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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY – WERE VOTES COUNTED ACCURATELY?

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NEW HAMPSHIRE'S DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS ARE SUSPICIOUS

Pre-election polls projected that Barrack Obama would win the New Hampshire Democratic primary election. An average of seven opinion polls predicted that 38.8 percent were going to vote for Obama, while 30 percent would vote for Clinton. The opinion polls came close to predicting the final results for New Hampshire's hand-counted votes - 39.2% for Obama and 34.9% for Clinton - but New Hampshire's Diebold/Premier machine-counted votes reversed the outcome.

The reversal of the machine and hand counts is consistent with programming errors counting votes cast for Obama, for Clinton and votes cast for Clinton, for Obama.

To see this consistency of New Hampshire's election results with programming error, analysts examined Clinton and Obama vote shares out of votes cast only for Obama and Clinton. Overall, Clinton's hand count share of such votes is 47.07% to Obama's 52.93% share and a virtually exact reverse pattern occurs with machine counts where Clinton's share is 52.95% to Obama's 47.05%.

A statistical analysis of New Hampshire's Democratic primary by the National Election Data Archive rules out precinct-size and seems to rule out demographic factors as possible causes for the reversal of Obama and Clinton's machine and hand-counted results; and shows that the pattern is consistent with vote miscount favoring Clinton.

The National Election Data Archive's New Hampshire analysis and raw data is posted on the Internet at ElectionArchive.org

<http://electionarchive.org/ucvData/NH/DemPrimary2008-PairedPrecinctStudy.pdf>

and

<http://electionarchive.org/ucvData/NH/>

About 80% of New Hampshire ballots were counted by Diebold/Premier optical scanning machines without any post-election manual audits to verify the machine count accuracy.

Press reports hypothesized theories for why Clinton beat Obama in New Hampshire including:

1. the "Bradley effect" (closet racism) that white voters lie to pollsters and "say" they'll vote for a Black, but given a secret ballot don't,
2. the "damsel in distress" theory that Clinton's tears brought women voters out for her,
3. the "good weather" theory, and
4. the "economy was key" theory.

It would be interesting to know why these effects would only occur when ballots are counted by Diebold/Premier voting machines but not when ballots are counted in public view by hand.

The “electronic miscount” theory could be a more plausible explanation for the discrepancies between the opinion polls and the machine-counted results.

Could someone have mis-programmed – by accident or on purpose – the optical scan machines such that Hillary’s votes went to Obama and Obama’s votes went to Hillary?

UPCOMING RECOUNT OF THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008 NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY ELECTION

The Secretary of State (SOS) of New Hampshire announced that there will be a statewide recount of the paper ballots beginning on Wednesday, January 16, because presidential candidates Democrat Dennis Kucinich and Republican Albert Howard requested it.

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/recount%20press%20release.pdf>

It is imperative that, not only ballots, but poll books and absentee and provisional voter records are inspected for a representative sample of recounted precincts. Post 2004 election investigations of "recounted" (and non-recounted) precincts in Ohio discovered large numbers of "phantom" ballots for which no voting records could be found, and disenfranchised voters for whom no ballot could be found - see <http://baiman.blogspot.com/>

U.S. Representative Kucinich asks for a Recount of NH machine counts in the interest of election integrity

<http://www.dennis4president.com/go/homepage-items/kucinich-asks-for-new-hampshire-recount-in-the-interest-of-election-integrity/>

Kucinich is asking for donations to pay for the Democratic Primary recount

<http://www.dennis4president.com/go/homepage-items/help-defend-the-integrity-of-our-voting-system/>

CONCLUSION:

Is the suspicious pattern in New Hampshire’s Democratic primary results caused by voting machine counting? We have no clear idea, because we have no confidence in the unaudited machine vote counting process. Knowing how easy it is to corrupt machine-counted election results, it is appalling that New Hampshire and other states do not routinely conduct post-election manual checks of the accuracy of machine vote counts. Human mistakes and worse are inevitable, and without routine post-election measures to detect and correct mistakes, and without public oversight over security and chain of custody of ballots, inaccurate vote counts and incorrect election results are inevitable.

The full analysis of the National Election Data Archive is available at ElectionArchive.org

<http://electionarchive.org/ucvData/NH/DemPrimary2008-PairedPrecinctStudy.pdf>

QUESTIONS THE PRESS COULD ASK DURING EACH ELECTION ARE:

Does this state conduct any publicly observable post-election independent manual counts to check the accuracy of machine counts? (This would require voter-created, or at least voter-checked, paper ballots.)

