



**THE SCOOP  
ON TURDBLOSSOM  
&  
THE CORRUPTION  
OF OUR  
ELECTION SYSTEM**

**AN INTERACTIVE  
SCRAPBOOK FOR  
THE CURIOUS**

*Some things are worth knowing*

Sheri Leigh Myers

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## RECENT REPORTS OF VULNERABILITIES in ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS & OTHER ELECTION SYSTEM PROBLEMS

Here is a clip on VOTING MACHINE IRREGULARITIES from the excellent  
"STEALING AMERICA, VOTE BY VOTE"

by Dorothy Fadiman

<http://www.stealingamericathemovie.org/multiple.html>

We URGE YOU to see it!



### WARNING ON VOTING MACHINES REVEALS OVERSIGHT FAILURE

**"Disclosure of an election computer glitch that could drop ballot  
totals for entire precincts is stirring new worries.."**

<http://truevote.us/nucleus/index.php?itemid=43>

SOME SWING STATES NOT PREPARED FOR VOTING PROBLEMS IN NOVEMBER  
a close examination of voting preparedness in 10 swing states shows that significant problems in the basic  
functions of the American election administration system persist, and in a few cases have worsened over the  
last few years.."

<http://www.alternet.org/story/99052/>

[some swing states not prepared for voting problems in november/](#)

# RECENT REPORTS OF VULNERABILITIES in ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS & OTHER ELECTION SYSTEM PROBLEMS

**PLAN TO FOLLOW THIS AS THE ELECTION UNFOLDS!**  
[SIGN UP FOR THE DAILY VOTING NEWS](#)

A compilation of problems reported in the media, maintained by VotersUnite.org

<http://www.votersunite.org/electionproblems.asp>

## [E-Voting Failures in the 2006 Mid-Term Elections](#)

“The 2006 mid-term election revealed that the promise of easier voting, more accurate tallies, and faster results with electronic systems has not been fulfilled.”

<http://www.votersunite.org/info/E-VotingIn2006Mid-Term.pdf>

A sampling of machine problems across the nation.

MALFUNCTIONS AND MISCOUNTS, SORTED BY STATE BY VOTERS UNITE  
Brief descriptions of some of the voting equipment malfunctions  
reported in the news, listed by State.

<http://www.votersunite.org/info/failuresbystate.asp>

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released this study in 2005 of the voting system vulnerabilities and problems across the nation.

<http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d05956.pdf>

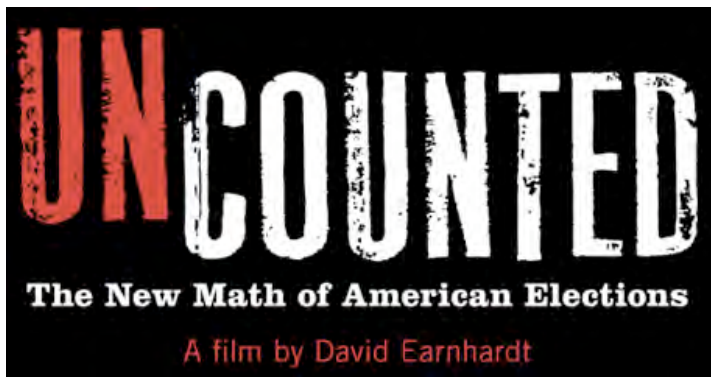
## TESTIMONIES FROM EXPERTS IN "TURDBLOSSOM TWO"

Secretary of State Debra Bowen conducted a top-to-bottom review in 2007 of many of the voting systems certified for use in California. Here is the link to their findings:  
[http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_vsr.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vsr.htm)

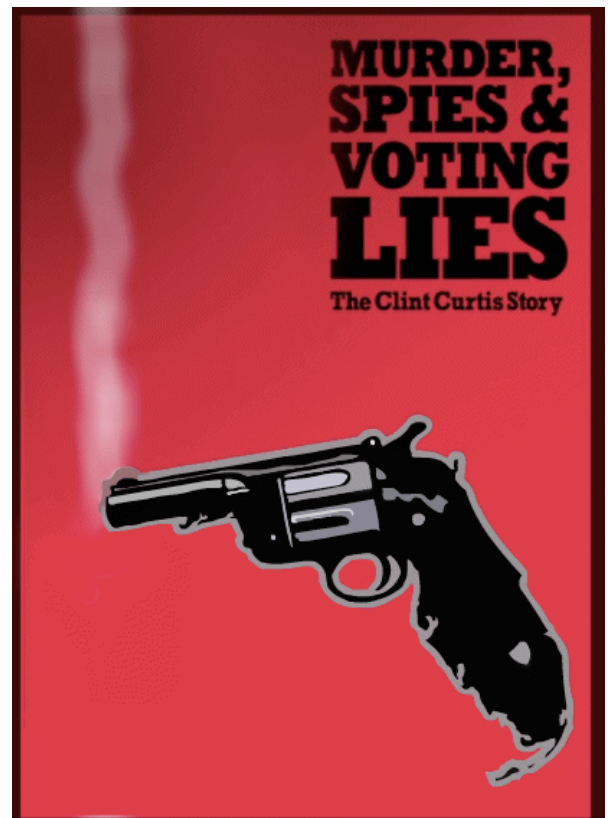
For MORE of the interview shown on our Turdblossom video, PLUS a one-on-one with Clint Curtis, we highly recommend this clip from this fantastic election film:  
"UNCOUNTED THE MOVIE"



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7tjnuG-l6g>



### CLINT CURTIS



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeXpwabuUbY>

Art by Sophie Goldstein from ["Cheated!"](#)



## PROFESSOR AVI RUBIN

For more video and print interviews, to read Professor Rubin's articles on evoting security:

<http://avirubin.com/>



**Dr. Avi Rubin**

Johns Hopkins University

Computer Science  
Technical Director

Information Security  
Institute ·



Avi Rubin on 60 Minutes. Click to stream:

<http://avirubin.com/vote/60minutes.mov>

## STEPHEN SPOONAMORE

The [Spoonamore affidavit](#) asserts that the election computer setup used by Ken Blackwell in 2004 provided the means and opportunity for the manipulation of the election results.

### **GOP Cyber Expert: “2008 Will Be Stolen - Voting Machines Are National Security Threat”**

Scroll down the page to watch this extraordinary video interview in clips.

[http://www.velvetrevolution.us/prosecute\\_rove/](http://www.velvetrevolution.us/prosecute_rove/)

**Velvet Revolution Interviews Stephen Spoonamore (segn**



## PROFESSOR DAVID DILL

Computer Science & Electrical Engineering Departments  
Stanford University

Professor Dill has testified on electronic voting before the U.S. Senate and the Commission on Federal Election Reform, co-chaired by Jimmy Carter and James Baker III. He is the founder of the [Verified Voting Foundation](#) and [VerifiedVoting.org](#) and is on the board of those organizations.

In 2004, he received the Electronic Frontier Foundation's "[Pioneer Award](#)" for "for spearheading and nurturing the popular movement for integrity and transparency in modern elections."

### “Electronic Voting Machine Study Exposes Most Serious Security Flaws Ever Documented”

Amy Goodman interviews Prof. David Dill & Election Supervisor Bruce Funk about the Hari Hursti report.

[Audio and Video stream and transcript](#)



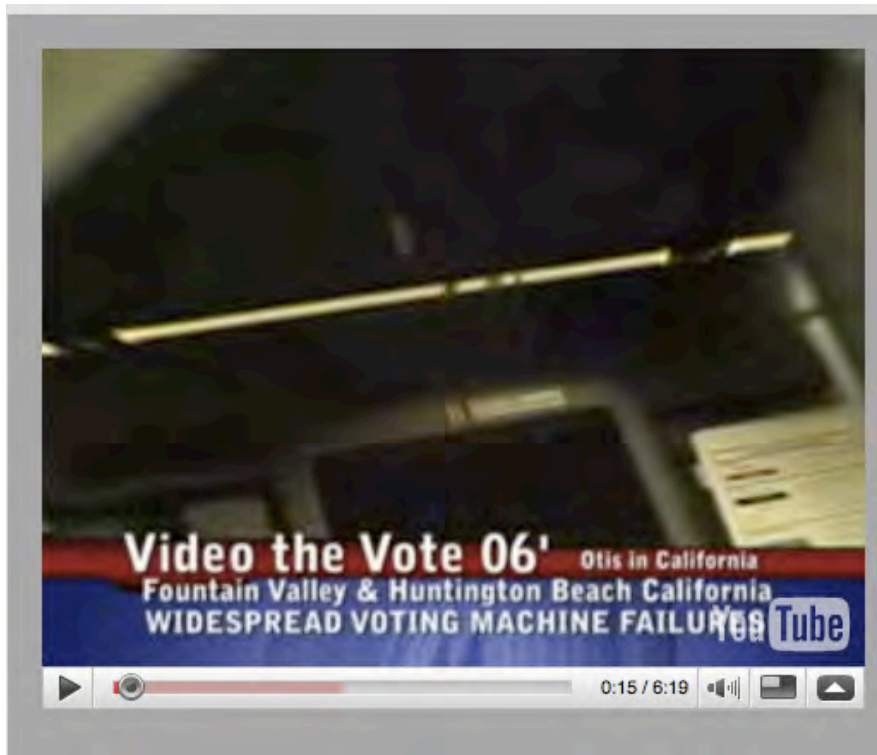
#### EXCERPT:

PROF. DAVID DILL: ...basically if you control the software on the machine, you control the machine. It's like you're inside doing whatever you want to do with obvious bad implications for the trustworthiness of the voting system.

AMY GOODMAN: What could the software do, for example?

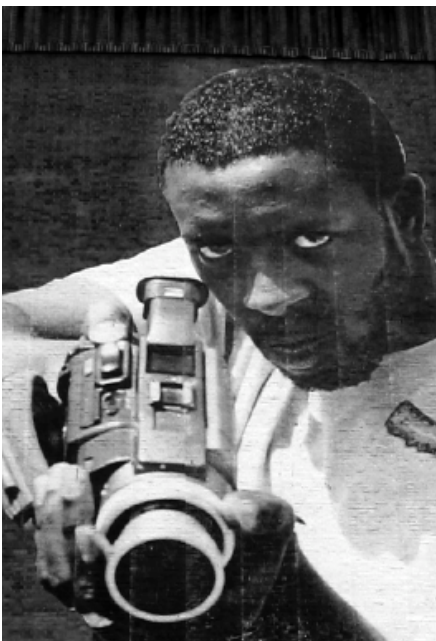
PROF. DAVID DILL: Well, **somebody could change votes in the software.** They could change them during the election as the votes are being cast, after the election. They could change the way the user interface works, so it's more confusing in subtle ways. **They could cause the machine to crash at inconvenient times.** Basically anything you could program a computer to do could be done.

