Important Tool: Hand Counts

LINDA RANTZ















Returnto Hand Counting















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: a popular belief that is false or unsupported

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: the results of an investigation

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In 1977,

Missouri State Legislature

Statutes in place for complete process of hand counting ballots



















eManual

60-page process plus info & resources



Return to Hand Counting



An eManual by Linda Rantz
Prepared for Cause of America - Missouri



















Costs too much Less Accurate Takes too Long

Not Enough People

Only Works for Small Counties

















Saves Time Saves Money

Same Day Results

Transparency & Security

Works in Counties of any size















Findings

Continuity of Government















HAND COUNTING COSTS TOO MUCH

What they won't say:

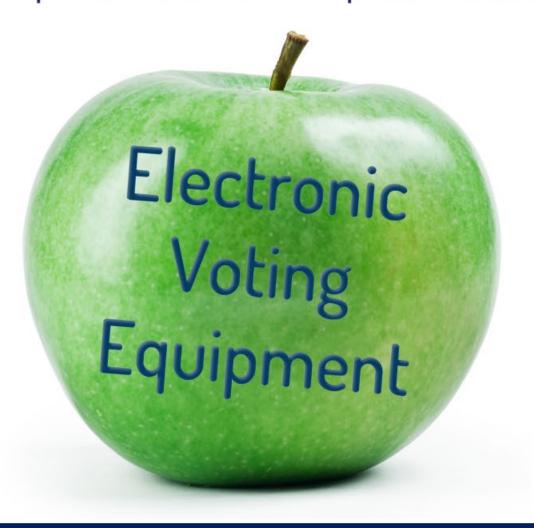
How much it costs (total) to use voting machines.

What they WILL say:

Hand counting will cost more than that.

Nearly impossible to do an apples-to-apples comparison, since "ALL" costs for voting equipment are not provided.



















