mommy. Contact the Rainbow

PUSH Coalition, the League of Women Voters, and your local party organization, and commit to a couple of days of door-to-door registration, especially in minority neighborhoods or at social service agency offices. And if you've served the time, you can sign: in almost every state, ex-cons can vote.



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## 4 VOTE UNCONDITIONALLY, NOT PROVISIONALLY

In 2008, they'll be handing out provisional ballots like candy, especially to Hispanic voters. If your right to vote is challenged, don't accept a provisional ballot that will likely not get counted no matter what the sweet little lady at the table tells you. She won't decide; partisan sharks will. Demand adjudication from poll judges on the spot; demand a call to the supervisor of elections; or return with

acceptable ID if possible. And be a champ: defend the rights of others.

If you've taken Step 1 above and voted early, you have Election Day free to be a poll watcher. You'll need training and credentials, either from a voter group or, in some states, a designation from a political party. Then challenge the challengers, the weird guys with Blackberrys containing lists of "suspect" voters. Be firm, but no biting.

## 5 OCCUPY OHIO, INVADE NEVADA

The revolution will not be podcast. Let go of that mouse, get out of your PJs and take the resistance door-to-door—to register the vote, to canvass the voters, to get out the vote. Donate time to your union (if you're not in a union, why not?) or to the troublemakers I've already listed here and on our site. This may seem a stupendously unoriginal suggestion, but I know of no other method more effective for confronting the armed and dangerous junta that has seized the White House.



## 6 SUE THE BASTARDS

There aren't enough lawyers in America—at least not enough pushing back against the vote-fixing tide. But there are some. Shining examples include the non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice, who's gonzo lawyers kick official backsides when they

discover vote suppression. You don't have to be an attorney to join the fight. These are political battles, in all cases supported by street-fighting activists like Votersunite.org who rouse the public behind the legal actions.

## 7 MAKE THE DEMOCRATIC DEMAND: NO VOTE LEFT BEHIND!

I have this crazy fantasy in my head. In it, an election is stolen and the guy who's wrongly declared the loser stands up in front of the White House and says three magic words: "Count the votes." You can

have all the paper ballots in the world, but if you don't demand to look at them, publicly, in a recount, you might as well mark them with invisible ink.



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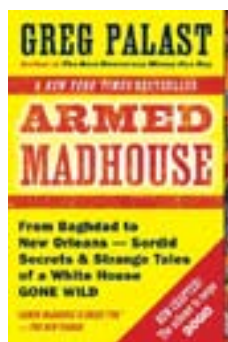
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