

October 9, 2020



# A Hancock County Democrat

## Voter Fraud or Jim Crow Redux Bruce Workman

If there is one transgression for which we can give Southern Democrats points for honesty that we cannot give to the Republicans or the Tangerine Turd it is voter suppression attempts. Although they may have used excuses such as literacy and financial responsibility, the old Dixiecrats did not attempt to hide the real purpose of the Jim Crow laws. They were trying to deny the right to vote to those they deemed had too much black eumelanin in their skin.

But, like the coronavirus racism miraculously disappeared and Johnny and the Supremes were able to declare the hard-won Voting Rights Act of 1965 null and void. Laws were immediately passed that sought to include all minorities and the poor to the list of those targeted for voter suppression. Since the lead Supreme, Johnny Roberts had announced the end of racism, a new reason had to be created to keep undesirables from voting. This reason was voter fraud, a solution in search of a problem.

Outlandish claims of in-person voter fraud, that could only be reduced or eliminated with stringent voter identification laws, were rampant. Numerous studies have concluded that by any means, voter fraud is extremely rare. In the report "The Truth About Voter Fraud" by Justin Levitt for the Brennan Center For Justice, the author states "It is more likely that an individual will be struck by lightning than that he is to impersonate another voter at the polls." So why don't we see more Republicans wearing Faraday Suits everywhere? The reason is they do not see lightning as a threat to their survival, but they do view full voter participation this way. In the aforementioned report Royal Masset, the former political director for the Republican Party of Texas, shared:

Among Republicans, it is an "article of faith that voter fraud is causing us to lose elections." He doesn't agree with that but does believe that requiring voter photo IDs could enough of a drop-off in legitimate Democratic voting to add 3 percent to the Republican vote.<sup>1</sup>

And this is also the reason they view mail-in voting with such dread. Making voting easier for minorities and the disadvantaged—currently and historically prominently Democratic voters—could be the death knell for the Republican Party. This is why voter suppression laws have all come from legislatures controlled by Republicans. They know that true democracy does not work out well for them and are doing everything they can to stifle it.

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Much of the alleged election fraud can be attributed to clerical or typographical errors either in the poll books or registration records. As an example, it was alleged that a dead man's vote was recorded in 1998; upon investigation, it was found that a live man with the identical name, except for an additional "l" at the end of his name had voted and the incorrect box had been checked off the list. The remaining allegations of voter fraud are the result of lies, misrepresentation of legitimate data, or wacko conspiracy fantasies.

The Coral Cretin has been indulging in all of the latter. He began shortly after the election in 2016 and was called out three times by the chair of the Federal Elections Commission.



CHAIR ELLEN L. WEINTRAUB  
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 16, 2019

Mr. President,

Back in February 2017, when you first alleged a voter-fraud scheme of astonishing scale in New Hampshire in 2016, I publicly called upon you to provide your evidence to the American people and the appropriate law-enforcement authorities so that your very serious claims could be investigated. I followed up in March 2017 with a letter to you repeating my request.

You have not, so far, provided any proof of these allegations.

Last night, you repeated your claim: "New Hampshire should've been won last time," you told reporters before your rally, "except we had a lot of people come in at the last moment, which was a rather strange situation, thousands and thousands of people, coming in from locations unknown. But I knew where their location was." During your rally, you told the crowd that New Hampshire was "taken away from us."

What I wrote to you in March 2017 is just as true now: Our democracy depends on the American people's faith in our elections. Your voter-fraud allegations run the risk of undermining that faith. Just as seriously, baseless allegations of fraud have been used to rationalize indefensible laws that deter certain U.S. citizens from exercising their right to vote. Words matter, and facts matter.

The American people count on me, as the Chair of their Federal Election Commission, to protect the integrity of our elections. So I ask you, once again, to provide any evidence you may have to the American people and the appropriate law-enforcement authorities to substantiate your claims. The American people are ill-served when our leaders put forward unfounded allegations of voter fraud.

To put it in terms a former casino operator should understand: There comes a time when you need to lay your cards on the table or fold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ellen L. Weintraub".