Slices-to-Slices Comparison

Additional Election Judges to hand count the ballots Gounting











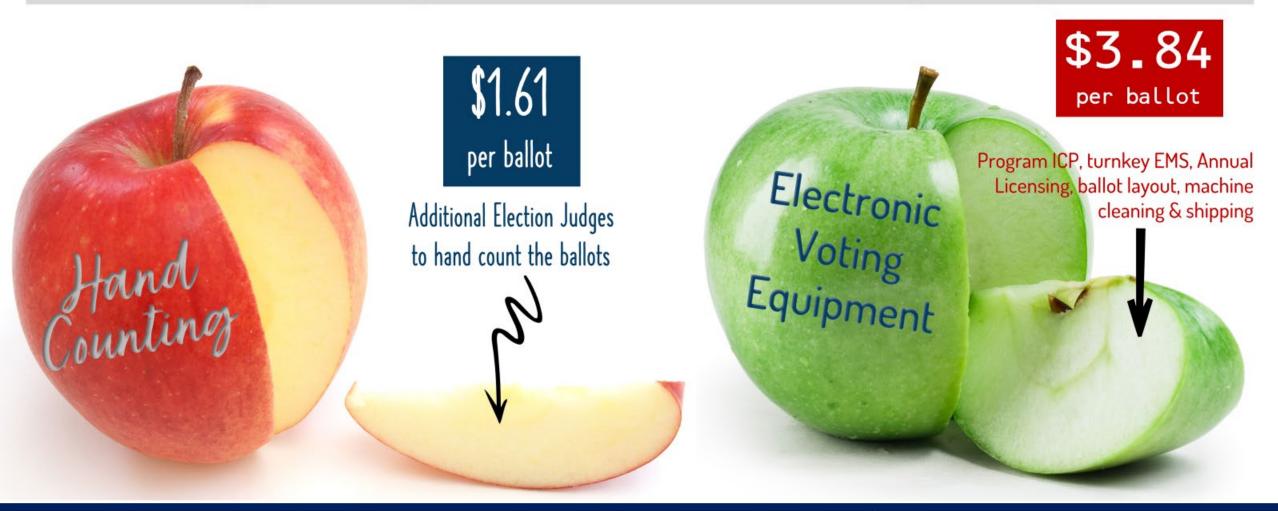






Slices-to-Slices Comparison

Osage County MO • <10,000 Voters • 4-year Cycle















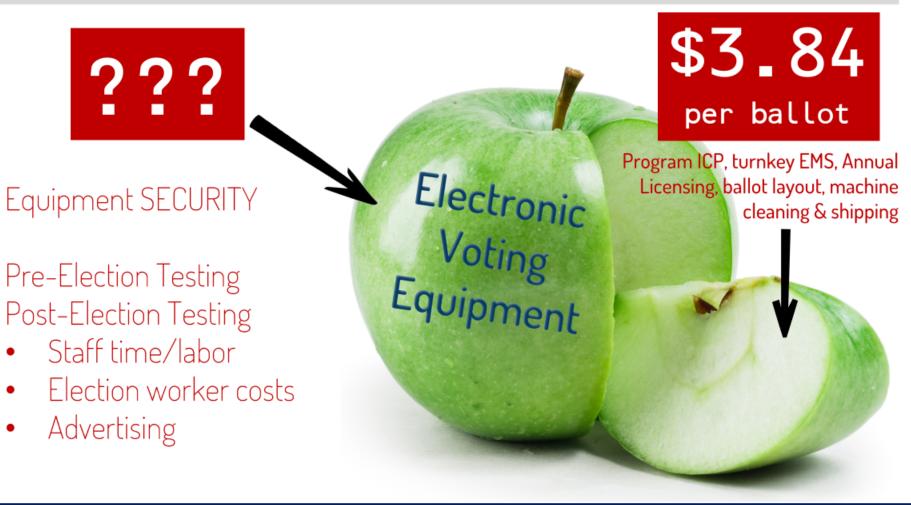
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What are the Other Costs?

Osage County MO ● <10,000 Voters ● 4-year Cycle

EQUIPMENT purchase or lease, software purchases, ongoing upgrades, additional hardware or peripherals, backup storage devices, emergency power supplies, supplies such as printer ink and toner, paper, USB or removable devices. Repair technicians and support, maintenance agreements, training for staff, transportation to move equipment, electricity and associated lighting and air conditioning, storage, depreciation and amortization estimates, disposal costs associated with disposing of or selling obsolete technology, etc.

















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Ballot Boxes, Security Seals, Printing, Binders, Markers, Pens, Office Supplies, etc.





















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\$1.61

per ballot

Apple-to-Slice Comparison

Osage County MO • <10,000 Voters • 4-year Cycle



\$2.71 per ballot

















ONLY WORKS IN SMALL COUNTIES



What is the source information for this claim?

Consider this ...

How many people vote at your polling place?

It is the size of the polling place, not the size of the county.



A.L.

What is the average number of registered voters per polling place?

600 - 800



A.I.

What is the average voter turnout?

60%

SIMPLE MATH

Average ballots cast at polling places?

360 - 480



HUMANS

Is there a difference when

360 - 480

ballots are cast at a polling place in a **SMALL** county, and

360 - 480

cast at polling place in a LARGE county?



APRIL 2023 ELECTION



Osage County, MO

<10,000 Registered Voters

Westphalia Polling Place
481 Ballots Cast
1 Team

Counted in 5 hours

St. Charles County, MO

~292,000
Registered Voters

115 Polling Places (PP)

83 PP <481 ballots / 1 Team

32 PP <1K ballots / 2 Teams

Could count in 5 hours













PEOPLE LESS ACCURATE THAN MACHINES

ELECTIONS





Research finds hand counting ballots to be less accurate and more expensive

October 11, 2022 · 4:49 PM ET Heard on All Things Considered



Miles Parks

https://www.npr.org/2022/10/11/1128197774/research-finds-handcounting-ballots-to-be-less-accurate-and-more-expensive



