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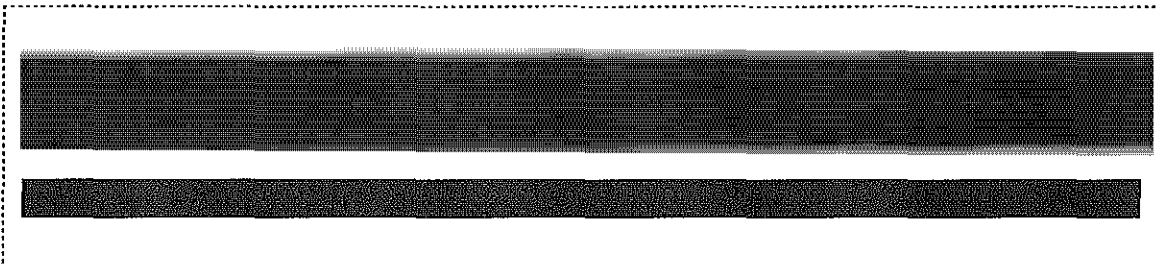
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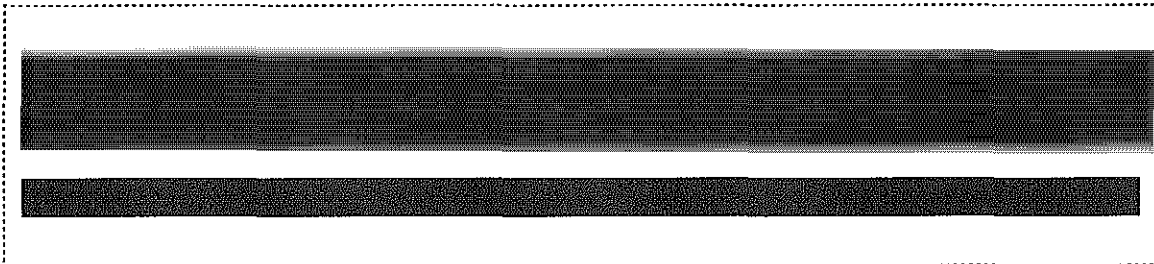
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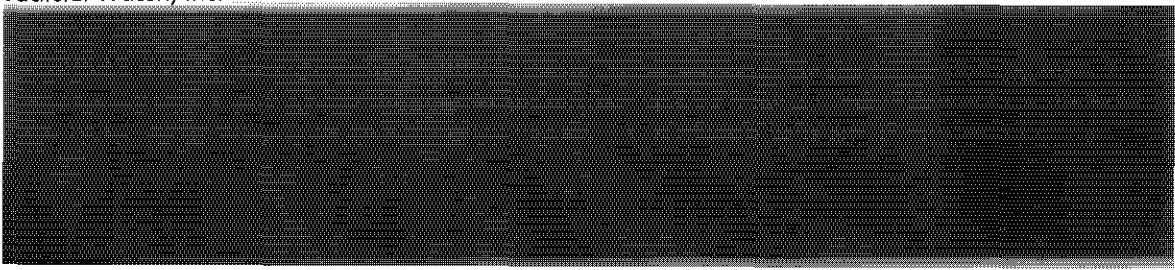
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Dear, mr. Secretary of State.

I just viewed my second video from Judicial Watch in as many days regarding Iowa's out-of-date voter rolls.

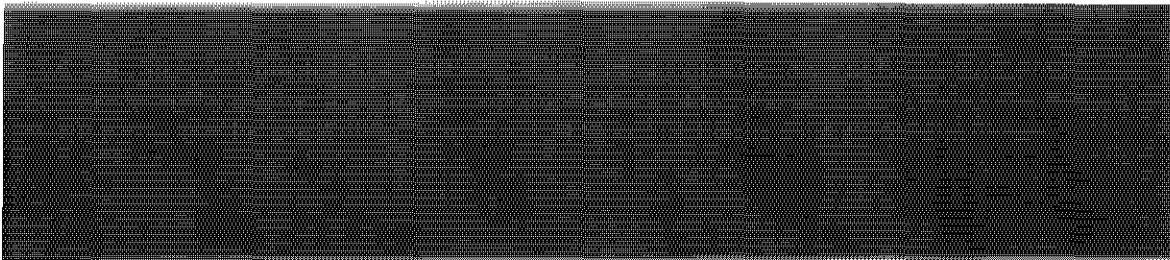
Mr. Fenton contends you are not doing your job. Is this true?

I look forward to your explanation.

Most Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]

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Hang in there, Kevin! You're doing great!

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Hey everyone,

One of our Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Advisors for Region 7, (J.D. Henry), has requested that we put together a sort of After Action Report for Monday's events. Specifically, he said it would be useful to comment on our interactions with social media companies in regards to Judicial Watch.

Before we send a reply to J.D., we wanted to have a little more office input. Feel free to comment, highlight, or change anything you see as relevant. J.D. told me he **doesn't** need an official, formal response to the events (at least initially).

Topics to include:

- How do we feel they (social media companies) handled the events?
- How was our input received?
- Do we think appropriate action was taken?
- What changes and/or differences would we expect/like to see moving towards the rest of the elections this year?

What happened?

Judicial Watch put out a Tweet that said, "BREAKING: [@JudicialWatch](#): Eight Iowa Counties Have Total Registration Rates Larger than Eligible Voter Population -- at Least 18,658 Extra Names on Iowa Voting Roll..."

One of our responses on Twitter, "A D.C.-based organization made false claims today regarding voter registration information in eight Iowa counties. Official data compiled by the Iowa Secretary of State's Office, as well as the [@uscensusbureau](#) shows this information is false."

Notes from Communications:

- Facebook was responsive, labeled posts as, "False information," (or something similar).
 - Label was on there within an hour or so.
 - Included a breakdown of everywhere that information had appeared.
- Twitter was completely unresponsive (no official reply was given to our office).

Thanks,

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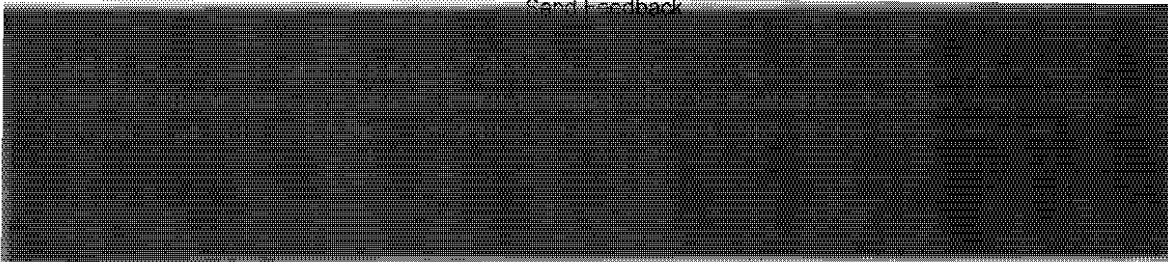
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It is being reported that Judicial Watch has suggested that in 8 Iowa Counties, the number of registered voters exceeds the number of eligible voters. It is also being reported that the Iowa Secretary of State denies that is the case, but WON'T RELEASE THE RECORDS.

With the Iowa Democrat Caucus DEBACLE, don't you think it would be advisable to NOT COMPOUND the DISGRACE by HIDING the FACTS?

Voter Fraud "doesn't exist", claim the Democrats, yet indications of circumstances that would facilitate VOTER FRAUD ABOUND across the country. The problem is further exacerbated, demanding MORE government TRANSPARENCY, NOT LESS, is the widespread belief that if the government is involved, CORRUPTION IS INEVITABLE.

OPEN THE RECORDS to AUDIT!

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From: Rachel Holland
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Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel
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No worries at all, I hope you're feeling better. What a week it's been! I just wanted to make sure y'all knew we were here to assist the whole time if needed. Feel better!

Rachel Holland | facebook
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On Feb 5, 2020, at 12:48 PM, Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rachel,

Thanks for including me in all the emails the past few days, and coordinating with Kevin on the false info issue. I've been out sick with the flu the past few days, but will be more responsive from now on.

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Cc: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,

I want to share the following 3rd Party Fact Checkers' stories that have rated the content false this evening. The Lead Stories article is the one attached to content reported via the False Information filter:

- [Lead Stories](#)
- [PolitiFact](#)
- [AP](#)

We have also applied the filter on similar news stories (a few examples below):

- [https://www.facebook.com/SeanHannity/posts/10163509235370389?_xts__\[0\]=68.ARD3Qq0B99j0EofGuQCITFDWj0D73HqVh8.F.fBFZjnyUg65_YQdmC3MT.G.G8Arm2NhdAiz7bXcKmS6hV6CUkaSndfT99w2b8Ah2mNnVAYoL5vllrldxcwdxAkNMG6toRyTnlqQGc25GvQ.DBAx2yvi5tCJSj172FPHQ.CIy2a3uh9y0Y_AxBY68CnQtaUCLF7ZQjzMTdwhchPdRHVLIJS-1208.C7Uo2smKxFIRKdStqj2XXK7913JkVlnnZhuUjMy6kCY77H_a3v6nL5PqewDIBotLGAkaGAba6vjr8vSOI.Yafv6PIXQ811Tr8__tn__=R](https://www.facebook.com/SeanHannity/posts/10163509235370389?_xts__[0]=68.ARD3Qq0B99j0EofGuQCITFDWj0D73HqVh8.F.fBFZjnyUg65_YQdmC3MT.G.G8Arm2NhdAiz7bXcKmS6hV6CUkaSndfT99w2b8Ah2mNnVAYoL5vllrldxcwdxAkNMG6toRyTnlqQGc25GvQ.DBAx2yvi5tCJSj172FPHQ.CIy2a3uh9y0Y_AxBY68CnQtaUCLF7ZQjzMTdwhchPdRHVLIJS-1208.C7Uo2smKxFIRKdStqj2XXK7913JkVlnnZhuUjMy6kCY77H_a3v6nL5PqewDIBotLGAkaGAba6vjr8vSOI.Yafv6PIXQ811Tr8__tn__=R)
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- <https://www.facebook.com/NTDNews/posts/2921540371255824>

Additionally, the Judicial Watch Page's most recent post about the same subject that you reported (<https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/photos/a.10153428872251943/10157583457596943/?type=3&theater>) has been enqueued for our third party fact checkers to review as well.

Not related to the above content, I am seeing this news: <https://www.wsi.com/articles/dems-iowa-caucus-voting-app-stirs-security-concerns-11580063221> and wanted to get your read on it. Are you familiar with the app and does your office have any thoughts/concerns?

We will continue to monitor the above, but please feel free to reach out at any time – again by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me, in case I am asleep. We have full teams monitoring that email around the clock.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:59 PM
To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Thanks for flagging — we've got a full team with eyes on this now and are applying the false filter to similar articles as well. I'll send you an additional update shortly!

Rachel Holland | facebook
U.S. Politics & Government Outreach
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On Feb 3, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you! They have new posts up, doubling down on the false claims.

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,
Circling back with an update regarding the content posted by Judicial Watch. Our third-party fact checkers have rated this content false, and we have applied a filter over the content warning users before they click to see if that the content has been rated false by independent fact checkers.

Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (Rachel.Holland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>, "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help: [https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__\[0\]=68ARCu80fscWOrT9BAoUufI19YdJ61gZn0xgR8RzREBw6jgIIMyVvKFFQUOT9zBo1nPFeSgWqO6yAs9CsPj0uCGG:jGKNI9N0qbpAeaarVWkK4SgyEM6mq227Q019cP9JSD3tdK9kt88TKVM0e8GDh-OSuATunUdUYXAJPRWQamcY8l_w3Tm3vgIPep005-pyN274-SvovRamyX3AchwgqI74Ufh9XTScjMEQOadp5TDKjCdv8sSashe8ZAZWNLEErwIQI-M5xe1DAVU_bf75czEdLS_q3b1JhFK_akUyIIPJw8o9Dwv6UWw107-skUR2ctAFZw&_tn_=-B](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68ARCu80fscWOrT9BAoUufI19YdJ61gZn0xgR8RzREBw6jgIIMyVvKFFQUOT9zBo1nPFeSgWqO6yAs9CsPj0uCGG:jGKNI9N0qbpAeaarVWkK4SgyEM6mq227Q019cP9JSD3tdK9kt88TKVM0e8GDh-OSuATunUdUYXAJPRWQamcY8l_w3Tm3vgIPep005-pyN274-SvovRamyX3AchwgqI74Ufh9XTScjMEQOadp5TDKjCdv8sSashe8ZAZWNLEErwIQI-M5xe1DAVU_bf75czEdLS_q3b1JhFK_akUyIIPJw8o9Dwv6UWw107-skUR2ctAFZw&_tn_=-B)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

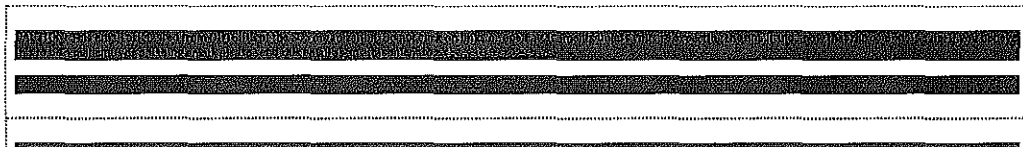
Hi Kris - Just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#), please:

1. Email reports@content.facebook.com, and cc me (Rachel.Holland@fb.com), with a link to the content you are reporting.
 - a. Please send in as much information as you have about the content (link to content, screenshot, link of the page or profile that posted the content, etc.) -- but the link is the best way for us to be able to quickly identify something.

And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,

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From: [Stanley-Becker, Isaac](#)
To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: Re: Responding to you call
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 3:53:37 PM
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Hey Kevin, might you be able to give me a quick call at 773-480-2423? Many thanks.

From: Stanley-Becker, Isaac <Isaac.Stanley-Becker@washpost.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Responding to you call

Does Secretary Pate want to say any more about how dangerous this is? The false tweets have more than 100,000 interactions. And the platform seems to be letting them be. His perspective would be much appreciated.

From: Stanley-Becker, Isaac <Isaac.Stanley-Becker@washpost.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Responding to you call

Many thanks.

From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Stanley-Becker, Isaac <Isaac.Stanley-Becker@washpost.com>
Subject: Responding to you call

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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> [sos.iowa.gov]

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

Let me know if you need more info.

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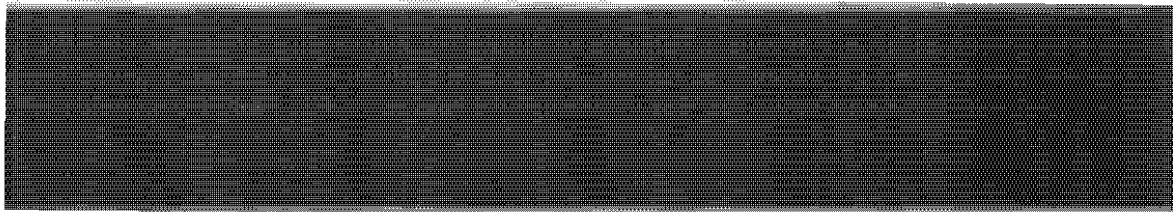
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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 2:58:38 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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Best,

Mark

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I just looked thru every month on my phone & they work fine for me.

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From: MW Hemingway <mwhemingway@gmail.com>
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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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And you guys have issued a press release where you're not actually specifying the number. Starting to see the problem here?

And if you're a law and order GOP SoS, are we really going to die on the hill of 5 vs. 8 here? Wouldn't one county with this problem be considered an issue you guys need to address?

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 1:12 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Mark,

We're not commenting officially on this story any longer. Below is the release we put out yesterday.

(For background, **not** attribution to me or our office, I'll add a few tidbits:

-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.

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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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 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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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:03 AM

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

Subject: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

Kevin,

I left a message already -- was hoping you could talk to me about the voter registration controversy? I fear the Post has made a hash of the story...

Thanks,

Mark Hemingway

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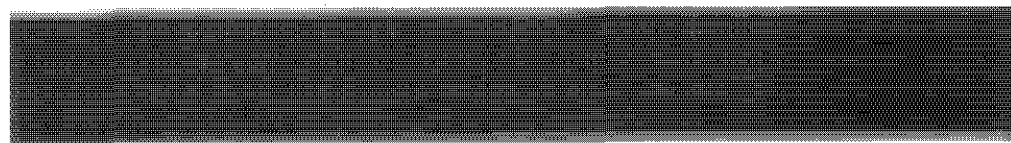
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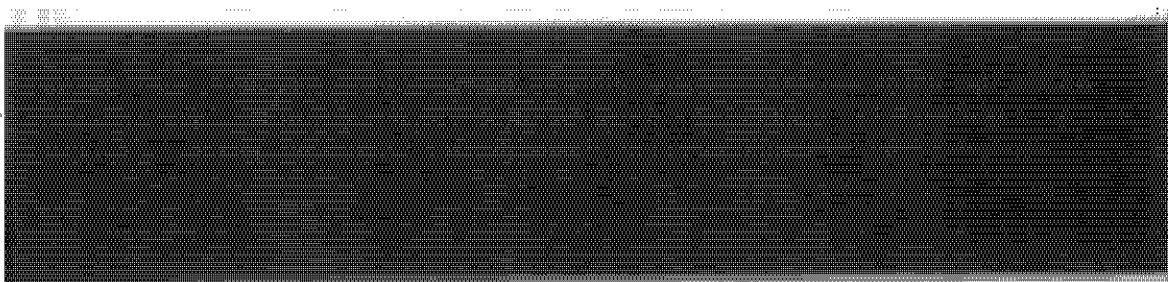
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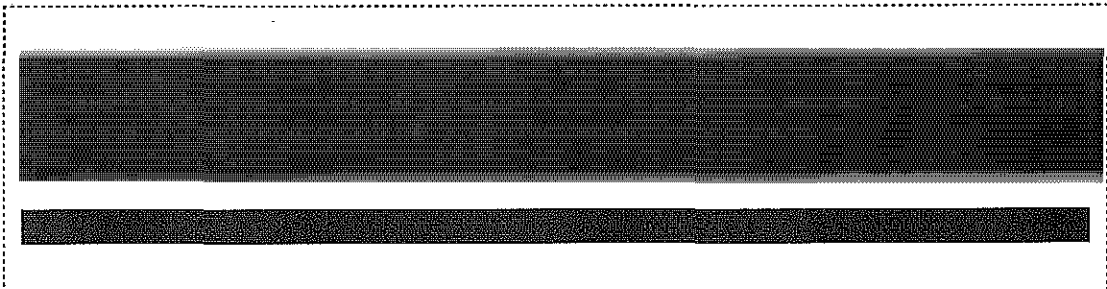
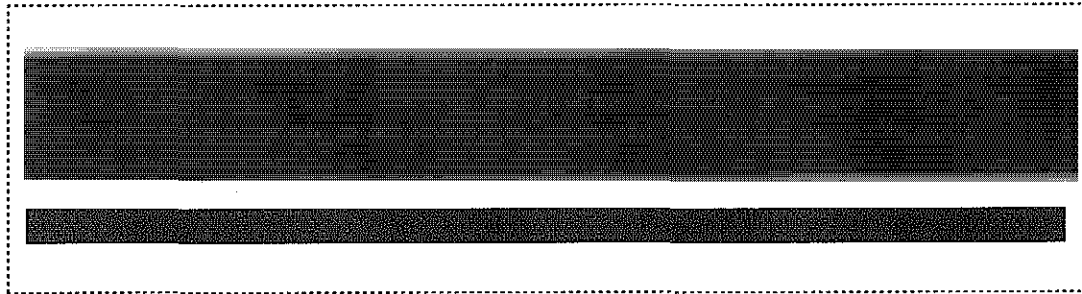
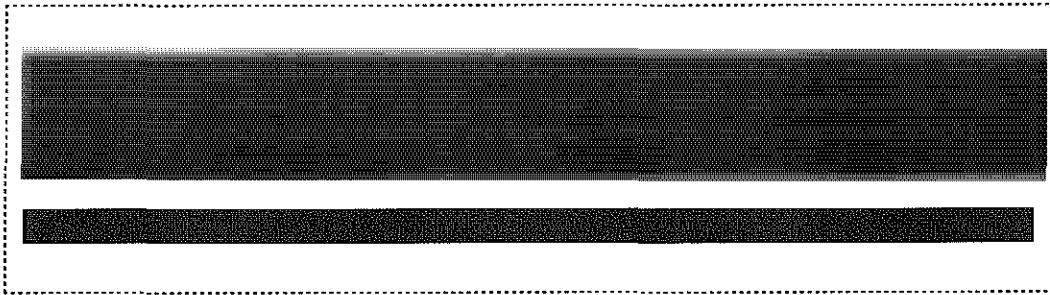
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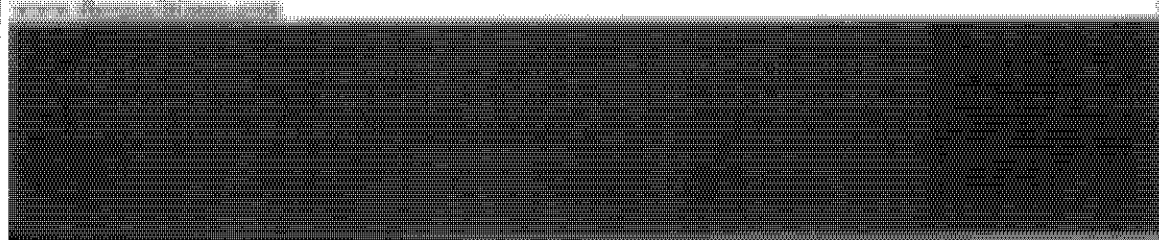
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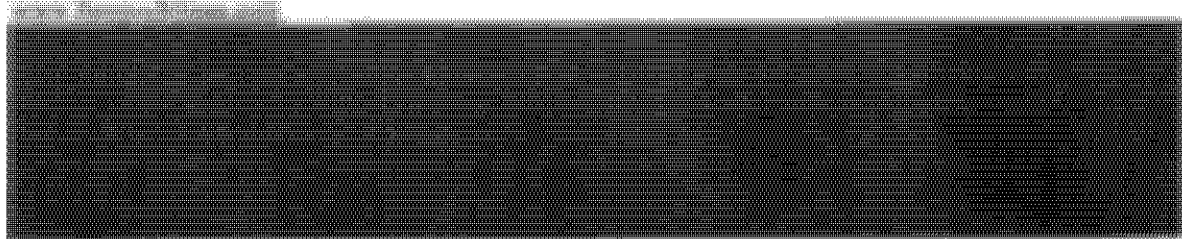
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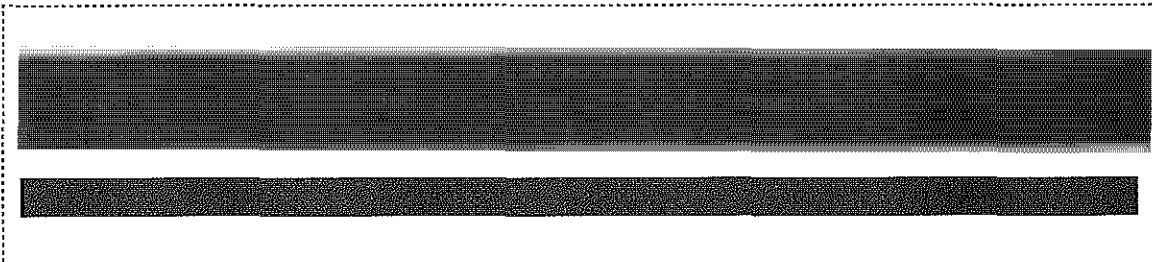
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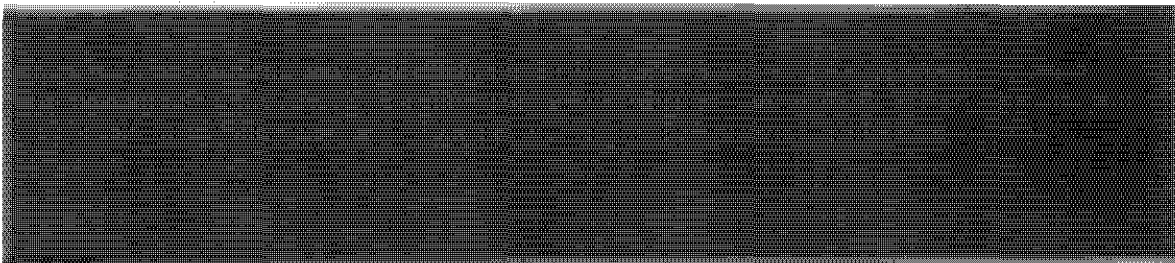
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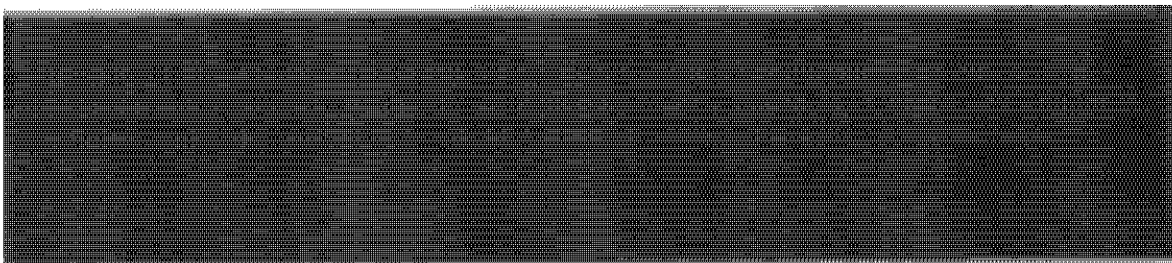
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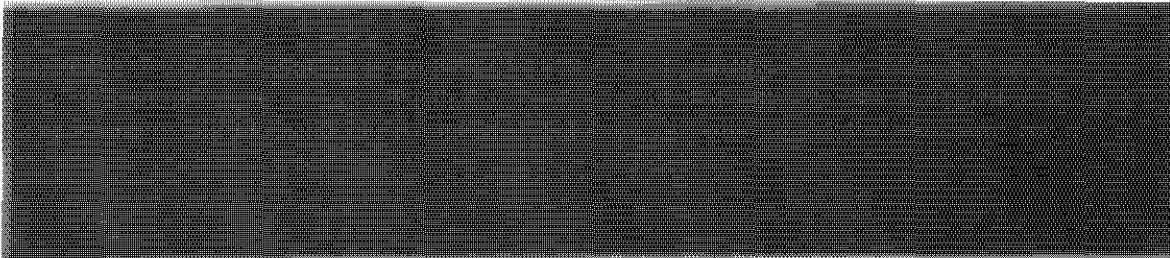
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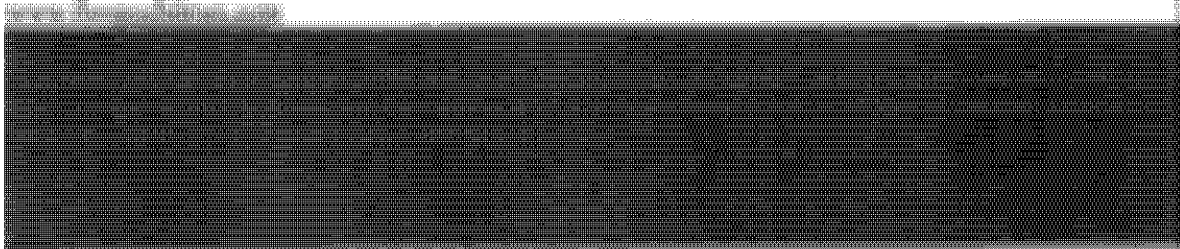
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Part 1...

