

From: Louis BAUDOUIN
To: Hal Kevin [SCS]
Subject: AFP Factcheck
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 9:52:23 AM

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/VRStatsArchive/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=ACSST5Y2018.S0101&q=0500000US19059,19119,19121,19103,19167,19163,19181,19049&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,

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JW000001

From: Klepper, David
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: AP Inquiry on voting rolls in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:16:20 AM

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From: [Griffin, Janelle](#)
To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:05:50 PM

Hi Kevin,

I hope your Monday is going well.

I'm reaching out on behalf of Newsroom w/Poppy Harlow & Jim Sciutto hoping Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate can join for an interview.

Is Mr. Pate available to join CNN tomorrow, Tuesday February 4th in the 9:45a et OR 10:45a et?

This would be live, for about 5-7 minutes, to discuss Mr. Pate's concerns over viral misinformation about voter registration and related political news.

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.

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From: Rood, Lee
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Can you call me?
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:21:53 PM

About Judicial Watch? Thanks

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From: Rood, Lee
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Subject: Can you please?
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Thank you from a person who is fed up with fake fact-checks,

Sanh Oriyavong

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To: Burhans, Heidi [SOS]; Ross, Michael [SOS]; Widen, Molly [SOS]
Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS]
Subject: FW: AP inquiry on voting rolls in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:35:00 AM
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FYI.

See below.

I've been shooting this down on Twitter as well.

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Klepper, David <DKlepper@ap.org>
Subject: RE: AP inquiry on voting rolls in Iowa

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Cc: [Pate, Paul \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: FW: AP inquiry on voting rolls in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:26:00 AM
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See below. Their claims are false. Asking again for a statement.

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Kevin,

I inquired with Mr. Fitton's organization and was given the eight counties he mentioned – Dallas, Johnson, Lyon, Dickinson, Scott, Warren, Madison and Poweshiek – and indeed, it appears the number of people he is claiming are on the voter rolls is inaccurate. For instance, in Dallas County Mr. Fitton claims there are more than 91,000 people registered to vote, when the SOS database shows 63,000 total voters, active and inactive.

The other seven follow a similar pattern.

Mr. Fitton is also using inaccurate population totals for several of the counties: For instance, he claims there are 80,000 people in Dallas County, when the US Census Bureau shows there to be more than 90,000.

The AP will be writing a story evaluating Mr. Fitton's claim. I'm happy to include the information you've already provided me, but I wanted to see if you or SOS Pate wanted to send me a statement (or, if he's bored on Caucus Day, a telephone call) to talk about the veracity of Mr. Fitton's claim of a serious problem in the state's voter rolls.

Best,

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CNN wants you tomorrow morning. Interested?

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Judicial Watch now escalating it:

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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

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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 you 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.

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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

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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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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:45:00 AM
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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:33 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>; [REDACTED]

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

Subject: Fwd: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Facebook at least doing something.

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

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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,

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Good news, see [REDACTED] email below, particularly the highlighted line!

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Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

Hi Kevin,

[REDACTED]

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

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM

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

Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

[REDACTED]

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

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We've told them is 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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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

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

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

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

Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

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Here's what we're dealing with in social media today:

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

See our press release below. At least WaPo called us for comment and actually listened.

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

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:28 PM

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Kevin Hall

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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.

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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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From: ptads <ptads@tcaexpress.net>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: MEDIA RELEASE: Official data rebuts false claims regarding Iowa voter registration

Forgive me again, please. I am looking at the 2016 November numbers. How does the SoS office define active vs. inactive voter and how to you get that information?

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Thanks again.

On Feb 3, 2020, at 12:29 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] wrote:

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
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Subject: Response to Judicial Watch's false claims

Dear County Auditor,

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

In response, we sent out this media release:

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

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

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

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

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

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: Ross, Michael [SOS]; Burhans, Heidi [SOS]; Widen, Molly [SOS]
Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS]
Subject: FW: Voter registration - update
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 11:30:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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See below. I think it's vital we respond with facts about inactive voters, leaving 17-year-olds off their lists, and them using, by their own admission, old data.

What they're saying it false.

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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?

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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,

Petr Svab

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From: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
To: Livingood, Heather [SOS]
Subject: FW: Voter registration in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:09:06 PM

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>
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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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: FW: WashPost inquiry: Twitter and caucus misinfo
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:22:00 AM

From: Romm, Tony <Tony.Romm@washpost.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:21 AM
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To: Ross, Michael [SOS]; Burhans, Heidi [SOS]; Widen, Molly [SOS]
Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS]
Subject: FW: Washington Post Request
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:12:00 PM
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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Washington Post Request

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Subject: FW: Washington Post Request
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Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>
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From: Dawson, Emily [SOS] on behalf of Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: FW: media request/statement re: Judicial Watch claims
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:56:00 PM

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

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

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From: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
To: [Widen, Molly \[SOS\]](#)
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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Just want to make sure I'm clear on that.

Thanks,
Angelo

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: Fichera, Angelo
Subject: Fwd: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:44:21 PM
Attachments: [Statuses and Status Reasons.docx](#)

Also see the attached. And worth noting, by their own admission, they used old data, and from different time periods. Population data from 2017, voter reg data from 2018 and tried applying it to 2020.

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Facebook at least doing something.

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Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

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

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

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We've told them is 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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Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

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

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
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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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Washington Post story: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/03/conservatives-push-false-claims-voter-fraud-twitter-iowans-prepare-caucus/>

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Iowa Caucus Calamity

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

ABC News:

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NEW: Iowa Sec. of State Paul Pate:
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Judicial Watch

Real Clear Politics: [WashPost tries to stop Fake News, becomes part of the problem](#)

Wonkette: [Judicial Watch just making up Iowa 'voter fraud' numbers, as if Iowa needed their sh*t](#)

WIRED: [Iowa misinformation spreads online, despite new policies](#)

The Epoch Times: [Iowa Secretary of State, Judicial Watch spar over claim of voter over-registration](#)

Media Matters; [How Tom Fitton and conservative media spread debunked "voter fraud" misinformation about the Iowa caucuses](#)

CNN Reporter:



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

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



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

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

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

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

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SOS/Auditor op-ed

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

Fast Track Filing

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

Election cybersecurity

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

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

Other states

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oregon: As Iowa pieces results together, Oregon officials tout election security work

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

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

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

Virginia: Virginia is unlikely to repeat Iowa's mistakes

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

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

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

National

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

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 9:02:51 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
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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?
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- 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

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JW000067

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

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Petr

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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.

JW000070

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

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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.

JW000071

Thank you!

Best,

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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

JW000081

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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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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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

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

Hello Kevin.

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

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

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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

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To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:07:56 AM

Hi Kevin,

I'm a reporter over at FactCheck.org and I'm writing about the recent Judicial Watch analysis regarding Iowa voter registration rates. Had a quick question:

Is my understanding correct that Iowa uses mailed notices to determine "inactive records" (which may apply to voters who move, die, or don't respond to the notices)? And that, under state law, if a voter's record has been inactive for "two successive general elections," that registration is canceled?

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

Thanks,
Angelo

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From: [MW Hemingway](#)
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,

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To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate
Cc: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Iowa Open Records Law Request
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 3:28:27 PM
Attachments: Iowa Sec of State Request - February 6, 2020.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam:

An Iowa Open Records Law request to Secretary of State Pate and the Office of the Secretary of State is attached.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter

