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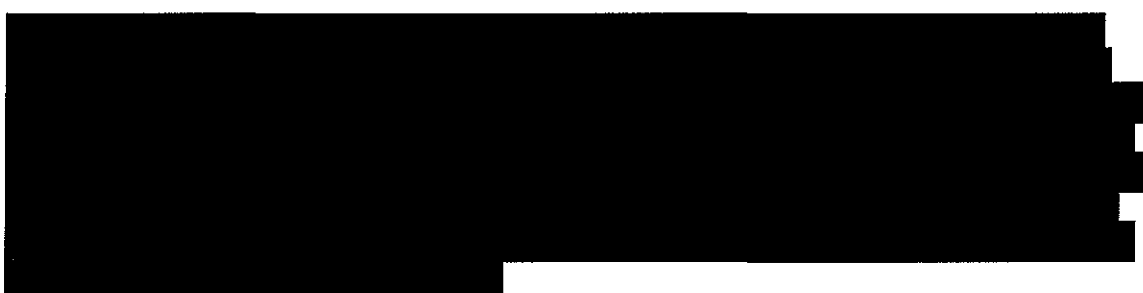
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Subject: Re: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:49:40 PM

Dear Alan.

We updated our report at The Gateway Pundit per your request.

We are asking that you remove this strike against The Gateway Pundit Facebook page.

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Jim Hoft

<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/02/eight-iowa-counties-have-total-registration-rates-larger-than-eligible-voter-population-more-than-18600-extra-names-on-voter-rolls/>

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Cc: Eliza.vaughn13@gmail.com; Jim Hoft; appeals@leadstories.com; cruz_press@cruz.senate.gov; info@judicialwatch.org; press@fb.com; Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate; wayne@leadstories.com; zuck@fb.com
Subject: Re: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:54:12 PM

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Jim,
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Thank you.

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<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/02/eight-iowa-counties-have-total-registration-rates-larger-than-eligible-voter-population-more-than-18600-extra-names-on-voter-rolls/>

On 2/3/2020 10:22 PM, Alan Duke wrote:

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To: [Fichera, Angelo](#)
Subject: Re: Inquiry, re: Inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:22:20 PM

The voter reg totals (total, active and inactive) were all pulled before our 2019 list maintenance season (NCOA, no activity, multistate).
Inactive voters are in the pipeline to be cancelled. If a voter is inactive for two successive general election cycles, they are sent a final mailing and cancelled.

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From: Fichera, Angelo <angelo.fichera@factcheck.org>
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From: [Widen, Molly \[SOS\]](#)
To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: RE: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:37:15 PM
Attachments: [Statutes and Status Reasons.docx](#)

Send this and see if it answers her questions.

Sincerely,

Molly M. Widen

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Email: molly.widen@sos.iowa.gov

From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Widen, Molly [SOS] <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>
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Subject: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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Based on our numbers, which are actual voter registration numbers, and based on the most current data from the U.S. Census Bureau, there is one county, Lyon. And again, that is the most conservative county in the state (81% for Trump in 2016).

But again, that's based on including inactive voters, which are mostly people that have moved away, and would have to show ID and proof of residency to vote again in Iowa. We are required by Iowa and federal law to move them to inactive status before cancelling their voter registration. Inactive is the final stop before a voter's registration is cancelled.

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You seem to be ignoring the rest of what I wrote regarding 17-year-olds and inactive voters.

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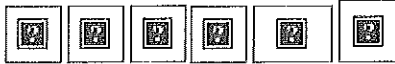
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

In case Kevin didn't get back to you last night, looping you in. I thought below was good news, so I wanted to share a positive with you.

Thanks [REDACTED]! Oh, and remember, SOS has nothing to do with the caucuses—they are totally run by the parties *whew!*