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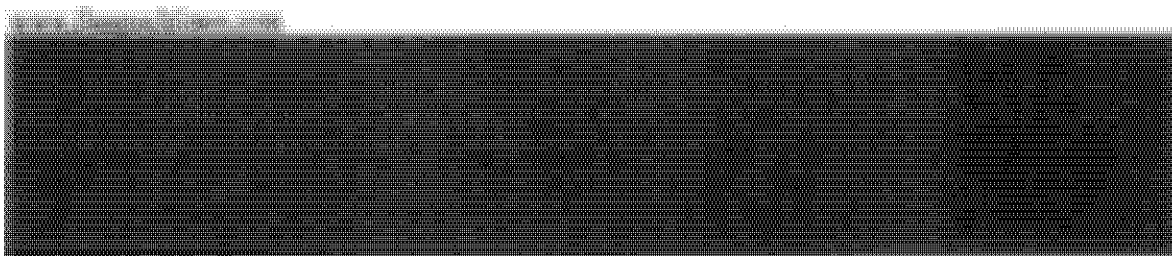
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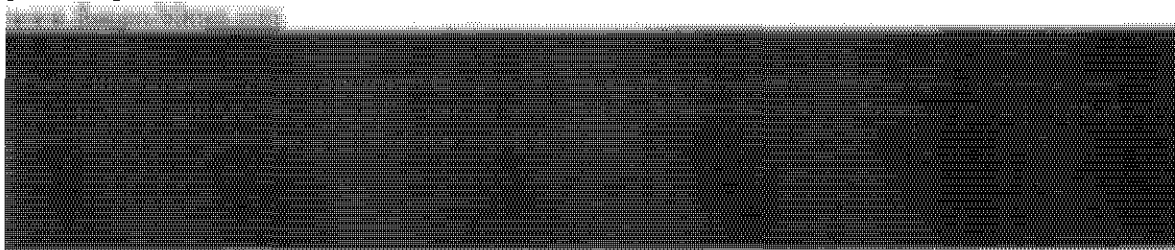
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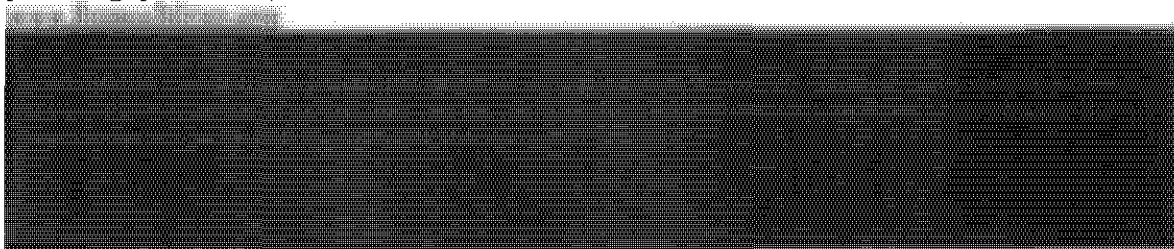
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Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 6:18:58 PM
Attachments: jms601.png

No worries at all, I hope you're feeling better. What a week it's been! I just wanted to make sure you all knew we were here to assist the whole time if needed. Feel better!

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Hi Rachel,

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Not related to the above content, I am seeing this news: <https://www.wsi.com/articles/dems-iowa-caucus-voting-app-stirs-security-concerns-1158063221> and wanted to get your read on it. Are you familiar with the app and does your office have any thoughts/concerns?

We will continue to monitor the above, but please feel free to reach out at any time -- again by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me, in case I am asleep. We have full teams monitoring that email around the clock.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:59 PM
To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Thanks for flagging -- we've got a full team with eyes on this now and are applying the false filter to similar articles as well. I'll send you an additional update shortly!

Rachel Holland | facebook
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On Feb 3, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you! They have new posts up, doubling down on the false claims.

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,
Circling back with an update regarding the content posted by Judicial Watch. Our third-party fact checkers have rated this content false, and we have applied a filter over the content warning users before they click to see it that the content has been rated false by independent fact checkers.

Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (RachelHolland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>, "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help: [https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__\[0\]=68.ARCu80fseWQrT9BAoUuflf9YxhJ61gzn0xqf8BzREBv6jplIMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPfaScgWqO6yA9C3Pji0uCGG-jGKNi9N0obhAcaarvWvK4SgvfM6mQ227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDh-O5uATunrUdUYVAIPRWDamcV8l_v3Trn3vejPen005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpJrT4Ufhd9XTSjMEQOadpSTDKlCdv8sSeshc8ZAZWNHErAdQl-M5xg1lDAVU_bf75czFxtS_n3b1JhFK_ajcUYHPlwBo9Dhw6UWvrlOZ_skUBI2cIAFZw8__to__=-8](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68.ARCu80fseWQrT9BAoUuflf9YxhJ61gzn0xqf8BzREBv6jplIMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPfaScgWqO6yA9C3Pji0uCGG-jGKNi9N0obhAcaarvWvK4SgvfM6mQ227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDh-O5uATunrUdUYVAIPRWDamcV8l_v3Trn3vejPen005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpJrT4Ufhd9XTSjMEQOadpSTDKlCdv8sSeshc8ZAZWNHErAdQl-M5xg1lDAVU_bf75czFxtS_n3b1JhFK_ajcUYHPlwBo9Dhw6UWvrlOZ_skUBI2cIAFZw8__to__=-8)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

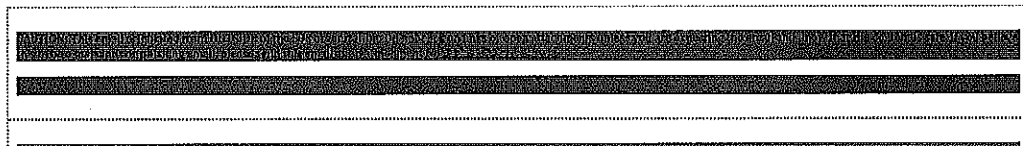
Hi Kris - Just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

1. Email reports@content.facebook.com, and cc me (RachelHolland@fb.com), with a link to the content you are reporting.
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And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: Widen, Molly [SOS]; Burhans, Heidi [SOS]
Subject: Fwd: Voter registration - update
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:42:01 AM
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From: Petr Svab <petr.svab@epochtimes.nyc>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:02:51 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Voter registration - update

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 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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Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:43 PM

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

Subject: Re: Voter registration - update

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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From: Petr Svab <petr.svab@epochtimes.nyc>

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 1:48 PM

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?

- JW doesn't consider SOS data reliable and prefers the EAC data. It argues it has successfully used the EAC data in lawsuits in other states, i.e. that was the dataset accepted in court. I mistakenly said the EAC data was for 2018. It's actually for 2017. Still, it doesn't match any of the monthly data SOS released in 2017. What data SOS provided to EAC? Which dataset should people trust?

- The fact that JW used the 100 percent as a threshold seems arbitrary since their point is they try to prove non-compliance with NVRA. Census Bureau says Iowa has 70 percent reg. rate. SOS numbers indicate reg. rate of about 86 percent excluding inactives and excluding 5,000 17-year-olds.

Doesn't this indicate Iowa still has more work to do to clean up its voter rolls as required by NVRA?

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.

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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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.

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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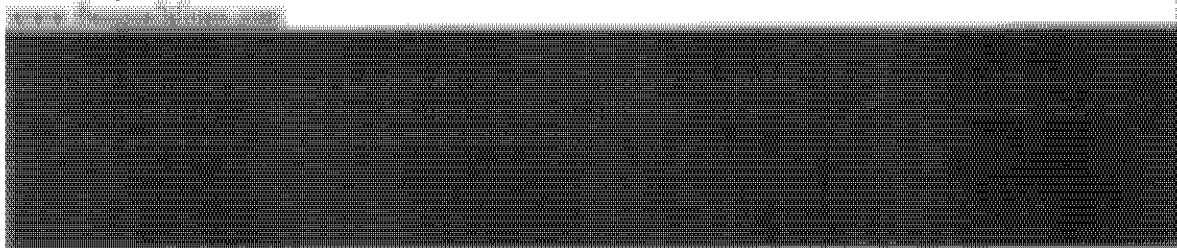
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Subject: Fwd: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:38:48 AM

See below. Is this accurate?

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From: Fichera, Angelo <angelo.fichera@factcheck.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:07:50 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
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Hi Kevin,

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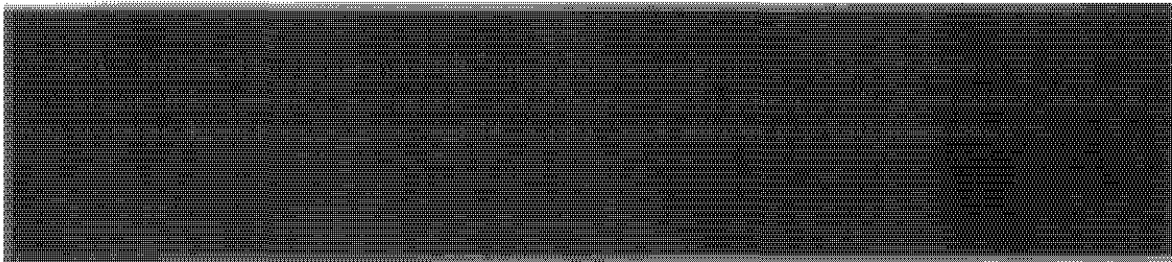
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Just want to make sure I'm clear on that.

Thanks,
Angelo

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From: Fichera, Angelo
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Inquiry, re: Inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:07:56 AM

Hi Kevin,

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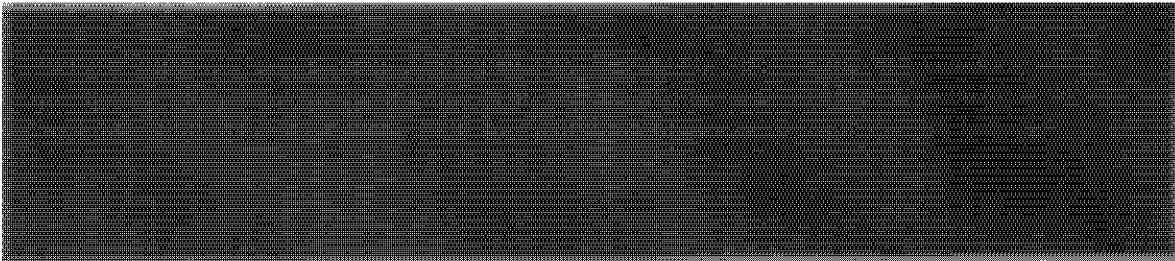
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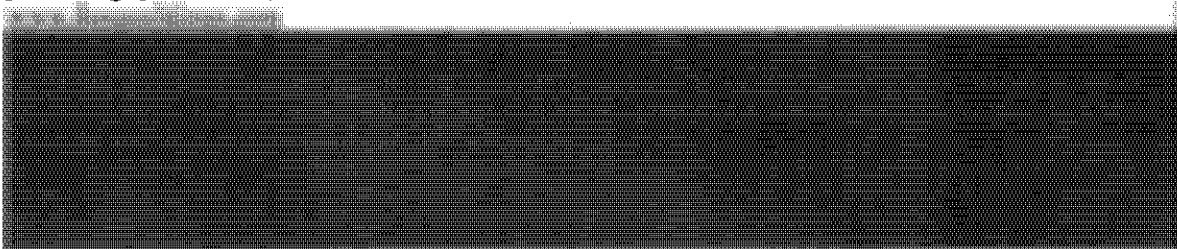
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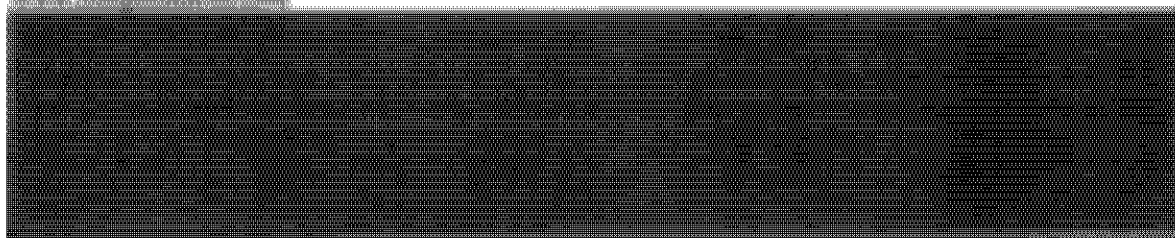
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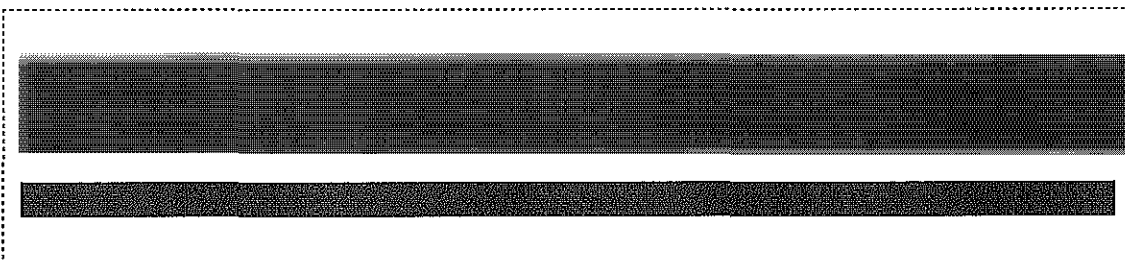
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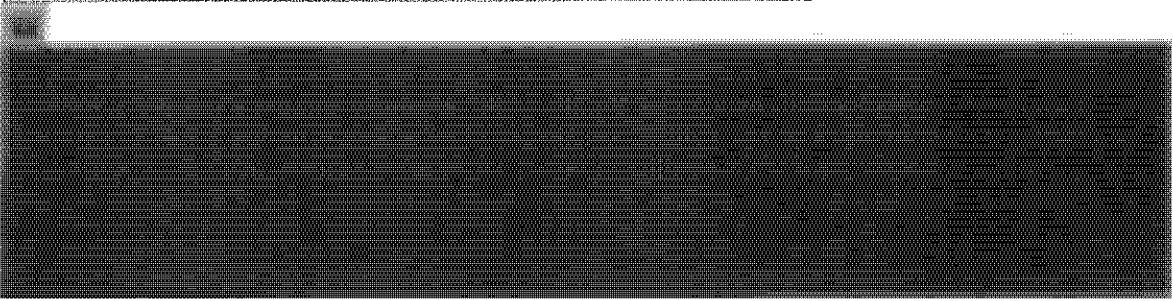
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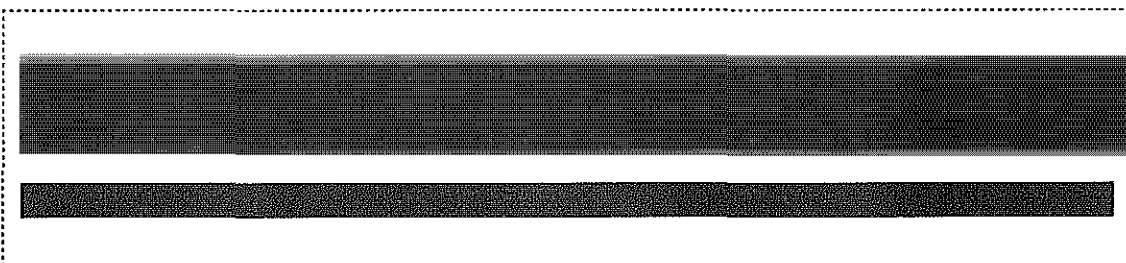
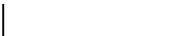
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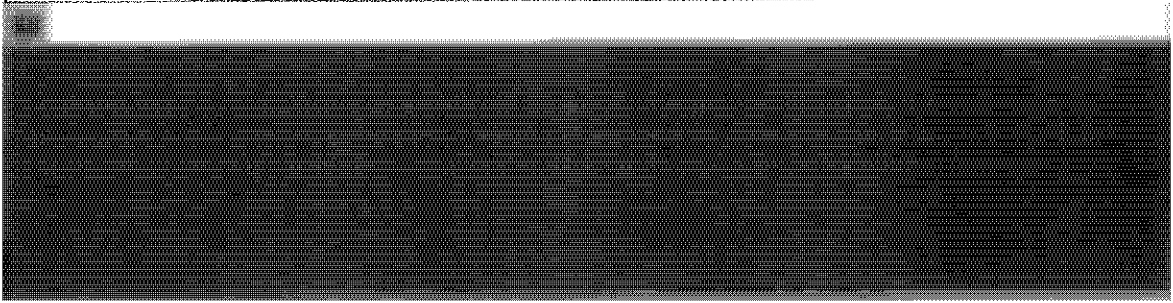
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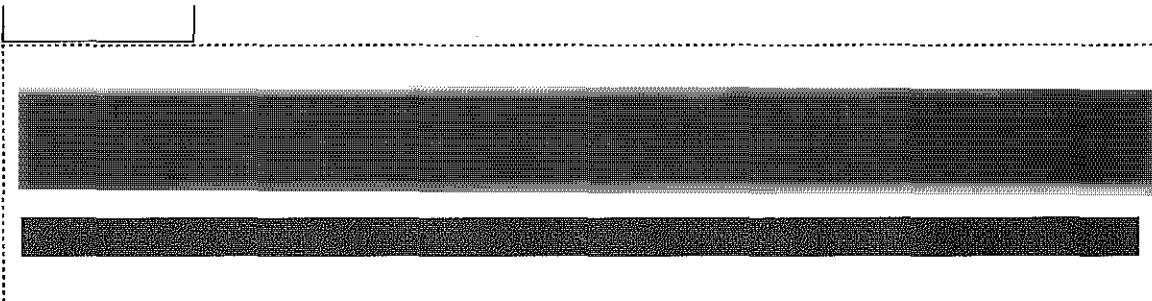
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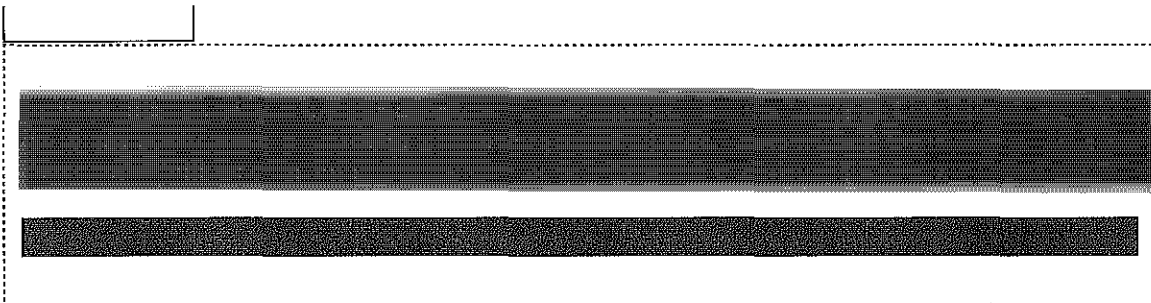
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Petr,

Their report is full of inconsistencies, misleading & old figures based on varying timelines that no statistician would ever use to create an accurate measure, and was timed for release on caucus day to garner attention.

There are list maintenance procedures that we are required by Iowa & federal law to follow. I have attached some useful information for you.

We would like to remove inactives in a more expedited fashion but we are bound to follow the law.

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I see.

To your points:

- 1) It seems to me they didn't claim it was for 2020. Headlines are usually in present tense, but the first paragraph of their release says it was data released in 2019. I give you that they didn't specify it was 2018 data.
- 2) They used the 2017 Census. Got it. Again, would you have any complaint if they used the 2018 Census data? As far as I see, that's the last appropriate data set.
- 3) Another point of contention I see, is that you are focused on the number of counties over 100. Is that 8, 5, or 1? They seem to basically say it doesn't matter (except it makes for a headline). It's just an indicator that Iowa needs to do more to clean up their rolls. So, does it matter in substance if its 100%, 105%, or 95%? Why?
- 4) I get it that you need to keep inactives on for some time. JW, on the other hand, states reasons to include them and the inactives are, technically, still on the rolls. So I see your point, but is it "false" to include the inactives? It seems JW has successfully sued other states to cut inactives that have been kept on the rolls too long.
- 5) I get the 17-year-olds, but the EAC asked you to exclude them and JW used EAC data. So did you give EAC correct data?
- 6) We still have the discrepancy between the SOS website and EAC data. Is there a reason for it?

I'd be glad to move on from this with nothing left on the table. I appreciate your getting back to me.

Thanks.

Petr

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 1:22 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Additionally, 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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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 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?

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results.html?searchType=web&cssp=SERP&q=iowa%20population](https://www.census.gov/search-results.html?searchType=web&cssp=SERP&q=iowa%20population)

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Subject: Re: Voter registration - update

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>

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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?

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Thank you!

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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>

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I'm on a tight deadline.

Thank you!

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what's the number of counties here? C'mon. I'm trying to help you out here!

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Thanks, but FYI some of what you're saying is possibly tendentious as well. FYI Judicial Watch is standing by it's count of eight counties -- they're saying the number of counties is 5 according to the other data you guys are using, which they aren't relying on. They use their own data which involves interpolating EAC data with the use of professional demographers -- both California and Kentucky settled federal lawsuits with them last year over excess voter registrations and no one disputed their numbers.

Either way, I have one WaPo story saying only one county has more registrations than voters:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/?itid=hp_rhp-bignews3_voter-fraud-155pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans

And another WaPo story saying it's five counties:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/judicial-watches-voter-fraud-fear-mongering-finds-new-opponent-pro-voter-id-iowa-official/>

And you guys have issued a press release where you're not actually specifying the number. Starting to see the problem here?

And if you're a law and order GOP SoS, are we really going to die on the hill of 5 vs. 8 here? Wouldn't one county with this problem be considered an issue you guys need to address?

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 1:12 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Mark,

We're not commenting officially on this story any longer. Below is the release we put out yesterday.

(For background, **not** attribution to me or our office, I'll add a few tidbits:

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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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Kevin,

I left a message already -- was hoping you could talk to me about the voter registration controversy? I fear the Post has made a hash of the story...

Thanks,

Mark Hemingway

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For population? I used 2018 estimates: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=warren%20county%20iowa&g=0500000US19181&tid=ACSDP5Y2018.DP05&layer=county&cid=DP05_0001E&vintage=2018

I used the estimate under the US Citizens who are 18+.

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We need to alert these counties immediately. Please craft what you want me to tell them.

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"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.

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Subject: RE: Judicial Watch press release

We need to alert these counties immediately. Please craft what you want me to tell them.

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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>

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I'm on a tight deadline.

Thank you!

Best,

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I see.

To your points:

- 1) It seems to me they didn't claim it was for 2020. Headlines are usually in present tense, but the first paragraph of their release says it was data released in 2019. I give you that they didn't specify it was 2018 data.
- 2) They used the 2017 Census. Got it. Again, would you have any complaint if they used the 2018 Census data? As far as I see, that's the last appropriate data set.
- 3) Another point of contention I see, is that you are focused on the number of counties over 100. Is that 8, 5, or 1? They seem to basically say it doesn't matter (except it makes for a headline). It's just an indicator that Iowa needs to do more to clean up their rolls. So, does it matter in substance if its 100%, 105%, or 95%? Why?
- 4) I get it that you need to keep inactives on for some time. JW, on the other hand, states reasons to include them and the inactives are, technically, still on the rolls. So I see your point, but is it "false" to include the inactives? It seems JW has successfully sued other states to cut inactives that have been kept on the rolls too long.
- 5) I get the 17-year-olds, but the EAC asked you to exclude them and JW used EAC data. So did you give EAC correct data?
- 6) We still have the discrepancy between the SOS website and EAC data. Is there a reason for it?

I'd be glad to move on from this with nothing left on the table. I appreciate your getting back to me.

Thanks.

Petr

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Additionally, 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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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 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"?

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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?

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<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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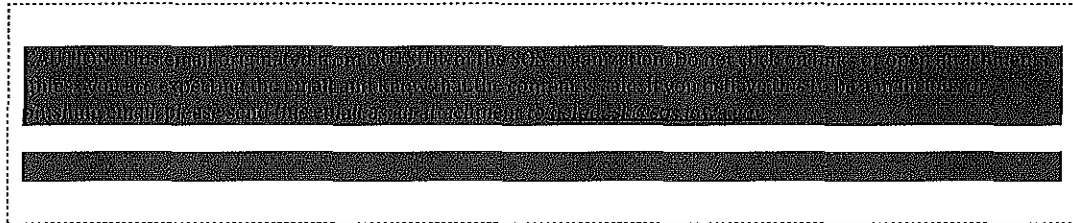
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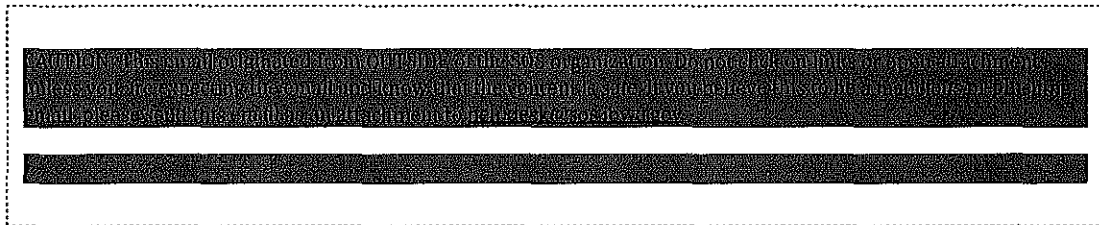
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Weird. They weren't working for me all day yesterday and even a short while ago... and now they're working. Thank you for clearing that up.

Best,

Mark

On Wed, Feb 5, 2020 at 3:46 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:
I just looked thru every month on my phone & they work fine for me.

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Kevin final question -- if you go to your page for county registration data -- the links for last year are all broken and don't come up with anything. Is there a reason for that?

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And you're ignoring the far more basic and upfront discrepancy! I'm asking you point-blank, what's the number of counties here? C'mon. I'm trying to help you out here!