Ellen L. Weintraub  
Chair, Federal Election Commission

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Trump failed to fold or produce the proof and did not stop the baseless allegations. What we saw in the last Presidential Debate was a man who suspects he will lose and has become angry and desperate. Since he is also a narcissist and sociopath, we can and should expect the worst.

Mail-in or absentee balloting has been around since Union soldiers were allowed to vote in their home districts during the Civil War. It is older than indoor plumbing, which may explain the Republican return to the outhouse movement. Absentee voting was originally allowed only for military personnel until some states began expanding it to include the aged and infirm. More states began expanding mail voting for anyone who requested it and ten began sending absentee to all voters. With the dangers of voting during a pandemic, absentee voting has been expanded even more. Forty-six states now offer access to some form of mail voting for all voters. Twenty-four of those states have Democratic governor and twenty-two have Republican governors. All four of the states that have not expanded absentee voting have Republican governors.

In many of his latest rants, the Idiot Orangutan has leveled some ludicrous accusations backed by preposterous examples. This is as good a time as any to check the veracity of his claims. “There will be fraud,” he told his pal, Sean Hannity. “Just take a look at the ones --- the ballots that were thrown into a garbage can and they all had the Trump name on it. They were military ballots that were thrown into a garbage can. The ones that were on a tray, and they were thrown into a creek or river. It’s a terrible thing.” He continued, “And if you look at Carolyn Maloney, what they did to that guy that ran against her, it’s a disgrace. That’s in New York and that’s only for a congressional race. They have no ideas where the votes are, where the ballots are. This is going to be all over. This is in Virginia. This is in New Jersey. It’s a very, very sad thing”

The above may be hard to understand even for those accustomed to the deranged dialect known as “Trumpese.” It seems to have an added element of instability, so I will attempt a summary. First, none of the allegations and rants he made are an actual example of fraud. One New York race to which he is referring was a primary election between Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and challenger Suraj Patel. The only irregularity was the slow count of the ballots—due to a large increase in absentee voting—and Patel rejected Trump’s take. The only challenge he had made was a call to reject fewer disputed ballots. Trump’s claim that “they have no idea ... where the ballots are,” is blatantly untrue. They knew exactly where the ballots were, Patel just wanted the rejected votes, which were rejected under a strict process to screen out voter fraud, to be counted. There were possible uncounted legitimate votes, but no incidences of fraud.

There were discarded ballots in Trump-friendly, Luzerne County, PA, but again no indication of intentional fraud. Pennsylvania Secretary of State, Kathy Boockvar stated, “the investigation is still going on, but from initial reports we’ve been given, this was a bad error, this was not intentional fraud.” Luzerne County Manager, C. David Pedri added, “An error was made, a public servant discovered it and reported it to law enforcement at the Local, State, and Federal levels who took over to ensure the integrity of the system in place.” Out of an abundance of caution, county officials included the Department of Justice in the loop, which is how Trump received the basic information and may have been their worst error.

As for the ballots that “were on a tray and they were thrown into a creek or a river,” this is an erroneous reference to an incident that probably had more to do with a frustrated or disgruntled postal worker than an attempt at election tampering. Mail was discovered in a ditch, but it contained no ballots.

Trump’s reference to New Jersey is probably related to a city council race in Paterson. As Governor Phil Murphy said during an August interview, “Some guys tried to screw with the system. I view it as a positive data point. They got caught.” His repeated allegations about fraud in New Jersey beg the question, why would Democrats interfere in a state Trump lost by 22 points? If I believed they were truly doing so, I would suggest they redirect their efforts.

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Trump and his Republican lackeys know they are in trouble and their attack has been two-pronged: Destroy as much as possible before they leave office and undermine democracy in any way possible. Past attempts to deter minorities from voting have been struck down by state and federal courts. But with the largely successful attempts by Trump and Moscow Mitch to fill the courts with right-wing morons, this may not be a solution we can count on. We must remain vigilant and insist on the right of every eligible voter to vote.