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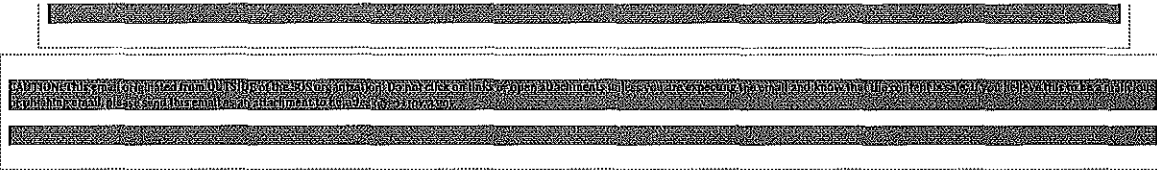
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	Reg Rate	Total Pop	Iowa Secy of State voter total	2016 election results
Dallas County	114.8	80,864	Dallas County - 59,667 active + 3,742 inactive	Trump 51.3%
Johnson County	107.9	144,425	Johnson County - 96,958 active + 12,233 inactive	Clinton 66.0%
Lyon County	102.5	11,745	Lyon County - 8,117 active + 373 inactive	Trump 61.9%
Madison County	102.5	15,720	Madison County - 10,856 active + 772 inactive	Trump 62.6%
Poweshiek County	102.1	18,328	Poweshiek County - 12,872 active + 1,336 inactive	Trump 50.9%
Dickinson County	100.9	17,000	Dickinson County - 12,959 active + 867 inactive	Trump 65.6%
Scott County	100.8	171,493	Scott County - 115,393 active + 12,344 inactive	Clinton 47.5%
Warren County	100.5	48,630	Warren County - 33,644 active + 2,714 inactive	Trump 54.9%



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The newest figures (released today)
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 numbers than charged by Judicial
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Subject: Judicial Watch press release

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https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/judicial-watch-eight-iowa-counties-have-total-registration-rates-larger-than-eligible-voter-population-at-least-18658-extra-names-on-iowa-voting-rolls-2/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=press_release&fbclid=IwAR2-GoPmNzfD1jYdPCZ8TEpOrrOfPXD_B9jkHmOyKPnbmvnHz75c_BjolA0

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Iowa Code §48A.30 covers the reasons why a voter's registration may be cancelled.

A voter can move directly from active to cancelled for the following reasons:

1. The registered voter dies.
2. The registered voter registers to vote in another jurisdiction, and the County Auditor (typically via the SoS) receives notice of the registration from the registration official in the other jurisdiction.
3. The registered voter requires the cancellation in writing.
4. A verified felony conviction.
5. The registered voter is adjudged mentally incompetent to vote.
6. The registered voter declares that they are not a United States citizen on a jury form.

A voter moves from active to inactive for the following reasons:

If one of the following mailings is sent and it is returned as undeliverable by the post office, the voter's status must be changed to "Inactive":

- Voter registration acknowledgement mailing
- NCOA card
- No Activity in 4 Years card
- Countywide mailing postcard for counties that do not use NCOA
- Absentee Ballot

"Inactive" status also includes the following:

- Voters who have been identified in the NCOA process as having moved outside the county.
- Voters who are mailed an NCOA, a countywide mailing, or a No Activity notice and a third party responds to the notice indicating the voter does not live at that address anymore. This is the only time you can take action on a voter's record based on a third party notice.
- Voters identified by county registrars during the multi-state match process as having more recent voter registration activity in another state.

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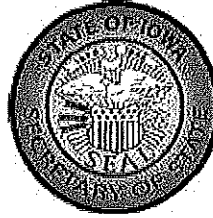
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Iowa Code §48A.30 covers the reasons why a voter's registration may be cancelled.

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1. The registered voter dies.
2. The registered voter registers to vote in another jurisdiction, and the County Auditor (typically via the SoS) receives notice of the registration from the registration official in the other jurisdiction.
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- Voter registration acknowledgement mailing
- NCOA card
- No Activity in 4 Years card
- Countywide mailing postcard for counties that do not use NCOA
- Absentee Ballot

"Inactive" status also includes the following:

- Voters who have been identified in the NCOA process as having moved outside the county.
- Voters who are mailed an NCOA, a countywide mailing, or a No Activity notice and a third party responds to the notice indicating the voter does not live at that address anymore. This is the only time you can take action on a voter's record based on a third party notice.
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I'm following the social media channels for this sort of thing as it relates to Iowa elections. It's important to remember the Iowa Caucuses are run by the political parties. They are not official State of Iowa elections.

Twitter, Facebook and Google have been helpful in partnering with secretaries of state on the NASS' #TrustedInfo2020 initiative.

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: The Hill newspaper inquiry - Countering Iowa caucus-related misinformation?

Thanks, Kevin. For my reporting: do you have anyone monitoring for this kind of social media misinformation in your office?

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 1:33 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

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Subject: The Hill newspaper inquiry - Countering Iowa caucus-related misinformation?