Sincerely,

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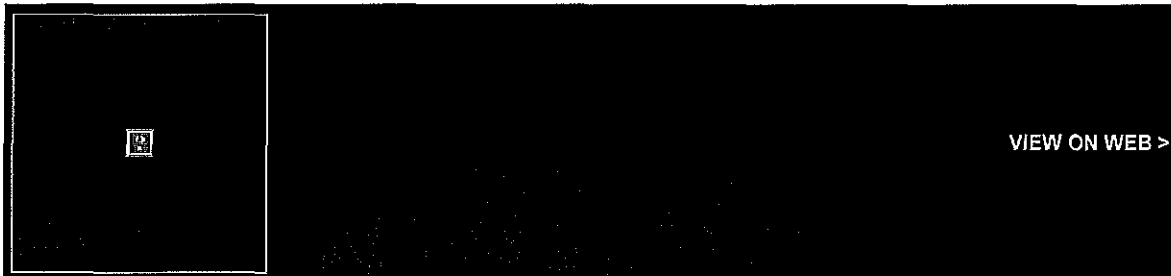
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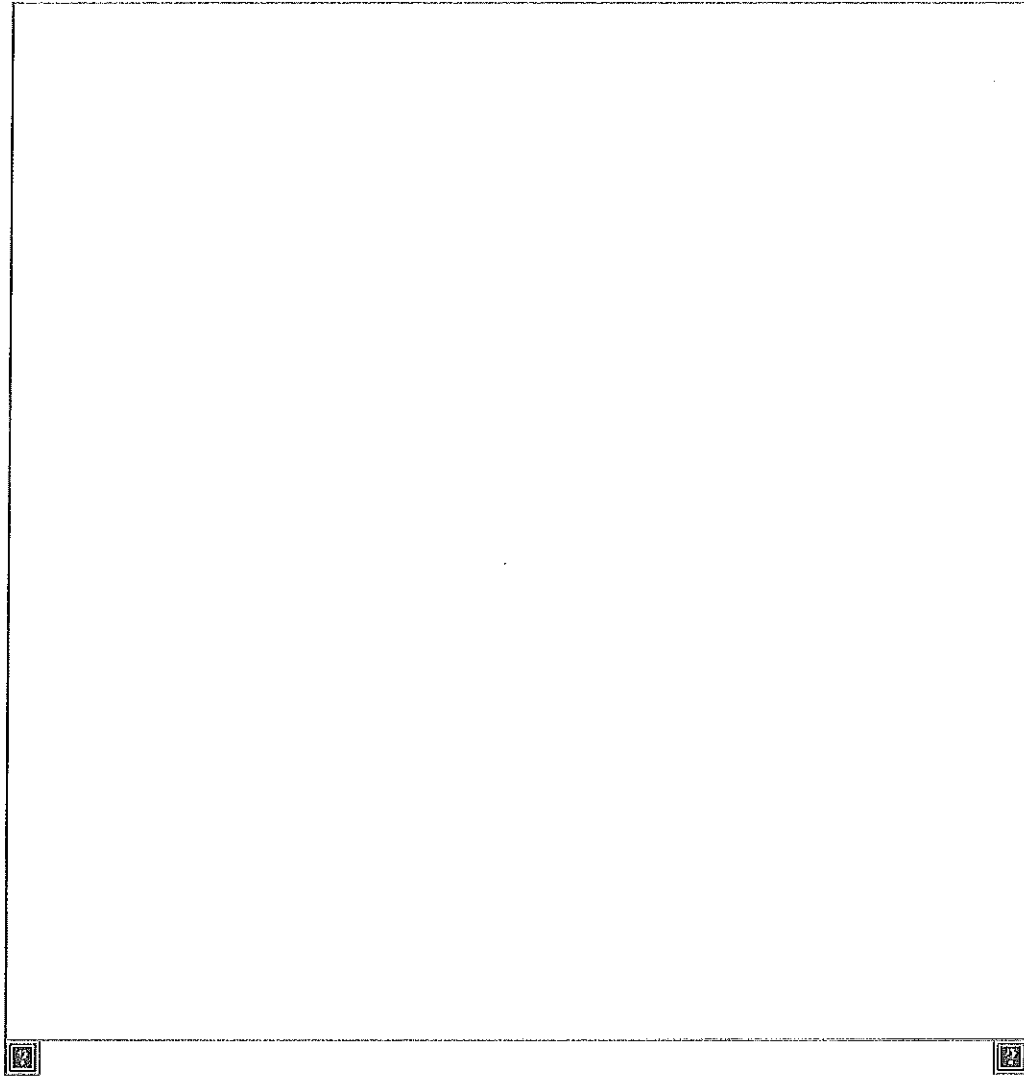
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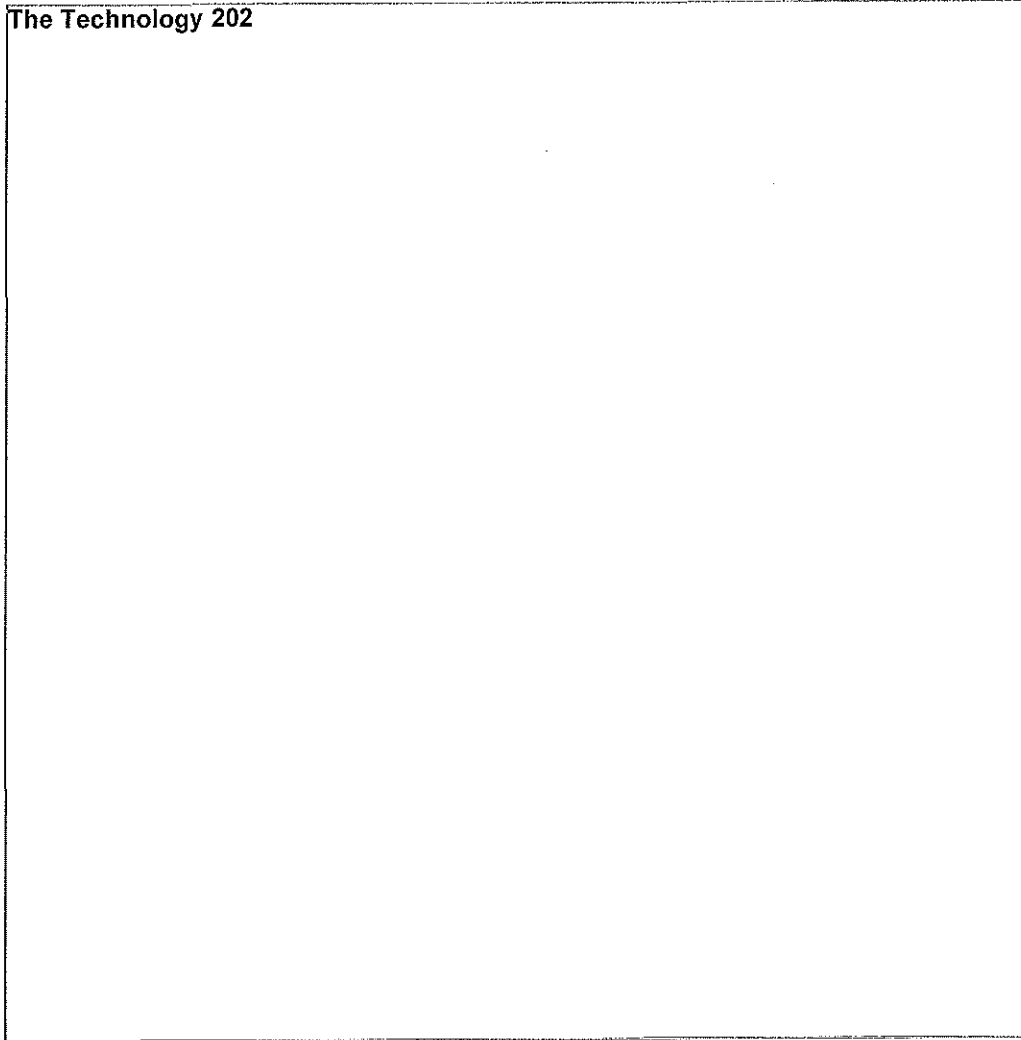
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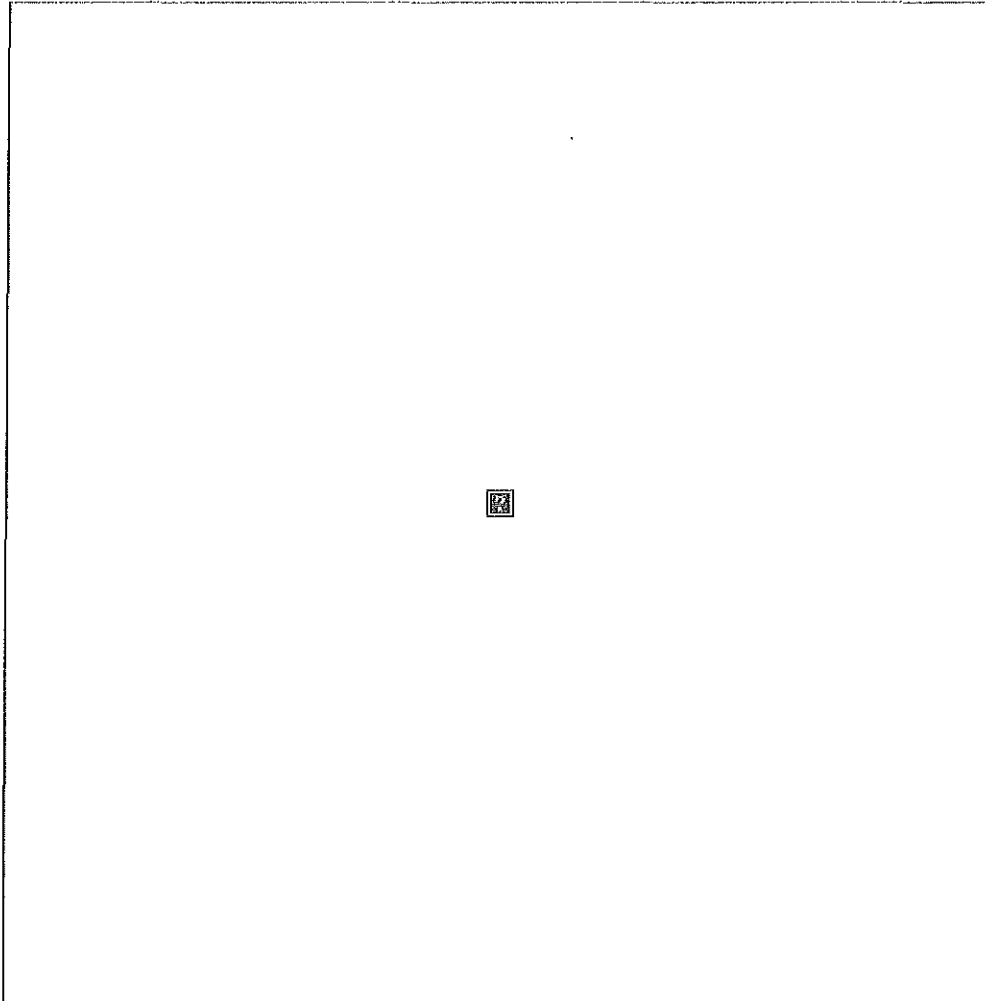
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Iowa caucus delays test tech companies' policies on falsehoods



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Signs guide caucus goers as they arrive at a caucus at Roosevelt Hight School, Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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Tech companies faced a critical test of their election integrity policies on Iowa caucus night, as conspiracy theories and falsehoods flooded social media during the delay in reporting the results.