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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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Either way, I have one WaPo story saying only one county has more registrations than voters:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/?itid=hp_rhp-bignews3_voter-fraud-155pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans

And another WaPo story saying it's five counties:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/judicial-watches-voter-fraud-fear-mongering-finds-new-opponent-pro-voter-id-iowa-official/>

And you guys have issued a press release where you're not actually specifying the number. Starting to see the problem here?

And if you're a law and order GOP SoS, are we really going to die on the hill of 5 vs. 8 here? Wouldn't one county with this problem be considered an issue you guys need to address?

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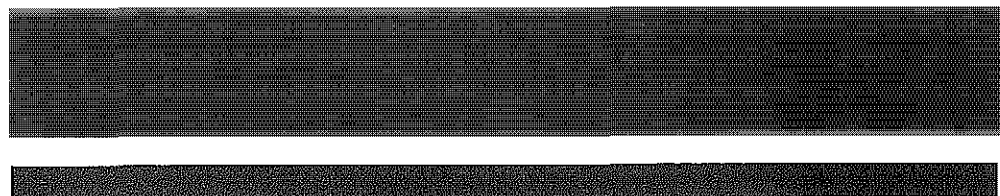
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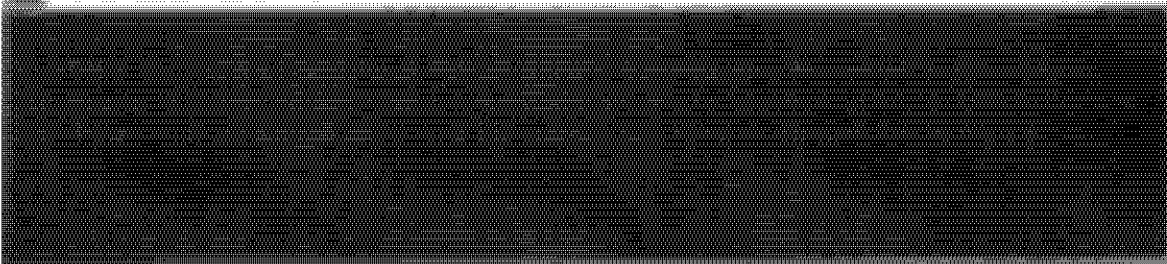
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Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 2:57:02 PM

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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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To wrap up:

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What do you think?

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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>

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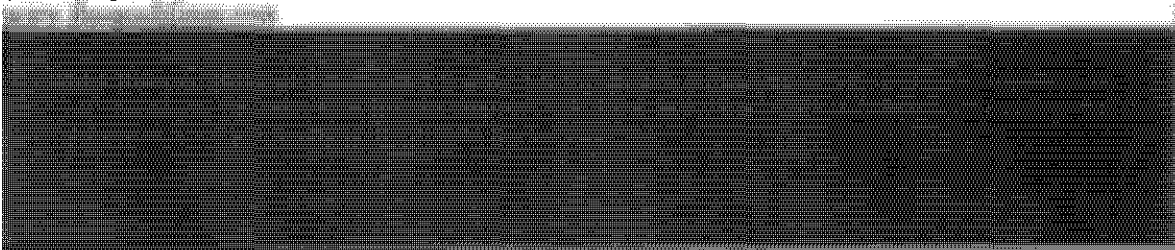
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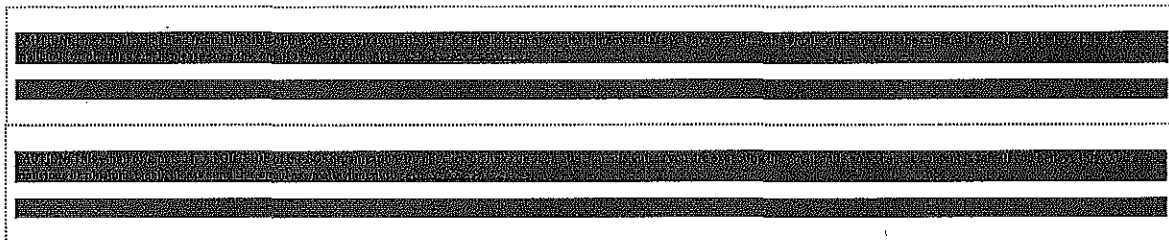
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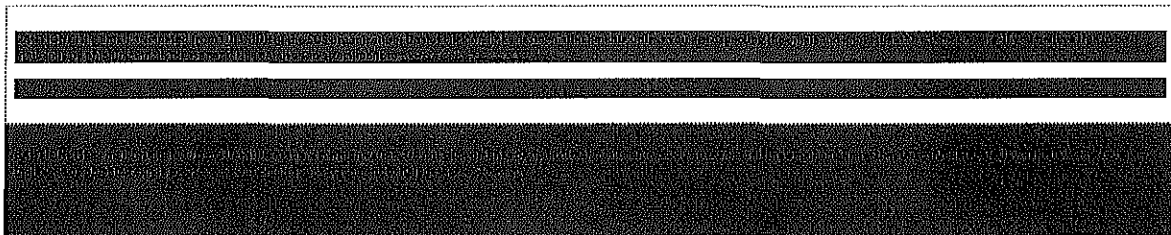
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Population data has changed dramatically since 2017, particularly in Dallas County, the fastest growing county in the Midwest. It also changes frequently in Johnson and Poweshiek counties, which are homes to college towns. In Johnson County's case, the University of Iowa. Their population is 7,000 people higher than what Judicial Watch claims & Dallas County is 10,000 higher.

You keep talking about statewide population. Look at the population of the counties being talked about.

17 year olds are eligible to vote in primaries and caucuses in Iowa if they will be 18 by Election Day in November.

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For 2010-2019, I only see resident over 18 for the whole state or total population by county.
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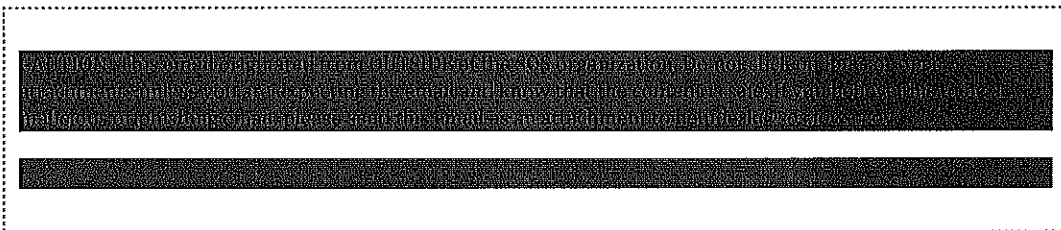
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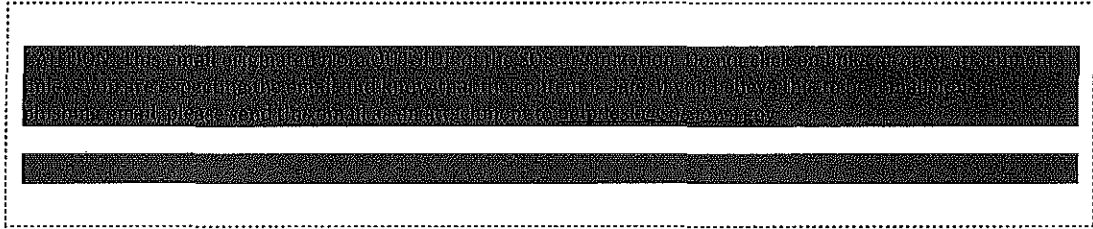
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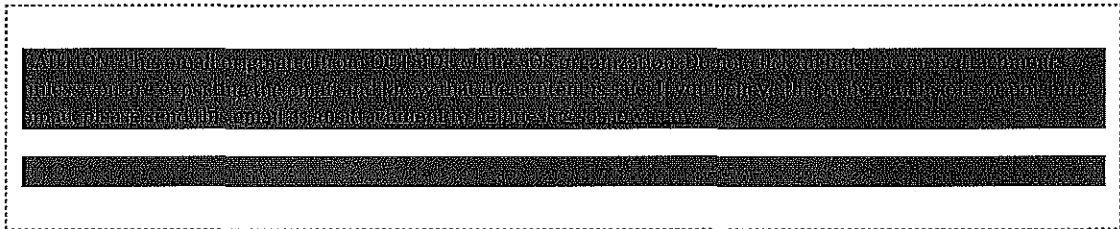
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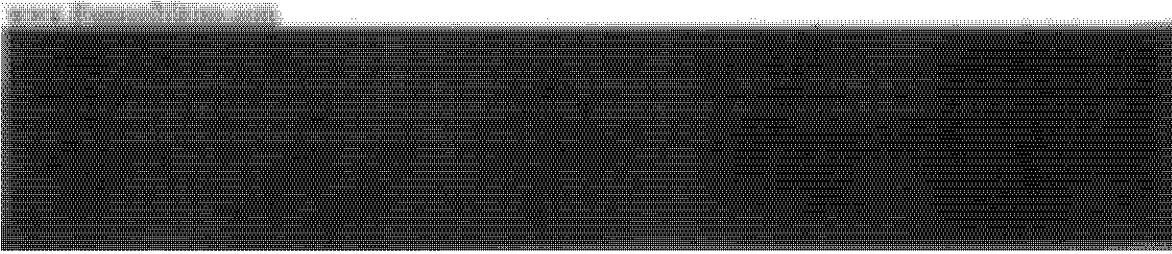
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https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/?itid=hp_rhp-bignews3_voter-fraud-155pm%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/judicial-watches-voter-fraud-fear-mongering-finds-new-opponent-pro-voter-id-iowa-official/>

And you guys have issued a press release where you're not actually specifying the number. Starting to see the problem here?

And if you're a law and order GOP SoS, are we really going to die on the hill of 5 vs. 8 here? Wouldn't one county with this problem be considered an issue you guys need to address?

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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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Good morning,

I am a fact-checking journalist for AFP news agency, and today I am looking into the Judicial Watch report according to which 8 Iowa counties have more registered voters than voting-age residents.

I have been looking at the numbers that the secretary of state used in his debunk of the claim: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/VRSStatsArchive/2020/Colan20.pdf>

They differ from the ones I found on the Electoral Assistance Commission websites, sometimes by several thousands: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?id=ACST5Y2018.S0101&q=05000000US19059.19119.19121.19103.19157.19163.19181.19049&vintage=2018&layer=county&hidePreview=false&cid=S0101_C01_001E
I'm guessing that your numbers and those of the EAC are compiled differently? Is there anything in particular that might account for this difference?

Would it be possible to also have a statement on the Judicial Watch report that became viral on Twitter yesterday? Why was it important for the secretary of state to react? Has anything like this happened in the past?

My deadline is this evening, could we maybe schedule a call for the end of the morning?

Thank you,

Louis Baudouin-Laarman

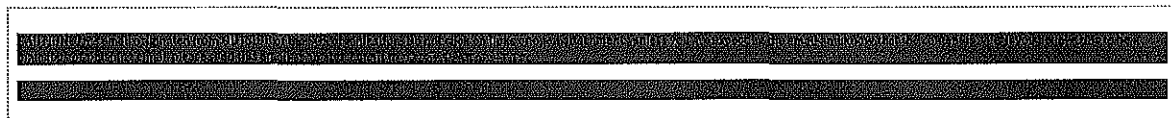
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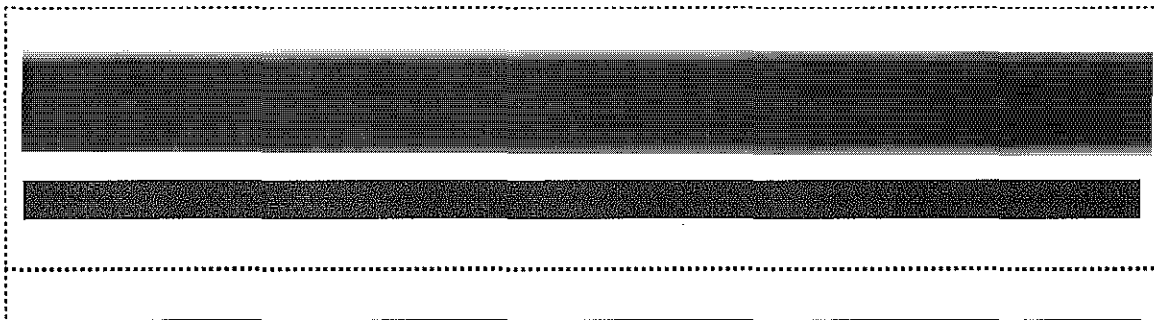
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Hello Kevin.

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.
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<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>
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I'm on a tight deadline.

Thank you!

Best,

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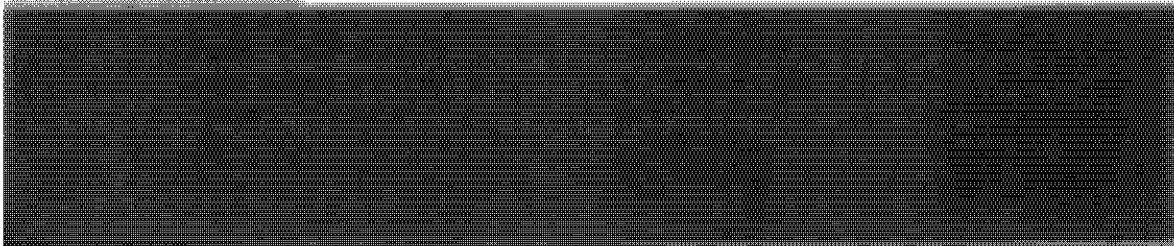
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DES MOINES – Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate released the following statement today regarding the Iowa Caucuses:

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To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: Interview regarding voter registration claims?
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 10:03:33 AM

Kevin,

I left a message already -- was hoping you could talk to me about the voter registration controversy? I fear the Post has made a hash of the story...

Thanks,

Mark Hemingway
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Good morning,

I am a fact-checking journalist for AFP news agency, and today I am looking into the Judicial Watch report according to which 8 Iowa counties have more registered voters than voting-age residents.

I have been looking at the numbers that the secretary of state used in his debunk of the claim: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/VRSIatsArchive/2020/Cojan20.pdf>

They differ from the ones I found on the Electoral Assistance Commission websites, sometimes by several thousands: https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?tid=ACSS15Y2018.S0101&q=0500000US19059.19119.19121.19103.19157.19163.19181.19049&vintage=2018&layer=county&hidePreview=false&cid=S0101_C01_001F
I'm guessing that your numbers and those of the EAC are compiled differently? Is there anything in particular that might account for this difference?

Would it be possible to also have a statement on the Judicial Watch report that became viral on Twitter yesterday? Why was it important for the secretary of state to react? Has anything like this happened in the past?

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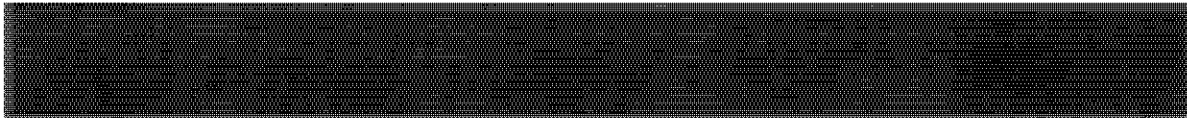
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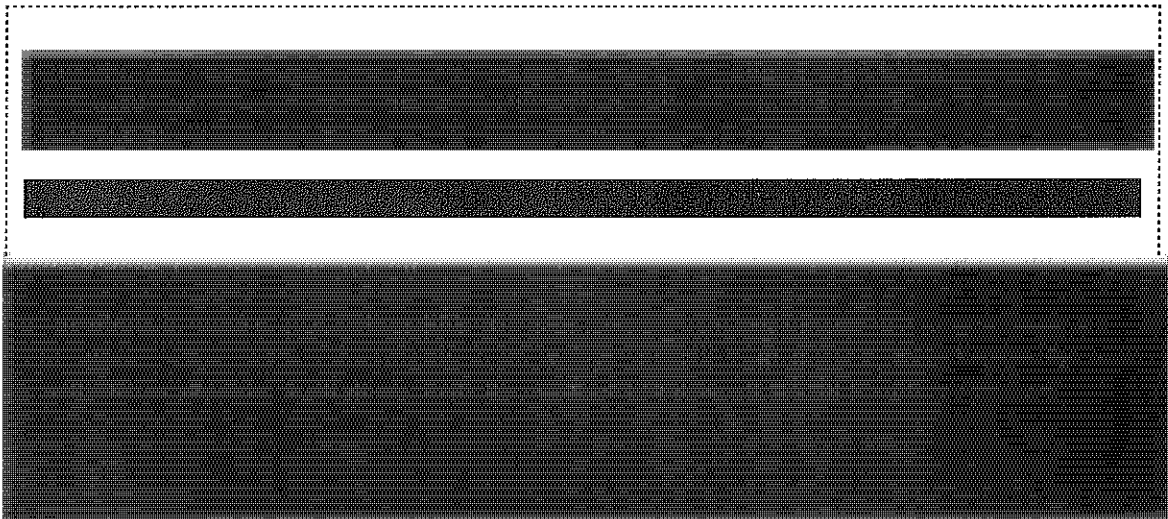
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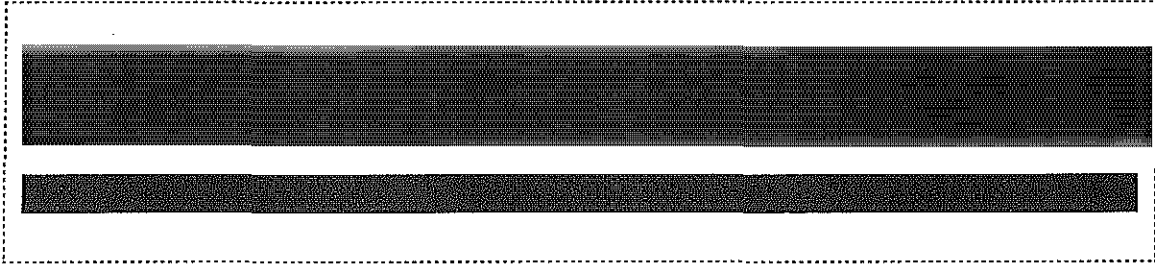
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- <https://www.facebook.com/NTDNews/posts/2921540371255824>

Additionally, the Judicial Watch Page's most recent post about the same subject that you reported (<https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/photos/a.10153428872251943/10157583457596943/?type=3&theater>) has been enqueued for our third party fact checkers to review as well.

Not related to the above content, I am seeing this news: <https://www.wsj.com/articles/dems-iowa-caucus-voting-app-stirs-security-concerns-11580063221> and wanted to get your read on it. Are you familiar with the app and does your office have any thoughts/concerns?

We will continue to monitor the above, but please feel free to reach out at any time -- again by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me, in case I am asleep. We have full teams monitoring that email around the clock.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:59 PM
To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Thanks for flagging -- we've got a full team with eyes on this now and are applying the false filter to similar articles as well. I'll send you an additional update shortly!

Rachel Holland | facebook
U.S. Politics & Government Outreach
E: RachelHolland@fb.com

On Feb 3, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you! They have new posts up, doubling down on the false claims.

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
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Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (RachelHolland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>, "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help: [https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__\[0\]=68ARCu80fseWOT9BAQJvJlft9YxhJ61gznQlsgR8RzRFBw6jEHMyVkfHQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6vAs9CsPj0uCGG:jGKkK9NqbpAeaarvWvK4SgvEM6mq2Z7QO19cP9J5D3ldK9kt88TlKVMoe8GDh-QSuATunrUduYVAjPRWDamcVBl_w3Tm3vqjPep005-pvN274-5vqBamYX3AchwpLrT4IUfh9XTScJMFEOOdp5TDKJlCdv8xs5Sc87AZWNkEErAdOT-MSXg1IDAVU_hf75czExLS_q3b1fhFK_aicUYHPlwBo9Diwv6UWw07_skUBI2ctAF2w8_in_-B](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68ARCu80fseWOT9BAQJvJlft9YxhJ61gznQlsgR8RzRFBw6jEHMyVkfHQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6vAs9CsPj0uCGG:jGKkK9NqbpAeaarvWvK4SgvEM6mq2Z7QO19cP9J5D3ldK9kt88TlKVMoe8GDh-QSuATunrUduYVAjPRWDamcVBl_w3Tm3vqjPep005-pvN274-5vqBamYX3AchwpLrT4IUfh9XTScJMFEOOdp5TDKJlCdv8xs5Sc87AZWNkEErAdOT-MSXg1IDAVU_hf75czExLS_q3b1fhFK_aicUYHPlwBo9Diwv6UWw07_skUBI2ctAF2w8_in_-B)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

Hi Kris - Just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

1. Email reports@content.facebook.com, and cc me (RachelHolland@fb.com), with a link to the content you are reporting.
 - a. Please send in as much information as you have about the content (link to content, screenshot, link of the page or profile that posted the content, etc.) - but the link is the best way for us to be able to quickly identify something.

And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,

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From: Ehrenberg, Halayne
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: CNN Wolf Blitzer interview request for Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate today, Tuesday 2/4
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:36:39 AM

Kevin,

Wolf Blitzer would like very much to have Secretary Pate on the Situation Room tonight to discuss the Iowa caucus situation.

The program is on from 5p-7p ET and we would be happy to talk with the Secretary in whichever hour works best for him.

We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Thanks very much.

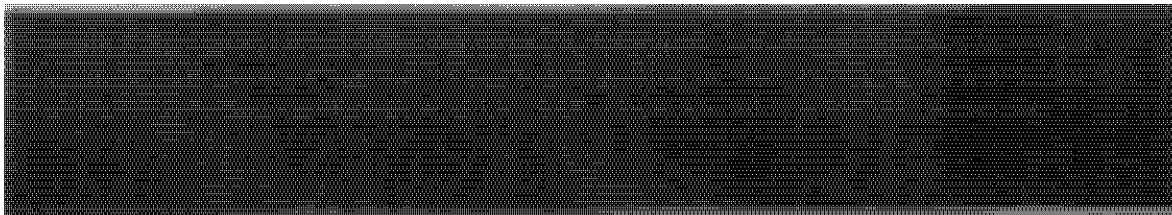
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From: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
To: [Maria Benson](#)
Cc: [Kevin Kane; gov@twitter.com](#)
Subject: RE: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:34:00 AM
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Facebook, thankfully, was helpful. I would suggest perhaps reviewing your policies at Twitter and putting them more in line with what Facebook is doing to counter election misinformation.

Here are 3 prominent fact checkers that examined the claims and rated them false:

- [Lead Stories](#)
- [PolitiFact](#)
- [AP](#)

And the message from Rachel at Facebook below:

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
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Rachel

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From: Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:37 PM

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

Cc: Kevin Kane <kkane@twitter.com>; gov@twitter.com

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

Hi Kevin,

I echo Kevin Hall's concern, particularly as more states gear up for their respective primaries.

Maria Benson
NASS Director of Communications

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2020, at 5:36 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Kevin,

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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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 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,

Kevin

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 4:36 PM Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

Iowa Secretary of State has reported the below election misinformation, but Twitter has declined to take it down. As you can see from facts the tweets are clearly wrong. I wanted to bring this to your attention to hopefully remedy the situation.

I've cc'd Kevin Hall, their Communicators Director.

Thanks,

Maria

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: February 3, 2020 at 3:54:30 PM EST
To: Twitter Support <support@twitter.com>

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

<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224362801138950146>

<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224387674888339456>

We responded directly to these tweets, and sent out this news release this afternoon. Also, the Washington Post has reported on the false claims:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/>

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CONTACT: Kevin Hall
Communications Director
(515) 725-2942

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

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



Hello,

Thanks again for your report. We need a little more help from you, and we'd be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- **Are there specific Tweets you can share with us? (Please include links, not screenshots.)**
- Are there any other details you think would be helpful for us to know?
- When did the harassment from this account start?
- Do you happen to know if this account is targeting anyone else?

Once you've had a chance to reply to us, we'll take another look and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Thanks,

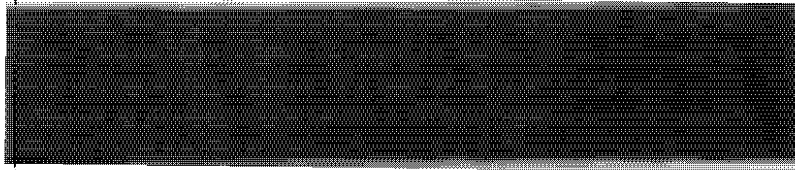
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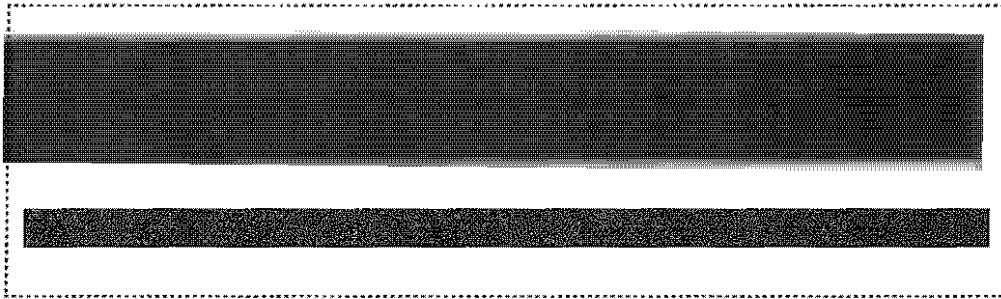
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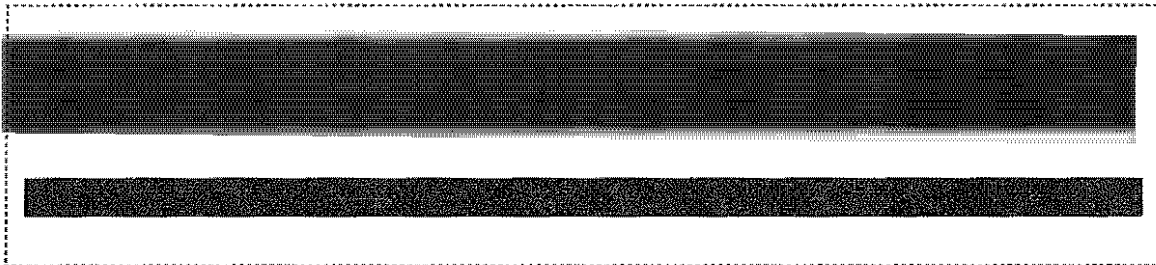
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From: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: FW: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:33:44 AM

From: Alan Duke <alan@leadstories.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Jim Hoft <midwestjim@charter.net>
Cc: Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com>; Eliza.vaughn13@gmail.com; Appeals <appeals@leadstories.com>; cruz_press@cruz.senate.gov; info@judicialwatch.org; press@fb.com; Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>; Wayne Drash <wayne@leadstories.com>; zuck@fb.com
Subject: Re: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page

Jim,

I have revised the rating for theGatewayPundit.com article, as well as the post on your facebook page.