3-Minute Listen

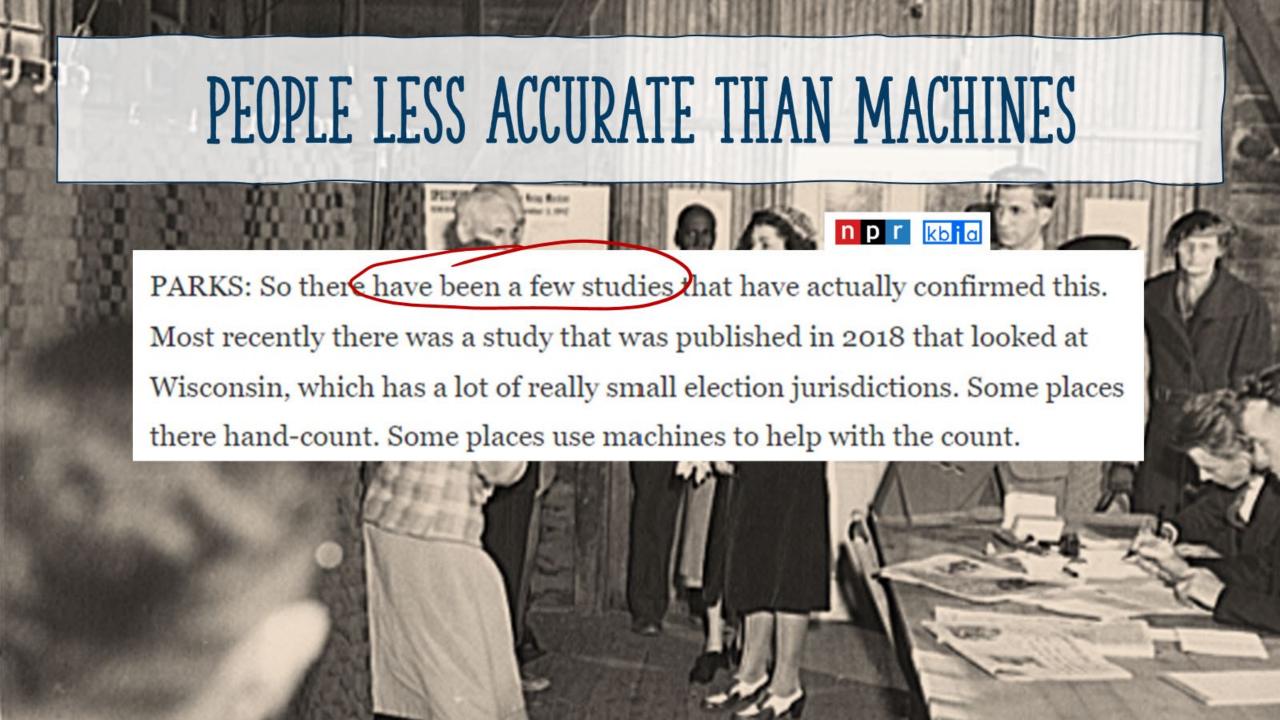








Conspiracy theorists want to get rid of voting machines, but research has found hand counting to be less accurate and more expensive.



PEOPLE LESS ACCURATE THAN MACHINES

The Washington Post Democracy Dies in Darkness

2. It opens up the process to more errors

Humans aren't particularly good at repetitive tasks such as counting ballots. Machines were made for that, said Wendy Weiser, who directs the democracy program at the Brennan Center for Justice.