“The delayed results in the Iowa caucuses absolutely provided a window for more caucus-related disinformation,” said Graham Brookie, the director of the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab. “It was a real test in how the candidates, government, media and tech platforms deal with disinformation in real-time.”

Twitter in particular was under pressure, as it confirmed to my colleague Tony Romm early Tuesday morning that it wouldn't ban President Trump's top political allies from saying the Iowa caucuses were "rigged."

Brad Parscale, Trump's 2020 campaign manager, and Eric Trump, the president's son, were among those who questioned whether the vote was manipulated, without citing specific evidence for their claims. The tweets came amid mass confusion as the precinct caucus system broke down, in part due to apparent technical glitches with a mobile app that was supposed to forward the results.

Such claims are "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," Twitter spokesman Brandon Borrman told Tony.

The chaos that characterized the first-in-the-nation vote signals that tech companies, election officials and campaigns are in for a challenging election year. Questions are already swirling about whether the investments and policies the companies made to address disinformation are sufficient.

Some experts say the Iowa caucuses show how the tech titans' hands-off approach to separating fact from fiction online -- unless its blatant voter suppression -- isn't enough. Falsehoods about election results can damage public confidence in the process, they say.

"While disinformation about the process of voting is in principle not allowed by most social media platforms, this case highlights vulnerability in disinformation about the results, which is equally urgent and important," Brookie said.

David J. Becker, the executive director and founder of the Center for Election Innovation & Research, agreed that focusing on voter

suppression alone is too limiting but declined to say whether Twitter should remove the tweets in question.

"Our adversaries are not just looking to suppress votes in a particular election," he told me. "They are looking to diminish confidence in democracy overall. Regardless if some voters choose not to participate, if they doubt that elections were fair and the results were correct, democracy is weakened, and autocracies like Russia benefit."

The platforms were particularly vulnerable as the Iowa caucuses as precincts struggled to communicate results, Isaac Stanley-Becker writes. Iowa Democrats said "inconsistencies" in reporting led to a delay in reporting results, but they denied that the app went down or that there was any hacking attempt. "The state party predicted results would arrive sometime Tuesday, and there was no suggestion of malfeasance or a corrupted outcome, but the delay meant the global spotlight trained on Iowa illuminated yet another hiccup in the workings of American democracy," Isaac wrote.

As Iowa caucus sites have paper records of their voting totals and accurate results should be possible, experts are urging patience - and calling on party leaders to bat back at disinformation in the meantime. "Though this should have been more organized, and the Iowa Dems were likely unwise to try to use an app to deliver results, they can get the right result if they're given some time," Becker said. "And most importantly, primary and other elections are much better and professionally organized, with many checks and balances, so we need to fight back against the disinformation that our adversaries will use to make us think that our votes don't matter."

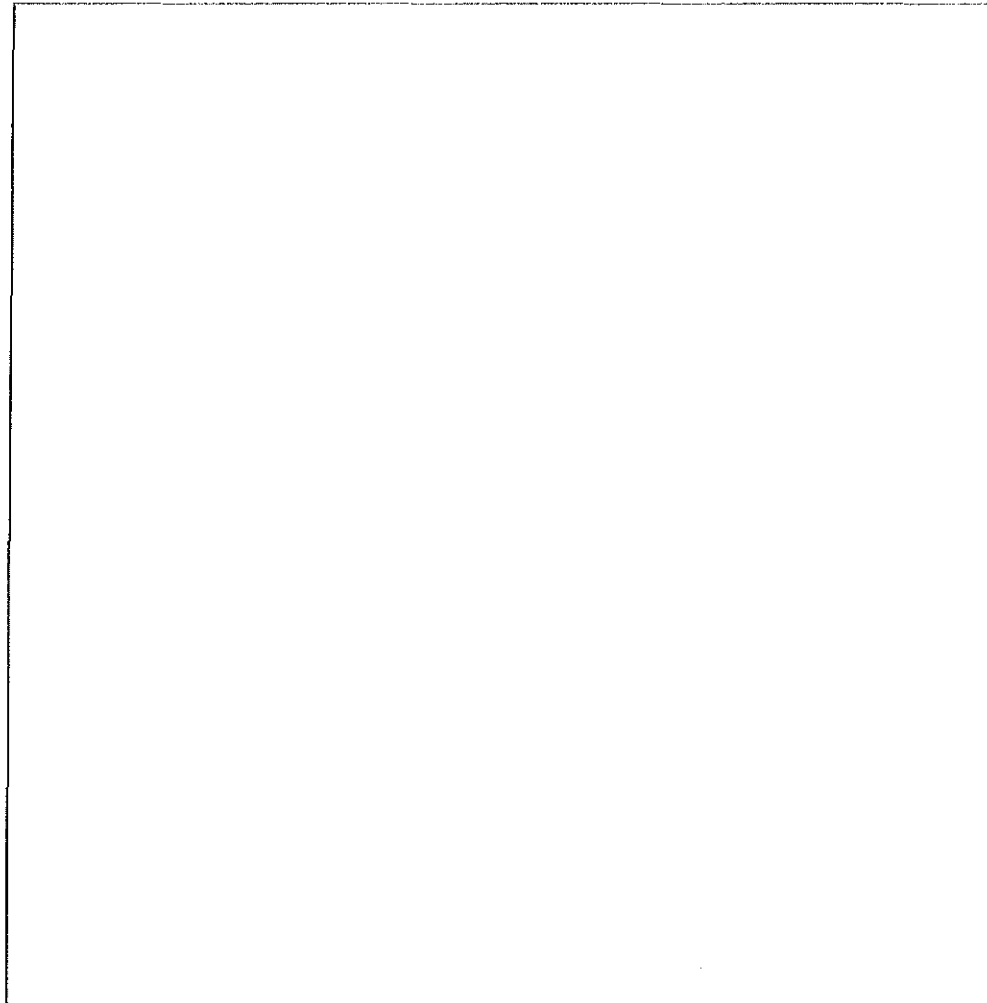
Even before the result reporting snafus, companies found themselves grappling with caucus-related falsehoods. Earlier yesterday, Twitter told Isaac and Tony that it would not take action against conservatives spreading claims of electoral fraud, after they

were debunked with public data and by the state's top election official.

Tom Fitton, president of the conservative activist group Judicial Watch, falsely claimed on Sunday morning that "eight Iowa counties have more voter registrations than citizens old enough to register." Charlie Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA, a group mobilizing young conservatives, helped amplify the claim in his own tweet later that day. Kirk called on users to retweet to show their support for a national voter-identification law.

The tweets together garnered more than 100,000 retweets, likes and replies as of yesterday afternoon, my colleagues reported.

Highlighting the challenge, a tweet from Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate debunking the claim gained significantly less traction. It had less than 700 retweets as of this morning:



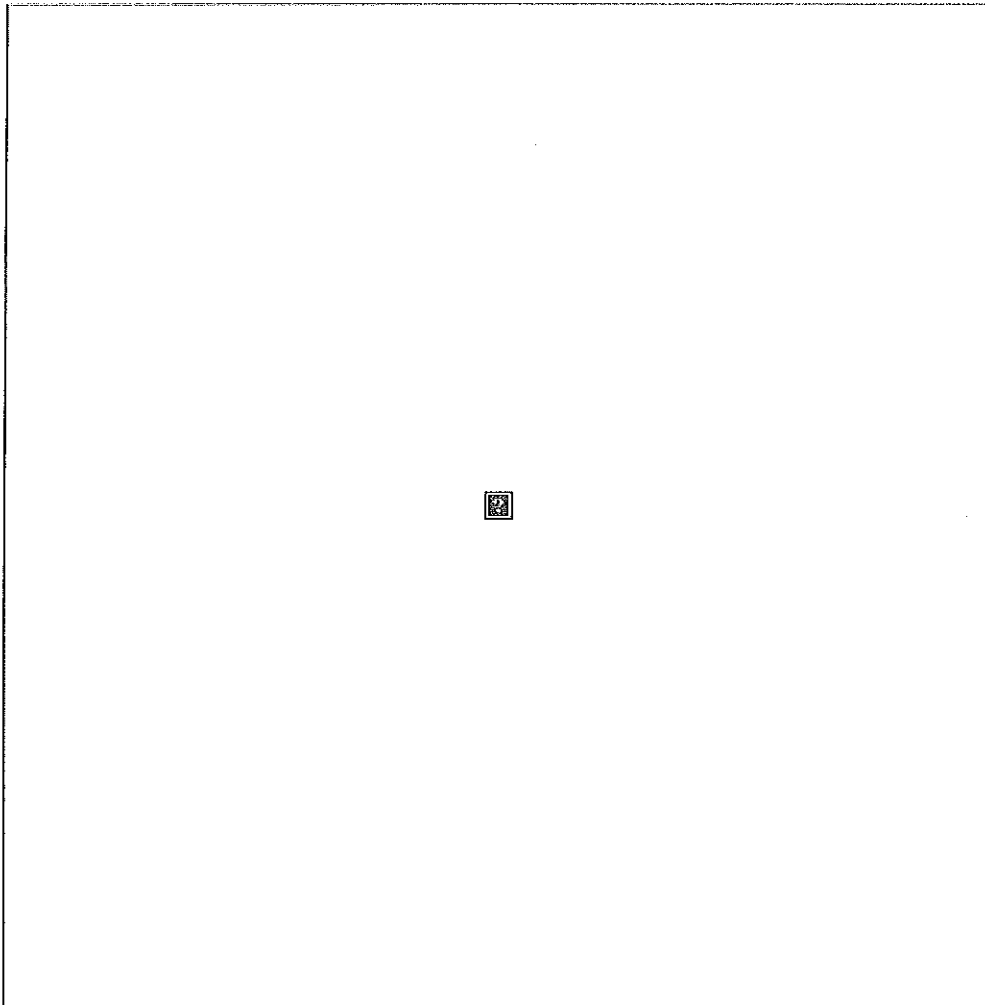
Kevin Hall, a Pate spokesman, said that Twitter's response to the false claims from Judicial Watch is "disappointing." In an email exchange reviewed by The Technology 202, Pate's staff argued that the voter roll claims absolutely do amount to voter suppression because it "leads people to believe their vote is invalid or won't count."