## EXAMPLES OF MACHINES CRASHED IN URBAN (DEMOCRATIC) POLLING STATIONS



CLICK THE LINK BELOW to view many examples of long lines created by crashed machines from VIDEO the VOTE.

<http://www.videothevote.org/video/?state=&tag=voting%2Bmachines&year=&search=Search>



# BE A CITIZEN JOURNALIST WITH VIDEO THE VOTE

<http://www.videothevote.org>

Be the eyes and ears where ballots are cast and counted on Election Day. **VIDEO THE VOTE** crews will document and report voter suppression, machine malfunctions, and other election irregularities as they occur at polling places and boards of elections.



## PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE - Experts warn of the dangers.

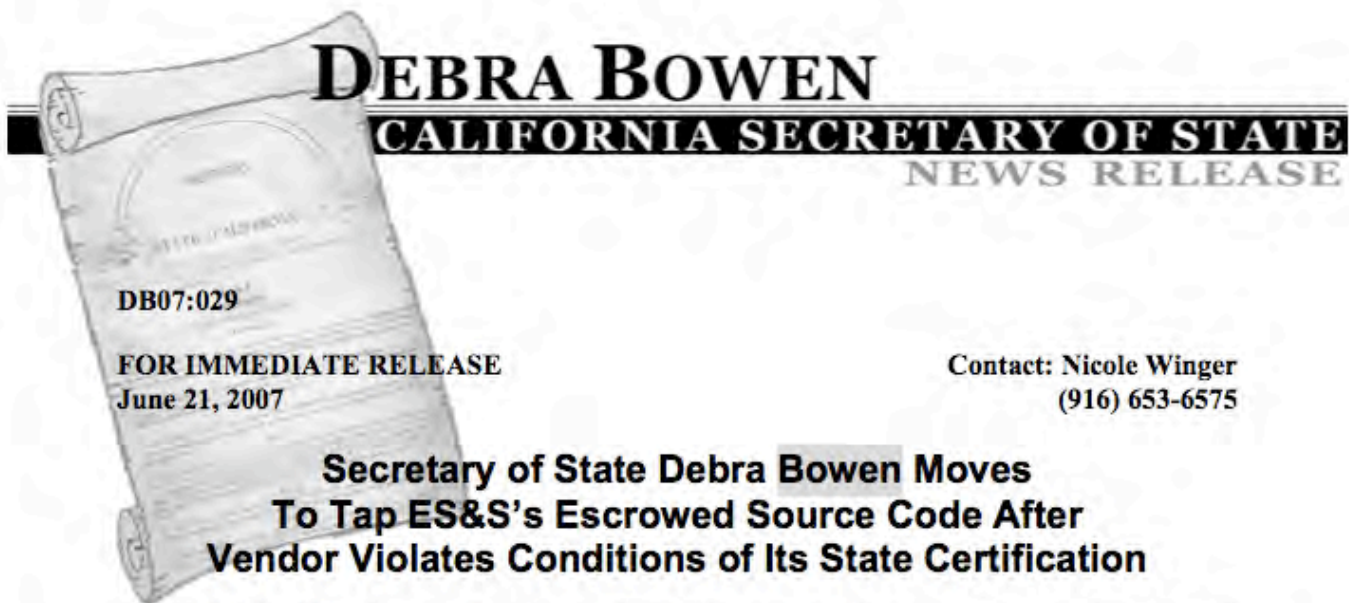
### Is E-Voting Safe?

Paul Boutin FOR PC WORLD Apr 28, 2004

“Since the public can't inspect the code these machines run, a programmer who's been bribed or threatened, or a manufacturer willing to rig an election, would have the best chance to hack the vote.”

The source code is the script or software written by the computer programmer that will tell the computer what to do. It is originally typed in plain text using letters and numbers. The source code is then compiled into binary language that the computer can understand. That software runs invisibly inside a system, telling the computer what to do.

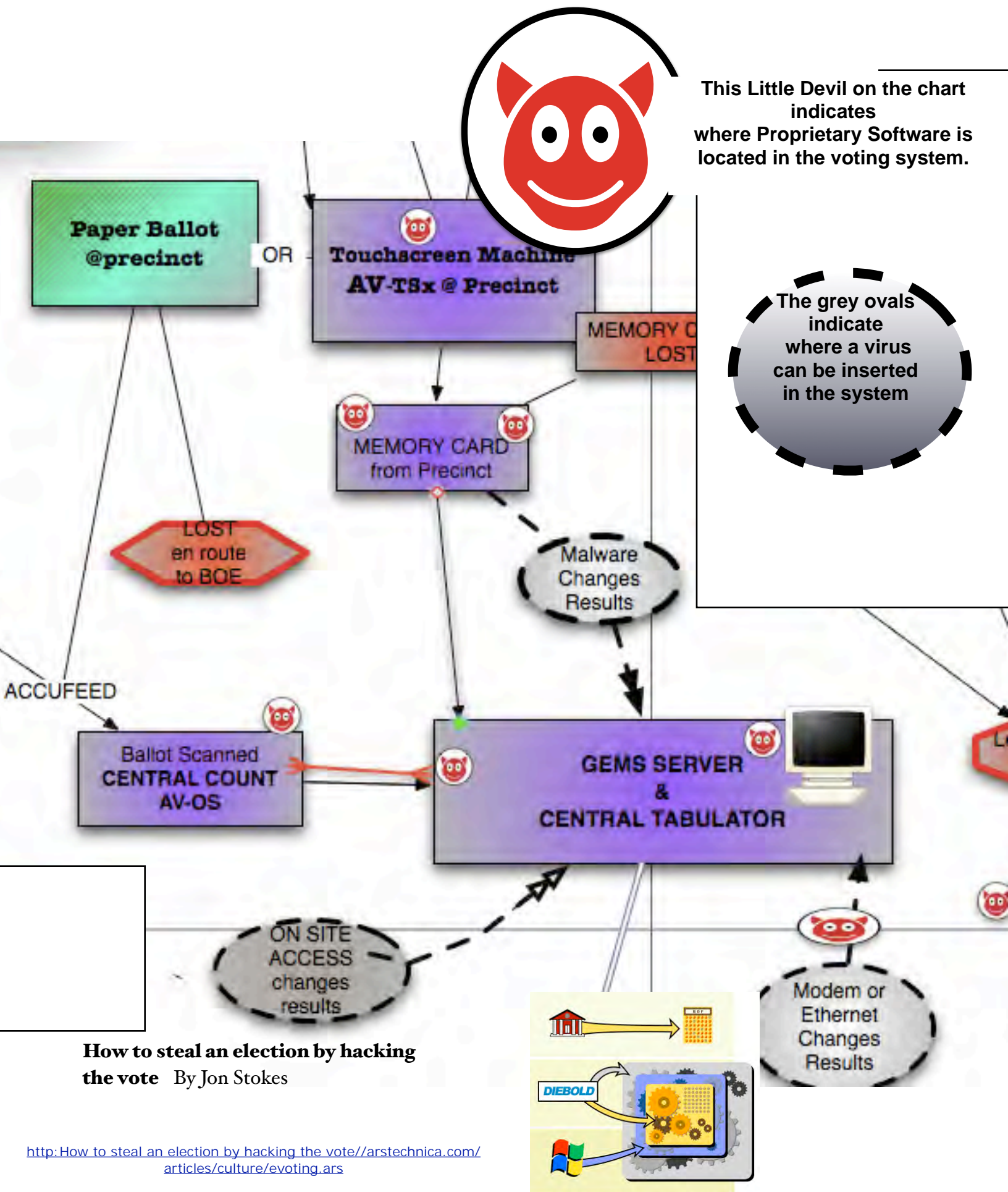
A trojan horse is a program that contains malicious code inside apparently harmless programming. That malicious code is also called a “virus” or an “intrusion” It tells the computer to perform a specific action at a specific time, in secret. Course it's secret from the voters, it's all happening inside a computer. This virus can escape detection from experts, because once that specific action has been taken, the program can be written in such a way that the virus deletes itself.



**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen has taken the unprecedented step of pursuing access to a voting system vendor's source code located in escrow after the vendor – Election Systems & Software, Inc. (ES&S) – refused to provide it to the Secretary of State's office as part of the top-to-bottom review of California's voting systems.

“I'm not going to stand by and watch ES&S ignore the State of California and, in particular, the voters of Los Angeles County by refusing to abide by the certification conditions that were imposed when ES&S's InkaVote Plus Voting System was certified last year,” said Bowen. Secretary Bowen's letter to Iron Mountain, the escrow facility where ES&S stores its source code, is attached.

# A FLOW CHART SHOWING POINTS OF ATTACK IN A VOTING SYSTEM







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What equipment will Americans use to cast ballots in 2008?

