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## Drop-Box Dems Take Another Election

The midterm election confirmed rampant ballot manipulation by Democrats to overcome their deficit in the polls. RealClearPolitics, the premier forecaster, predicted a 53-47 Republican majority in the Senate based on its careful analysis of all the polling and historical data.

States that maintain some election integrity, such as New York, Ohio, Texas, and Florida, reported outcomes consistent with polling. In Florida the top vote-getter was the Trump-supporting Republican Attorney General Ashley Moody, at 61%, who sided with Trump in challenging the 2020 election.

But in states lacking election integrity, such as permitting dumps into drop-boxes totaling hundreds of thousands of ballots that are not verified in any meaningful way, the outcomes changed and Democrats claimed pivotal victories in Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Nevada. “Drop-box Dems,” as they might be called, stuff the ballot box without monitoring.

Rampant use of drop-boxes in Democrat-controlled states began in 2020, while states like Florida have since prohibited unmonitored drop-boxes. Unsupervised ballot boxes are allowed in Arizona, where two Senate Republicans joined with Democrats to defeat a bill there that would have established much-needed monitoring of ballot dumping.

Biden’s Attorney General Merrick Garland was quoted to imply that the DOJ might even investigate private citizens who monitor unsupervised drop-boxes. Unchecked ballot dumping in Arizona took the election for governor from conservative Kari Lake.

Two days after the election, the largest county in Arizona announced that it had not yet begun to count 290,000 ballots found in boxes on Election Day. Inadequate verification of those ballots added lopsided tallies in favor of Democrats who perpetuate open borders.

Pennsylvania does not verify signatures or do any meaningful screening of more than 2.6 million ballots dumped in by mail and drop-boxes. Until it restores election integrity, Republican presidential candidates might as well campaign elsewhere.

In Nevada the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, Adam Laxalt, led by several percentage points in legitimate ballots, as predicted by many polls. But then 56,900 ballots were discovered in Las Vegas drop-boxes which then – surprise, surprise – took the election away from him.

In these key swing states, unverified paper ballots stuffed into unmonitored drop-boxes and by mail are changing the outcomes. In Georgia, a circus of vast early voting oddly reports the race of who has voted so that pressure can be applied by Democrat bullies to distort the outcome.

Early voting will begin for many in the Georgia runoff between Herschel Walker and Raphael Warnock by Sunday, November 27. This is part of the “souls to the polls” scheme of manipulated and intimidated voting used by Democrat bosses.

The misuse of early voting by the Democrat political machine is illustrated by a lawsuit filed on November 15 in Georgia. Democrats demand that a judge change the law and open up early voting on two Saturdays between then and its runoff.

Each election cycle Leftists get better at gaming the system and racking up their numbers in states that allow it. Polling numbers for Republicans have traditionally underestimated their votes on Election Day, but now ballot harvesting and other forms of manipulation boost Democrats by many points in states permitting it.

In 2024, no Republican nominee will have a chance in states that allow so much voter shenanigans. Trump can still prevail by winning Arizona, Wisconsin, and Georgia, but election integrity needs to be restored there between now and the next election.

A long-time supporter of Phyllis Schlafly won as Attorney General in Kansas, achieving a remarkable political comeback that has left Democrats speechless. Kris Kobach, the leader against illegal immigration and election integrity with Phyllis before other Republicans joined them, won a stunning victory against intense liberal opposition.

Three Midwestern states rejected ballot initiatives to legalize recreational marijuana, despite tens of millions spent to fool the public about this issue. North Dakota, Arkansas, and South Dakota all rejected legalizing cannabis, and these states have more election integrity than most liberal states do.

But in Michigan where voter manipulation is rampant due to a 2018 ballot initiative, an abortion bill passed. This again demonstrated why Phyllis was right to oppose the enactment of new laws by popular vote that is so easily influenced by the liberal media and funding.

Ballotpedia reports that more a billion dollars were spent on ballot initiatives in this election, including nearly \$46 million to enact the pro-abortion law in Michigan. In Nevada, nearly \$20 million was spent to pass by a narrow 52%-48% the ranked-choice voting scheme for future elections, which has blocked the election of Sarah Palin in Alaska.