Alan Duke

Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 8:49 PM Jim Hoft <midwestjim@charter.net> wrote:

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.

Please let us know your decision.

Thank you.

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/>

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

We have lifted the false rating. Thank YOU for your professionalism and fast reaction.

Alan Duke

Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 8:10 PM Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Alan,

Thank you for your prompt response. This is our first positive interaction with a fact-checker and we appreciate it. We have made the changes and updated the article on our website. Should we resubmit the article since Facebook won't let us change it? I don't want to delete the original since your website said that once it's deleted, you can't change a fact-check. Can you please let us know how to proceed and if the fact-check was removed?

<http://redstatewatcher.com/article.asp?id=160375>

Thank you,
Sanh Oriyavong

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 7:54 PM Alan Duke <alan@leadstories.com> wrote:

We will revise your rating if you add to your story the statement from the Iowa Secretary of State and include a statement at the top of the story noting the update. You should also revise your headline to make it clear that there is a dispute over the claim made by Judicial Watch.

Alan Duke
Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 7:07 PM Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com> wrote:

To all concerned parties:

Concerning press release article taken directly from Judicial Watch: [Eight Iowa Counties Have Total Registration Rates Larger than Eligible Voter Population – at Least 18,658 Extra Names on Iowa Voting Rolls](#)

I highly recommend our recent Facebook fact-check be removed (Feb 3, 2020) because they are wrong. Flat out wrong. It is clear that nobody is fact-checking the fact-checker because:

- 1) Our source was Judicial Watch yet the page the fact-check links to is about Gateway Pundit.
- 2) We used the same title as Judicial Watch's press release
- 3) Our article links back to the Judicial Watch press release

4) Judicial Watch's data source is the one that will be used for actual voting whereas the fact-checker used census data. Census data does not collect information on voters.

Wayne Drasher with Leadstories.com was the fact-check source Facebook linked to for this fact-check. When the fact-checker created this fact-check, he clearly avoided actually fact-checking Judicial Watch (which is our source) demonstrated by his use of a Newsguard link that takes you to the information on Gateway Pundit. As for the data from Judicial Watch, they are standing by their data according to a statement from the Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton:

"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."

Judicial Watch is a foundation that holds themselves to a high standard and their success in the Supreme Court dealing with errors in voter rolls shows that they are capable in pulling the correct data. Judicial Watch is a trusted source, that is why we used Judicial Watch as our source.

When a fact-checker places an incorrect fact-check on a Facebook page, this potentially reduces reach and reduces our credibility. This can also affect a websites financial viability. I recommend that this fact-check be corrected or we will need to consider legal options.

Thank you from a person who is fed up with fake fact-checks,

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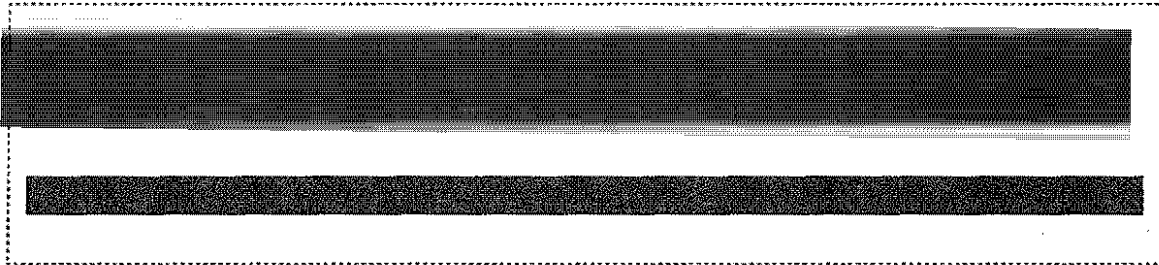
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From: Dawson, Emily [SOS] on behalf of Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: FW: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:33:00 AM

From: Alan Duke <alan@leadstories.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:04 PM
To: Jim Hoft <midwestjim@charter.net>
Cc: Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com>; Eliza.v Vaughn13@gmail.com; Appeals <appeals@leadstories.com>; cruz_press@cruz.senate.gov; info@judicialwatch.org; press@fb.com; Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>; Wayne Drash <wayne@leadstories.com>; zuck@fb.com
Subject: Re: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page

Jim,
I have revised the rating for theGatewayPundit.com article, as well as the post on your facebook page.
Alan Duke
Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 8:49 PM Jim Hoft <midwestjim@charter.net> wrote:

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.

Please let us know your decision.

Thank you.

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/>

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

We have lifted the false rating. Thank YOU for your professionalism and fast reaction.
Alan Duke
Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 8:10 PM Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Alan,

Thank you for your prompt response. This is our first positive interaction with a fact-checker and we appreciate it. We have made the changes and updated the article on our website. Should we resubmit the article since Facebook won't let us change it? I don't want to delete the original since your website said that once it's deleted, you can't change a fact-check. Can you please let us know how to proceed and if the fact-check was removed?

<http://redstatewatcher.com/article.asp?id=160375>

Thank you,
Sanh Oriyavong

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 7:54 PM Alan Duke <alan@leadstories.com> wrote:

We will revise your rating if you add to your story the statement from the Iowa Secretary of State and include a statement at the top of the story noting the update. You should also revise your headline to make it clear that there is a dispute over the claim made by Judicial Watch.

Alan Duke
Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 7:07 PM Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com> wrote:

To all concerned parties:

Concerning press release article taken directly from Judicial Watch: [Eight Iowa Counties Have Total Registration Rates Larger than Eligible Voter Population – at Least 18,658 Extra Names on Iowa Voting Rolls](#)

I highly recommend our recent Facebook fact-check be removed (Feb 3, 2020) because they are wrong. Flat out wrong. It is clear that nobody is fact-checking the fact-checker because:

- 1) Our source was Judicial Watch yet the page the fact-check links to is about Gateway Pundit.
- 2) We used the same title as Judicial Watch's press release
- 3) Our article links back to the Judicial Watch press release

4) Judicial Watch's data source is the one that will be used for actual voting whereas the fact-checker used census data. Census data does not collect information on voters.

Wayne Drasher with Leadstories.com was the fact-check source Facebook linked to for this fact-check. When the fact-checker created this fact-check, he clearly avoided actually fact-checking Judicial Watch (which is our source) demonstrated by his use of a Newsguard link that takes you to the information on Gateway Pundit. As for the data from Judicial Watch, they are standing by their data according to a statement from the Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton:

"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."

Judicial Watch is a foundation that holds themselves to a high standard and their success in the Supreme Court dealing with errors in voter rolls shows that they are capable in pulling the correct data. Judicial Watch is a trusted source, that is why we used Judicial Watch as our source.

When a fact-checker places an incorrect fact-check on a Facebook page, this potentially reduces reach and reduces our credibility. This can also affect a websites financial viability. I recommend that this fact-check be corrected or we will need to consider legal options.

Thank you from a person who is fed up with fake fact-checks,

Sanh Oriyavong

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<https://www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump4President>

Jim Hoft

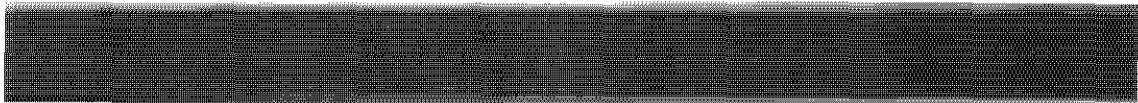
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From: Rachel Holland
To: Hal, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:37:11 AM
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Yes, I know -- was just wondering if you had any additional insight. Looks like we must sit and wait!

Let me know if there is anything else we can do to assist today.

-RH

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:32 AM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Thanks Rachel. The app is something the Iowa Democratic Party used. They oversee the caucuses, not our office. Caucuses are not official State of Iowa elections.

I appreciate all your help.

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,

I want to share the following 3rd Party Fact Checkers' stories that have rated the content false this evening. The Lead Stories article is the one attached to content reported via the False Information filter:

- Lead Stories
- PolitiFact
- AP

We have also applied the filter on similar news stories (a few examples below):

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@th.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel!

Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (RachelHolland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachel.holland@fb.com>, "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel


We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help: https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/101575823648519437_xts_j0l=6B.AfCv08ofseWQrT9ApA0UfrY9yhJ5IgzN0xgS8ZtEBRwGjplMMyVkfHQUT9TBz01pFAscGwQ05vAs9cPJl0UGCG-jGKtHkN0ObnAcqayWvlK4SgvEM6mq2270O19:P9J5D3dck9kt88TKYM0eSGDB-OsuATuncldUYXAPRWDamcV8L-w3tm3vgPen005-nyN274-f5ovxBamY3ChwyprlTUfIH9DXTSclMEQQadpOSTKDLCKdxByssEshe8ZA7ZWnkEradQT-M5xglJDAVU_bf7czrEdS_q3b1jhFK_alcUYHPjlWBo9DiwwGUWwl0_rk_sUBD2ctAFZw8_tn_=_#

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access – feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

 Rachel Holland
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From: Pate, Paul [SOS]
To: Burhans, Heidi [SOS]; Hall, Kevin [SOS]; Ross, Michael [SOS]; Widen, Molly [SOS]; mbenson@sso.org
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel
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From: Burhans, Heidi [SOS] <Heidi.Burhans@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:48:15 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Ross, Michael [SOS] <Michael.Ross@sos.iowa.gov>; Widen, Molly [SOS] <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>; mbenson@sso.org <mbenson@sso.org>
Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Wonderful, Very encouraging!

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:33:26 PM
To: Ross, Michael [SOS] <Michael.Ross@sos.iowa.gov>; Burhans, Heidi [SOS] <Heidi.Burhans@sos.iowa.gov>; Widen, Molly [SOS] <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>; mbenson@sso.org <mbenson@sso.org>
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Facebook at least doing something.

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,
Circling back with an update regarding the content posted by Judicial Watch. Our third-party fact checkers have rated this content false, and we have applied a filter over the content warning users before they click to see it that the content has been rated false by independent fact checkers.

Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (RachelHolland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>; "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help:

[https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__\[0\]=68.ARCu80fseWQrT9BAoUuflf9YxhI61gZn0IkgR8BzRFBw6igHMvYkFfQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPjJDuCGG-jGKNk9N0obpAeaaryWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9I5D3tdk9kt88TkYM0e8GDb-OSuATunrUdUYXAjPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUFhd9XTScjMEQQadpSTDkjlCdv8xsSeshc8ZAZWNkEErAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czFxLS_q3b1JhFK_aJcUYHPjLwBo9Diwv6UWivlOZ_skURi2ciAFZw8__tn__=R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68.ARCu80fseWQrT9BAoUuflf9YxhI61gZn0IkgR8BzRFBw6igHMvYkFfQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPjJDuCGG-jGKNk9N0obpAeaaryWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9I5D3tdk9kt88TkYM0e8GDb-OSuATunrUdUYXAjPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUFhd9XTScjMEQQadpSTDkjlCdv8xsSeshc8ZAZWNkEErAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czFxLS_q3b1JhFK_aJcUYHPjLwBo9Diwv6UWivlOZ_skURi2ciAFZw8__tn__=R)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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Communications Director

Office of Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

Hi Kris - just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

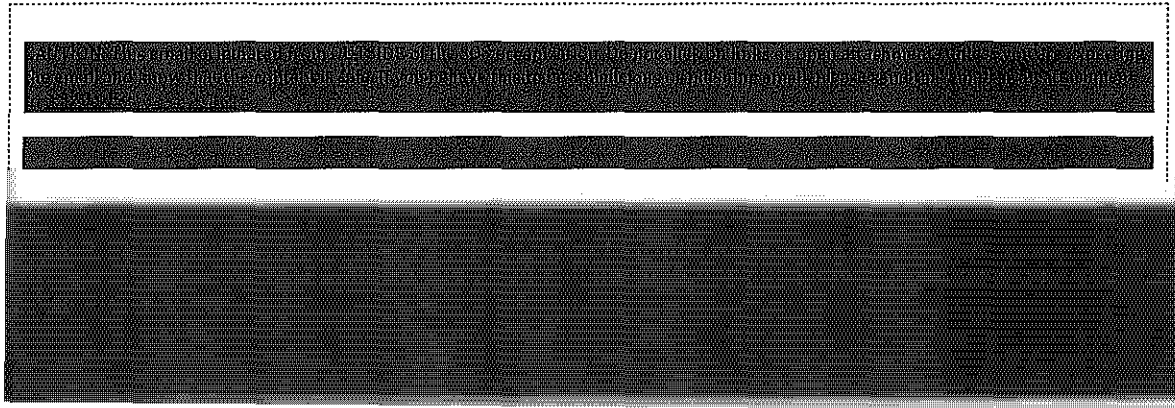
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And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,

FACEBOOK

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E: RachelHolland@fb.com



From: [Alan Duke](#)
To: [Jim Hoft](#)
Cc: [Sanh Oriyavong](#); [Eliza.vaughn13@gmail.com](#); [Appeals](#); [cruz_press@cruz.senate.gov](#); [info@judicialwatch.org](#); [press@fb.com](#); [Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate](#); [Wayne Drash](#); [zuck@fb.com](#)
Subject: Re: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 11:04:14 PM

Jim,

I have revised the rating for the GatewayPundit.com article, as well as the post on your facebook page.

Alan Duke
Lead Stories

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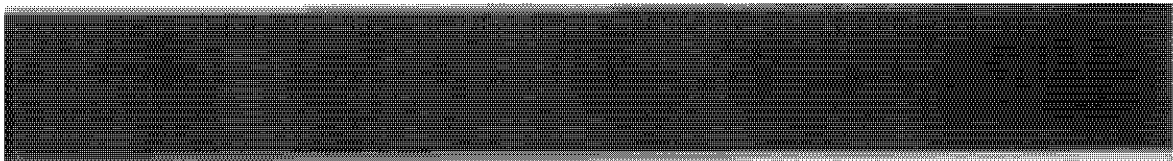
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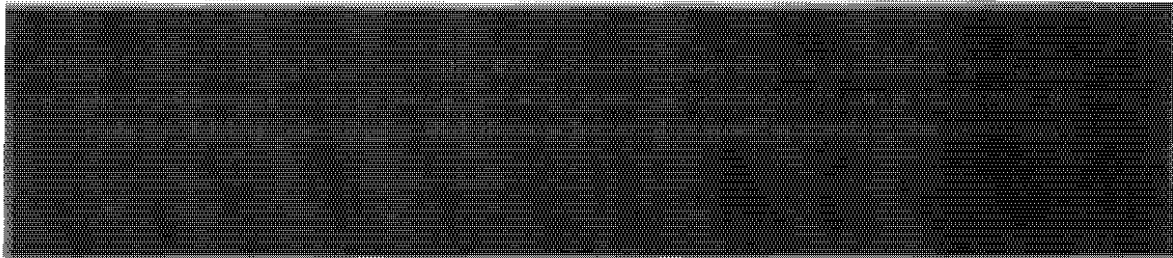
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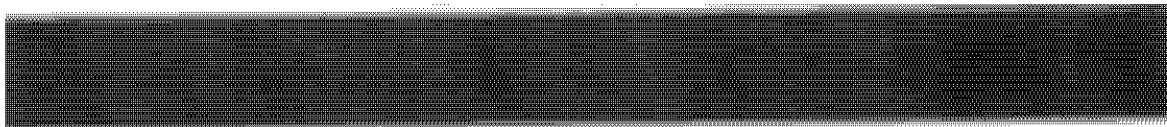
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From: [REDACTED]
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
Subject: voter registration
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:10:05 PM

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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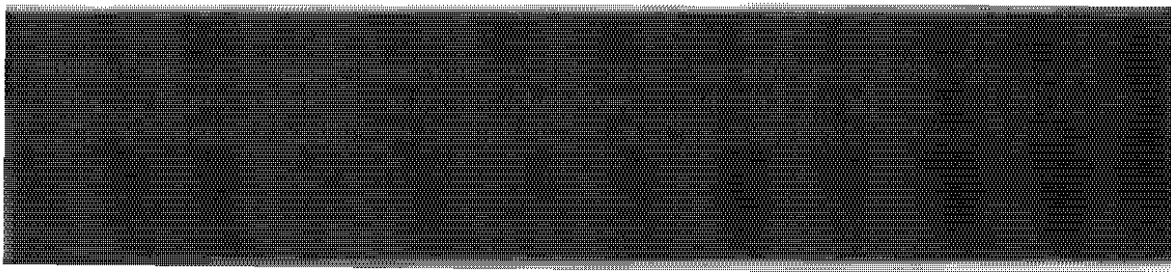
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Additionally, the Judicial Watch Page's most recent post about the same subject that you reported ([https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/photos/a.10154128872251943/10157583457586943/?_xts__\[0\]=68ABD3CgK0399CfGfGuCUTEffia07311GphR-F-h3E7nyYUg65_YGdmC3MT1_G_G8Azm7h8Atx7bXc_Km36Hv5c3UKaGadUK9w7b8Ah2mHnVAYn1SyltllhdswkAisNMGG6t0RrTHlaD6e25Gyq.DPaZwv94CIS1172FpH0_CTy23ubh9x0Y_AsdV69CicGlaCLET70Zm7ZhdchAPV1BHV115_120Rt_c2Uto2smuCYFFB745Ic3z2XK793Akymp2HuiUMv6KEY77H_3vvhel59qweDdRlGaKaGABs6wZbV5Clyy6TzyD811f8__to__=R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/photos/a.10154128872251943/10157583457586943/?_xts__[0]=68ABD3CgK0399CfGfGuCUTEffia07311GphR-F-h3E7nyYUg65_YGdmC3MT1_G_G8Azm7h8Atx7bXc_Km36Hv5c3UKaGadUK9w7b8Ah2mHnVAYn1SyltllhdswkAisNMGG6t0RrTHlaD6e25Gyq.DPaZwv94CIS1172FpH0_CTy23ubh9x0Y_AsdV69CicGlaCLET70Zm7ZhdchAPV1BHV115_120Rt_c2Uto2smuCYFFB745Ic3z2XK793Akymp2HuiUMv6KEY77H_3vvhel59qweDdRlGaKaGABs6wZbV5Clyy6TzyD811f8__to__=R)) has been requested for our third party fact checkers to review as well.

Not related to the above content, I am seeing this news: <https://www.wsf.com/articles/dems-iowa-caucus-online-app-stirs-security-concerns-11580063221> and wanted to get your read on it. Are you familiar with the app and does your office have any thoughts/concerns?

We will continue to monitor the above, but please feel free to reach out at any time — again by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me, in case I am asleep. We have full teams monitoring that email around the clock.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:59 PM
To: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Thanks for flagging — we've got a full team with eyes on this now and are applying the false filter to similar articles as well. I'll send you an additional update shortly!

Rachel Holland | Facebook
U.S. Politics & Government Outreach
E: RachelHolland@fb.com

On Feb 3, 2020, at 7:57 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you! They have new posts up, doubling down on the false claims.

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:11:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,

Circling back with an update regarding the content posted by Judicial Watch. Our third-party fact checkers have rated this content false, and we have applied a filter over this content warning users before they click to see if that the content has been rated false by independent fact checkers.

Please continue to report violating content to us by emailing reports@content.facebook.com, and copying me (RachelHolland@fb.com), as I will be on an airplane for the next couple hours. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matters.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM
To: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>; "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help: [https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/101575823648519432?_xts__\[0\]=68ABD3CgK0399CfGfGuCUTEffia07311GphR-F-h3E7nyYUg65_YGdmC3MT1_G_G8Azm7h8Atx7bXc_Km36Hv5c3UKaGadUK9w7b8Ah2mHnVAYn1SyltllhdswkAisNMGG6t0RrTHlaD6e25Gyq.DPaZwv94CIS1172FpH0_CTy23ubh9x0Y_AsdV69CicGlaCLET70Zm7ZhdchAPV1BHV115_120Rt_c2Uto2smuCYFFB745Ic3z2XK793Akymp2HuiUMv6KEY77H_3vvhel59qweDdRlGaKaGABs6wZbV5Clyy6TzyD811f8__to__=R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/101575823648519432?_xts__[0]=68ABD3CgK0399CfGfGuCUTEffia07311GphR-F-h3E7nyYUg65_YGdmC3MT1_G_G8Azm7h8Atx7bXc_Km36Hv5c3UKaGadUK9w7b8Ah2mHnVAYn1SyltllhdswkAisNMGG6t0RrTHlaD6e25Gyq.DPaZwv94CIS1172FpH0_CTy23ubh9x0Y_AsdV69CicGlaCLET70Zm7ZhdchAPV1BHV115_120Rt_c2Uto2smuCYFFB745Ic3z2XK793Akymp2HuiUMv6KEY77H_3vvhel59qweDdRlGaKaGABs6wZbV5Clyy6TzyD811f8__to__=R)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Aleksander, Kristina [SO5] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SO5] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access -- feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SO5]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

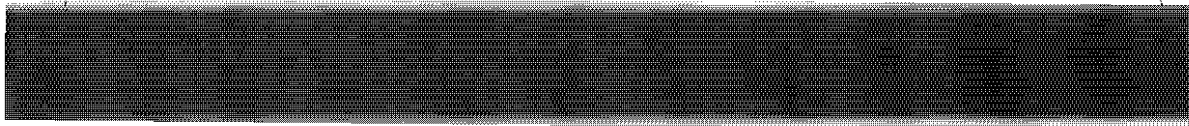
Hi Kris -- just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

1. Email reports@content.facebook.com, and cc me (RachelHolland@fb.com), with a link to the content you are reporting.
 - a. Please send in as much information as you have about the content (link to content, screenshot, link of the page or profile that posted the content, etc.) -- but the link is the best way for us to be able to quickly identify something.

And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,


Rachel Holland
U.S. Politics & Government Outreach
E: RachelHolland@fb.com



From: Alan Duke
To: Sanh Oriyavong
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

We will revise your rating if you add to your story the statement from the Iowa Secretary of State and include a statement at the top of the story noting the update. You should also revise your headline to make it clear that there is a dispute over the claim made by Judicial Watch.

Alan Duke
Lead Stories

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 7:07 PM Sanh Oriyavong <oriyavong@gmail.com> wrote:

To all concerned parties:

Concerning press release article taken directly from Judicial Watch: [Eight Iowa Counties Have Total Registration Rates Larger than Eligible Voter Population – at Least 18,658 Extra Names on Iowa Voting Rolls](#)

I highly recommend our recent Facebook fact-check be removed (Feb 3, 2020) because they are wrong. Flat out wrong. It is clear that nobody is fact-checking the fact-checker because:

- 1) Our source was Judicial Watch yet the page the fact-check links to is about Gateway Pundit.
- 2) We used the same title as Judicial Watch's press release
- 3) Our article links back to the Judicial Watch press release
- 4) Judicial Watch's data source is the one that will be used for actual voting whereas the fact-checker used census data. Census data does not collect information on voters.

Wayne Drasher with Leadstories.com was the fact-check source Facebook linked to for this fact-check. When the fact-checker created this fact-check, he clearly avoided actually fact-checking Judicial Watch (which is our source) demonstrated by his use of a Newsguard link that takes you to the information on Gateway Pundit. As for the data from Judicial Watch, they are standing by their data according to a statement from the Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton:

"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."

Judicial Watch is a foundation that holds themselves to a high standard and their success in the Supreme Court dealing with errors in voter rolls shows that they are capable in pulling the correct data. Judicial Watch is a trusted source, that is why we used Judicial Watch as our source.

When a fact-checker places an incorrect fact-check on a Facebook page, this potentially reduces reach and reduces our credibility. This can also affect a websites financial viability. I recommend that this fact-check be corrected or we will need to consider legal options.

Thank you from a person who is fed up with fake fact-checks,

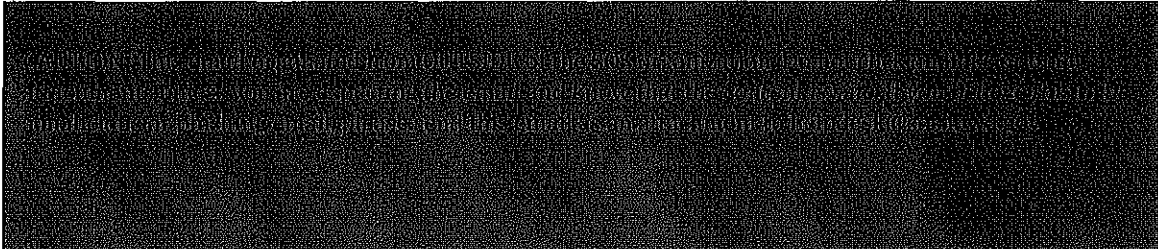
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From: [Scully, Brian](#)
To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#); mbenson@sso.org
Cc: [Reynolds, Leslie](#); [Lindsey Forson](#); [Masterson, Matthew](#)
Subject: RE: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref: _00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:53:19 PM
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[image006.png](#)

Ok. Thanks Kevin.

From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>; mbenson@sso.org
Cc: Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>; Masterson, Matthew <Matthew.Masterson@cisa.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref: _00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

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Nope. Facebook flagged it as misleading. Twitter flatly rejected any actions.

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From: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:46:21 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; mbenson@sso.org <mbenson@sso.org>
Cc: Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>; Masterson, Matthew <Matthew.Masterson@cisa.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref: _00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

Thanks for the update Kevin. Will let you all know when I hear back. Know you're busy, so understand if you can't answer, but what was the rationale from Twitter? And did they take any actions short of removing?

Regards,
Brian

From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:39 PM
To: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>; mbenson@sso.org
Cc: Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>
Subject: Re: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref: _00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

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They refused to remove.

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From: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:07:43 PM
To: mbenson@sso.org <mbenson@sso.org>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>
Subject: Re: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

Sorry...been out of pocket a bit. Will reach out to Twitter. Let me know if you get something.

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From: Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:26:29 PM
To: Scully, Brian <brian.scully1@cisa.dhs.gov>
Cc: Kevin Hall <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; Reynolds, Leslie <reynolds@sso.org>; Lindsey Forson <lforson@sso.org>
Subject: Fwd: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

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Hey Brian,

Can you report this as well? Hannity is now retweeting and Twitter isn't playing ball with us. I've cc'd Kevin Hall who you met Saturday. He's IA SOS's Communications Director. He's been reporting and playing wack a mole by trying to reply to misleading tweets.

Thanks,

Maria

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hall, Kevin [SOS]" <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Date: February 3, 2020 at 3:54:30 PM EST
To: Twitter Support <support@twitter.com>
Subject: RE: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0K0A8._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224362801138950146>

<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224387674888339456>

We responded directly to these tweets, and sent out this news release this afternoon.