Twitter spokeswoman Katie Rosborough told The Technology 202 that the tweet doesn't violate its policies because it does not "suppress voter turnout or mislead people about when, where, or how to vote."

Facebook also declined to ban posts making similar claims, instead referring them to its third-party fact-checking partners. A similar post from Judicial Watch was shared roughly 11,000 times on that platform before it was flagged to fact-checking partners. By late Monday, one

fact-checking organization determined it was “false information getting spread around by conservative activists,” and Facebook then began labeling it as such for its viewers.

Yael Eisenstat, a visiting fellow at Cornell Tech in the Digital Life Initiative and a former elections integrity head at Facebook, raised concerns about the falsehoods' spread on Twitter:



Some experts said the flap highlighted the need for social media companies to adopt better mechanisms to alert users when claims have been marked as false.

"We are about to enter a turbulent election, and there will be a lot of attacks on the veracity of the process, disinformation and attempts to

suppress voter participation," said Justin Hendrix, the executive director of NYC Media Lab. "We urgently need better mechanisms to mark posts that spread false claims, or claims that have been demonstrated to mislead."

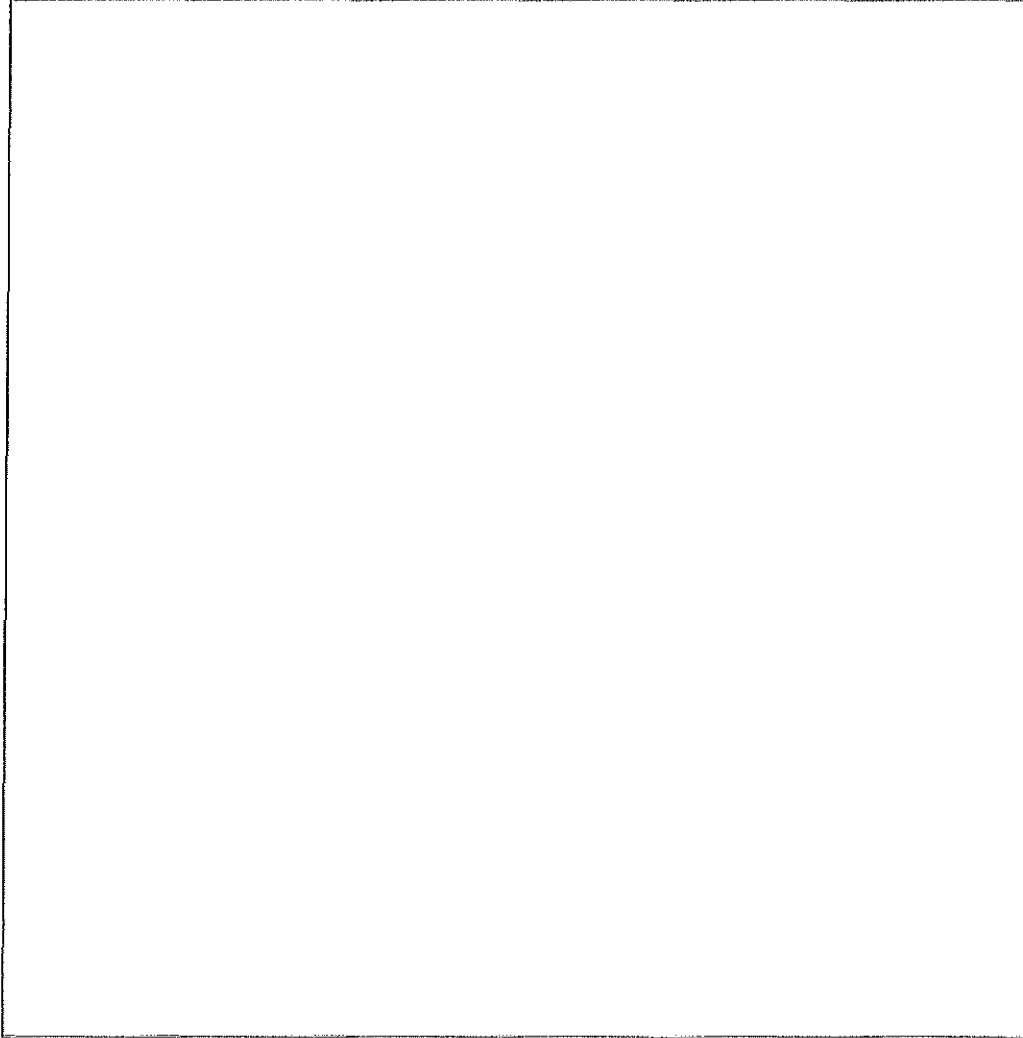
At the very least, Hendrix said, a note from the companies saying the tweets had been disputed would be useful. Twitter did not individually label tweets making false claims about the rolls, but it did include tweets debunking the claims in its curation of tweets about the Iowa caucuses, under a header that read "Early difficulties and misinformation ahead of Monday's caucuses."

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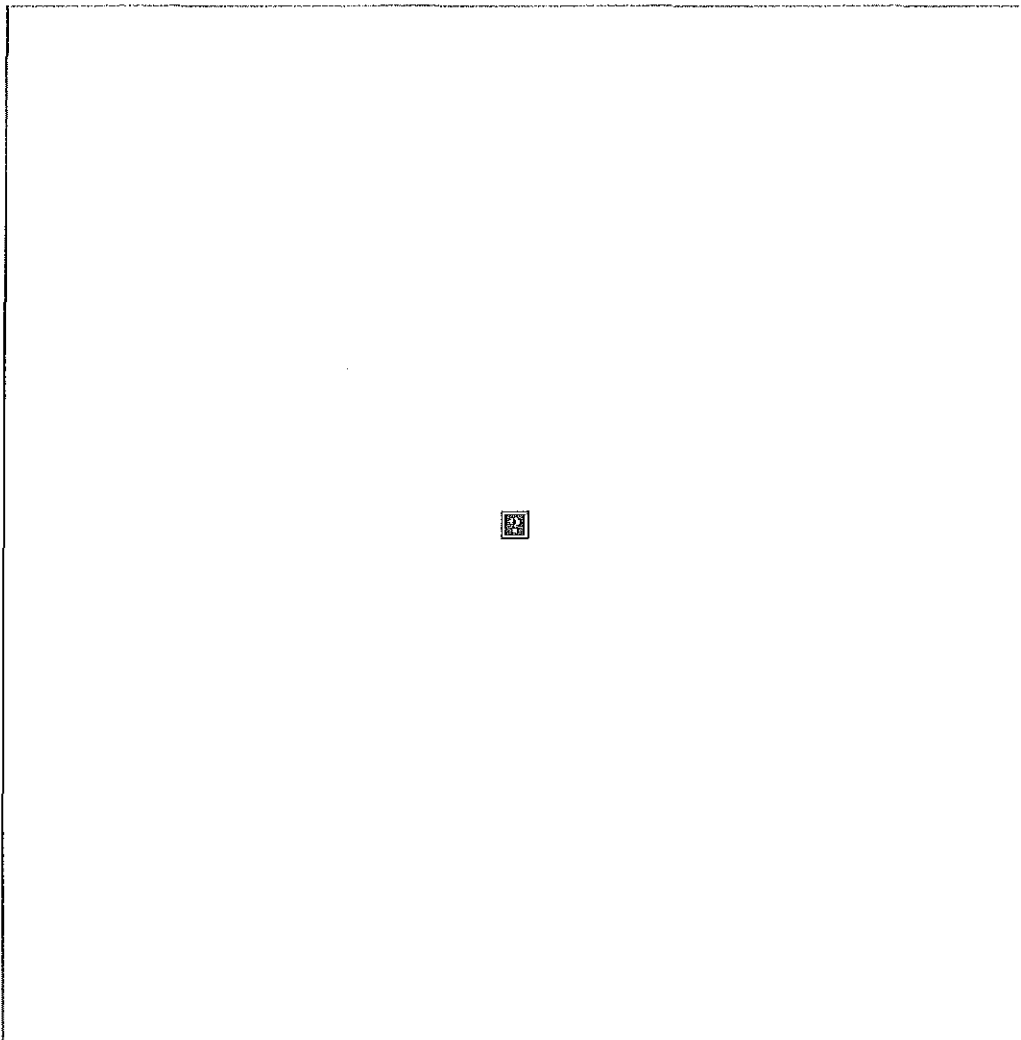


Olivia Goffman, a campaign volunteer for Democratic 2020 U.S. presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders, looks down at a campaign app on her phone. (REUTERS/Brenna Norman)

BITS: The mobile app linked to reporting delays in Iowa is expected to be used in the Nevada Democratic caucuses later this month, CNN's Brian Fung and Donie O'Sullivan report. The app is intended to report caucus results, but multiple precinct officials reported troubles with the app. CNN said it had reached out to the Nevada Democratic Party, but the story had not yet been updated with the officials' response. The mobile app in the spotlight was built by a small D.C.-based company, Shadow Inc., according to the Wall Street Journal's Deepa Seetharaman, Alexa Corse and Emily Glazer. It's a tech arm connected to the nonprofit progressive digital strategy firm Acronym. Public records reveal that the Iowa Democratic Party paid Shadow about \$63,000 across two payments in

November and December.

