

THE SCRUTINEERS SERIES Parts I - X



Even If You Vote... Will It Count?

You stand in line for hours to vote, or finally manage to receive a mail-in ballot you can mark at home. You cast it, but wonder if it will be counted accurately. It turns out there's another question you should be asking: Will your vote be counted at all?

Listen to prominent voting rights leader Barbara Arnwine discuss the "spoilage" of votes, especially in the Black community, and what can be done about it.

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Scrutineers Series, Part II – Bennie Smith

What happens when a financial analytics manager applies his skills to how we determine the winners of elections?

In this episode of *WhoWhatWhy's* Scrutineers Series, Emily Levy interviews Bennie Smith, an election commissioner in Memphis, TN. When losers of a local election came to him claiming their races had been stolen, he set out to prove them wrong.

Instead, he discovered a high-risk tampering mechanism built into US election systems.

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Mimi Kennedy Takes On the 'Surrender Rule': Scrutineers, Part III

In a year when 50 percent of voters or more are expected to vote by mail in the general election, a little-known issue could require millions to vote by provisional ballots.

In this episode of the Scrutineers Series, Emily Levy interviews long-time election protection activist Mimi Kennedy, who is currently working on nationwide research for voter education to prevent disenfranchisement meant to thwart voters unfamiliar with mail voting rules in their county and state.

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Problems with Electronic Poll Books: Scrutineers, Part IV

In this episode of the Scrutineers Series, host Emily Levy interviews election security advocate and social media influencer Jennifer Cohn about the dangers of electronic pollbooks. E-poll books are used around the US to check in voters as they arrive at their precincts. Because the poll books are software-driven and use Wi-Fi or Bluetooth, they're vulnerable to manipulation and malfunction.

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Candidates Must Protect Election Security: Scrutineers, Part V

Elections rightly belong to the public. Yet not only does the US allow proprietary voting systems, but laws in many states specify that only candidates have the legal right to challenge election outcomes.

Because of this, candidates for public office must start taking their unique role in election protection seriously. It is a huge responsibility, says today's guest, April Smith, who is a volunteer with **Scrutineers**.

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Trying to Stop the Election Attacks: Scrutineers, Part VI

A recent Public Service Announcement from the FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) warns that cybercriminals may circulate false election results.

The PSA encourages the public only to trust election results coming from local and state election offices. What are the implications of this given that election officials cannot see inside the insecure, software-based systems that produce those results?

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Publicly Mapping Election Problems: Scrutineers, Part VII

You go to vote and discover that the polling place is closed or the machinery isn't working. What do you do?

You call the election protection hotlines, and they may be able to send out attorneys to help solve the problem. But how can you alert others, including the media?

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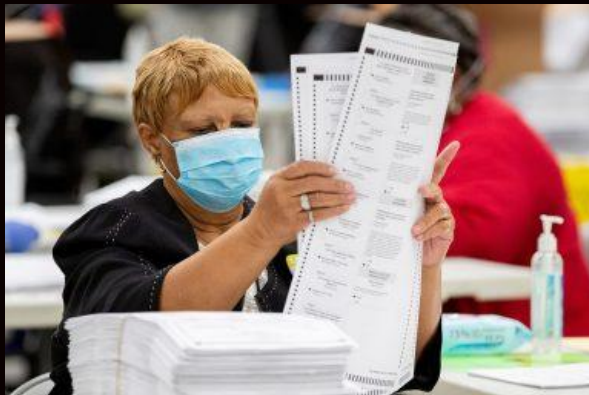
Election Transparency Can Be Achieved: Scrutineers, Part VIII

Nearly 100 percent of votes cast in the US are counted by “black box” computers, generally owned by one of three private companies with partisan ties. These voting system vendors have insisted even government officials can’t see their software, claiming proprietary information.

These companies have successfully managed to keep private the means by which our votes are counted, even though the voting apparatuses are paid for by public dollars.

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Noise About GA’s Election System: Scrutineers, Part IX

Republicans calling for the resignation of Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger are echoing some of the findings of long-time nonpartisan election security advocates in the state.

In this episode of the Scrutineers Series, Jeanne Dufort, a volunteer with the [Coalition for Good Governance](#), shares background about the challenges to some of the state’s decisions about how to conduct its elections. The group is partly responsible for ending the state’s use of the insecure and dangerously outdated DRE voting equipment before 2020.

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Mobilizing Voters for the Georgia Runoff: Scrutineers, Part X

While the candidates in the Georgia Senate runoff campaign work to get votes in their corner, dozens of nonpartisan and community groups are making sure voters have the information they need about when, where, why, and how to vote.

Typical voter turnout in a runoff election in Georgia is an abysmal 15 percent. Largely due to massive organizing efforts, turnout in this runoff has reached that level in just the first few days of early voting. Even organizations not usually seen as focused on voting rights are playing a key role.

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