Were the detailed vote count data and raw polling data made publicly available immediately after the election for analysts to detect any possible suspicious patterns?

Were the invisibly-machine-counted vote counts checked, audited, provably correct?

Is there public oversight over chain of custody procedures for election records and ballots?

What are the state's procedures for securing paper ballot and election records; and how may the public participate?

DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYZING THE NEW HAMPSHIRE JANUARY 8, 2008 PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

Another Statistical analysis which reaches the same conclusions as the National Election Data Archive, with links to vote count data

<http://call-with-current-continuation.blogspot.com/2008/01/statistical-exploration-of-new.html>

New Hampshire Secretary of State Web Site

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/presprim2008/index.htm>

2008 New Hampshire Republican & Democratic Primary Results

<http://ronrox.com/paulstats.php?party=REPUBLICANS>

<http://ronrox.com/paulstats.php?party=DEMOCRATS>

The type of voting method each town uses:

<http://www.bbvdocs.org/NH/state/Jan-08-votingsystems-NH.txt>

<http://www.sos.nh.gov/voting%20machines2006.htm>

National Election Data Archive

<http://electionarchive.org/ucvData/NH/>

Pre-election opinion polls:

http://www.realclearpolitics.com/epolls/2008/president/nh/new_hampshire_democratic_primary-194.html

Note: No exit poll data was publicly released after the election unless it had been adjusted to match the final unofficial vote counts. I.e. No public exit poll data is available to use to judge the accuracy of the election results as occurred after the 2004 presidential election.

CNN Exit poll info:

<http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/primaries/results/epolls/index.html#val=NHDEM>

FOX News Exit Polls: Women and Seniors Like Clinton

<http://youdecide08.foxnews.com/2008/01/08/fox-news-exit-polls-independents-like-obama-mccain/>

SOME OTHER ARTICLES ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

NY Times on the planned NH recount on

<http://thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/2008/01/11/candidates-push-for-a-nh-recount/>

Keith Olberman Covers the Story

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMJB4OCE1fo>

Diebold Again: Did Hillary Really Win New Hampshire?

by Dave Lindorff

<http://baltimorechronicle.com/2008/01/11/08Lindorff.shtml>

New Hampshire to Recount Ballots in Light of Controversy

by Kim Zetter January 11, 2008

<http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2008/01/new-hampshire-t.html>

Do NH Primary Statistics Show Election Fraud?

<http://salonesoterica.wordpress.com/2008/01/09/do-nh-primary-statistics-show-election-fraud/>

Informative article w/ good links to exit poll info

http://www.margieburns.com/blog/_archives/2008/1/9/3455407.html

Diebold favors Hillary, hand count for Obama

<http://presscue.com/node/38034>

Election Integrity Questioned in New Hampshire - Dennis Kucinich formally requests recount

By Michelle Wolski, Epoch Times Florida Staff

<http://en.epochtimes.com/news/8-1-11/63935.html>

Electronic voting machine results questioned in New Hampshire primary

Dan Kaplan

<http://www.scmagazineus.com/Electronic-voting-machine-results-questioned-in-New-Hampshire-primary/article/104145/>

Alternet: <http://www.alternet.org/story/73551/>

Primary Concerns - Hoisting a few red flags about the elections

by Robert C. Koehler, Tribune Media Services, January 10, 2008

<http://www.commonwonders.com/archives/col429.htm>

Ben Mosley's Blog

<http://benmoseley.blogspot.com/2008/01/do-nh-primary-statistics-show-election.html>

Analysis of Hand-counted versus Diebold-counted Precincts

<http://i4.tinypic.com/823g1mt.gif>

<http://my.barackobama.com/page/community/post/rahmainepugh/CWg>

Where Paper Prevailed, Different Results, By Lori Price

http://www.legitgov.org/nh_machine_vs_paper.html

PLEASE DONATE

US Count Votes, DBA National Election Data Archive urgently needs your donations if it is to continue its work to try to obtain public oversight over the integrity of election results via mandatory routine vote count audits and public access to election records and election data, and public oversight over ballot

security procedures. Donating money to get out the vote efforts, to political candidates, or to efforts to educate voters on issues, makes little difference if votes are not accurately counted. NEDA can not continue its efforts without funding.

<http://electionarchive.org/fairelection/donate.html>

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