Also, the Washington Post has reported on the false claims:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/>

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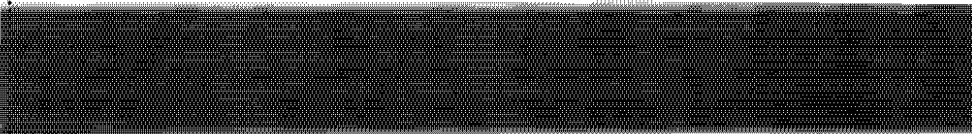
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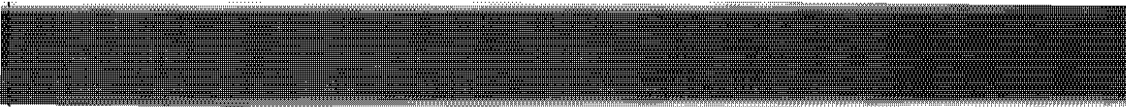
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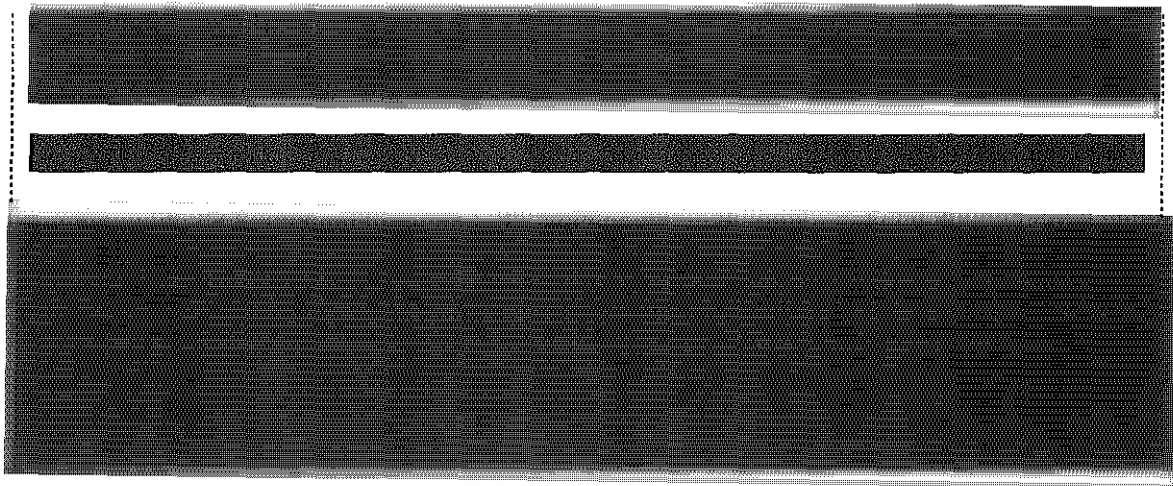


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Facebook, thankfully, was helpful. I would suggest perhaps reviewing your policies at Twitter and putting them more in line with what Facebook is doing to counter election misinformation.

Here are 3 prominent fact checkers that examined the claims and rated them false:

- [Lead Stories](#)
- [PolitiFact](#)
- [AP](#)

And the message from Rachel at Facebook below:

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Hi Kevin,

I echo Kevin Hall's concern, particularly as more states gear up for their respective primaries.

Maria Benson
NASS Director of Communications

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2020, at 5:36 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

Kevin,

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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Thanks Maria -

This was reviewed by our team and is not in violation of our election integrity policy 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,

Kevin

On Mon, Feb 3, 2020 at 4:36 PM Maria Benson <mbenson@sso.org> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

Iowa Secretary of State has reported the below election misinformation, but Twitter has declined to take it down. As you can see from facts the tweets are clearly wrong. I wanted to bring this to your attention to hopefully remedy the situation.

I've cc'd Kevin Hall, their Communicators Director.

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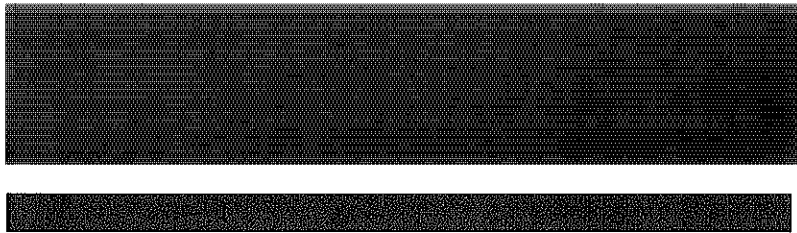
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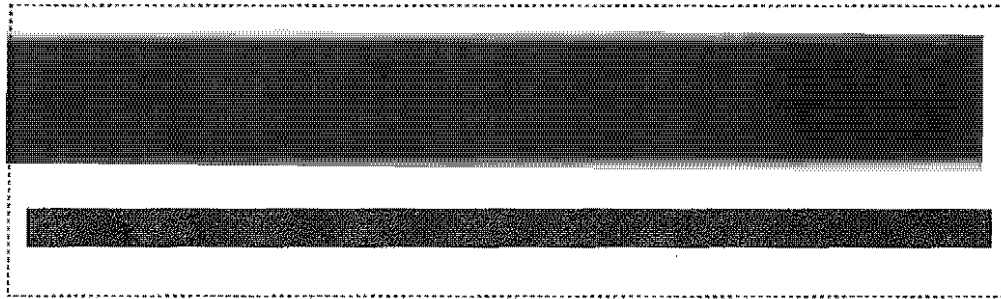
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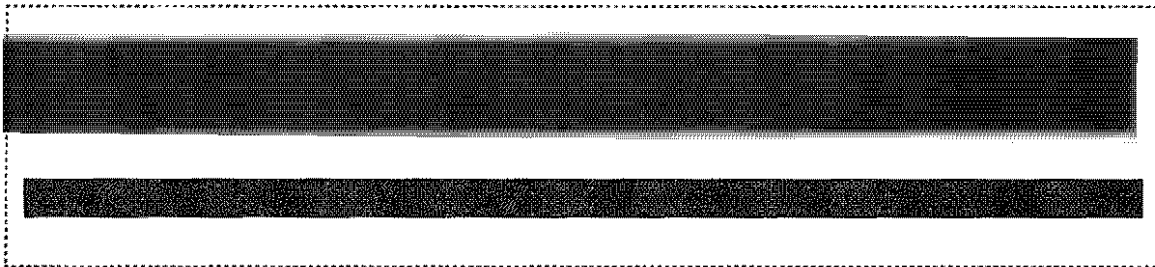
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Wonderful, Very encouraging!

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Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help:

[https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__\[0\]=68.ARCu80fseWOrT9BApUuflf9Yxhl61gZnOlXgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqQ6vAs9CsPjiDuCGG-iGKNk9N0obpAeaarvWvK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDb-QSuATunnUdUYXAJPRWDamcV8L_w3Tm3vgjPepD05-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUfhd9XTScjMEQOadpSTDKJLCdv8xsSeshc87AZWNkEEFrAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czExtS_q3b1JhFK_aIcUYHPJlwBo9Dtwy6UWivlOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&_tn__=R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68.ARCu80fseWOrT9BApUuflf9Yxhl61gZnOlXgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqQ6vAs9CsPjiDuCGG-iGKNk9N0obpAeaarvWvK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDb-QSuATunnUdUYXAJPRWDamcV8L_w3Tm3vgjPepD05-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUfhd9XTScjMEQOadpSTDKJLCdv8xsSeshc87AZWNkEEFrAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czExtS_q3b1JhFK_aIcUYHPJlwBo9Dtwy6UWivlOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&_tn__=R)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM

To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>

Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

Hi Kris - just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

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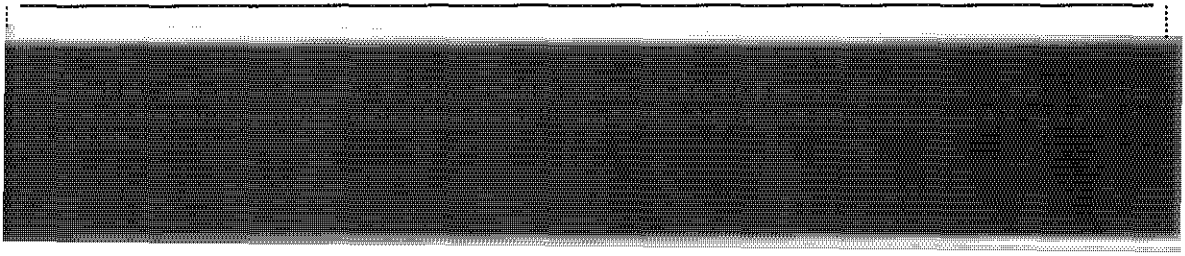
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Thanks for the update Kevin. Will let you all know when I hear back. Know you're busy, so understand if you can't answer, but what was the rationale from Twitter? And did they take any actions short of removing?

Regards,
Brian

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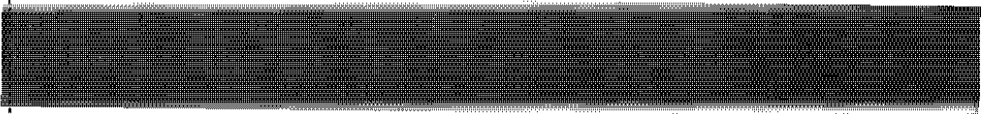
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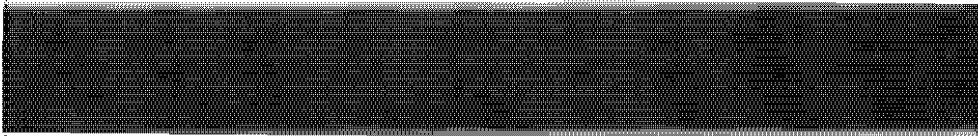
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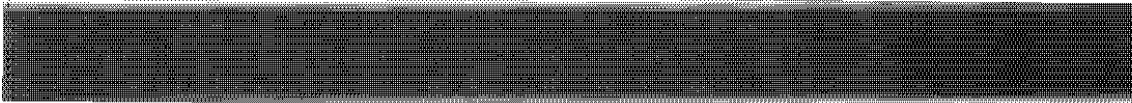
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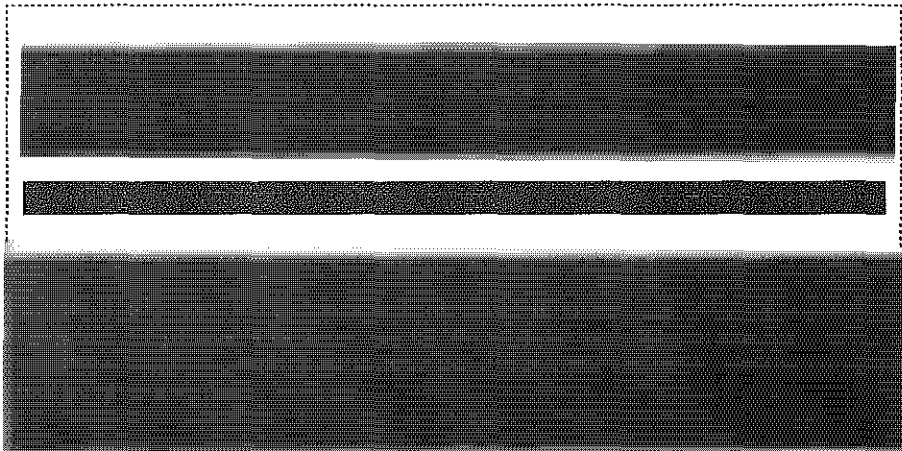
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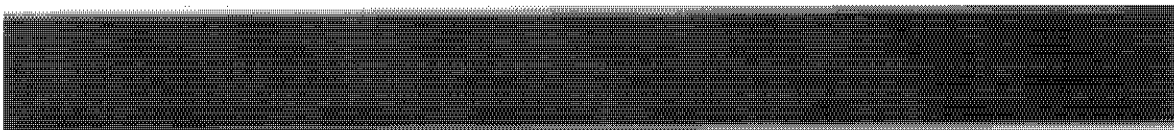
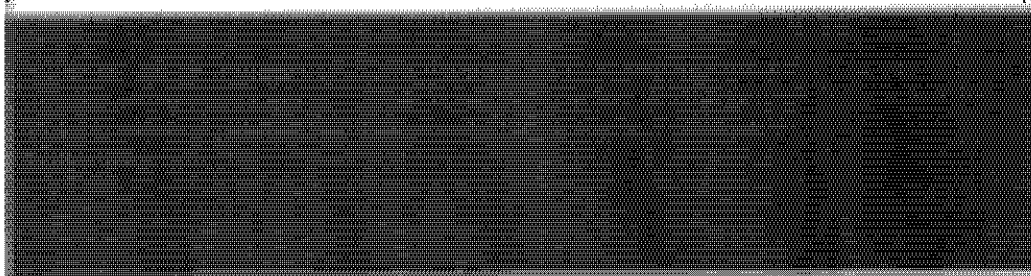
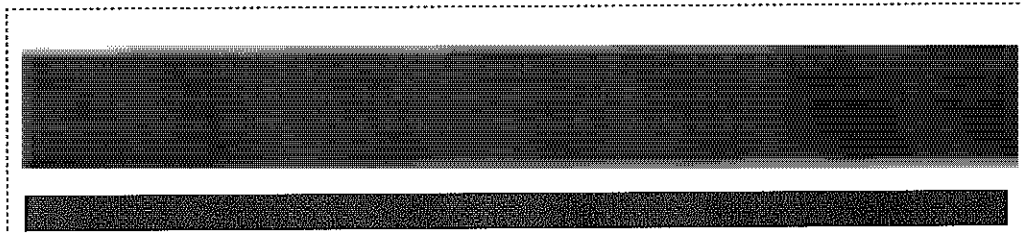
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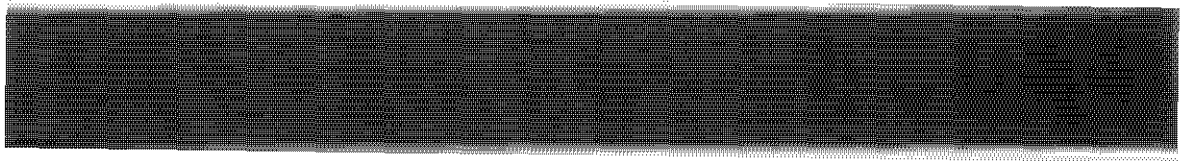
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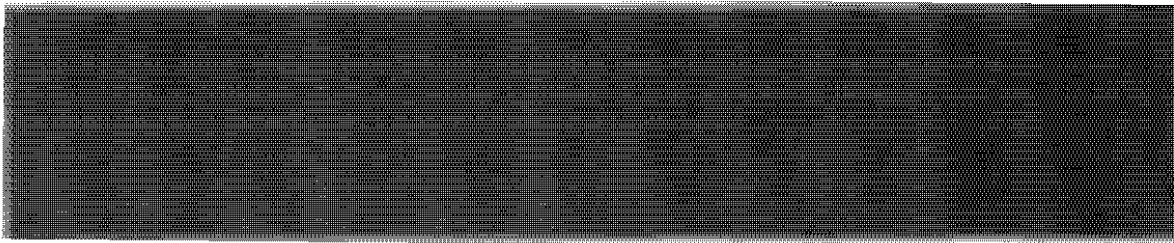
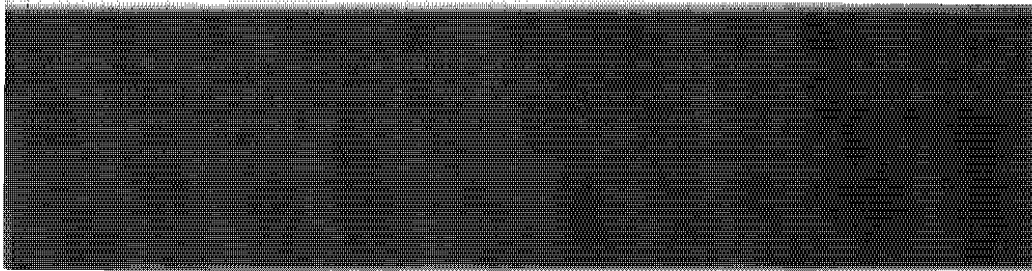
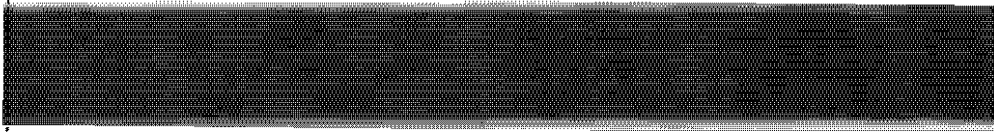
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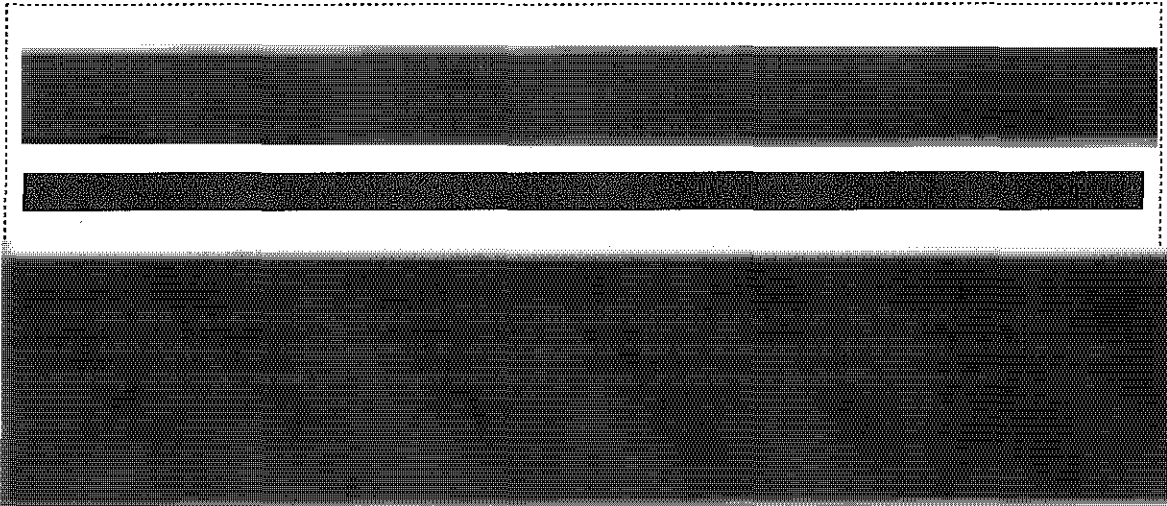
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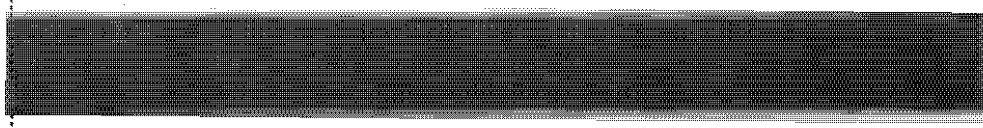
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Subject: Disputing fact-check of Judicial Watch press release on our Facebook page
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:07:19 PM

To all concerned parties:

Concerning press release article taken directly from Judicial Watch: [Eight Iowa Counties Have Total Registration Rates Larger than Eligible Voter Population – at Least 18,658 Extra Names on Iowa Voting Rolls](#)

I highly recommend our recent Facebook fact-check be removed (Feb 3, 2020) because they are wrong. Flat out wrong. It is clear that nobody is fact-checking the fact-checker because:

- 1) Our source was [Judicial Watch](#) yet the page the fact-check links to is about Gateway Pundit.
- 2) We used the same title as Judicial Watch's press [release](#)
- 3) [Our article](#) links back to the Judicial Watch press release
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Wayne Drasher with Leadstories.com was the fact-check source Facebook linked to for this [fact-check](#). When the fact-checker created this fact-check, he clearly avoided actually fact-checking [Judicial Watch](#) (which is our source) demonstrated by his use of a Newsguard link that takes you to the information on Gateway Pundit. As for the data from Judicial Watch, they are standing by their data according to a statement from the Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton:

"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."

Judicial Watch is a foundation that holds themselves to a high standard and their success in the Supreme Court dealing with errors in voter rolls shows that they are capable in pulling the correct data. Judicial Watch is a trusted source, that is why we used Judicial Watch as our

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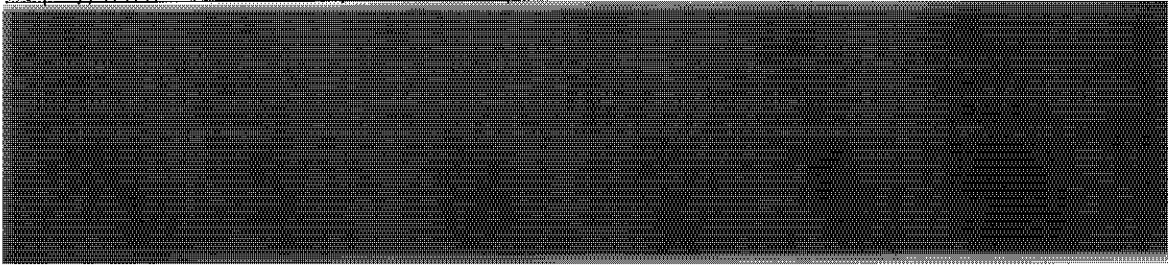
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Thank you.

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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.