## Election Equipment 2008

Polling Place Equipment



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<http://www.verifiedvoting.org/verifier/>

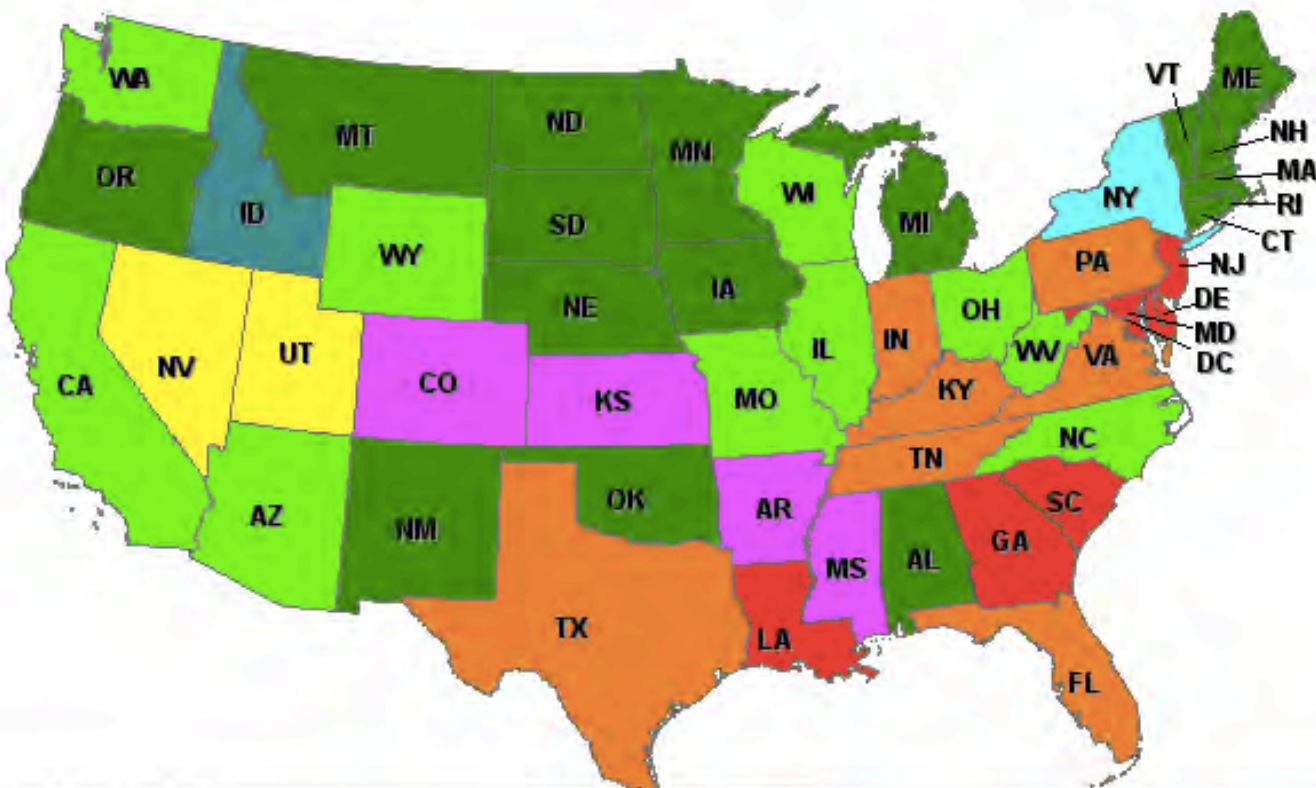
[Comments on Maps/Data?]

### Legend

- Paper Ballot Voting Systems
- Paper Ballot and Punch Card Voting Systems
- Mixed Paper Ballot Voting Systems and DREs w VVPAT
- DREs with VVPAT
- Mixed Paper Ballot Voting Systems and DREs w and without VVPAT
- Mixed Paper Ballot Voting Systems and DREs without VVPAT
- DREs without VVPAT
- Mechanical Lever Machines and Accessible Ball Marking Devices

VVPAT = Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail Printers

DRE = Direct-recording Electronic

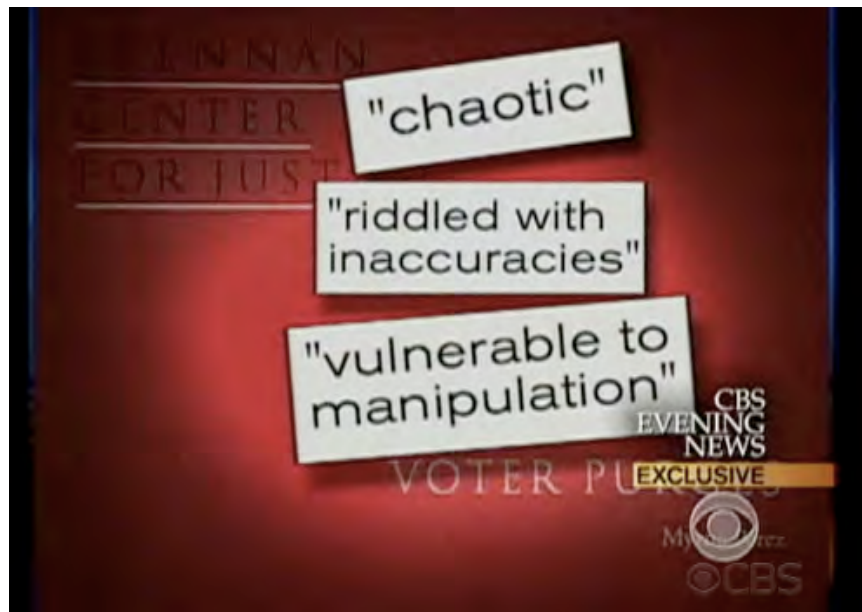


## VOTER REGISTRATION PURGES by PRIVATE COMPANIES

# Red Flag On Purging Voter Rolls

CBS Evening News Investigates Little-Known, Problem-Ridden Process That Could Endanger Your Vote **CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=4490786n>



## Brennan Center for Justice Report

“Officials strike voters from the rolls through a process that is shrouded in secrecy, prone to error, and vulnerable to manipulation.” **CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO READ:**

[http://www.brennancenter.org/content/resource/voter\\_purges](http://www.brennancenter.org/content/resource/voter_purges)

## The P.I.R.G Report - Another Resource

“Fifteen years after enactment of the NVRA, however, many states continue to appear unaware of the federal rules regarding voter roll purges. A survey of state laws and election officials shows that, on the eve of the 2008 general election, many voters across the country do not appear to enjoy the important voter protection provisions afforded by the NVRA.”

**CLICK THIS LINK BELOW TO READ the P.I.R.G. REPORT:**

**[VANISHING VOTERS: WHY REGISTERED VOTERS DROP OFF THE ROLLS](#)**

# RONNIE DUGGER REPORTS on COMPUTERIZED VOTING

*Ronnie Dugger was founding editor of the Texas Observer, co-founder of the Alliance for Democracy, author of biographies of Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan and has reported extensively on mechanical and computerized voting irregularities.*

## EARLY INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPUTER HACKING by Dugger

### ANNALS OF DEMOCRACY COUNTING VOTES

First published in The New Yorker, November 7, 1988

<http://www.csl.sri.com/users/neumann/dugger.html>

### [A Tale of Weird Drop-Offs and Jump-Ups: Are Computer Vote Counts Honest?](#)

Written by Ronnie Dugger for the Alicia Patterson Reporter, 1994



## MORE RECENT **MUST READ** ARTICLES by Dugger

### HOW THEY COULD STEAL THE ELECTION THIS TIME

First published in THE NATION MAGAZINE July 29, 2004

<http://www.thenation.com/doc/20040816/dugger>

**FEW PEOPLE WERE PAYING ATTENTION WHEN  
DUGGER WROTE THE ARTICLE BELOW  
PRIOR TO 2004...  
LET'S PAY ATTENTION THIS TIME!**

## Get Ready for Democratic Emergency

“We are in an American emergency. It is the emergency of all our American emergencies. Along with the Civil War, this is our second crisis of legitimacy, but more, it is the culminative crisis of our identity. Are we a democracy, or have we irreversibly degenerated into a presidential-corporate-military dictatorship? Are we still a good country, or are we becoming a bad country? Can we understand and act in the emergency well and fast enough, or will we lose the United States as we know it?” **Click the link below to read his article.**

<http://www.populist.com/04.16.dugger.html>



80% of all votes in American are counted by only two companies: Diebold and ES&S. by Lynn Landes

Diebold, electronic voting and the vast right-wing conspiracy

By Bob Fittrakis

Vendors are Undermining the Structure of U.S. Elections

**“Voting system vendors are taking billions of tax-payer dollars and, in return, giving us inaccurate, inaccessible, unauditible, unreliable voting equipment that counts our votes in secret.”**

By Ellen Theisen of Voters Unite

**Lou Dobbs: Democracy at Risk**



**ELLEN THEISEN**

interviewed on LOU DOBBS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TFAsa-DdH8>



## From Ronnie Dugger's "Annals of Democracy"

In 1985 and 1986, Cronus bought Computer Election Systems and also eight smaller election-equipment and election-printing firms, while selling off three other subsidiaries, thereby transforming itself, in eighteen months, from a small conglomerate of disparate industrial businesses into the titan of the computerized-vote-counting business.

CES/Computer Election Systems, had been the largest manufacturer of election machines in the country.

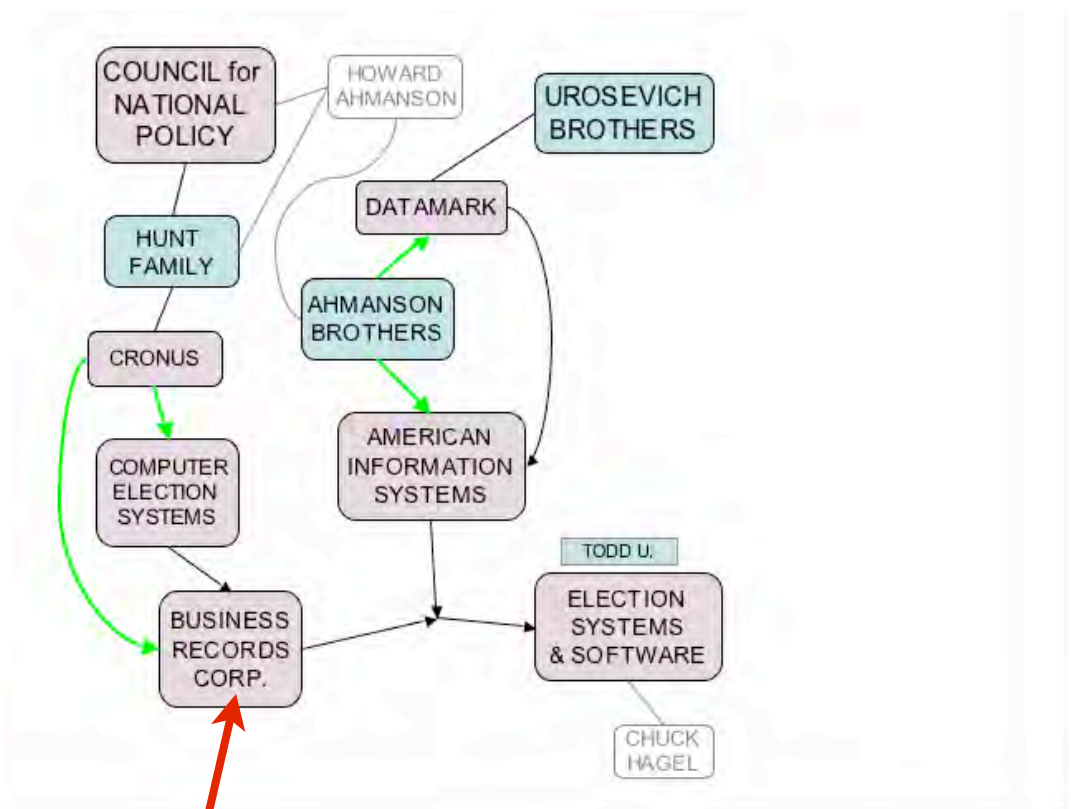
CES/BRC dominated the elections business til 97, when it was bought by ES&S.