Hi Kevin,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Emily Birnbaum and I'm a tech policy reporter with The Hill newspaper.

I'm working on an article right now about social media misinformation around the Iowa caucus. And I'm wondering what the Iowa secretary of state's office is doing to counter any viral

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falsehoods and conspiracy theories bubbling up online.

Is anyone with the secretary of state's office available to chat sometime today or tomorrow about your approach, the challenges you're facing and what you're seeing on the platforms?

I know this is a crazy time, to say the least. But if you're able to make someone available or share a statement about what you're doing to counter misinformation, I'd appreciate it immensely.

Thanks so much for any input you could provide! My number is 301-525-4563 if that's any easier.

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This chart shows higher population in all 8 counties, and significantly higher in Dallas and Johnson. In fact, Dallas Co. is the fastest growing county in the Midwest: [https://www.census.gov/search-
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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
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What is the most current Census data? This? [https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-
census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html) For Iowa, this is only 0.5 percent above what the JW used. Moreover, Census says Iowa population actually dropped between 2018 and 2019: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/IA/PST045218>

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:35 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Based on our numbers, which are actual voter registration numbers, and based on the most current data from the U.S. Census Bureau, there is one county, Lyon. And again, that is the most conservative county in the state (81% for Trump in 2016).

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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Voter registration - update

I see.

- Could you please point me to the population data SOS is using?
- 5,000 17-year-olds is less than 0.25 percent of Iowa's active registrants. Why does that matter?
- How long does SOS need to keep inactive voters on the rolls?
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Thank you!

Petr

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 2:17 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

JW admitted they used old data.

- First they claimed 8 counties. When that was proven wrong, they claimed 5. They're still using old population data.
- I'm positive JW did not take into account that 17-year-olds can register to vote in Iowa. There are approximately 5,000 registered right now. Not including them in registration or population data skews their numbers.

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Additionally, we're required by law to keep inactive voters on the rolls for a period of time. These are people that most likely moved out of state. Including them in voter reg. totals greatly skews the numbers, and when you do that, only Lyon Co. appears to have slightly more than the voting age population. Lyon Co. is also the most Republican county in the entire state, and one of the top in the country (81% for Trump in 2016).

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See below. I think it's vital we respond with facts about inactive voters, leaving 17-year-olds off their lists, and them using, by their own admission, old data.

What they're saying it false.

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Absolutely need to respond.

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Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>

Subject: FW: Voter registration - update

See below. I think it's vital we respond with facts about inactive voters, leaving 17-year-olds off their lists, and them using, by their own admission, old data.

What they're saying it false.

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1. By their own admission they used old data. From 16 months ago.
2. 17 year olds are eligible to vote in primary elections in Iowa (and caucuses).

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What do you think?

Thanks!

Petr

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On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:53 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=lyon%20county%20iowa&g=0500000US19119&tid=ACSDP5Y2018.DP05>

This chart shows higher population in all 8 counties, and significantly higher in Dallas and Johnson. In fact, Dallas Co. is the fastest growing county in the Midwest: <https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?searchType=web&cssp=SERP&q=iowa%20population>

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What is the most current Census data? This? <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html> For Iowa, this is only 0.5 percent above what the JW used. Moreover, Census says Iowa population actually dropped between 2018 and 2019: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/IA/PST045218>

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:35 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

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From: Petr Svab <petr.svab@epochtimes.nyc>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Voter registration - update

Hello Kevin.

I write for The Epoch Times (<https://www.theepochtimes.com/about-us>) in New York.

I'm looking into Sec. Pate's response to the Judicial Watch's claim of voter over-registration.

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Doesn't this indicate Iowa still has more work to do to clean up its voter rolls as required by the National Voter Registration Act?

I'm on a tight deadline.

Thank you!

Best,

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From: Widen, Molly [SOS]
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]; Burhans, Heidi [SOS]
Cc: Antle, Kendall [SOS]
Subject: RE: Voter registration - update
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:18:44 PM
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The voter reg totals (total, active and inactive) were all pulled before our 2019 list maintenance season (NCOA, no activity, multistate).

Inactive voters are in the pipeline to be cancelled. If a voter is inactive for two successive general election cycles, they are sent a final mailing and cancelled.

Please feel free to reach out to Kendall. He did a full report on the 2018 EAVS data along with Wes. I will be with the legislature all afternoon and unable to answer additional emails.