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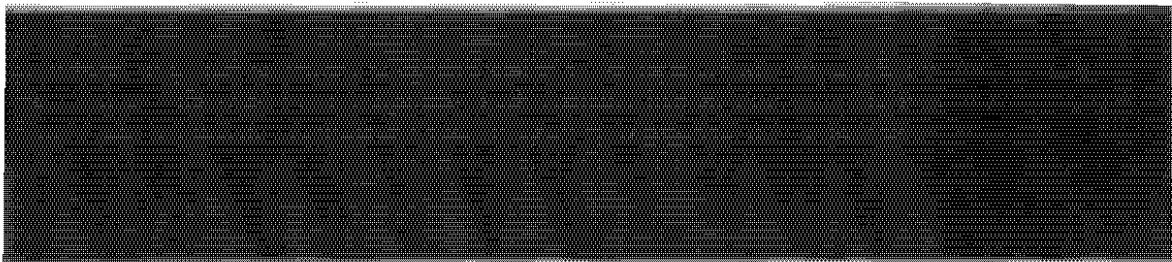
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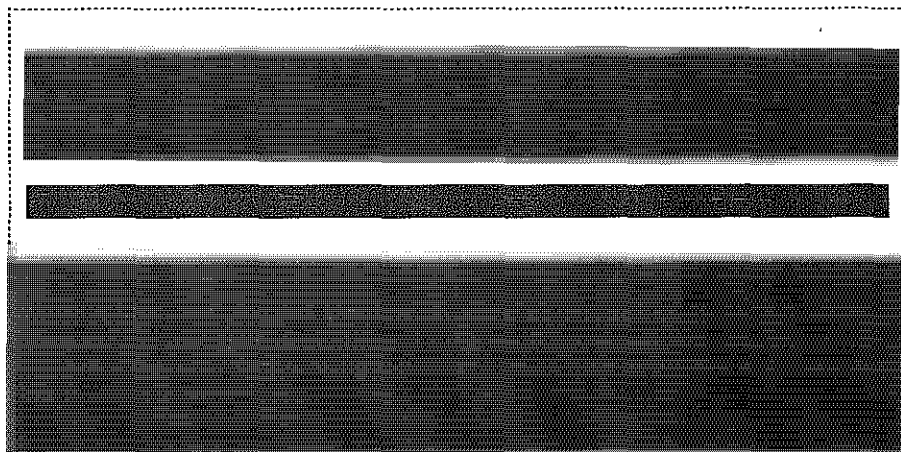
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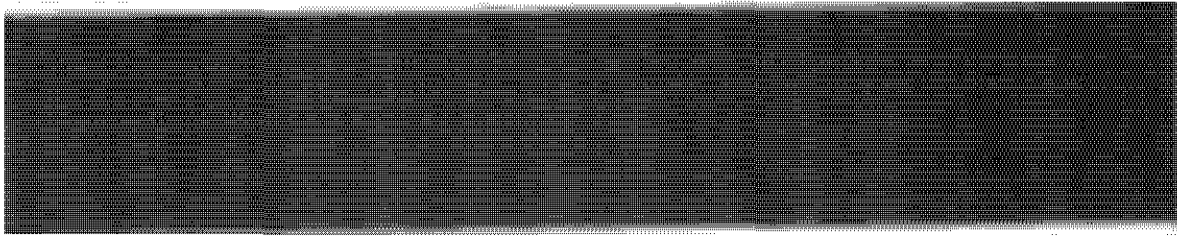
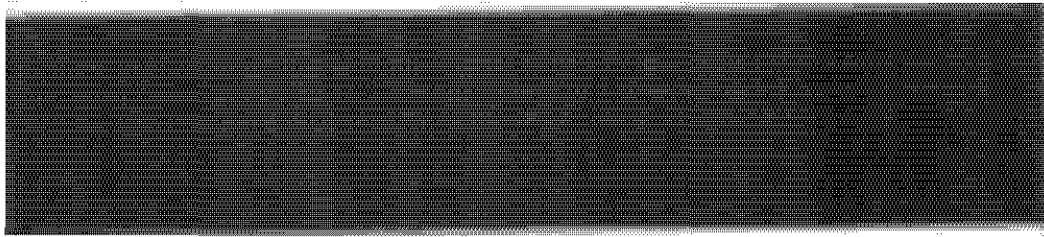
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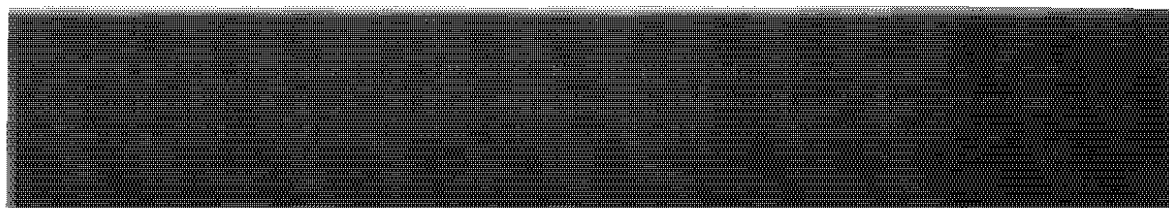
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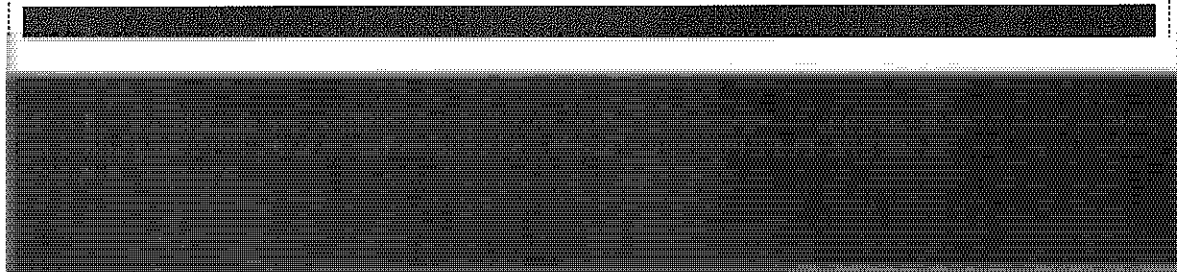
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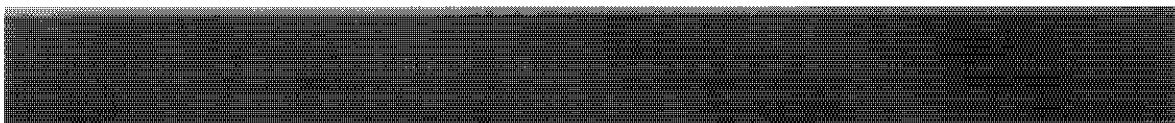
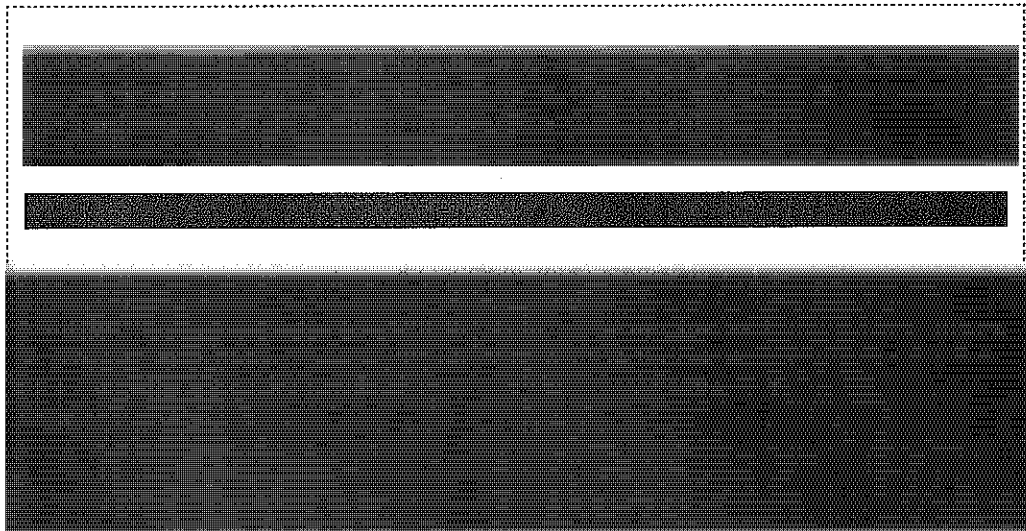
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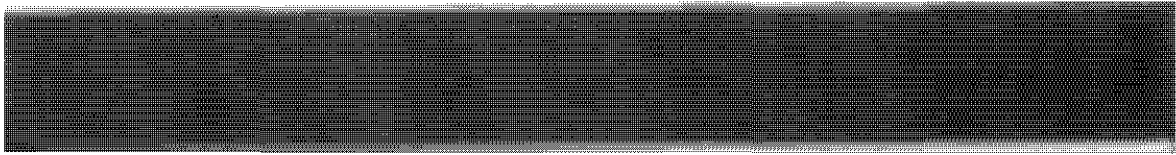
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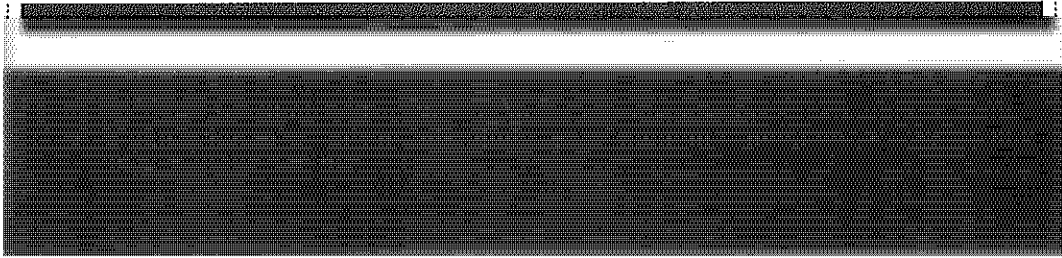
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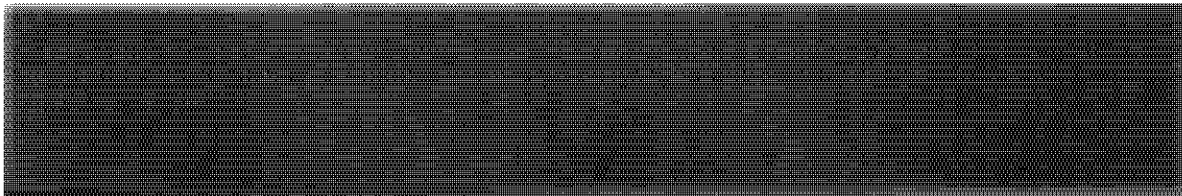
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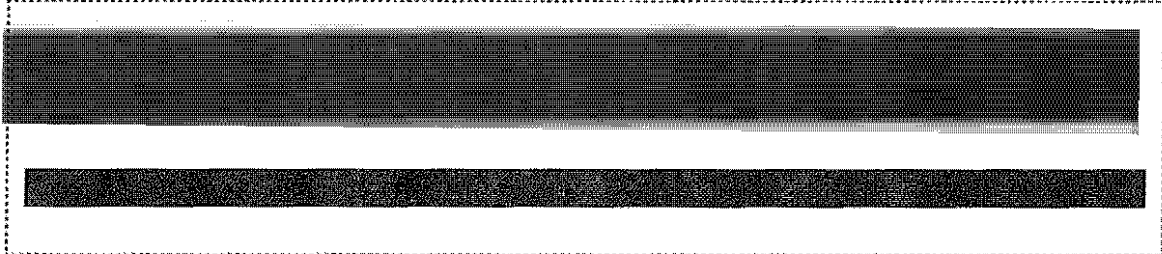
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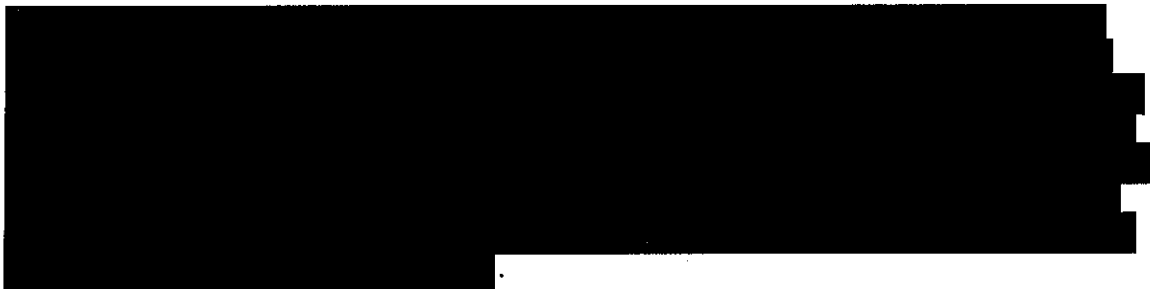
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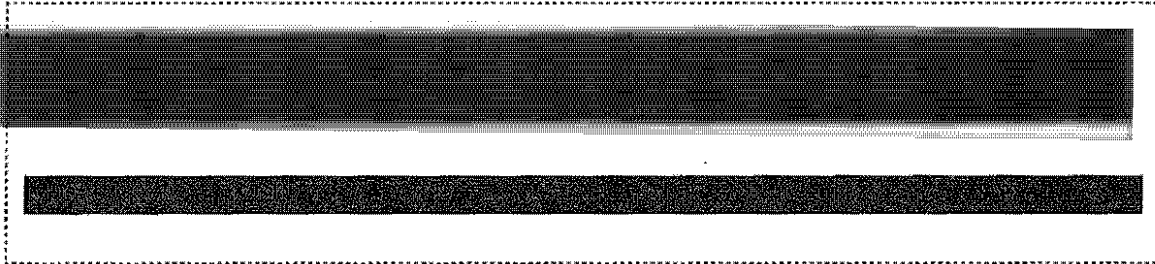
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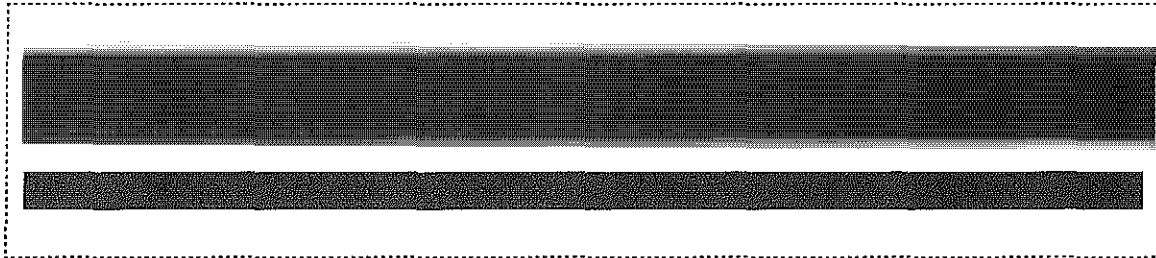
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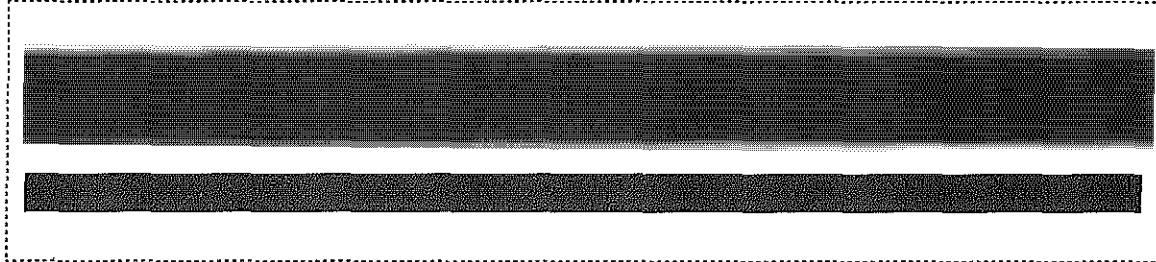
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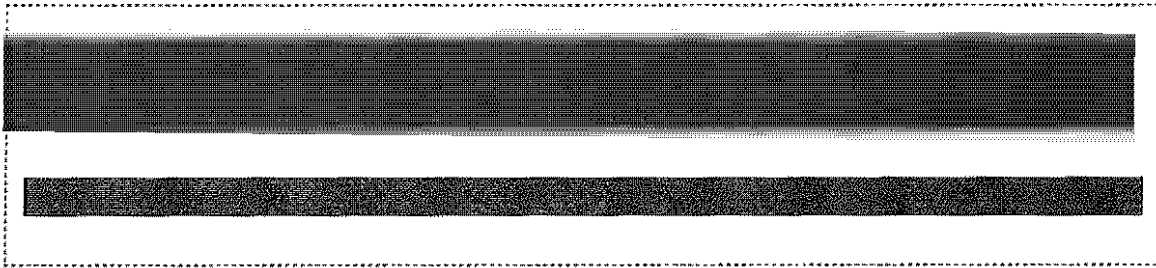
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Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Rachel,

We've been playing whack-a-mole with this false story all day. Is there anything you can do to help:

[https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?_xts__\[0\]=68.ARCu80fseWOrT9BAoUufl9Yxhl61g7nOlxgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPjj0uCGG-jGKk9N0obpAeaarvWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDh-QSuATunrUdUYXAJPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep0Q5-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpLrT4tUfhd9XTScjMEQOadpSTDkILCdy8xsSeshc8ZAZWNkEErAdQT-M5xg1lDAVU_bf75czFxlS_q3h1JhFK_alcUYHPJlwBo9Diwy6UWwivlOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&__tn__=-R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?_xts__[0]=68.ARCu80fseWOrT9BAoUufl9Yxhl61g7nOlxgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPjj0uCGG-jGKk9N0obpAeaarvWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDh-QSuATunrUdUYXAJPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep0Q5-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpLrT4tUfhd9XTScjMEQOadpSTDkILCdy8xsSeshc8ZAZWNkEErAdQT-M5xg1lDAVU_bf75czFxlS_q3h1JhFK_alcUYHPJlwBo9Diwy6UWwivlOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&__tn__=-R)

We've told them it's fake. They have it PINNED to the top of their page.

Here's our rebuttal: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_02.html

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To: Aleksander, Kristina [SOS] <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kris - Resending this to make sure it is on the top of your inbox, and copying in Kevin too. This channel is managed 24/7 hours a day and your email addresses have been whitelisted for access - feel free to flag content for us this way if convenient for your

office.

Thanks,
Rachel

From: Rachel Holland <rachelholland@fb.com>
Date: Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "Aleksander, Kristina [SOS]" <Kristina.Aleksander@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

Hi Kris – just wanted to give you a heads up that we started our Iowa election escalations room yesterday with dozens of people watching closely for any content escalations through the caucuses. Just a reminder, to report any content that you believe violates Facebook's [voter interference policy](#) please:

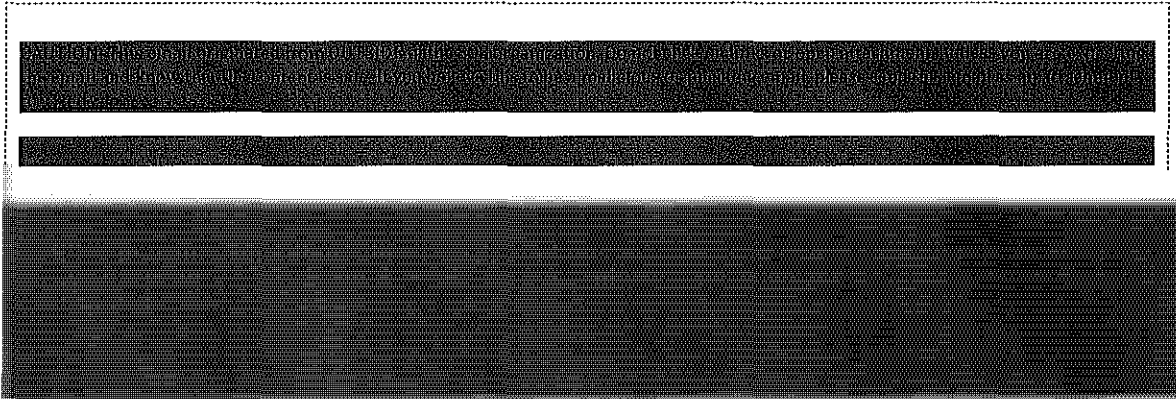
1. Email reports@content.facebook.com, and cc me (RachelHolland@fb.com), with a link to the content you are reporting.
 - a. Please send in as much information as you have about the content (link to content, screenshot, link of the page or profile that posted the content, etc.) – but the link is the best way for us to be able to quickly identify something.

And I will be on call if you have any other questions or concerns throughout this time.

Thanks,

FACEBOOK

Rachel Holland
U.S. Politics & Government Outreach
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To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Cc: [Kevin Kane; gov@twitter.com](#)
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Hi Kevin,

I echo Kevin Hall's concern, particularly as more states gear up for their respective primaries.

Maria Benson
NASS Director of Communications

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: Re: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [ref:_00DA0KOAB._5004A1sUCPJ:ref]

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Date: February 3, 2020 at 3:54:30 PM EST
To: Twitter Support <support@twitter.com>
Subject: RE: We need a little more info about @ 0141236122 [

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<https://twitter.com/TomFitton/status/1224362801138950146>

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We responded directly to these tweets, and sent out this news release this afternoon. Also, the Washington Post has reported on the false claims:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/>

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CONTACT: Kevin Hall

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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 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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Thanks again for your report. We need a little more help from you, and we'd be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- **Are there specific Tweets you can share with us? (Please include links, not screenshots.)**
- Are there any other details you think would be helpful for us to know?
- When did the harassment from this account start?
- Do you happen to know if this account is targeting anyone else?

Once you've had a chance to reply to us, we'll take another look and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Thanks,

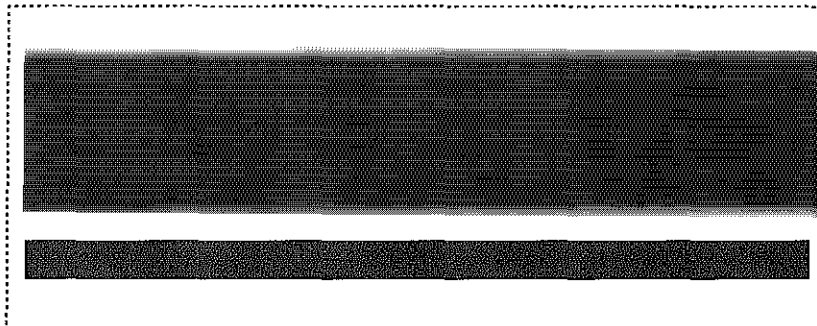
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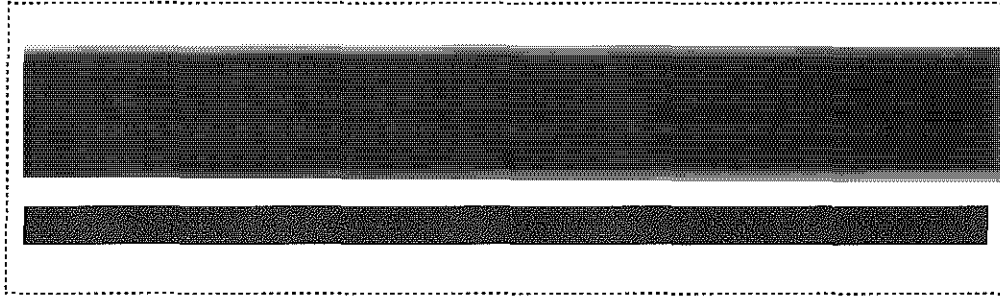
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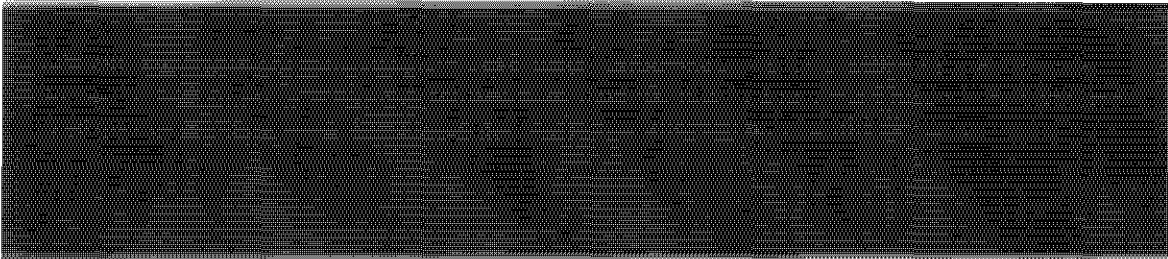
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Thanks for sharing this Kevin.

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Cat,

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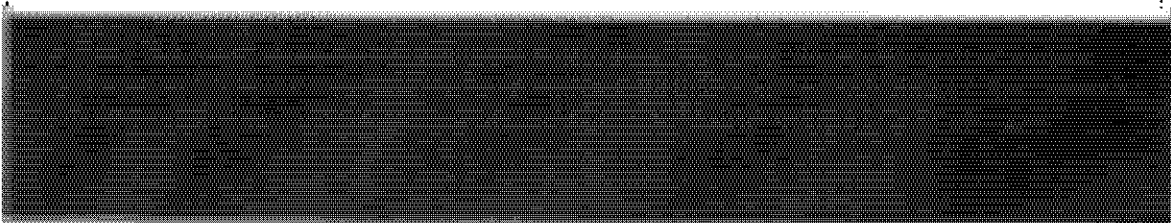
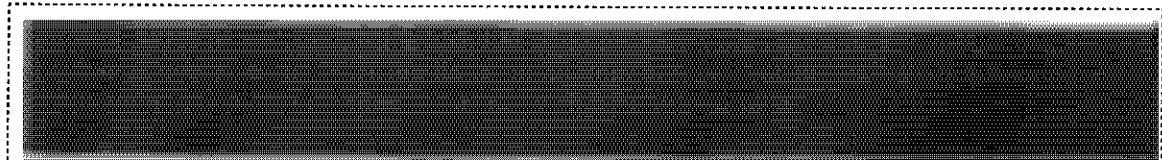
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Judicial Watch now escalating it:

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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Can you please?

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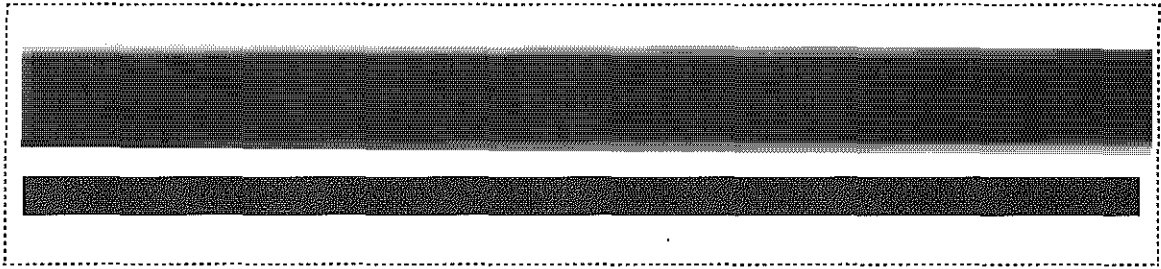
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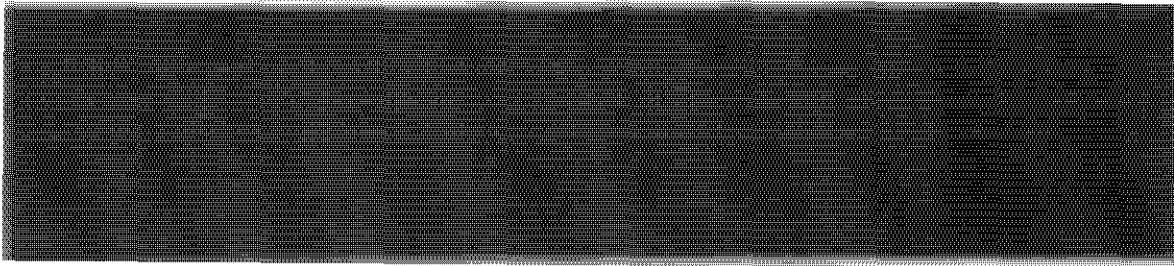
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Obviously I think they should take down the false and incorrect information. This just shows once again that the social media is not being responsible.

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Iowa Secretary of State

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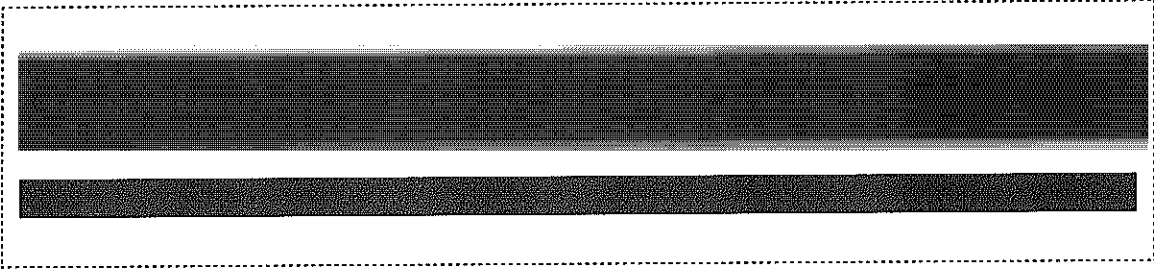
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Kevin, I take from your email below that you've reported these tweets via the Twitter portal, is that correct? If not, can you tell me what actions you've taken; or if you have, what other interactions you've had with Twitter on this today?

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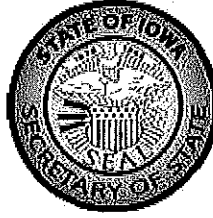
Is there any possibility that you can help our Communications Director, Kevin Hall (copied on this email)?

Thank you,

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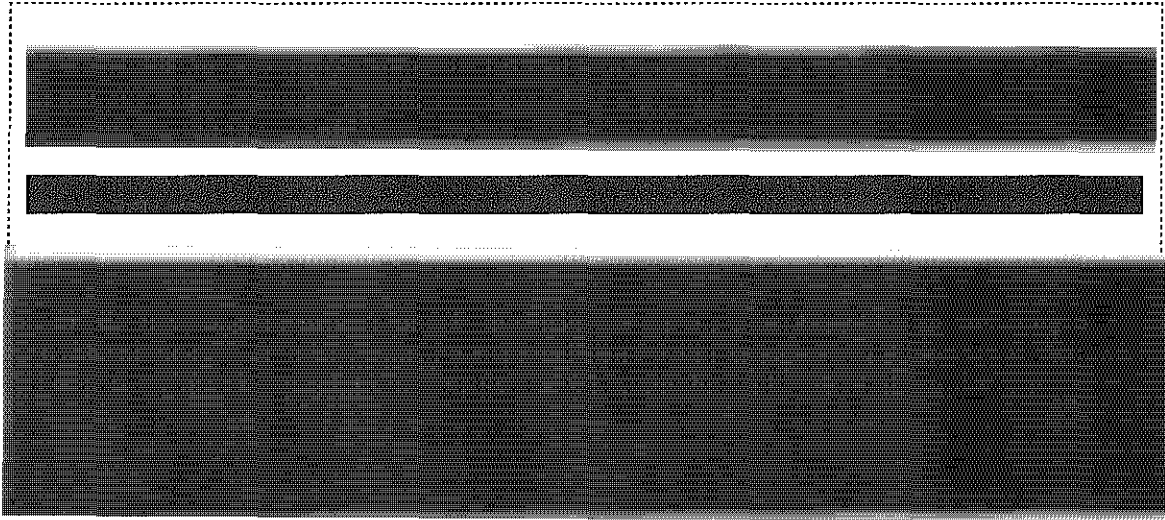
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I've been playing whack-a-mole on social media all day with the false Judicial Watch claims, and haven't had time for anything else, so this isn't even close to all the media clips. Consider it Monday pt. 1. To be continued...

Also, TVNews, where we get the video clips from, was hit with a ransomware attack last week, so we don't have any clips from them available right now.