"Jim Mattox, the Texas attorney general, while discussing Cronus/B.R.C./C.E.S., exclaimed to me in dismay a year ago,

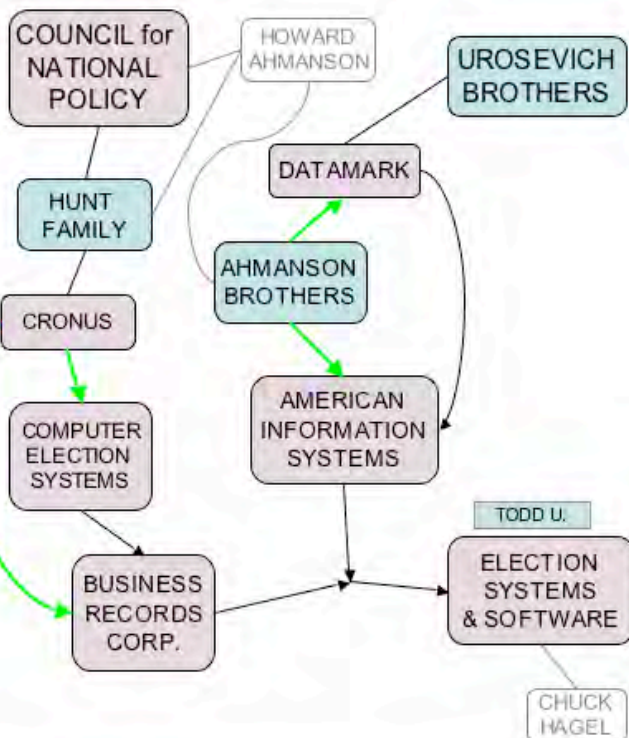
"One thing is clear: one company in the United States should not have as big an impact on elections as this company has got. Nobody should have in a democracy. The right to vote is too sacred."

— Ronnie Dugger, Los Angeles Times Opinion Section, Sunday, November 19, 2000





**ES&S** comes out of Nebraska, is funded in part by Peter Kiewit Foundation, which builds munitions plants and military airstrips, highways, and equips those highways with surveillance cameras.



MAINTAINING VOTER CONFIDENCE.  
ENHANCING THE VOTING EXPERIENCE.

Senator Chuck Hagel, who had worked for both the Bush Senior and Reagan administrations was President of AIS before it became ES&S.

In 1995, Hagel quit the elections business to run for the Senate. He won in an “extraordinary” upset with votes on ES&S machines and became the first Republican Nebraskan Senator in years.



<http://www.whoscounting.net/TheCompanies.htm>

Who's Counting?

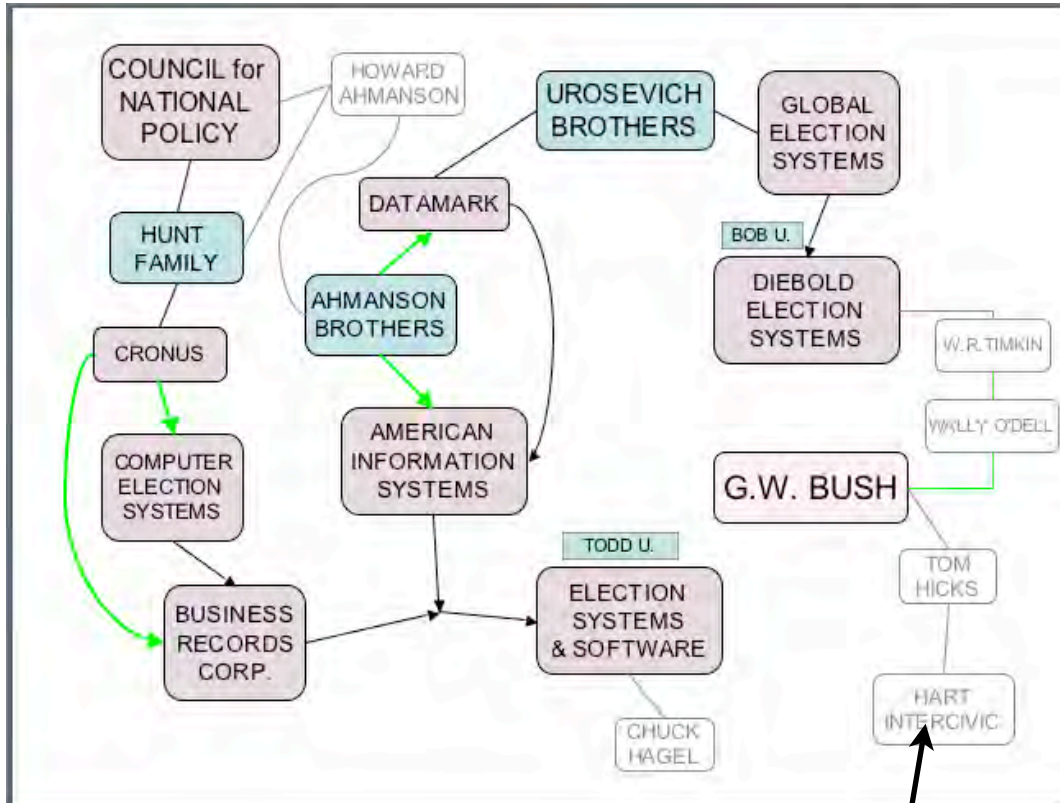
## THE COMPANIES

*“It doesn’t matter how good the computers are, if the people running them are corrupt, then you have a corrupt system.”*

## RT. WING OWNERSHIP AND PRIVATIZATION OF ELECTION SERVICES IN THE U.S.

There's one more company, Hart Intercivic, that counts votes in key districts around the country. Hart Intercivic was superfunded in 1999 by a group of Texas financiers, among them, Tom Hicks, who is a HUGE Bush Supporter.

Tom was part of that group of investors who, in 1998 bought George's 600k investment in the Rangers for \$15 million.



Tom Hicks





## MEDIA SUPPRESSION OF THE 1/05/05 DEBATE ON THE OHIO ELECTION

MARK CRISPIN MILLER

writes about the prepared  
Republican response  
("Conspiracy theorist!")

and the media black-out following  
the historic Tubbs-Jones/Boxer  
challenge to the Ohio electoral  
votes on 1/05/05.

CLICK THE LINK

for  
his article, first published in  
Harper's Magazine  
"NONE DARE CALL IT STOLEN"

<http://www.harpers.org/archive/2005/08/0080696>



This art from "[Cheated!](#)" graphic novel by  
Myers & Goldstein

## WHY the DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP WILL NOT DEAL HEAD-ON WITH ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINE FRAUD

"Traveling the USA, I'm asked again and again

### 'Why don't Democrats stand up when their elections are stolen?'

The answer: for the same reason jellyfish don't stand up... they're invertebrates.

I'm beginning to find that answer a bit too glib (though darn funny). Because it's not about electoral cojones; it's about a devotion to democracy deep in the bone. Yet weirdly, candidates that call themselves "Democrats" seem kind of, well, indifferent to democracy.

Why? Elections are the radical tool of the working class -- the great leveler of the powerless against the too-powerful. But the candidates themselves, both Republican and Democrat, tend to come from the privileged and pampered class. Votes are just the surfboards on which their ambitions ride....."

To READ the rest of this great BuzzFlash article BY GREG PALAST...

[Greg Palast: Why Democrats Don't Count - July 14, 2006](#)

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**Election Issues**

**What John Kerry definitely said about 2004's stolen election and why it's killing American democracy**  
by Bob Fitrakis & Harvey Wasserman  
November 10, 2005

The net is abuzz about what John Kerry may or may not be saying now about the stolen election of 2004.

But we can definitively report what he has said about New Mexico and electronic voting machines soon after his abrupt "abandon ship" with 250,000 Ohio votes still uncounted.

<http://www.freepress.org/departments/display/19/2005/1556>



## FAR RIGHT CONSERVATIVE OPERATIVES FEATURED IN "TURDBLOSSOM"

"Suffice it to say that the United States is very close to becoming a state totally dominated by an alien ideology, an ideology bitterly hostile to Western culture. Even now, for the first time in their lives, people have to be afraid of what they say. This has never been true in the history of our country. Yet today, if you say the "wrong thing," you suddenly have legal problems, political problems, you might even lose your job or be expelled from college. Certain topics are forbidden. You can't approach the truth about a lot of different subjects. If you do, you are immediately branded as "racist", "sexist", "homophobic", "insensitive", or "judgmental."

"Letter to Conservatives"

by Paul Weyrich

<http://www.nationalcenter.org/Weyrich299.html>



**PAUL WEYRICH**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Weyrich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Weyrich)

**The Moral Majority Coalition**

Promoting Faith and Moral Values

Co-founded the Moral Majority - an organization led by Jerry Fallwell that used direct mail to activate conservative Christian voters.



President of the Free Congress Research and Education Foundation

[Free Congress Research and Education Foundation](#) (FCF) describes its mission as fighting the culture war and returning America back to its traditional conservative roots. CF's targets include multiculturalism, "judicial activism," Democratic politicians, and "moral decay and political correctness.

This quote and much MORE about Free Congress can be found at [Right Wing Watch](#), a project of People for the American Way.

National Chairman of Coalitions for America.

An association of conservative activist organizations. The CSFC reorganized into the Free Congress Foundation

Co-founded Heritage Foundation.



*"The creation of the influential Heritage Foundation in 1973 was probably the single most important event in the development of a national network of conservative policy-oriented institutions and individuals"*

e Fnd <http://www.mediatransparency.org/recipientprofile.php?recipientID=153>



Weyrich was a founder and treasurer of Council for National Policy.

*"I believe that one day before the end of the century, the Council will be so influential that no president, regardless of party, or philosophy, will be able to ignore us or our concerns or shut us out of the highest levels of gov't. "* First CNP Exec. Director, Louisiana State Rep Woody Jenkins, in 1981:

## Morton Blackwell



I conclude by saying I firmly believe that being right in the sense of being correct is not sufficient to win public policy battles.

In the long term, the winners in any public policy contest are those who have the greatest number of effective activists on their side.