Donald Trump is the leader in calling for election integrity, and this recent election shows how much our Nation needs him. "We will restore the vital civic tradition of in-person voting on Election Day," he pledged at the January 6 Capitol rally.

## **Trump Preempts Politicized Prosecutors**

The night before the election, Donald Trump took center stage in Ohio and pre-announced that his reelection campaign begins on November 15. This was a terrific preemptive strike against the politicized prosecutors.

Democrats are "persecuting their political opponents and silencing dissent," Trump declared to the immense Ohio crowd. "Six straight years of witch-hunts, hoaxes and abuses" against him, as "they are coming after me because I am fighting for you," Trump added.

"Complete and total corruption of our Justice Department and the rule of law. Turning our country into a police state," Trump said about Democrats' persecution of him and his supporters.

True the Vote founder Catherine Engelbrecht had spent the previous week in jail for her courageous efforts to restore election integrity. Ambushed by lawfare and an ex parte injunction, issued without giving her an initial opportunity to oppose it, she was locked up for protecting a source against retaliation.

Trump admired Engelbrecht in Ohio, appalled by her imprisonment. The Fifth Circuit freed her with a unanimous emergency order on November 6.

Ted Cruz warns the Justice Department against attempting to prosecute Trump. "If Biden treats the Department of Justice as partisan stormtroopers, then Congress is justified in using whatever tools Congress has to stop that abuse of power" including defunding it, Cruz told *The Hill*.

Weaponized prosecutions are a form of voter suppression far worse than anything that Democrats accuse Republicans of doing. Threatening to indict political candidates, such as Trump, interferes with the people's right to elect their preferred candidate.

The Supreme Court has refused to stop a runaway county prosecutor from forcing Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) to answer questions before an unprecedented grand jury in Atlanta. Apparently the Justices fail to recognize that liberals' politicized persecutions are a form of voter suppression, which Democrats claim to oppose.

Atlanta has one of the highest per capita murder rates in the country, Trump pointed out, but the political persecution of him there is what Democrats spend their time on. In Florida, "the raid of Mar-a-Lago in the document hoax case" never happened to any other president.

Democrats insinuated that Trump may have had America's nuclear codes in the dusty boxes of documents taken by the federal agents who stormed his residence. Trump, the president who got us out of wars and made the world a safer place, was supposedly harboring nuclear codes from his time in office even though for security purposes those codes would have changed many times since he departed.

"Maybe our country would be better off if I actually had the nuclear codes," Trump quipped, because then our enemies would actually fear us. Instead, Biden has placed us where we "could end up with another" nuclear war in the Russia-Ukraine conflict that never would have happened if Trump were president.

"The damage that Joe Biden has done to our nation in two short years" is worse than the five worst presidents in American history, Trump said. "Remember when Biden came here [to Ohio] and said it's great to be with the people of Michigan?"

Dismayed, Trump stated that in foreign countries "we are dealing with people who are at the absolute top of their game," who have nuclear weapons. Biden has made this "the most dangerous time in the history of our country."

Meanwhile, Biden and Democrats have interfered with necessary local police work and thereby unleashed drug-related crime around the country. "We all agree: we've got to stop crime."

"Let our police do their job," Trump said. "We should deport every illegal alien that Joe Biden has unlawfully allowed to break into our country," he added.

"Drug cartels have seen their revenue skyrocket" under the Biden Administration, Trump pointed out. "Democrats will defund the police; Republicans will defund the cartels."

Trump "threw illegal gang members out of our country by the thousands." Referring to the Central American countries from where these gangs come, Trump "got their countries to take them back" after they initially refused.

Trump recounted that MS-13 gang members in Massachusetts "lured a teenage boy to a playground" by

pretending to befriend him, and then stabbed the helpless boy to death 32 times. An immigration judge had released one of these gang members into the United States and even helped him obtain a green card to stay here.

A drug dealer “will kill on average 500 people,” Trump observed. The “crime wave is caused by drug dealers” and Trump called for use of the death penalty to stop and deter these horrible crimes while “drugs are pouring in.”

“We will end catch-and-release,” and “end illegal immigration once and for all.” And “we will abolish all Covid mandates and lockdowns.”