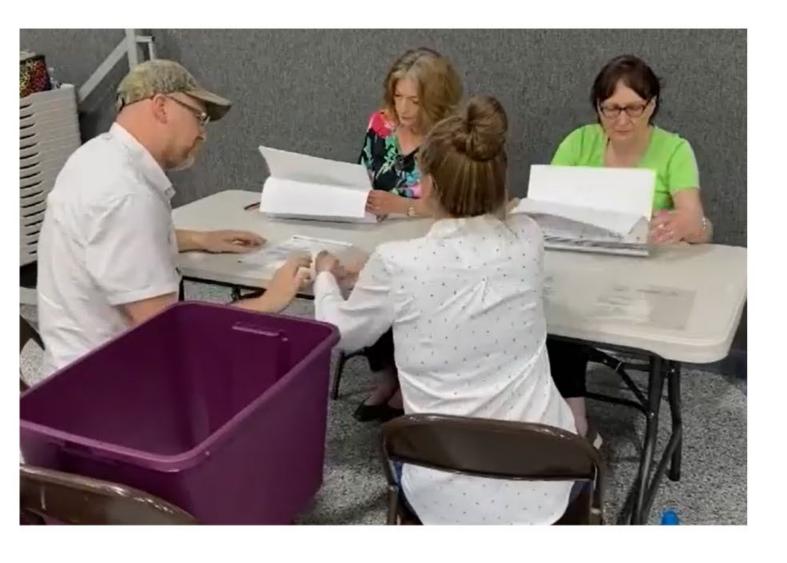
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Weiser said there aren't many studies about the accuracy of handcounting, but a 2012 study looked at error rates for a popular handcounting method and found a 2 percent error rate. "There are multiple elections won or lost by much less than 1 percent," she said.

If you're entirely hand-counting ballots, voters fill out their ballots entirely by paper — which opens up a lot of room for mistakes.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/04/08/hand-count-election-explained/



VOTER INTENT

115.453 "Distinguishing Mark"

"Regulations promulgated by the secretary of state shall be used by the judges to determine voter intent."

https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/ 15csr/15c30-9.pdf















Voter Intent – Hand Counting

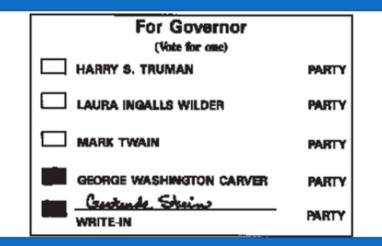
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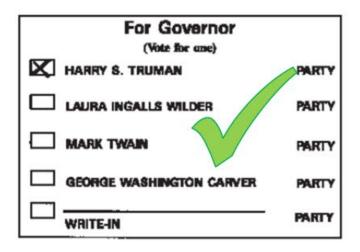
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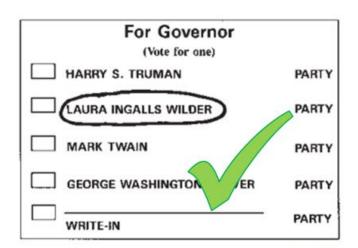
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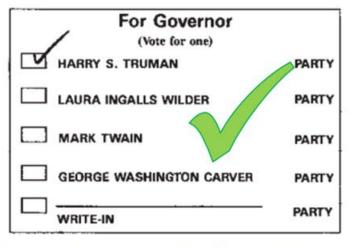
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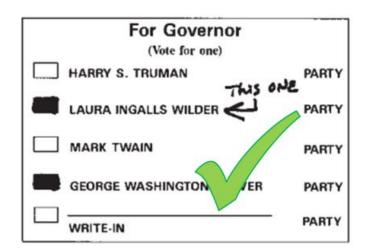
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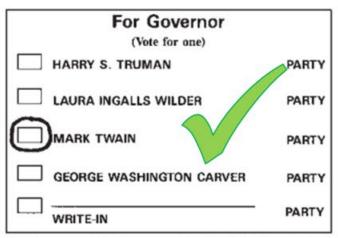
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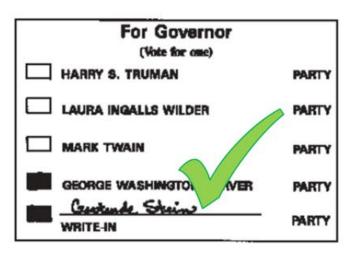
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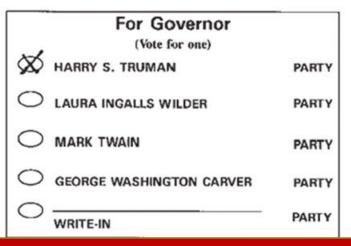