You owe it to your philosophy to study how to win. Then you can make things happen.

### Quote from “The Organizational Entrepreneur” by Blackwell

*Similarly, if George W. Bush wins he will owe a great deal to Morton Blackwell,*

*a GOP national committeeman from Virginia, who helped persuade the party to supplement its paid advertising with a ground game that worked so well in Senate races in 2002 that it became the model for this year's GOP get-out-the-vote efforts.*

(Image [from Blackwell paper](#) for American Conservative Union Foundation, subject to copyright)

In paper Blackwell outlines how to strengthen the conservative movement.

[Exec Director, CNP](#) 1991-2000

[White House Staff as Special Assistant to President Reagan for Public Liaison, 81-84](#)

[With Paul Weyrich and Richard Viguerie, met with Falwell to found Moral Majority](#)

Husband of Helen R. Blackwell, VA State Chairman, Voting Integrity Project

Founder and President of conservative [Leadership Institute](#)

Leads [International Policy Forum](#) with Paul Weyrich

Connections – training of – rightist political figures in Latin America

Many IPF projects funded by NED (which funds IFES, CIA)

Board member and director of Free Congress Foundation, Paul Weyrich's





# The Leadership Institute

*For conservatives who want to win*

**The Leadership Institute's mission is to identify, recruit, train, and place conservatives in politics, government, and the media.**

Below is a excerpt from a speech by Blackwell to the CNP – click to read the rest.

[News media cover what's hot today but are much less interested in what may be important in the future. My foundation gets relatively little news coverage because most of the good it does is in the life-long careers of its graduates and those whom it helps place in policy jobs.](#)

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Through the Leadership Institute, Morton Blackwell claims to have trained more conservatives than anyone. As of 2006, has trained more than 52,000 students. (223 legislators and members of congress.)

Salon article by Jeff Horwitz <http://dir.salon.com/story/news/feature/2005/05/25/blackwell/index1.html>

“Leadership Institute is paving the way for a new generation of conservative leadership.”\*  
Ronald Reagan

\*People for the American Way on Leadership Inst.

<http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=4244> **p.23p.23**



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## Unfinished Conservative Agenda

by Morton C. Blackwell

The philosopher George Santayana famously said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

People like you and me lost most political battles for many years until we learned the real nature of politics.

Let's start with a history lesson.

By 1972, several activists committed to conservative principles decided they had to become national leaders in the United States.

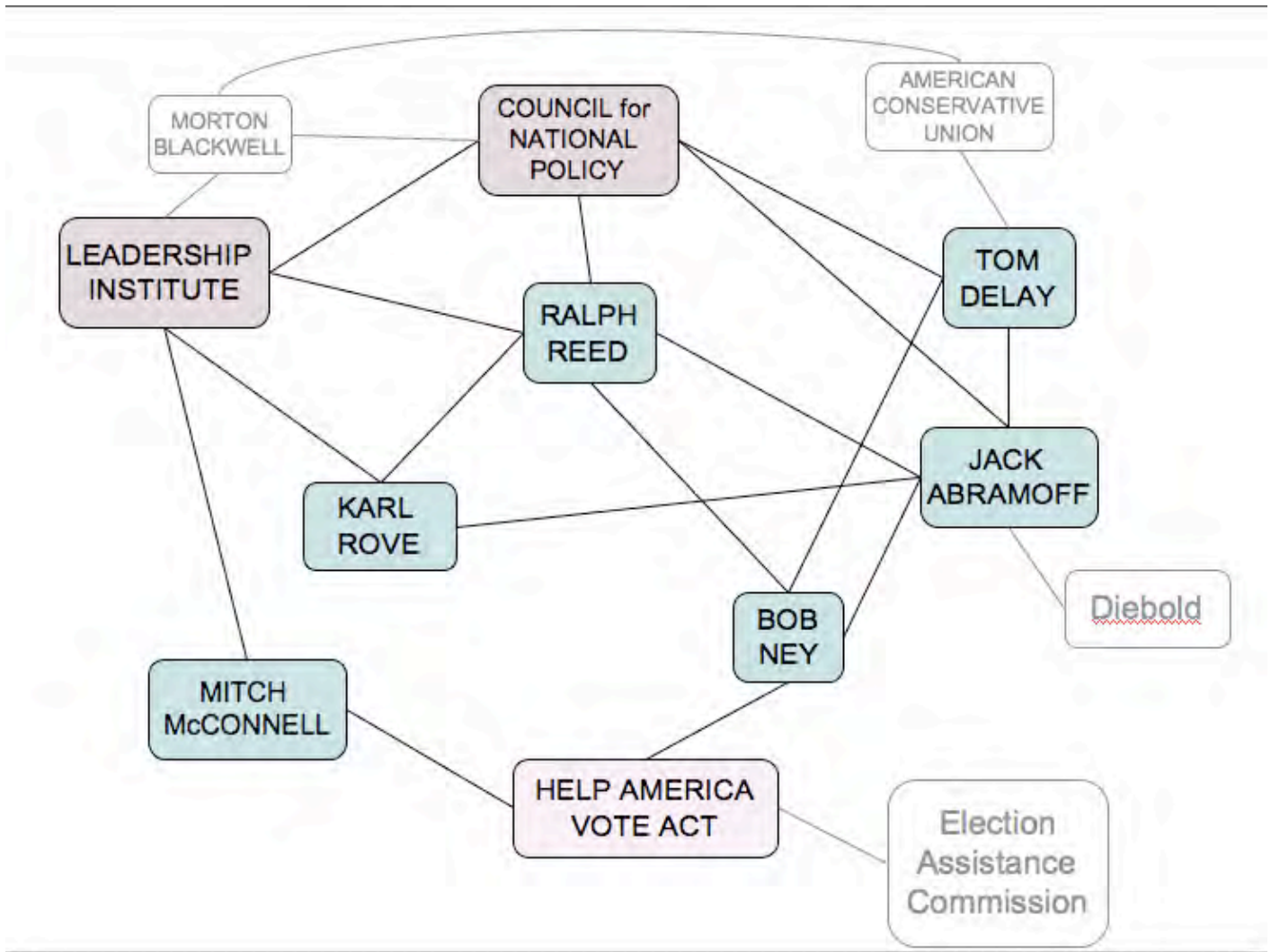


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They had fought in many elections for conservative candidates. All were Goldwater activists before and during 1964. All of them had come to the Washington, D.C. area during the eight years after Sen. Goldwater's defeat. I was one of them.

[Blackwell's 18 points for the American Conservative Union](#) [CLICK TO READ HIS STRATEGY](#)

1. Strengthen good, existing organizations. ... "Only very stupid politicians will fail to keep the faith with conservative religious leaders and their followers who presumably can make a similar difference in future elections."
2. Create necessary and valuable new conservative organizations.
3. Create situations in which bureaucrats and the interests outside government which support those bureaucrats are forced to fight each other for slices of a shrinking pie of government spending budgets, rather than fighting for ever more money from taxpayers.
4. Stop government funding of non-governmental groups on the left.
5. Get more conservatives to enter professions which ultimately affect public policy, such as print and broadcast journalism, the clergy, and education.
6. Educate existing journalists, clergy, and educators in economics, limited government and cultural issues. Not all of them are firmly committed to the left.



The rise of the voting industrial complex and the privatization of our elections is the final component of a successful conservative strategy.

Remember, Paul Weyrich said, "I don't think everybody should vote."

As we learn more about the Rt. Wing takeover of the America's election apparatus, we will see the exponential growth of voting machines that are riggable, and voter registration database systems that were designed to deny citizens their right to vote.

# THE NEOCON PLAN TO TAKE OVER AMERICA'S ELECTIONS

After Watergate and the disintegration of Nixon's Presidency, conservative activists of the Republican Party realized they had to transform and strengthen the weakened conservative movement.

Certain conservative ideologues, established a series of institutes for the funding of conservative education and ideological policy.

They, in turn, helped conservatives gain political office, and pass laws to further conservative ideology.

"The creation of the influential Heritage Foundation in 1973 was probably the single most important event in the development of a national network of conservative policy-oriented institutions and individuals." <sup>1</sup>

Founded as a research and educational institute, a right wing think tank by Paul Weyrich, a newspaper and radio journalist who also had served as Press Secretary to the Republican Senator Allott of Colorado, Weyrich would also be instrumental in the creation of:

the Moral Majority

The Council for National Policy,

The Free Congress Foundation, and the

International Policy Forum – so secretive, there's no web site. <sup>2</sup>

Paul Weyrich, called the father of the Right Wing movement addressing a Dallas Texas gathering of Christians in 1980. "Our leverage goes up as the voting population goes down." <sup>3</sup>

Major funders of the Heritage Foundation were Joe Coors of the CastleRock Foundation . Richard Scaife of the Mellon Fortune and Richard DeVos of Amway. <sup>4</sup>

## JOE COORS...

The Adolph Coors brewery was established in 1873 by Adolph Coors, Sr. in Colorado and has been a family operation since 1880. It gained nationwide notoriety for its anti-union, anti-gay, anti-minority and anti-woman stance during a ten-year national boycott initiated by the AFL-CIO in 1977. Coors ultimately broke the union by hiring hundreds of non-union workers who, along with employees who did not join the strike, voted to decertify the union in 1978. Coors is known for its support of the Heritage Foundation, Free Congress Foundation, Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum and STOP ERA campaign, the John Birch Society, the Nicaraguan Contras and other right-wing groups. <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Media Transparency article on Heritage Fnd <http://www.mediatransparency.org/recipientprofile.php?recipientID=153>

<sup>2</sup> Seekgod webpage on CNP members <http://www.seekgod.ca/cnp.w.htm>

<sup>3</sup> *Democracy Under Assault* by Michele Swenson [http://books.google.com/books?id=KZ-92ddCJz4C&pg=PA7&lpg=PA7&dq=%22our+leverage+goes+up+as+the+voting+population%22&source=web&ots=IMApBD\\_1St&sig=uQ3hqNsBvZd5eiGvBpQSw8TAj-U&hl=en](http://books.google.com/books?id=KZ-92ddCJz4C&pg=PA7&lpg=PA7&dq=%22our+leverage+goes+up+as+the+voting+population%22&source=web&ots=IMApBD_1St&sig=uQ3hqNsBvZd5eiGvBpQSw8TAj-U&hl=en)

<sup>4</sup> Heritage Foundation site [http://www.heritage.org/About/coors\\_tribute.cfm](http://www.heritage.org/About/coors_tribute.cfm)