Judicial Watch

DMR: [The misinformation campaign: Iowa SOS blasts Judicial Watch for insinuating voter fraud](#)

Media from NASS

Fox News: [Iowa's secretary of state concerned about 'misinformation' days ahead of caucuses](#)

AP: [Election officials get training before 2020 voting](#)

Wa Po: [Election officials confident about security days before first contests of 2020](#)

VoteShield

Clarksville Star: [VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections](#)

Sigourney News-Review: [Iowa's partnership with VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections](#)

Voter reg

StateScoop: [Securing elections starts with securing voter registration](#) (claims with "teamed up with CIO" for Vote Shield)

Felons

KGLO Radio in Mason City: Governor clears backlog, 400 ex-felons get voting rights in time for Caucuses

WOI-TV in West Des Moines: Iowa governor approves over 400 applications from felons for voting rights restoration

Elected official residence

Iowa Public Radio: Woodbury County Supervisor resigns a week after voter registration canceled

Youth Straw Poll

KYOU-TV in Ottumwa: Mock caucus held for OHS students

KTIV-TV in Sioux City: Sioux City East High participates in Iowa Youth Straw Poll

Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil: Students pick Yang, Trump in statewide straw poll

Cedar Rapids Gazette: Youth Straw Poll Jan. 28

Mason City Globe Gazette: Iowa Youth Straw Poll: Clear Lake, Mason City students on opposite sides

USMCA signing

Spencer Daily Reporter: Iowa contingent on hand for USMCA signing

Other states

Illinois: Election officials reveal more issues with automatic voter registration – this time with info from 16-year-olds being forwarded

National

Huff Po: Twitter rolls out new tool to report voting misinformation

McClatchy: Jason Kander's voting rights group to merge with anti-Citizens United PAC

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Hi Kevin,

I echo Kevin Hall's concern, particularly as more states gear up for their respective primaries.

Maria Benson
NASS Director of Communications

Sent from my iPhone

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Kevin,

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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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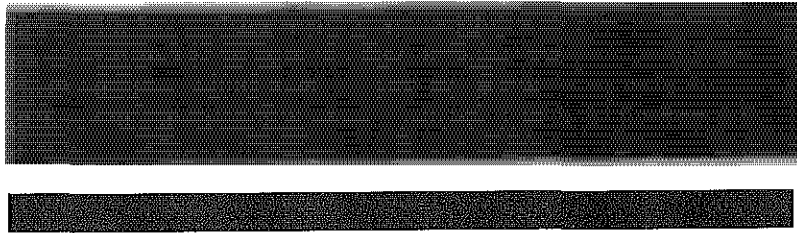
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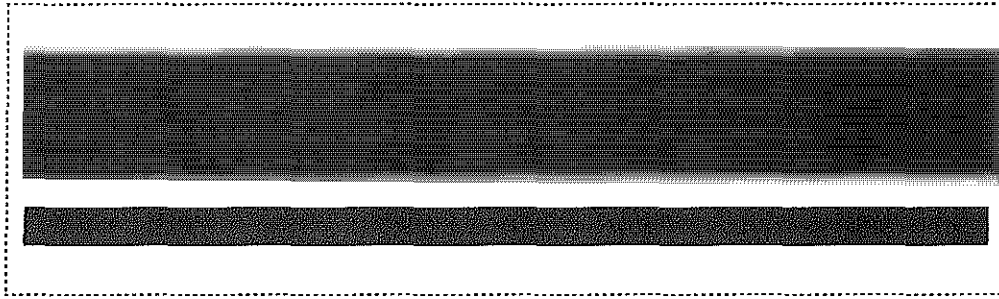
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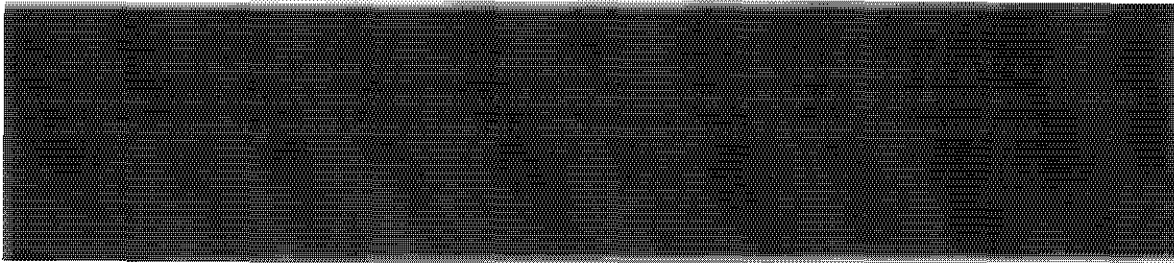
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Hi Amy:

As a follow-up to what I sent you earlier about the misinformation we've been battling in Iowa today, please see emails below.

Is there any possibility that you can help our Communications Director, Kevin Hall (copied on this email)?

Thank you,

Heidi L. Burhans

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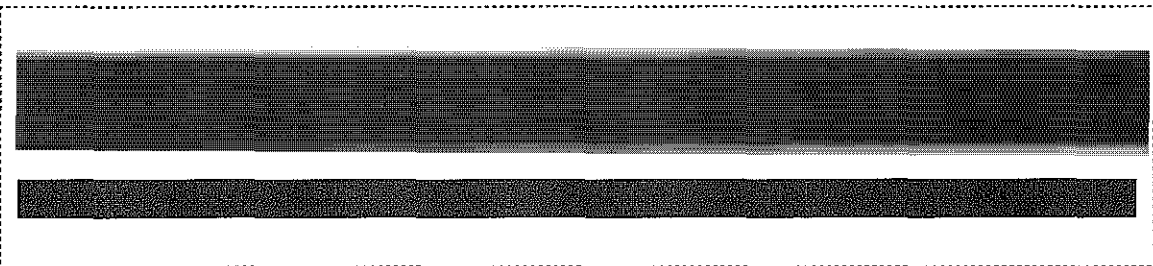
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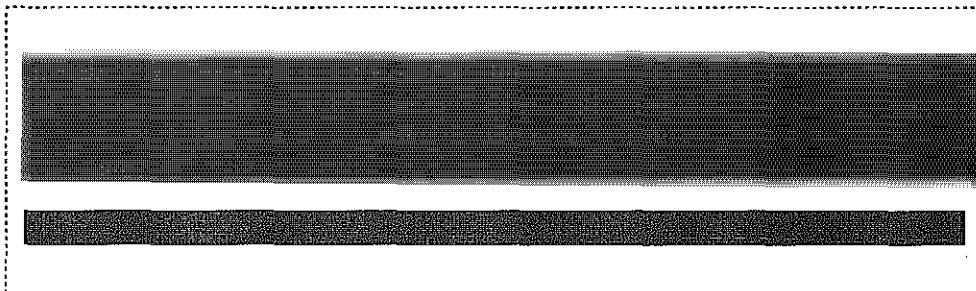
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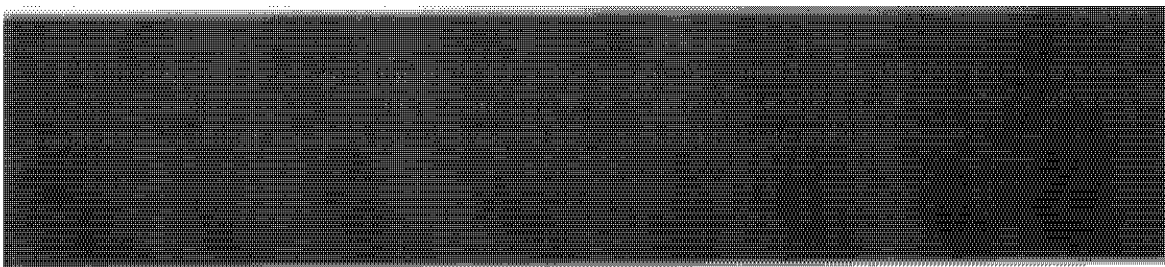
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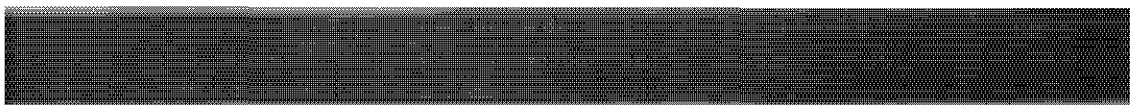
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CNN wants you tomorrow morning. Interested?

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Importance: High

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Please feel free to contact me via email or at (404) 452-7769 to let me know.

Thanks for your time- I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Janelle Griffin-Butts

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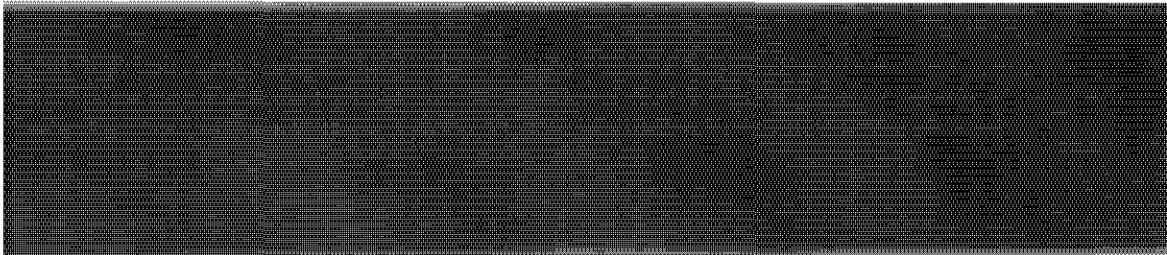
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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Voter registration in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:58:00 PM

Good Afternoon [REDACTED],

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office publishes voter registration totals for every county at the beginning of each month. You can find totals for January 2020 on our website using this link:
<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/VRStatsArchive/2020/CoJan20.pdf>

Historical data from the last two decades is available on our website.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Molly M. Widen

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Subject: Voter registration in Iowa

I understand Iowa Secretary of State Pate is concerned about information published by Judicial Watch voter registration in eight counties and states the information is not correct. The SOS can immediately put this allegation to rest by publishing total registration of eligible voters for those counties versus the population of eligible voters in those counties. Problem solved. Unless JW is correct!

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From: ptads
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Re: MEDIA RELEASE: Official data rebuts false claims regarding Iowa voter registration
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:40:48 PM

You have been awesome. Thank you.

Mari

On Feb 3, 2020, at 3:29 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] wrote:

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

Subject: Re: MEDIA RELEASE: Official data rebuts false claims regarding Iowa voter registration

What ways are inactive voters removed from the list?

On Feb 3, 2020, at 1:35 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] wrote:

Here are the November 2016 numbers by county:

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/VRStatsArchive/2016/CoNov16.pdf>

An inactive voter is one who has not voted in at least two consecutive general elections and failed to respond to official mailings. Usually, these are people who have moved. The active voter registration totals are more accurate.

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:14 PM

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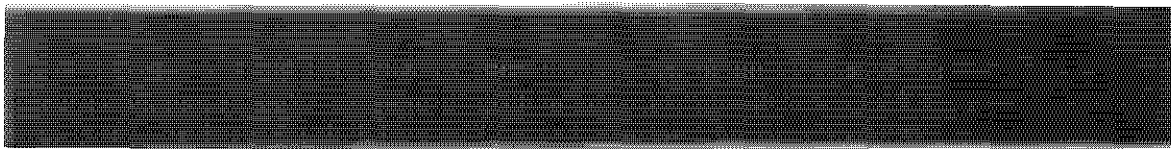
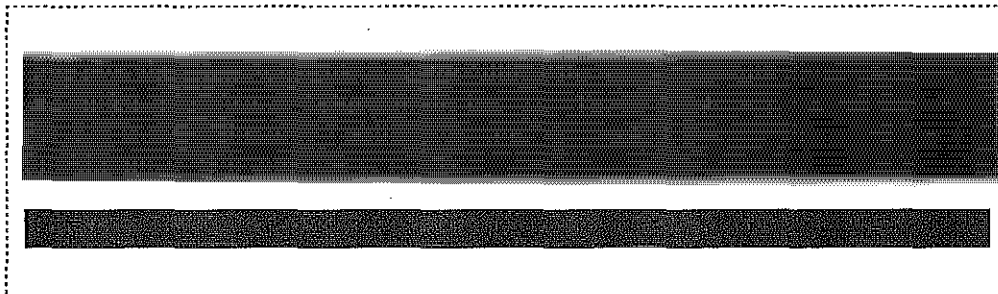
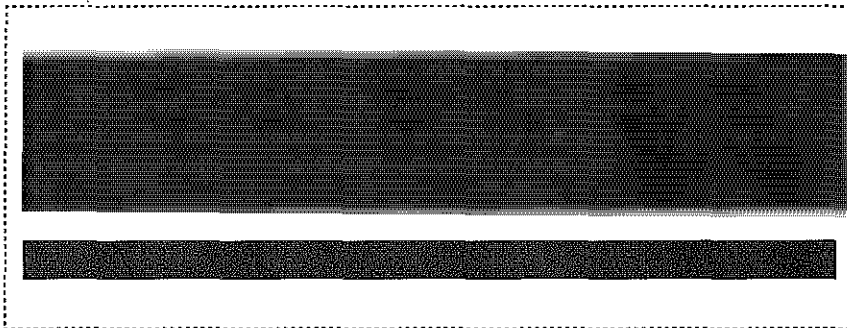
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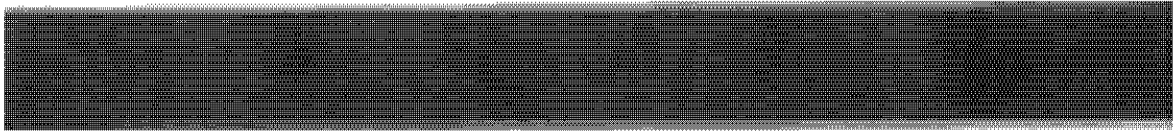
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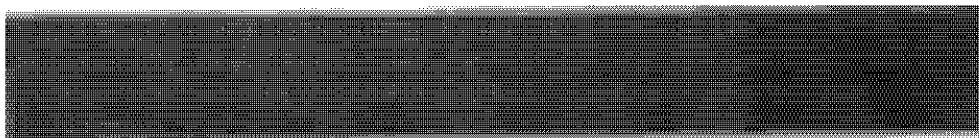
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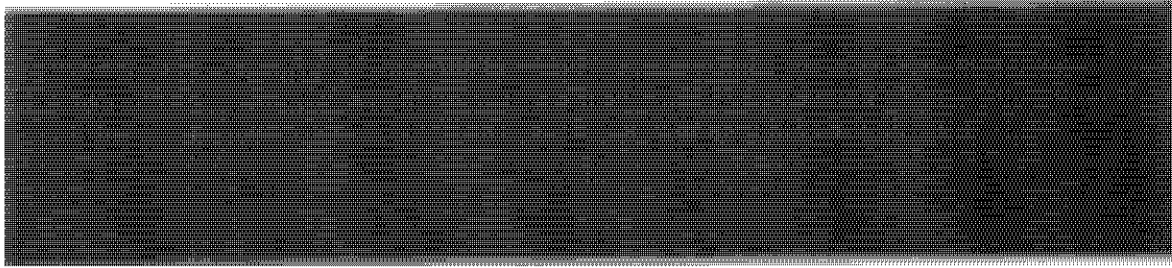
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We got this.

Thank you.

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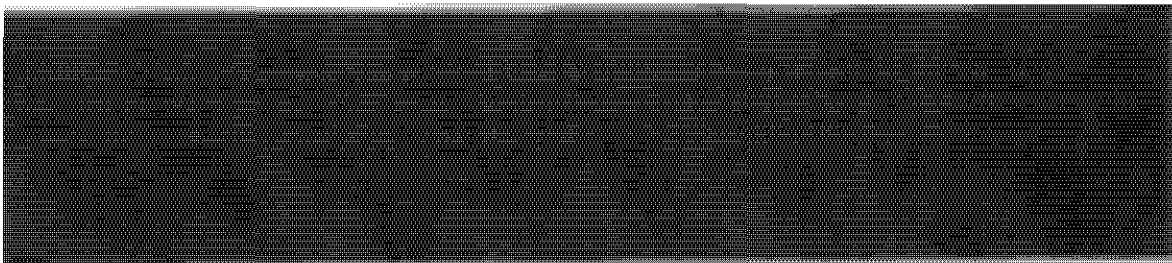
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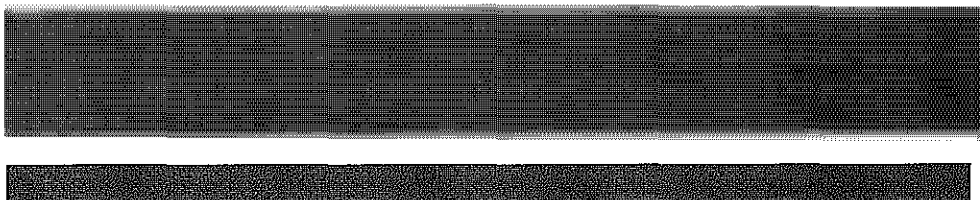
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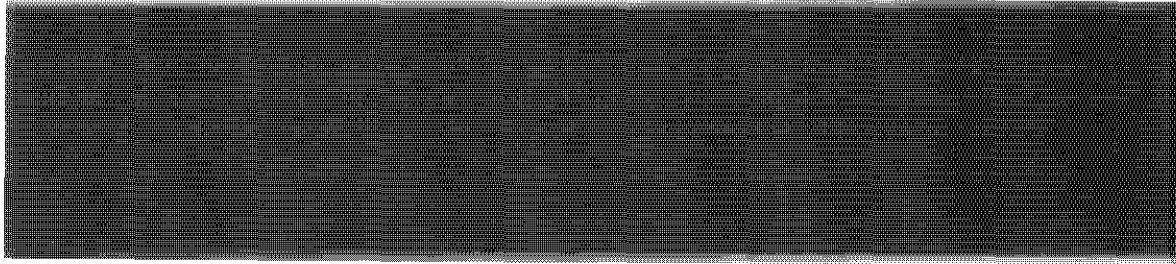
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You have been awesome. Thank you.

Mari

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

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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.

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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.
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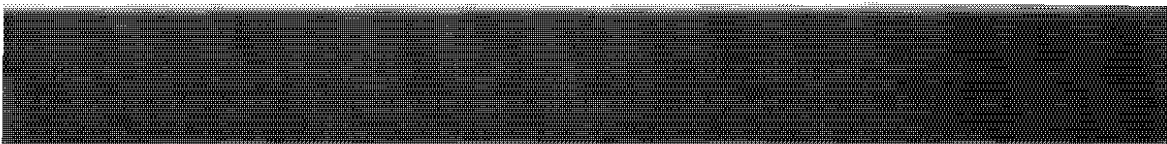
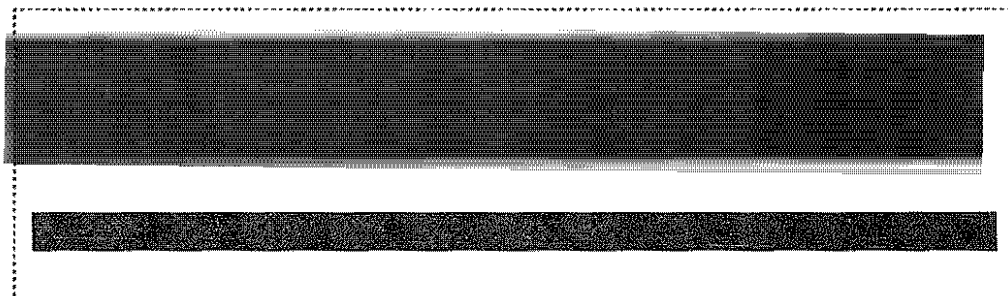
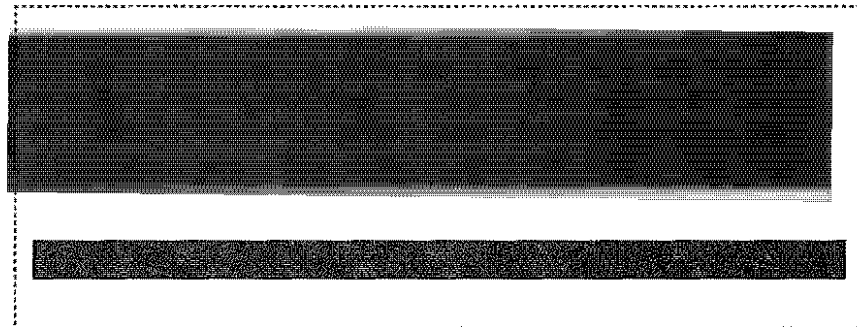
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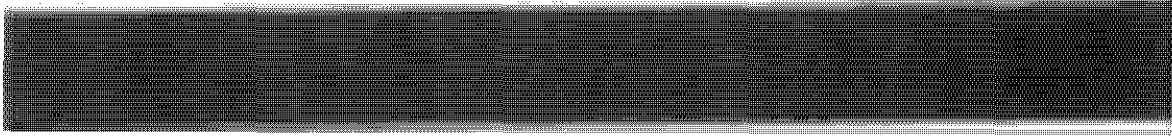
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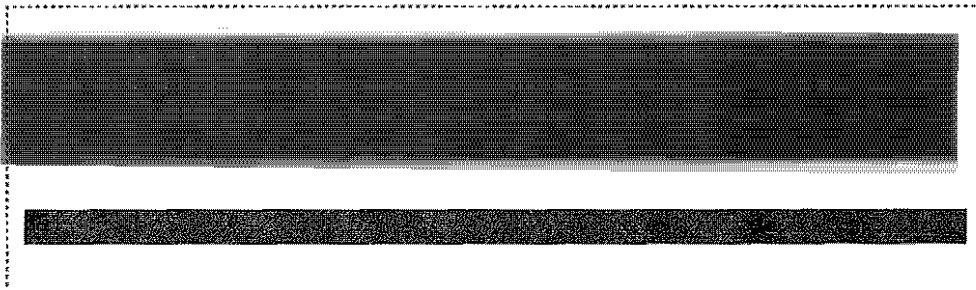
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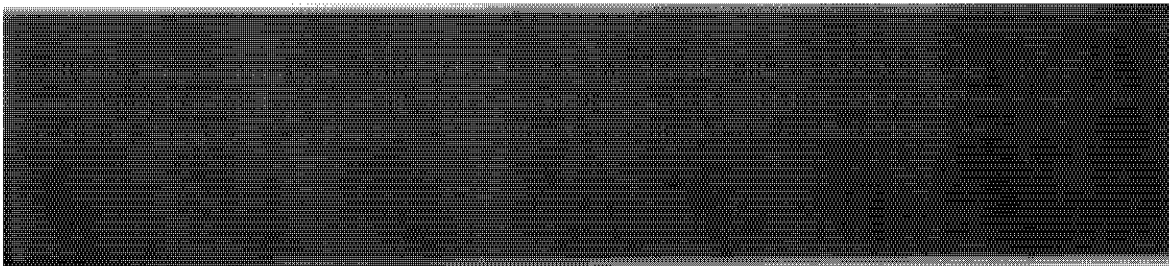
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I'm following the social media channels for this sort of thing as it relates to Iowa elections. It's important to remember the Iowa Caucuses are run by the political parties. They are not official State of Iowa elections.

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
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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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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

falsehoods and conspiracy theories bubbling up online.

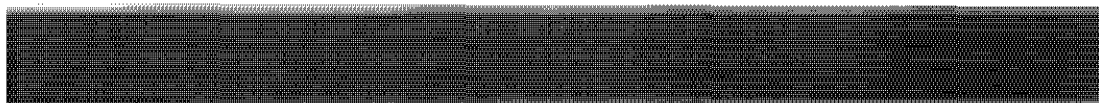
Is anyone with the secretary of state's office available to chat sometime today or tomorrow about your approach, the challenges you're facing and what you're seeing on the platforms?

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.

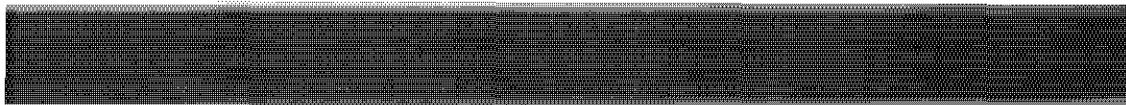
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Thank you!! I cannot believe, after Eric Churchwell himself CAME HERE to Allamakee County to visit, and Dawn Williams asked him why they include "all" statuses in their voter numbers and they said to be consistent, and Dawn explained our practices for keeping voter rolls as clean as possible and how their practice creates false results, and he left here seemingly satisfied and we never heard from him again – I cannot believe they continue with this "garbage" information!!

Thank you for following up with me!