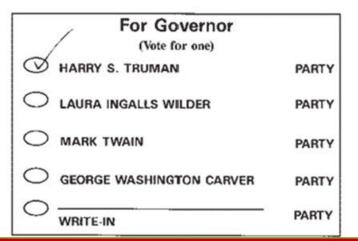
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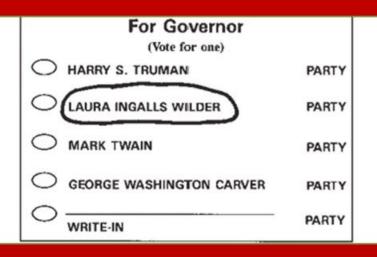
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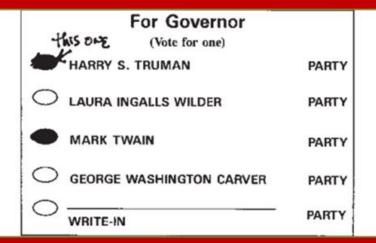
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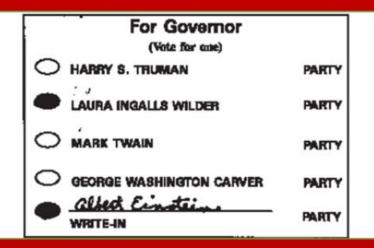




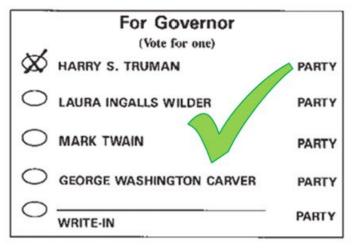
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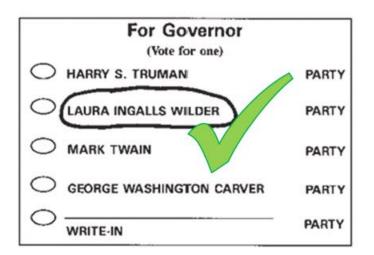




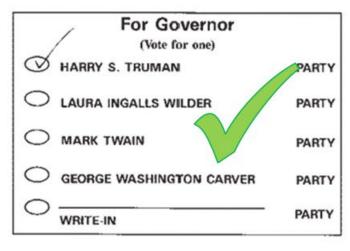
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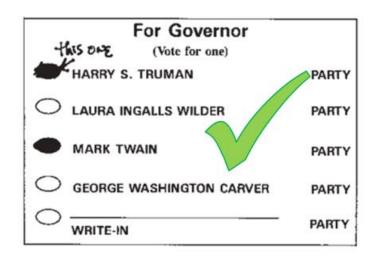
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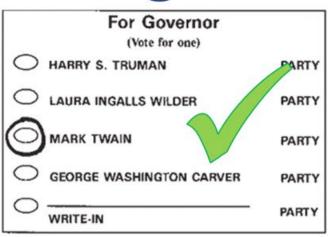
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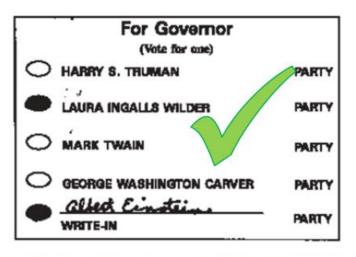
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Albert Einstein is not a qualified candidate. This constitutes a vote for Laura Ingalls Wilder.

DO MACHINES CONSIDER VOTER INTENT?

ARE MACHINES ACCURATELY TALLYING VOTER INTENT?

