

As we move closer to the midterms elections it appears that the Big Lie – that the 2020 election was fraudulent – is getting new life. Raising doubt can be a propaganda tool. And, it was, in fact used after the 2020 election and continues to this day. Even Mitch McConnell, on Jan 6, 2021, pointed out that doubt about the 2020 election was manufactured and used to try to stop the counting of ballots.

Why would this be done? Because people who believe that the election was rigged in 2020 may be more apt to believe similar lies about this year's election. And, remember what the lies about 2020 resulted in – an attempted insurrection at the Capitol on 1/6/21. Chants of “Hang Mike Pence” – with an onsite gallows having been built on the grounds of the Capitol – still ring in my ears.

DO NOT BELIEVE THE LIES YOU MAY HEAR ABOUT 2020 IN THE COMING WEEKS. IT IS PROPAGANDA, PURE AND SIMPLE.

I am going to include 4 slides from my Civics workshops here. One reminds us that President Trump formed an “election integrity” commission in 2017, intent on uncovering fraud in the 2016 election. It was disbanded less than a year later because – they found nothing of significance! Honestly, you would think this fact alone would highlight that the President's claims of election fraud are baseless.



Another slide lists some of the many agencies and people who said there was no problem with the 2020 election. This includes staff of the President's own executive departments. Note that two of the agencies have had their election oversight responsibilities decimated under the current Trump administration. Ben Hovand, from the Election Assistance Commission was just recently fired from the EAC. In fact, the EAC no longer has leaders; it is basically defunct. Similarly, CISA, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, a part of the Department of Homeland

Security, has also been stripped of most of its responsibilities for helping local elections offices prepare their technology for elections.

WHY, ONE HAS TO ASK, WOULD AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH QUESTIONS THE EFFICACY OF OUR ELECTIONS STRIP TWO [AND MORE ACTUALLY] AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH SECURING OUR ELECTIONS OF THEIR ABILITIES TO DO SO?!

Election fraud in 2020 was refuted by...

- Sixteen assistant U.S. attorneys [bipartisan coalition]
- International election observers
- Committees within the Department of Homeland Security that ...called the 2020 election the "most secure in American history"
- Attorney General Barr
- Ben Hovland, nominated by President Trump, who ran the Election Assistance Commission
- The New York Times contacted election officials in every state
- The bipartisan National Council on Election Integrity — more than 40 former elected officials, Cabinet secretaries, retired military officials, and civic leaders...“it's time for all Americans...to accept the election results. Peddling baseless conspiracy theories only undermines our democratic process.”

A third slide shows the overwhelming number of cases related to the 2020 election that the administration lost, under judges appointed by both Republican and Democrat administrations.

Lawsuits related to 2020 election

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“Out of the 62 lawsuits filed challenging the presidential election, 61 have failed,” and “decisions came from both Democratic-appointed and Republican-appointed judges.”

Lastly is a slide of what Senator Mitch McConnell said on Jan 6th. He knew the claims of a rigged election were groundless.

Comments by Senator Mitch McConnell, Jan 6, 2021

“...the doubt itself was incited without any evidence...”

As we experience a “firehose of falsehoods” – another propaganda technique – over the next several weeks claiming that the administration has uncovered problems with the 2020 election, which now requires the federal government to take drastic measures to assure that this election is proper [and, btw, how come there are no complaints about the 2024 election?!!] please keep in mind that the FACTS have been well-established that the 2020 election [and 2016 and 2024] were A-OK. You can access various resource lists found on my website for more citations to the facts.

We must stand up for the truth as those with goals detrimental to our country attempt to undermine our faith in elections. Efforts are already being made, and will continue, from now until November to instill doubt and, in some cases, to disrupt elections in some locations. This is not because our current system hasn’t been working – it will be because our system has worked well, but for this federal administration, THAT is the problem.

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