Sincerely,

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To: Widen, Molly [SOS] <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>; Burhans, Heidi [SOS] <Heidi.Burhans@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Voter registration - update

Can y'all help with this?

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From: Petr Svab <petr.svab@epochtimes.nyc>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:02:51 AM
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Kevin,

To wrap up:

- 1) EAC asks states to exclude "persons under the age of 18 registered under a 'pre-registration' program." So your 17-year-olds point doesn't seem to apply, unless Iowa gave wrong numbers to the EAC.
- 2) EAC asks states for the counts of "individuals who were registered and eligible to vote in the 2018 general

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election." The election day was on Nov. 6, 2018, and Iowa allows election day voter registration so SOS's Nov. 2018 data should be the same as the EAC data minus the 17-year-olds. It seems it's not. So, again, what kind of data did SOS give to the EAC? Can you blame JW for using fed data instead of what you have on your website when the two don't match? Why?

3) JW's pop counts were slightly underestimated--the latest Census counts of citizens over 18 are for 2018, only 0.5% higher what JW used (2017). If they used the 2018 counts, would you blame them? Why?

4) JW counts inactives. You disagree, saying you have to keep them for some time. They have lawsuits to prove that inactives should be counted because the law required they should be removed timely--it's important to measure if Iowa is doing that.

5) There's a significant mismatch between Iowa's reg. rate on paper and the real reg. rate (as captured by Census survey) so Iowa still has a ways to go to clean up its voter rolls.

6) Would it be fair to say that SOS overreacted in its response by calling JW's numbers "patently false" and saying JW's population counts were "greatly underestimated"?

Thank you!

Petr

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 5:48 PM Petr Svab <petr.svab@epochtimes.nyc> wrote:

Ok. I don't see citizens over 18 estimates for 2019. I only see those for 2014-2018. For 2010-2019, I only see resident over 18 for the whole state or total population by county. The data does indicate 7 percent total population growth in Dallas County, but even if I tried to increase the 2014-2018 eligible population number for the county by 7 percent, it still shows registration rate of over 103 percent (using SOS's Feb. 2020 registration data. If I used SOS's July 2019 data, Dallas still over 100).

What do you think?

Thanks!

Petr

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:53 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=lyon%20county%20iowa&g=0500000US19119&tid=ACSDP5Y2018.DP05>

This chart shows higher population in all 8 counties, and significantly higher in Dallas and Johnson. In fact, Dallas Co. is the fastest growing county in the Midwest: <https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?searchType=web&cssp=SERP&q=iowa%20population>

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What is the most current Census data? This? <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html> For Iowa, this is only 0.5 percent above what the JW used. Moreover, Census says Iowa population actually dropped between 2018 and 2019: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/IA/PST045218>

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 4:35 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Based on our numbers, which are actual voter registration numbers, and based on the most current data from the U.S. Census Bureau, there is one county, Lyon. And again, that is the most conservative county in the state (81% for Trump in 2016).

But again, that's based on including inactive voters, which are mostly people that have moved away, and would have to show ID and proof of residency to vote again in Iowa. We are required by Iowa and federal law to move them to inactive status before cancelling their voter registration. Inactive is the final stop before a voter's registration is cancelled.

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I see.

- Could you please point me to the population data SOS is using?

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- How long does SOS need to keep inactive voters on the rolls?

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Thanks for sharing this Kevin.

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Zakrzewski, Cat <Cat.Zakrzewski@washpost.com>
Subject: RE: Washington Post Request

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From: Kevin Kane <kkane@twitter.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:23 PM

To: mbenson@sso.org

Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; gov@twitter.com

Subject: Re: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

Thanks Maria -

This was reviewed by our team and is not in violation of our [election integrity policy](#) [\[help.twitter.com\]](#) as it does not suppress voter turnout or mislead people about when, where, or how to vote. I understand this is not the outcome you are seeking and appreciate you continuing to report Tweets to our team.

Best,

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Maria

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:10 PM

To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>

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Cc: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
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I've been trying all day to get Twitter to take these down.

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When a group is falsely claiming there are more voters than there are actual people in the county, that IS voter suppression. It leads people to believe their vote is invalid or won't count. It absolutely does rise to the level of voter suppression.

Their claims are false, we've proven their false, mainstream media like the Washington Post have proven their false. What more do you guys need?

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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: media request/statement re: Judicial Watch claims

Hello Iowa SOS,

I hope this message finds you well... Could you please send me the statement from Secretary of State Pate concerning the claims by Judicial Watch that eight Iowa counties have more registered voters than eligible voters? Thanks!