Denise

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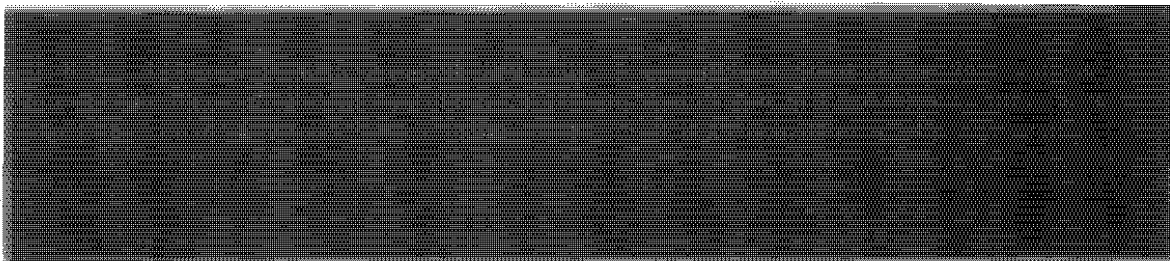
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Daniel,

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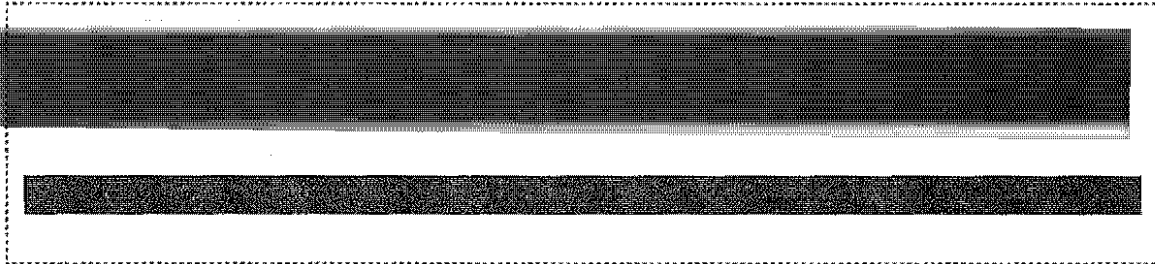
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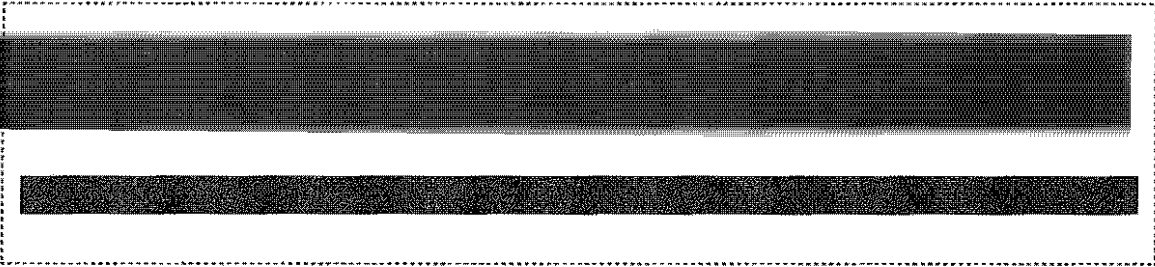
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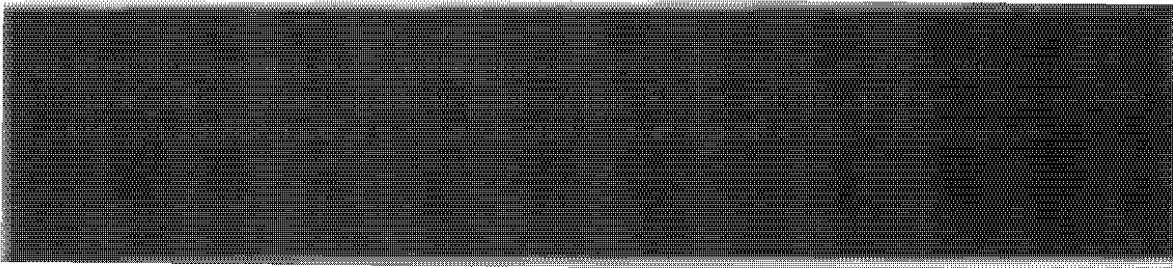
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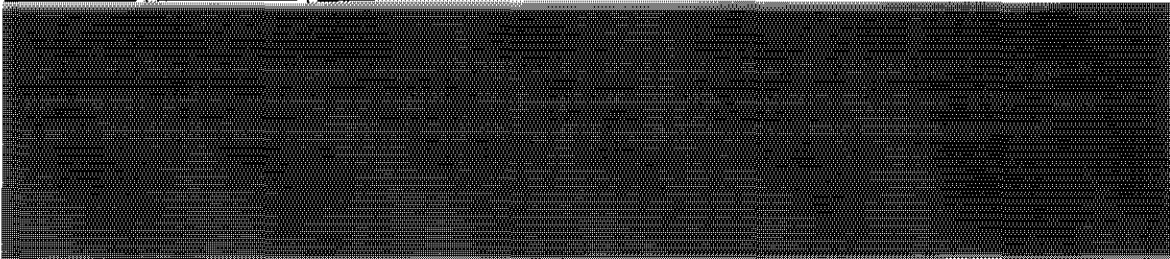
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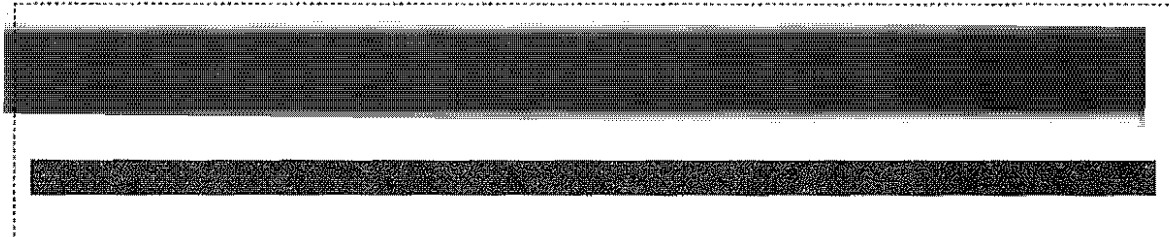
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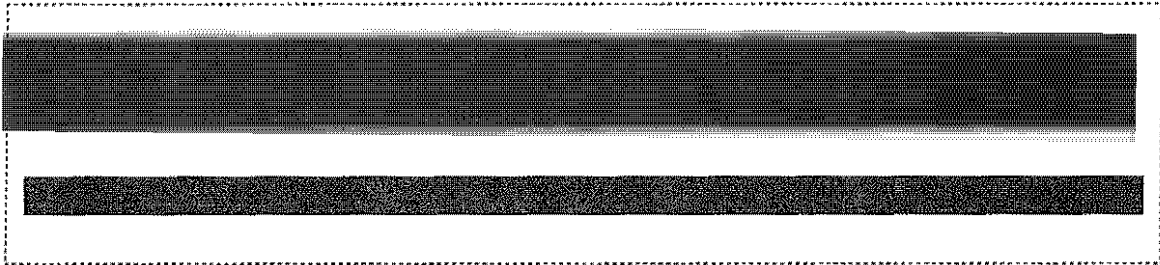
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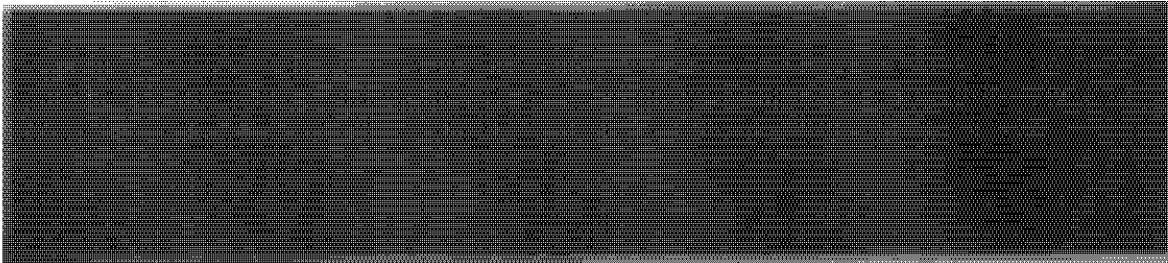
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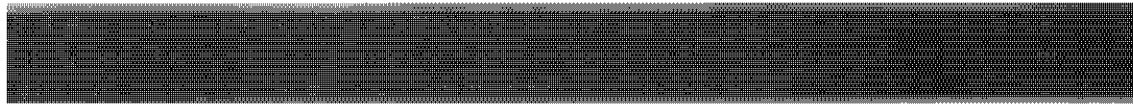
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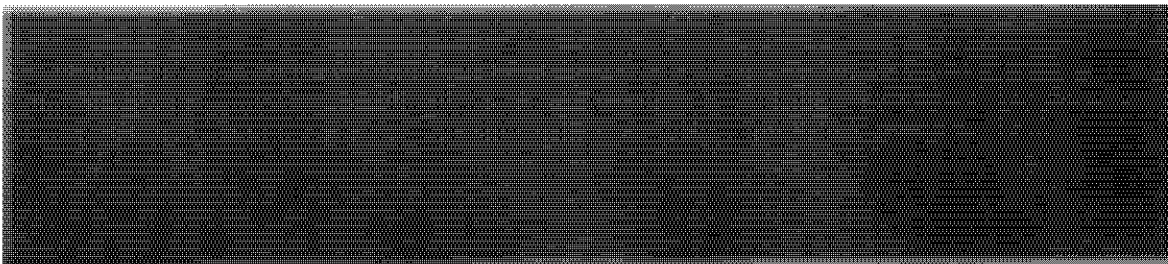
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Lucky you!

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It was great to see you! I hope you enjoyed the conference and that the rest of today goes smoothly!

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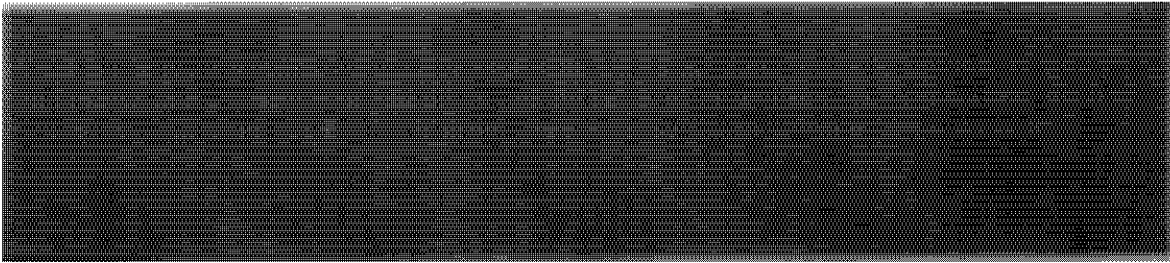
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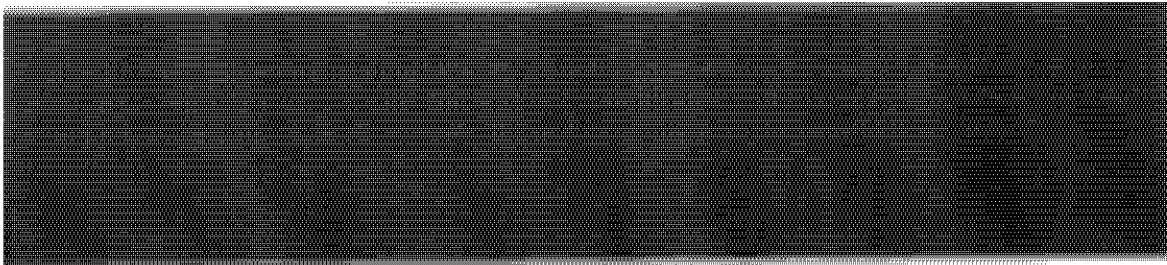
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Thanks,

Joe

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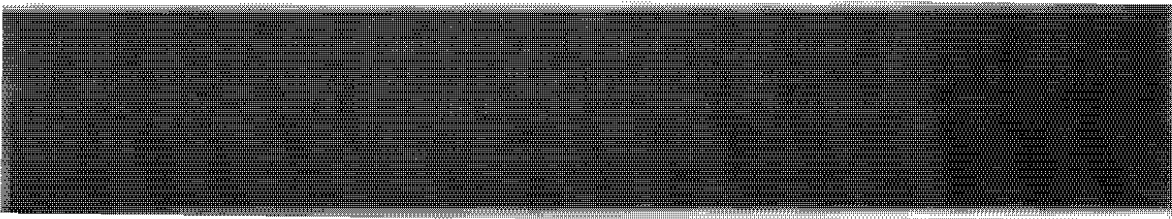
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Twitter, Facebook and Google have been helpful in partnering with secretaries of state on the NASS' #TrustedInfo2020 initiative.

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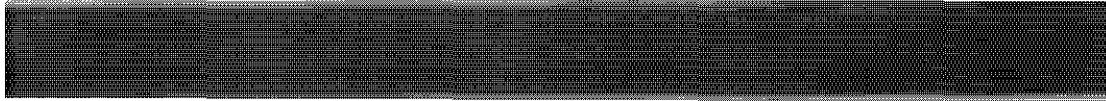
Is anyone with the secretary of state's office available to chat sometime today or tomorrow about your approach, the challenges you're facing and what you're seeing on the platforms?

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.

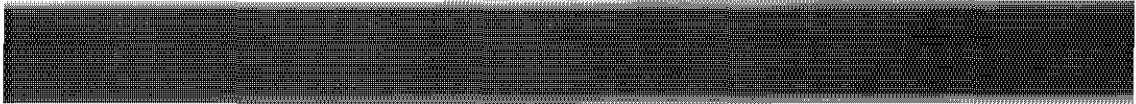
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Hi Kevin,

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 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.

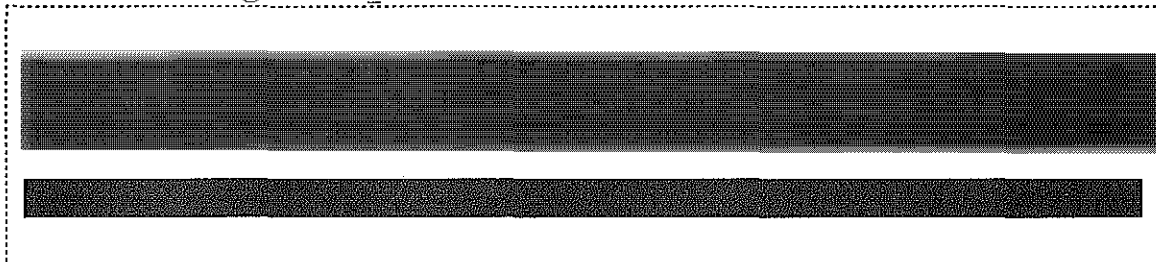
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The issue is that they are using numbers that include inactive voters. Many list maintenance procedures require a voter to move from active → Inactive → to cancelled.

County	2018 EAVS Active	2018 EAVS Inactive	2018 EAVS Total Active and Inactive Voters	Total Active Voters as of 2/3/20	CVAP	% CVAP to EAVS Active Voters	% CVAP to Total Active as of 2/3/20	Public Interest Percentage Assumptions
Dallas	58496	4305	62801	59592	61545	95.05%	96.97%	114.8
Johnson	97132	17165	114297	96655	108230	89.75%	89.31%	107.9
Lyon	8058	472	8530	8114	8316	96.90%	97.57%	102.5
Madison	11113	713	11826	10848	11707	94.93%	92.66%	102.5
Poweshiek	13166	1514	14680	12841	14587	90.26%	88.03%	102.1
Dickinson	13012	758	13770	12997	13656	95.28%	95.17%	100.9
Scott	116164	12144	128308	115249	128480	90.41%	89.70%	100.8
Warren	34332	2062	36394	33610	36787	93.32%	91.36%	100.5

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In addition to noting that our VR numbers are updated monthly to the website, should we point out that their population count is wrong as well and direct people to census numbers?

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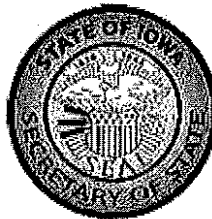
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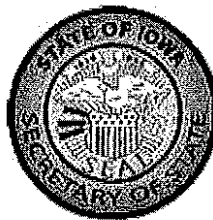
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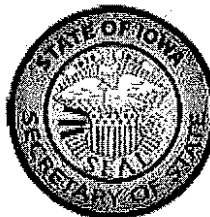
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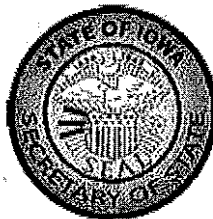
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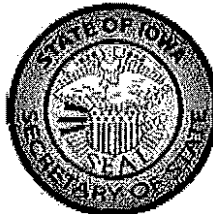
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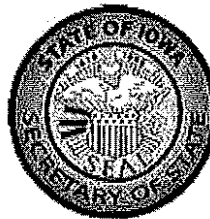
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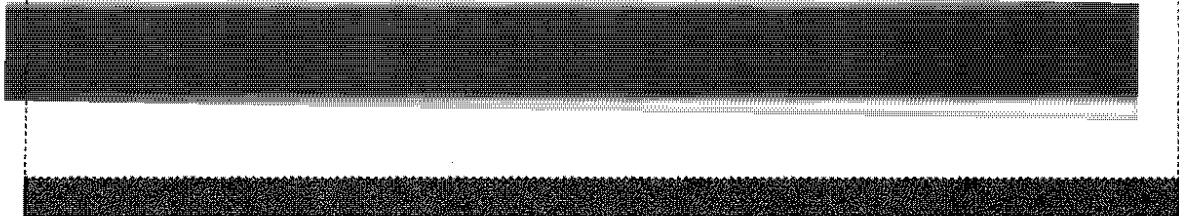
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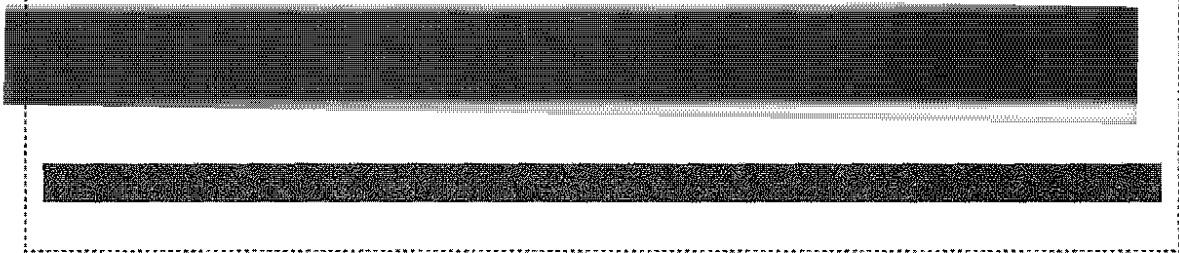
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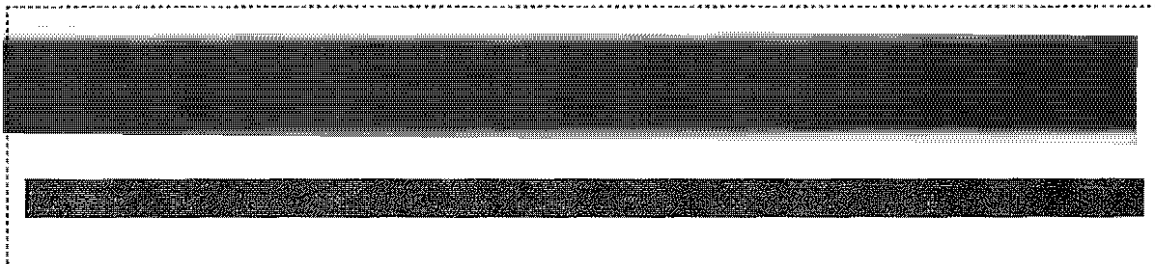
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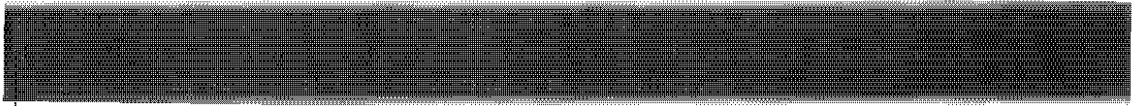

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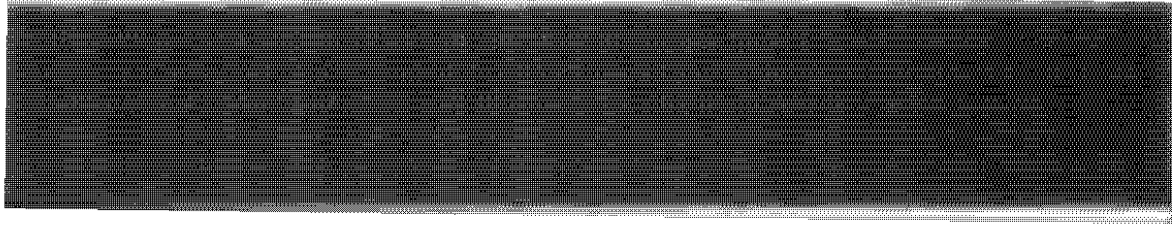


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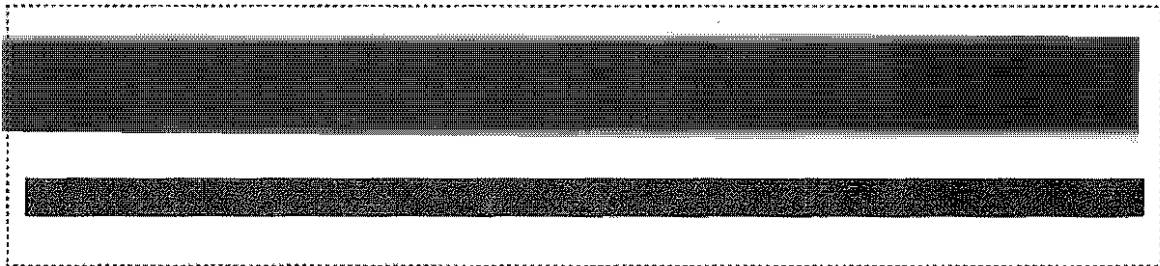
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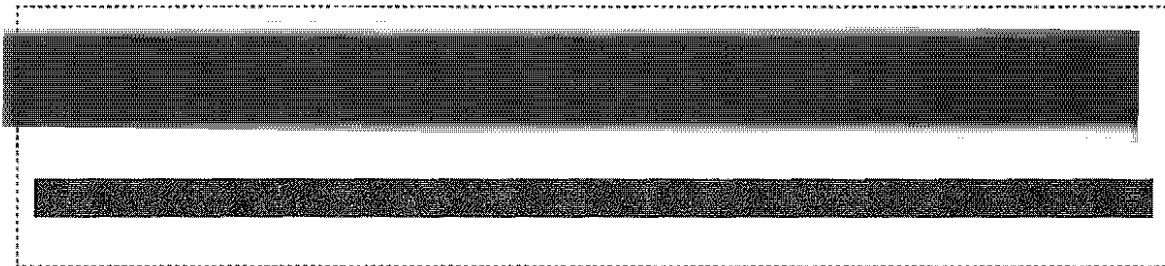
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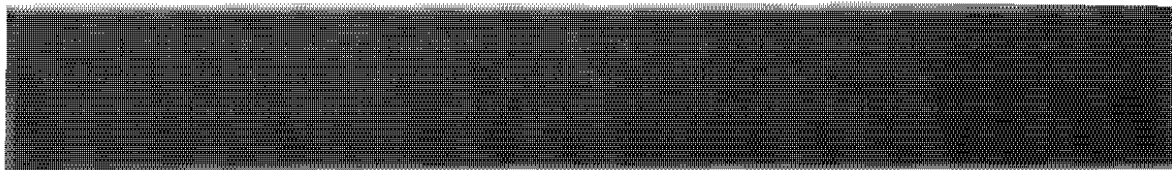
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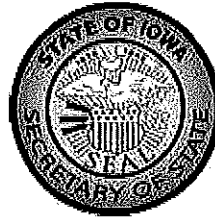
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Yes, non-active voters are on the rolls, per Iowa Code directing our list maintenance.

Heidi L. Burhans

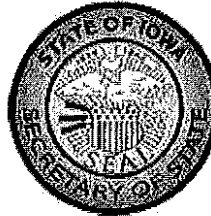
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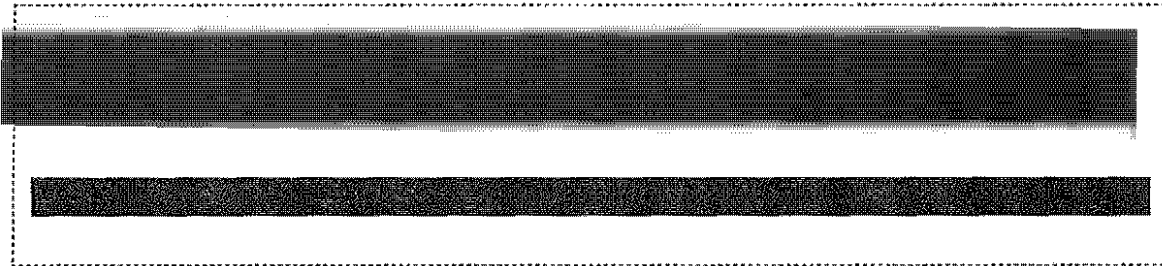
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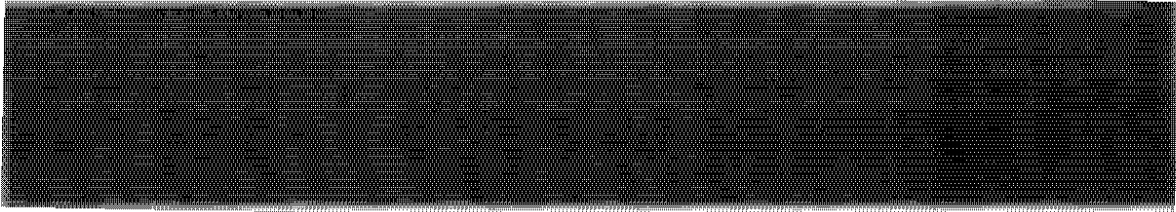
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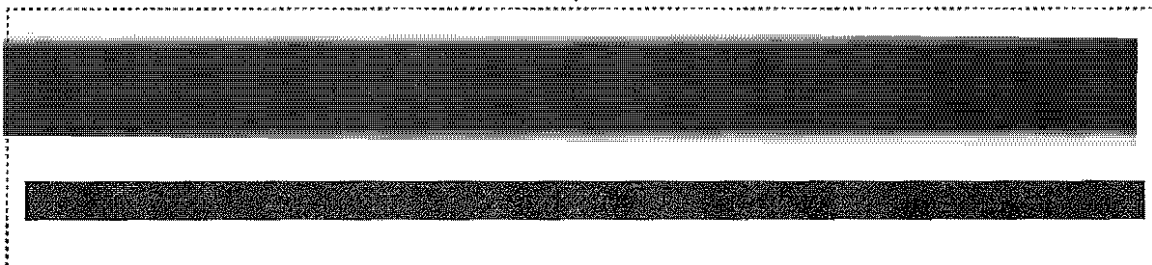
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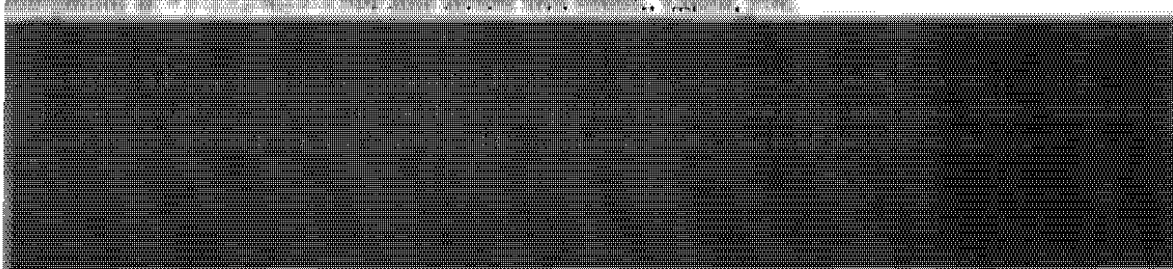
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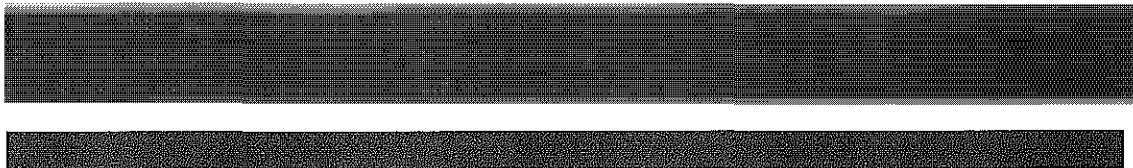
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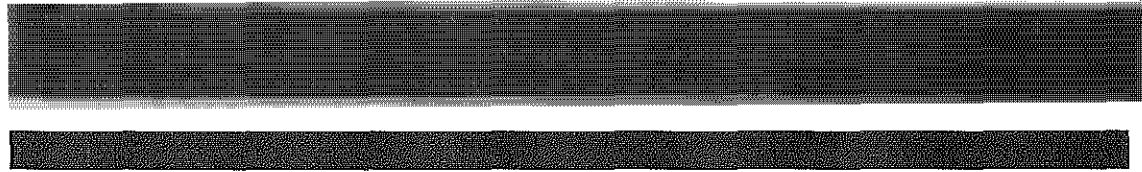
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