“Best president we’ve ever had, President Trump,” declared Ohio congressman Jim Jordan when graciously called to the podium by Trump, who later wrapped up by urging support for the many dozens of Republicans he endorsed.

## Herschel Channeled Reagan in Winning Debate

Republican Herschel Walker was not expected to win the much-anticipated debate with the glib Leftist pastor, Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA). Democrats usually win such debates as the moderators come off the sidelines to take swings at the Republican, and Walker is just a self-described country boy from rural Georgia.

Instead, Walker decked Warnock and the liberal moderator with charismatic zingers that remind some old-timers of Ronald Reagan. In early 1980, a debate moderator turned off the microphone to try to silence Reagan in New Hampshire, and he famously protested by shooting back, “I paid for this microphone, Mr. Green!”

The moderator’s real name was Joe Breen, not Green, but no one cared about that. Applause erupted in support of Reagan, and that episode launched his successful two-term presidency and defeat of communism.

During the Walker-Warnock debate the forked-tongue preacher Warnock made the snarky remark that “I’ve never pretended to be a police officer.” That was a cheap shot at Walker, whom liberals have criticized for supposedly overstating his work with law enforcement after his spectacular football career.

Most other Republican candidates would have gotten defensive and responded with a stuttering answer that left viewers thinking the dig hit a nerve and was onto something. But that was not Reagan’s effective style, or Walker’s.

Walker responded by holding up his five-pointed gold star, clearly recognizable as a law enforcement badge. The audience erupted into spontaneous applause at the spirited, dramatic response by Herschel to the cheap shot by Warnock.

But then the liberal moderator improperly jumped in, perhaps dismayed that Walker captured the moment so perfectly. Trump also encountered a one-sided moderator in 2020, prompting Trump to tell Chris Wallace, “I guess I’m debating you, not him” and “I’m not surprised.”

“Mr. Walker, you are very well aware of the rules tonight.

And you have a prop that is not allowed. Sir, I asked you to put that prop away,” the moderator declared with authority.

Herschel dealt with the moderator as he did so successfully with fearsome NFL linebackers, by running over their attempt to tackle him. “This is not a prop. This is real,” Herschel retorted.

Then liberals tried to turn the episode into some kind of “badge-gate” kerfuffle, as they harped on Herschel’s five-point star badge long afterward. But the Johnson County sheriff told NBC News that he gave Walker the badge and has no objection to Walker’s use of it in his campaign and during the debate.

Other Republicans should have similar badges, now that headlines of mass killings are nearly daily and police departments have been emasculated by Democrats. Violent crime has increased sharply while progressives have been waging a war on our valiant officers in blue who struggle to maintain law and order.

On October 13, a mere 15-year-old in Raleigh, North Carolina, went on a shooting spree in a peaceful neighborhood that killed a dog and five people including two veterans, one of whom was an off-duty police officer. The assailant was dressed in camouflage as some teenage boys addicted to violent video games like to do when they turn their gaming into reality.

Meanwhile, across the country in Stockton, California, an example of what appears to have been a type of profiling enabled apprehension of a suspected serial killer while he was hunting at 2 a.m. for another victim to murder. This illustrates what good police work can accomplish if the Left is stopped from interfering with their work.

Police arrested a black man dressed in all-black clothing as he was thought to be driving around looking to murder his seventh random victim in Stockton in the past few months. He donned a mask around his neck and was driving in a wandering pattern after midnight in the city.

Progressives have objected to effective policing by calling it profiling, and have blocked the “stop and frisk” policy that was so effective in reducing crime in New York City until liberals ended it in 2014.

When the debate moderator brought up the issue of abortion, Herschel had another zinger for the Leftist preacher Warnock: “Instead of aborting those babies, why are you not baptizing those babies? If Black Lives Matter, why are you not protecting those babies?”

When Warnock blustered that a “patient’s room is too small” for the government, Herschel retorted that “there’s a baby in that room as well. And he’s asking the taxpayers to pay for it, so he’s bringing the government back into the room.”