Ethan

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Isaac,

Regarding the Twitter post:

This is a false claim. The actual data is available on the Secretary of State's website for anyone to see. It's broken down by county and updated every month. Here is the direct link:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/county.html>

Secretary Pate has responded directly to this Twitter post as well.

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Dear County Auditor,

Secretary Pate asked me to share this information with you. Judicial Watch issued [this news release today](#), claiming 8 Iowa counties have total registration rates larger than eligible voter population.

In response, we sent out this media release:

OFFICE OF THE IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Kevin Hall
Communications Director
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MEDIA RELEASE: Official data rebuts false claims regarding Iowa voter registration

DES MOINES — A Washington D.C.-based organization made false claims today in a news release regarding voter registration information in eight Iowa counties. Judicial Watch claims that total registration numbers in these counties are larger than the eligible voter population. Official data

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compiled by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office shows this information is false.

"It's unfortunate this organization continues to put out inaccurate data regarding voter registration, and it's especially disconcerting they chose the day of the Iowa Caucus to do this," Secretary Pate said. "My office has told this organization, and others who have made similar claims, that their data regarding Iowa is deeply flawed and their false claims erode voter confidence in elections. They should stop this misinformation campaign immediately and quit trying to disenfranchise Iowa voters."

Iowa's voter registration statistics are publicly available on the Secretary of State's website. They are updated monthly. These numbers show that the ones claimed by Judicial Watch in their news release today are patently false.

Along with their false claims about the voter registration numbers, the organization's claims about Iowa population are greatly underestimated, according to actual data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office stands with its county auditors and the methods they use to provide clean and accurate voter rolls.

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Additionally, the Washington Post already has a story up, also debunking their claims:
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/>

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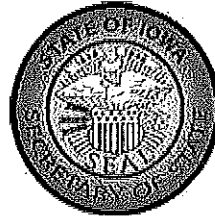
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Iowa Caucus Calamity

NY Times: [App used to tabulate votes is said to have been inadequately tested](#)

KWQC-TV in Quad Cities: [96% of precincts reporting caucus results; Buttigieg and Sanders neck and neck](#) (includes SOS quote)

NPR: [Lessons learned from the Iowa Caucuses, and danger signs ahead](#)

Politico: [Why 2020 could be a year of election malfunctions](#)

State Scoop: [After Iowa Dems' caucus app mess, election officials distance themselves](#) (SOS quote)

Computer World: [Iowa Caucus chaos likely to set back mobile voting](#)

Daily Iowegian in Centerville: [Iowa Caucuses worked fine, results no to much](#)

KTIV-TV in Sioux City: [Noon news](#)

WHO-TV in Des Moines: [Noon news](#)

WOWT-TV in Omaha: [5pm news](#)

KWQC-TV in Quad Cities: [6pm news](#)

Cox National Radio: [As votes trickle in from Iowa, Dems throw shade in New Hampshire](#) (SOS quote)

ABC News:



DISCLOSURE:—The authors of this paper have nothing to disclose.

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14 Replies 16 Retweets 63 Likes

CNN Reporter:



Jim Sciutto
@jimsciutto

"It's unfortunate this organization continues to put out inaccurate data regarding voter registration...They should stop this misinformation campaign immediately and quit trying to disenfranchise Iowa voters," says Iowa's Secretary of State Paul Pate, a Republican.

Judicial Watch @JudicialWatch
BREAKING: Judicial Watch announced that 8 Iowa counties have more voter registrations than their eligible voting-age population (1/3).
jwatch.us/dw22MC
Show this thread

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129 Replies 1,433 Retweets 3,585 Likes

Politico reporter:



Eric Geller @erlegeller · Feb 4
Calm, measured statement by Iowa's Republican secretary of state.

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate @IowaSOS · Feb 4
Official statement regarding the #IowaCaucuses:

"The Iowa Secretary of State's Office and county auditors have no role in the Iowa Caucuses. They are run by the political parties. Although the caucus is a presidential nominating process, they are not elections. Iowans do not elect the candidates and I congratulate the tens of thousands of citizens who participated on caucus night and made their voices heard.

The accuracy of the Iowa Democratic Party's vote totals is much more important than the timeliness of releasing the results. I am glad to hear they have a plan to release the results just as we use paper ballots in all official elections in the State of Iowa. I am glad they take their time and conduct checks and balances to ensure the accuracy of the votes."

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SOS/Auditor op-ed

Hudson Herald: [Working together to protect your vote](#)

Fast Track Filing

Marshalltown Times Republican: [Fast Track Filing for biennial reports launched](#)

Election cybersecurity

Iowa City Press Citizen: (AP national) [Election threats not extinguished](#)

Politico: [Battleground states lack web security safeguards](#)

Other states

Ohio: [On heels of Iowa Caucus mess, Secretary of State says Ohio well prepared for March primary](#)

Arkansas: [Secretary of State confident in Arkansas primary election after Iowa Caucus delays](#)

California: [Secretary of State releases statement on state primary following Iowa caucus confusion](#)

Illinois: [Quad City Times: Thumbs down](#) (AVR error letting non-citizens vote)

Alabama: [No Iowa voting problems for Alabama](#)

California: [Tens of thousands of votes not counted in last election](#)

Connecticut: [Merrill: Connecticut better equipped to handle elections than Iowa](#)

Florida: [Supervisor of Elections says Iowa caucus disaster could not happen in Palm Beach County](#)

Florida: [South Florida has history of election screwups. Could Iowa chaos happen here?](#)

Minnesota: [MN Sec of State: MN will not see Iowa-style chaos with primary voting](#)

New Hampshire: [Secretary of State: Iowa chaos 'not going to happen here'](#)

New York: [After Iowa delays, here's a look at how official will tally your votes in New York](#)

Oregon: [As Iowa pieces results together, Oregon officials tout election security work](#)

Pennsylvania: In wake of Iowa turmoil, Pa. preps millions of voters for new machines

South Carolina: After Iowa debacle, SC election officials assure primary on track

Texas: Iowa's problems with new voting system not expected here in Central Texas

Virginia: Virginia is unlikely to repeat Iowa's mistakes

Washington: Local elections officials try to ease concerns over security after Iowa results delay

Kansas: After Kobach's 2018 bid, Kansas lawmakers weigh making secretary of state non-partisan

Washington: Sec. of State candidates comment on Iowa Caucus disarray

National

USA Today: 'Overwhelm the system' to thwart voter suppression, Stacey Abrams counsels blacks

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Hawkeye Cauceye delayed results (with SOS quotes)

NPR: [What we know about the app that delayed Iowa's caucus results](#)

KTIV-TV in Sioux City: [Technical glitches delay Iowa Caucus results, results expected Tuesday afternoon](#)

AP: [Iowa's coveted status in doubt following results delay](#)

Daily lowegian: [Voters; Caucuses worked fine, results not so much](#)

ProPublica: [Iowa's lesson: Political parties are not as good as government officials at counting votes](#)

Fox Business: [Sec. Pate interview with Neil Cavuto](#)

Judicial Watch

Wall Street Journal: [Iowa Caucuses live coverage](#)

KGAN TV in Cedar Rapids: [Official data shows claims made regarding Iowa voter registration were false](#)

The Hill: [Iowa secretary of state disputes viral misinformation about voter registration](#)

Gateway Pundit: [8 Iowa counties have total population rates larger than eligible population; UPDATE: IA Secretary of State refutes report](#)

The Verge: [Iowa conspiracy theories are testing Facebook's misinformation policy](#)

AlterNet: [Republican state official rebukes a conservative group for spreading lies ahead of Iowa caucuses](#)

NBC: [Debunked claims about Iowa voter fraud pushed by conservative activists](#)

Des Moines Business Record: D.C.-based organization making false claims regarding Iowa voter registration, secretary of state's office says

NEWS BRIEFS

D.C.-based organization making false claims regarding Iowa voter registration, secretary of state's office says

A Washington D.C.-based organization is making false claims about Iowa's voter registration data, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate said in a critical statement this afternoon. Judicial Watch is falsely claiming that total registration numbers in eight Iowa counties is larger than the total voter population, Pate said, adding that the organization's data underestimated Iowa's population according to the U.S. Census Bureau. "My office has told this organization, who have made similar claims, that their data regarding Iowa is deeply flawed and their claims erode voter confidence in elections. They should stop this misinformation campaign immediately and quit trying to disenfranchise Iowa voters," Pate said. Voter registration data are available online and updated monthly.

