

**Leading the Fight :
Voter Fraud and Restrictive Voter Identification**

2002
2004
2004-05

Counseling and commentary on voter ID requirements in the Help America Vote Act
Suits in Michigan and Ohio concerning provisional ballots and identification requirements
Advocacy preventing onerous ID requirements: New York, Michigan, New Mexico and others



NOTABLE EVENTS

BRENNAN CENTER ACTION

Report of the Commission on Federal Election Reform ("Carter-Baker Commission")		Sept. 19, 2005	Issued extensive rebuttal to the myth of voter fraud and the alleged need for strict ID requirements, in response to Carter-Baker Commission report (w/ Commissioner Spencer Overton)
Senate Concurrent Resolution opposing photo ID introduced by Sen. Obama et al.	/	Nov. 2005	Placed series of voter fraud and ID op-eds in local newspapers around the country
Federal court strikes down restrictive Georgia ID law	/	Dec. 8, 2005	Offered remarks to the National Conference of State Legislatures on the rate of fraud and harm of restrictive ID laws
		Dec. 14, 2005	Published in-depth analysis of voter fraud claims submitted to the NJ Attorney General (w/Prof. Michael McDonald)
		Jan. 14, 2006	Submitted amicus brief in <i>Common Cause/Georgia v. Cox</i> (11 th Cir.), showing the low rate of fraud and harm of restrictive ID laws
Georgia passes new ID law		Feb. 3, 2006	Offered remarks to the National Association of Secretaries of State about the rate of fraud and harm of restrictive ID laws
		Feb. 2006	Helped secure veto of Pennsylvania bill requiring onerous photo identification requirements
		Mar. 8, 2006	Provided quantitative analysis of likely impact of restrictive Missouri identification bill
		May 2006	Helped defeat Ohio bill with onerous identification requirement
Missouri passes new ID law		June 23, 2006	Submitted amicus brief in <i>Crawford v. Marion County Election Bd.</i> (7 th Cir.), showing the low rate of fraud and harm of restrictive ID laws
Federal and state courts both enjoin second Georgia ID law	/	Aug. 29, 2006	Filed federal complaint in <i>Boustani v. Blackwell</i> , challenging Ohio's discriminatory proof of citizenship requirements

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	Sept. 2006	Issued policy briefs: " The Truth About Voter Fraud ," " Voter ID ," " Proof of Citizenship ," and " Alternatives to Voter ID "
	Sept. 13, 2006	Hosted presentation on vote suppression for national press: Cast Out: New Voter Suppression Strategies, 2006 and Beyond
	Sept. 14, 2006	Submitted amicus brief in <i>ACLU of New Mexico v. Santillanes</i> (D.N.M.), showing the low rate of fraud and harm of ID laws
House of Representatives passes ID/proof-of-citizenship bill, which later dies in Senate	Sept. 15, 2006	Published op-ed on fraud solicited by <i>CQ Researcher</i> : Voting Controversies
Fed. court finds Ohio proof-of-citizenship law unconstitutional	Oct. 11, 2006	Filed Freedom of Information Act request to see federal studies by U.S. Election Assistance Commission on fraud and voter ID
State court strikes down Missouri ID law	Oct. 30, 2006	Placed op-ed in <i>N.Y. Times</i> : "Remember to Vote, Hope it Counts" Published with graphic image of barriers to the vote
Supreme Court credits argument that voters "feel" disenfranchised by voter fraud	Oct. 31, 2006	Issued <i>Investigator's Guide to Voter Fraud</i> for reporters and others analyzing claims of fraud
2006 midterm election: only Indiana has photo ID requirement in effect	Nov. 8, 2006	Filed Freedom of Information Act appeal to see federal studies by U.S. Election Assistance Commission on fraud and voter ID
	Nov. 20, 2006	Conducted national survey on citizens without photo identification or proof of citizenship
U.S. Attorneys fired, in part due to failure to find voter fraud	Nov. 29, 2006	Submitted amicus brief in <i>Gonzalez v. Arizona</i> (9 th Cir.), showing the low rate of voter fraud and harm of restrictive ID laws
Federal appeals court upholds Indiana ID law	Mar. 26, 2007	Offered Congressional testimony concerning REAL ID, including a quantitative analysis of its impact on voting
Federal court strikes down Albuquerque ID law	Mar. 29, 2007	Placed op-ed in <i>Washington Post</i> : "The Myth of Voter Fraud"
Election Assistance Comm'n finally releases study on ID	Mar. 29, 2007	Launched www.truthaboutfraud.org to distinguish fact from myth in analysis of voter fraud

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Front-page *New York Times* stories on EAC reports and DOJ search for voter fraud

Senate Judiciary Committee holds hearing on DOJ scandal, featuring Bradley Schlozman

Senate Rules Committee holds hearing on FEC nominees, including Hans von Spakovsky

State supreme court approves Michigan ID law

U.S. Attorney General Gonzales resigns

Federal court throws out suit against Georgia ID law

U.S. Supreme Court grants *certiorari* in Indiana voter ID case

von Spakovsky nomination is passed out of committee, without recommendation

BRENNAN CENTER ACTION

Apr. 4, 2007

Helped defeat restrictive Kansas law with onerous voter ID and proof of citizenship requirements

[June 7, 2007](#)

Delivered presentation for national press on the Department of Justice, its search for voter fraud, and resulting voter suppression
Focused on role of [Bradley Schlozman](#) and [Hans von Spakovsky](#)

[June 13, 2007](#)

Placed op-ed in Atlanta Journal-Constitution urging thorough review of Hans von Spakovsky's work on voter fraud at DOJ

[July 1, 2007](#)

Posted draft of *Seeing Double Voting* with Prof. Michael McDonald, debunking claims of double-voting based on matching lists

[July 2, 2007](#)

Produced *A Guide to Voter Caging*, showing why voter caging suppresses votes without combating fraud
Includes comprehensive [appendix](#) of known caging incidents

[Sept. 17, 2007](#)

Submitted amicus brief in *ACLU of New Mexico v. Santillanes* (10th Cir.), showing the low rate of fraud and harm of ID laws

[Sept. 25, 2007](#)

Opposed the nomination of Hans von Spakovsky in the Senate Rules Committee, based in part on his work on voter fraud

[Oct. 3, 2007](#)

After unprecedented committee report with no recommendation, opposed von Spakovsky nomination before the full Senate

[Oct. 23, 2007](#)

Invited to panel of national experts on voter ID rules, hosted by American Constitution Society

[Nov. 2007](#)

Published *The Truth About Voter Fraud*, analyzing common reasons for overstated claims of voter fraud

[Nov. 5, 2007](#)

Worked with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse on S.2305, the [Caging Prohibition Act of 2007](#), introduced today

[Nov. 13, 2007](#)

Coordinated filing of 24 *amicus* briefs on behalf of 155 organizations and individuals in Supreme Court voter ID case, *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*
Includes Brennan Center [brief](#) addressing claims of voter fraud

