







Reason for Hope

Mississippi

- People are becoming aware of issues that were previously ignored. Mississippi had our primary elections this past week on August 8. Unfortunately, many of the conservative candidates were knocked out of races because Mississippi still has an open primary where Democrats can vote on the Republican side and vote against the most conservative candidates. I believe there will be a push to get the legislature to hopefully change the law for that.
- As a candidate, the audit of the election can occur within the twelve days after the election has been certified. Candidates can have authorized representatives assist in the audit of the ballots in their election. Many people are volunteering to help with it. It is a good way to help the ordinary citizen to understand how the elections work. It is a positive sign to see so many more people wishing to get involved in the process.

Reason for Hope: Hand Count Success

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- While we haven't been able to move from machine counts to hand count, we have discovered helpful information on the Secretary of State's website.
- The County Elections Handbook has a remedy where candidates can hand count the ballots after the election to ensure that the machines counted correctly.
- Most counties do still have machines, so we have contacted every county to inquire about machine testing. We attended our tests & learned that it's not really a test so much as a rehearsal. Everything was already programmed and there was a "test deck" of ballots that were sent to the county officials, origins unknown.