1 Kristen Mack, In Trying to Win, Has Dewhurst Lost a Friend?, Houston Chron., May 17, 2007.

## A Walter Reed doctor's anger exposes Trump at his worst Opinion by Greg Sargent The Washington Post October 5, 2020

After President Trump left his hospital bed to pay a surprise visit to supporters in his armored car on Sunday evening, an attending physician at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center vented his anger at what he'd just seen. "Every single person in the vehicle," tweeted James Phillips, might "get sick" or "die."

"Commanded by Trump to put their lives at risk for theater," Phillips continued. "This is insanity."

There's a reason Phillips's anger has gone viral, as it were. He captured a larger truth about this moment: Even as Trump himself comes face to face with possible death at the hands of a disease he downplayed for so long, he's still demonstrating the same depraved dereliction of duty that he has all throughout, helping to kill more than 200,000 Americans.

Trump himself wants us to think this moment has changed him. "I've learned a lot about covid," Trump said in a video he tweeted out just before his surprise visit. "I get it. And I understand it. It's a very interesting thing. And I'm gonna be letting you know about it."

Indeed, Trump's own brush with death has provided just the moment he might have seized upon to show some humility and to demonstrate some kinship on a basic human level with the millions of people whose lives have been damaged or upended — or prematurely ended — by this disease.

But everything he has said and done since testing positive for the novel coronavirus suggests this moment has not changed him in any way.

Ever since it first became evident that the coronavirus posed a serious public health threat nine months ago, Trump has shown several dominant instincts.

He has spoken to his base's willingness to be misled about the depths of the crisis, while feeling zero obligation to communicate as president in any serious way with the vast swath of Americans who could not be thusly swayed. He has relentlessly prioritized his perceived immediate political needs over leveling with the country about what we faced.

And he has steadfastly refused to admit to fallibility or responsibility in his handling of what has arguably been the largest U.S. domestic crisis in modern times, even as the devastation and death have mounted.

Every one of these has been on display throughout Trump's own contracting of the virus, even though he is facing potential death.

First, Trump's visit to supporters is itself an act of speaking only to the base at a moment of great uncertainty for the country. There is little chance that the mainstream will approve of Trump's stunt, particularly since it placed people in his immediate circle at needless risk.

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Indeed, as The Post reports, Secret Service agents are furious over what just happened, and more broadly, they are increasingly angry about the risks that Trump's cavalier approach to social distancing has imposed on them.

Second, this again shows Trump prioritizing his perceived political needs over the health of those around him and even the health of the country. The goal of this staged action was reportedly to "show strength" after his chief of staff told the truth about his vulnerable condition, something Trump's doctors have dissembled throughout the weekend to conceal.

Phillips laid this point bare with great clarity on Monday morning when he expanded on his Twitter anger on NBC News. "It's the message that's sent to other people who are sick, that it's okay to go out," Phillips said. "This is the wrong message to be sending."

Phillips also noted that this reflected a larger war between the medical community and the administration in terms of getting "the right message to the citizens of America."

Finally, and incredibly, Trump and his handlers have seen this episode not as an occasion for a renewed display of basic humanity, but instead as an occasion to reinforce the message that his handling of the virus has been above reproach all along.

When Trump dictated comments over the weekend to lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani, he declared that "I am going to beat this," which will allow us to "show people we can deal with this disease responsibility, but we shouldn't be afraid of it."

And Donald Trump Jr. sent out a fundraising solicitation to supporters, declaring that they should prepare for his father's "EPIC RETURN."

In short, the story that the president and his propagandists are gearing up to tell is that Trump's personal vanquishing of the virus — should this happen — has overarching importance in explaining a crisis that has killed hundreds of thousands and has inflicted a horrific toll on millions of others.

This is a standard trope in the genre of authoritarian politics that Trump practices, as scholar Jason Stanley points out. In this telling, Trump's personal invincibility — his own physical triumph over the virus — becomes a stand-in for the infallibility of his overall performance.

Trump's desire to "show strength" with his armored car theatrics is the perfect expression of that impulse. And it captures all the broader pathologies we've seen throughout: It spoke only to the base. It placed others at grave risk. It sent a dangerous message to the country. And should Trump recover, his "triumphant" return will be used to falsify the broader story of this whole crisis.