Even the liberal media felt compelled to admire Herschel’s debate performance, as the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution’s* headline was that “Herschel Walker’s debate performance scores points for his campaign.” Herschel’s Reaganesque performance boosts the entire Republican field as the race for Senate went down to the wire.

## Fentanyl Crisis Rattles Dems

Only four states share a common border with Mexico, but the millions who crossed that border illegally since Joe Biden took office didn't stay there. Some of those unlawful migrants brought the lethal illegal drug fentanyl to unsuspecting customers across Middle America.

Fentanyl is 50 times more deadly than heroin, which used to be the most feared addictive drug. In much of the country fentanyl has become the leading cause of premature death, outpacing accidents and homicide.

On October 21, a bust in Florida seized enough fentanyl to kill 2.7 million people, some of it hidden in a Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal box. The following Monday in York County, South Carolina, authorities announced their seizure of a cache of fentanyl—more than 30 kilograms—that was enough to kill every person in the entire county.

In Mesa, Arizona, a shop owner and employee are accused of selling thousands of fentanyl pills from a Mexican drug cartel for many months. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has warned against brightly colored fentanyl pills, called “rainbow fentanyl,” which look like candy and attract kids.

In September, Biden's own Attorney General, Merrick Garland admitted that “across the country, fentanyl is devastating families and communities.” He identified the source as the outlaw drug cartels operating in northern Mexico, yet Biden has done nothing to disrupt their operations or close our border to the traffickers who bring their deadly product to our country.

The Department of Justice describes the Mexican drug cartels as “ruthless, criminal organizations that use deception and treachery to drive addiction with complete disregard for human life.” But instead of matching its actions to those strong words, the DOJ spends its resources on political investigations of Americans who oppose the Biden regime.

Open borders and defunding police are what Democrat politicians stand for, but the fentanyl crisis may be turning undecided voters against Democrat candidates. Polls showed a steady decline in support for Democrat candidates as the public woke up to the fentanyl problem, and how Democrat policies made it worse.

A political ad for Trump-endorsed Dr. Oz in Pennsylvania reminded voters that his opponent “John Fetterman supports decriminalizing dangerous drugs like fentanyl and heroin.” Unfortunately, many Pennsylvanians had already voted by then.

In the first year of the Biden Administration, there was a sharp increase of 15% in overdose deaths to a new record of 107,000. Much of that was due to fentanyl that flooded across the southern border soon after Biden opened it to

illegal immigrants and the criminal cartels who profit from them.

Communist China ships precursor chemicals to Mexican drug cartels who produce the fentanyl, according to the DEA, and the cartels then send it across the border that Democrats refuse to close. The deadly fentanyl is everywhere now, and continues to pour into our country.

This was a top campaign issue in many of the races in the midterm election, and Republicans used it to retake control of the House. If there had been election integrity in Nevada, Arizona, and Pennsylvania, then the Republicans could have won a majority in the Senate also.

In Ohio, Trump-endorsed JD Vance has described illegal fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction. Vance pointed out that his opponent Tim Ryan, who has been a Democrat congressman for two decades, “has done nothing to stop the flow of fentanyl.”

As sparks flew in their debate, JD Vance explained that the Democrat Ryan “talks about wanting to support a stronger border. ... Well, Tim, you've been in Congress for 20 years, and the border problem has gotten worse and worse and worse.”

Even Gov. Ron DeSantis made fentanyl an issue in his debate against Charlie Crist in Florida on October 24. “If you're trafficking that garbage, that poison, you're killing people in our state and we're going to treat you like the murderer that you are,” DeSantis said.

The Democrat Crist “has endorsed the idea of ‘reallocating funding away from the police,’ I guess to give to social workers. But if someone's robbing your house, you don't want a social worker coming to help you, you need the police,” DeSantis declared.

In the deep blue state of New York, the Republican Lee Zeldin did better than expected and was endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police after making crime the top issue. Repeated headlines and surveillance footage showing people being pushed onto the subway tracks had New Yorkers on edge.

The historic advantage that Democrats used to enjoy with Hispanic Americans has dropped by almost half since the last midterm elections. According to a recent Economist/YouGov poll, Biden's approval rating among Hispanic voters has fallen to 46%, and a remarkable 61% of this group now say that our country is headed in the wrong direction.

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