The company says on its website that it builds “affordable and easy-to-use tools” for progressives. The party hasn’t publicly confirmed the app creator’s identity, stoking concerns among cybersecurity experts. Acronym also distanced itself from Shadow, noting it was one of a number of investors in the app maker. The firm said it was awaiting more information from the party about what happened. But last year, Acronym’s chief executive Tara McGowan said it was launching Shadow as part of an acquisition of a customer-relationship management tool.



The Department of Justice headquarters building in Washington is photographed early in the morning. (AP Photo/J. David Ake, File)

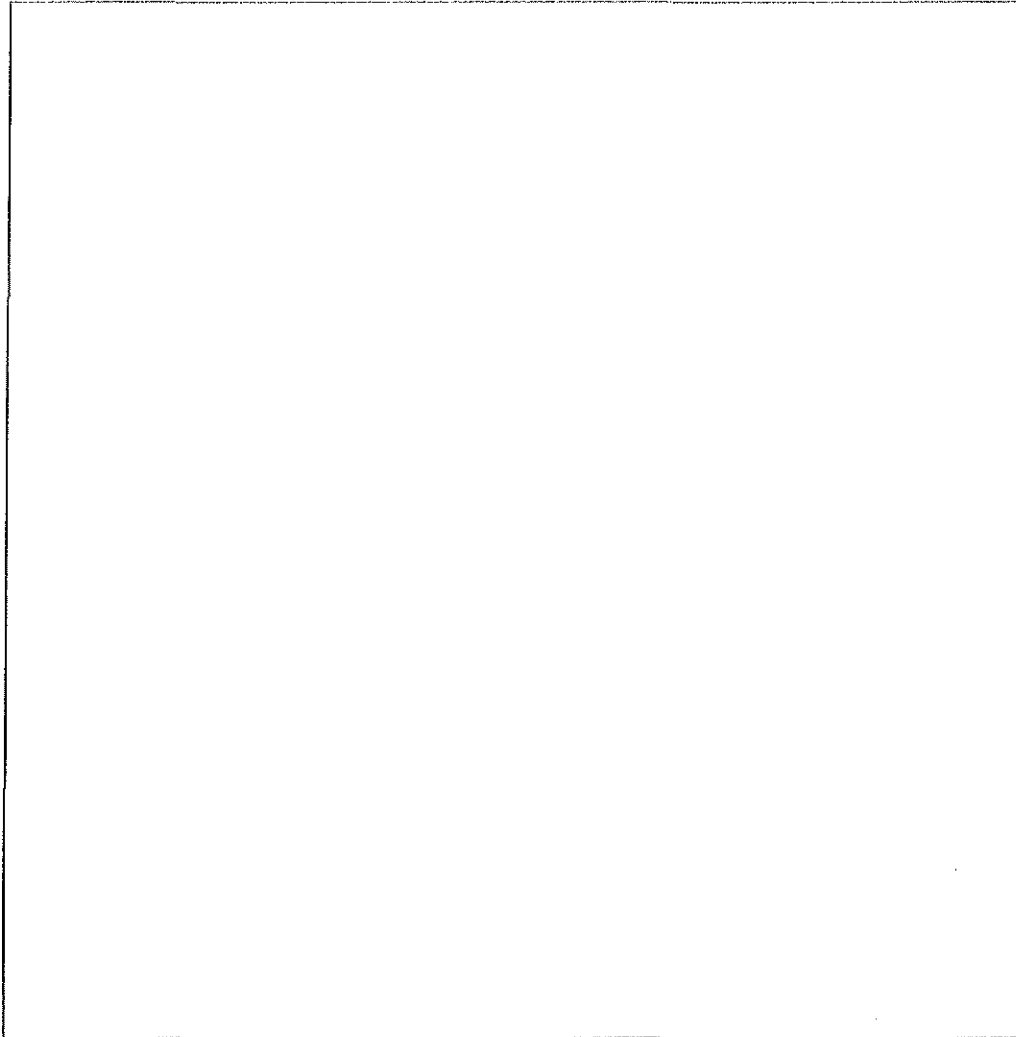
NIBBLES: The Justice Department’s top antitrust official recused himself from reviewing Google, Cecilia Kang reports for the New York

Times. Makan Delrahim removed himself from the probe due to a potential conflict of interest tied to his previous work.

Delrahim in 2007 had a contract to lobby on behalf of Google's acquisition of Double Click during his time in private law practice.

"As the technology review progressed, Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim revisited potential conflicts with previous work with the Department of Justice's ethics office," a Justice Department spokesman told the Times. "He and the ethics office have decided that he should now recuse himself from a matter within the tech review in an abundance of caution."

DOJ opened investigations into Google, Amazon and Facebook last year following questions about the size of the giants, and growing concerns that they dampen competition. The agency has reportedly called dozens of rivals across sectors to provide evidence of potentially anticompetitive behavior.



Head of the Forensic DNA laboratory Dr. Nurit Bublil, 47, extracts DNA from biological tissue at the DNA lab at the Israel National Center of Forensic Medicine. (Corinna Kern/ For The Washington Post)

BYTES: Ancestry.com refused to comply with a search warrant from a Pennsylvania court last year requesting access to its 16 million DNA profiles, BuzzFeed News's Peter Aldhous reports.

"The warrant was improperly served on Ancestry and we did not provide any access or customer data in response," the company told BuzzFeed. 23andme told BuzzFeed News it has not received any requests in 2019. Another competitor, GEDmatch, made its users opt in to police searches in 2018, after its data was used in the high-profile arrest of Golden State killer Joseph James DeAngelo.

Ancestry has not received any follow-up from law enforcement on the

warrant, but legal experts predict more battles ahead. Both 23andMe and Ancestry hold more than 10 times as many DNA profiles as GEDmatch, making them potent sources for evidence in police investigations.

Some privacy experts worry that lawmakers will use the likelihood that a suspect could be in such a comprehensive database as a panacea for probable cause.

"If statistical probability standing alone is sufficient to define probable cause, then probable cause is going to be virtually meaningless in an era of big data," Natalie Ram, a legal scholar at the University of Maryland who studies genetic privacy, told BuzzFeed News.

PUBLIC CLOUD

-- The British government needs to regulate how social media platforms including Facebook and Google target consumers with advertisements, the government's artificial-intelligence adviser said in a report yesterday. The recommendations will help shape the United Kingdom's push to launch a new regulatory body to deal with "online harms" such as disinformation.

"Most people do not want targeting stopped. But they do want to know that it is being done safely and responsibly. And they want more control," Roger Taylor, chair of the Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation, an advisory body set up by the government in 2018, said in a statement. "Tech platforms' ability to decide what information people see puts them in a position of real power."

The report recommends measures that would help regulators rein in that power. It also recommends requiring platforms to host publicly accessible online archives for "high-risk" advertisements including political, jobs, housing and credit ads. Facebook voluntarily maintains some archives of

political ads but critics argue it falls short in making the information comprehensive and accessible. The report recommends giving regulators the power to compel platforms to allow independent researchers secure access to their data to research social issues such as mental-health effects and the role of tech platforms in “incentivising the spread of misinformation.”

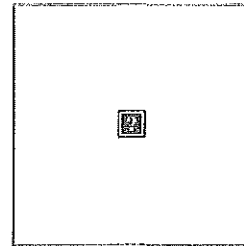
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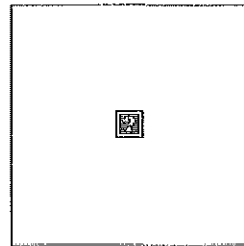


China, Desperate to Stop Coronavirus, Turns Neighbor Against Neighbor

The authorities hunt for people from Wuhan, the center of the outbreak, encouraging citizens to inform on others. Even those without symptoms are being ostracized.