A STANDARD BALLOT

Demonstration General Election Demo County, USA November 5, 2024 **Board of Commissioners** Making Selections Vote for One Vote for no more than Two Andy Andrews Justine Jones Betsy Brown Kurt Kelly Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks cutside of the oval. You do not have to vote in Cara Craig Lisa Lewis Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, ask for a new ballot from the poll workers. Mike Morgan Nora Nelson U.S. Representative District 1 Optional write-in Vote for One Oscar Olson or write-in: Percy Perez Dan Davis Evan Edwards **Voting Day Question** To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "Write-in" and print the name clearly in the space provided. Are you in favor of moving Election Day to Saturday? Francine Franklin Turning in the ballot Governor Insert the completed ballot into the ballot sleeve. Hand in the ballot to be counted. Geraldine George Do not fold the ballot. Harry Harvin Ingrid Ingalls Please Vote Both Sides Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spi:01 Precinct 1

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U.S. Representative District 1

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Board of Commissioners

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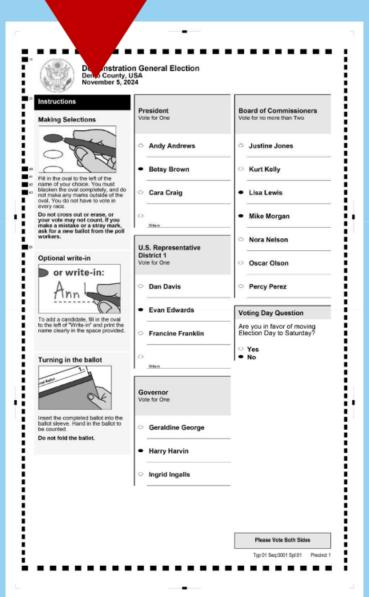
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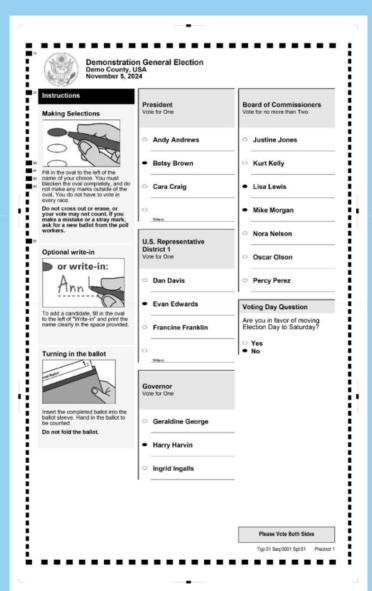
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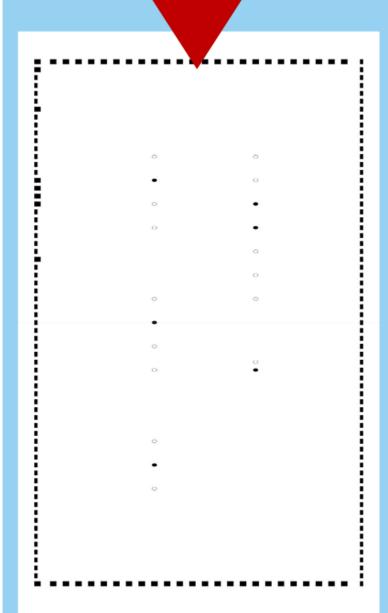
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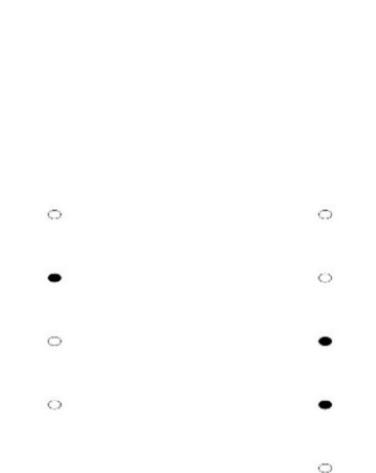
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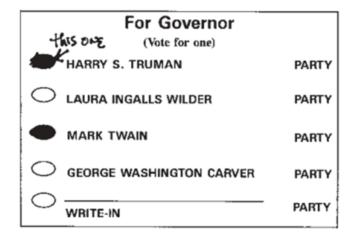
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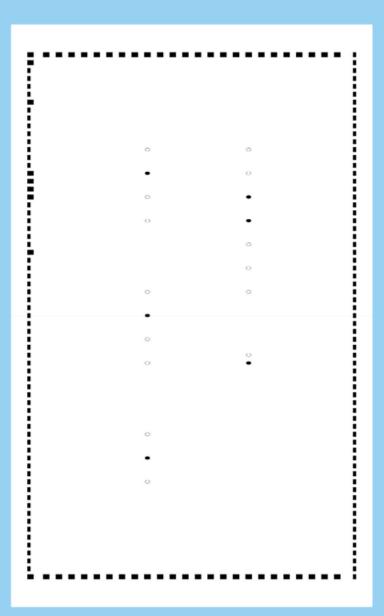