<sup>5</sup> People for the American Way article on Coors <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=2064> <sup>1</sup> Media Transparency article on Heritage Fnd <http://www.mediatransparency.org/recipientprofile.php?recipientID=153>

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RICHARD DEVOS (Heritage Funder)

Founder of Amway, 73<sup>rd</sup> richest American, author of 'Compassionate Capitalism,' former Finance Chairman of the Republican National Committee. His foundation is among the top financiers of Conservative Christian causes in America. <sup>6</sup>

RICHARD SCAIFE (Heritage Funder)

Of the Mellon fortune is well known for his funding of conservative public policy organizations. Among them, he funded the Arkansa Project, which helped lead to the impeachment of Bill Clinton. <sup>7</sup>

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS of Heritage Foundation are:

GM, FORD, SMITH-KLINE, PROCTOR-GAMBLE, CHASE MANHATTAN, MOBIL OIL, DOW CHEMICAL <sup>8</sup>

## MORAL MAJORITY

Paul Weyrich coined the phrase, "The Moral Majority" <sup>9</sup> **The Moral Majority Coalition founded in 1979**, with Tim LaHaye, Terry Dolan, Morton Blackwell and Jerry Falwell who became the leader <sup>10</sup>

Moral Majority Four point platform:

1. VOTER REGISTRATION through Conservative Churches and pro-life organizations
2. Well- organized GOTV
3. Massive RECRUITment & mobilization of SOCIAL CONSERVATIVEs through mass media
4. "Encouraging Private & Corporate Prayer so that god will hear from hear from heaven and heal our sins and our land." <sup>11</sup>

Membership of millions, lobbying for religious right issues before congress.

(i.e.) Prayer and teaching creationism in schools "a return to Biblical basics" Opposed ERA, Homosexuals, and Abortion and any treaties with the Russians. Called for imprisonment of gays with AIDS <sup>12 13</sup>

Funded in part by Sun Myung Moon, the owner of the ultra conservative Washington Times, the controversial leader of the Unification church, who considers himself "humanity's Saviour, Messiah, returning Lord, and True Parent" <sup>14</sup>

Raised around \$500 million a year through direct mail, sent "Moral Majority Report" <sup>15</sup>

According to Falwell, added 3-4 million conservative voters in 1980 <sup>15</sup>

Credited with giving 2/3 of the evangelical white vote to Ronald Reagan over Carter. <sup>16</sup>

<sup>6</sup> PFAW article mentioning DeVos <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=2062>

<sup>7</sup> PFAW article on Scaife foundations <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=2065>

<sup>8</sup> Rightweb article on Heritage <http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/1477.html>

<sup>9</sup> Catholic News article on the Moral Majority <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/0702860.htm>

<sup>10</sup> Rightweb article on Moral Majority <http://rightweb.irc-online.org/gw/2803.html>

<sup>11</sup> San Francisco Call, article by Betsy Culp <http://www.sfcall.com/issues%202004/12.6.04/12.7.04%20culp.htm>

<sup>12</sup> NNDB on Falwell <http://www.nndb.com/people/558/000022492/>

<sup>13</sup> Answers.com on Moral Majority <http://www.answers.com/topic/moral-majority>

<sup>14</sup> 1987 Dallas Morning News article on Sun Myung Moon [http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p\\_product=DM&p\\_theme=dm&p\\_action=search&p\\_maxdocs=200&p\\_topdoc=1&p\\_text\\_direct-0=0ED3CF83C9C2030F&p\\_field\\_direct-0=document\\_id&p\\_perpage=10&p\\_sort=YMD\\_date:D&s\\_trackval=GooglePM](http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives?p_product=DM&p_theme=dm&p_action=search&p_maxdocs=200&p_topdoc=1&p_text_direct-0=0ED3CF83C9C2030F&p_field_direct-0=document_id&p_perpage=10&p_sort=YMD_date:D&s_trackval=GooglePM)

<sup>15</sup> Rightweb profile on Moral Majority <http://rightweb.irc-online.org/gw/2803.html>

<sup>16</sup> Why Americans Hate Politics by E.J. Dionne [http://books.google.com/books?id=pQMAst7HIEsC&pg=PA234&lpg=PA234&dq=%22evangelical+vote%22+reagan+carter+1980&source=web&ots=Z\\_nxtT8u49&sig=trH09FE-sZh8v0awxV37OX4UEV8&hl=en](http://books.google.com/books?id=pQMAst7HIEsC&pg=PA234&lpg=PA234&dq=%22evangelical+vote%22+reagan+carter+1980&source=web&ots=Z_nxtT8u49&sig=trH09FE-sZh8v0awxV37OX4UEV8&hl=en)



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While Paul Weyrich was tirelessly developing& promoting his pet causes, Morton Blackwell, a longtime Republican Activist, was simultaneously developing his strategies for building an energized and powerful base across the country. Blackwell had been a strategist for Republican National Committee since 64. <sup>17</sup>

His wife HELEN BLACKWELL is founder of the Voting Integrity Project, dedicated to protecting Americans against Voter Fraud, and calling for the use of Voter IDs and clean Voter Registration Rolls. <sup>18</sup>

He served as the National Executive Director of College Republicans 65-70 <sup>1</sup>

"In 1970, Blackwell dispatched a promising young Republican organizer named Karl Rove to a Senatorial campaign in Indiana. Rove picked up some work for down-ballot candidates, and is remembered for stealing the stationary from the campaign office of Allan Dixon, the democratic candidate for state treasurer, and creating a fake invite to Dixon's campaign headquarters for "free beer, free food, girls and a good time for nothing." <sup>20 21</sup>

The result was the next year, Rove was hired to be the National Executive Director of the College Republicans. <sup>22</sup>

## LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Founded by Morton Blackwell in 1979: "To identify, recruit, train and place conservatives in politics, gov't, and the media" <sup>23</sup> Funding by.... Helen & Richard DeVos (Amway), Castle Rock Foundations, (Coors)<sup>24</sup> "Lynde" and Harry Bradley, <sup>25A</sup>

Through the Leadership Institute, Morton Blackwell claims to have trained more conservatives than anyone. As of 2006, has trained more than 52,000 students. (223 legislators and members of congress.) <sup>25</sup>

Based at in Arlington, VA, at George Mason University as well as "campaign schools" around the country.

Blackwell's success is in his students, who have become policy leaders. Among it's graduates are such luminaries as... Karl Rove, Ralph Reed, Grover Norquist, Jack Abramoff, James Guckert aka Jeff Gannon, (who was a graduate of "Leadership Inst. Broadcast School of Journalism." – a two day seminar that costs \$50. <sup>25</sup>

For some unknown reason, Gannon was allowed access to the White House Press Corps between 2003 and 2005, representing Talon News. He was known for posing softball questions to Ari Fleischer. <sup>26</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Standard Newswire article on Blackwell <http://www.standardnewswire.com/news/180562007.html>

<sup>18</sup> Helen Blackwell testimony at Nat'l Gambling Impact Study Commission <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/ngisc/meetings/aug2097/aug20p21.html>

<sup>19</sup> Leadership Institute bio of Blackwell <http://www.leadershipinstitute.org/AboutUS/?PageID=Morton>

<sup>20</sup> Salon article by Jeff Horwitz on Leadership Institute <http://dir.salon.com/story/news/feature/2005/05/25/blackwell/>

<sup>21</sup> Guardian UK article on Rove <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2004/mar/09/uselections2004.usa1>

<sup>22</sup> 2003 Nicholas Lehman article, New Yorker [http://www.newyorker.com/archive/2003/05/12/030512fa\\_fact\\_lemann](http://www.newyorker.com/archive/2003/05/12/030512fa_fact_lemann)

<sup>23</sup> Leadership Institute website <http://leadershipinstitute.org/>

<sup>24</sup> People for the American Way on Heritage Foundation <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=4287>

<sup>25</sup> Salon article by Jeff Horwitz <http://dir.salon.com/story/news/feature/2005/05/25/blackwell/index1.html>

<sup>25 A</sup> <http://www.bradleyfdn.org/>

<sup>26</sup> Frank Rich article for the New York Times, 2005 <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/20/arts/20rich.html>

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By 1980, the hard work of this core group of conservative activists and funders had paid off.

1980 - REAGAN ELECTED! VICE PRESIDENT, George HW Bush, CIA head (1 year under Ford) and ex-Chairman of the RNC <sup>28</sup> Morton Blackwell would serve as the White House liason to conservative groups. And, special assistant to President Reagan for Public Liason <sup>29</sup> He also co-authored Reagan's "Voluntary Prayer amendment" <sup>27</sup>

### HERITAGE FOUNDATION IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Joe Coors helmed the **kitchen cabinet** is a group of millionaires who have financed Ronald Reagan's political career from the governorship of California to the White House. This group has profited greatly from Reagan's pro-business policies. Its members include Holmes Tuttle of Ford and Rexall; A.C. Rubel, chairman of Union Oil; Henry Salvatori, oil developer; Justin Dart, of Dart-Kraft; Leonard Firestone, of Firestone Tire and Rubber; Taft Schreiber of MCA Inc.; and William French Smith, Reagan's former Attorney General. <sup>30</sup>

The kitchen cabinet, the shadow gov't during the Reagan Presidency, even set up shop in the Executive office Building, across from the White House.

"The attempt at governance by the Kitchen Cabinet became so elaborate that they actually established an office in the Executive Office Building across from the White House. Embarrassed by the image of a covey of millionaires seeming to run parallel and sometimes conflicting personnel recruitment operations, senior White House staff produced legal opinions saying that it was illegal for a private group to occupy government property, in this case a White House office. Although Coors produced a legal opinion arguing there was no violation of law, Coors and friends were evicted. Heritage could hardly claim diminished relations with the Reagan Administration, however, as an estimated two-thirds of its Mandate recommendations were adopted in the first year of the Administration. Further, Heritage was using a letter of endorsement from White House Chief of Staff [Edwin Meese III](#) in a December 1981 fundraising effort. In his letter of endorsement, Meese promised Dr. [Edwin J. Feulner, Jr.](#) that 'this Administration will cooperate fully with your efforts.' After leaving the Reagan Administration, Meese joined the staff of the Heritage Foundation." <sup>31</sup>

<sup>27</sup> People for the American Way on Leadership Inst. <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=4244>

<sup>28</sup> White House bio of George Bush Sr. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/gb41.html>

<sup>29</sup> U of Texas Reagan archives <http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/archives/speeches/1981/31781e.htm>

<sup>30</sup> Seekgod article on Joe Coors <http://www.seekgod.ca/cnp.c.htm>

<sup>31</sup> dKosopedia article on Joe Coors [http://dkosopedia.com/wiki/Joseph\\_Coors](http://dkosopedia.com/wiki/Joseph_Coors)

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Heritage's 1,077-page public policy blueprint, **Mandate for Leadership: Policy Management in a Conservative Administration**, became the policy bible of the newly elected Reagan administration on everything from taxes and regulation to crime and national defense. The new president gives copies to every member of his Cabinet at their first meeting. The upshot: Nearly two-thirds of the 2,000 recommendations contained in Mandate were adopted by the Reagan administration.