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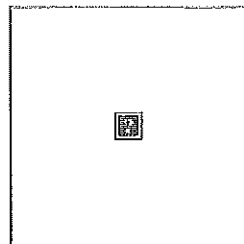


As Trump Expands His Travel Ban, Once-Vocal Tech Companies Are Silent

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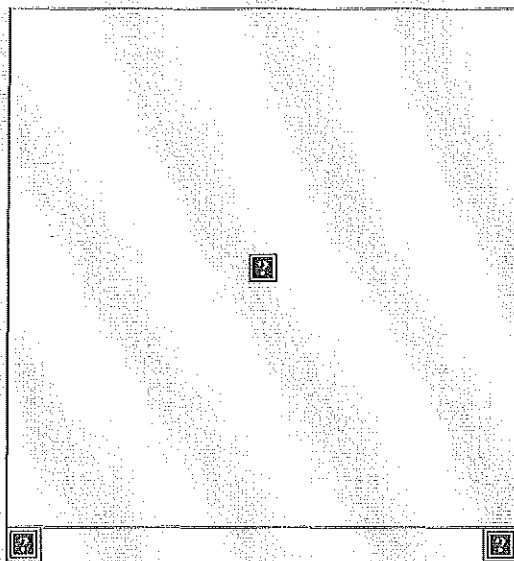
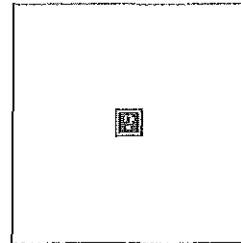


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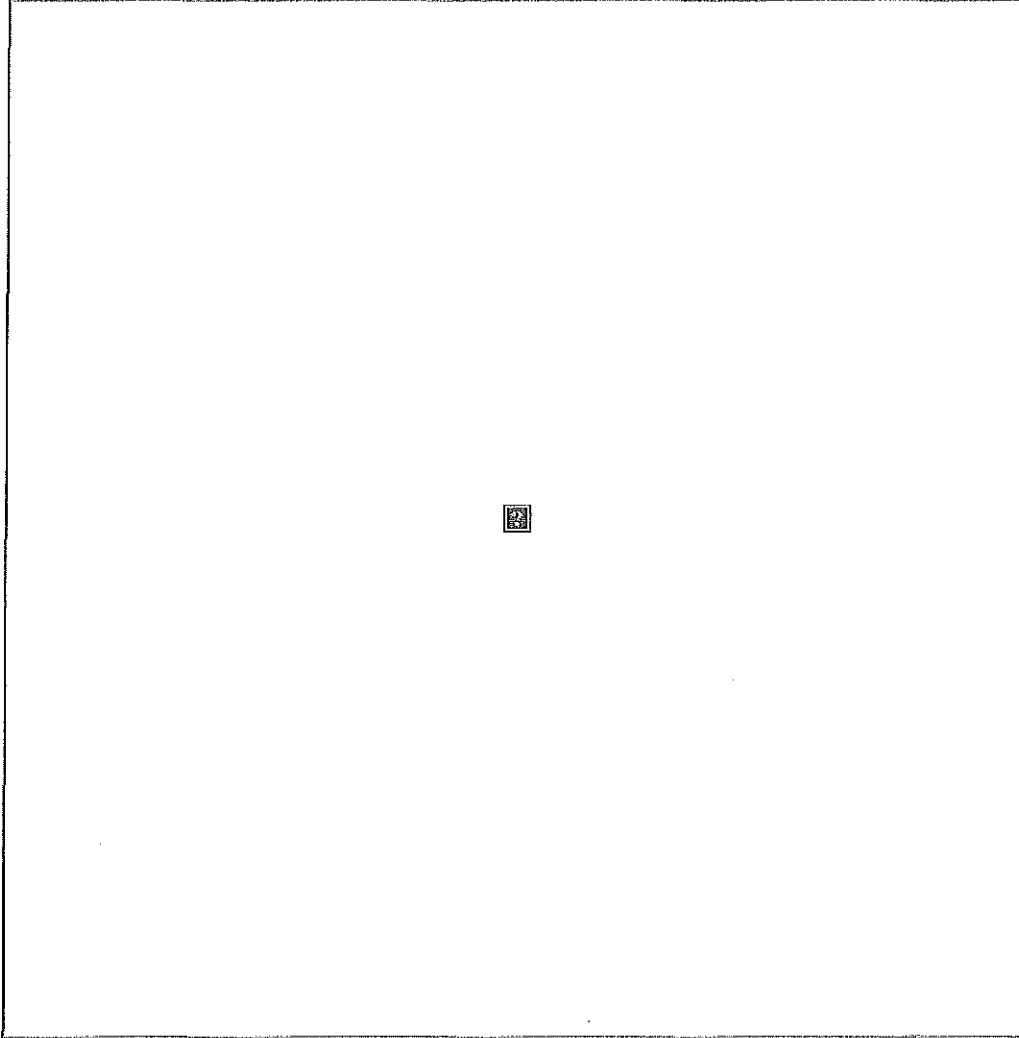
An employee-led group says an SEC proposal would discriminate against smaller investors and employees awarded company stock.

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PRIVATE CLOUD



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos and his girlfriend Lauren Sanchez. (Rafiq Maqbool/AP)

-- The brother of Jeff Bezos's girlfriend sued the Amazon founder for defamation, the Wall Street Journal's Corinne Ramey and Joe Palazzolo report. Michael Sanchez claims in a lawsuit that the mogul's representatives spread false accusations to the media that he shared graphic photos of the Washington Post owner to media outlets.

Sanchez claims that Bezos worked with his security consultant Gavin de Becker to spread falsehoods about the public disclosure of Bezos's affair with his sister, Lauren Sanchez.

"His lawsuit concerns what he says was a campaign by Mr. Bezos and Mr. de Becker to blame Mr. Sanchez for turning over graphic nude

photographs, which Mr. Sanchez denies doing,” the Wall Street Journal reports. “People familiar with Mr. Sanchez’s dealings with the tabloid said he showed a below-the-belt selfie of Mr. Bezos to the Enquirer, without providing a copy, but turned over other images.”

The lawsuit, however, acknowledges that Sanchez helped broadcast the relationship in an attempt to stay ahead of the news cycle.

Sanchez, who is seeking unspecified damages, claims the allegations have cost him business opportunities and led to an FBI raid at his house. He's filing the lawsuits as the photos are again in the public spotlight, just weeks after a forensic audit concluded that the Saudi Crown Prince hacked Bezos's WhatsApp account.

Prosecutors are now looking into whether the hack is related to American Media Inc.'s alleged attempts to blackmail Bezos with those photos last year. “My client has chosen to address this lawsuit in court and we will do that soon,” Bezos’s lawyer told the Journal.

“Michael is my older brother. He secretly provided my most personal information to the National Enquirer — a deep and unforgivable betrayal,” a lawyer representing Lauren Sanchez said in a statement on her behalf.

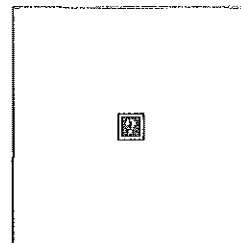
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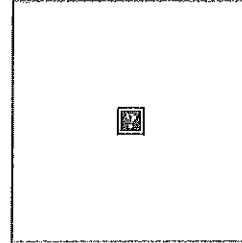


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Lyft and Uber riders told CNBC they were experiencing racism because of fears about the coronavirus.

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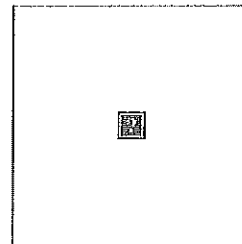


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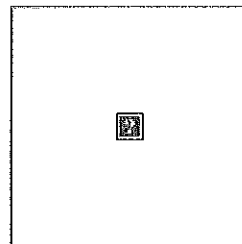


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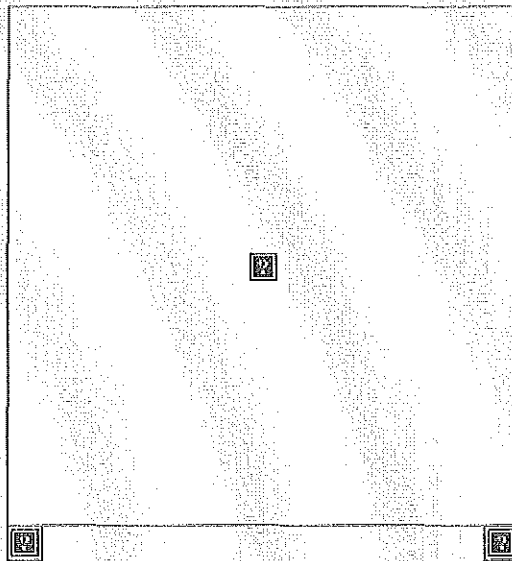
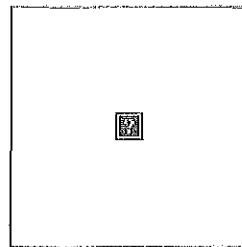


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— Coming up:

- Federal Trade Commissioners Noah Joshua Phillips and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter will address current technology policy issues during a panel conversation hosted by the Technology Policy Institute Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- The House Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee will hold a hearing "Vaping in America: E-Cigarette Manufacturers' Impact on Public Health." hearing will be held on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- The House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing on DHS's use of facial recognition and other biometric technologies on Thursday.
- The Future of Privacy Forum will host its 10th Annual Privacy Papers for Policymakers featuring a keynote speech by FTC Commissioner Christine S. Wilson on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- The Department of Justice will hold a public workshop in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 19, 2020, titled "Section 230 – Nurturing Innovation or Fostering Unaccountability"
- Silicon Flatirons will host its "Technology Optimism and Pessimism" conference Feb. 9 and 10 at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder. Speakers include Federal Communications Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and Federal Trade Commissioner Rohit Chopra.

- Mobile World Congress takes place Feb. 24 to 27 in Barcelona.
- New America will host an event on "Kickstarting the Digital Heartland" Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Georgetown Law's Institute for Technology Law & Policy in partnership with the Georgetown Law Technology Review will co-host a daylong conference on "Election Integrity in the Networked Information Era on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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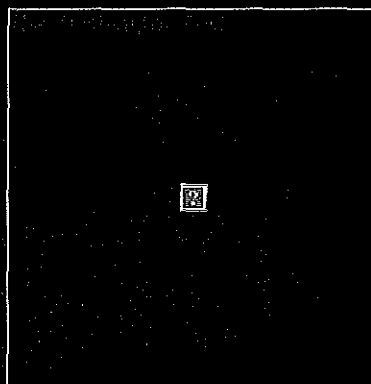
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MEDIA RELEASE: Official data rebuts false claims regarding Iowa voter registration

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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The accuracy of the Iowa Democratic Party’s vote totals is much more important than the timeliness of releasing the results. I am glad to hear they have a paper trail for their votes, just as we use paper ballots in all official elections in the State of Iowa. I support IDP while they take their time and conduct checks and balances to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the votes.”