Business Insider: Top Trump allies are spreading baseless voter-fraud conspiracies about Iowa caucuses, and even a top state GOP official is telling them to stop

Wa Po: Iowa caucus delays test tech companies' policies on falsehoods;

Interesting Engineering: Chaotic Iowa Caucuses: Twitter's part in enabling the spread of election disinformation

Common Dreams: Iowa Caucus debacle highlights need for caution with new technologies;

Relatedly, Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate was right to quickly and clearly counter false claims of voter fraud asserted by the far right. As president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, Pate's clear and quick response as the state's chief election official serves as a model for secretaries nationwide.

DMR/USA Today: Confusion over who can caucus and where, 'patently false' claims, reporting delays equal a night of problems in Iowa (Also touches on some felons whose rights weren't restored because they aren't on payment plan for restitution, including one of DMR's poster felons)

NewsMax: Phone app issues, voter fraud claims at Iowa Caucuses

Mother Jones: Republicans are spreading voter fraud disinformation in an election they're not even running in

AP: Misinformation campaign in full swing as 2020 vote kicks off

The Guardian: Rightwing groups spread false information about voter rolls hours before Iowa caucuses

Wa Po: Judicial Watch's voter fraud fear-mongering finds a new opponent: a pro-voter ID Iowa

official

Epoch Times: Iowa Secretary of State disputes claim by group about voter registration

Reuters: Iowa official slams viral claim of suspicious voter registration activity as false

Gizmodo: Twitter admits it knowingly helped spread election disinformation during Iowa Caucuses

WOI-TV in West Des Moines: Iowa Sec. of State: Claims of voter registration exceeding eligible population are false

Media from NASS w/ Sec. Pate

KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids: Iowa Secretary of State warns against misinformation ahead of Monday caucuses

WOWT-TV in Omaha: Iowa Sec. of State talks election security before Iowa Caucuses

Washington Post: Election officials confident about cybersecurity ahead of first contests

AP: Election officials get training before 2020 voting begins

VoteShield

Marshalltown Times Republican: Iowa partners with VoteShield to protect integrity of elections

Onawa Sentinel: Iowa's first-in-the-nation partnership with VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections

Rockwell Pioneer Enterprise: Iowa's partnership with VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections

SOS/Auditors guest editorial

N'West Iowa Review: Protecting our elections

USMCA

Farm Progress: Trump signs USMCA; What's next? (nice pic of Sec. Pate/Naig)

Youth Straw Poll

Perry, West Central Valley, ACGC vote in Iowa Youth Straw Poll

Knoxville Journal Express: [Local schools participating in Youth Straw Poll](#)

Marshalltown Times Republican: [Iowa Youth Straw Poll conducted on Jan. 28](#)

South Hamilton Record-News: [Secretary Pate to conduct Iowa Youth Straw Poll on January 28](#)

Amb. Quinn NASS Award

Discover Muscatine: [Sen. Mark Lofgren honors Ambassador Quinn](#)

Felons

DMR: [Iowa governor clears voting rights restoration backlog in final hours before the caucuses](#)

Voter reg

New London Journal: [Iowa registers 350,000 new voters in five years](#)

Ida County Courier: [Iowa registers 350,000 voters in five years](#)

Safe at Home

South Hamilton Record-News: [Secretary Pate launches digital outreach to help survivors of human trafficking](#)

Marshalltown Times Republican: [Digital outreach to help survivors of human trafficking launched](#)

Election Cybersecurity

NBC: [Behind the scenes, states race to shore up 2020 elections](#)

StateScoop: [DHS creates 'tabletop in a box' for local election security drills](#)

Roll Call: [Majority of election sites in battleground states lack validation, McAfee finds](#)

Other states

The Hill: [Ohio to ramp up election security with new federal funds](#)

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From: Petr Svab
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Voter registration - update
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:17:47 AM

Hello Kevin.

I write for The Epoch Times (<https://www.theepochtimes.com/about-us>) in New York.

I'm looking into Sec. Pate's response to the Judicial Watch's claim of voter over-registration.

JW has responded to the rebuttal and here are the arguments, if you could please respond to them:

1) Voter registration numbers - JW used 2018 EAC data, which it considers more reliable. I see the EAC data shows Iowa had 2,193,813 registered voters in 2018. According to the Iowa State Secretary data, the state had only 2,180,926 registered voters in December 2018, which was the month with the highest number that year.
https://public.tableau.com/profile/u.s.election.assistance.commission#!/vizhome/EAVS2018DataViz-Labeld_11_25/EACDataVizTool
<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/county.html>
Why the discrepancy?