THE MANDATE was the source of policy papers on budget cuts, supply-side economics and the Star Wars military plan

Naomi Klein in her book "the Shock Doctrine" described the agenda of the Neocon movement, and we will list them here: <sup>33</sup>

Government must remove all rules standing in the way of the accumulation of profits.

Government must sell off any assets that corporations could be running at a profit.

Government must cut back – dramatically – the funding of social programs.

Taxes, if they must exist, must be low.

Rich and poor must be taxed at the same rate.

Corporations must be free to sell their products anywhere in the world

Governments must make no effort to help local industries or local ownership.

All prices, including labor, should be determined by the market.

No minimum wage.

The following must be privatized: Health Care, The Post Office, education, Retirement Pensions, national Parks.

An analogy, says Klein, would be to compare this multinational corporate hunger for unregulated markets, with the stage of "ravenous growth" afforded by colonialism – where territories were "discovered", land grabbed without paying for it, and the local population was not compensated. Only now, the assets gathered by the state, and its public services would be auctioned off.

Reagan's legal team invented the "Unitary Executive Theory" as a means of protecting the President, and preventing another Watergate. This undercuts the authority of Congress to control the Executive Branch. <sup>34</sup>

<sup>31</sup> dKosopedia article on Joe Coors [http://dkosopedia.com/wiki/Joseph\\_Coors](http://dkosopedia.com/wiki/Joseph_Coors)

<sup>32</sup> People for the American Way on the Right Wing <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=3148&print=yes&units=all>

<sup>33</sup> The Shock Doctrine by Naomi Klein <http://www.naomiklein.org/shock-doctrine>

<sup>34</sup> John Dean article on US Attorney Controversy <http://writ.news.findlaw.com/dean/20070323.html>

## COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL POLICY

The **Council for National Policy** is a secretive forum created by Morton Blackwell evangelical [Tim LaHaye](#) (author of the “Left Behind” series) and Paul Weyrich of the Moral Majority as a networking tool for leading US [conservative](#) political leaders, financiers and [religious right](#) activist leaders.

This was not merely a collection of right-wing nuts, but rather the cream of the wealthy activist hard right in America. Some claim that the Council for National Policy controls everything in the world. Not exactly. The council promotes the ideas of those who want to control everything in the world.

“Our members are united in their belief in a free enterprise system, a strong national defense, and support for traditional Western values.” <sup>35</sup> (on their web site.)

First CNP Exec. Director, Louisiana State Rep Woody Jenkins, in 1981: “I believe that one day before the end of the century, the Council will be so influential that no president, regardless of party, or philosophy, will be able to ignore us or our concerns or shut us out of the highest levels of gov’t..” <sup>36</sup>

Originally funded by Nelson Bunker Hunt – Texas oil billionaire, also a member of International Association for the Advancement of Eugenics and Ethnology, an organization that supports a scientific basis for segregation, and the superiority of the white race. <sup>37</sup>

Additional CNP funding came from the Coors/Castle Rock Foundation and Rick DeVos <sup>38</sup> and, from Rev. Sun Yung Moon. <sup>39</sup>

Due to it's secrecy, it's not apparently what the products and results of these meetings are. They are undoubtedly conservative in nature. There is no question that the CNP allows for the conjoining of right-wing money with right-wing ideology to further the right-wing agenda.

Examining a list of the members, we see: Ed Meese, Reagan's AG - CNP Board of Governors OLIVER NORTH, TRENT LOTT, PAT ROBERTSON, TOM DELAY, JESSE HELMS. RALPH REED JACK ABRAMOFF, and JOHN ASHCROFT, AG for George Bush <sup>40</sup>

<sup>35</sup> CNP Website <http://www.policycounsel.org/24508.html>

<sup>36</sup> “Who Is The Council For National Policy And What Are They Up To? And Why Don't They Want You To Know?” by Jeremy Leaming and Rob Boston [http://www.au.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=6949&news\\_iv\\_ctrl=0&abbr=cs\\_](http://www.au.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=6949&news_iv_ctrl=0&abbr=cs_)

<sup>37</sup> Old Nazis, The New Right and the Republican Party, pp. 45–6

<sup>38</sup> Media Transparency article on Castle Rock Foundation <http://www.mediatransparency.org/funderprofile.php?funderID=14>

<sup>39</sup> Americans United for Separation of Church and State article on Tim LaHaye [http://www.au.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5601&news\\_iv\\_ctrl=0&abbr=cs\\_](http://www.au.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5601&news_iv_ctrl=0&abbr=cs_)

<sup>40</sup> Watch.pair.com list of CNP members <http://www.watch.pair.com/cnpdbase.html>



## Who selected Sarah Palin to be the vice presidential candidate?

"Our members are united in their belief in a free enterprise system, a strong national defense, and support for traditional Western values."



"There are very few organizations left that say 'yes, we believe.' And, we're out to implement that policy in every way we can. We need those people out there who are considering linking hands and arms with us in this battle. I do hope they'll join us."

— Jim Dobson, Focus on the Family

"The members of the Council for National Policy are the hidden hand behind McCain's Palin pick."

["Secretive Right-Wing Group Vetted Palin"](#)

by Max Blumenthal "The Nation"

[http://www.democracynow.org/2008/9/2/report\\_secretive\\_right\\_wing\\_group\\_vetted](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/9/2/report_secretive_right_wing_group_vetted)

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### Report: Secretive Right-Wing Group Vetted McCain's VP Candidate Sarah Palin

Max Blumenthal of *The Nation* reports last week, while the media focused almost obsessively on the DNC's spectacle in Denver, the country's most influential conservatives met quietly at a hotel in downtown Minneapolis to get to know Sarah Palin. The assembled were members of the Council for National Policy, an ultra-secretive cabal that networks wealthy right-wing donors together with top conservative operatives to plan long-term movement strategy. [includes rush transcript]





**In short, Rove remade Texas by methodically and ruthlessly eliminating the Democratic Party from the top down. He targeted Democratic candidates he believed he could defeat. He undermined them to make sure they would be defeated. He recruited Republican candidates who would win and remain in office. He lured conservative Democratic members of Congress into the Republican Party, with bankable promises of support in races for higher office.**

**And he delivered.**

**“Bush’s Brain” p.3  
By James Moore & Wayne Slater**

## KARL ROVE - The Early Days

**“Study how to win, then you can make things happen.”  
(Morton Blackwell)**

**Previous to the 1980 Reagan/Bush administration. George HW Bush, had planted himself in Texas, and with the help of Karl Rove, had been raising substantial amounts of money \$\$\$ for the Republican Party, and for his own presidential campaign war chest. in 1978, he was hired to run the gubernatorial campaign for “Wild Bill” Clements, a legendary Texas oilman. <sup>1</sup>**

**At that time, 1978 Texas was a solid Democratic state – the House and Senate had democratic majorities and all nine justices on the Texas Supreme court, were democrats.**

**Karl Rove would play a major role in changing that. Over the next ten years, he would raise massive amounts of Texas Republican money, and pour it into campaigns against Democrats. Texas oil was booming at least, until 1986, and, with Karl’s urging, some of that wealth was invested into turning the state, and eventually, the country, Republican.**

**It’s good to remember Governor Bill Clements, because key players in The Election Center, were part of the Clements administration. Karl Rove was Clements’ Chief of Staff. Rove left the Clements administration in 1982 to strike out on his own, but he would return to manage the successful Clements reelection in 1986. <sup>2</sup>**

**During the 80’s Karl Rove directed the campaigns of many of the winning Texas Republicans, using every tool in his repertoire: his direct mail company, extremely aggressive campaign strategies, the deep pockets of the Republican donors in his rolodex, and, when necessary, dirty tricks. <sup>2 3</sup>**

**A political consultant in Austin, Texas, discusses Rove’s “winner take all” attitude:**

**“Rove equates politics with war. And in war, you do whatever you have to do in order to win. You take calculated risks in order to win. It’s a totally different way of looking at an election....In war, you do what you have to, to destroy your enemy.” <sup>4</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> “The Muscle,” by John Allbaugh, from Salon (1999) <http://www.salon.com/news/feature/1999/06/16/advisors/index1.html>

<sup>2</sup> WGBH chronology of Rove’s life <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/architect/rove/cron.html>

<sup>3</sup> Rightweb article on Rove

<sup>4</sup> From Boy Genius: Karl Rove, the Brains Behind the Remarkable Political Triumph of George W. Bush, by Lou Dubose, Jan Reid, Carl M. Cannon <http://books.google.com/books?id=ChXd7GeqIToC&pg=PA35&lpg=PA35&dq=%22Rove+equates+politics+with+war.%22&source=web&ots=zZoHpImcPT&sig=xFgeVxNTxDwbnAwAv-Kn9G2tFd0&hl=en>



## ROVE:

Read the analysis at

<http://rightweb.irc-online.org/profile/1343.html>

**White House:** Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Adviser (until 2007); Chief Political Strategist (2001-2005)

**George W. Bush Presidential Campaign:** Chief Strategist, 2000, 2004

**University of Texas at Austin:** Instructor at LBJ School of Public Affairs and in the Department of Journalism, 1981-1999

**Fund for Limited Government:** Executive Director, 1978

**Virginia Republican Party:** Finance Director and Deputy Director, 1976

**Republican National Committee:** Special Assistant for George H.W. Bush; Executive Assistant to Co-Chairman, 1973-1975

**College Republicans National Committee:** Executive Director, 1971-1973

### **Government Service**

**White House:** Senior Adviser to President George W. Bush; Manager, Office of Political Affairs, the Office of Public Liaison, and the Office of Strategic Initiatives (2001-2007)

**U.S. Senate:** Staff Member to Phil Gramm (R-TX), 1984

**U.S. House of Representatives:** Staff Member to Phil Gramm (D-TX), 1982; Legislative Aide to Fred Agnich, (R-TX), 1977

**State of Texas:** Deputy Chief of Staff to Gov. Bill Clements, 1981; Deputy Director, 1978

**Texas Victory Committee:** Director, 1980

George Mason '73 to '75

In the world of major league consultants today, Karl Rove has no peers. Just as no professional basketball player has ever performed at the level Michael Jordan reached when he was at the top of his game, no political consultant has ever played the high-stakes game of electoral politics like Rove does. Not Michael Deaver, not Lee Atwater, not James Carville. **None of these "legends" was ever the dominant force in politics and policy that Karl Rove is today.** His mastery of every aspect of modern politics-mail, television, polling, money, message, opposition research, electoral demographics-distinguishes him from others doing the same work.

From the prologue to "Boy Genius" by Cannon, Dubose & Reid (page 2)

Why we are in such danger this November. The Plan has come to fruition.

Why I think it is correct to point directly to [Karl Rove](#) as the mastermind behind this successful Plan to corrupt America's democratic process.

The first stage of The Plan involved the take-over of the elections industry. Certain people knew full well that the machines could be hacked; computer scientists had already presented studies warning of security dangers. This 1972 New Yorker article, "Six Ways Your Vote can be Stolen" (A) warned that "Skilled technicians can trigger a computer to switch a candidate tally on every tenth or twentieth ballot." Ronnie Dugger, founding editor of The Texas Observer, described the spread of computerized voting and the dangers in his profoundly researched [Annals of Democracy](#), first published in the New Yorker Magazine in 1988.

Next step of The Plan was made under cover of a private, "nonprofit" "nonpartisan" organization called [The Election Center](#) that served as a nexus for the voting machine vendors and election officials. A core group from the Election Center seized control of the testing and certifying of the voting machines and spawned another private, "nonprofit" "nonpartisan" organization called NASED, the [National Association of State Election Directors](#).  
(SEE "The Scoop on Turdblossom" PDFs 1A – 25 below)

In one fell swoop, NASED took away American voters' ability to oversee our own elections. Under NASED, [source code](#) – the keys to the electronic kingdom - became proprietary. The secret vote-counting software now belonged to the voting machine vendors who would pay for the testing and certifying of their own software and hardware. And how convenient and suspicious that the [first NASED-certified voting systems](#) – Microvote and AIS - were repped by ex-Election Center director Gary Greenhalgh. Another key Election Center/NASED election official who left "public service" to hawk NASED-certified systems was Deborah Seiler, ([see Kudzu List #16](#)) who became a sales director for Diebold, then Sequoia ([PDF B](#)).

Greenhalgh ([PDF 1A](#)) founder of The Election Center, is presently VP of [ES&S](#). That's [Election Systems and Software](#), the largest election services company in the world.

I think it is correct to point directly to [Karl Rove](#) as the mastermind behind this successful Plan to corrupt America's democratic process. Rove's m.o. is always to do his dirty work through a surrogate. A cut-out.

Both Karl and Carol Garner, the Republican operative who became director of The Election Center after Greenhalgh, ([PDFs 10 & 11](#)) worked on the 1978 Clements campaign for Governor of Texas ([PDF 12](#)). After Clements' election, Rove was hired as Chief of Staff to the Governor. Garner continued her work for the Governor in "Ballot Security."

In this 1989 letter ([PDFs 17A & B](#)) Garner proposed that the Election Center take over from the FEC the task of managing the testing and certifying of the voting machines. And incredibly, the FEC agreed. Another indication that Rove might have been pulling these strings, is the appointment of [Tom Harrison](#) as the first Executive Director of NASED in 1990 ([PDF 19](#)). At the time, Harrison was “special assistant for elections” to Rove’s client, Governor Clements. In 1991, Harrison worked to bring the newly-certified DREs to Texas, ([PDF 20](#)) and establish national Voting System standards that recommended that all certified software “should not be public information.” ([PDF 21](#)) Under Harrison, NASED established once and for all that vendors had ownership over secret voting-counting software – dealing a terrible blow to our democracy.

( Two excellent articles on [Bradblog](#) and [VoteTrustUSA](#) address the ongoing failures of NASED that could have disastrous results this election.)

If only we had been awake in 1988, when the [Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility](#) urged the creation of a testing system where “vendors would be required to provide software that could be readily analyzed.”

Just a thought... Maybe there’s another reason why “genius” Karl was able to turn Texas from blue to red in such a short time. Not only was Harrison in Austin working in the Secretary of State’s office to bring DREs to Texas, but Election Center operatives were “counting” the vote on hackable voting machines in key Texas cities: Connie McCormack in Dallas, ([Kudzu List #11 & pdf 25](#)) and Beverly Kaufman in Houston ([see Kudzu List #9](#)).

Another link between Karl, the Election Center and The Plan is Doug Lewis, ([see Kudzu List #10](#)) who took over from Carol Garner as director of the The Election Center in 1994 - the same year that GW Bush was “elected” Governor of Texas. In 1978, when Rove rolled into Houston to work for Bush Sr, Lewis was raising money for John Connally Citizen’s Forum. Two Republican operatives raising money in Houston, I’ve got to imagine their paths crossed...

As Turdblossom explains in his “secret” online lecture, once the [“hanging chad” charade](#) played out in Florida in 2000 with Election Center officials in key supervisory positions, ([PDF 26](#)) Doug Lewis and his gang were center stage calling for an overhaul of our “broken” election system. Lewis bragged in his alma mater’s magazine, Spotlight of Emporia State:

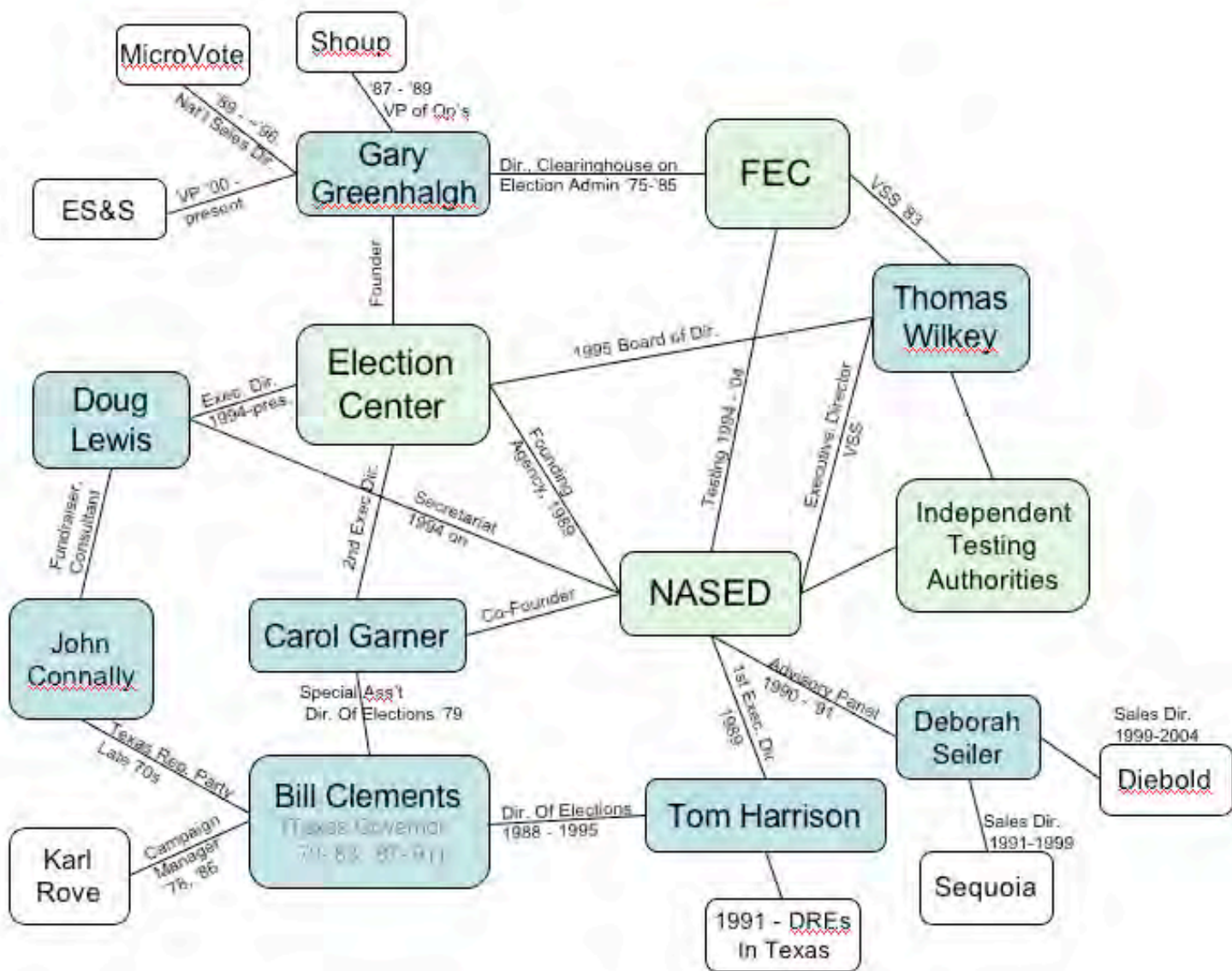
*“ Few could have been more relieved by the relative success of Election 2004 than R. Doug Lewis (BA 1968). As head of the Election Center, a non-partisan, non-profit organization that works with election administrators to improve the voting process, Lewis found himself in the spotlight in 2000. **In the 24-hour period after the election, he had requests for more than 200 interviews**, and found himself granting 30 or 40 a day. CNN. C- SPAN. The Today Show. They all wanted to know – what went wrong*

*Congress turned to Lewis and the Election Center for assistance in evaluating Election 2000. The two-year report resulted in the Help America Vote Act, which reforms the election process with \$3.5 billion in Federal funding to modernize the process, from voting equipment to policies and procedures.”(#23 p.12)*



Why do we have a badly broken election system in America? Because Rove and his operatives pushed for the passage of HAVA, in order to install unreliable, hackable voting machines across the country. And, that once HAVA created the Election Assistance Commission, the same anti-democracy operatives packed the Advisory Board, the Voting Systems Standards Board and the four-person Commission. [\(See The Kudzu Effect Chart\)](#)

The EAC has failed to contact election officials around the country about the voting machine failures, failed to safeguard our democracy, because that's The Plan.



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