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

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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

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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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Subject: More Iowa voter registrations than eligible votes in 8 Counties
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2020 12:07:30 PM

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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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: Quick information request from PolitiFact (Deadline: 4:30 p.m. EST)
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:51:46 PM

Hi Kevin,

I hope you're doing well. I'm a reporter for PolitiFact and I'm reaching out for your office's recent statement about a Judicial Watch report.

Here is part of the statement, which was posted on Twitter and elsewhere: <https://twitter.com/JessicaHuseman/status/1224405284044574720>

Would you mind sending me this statement for use in my fact-check? I expect my story will publish **today around 4:30 p.m. EST.**

Thanks so much!

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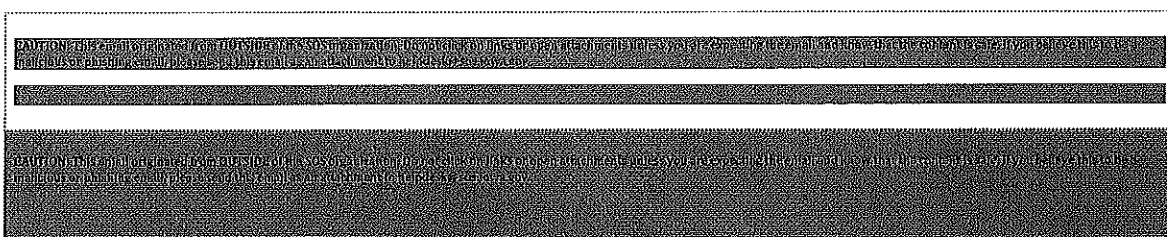
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I looked at numbers from 2019, the most current, which show only one county with more: Lyon, the most Republican county in the state (81% voted for Trump in 2016).

Dallas County is one of the fastest growing in the Midwest, so data from two years ago would be way behind.

Additionally, JW does not factor in the fact that 17-year-olds are eligible to register to vote in Iowa, and approximately 5,000 of them are registered. So claiming those registrants as part of a pool of 18+ population is erroneous and skews the numbers.

Additionally, we are required by law to keep inactive voters on the rolls for a period of time. These are people that have most likely moved away. They would have to show Voter ID to cast a ballot again in Iowa. To include them in the data creates a false impression.

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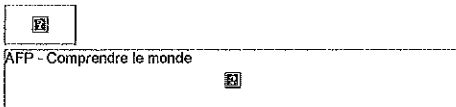
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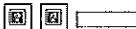
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Kevin,

I'm good with your response, I don't see a need to additional information.

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Great. This is very helpful. And thank you for alerting me to SOS Pate's response as well.

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Subject: RE: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:39:54 PM

Hi Kevin,

Just checking in- any chance we can make something work?

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Subject: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
Importance: High

Hi Kevin,

I hope your Monday is going well.

I'm reaching out on behalf of Newsroom w/Poppy Harlow & Jim Sciutto hoping Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate can join for an interview.

Is Mr. Pate available to join CNN tomorrow, Tuesday February 4th in the 9:45a et OR 10:45a et?

This would be live, for about 5-7 minutes, to discuss Mr. Pate's concerns over viral misinformation about voter registration and related political news.

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.

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Totally get it- we'd love to make it work, so please keep me posted

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To: Griffin, Janelle <Janelle.Griffin@turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate

I'm checking. We're in the middle of caucus night so might be a bit before I can get back to you.

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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: RE: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate

Hi Kevin,

Just checking in- any chance we can make something work?

From: Griffin, Janelle
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov
Subject: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
Importance: High

Hi Kevin,

I hope your Monday is going well.

I'm reaching out on behalf of Newsroom w/Poppy Harlow & Jim Sciutto hoping Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate can join for an interview.

Is Mr. Pate available to join CNN tomorrow, Tuesday February 4th in the 9:45a et OR 10:45a et?

This would be live, for about 5-7 minutes, to discuss Mr. Pate's concerns over viral misinformation about voter registration and related political news.

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.

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Janelle Griffin-Butts

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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
Subject: RE: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:37:15 PM
Attachments: [Statutes and Status Reasons.docx](#)

Send this and see if it answers her questions.

Sincerely,

Molly M. Widen

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See below. Is this accurate?

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:07:50 AM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry, re: inactive voters in Iowa

Hi Kevin,

I'm a reporter over at FactCheck.org and I'm writing about the recent Judicial Watch analysis regarding Iowa voter registration rates. Had a quick question:

Is my understanding correct that Iowa uses mailed notices to determine "inactive records" (which may apply to voters who move, die, or don't respond to the notices)? And that, under state law, if a voter's record has been inactive for "two successive general elections," that registration is canceled?

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

Thanks,
Angelo

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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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Subject: Re: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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:

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

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

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Subject: Re: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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!

On Tue, Feb 4, 2020 at 3:59 PM Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

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

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Subject: Re: Interview regarding voter registration claims?

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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-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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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: 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

RealClearPolitics

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THANK YOU – You're the best, [REDACTED], simply the best!

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From: "Burhans, Heidi [SOS]" <Heidi.Burhans@sos.iowa.gov>

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

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

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

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Facebook at least doing something.

Get Outlook for iOS

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

Subject: Re: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

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

Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 5:19 PM

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

Subject: RE: Iowa Caucuses - Facebook Reporting Channel

[REDACTED]

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.ARCu80fseWOrT98AoUuflf9YxhJ61gZn0lxgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPji0uCGG-jGKNk9N0obpAeaaryWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDb-OSuAtunrUdUYXAjPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUFhd9XTScjMEQQadpSTDKjLCdv8xsSeshc8ZA7WNkFErAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czExLS_g3b1JhFK_aJcUYHPjLwBo9Diwv6UWivLOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&__tn__=-R](https://www.facebook.com/JudicialWatch/posts/10157582364851943?__xts__[0]=68.ARCu80fseWOrT98AoUuflf9YxhJ61gZn0lxgR8BzREBw6jgHMyVkfFQUOT9zBo1pPFaScgWqO6yAs9CsPji0uCGG-jGKNk9N0obpAeaaryWvIK4SgvFM6mq227Q019cP9J5D3tdk9kt88TKYM0e8GDb-OSuAtunrUdUYXAjPRWDamcV8I_w3Tm3vgjPep005-pvN274-5vovBamYX3AchwpIrt4tUFhd9XTScjMEQQadpSTDKjLCdv8xsSeshc8ZA7WNkFErAdQT-M5xg1IDAVU_bf75czExLS_g3b1JhFK_aJcUYHPjLwBo9Diwv6UWivLOZ_skUBI2ctAFZw&__tn__=-R)

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We've told them is 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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Subject: Iowa Caucuses Touching Base

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	Reg Rate	Total Pop	Iowa Secy of State voter total	2016 election results
Dallas County	114.8	80,864	Dallas County - 59,667 active + 3,742 inactive	Trump 51.3%
Johnson County	107.9	144,423	Johnson County - 96,938 active + 12,233 inactive	Clinton 66.0%
Lyon County	102.5	11,745	Lyon County - 8,117 active + 373 inactive	Trump 81.9%
Madison County	102.5	15,720	Madison County - 10,858 active + 772 inactive	Trump 62.6%
Poweshiek County	102.1	18,428	Poweshiek County - 12,872 active + 1,336 inactive	Trump 50.9%
Dickinson County	100.9	17,000	Dickinson County - 12,859 active + 867 inactive	Trump 65.8%
Scott County	100.8	171,493	Scott County - 115,303 active + 12,344 inactive	Clinton 47.5%
Warren County	100.5	48,630	Warren County - 33,634 active + 2,714 inactive	Trump 54.9%



Jamie Dupree
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The newest figures (released today) by the Iowa Secretary of State have much lower voter registration numbers than charged by Judicial Watch.

sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/...
twitter.com/TomFitton/stat...

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Can you send me the link for Lyon County that you're using for that?

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

https://www.judicialwatch.org/press-releases/judicial-watch-eight-iowa-counties-have-total-registration-rates-larger-than-eligible-voter-population-at-least-18658-extra-names-on-iowa-voting-rolls-2/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=press_release&fbclid=IwAR2-GoPmNzfD1jYdPCZ8TEpOrrQfPXD_B9jkHmOyKpnbmvnHz75c_BiolAO

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Nothing like that planned as of now. Important to remember the political parties run the caucuses. They are not official State of Iowa elections. Will let you guys know if anything else pops up.

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Hi Kevin,

Nice meeting you in person on Thursday! Here's [the story](#) ICYMI. Do you know yet about plans to report out any issues during the caucuses tonight? Is Secretary Pate planning on putting out a statement or doing a call if there are/ aren't issues?

Thanks,

Joe

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(I typically work Sunday to Thursday. If you email me on Friday, I'll likely get back to you Monday).

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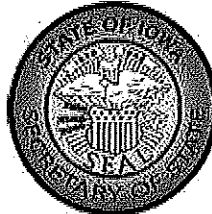
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Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Media reports already

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

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: Daniel Funke
Subject: RE: Quick information request from PolitiFact (Deadline: 4:30 p.m. EST)
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:09:00 PM
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Daniel,

Here's the full news release. Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Daniel Funke <dfunke@poynter.org>

Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:52 PM

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

Subject: Quick information request from PolitiFact (Deadline: 4:30 p.m. EST)

Hi Kevin,

I hope you're doing well. I'm a reporter for PolitiFact and I'm reaching out for your office's recent statement about a Judicial Watch report.