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LONG DELAYS FOR RESULTS

Without any basis, claims are made that hand counting election results will take days, weeks, or months.

Claims are no one will want to wait that long for results

Media MUST have results as early as possible to meet their deadlines

Same Day Results



50 to 100 ballots per Hr per team

"Missouri Model"





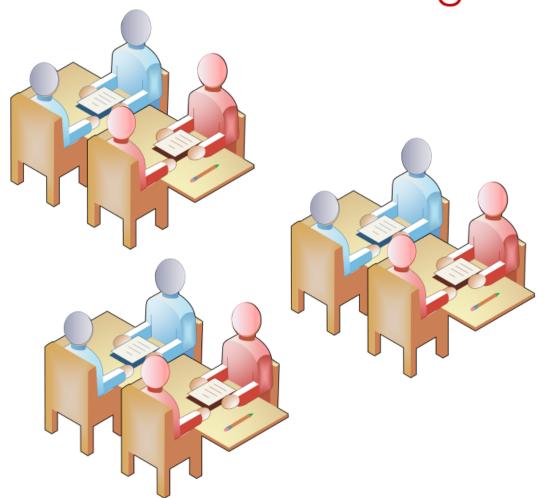








Counting Team 4 Election Judges



Team Scheduling

600 ballots/poll place = 1 Team

Up to 1,200 ballots/poll place = 2 Teams

Up to 1,800 ballots/poll place = 3 Teams















NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO COUNT

If all else is debunked, the "fall back" is:

"Not enough people working the polls now, we'll never have enough people to count."

And, we say:

We'll teach them!





















Continuity of Government





















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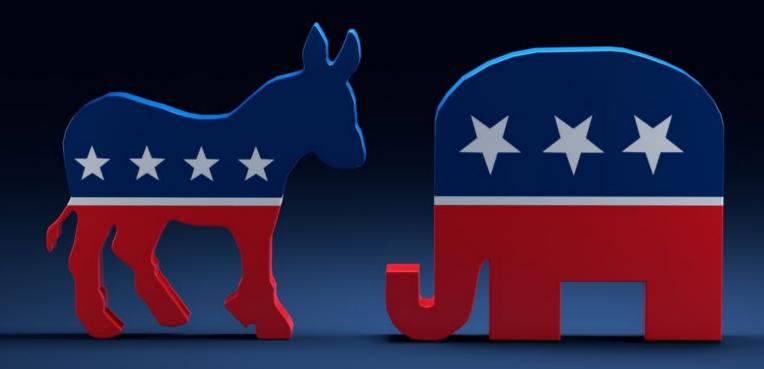






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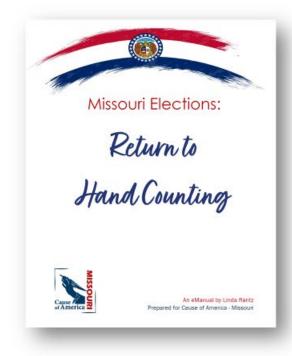




Responsible for recruiting election judges, poll workers, etc.

Hand Counting is Easy!







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