LOSING OUR DEMOCRACY – PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY

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Envision a "democracy" where it is impossible to prevent the dominant political party from installing (at all levels of government) a controlling number of its candidates in key executive, legislative and judicial positions.

Is the United States of America rapidly becoming such a "democracy"? Imagine if the dominant political party (DPP) could:

- Secure control of the companies that make the voting machines and votecounting software.
- Centralize vote-counting systems, and politicize their supervision.
- Legislate for the adoption of such systems throughout the nation, and provide large amounts of money for the purchase of these systems.
- Establish systems of vote counting that effectively prevent anybody on the ground in the election at a booth or precinct level from seeing what is happening at a micro-level.
- Get all the major media to sign up to a single exit-polling system that it also controls removing the risk of exit-polling showing up its shenanigans.
- Install a backdoor, or numerous backdoors, in the vote counting systems that enable it to manipulate the tabulation of results in real time as they are coming in.

Such a system would enable the DPP to:

- Intervene in precisely the minimum number of races necessary to ensure that it won a majority on election night. On the basis of polling the DPP could identify the closest races and thus keep its tweaking to a bare minimum.
- Minimize the risks of discovery.
- Target and remove individual political opponents who were too successful, too popular or too inquisitive.
- Accomplish all the above without the public being the least bit aware of what it was doing.

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Listed below are 10 introductory articles/essays describing one of the most serious threats that American Democracy has yet faced – widespread computer vote fraud.

Also listed are three web pages identifying several additional sources of information and analyses on the **2002** and **looming 2004** computer vote fraud scandals?

- 1. The Theft of Your Vote Is Just a Chip Away, By Thom Hartmann, 7/25/03 www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0307/S00246.htm
- 2. Sludge Report #154 Bigger Than Watergate, C.D. Sludge, 7/8/03 www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0307/S00064.htm
- 3. Inside A U.S. Election Vote Counting Program, By Bev Harris www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0307/S00065.htm
- 4. A Vote of No Confidence, By Michael Ollove, 8/25/03 www.dangerouscitizen.com/Articles/851.aspx
- 5. Networks to Dissolve Exit Poll service, By Richard Morin, 1/14/03 www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn/A51692-2003Jan13?language+printer
- 6. An American Coup: Midterm Election Polls vs. Actuals, By Alastair Thompson, 11/12/02 www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0211/S00078.htm
- 7.Concerns Over "Serious Flaws" in Electronic Voting Prompt New Examination by Members of Congress, By Christopher Bollyn http://www.americanfreepress.net/08_25_03/Concerns_Over/concerns_over.html
- 8. How George W. Bush Won the 2004 Presidential Election, By Sandeep S. Atwal http://www.infernalpress.com/Columns/election.html
- 9. Jim Crow Revived in Cyberspace, By Martin Luther King III and Greg Palast http://www.gregpalast.com/printerfriendly.cfm?artid=222
- 10. Report Critical of Security in Vote Machines, By Jeff McDonald, 8/4/03 www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20030804-9999 1m4diebold.html

For additional information and analyses see:

EcoTalk.org – www.ecotalk.org/VotingSecurity.htm

Electoral Integrity- www.crisispapers.org/topics/electoral-integrity.htm

A Very America Coup- www.scoop.co.nz/mason/features/?s=usacoup