2) Voting-age citizen population numbers - JW seems to have used the Census numbers released last year: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2019.html>
On Jan. 31, new data was released: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html>
The newly released data would show 7 counties over-registered (instead of 8), based on the EAC data, and 5 counties over-registered based on Feb. 2020 SOS data.
No matter how many counties, doesn't the over-registration indicate Iowa still has more work to do to clean up its voter rolls as required by the National Voter Registration Act?
How come you already have February 2020 data?
Would it be fair to say SOS went too far in calling JW Iowa population numbers "greatly underestimated" when the last year's Census data JW used only differ from the new Census data by 0.44 percent?

3) Inactive voters - JW argues that inactive voters are still counted for the purposes of voter roll maintenance as required by the National Voter Registration Act.
Do you agree?
Does SOS believe inactive voters shouldn't be counted? Why?
Even excluding inactive voters, Dallas county still has registration rate of about 104.6 percent and the state has a rate of over 86 percent (Census 2014-2018, SOS Feb. 2020 data). Meanwhile, Census Bureau survey says Iowa registration rate is less than 70 percent: <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/voting-and-registration/p20-583.html>
Doesn't this indicate Iowa still has more work to do to clean up its voter rolls as required by the National Voter Registration Act?

I'm on a tight deadline.

Thank you!

Best,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate](#)
Subject: Voter roll clean up
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 2:51:36 PM

Dear, mr. Secretary of State.

I just viewed my second video from Judicial Watch in as many days regarding Iowa's out-of-date voter rolls.

Mr. Fenton contends you are not doing your job. Is this true?

I look forward to your explanation.

Most Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Romm, Tony
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
Subject: WashPost inquiry: Twitter and caucus misinfo
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:20:57 AM

Hey all, hope you're well. Tony Romm here from the Post.

I saw this tweet from the secretary of state, trying to rebut false information about the caucus that had gone viral on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IowaSOS/status/1224336592891936771?s=20>

Would love to talk with him (and I recognize today is a tough day for that) about the challenge in combatting this kind of misinformation. Have y'all been in touch with the company? Have you had trouble with this elsewhere?

215.779.9597. Many thanks.

Tony Romm
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Isaac Becker - Washington Post
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Saw on Twitter:
8 Counties have more adults registered than population.

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From: Zakrzewski, Cat
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Washington Post Request
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:09:47 PM

Hey Kevin,

I'm a reporter with the Washington Post, where I cover tech policy. I wanted to reach out today to see if you had any comment on Twitter and Facebook's decision to allow the posts your office debunked to remain their service. Does the secretary think the services should take down the Judicial Watch posts that claim the total number of registration numbers in 8 Iowa counties are larger than the eligible voter population?

Thanks,

Cat

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From: Stanley-Becker, Isaac
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
Subject: Washington Post question about voter registration
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:41:28 AM

Good morning. I'm wondering if there's even a shred of evidence to support these claims?

<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224014216782340096>

<https://twitter.com/charliekirk11/status/1224068914067329024>

Many thanks,
Isaac

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Isaac Stanley-Becker
The Washington Post
Desk: 202.334.5024
Mobile: 773.480.2423

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From: [Ethan Baron](#)
To: [Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate](#)
Subject: media request/statement re: Judicial Watch claims
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:57:02 PM

Hello Iowa SOS,

I hope this message finds you well... Could you please send me the statement from Secretary of State Pate concerning the claims by Judicial Watch that eight Iowa counties have more registered voters than eligible voters? Thanks!

Ethan

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
Subject: voter registration
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:10:05 PM

Mr. Paul Pate, Secretary of State

Please be fair to the state and get our voter registration roles cleaned for a more accurate election.

Thank you!

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Judicial Watch

BREAKING: Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton made the following statement regarding Iowa secretary of state misleading Americans and state residents about the accuracy of Iowa's registration rolls:

"It is shameful that the secretary state of Iowa would mislead Iowans and Americans about the accuracy of the state's registration rolls.

Judicial Watch's analysis of Iowa's state registration rolls is based on official voter registration data provided by Iowa to the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) for publication in 2019.

Iowa's Secretary of State and local officials need to clean up the election rolls and reassure voters that its election process is being administered in compliance with federal law and common sense."

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