Here is part of the statement, which was posted on Twitter and elsewhere: <https://twitter.com/JessicaHuseman/status/1224405284044574720>

Would you mind sending me this statement for use in my fact-check? I expect my story will publish **today around 4:30 p.m. EST.**

Thanks so much!

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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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From: Shelly Barber <sbarber@henrycountyiowa.us>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 2:04 PM
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Subject: RE: Response to Judicial Watch's false claims

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 1:30 PM

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: The Hill newspaper inquiry - Countering Iowa caucus-related misinformation?

Hi Kevin,

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

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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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To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Re: The Hill newspaper inquiry - Countering Iowa caucus-related misinformation?

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

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

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

Kendall Antle

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Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>; Widen, Molly [SOS]
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Iowa Caucus Calamity

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

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

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

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

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

Computer World: Iowa Caucus chaos likely to set back mobile voting

Daily lowegian in Centerville: Iowa Caucuses worked fine, results no to much

KTIV-TV in Sioux City: Noon news

WHO-TV in Des Moines: Noon news

WOWT-TV in Omaha: 5pm news

KWQC-TV in Quad Cities: 6pm news

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

ABC News:



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NEW: Iowa Sec. of State Paul Pate:
"I support IDP while they take their
time and conduct checks and
balances to ensure the accuracy
and integrity of the votes."
abcn.ws/384G6fi

ABC NEWS - Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate said the following statement today regarding the Iowa Caucuses:

"The Iowa Secretary of State's Office and county poll workers have a great deal of work to do to ensure the political process. Although the caucuses are a vital part of the process, they are not elections. Local election officials get to tell the candidates and voters about the rules of the caucuses and ensure that the process is fair and accurate."

The secretary of the Iowa Secretary of State's Office said in a statement today that the problem of releasing the results from the caucuses is a process that will take time and effort. It is his job to ensure the integrity of the process and to ensure that the results are accurate and reliable."

ABC

11:27am · 4 Feb 2020 · SocialFlow

14 Replies 16 Retweets 63 Likes

Judicial Watch

Real Clear Politics: WashPost tries to stop Fake News, becomes part of the problem

Wonkette: Judicial Watch just making up Iowa 'voter fraud' numbers, as if Iowa needed their sh*t


WIRED: [Iowa misinformation spreads online, despite new policies](#)

The Epoch Times: [Iowa Secretary of State, Judicial Watch spar over claim of voter over-registration](#)



Media Matters: [How Tom Fitton and conservative media spread debunked "voter fraud" misinformation about the Iowa caucuses](#)

CNN Reporter:



Jim Sciutto 
@jimsciutto

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

Judicial Watch   @JudicialWatch
BREAKING: Judicial Watch announced that 8 Iowa counties have more voter registrations than their eligible voting-age population (1/3).
jwatch.us/dw22MC
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3:41pm · 3 Feb 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

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Politico reporter:



Eric Geller · @ericgeller · Feb 4

Calm, measured statement by Iowa's Republican secretary of state.

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate · @IowaSOS · Feb 4

Official statement regarding the #IowaCaucuses:

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

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

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SOS/Auditor op-ed

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

Fast Track Filing

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

Election cybersecurity

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

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

Other states

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pennsylvania: [In wake of Iowa turmoil, Pa. preps millions of voters for new machines](#)

South Carolina: [After Iowa debacle, SC election officials assure primary on track](#)

Texas: [Iowa's problems with new voting system not expected here in Central Texas](#)

Virginia: [Virginia is unlikely to repeat Iowa's mistakes](#)

Washington: [Local elections officials try to ease concerns over security after Iowa results delay](#)

Kansas: [After Kobach's 2018 bid, Kansas lawmakers weigh making secretary of state non-partisan](#)

Washington: [Sec. of State candidates comment on Iowa Caucus disarray](#)

National

USA Today: ['Overwhelm the system' to thwart voter suppression, Stacey Abrams counsels blacks](#)

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Hawkeye Cauceye delayed results (with SOS quotes)

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

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

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afternoon

AP: Iowa's coveted status in doubt following results delay

Daily lowegian: Voters: Caucuses worked fine, results not so much

ProPublica: Iowa's lesson: Political parties are not as good as government officials at counting votes

Fox Business: Sec. Pate interview with Neil Cavuto

Judicial Watch

Wall Street Journal: Iowa Caucuses live coverage

KGAN TV in Cedar Rapids: Official data shows claims made regarding Iowa voter registration were false

The Hill: Iowa secretary of state disputes viral misinformation about voter registration

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

The Verge: Iowa conspiracy theories are testing Facebook's misinformation policy

AlterNet: Republican state official rebukes a conservative group for spreading lies ahead of Iowa caucuses

NBC: Debunked claims about Iowa voter fraud pushed by conservative activists

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

NEWS BRIEFS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reuters: [Iowa official slams viral claim of suspicious voter registration activity as false](#)

Gizmodo: [Twitter admits it knowingly helped spread election disinformation during Iowa Caucuses](#)

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

Media from NASS w/ Sec. Pate

KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids: [Iowa Secretary of State warns against misinformation ahead of Monday caucuses](#)

WOWT-TV in Omaha: [Iowa Sec. of State talks election security before Iowa Caucuses](#)

Washington Post: [Election officials confident about cybersecurity ahead of first contests](#)

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

VoteShield

Marshalltown Times Republican: [Iowa partners with VoteShield to protect integrity of elections](#)

Onawa Sentinel: [Iowa's first-in-the-nation partnership with VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections](#)

Rockwell Pioneer Enterprise: [Iowa's partnership with VoteShield helps protect integrity of elections](#)

SOS/Auditors guest editorial

N'West Iowa Review: [Protecting our elections](#)

USMCA

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

Youth Straw Poll

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

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

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

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

Amb. Quinn NASS Award

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

Felons

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

Voter reg

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

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

Safe at Home

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

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

Election Cybersecurity

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

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

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

Other states

The Hill: Ohio to ramp up election security with new federal funds

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

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What is the most current Census data? This? [https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-
census/about/voting-rights/cvap.2020.html](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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Thank you!

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Absolutely need to respond.

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Cc: Pate, Paul [SOS] <Paul.Pate@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: FW: Voter registration - update

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

What they're saying it false.

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Cc: Antle, Kendall [SOS]
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The voter reg totals (total, active and inactive) were all pulled before our 2019 list maintenance season (NCOA, no activity, multistate).

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

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

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Widen, Molly [SOS] <Molly.Hammer@sos.iowa.gov>; Burhans, Heidi [SOS] <Heidi.Burhans@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Voter registration - update

Can y'all help with this?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you!

Petr

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

Ok. I don't see citizens over 18 estimates for 2019. I only see those for 2014-2018.

For 2010-2019, I only see resident over 18 for the whole state or total population by county.

The data does indicate 7 percent total population growth in Dallas County, but even if I tried to increase the 2014-2018 eligible population number for the county by 7 percent, it still shows registration rate of over 103 percent (using SOS's Feb. 2020 registration data. If I used SOS's July 2019 data, Dallas still over 100).

What do you think?

Thanks!

Petr

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

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

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

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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).

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I see.

- Could you please point me to the population data SOS is using?
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- How long does SOS need to keep inactive voters on the rolls?
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Doesn't this indicate Iowa still has more work to do to clean up its voter rolls as required by NVRA?

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From: Widen, Molly [SOS]
To: wasstanton@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Voter registration in Iowa
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:58:00 PM

Good Afternoon Mrs. Evans,

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,

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From: Judi Gee <wasstanton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>
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!

Mrs. Judi Evans

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: Zakrzewski, Cat
Subject: RE: Washington Post Request
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:12:00 PM
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Cat,

Here's the email chain with Twitter. Their response is disappointing (I misspelled "they're" in the original reply to Kevin Kane. Fixed it below).

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 they're false, mainstream media like the Washington Post have proven they're 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.

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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

Kevin Hall

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From: Zakrzewski, Cat <Cat.Zakrzewski@washpost.com>

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

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

Subject: Washington Post Request

Hey Kevin,

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

Thanks,

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Cat

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Ok. Thanks Kevin.

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 10:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:07:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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

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Subject: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 4:26:29 PM

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Cc: Kevin Hall <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>; [REDACTED]

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

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

And the message from [REDACTED] at Facebook below:

From: [REDACTED]
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

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From: Hall, Kevin [SOS]
To: ebaron@bayareanewsgroup.com
Subject: RE: media request/statement re: Judicial Watch claims
Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:58:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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It's linked here: https://sos.iowa.gov/news/2020_02_03.html

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From: Iowa Secretary of State Paul D. Pate <SOS@sos.iowa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov>
Subject: FW: media request/statement re: Judicial Watch claims

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

Hello Iowa SOS,

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

Ethan

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From: [Griffin, Janelle](#)
To: [Hall, Kevin \[SOS\]](#)
Subject: RE: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 6:39:54 PM

Hi Kevin,

Just checking in- any chance we can make something work?

From: Griffin, Janelle
Sent: Monday, February 3, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov
Subject: CNN Interview Request: Paul Pate
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.

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Date: Monday, February 3, 2020 9:22:52 PM

That's too bad, but I appreciate you getting back to me.

May I have your cell number for my records?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2020, at 10:09 PM, Hall, Kevin [SOS] <Kevin.Hall@sos.iowa.gov> wrote:

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