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National:

- [Trump tweeted](#), "The big Unsolicited Ballot States should give it up NOW, before it is too late, and ask people to go to the Polling Booths and, like always before, VOTE. Otherwise, MAYHEM!!! Solicited Ballots (absentee) are OK," and Twitter was quick to fact check and shared a link with [info about how voting by mail is safe and secure. Viral reply on Twitter from Tom Fitton](#) asserting, "Mailing 51 million ballots to those who haven't asked for increases risk of voter fraud and voter intimidation!"
- USPS Postmaster General Louis DeJoy ordered "drivers to start leaving post offices and distribution centers exactly on schedule and curtailed extra trips to pick up any mail that missed earlier cutoffs. [The Los Angeles Times reports](#), "Weeks-long delays began to ripple through a system already reeling from COVID-19 absences and a surge in package delivery during the pandemic, shaking Americans' faith in one of the country's most popular services and raising concerns about how the Postal Service will handle mail-in ballots in November."
- Postmaster General and USPS Affirm Readiness for Election In Call with National Association of Secretaries of State [via PR Newswire](#).
- [Trump-appointed U.S. Commission on Civil rights voted to](#) "shelve a report on threats to minority voting rights," and "issues raised in the report, including difficulties with in-person and mail-in balloting faced by voters of color, people with disabilities, and those with medical conditions that make them vulnerable to the virus" will no longer be released.
- [Newswire fact check's William Barr](#) "Is your vote no longer secret with mail-in ballots?"; Newswire clarifies, "Elections experts say Barr is wrongly suggesting that mail-in ballots somehow violate people's privacy and that he is ignoring safeguards that are in place to ensure the security of people's ballots when they vote by mail."
- [In a CNN television interview](#), Al Gore shared, "one of the possible outcomes is that those who vote in-person on the day of the election may tilt one way. When they count this flood of mail-in ballots, it will reverse. At least, that's what some of the analysts are telling us to watch out for."

California:

- Jarrett Stepman who claimed in a [viral tweet](#) that CA sent ballots to his parents house even tho he hasn't lived there in a decade, wrote a commentary piece for the [Daily Signal](#), claiming "Although the official mail my parents received isn't the actual ballot, it informed me that I would receive one along with every other California voter. Unless something changes, a ballot will be sent to me in a town where I haven't lived or voted for a decade."
- Hans von Spakovsky of [The Daily Signal](#) claims, "Public Interest Legal Foundation found four individuals who claimed NPR West headquarters in Culver City, California, as their residence and voted in 2018 via mail-in absentee ballots."
- [Public Interest Legal Foundation claims](#), "An independent, nationwide analysis of voter rolls in 42 states has identified thousands of probable deceased and duplicate registrants, as well as cases of individuals credited for voting more than once." PILF claims, "349,773 apparently deceased registrants across 41 states' voter rolls, with New York, Texas, Michigan, Florida and California alone accounting for 51 percent of the total."
- [Cal Matters article](#) claims, "thousands of California voters will be unable to cast an informed vote in the November election. It will not be for lack of interest in this election, or for lack of access to a physical ballot. It will be because government officials failed to provide them with the language services they needed to understand what and whom they are voting for."
- [Continued discussion](#) about the USPS postcard about mail-in ballots, specifically CA counties share "advice from the Postal Service — about requesting a ballot — just doesn't apply to most voters here in California."

Trump's tweet today about "unsolicited ballots" created an increase in "unsolicited ballot" stories from online news. The phrase appears to be used by Trump with increased frequency. He first tweeted the term Aug 25th, then Sept 2nd, and twice today. Conversations have ebbed and flowed about absentee ballots, however stories about unsolicited ballots were nearly nonexistent before Trump's tweet.

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[Ben-California is NOT BLUE! We have a VOTER FRAUD problem out here. The media has convinced everyone the state is filled to the brim with Liberals...not so! Take away motor voter, the illegal votes & ballot harvesting and we're RED to the core](#)
politstrip - Twitter - 09-17-20

[I agree about the fraud and mid-trust. Each State has their own processes. NC's is fairly safe, but I don't completely trust the USPS to transport a ballot. States like California that allow ballot harvesting will be rife with fraud.](#)
rbutton4nchouse - Twitter - 09-17-20

[More people in California voted for Donald Trump in 2016 than those who voted for Gavin Newsom. Democrats would lose California if they didn't cheat. In the 2018 Election Republicans won house seats until a week later after ballot harvesting, then they went to the Democrats.](#)
musejania - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Nunes literally said on national tv that he and his crew are ballot harvesting in California. I thought it was the only state left that allows it.](#)
freestyle_mom - Twitter - 09-17-20

[I am a native Californian.... I do not trust vote by mail....ballot Harvesting....Motor Voter ALL ways that California politicians like Pelosi, Maxine Waters, Schiff use to maintain their elected offices. IF Russia agrees with me....and many many American... Good for them](#)
econol - Twitter - 09-17-20

[I have had three different solicitations email me for a mail in ballot application ! two out of the three came from California; that's called ballot harvesting... I don't think there's going to be any lack of voting from anyone that's a democrat or scared of voting](#)
ccstn4 - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Ballot harvesting is literally legal in some states like California. Just because you only heard of one case doesn't mean it's not widespread. The idiot in NC only got caught because he got greedy and the numbers stood out. Smart vote harvesters fly under the radar.](#)
nyaraditokes - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Ballot harvesting, perfected in California, sweeps the country. Red, white and blue becomes only blue. They probably have a replacement for the stars and stripes already.](#)
rlonestar1 - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Yet California legalized ballot harvesting. Horrible democrats run the state & have actually legalized criminal activity.](#)
blumyst - Twitter - 09-17-20

Narrative: Democrats cheating and/or rigging the election

[Voter Fraud is how Democrats cheat to win. The primary victims: Black and Hispanic voters. Now that President Trump is winning over these groups, the Democrats are desperate to make sure their votes won't count. VOTE IN PERSON! pic.twitter.com/ljb4nVvMvG](#)
bigbertiet - Twitter - 09-17-20

[The only way the democrats can win is by doing what they do best. Lie and Cheat!! Even for those who claim they don't like @realDonaldTrump personally, but what's not to like, need to love what he's doing for America. I will vote in person...Trump 2020!!](#)
beardntats1 - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Voting by mail is the only way that the Democrats can win! Cause they out the Conservatives votes in the Trash! We want to vote in person! Vote by mail is cheating by the Democrats party 100%](#)
jo_kimmer - Twitter - 09-17-20

[Tell Democrats they better Block Putin & Others From Hacking Voter Machines! @RepAdamSchiff @HouseIntel @dsc @TomPerez Mail In Ballots MUST Be Counted & Verified RIGHT AWAY Deliver your Ballot in Person or VOTE In Person All Questions answered at BetterKnowABall...](#)
mujerpescado - Twitter - 09-17-20

[The only way the Angry Democrats can win is if they rig the election. Put in the effort to request an absentee ballot or vote in person](#)
[twitter.com/GOP... ..](#)
thezigzagman2 - Twitter - 09-17-20

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