As Phillips put it in another viral tweet, "the irresponsibility is astounding." And, as always, its only real goal is to protect the Cult of Trump.



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Due to the Trump Cult's inability to follow rules , the Republicans lost their permit at the Farmers Market. In a desire to preserve the peace the Biden booth was moved to the front of the courthouse. Not content to let matters lie the Cult of Trump decided to parade from the Farmers Market to the courthouse with a camera crew.

Absentee ballots have arrived or should arrive by the weekend. Remember to follow the directions exactly and return your ballot in the correct envelopes by mail or at the Board of Elections either inside or in the box outsider.

The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Democratic Party will be on Monday October 12 at 7:30 PM. Check your email for the link.



Saturday October 10, 2020 **Biden Booth w/ Hancock County Young Democrats 11AM—1PM in front of the Courthouse handicapped parking available**

**[Ohio CANVASS/PHONEBANK](#) 3PM—5:30PM**

Sunday October 11, 2020

Monday October 12, 2020 **[Battleground OH: HOWA Monday Phonebank](#) 5:30 PM - Hancock County Democrats Zoom Meeting 7:30PM -**

Tuesday October 13, 2020

Wednesday October 14, 2020

Thursday October 15, 2020 **Biden Booth w/ Hancock County Democrats 4PM - 6PM in front of the Courthouse handicapped parking available**

**[Battleground OH: Thursday Textbank](#) 6:30PM - 8PM**

Friday October 16, 2020

**[Battleground OH: H.O.W.A Counties for Biden! Friday Phonebank](#) 5:30 PM - 8PM**



# MEDIA

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**DANCING**  
**BUG**

by  
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**BOLLING**

**Profiles in Courage**

October 1, 2020: One of Trump's close advisors tests positive for the coronavirus. Trump leaps into action, inspiring courage...

**This week: President Donald J. Trump**

**SIR, YOUR OWN CDC GUIDELINES MANDATE THAT YOU SELF-QUARANTINE! NOW!**

**DON'T TELL ANYONE! THAT WAY THEIR EXPOSURE TO US WILL BE UNWITTINGLY COURAGEOUS!**

**THAT WOULD BE THE EASY WAY! THERE ARE TOP REPUBLICAN DONORS WHO NEED TO MEET ME AND I'M GOING TO NEW JERSEY!**

**WHAT COURAGE!**

**TAKE THAT MASK OFF, YOU SNIVELING COWARD! ARE YOU TRYING TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT?**

**SIR, YOU'RE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF COVID! SHOULDN'T YOU...**

**NO!**

**EVEN WITH FATIGUE, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT IF YOU COME BETWEEN ME AND TOP REPUBLICAN DONORS!**

**HOW BRAVE!**

**PLEASE, MR. PRESIDENT! YOU MUST CANCEL THIS EVENT!**

**NO! URK I'M TOO COURAGEOUS!**

**SIR, YOU'RE EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF COVID! SHOULDN'T YOU...**

**ALMOST THERE! I'M PARCHED! GET ME A DIET COKE!**

**LOWER TAXES... PERFECT PHONE CALL... HUNTER BIDEN...**

AND SO, even with the dreaded coronavirus coursing through his veins and wafting from his breath, Donald J. Trump courageously defied CDC guidelines, common sense, and all principles of morality to spew his rambling word-stew of lies, self-aggrandizement and nutty conspiracy theories at deserving Top Republican Donors.

Truly, a **PROFILE IN COURAGE!**

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## ABOUT

“A Hancock County Democrat is not approved by any formal organization of the Democratic Party.

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[Bruce Workman](#)

Correction: In a previous issue I may have assessed the Republicans as morally bankrupt. I have since come to know they are a deranged racist cult , loyal to idiocy, whose moral compass always points south.

Also COVID-19 and “roid-rage” have reduced Trump’s intelligence level to the idiot category. That is a full regression from moron to imbecile to idiot in a remarkably short period of time. It is probably another record about which he can brag .

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused