Return to Hand Counting

OVERVIEW

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: a popular belief that is
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: the results of an
investigation

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In 1977,

Missouri State Legislature

Statutes in place for complete process of hand counting ballots

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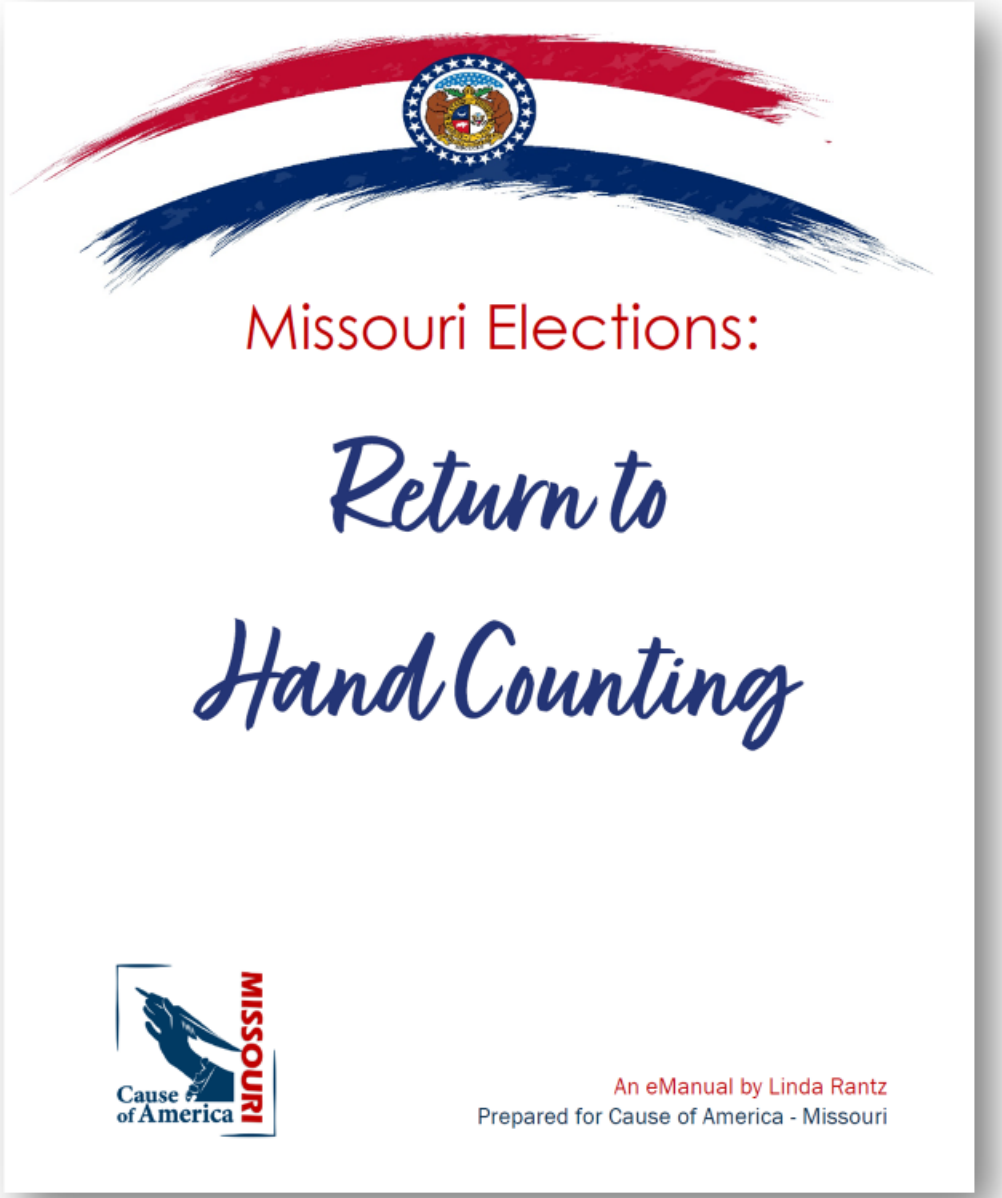
FACT CHECK

eManual

60-page process
plus info & resources



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April 4, 2023
Osage County, Missouri
FACT CHECK

Common Myths

Costs too much

Less Accurate

Takes too Long

Not Enough People

Only Works for Small Counties

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Findings

Saves Time

Saves Money

Same Day Results

Transparency & Security

Works in Counties of any size

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Findings

Continuity of Government

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HAND COUNTING COSTS TOO MUCH

What they won't say:

How much it costs (total) to use voting machines.

What they WILL say:

Hand counting will cost more than that.

Nearly impossible to do an apples-to-apples comparison, since "ALL" costs for voting equipment are not provided.

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Slices-to-Slices Comparison

Program ICP, turnkey EMS, Annual Licensing, ballot layout, machine cleaning & shipping

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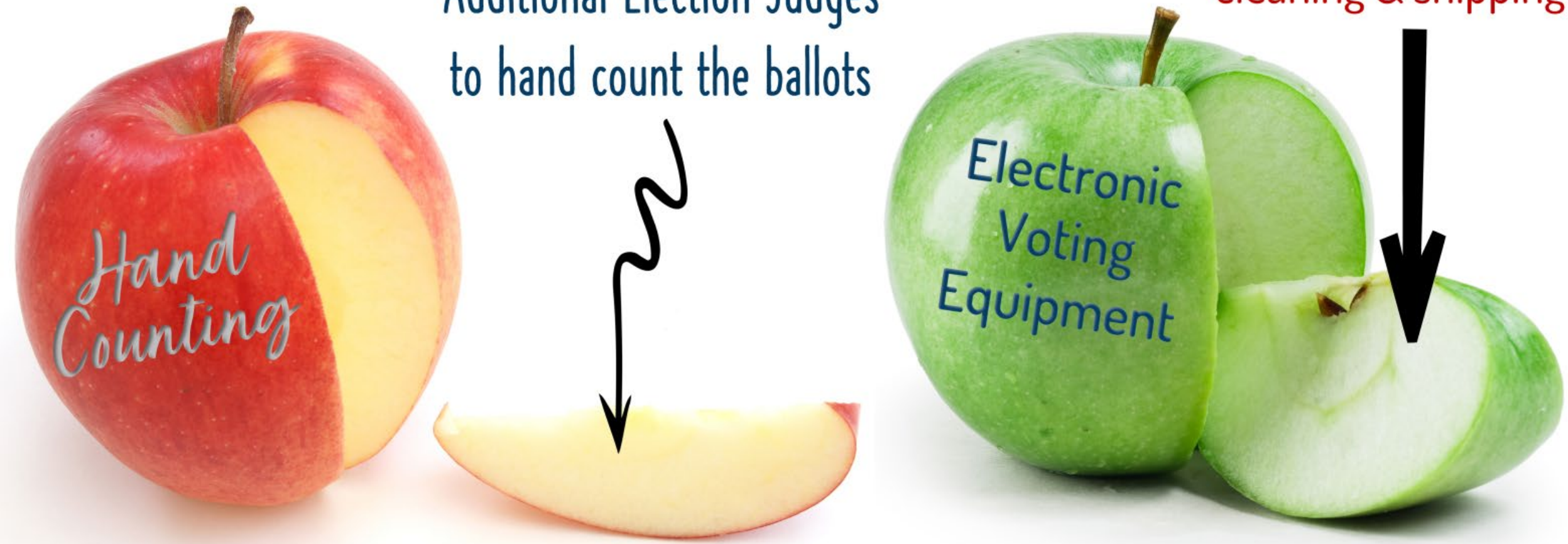

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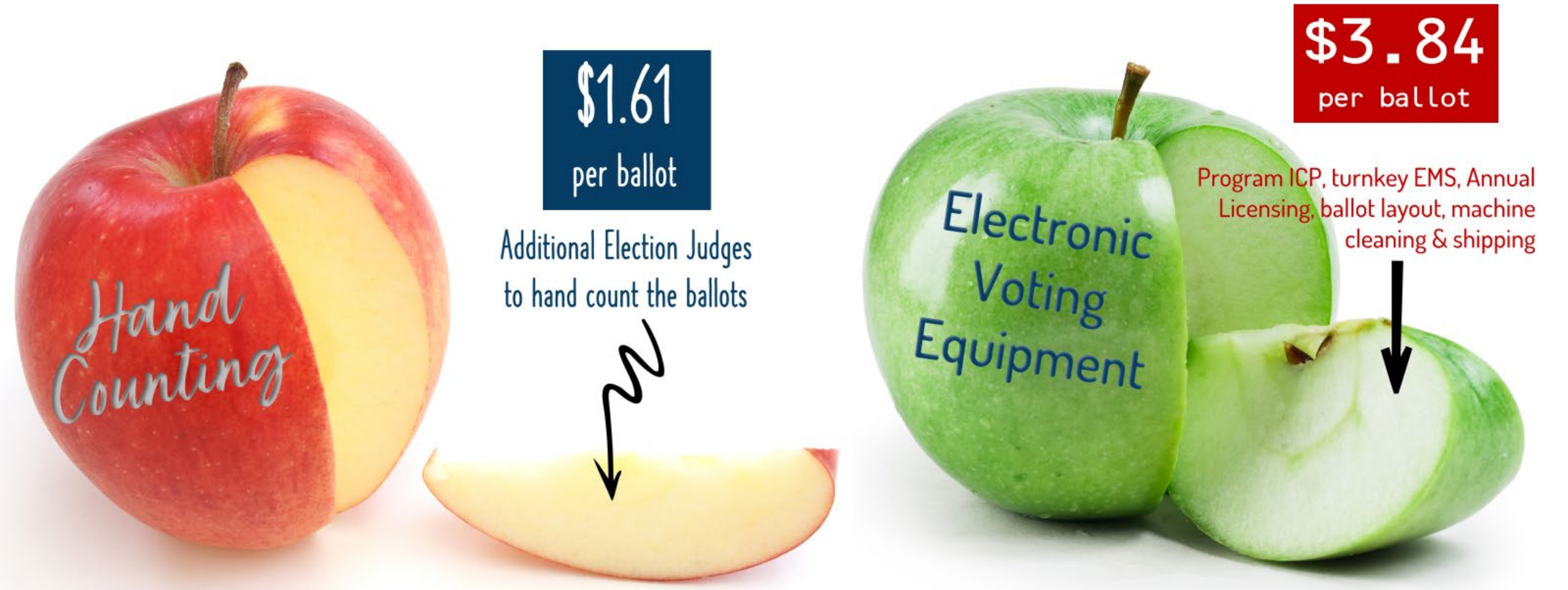
Osage County MO ● <10,000 Voters ● 4-year Cycle



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What are the Other Costs?

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EQUIPMENT purchase or lease, software purchases, ongoing upgrades, additional hardware or peripherals, backup storage devices, emergency power supplies, supplies such as printer ink and toner, paper, USB or removable devices. Repair technicians and support, maintenance agreements, training for staff, transportation to move equipment, electricity and associated lighting and air conditioning, storage, depreciation and amortization estimates, disposal costs associated with disposing of or selling obsolete technology, etc.

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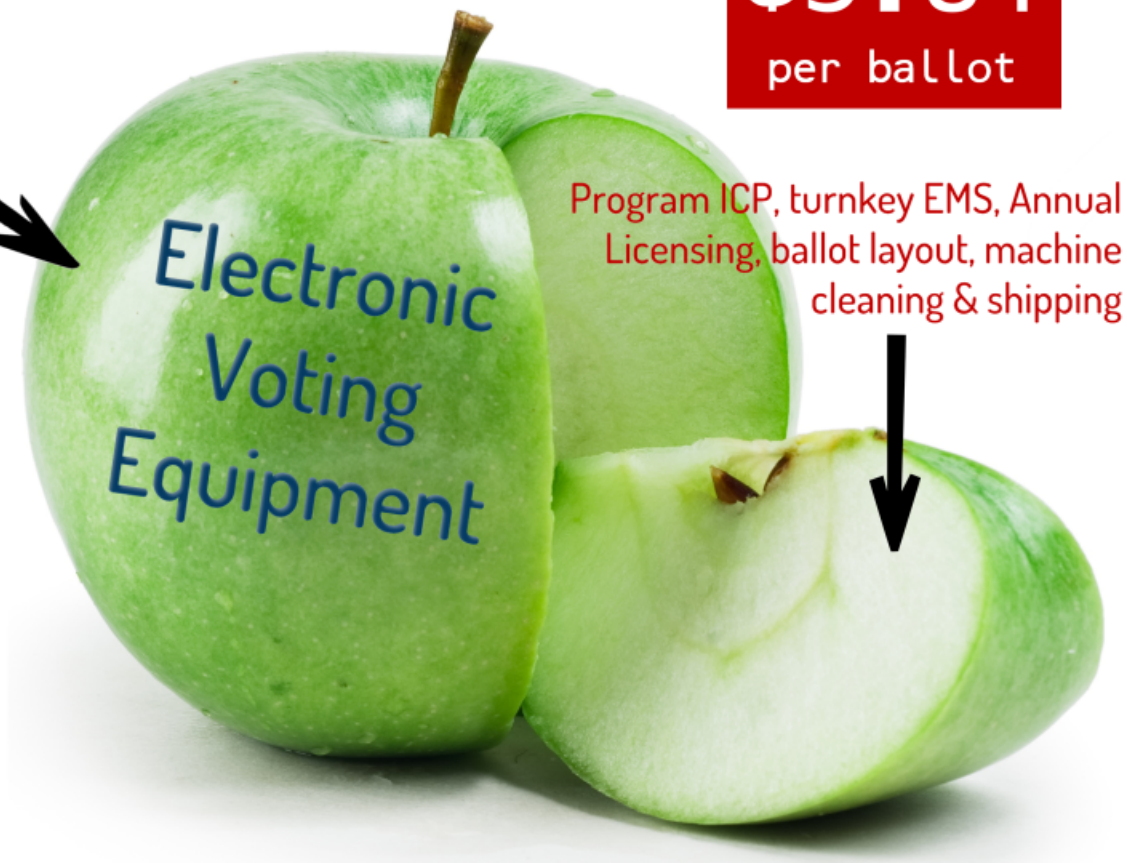
Equipment SECURITY

Pre-Election Testing
Post-Election Testing

- Staff time/labor
- Election worker costs
- Advertising

$3.84
per ballot



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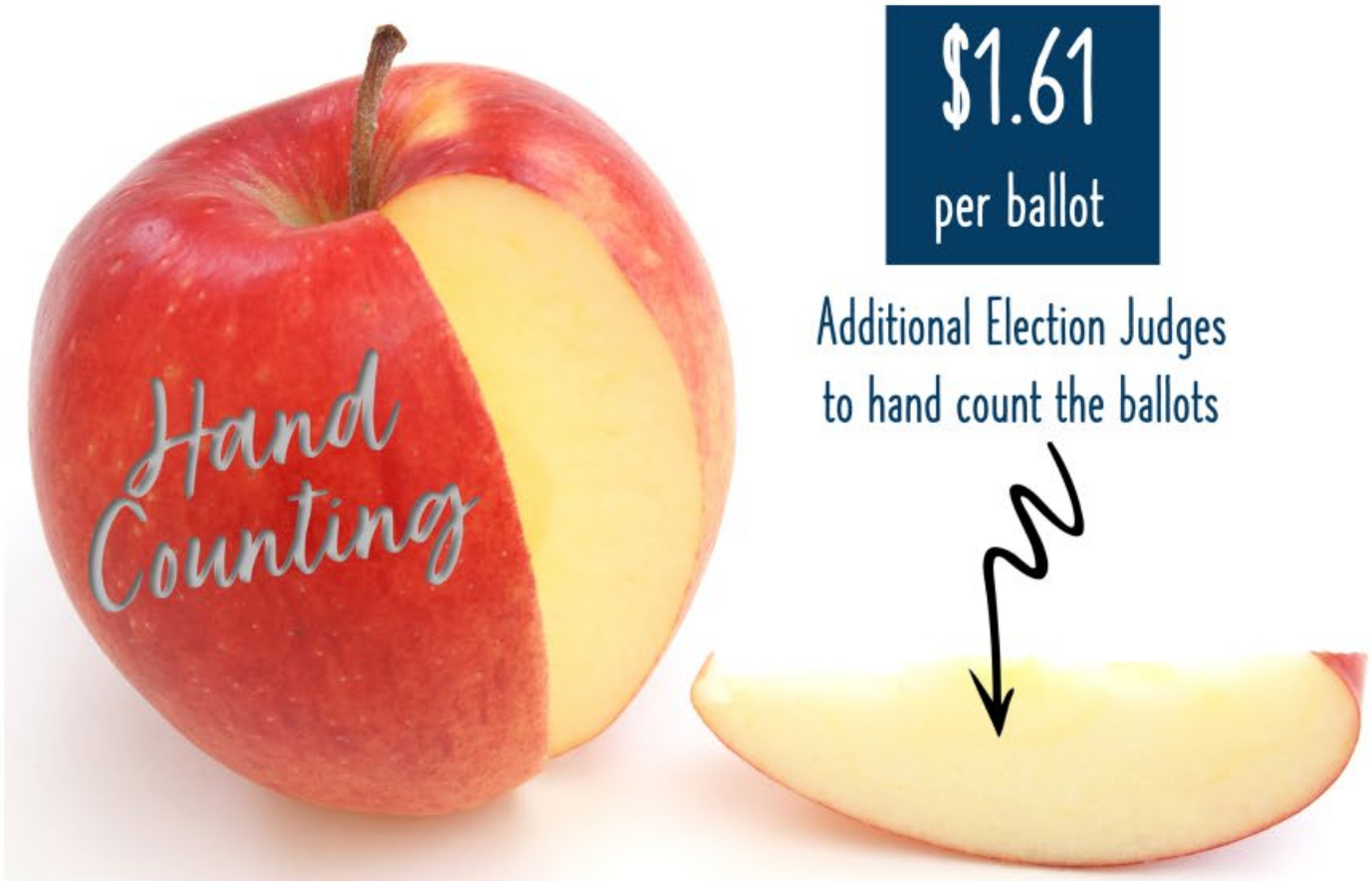

$1.61
per ballot

Additional Election Judges
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$2.71 per ballot = **$1.10 per ballot** + **$1.61 per ballot**

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Apple-to-Slice Comparison

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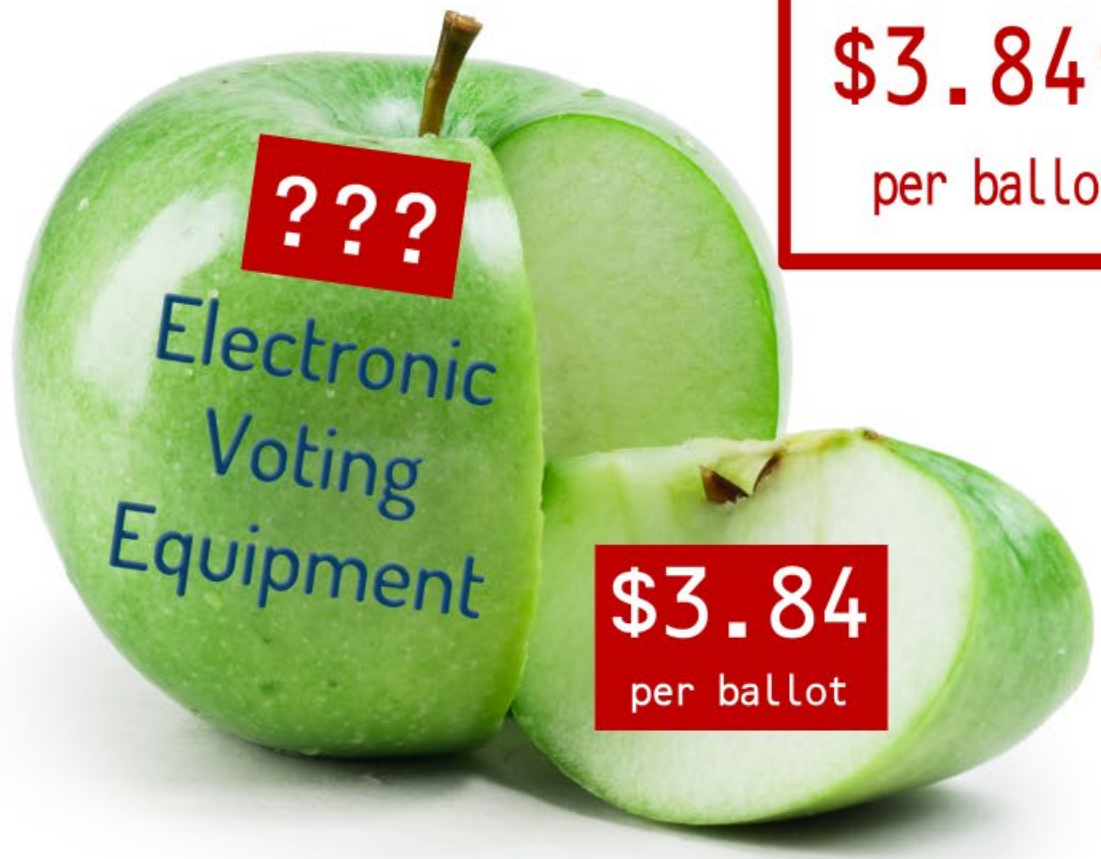

$3.84+
per ballot

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ONLY WORKS IN SMALL COUNTIES

What is the source information for this claim?

Consider this …

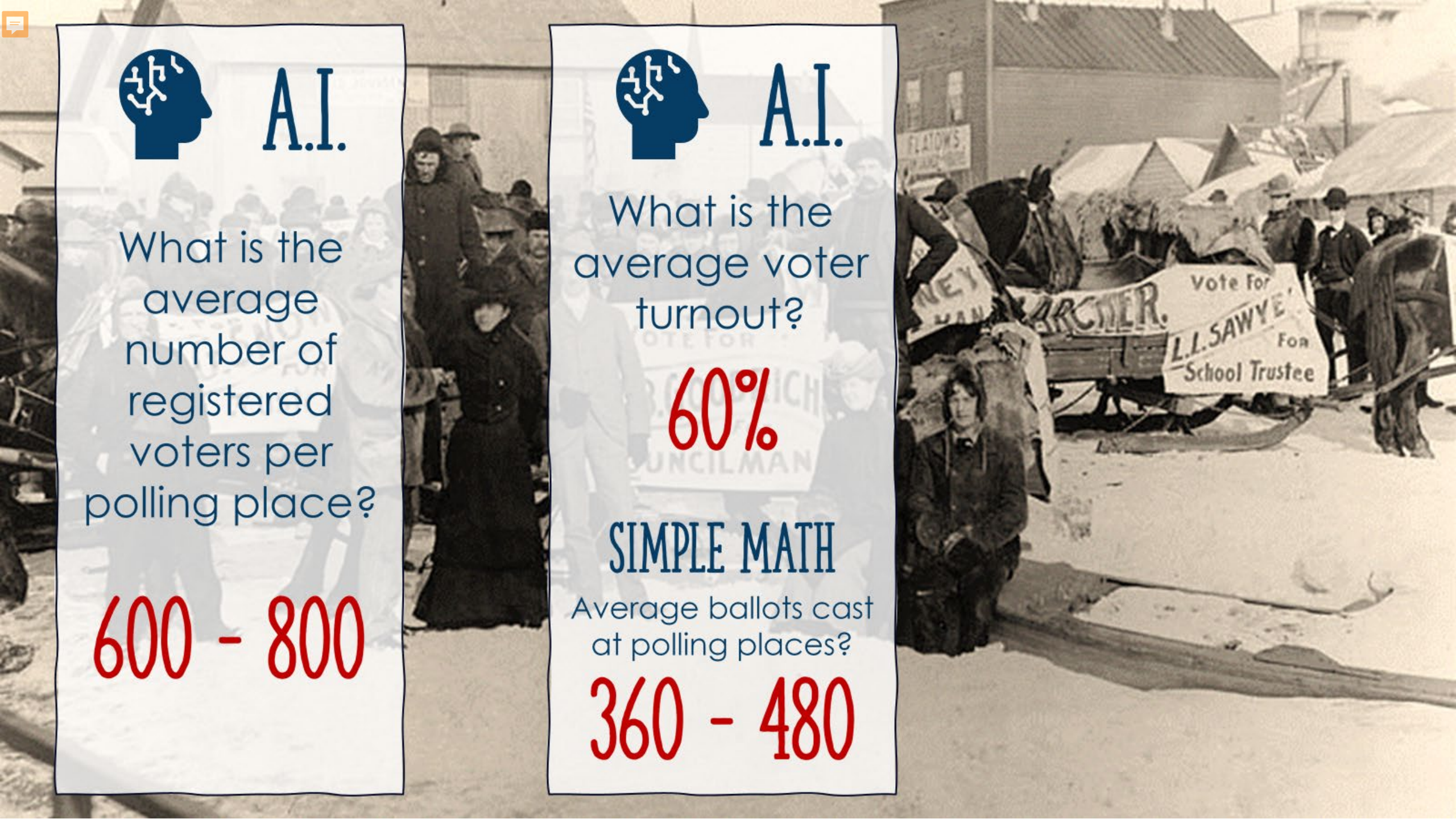
How many people vote at your polling place?

It is the size of the polling place,
not the size of the county.

A.I.

What is the average number of registered voters per polling place?

600 - 800



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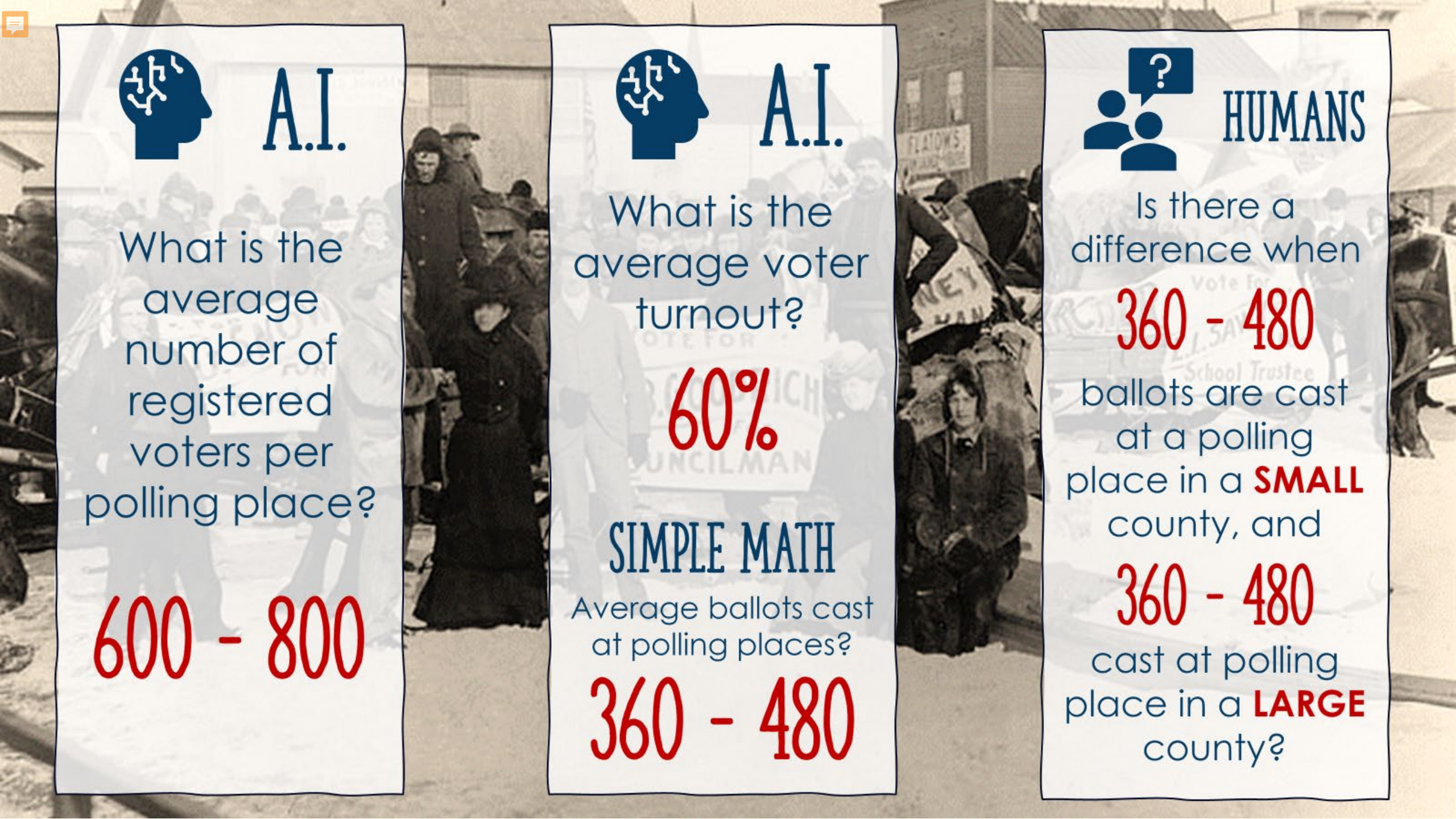

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HUMANS

Is there a difference when

360 - 480

ballots are cast at a polling place in a **SMALL** county, and

360 - 480

cast at polling place in a **LARGE** county?

APRIL 2023 ELECTION

Osage County, MO

<10,000
Registered Voters

St. Charles County, MO

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115 Polling Places (PP)

83 PP <481 ballots / 1 Team

32 PP <1K ballots / 2 Teams

Could count in 5 hours

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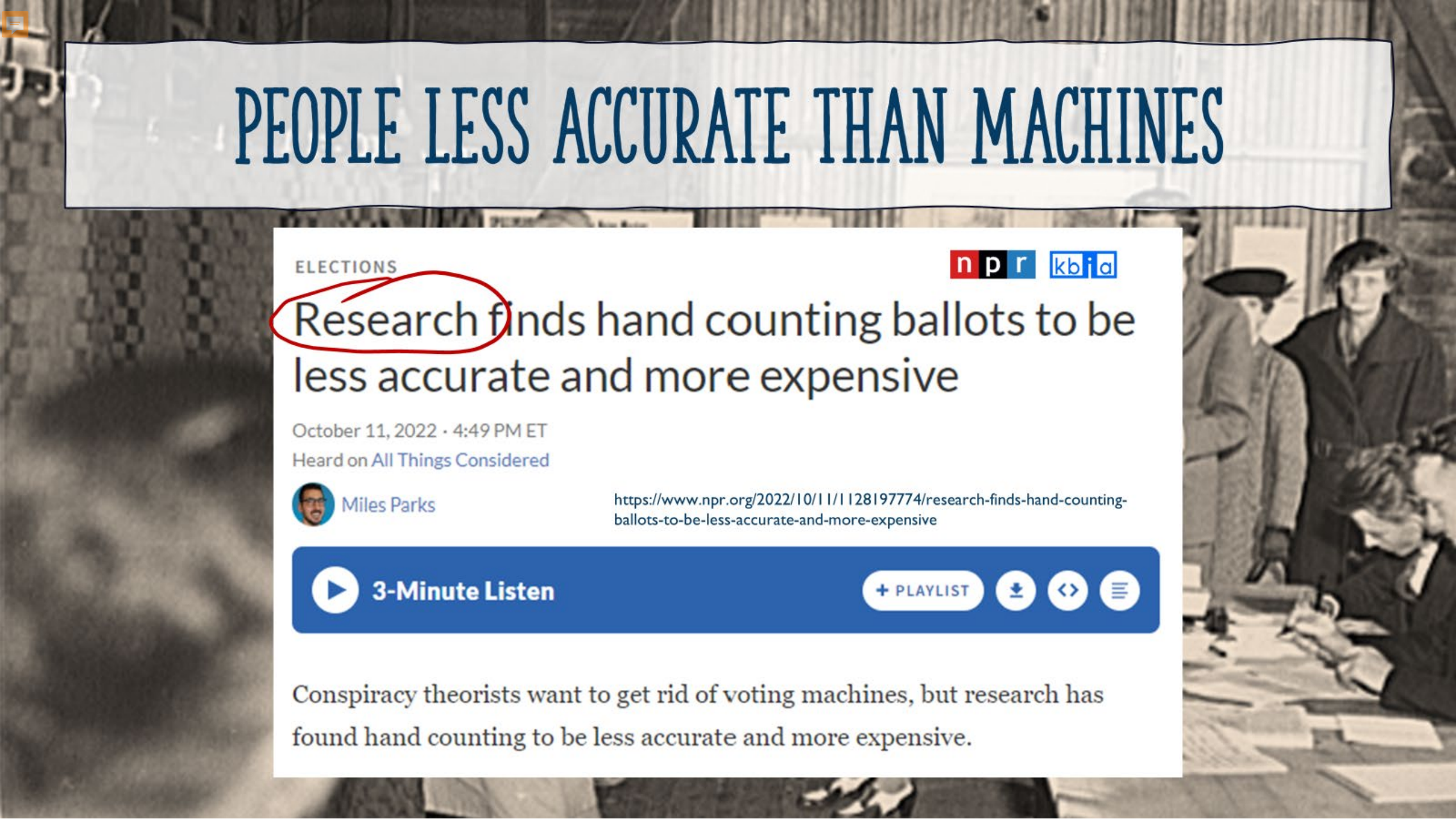
PEOPLE LESS ACCURATE THAN MACHINES



ELECTIONS

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Research finds hand counting ballots to be less accurate and more expensive

October 11, 2022 · 4:49 PM ET

Heard on All Things Considered

Miles Parks

https://www.npr.org/2022/10/11/1128197774/research-finds-hand-counting-ballots-to-be-less-accurate-and-more-expensive

3-Minute Listen + PLAYLIST

Conspiracy theorists want to get rid of voting machines, but research has found hand counting to be less accurate and more expensive.

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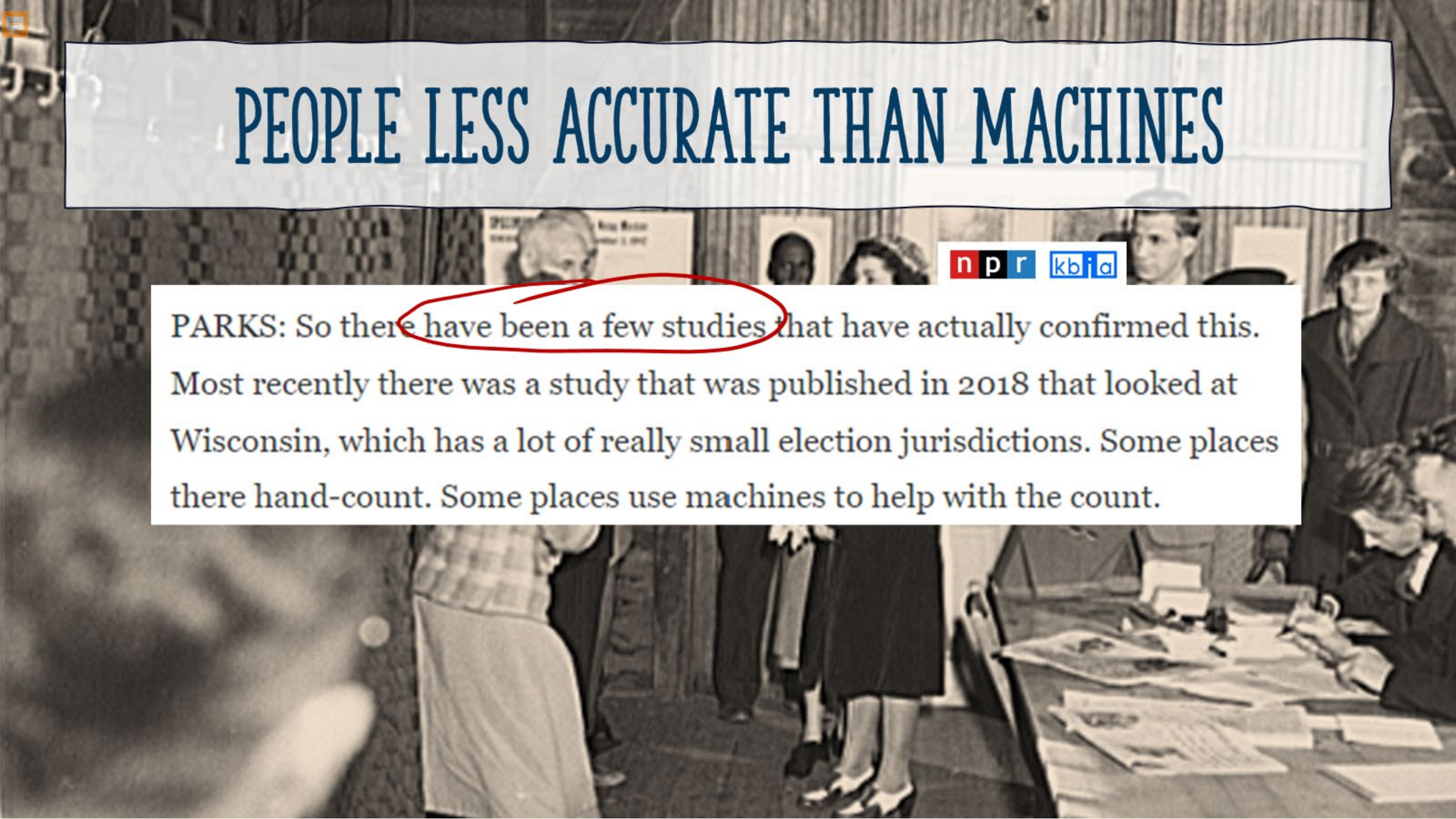

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PARKS: So there have been a few studies that have actually confirmed this. Most recently there was a study that was published in 2018 that looked at Wisconsin, which has a lot of really small election jurisdictions. Some places there hand-count. Some places use machines to help with the count.

PEOPLE LESS ACCURATE THAN MACHINES

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

2. It opens up the process to more errors

Humans aren't particularly good at repetitive tasks such as counting ballots. Machines were made for that, said Wendy Weiser, who directs the democracy program at the Brennan Center for Justice.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/04/08/hand-count-election-explained/

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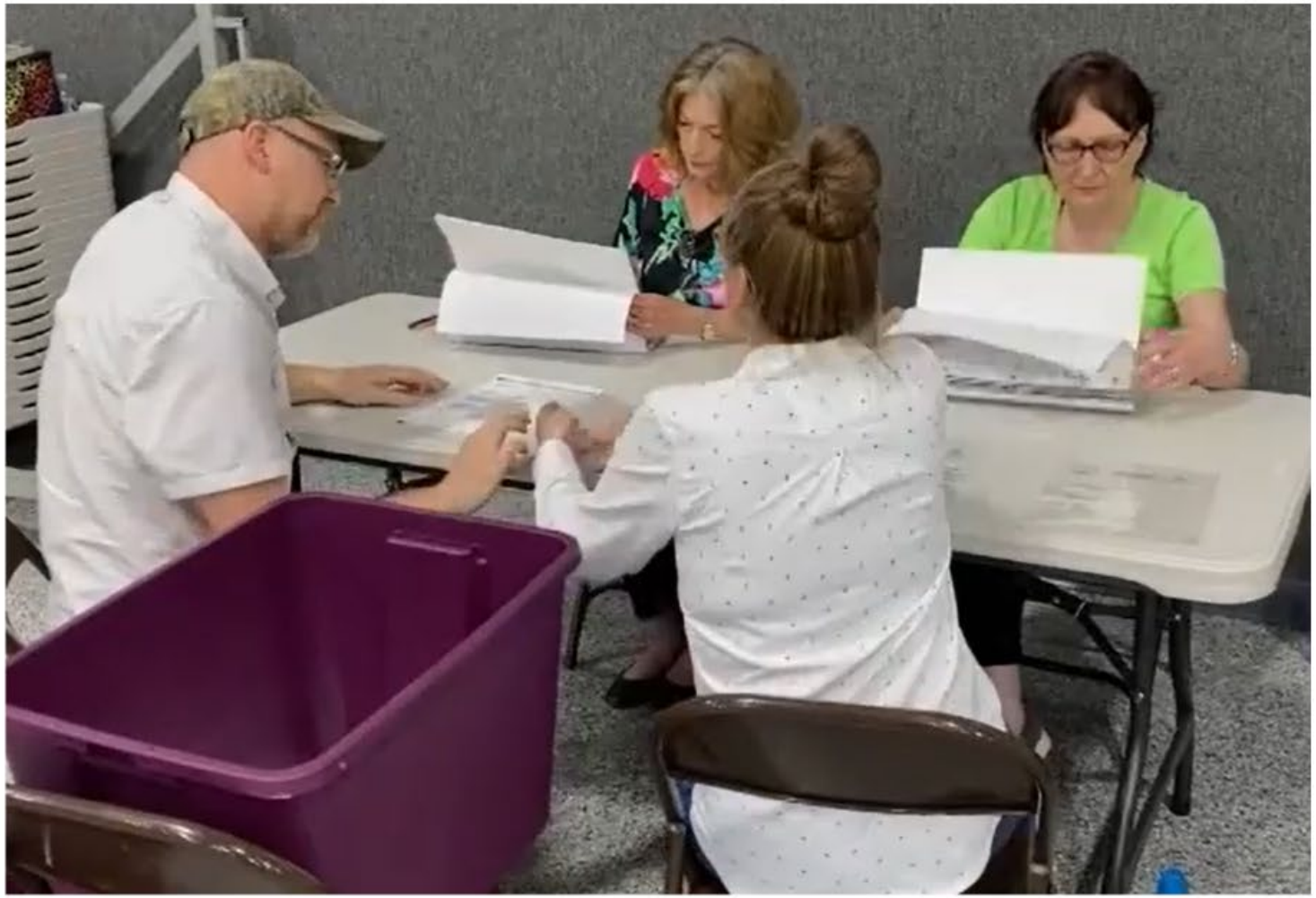
Weiser said there aren't many studies about the accuracy of hand-counting, but a 2012 study looked at error rates for a popular hand-counting method and found a 2 percent error rate. "There are multiple elections won or lost by much less than 1 percent," she said.

If you're entirely hand-counting ballots, voters fill out their ballots entirely by paper — which opens up a lot of room for mistakes.



VOTER INTENT

115.453 "Distinguishing Mark"

"Regulations promulgated by the secretary of state shall be used by the judges to determine voter intent."

https://www.sos.mo.gov/cmsimages/adrules/csr/current/15csr/15c30-9.pdf

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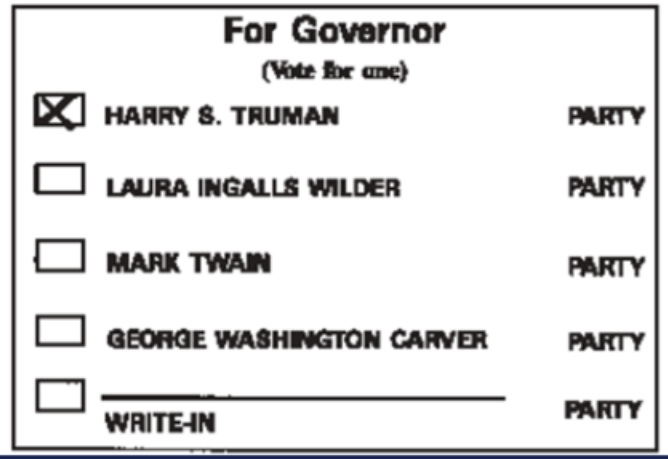
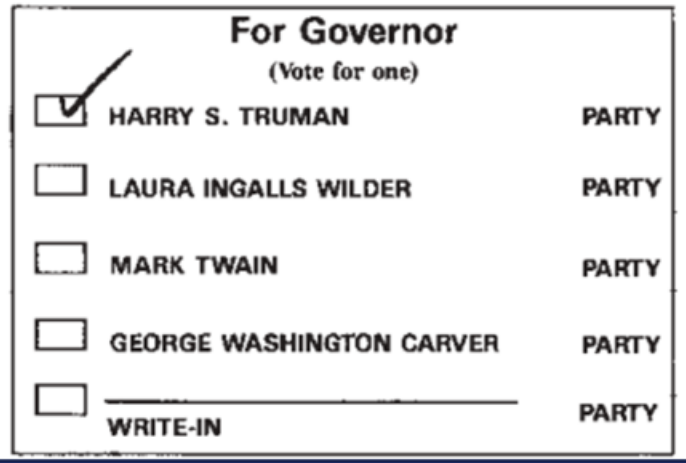
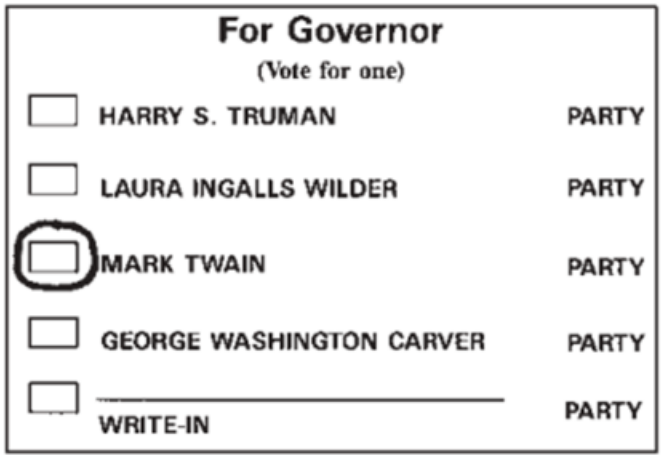
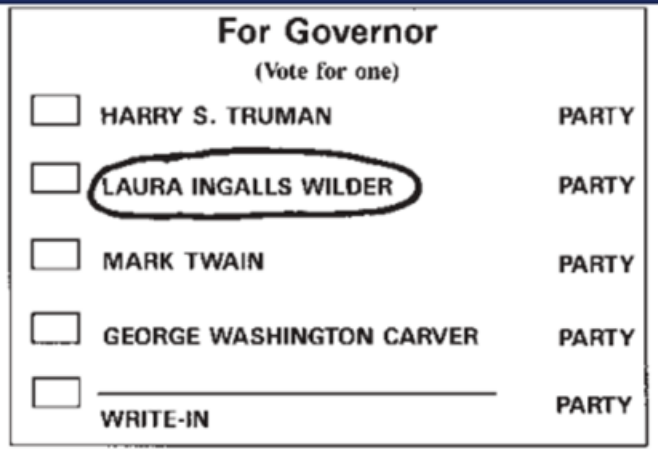
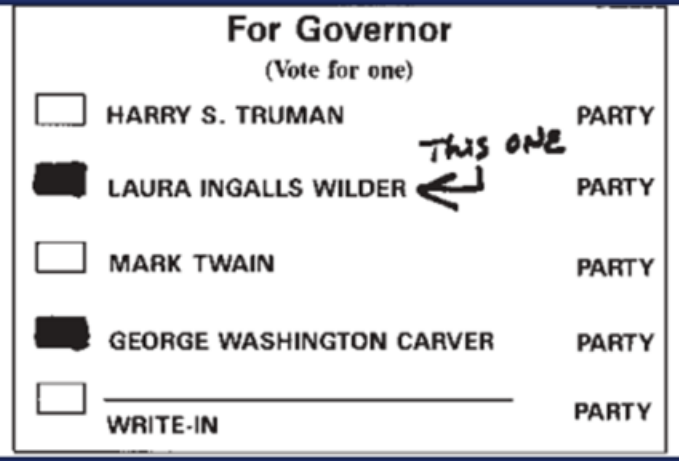
Voter Intent – Hand Counting

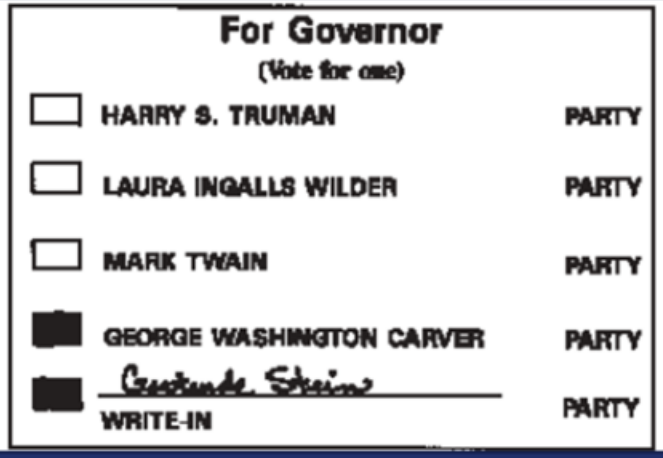












Gertrude Stein: NOT qualified

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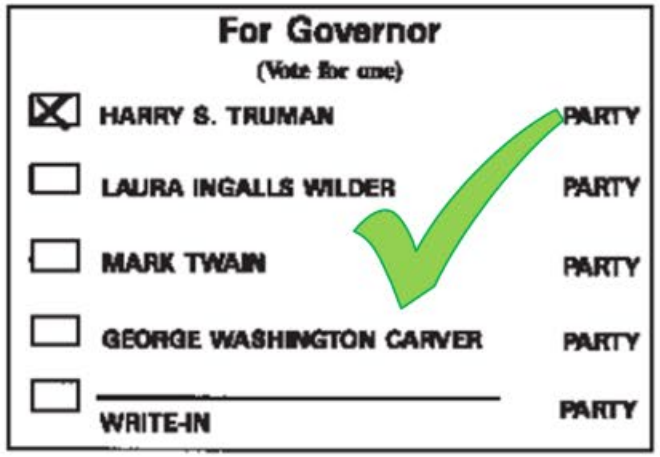

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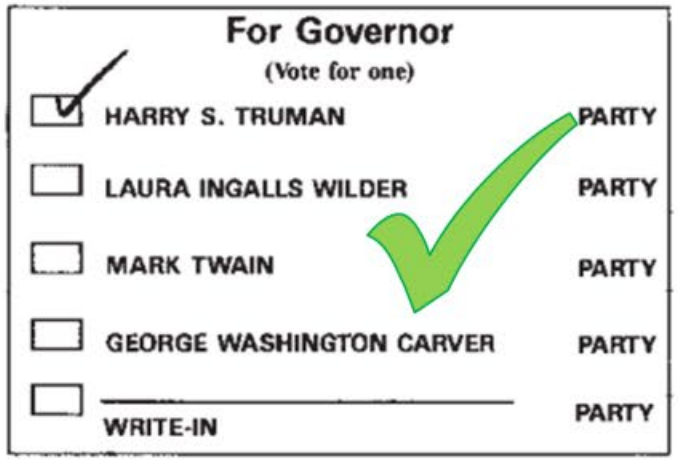

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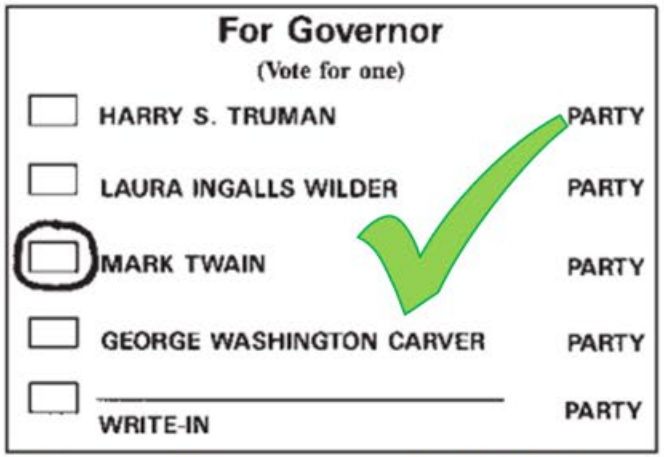

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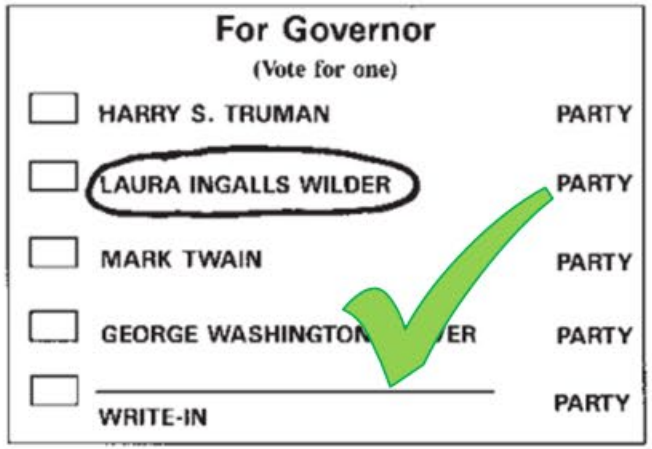

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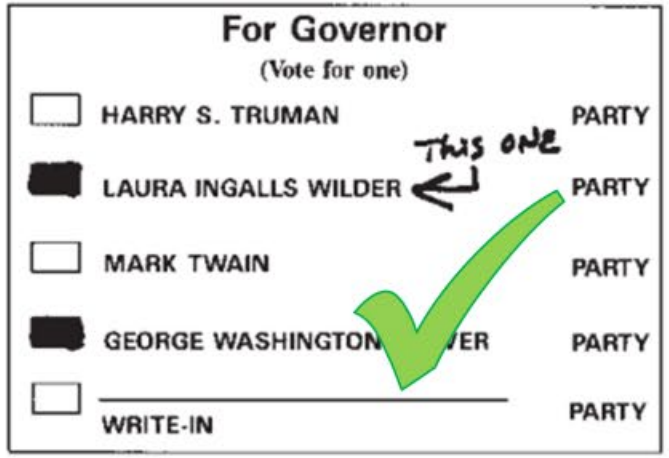

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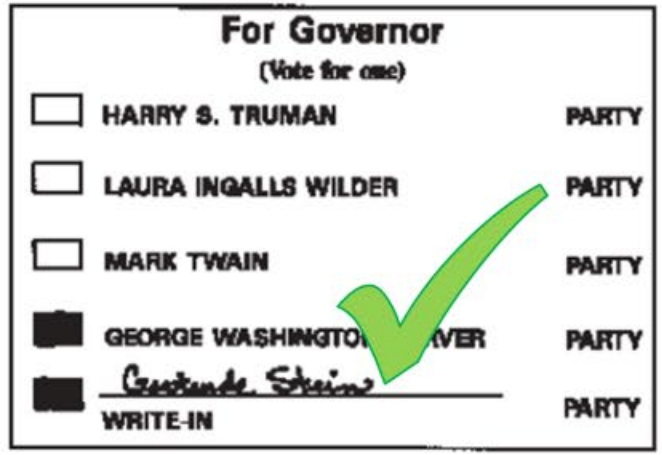
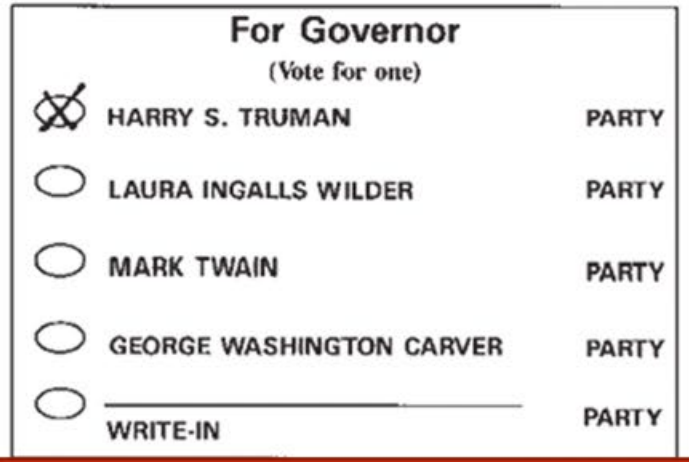
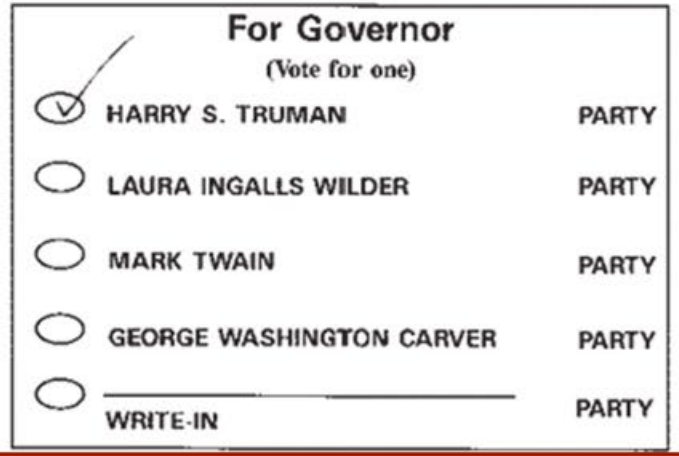
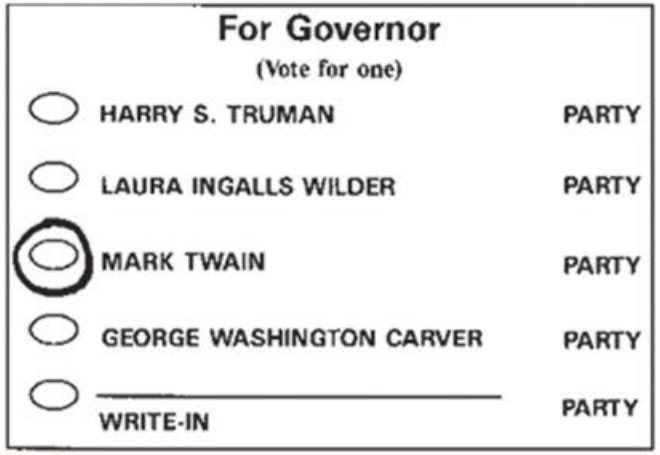


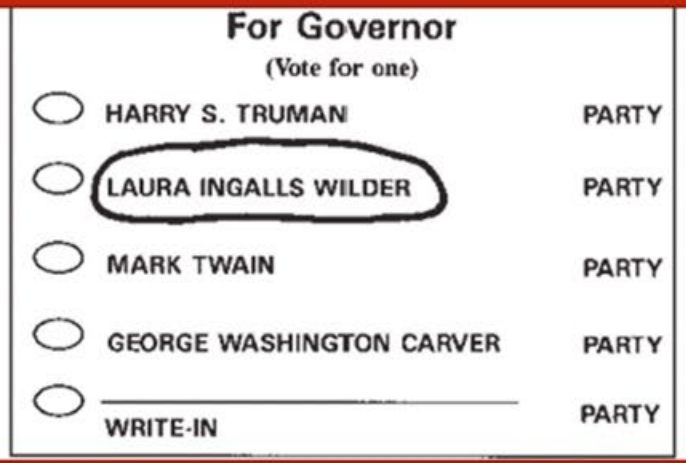
Gertrude Stein is not a qualified candidate. This shall constitute a vote for George Washington Carver.

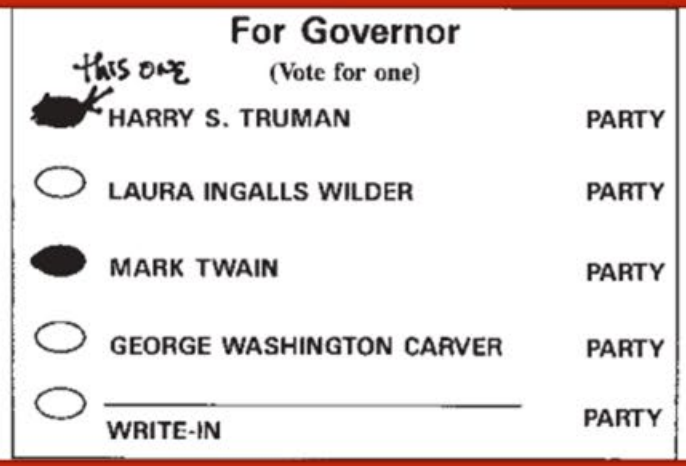
Voter Intent – Machine Counting

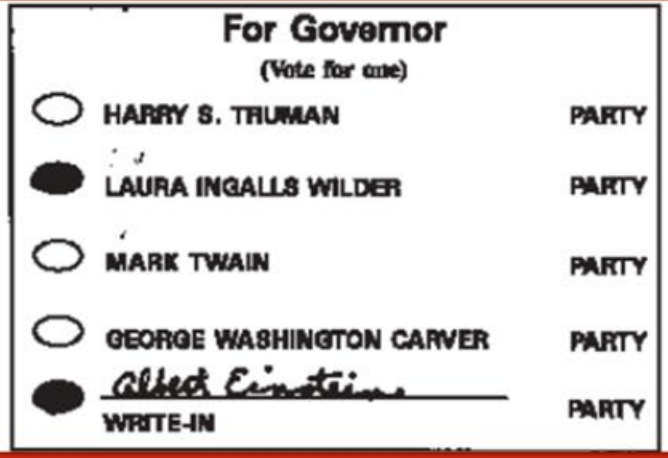












Albert Einstein: NOT qualified

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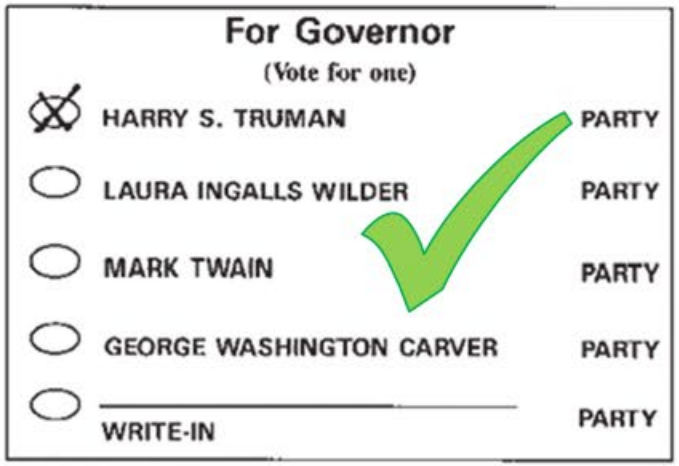

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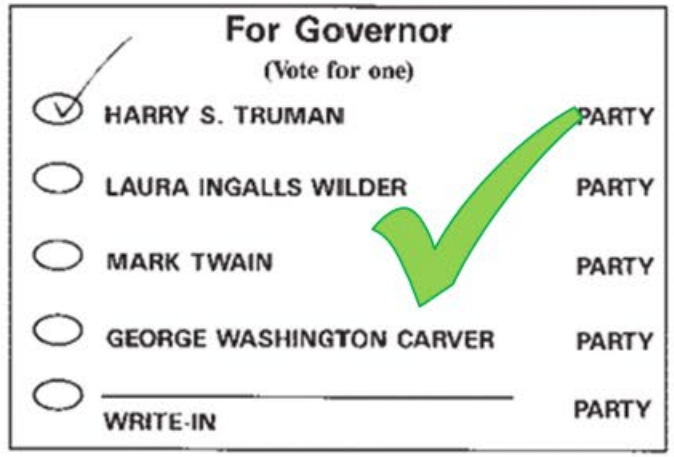

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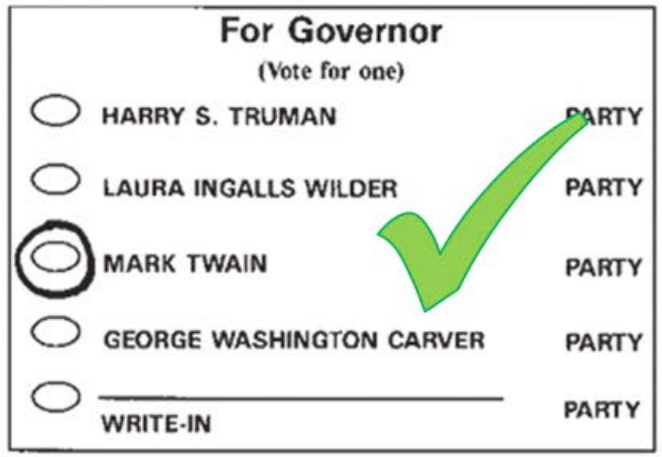

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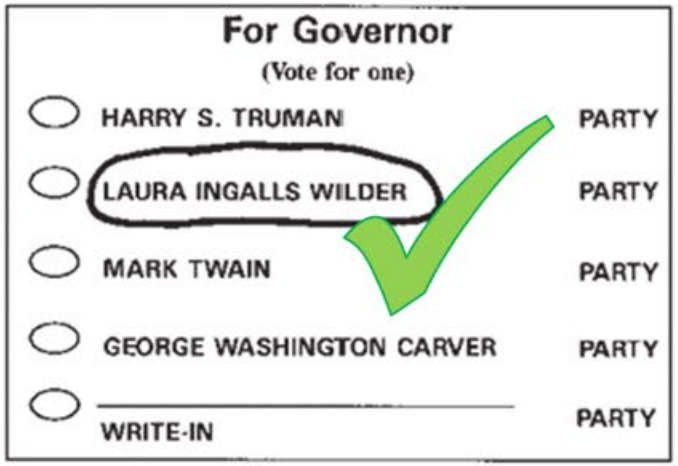

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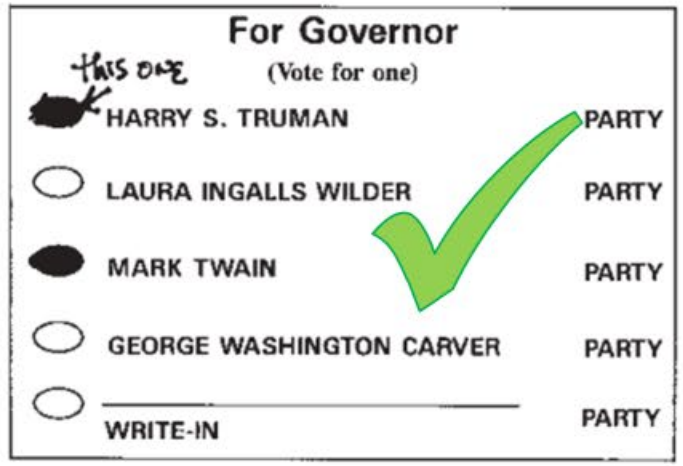

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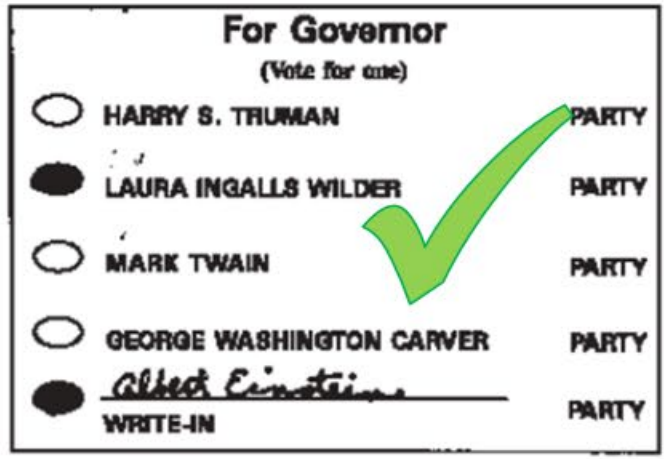

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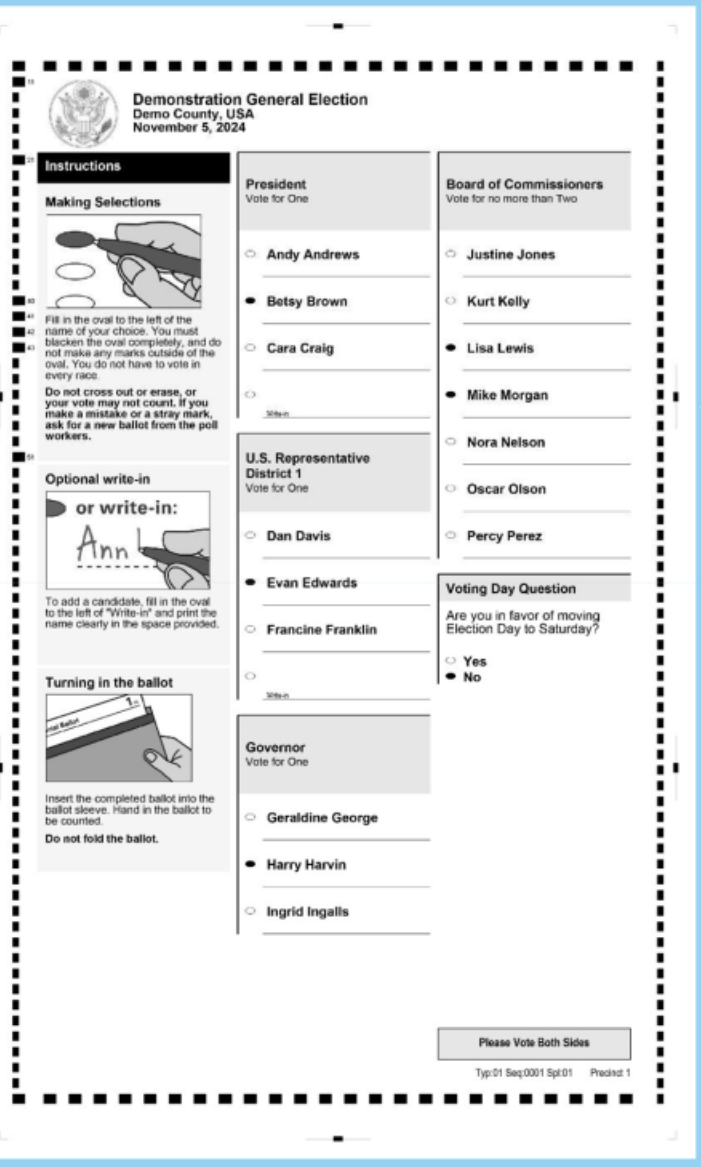
DO MACHINES CONSIDER VOTER INTENT?

ARE MACHINES ACCURATELY TALLYING VOTER INTENT?

A STANDARD BALLOT



Demonstration General Election
Demo County, USA
November 5, 2024

Instructions

Making Selections

Fill in the oval to the left of the name of your choice. You must blacken the oval completely, and do not make any marks outside of the oval. You do not have to vote in every race.

Do not cross out or erase, or your vote may not count. If you make a mistake or a stray mark, ask for a new ballot from the poll workers.

Optional write-in

or write-in: Ann

To add a candidate, fill in the oval to the left of "Write-in" and print the name clearly in the space provided.

Turning in the ballot

Insert the completed ballot into the ballot sleeve. Hand in the ballot to be counted.

Do not fold the ballot.

President
Vote for One

- Andy Andrews
- Betsy Brown
- Cara Craig
- Write-in

U.S. Representative District 1
Vote for One

- Dan Davis
- Evan Edwards
- Francine Franklin
- Write-in

Governor
Vote for One

- Geraldine George
- Harry Harvin
- Ingrid Ingalls

Board of Commissioners
Vote for no more than Two

- Justine Jones
- Kurt Kelly
- Lisa Lewis
- Mike Morgan
- Nora Nelson
- Oscar Olson
- Percy Perez

Voting Day Question

Are you in favor of moving Election Day to Saturday?

- Yes
- No

Please Vote Both Sides

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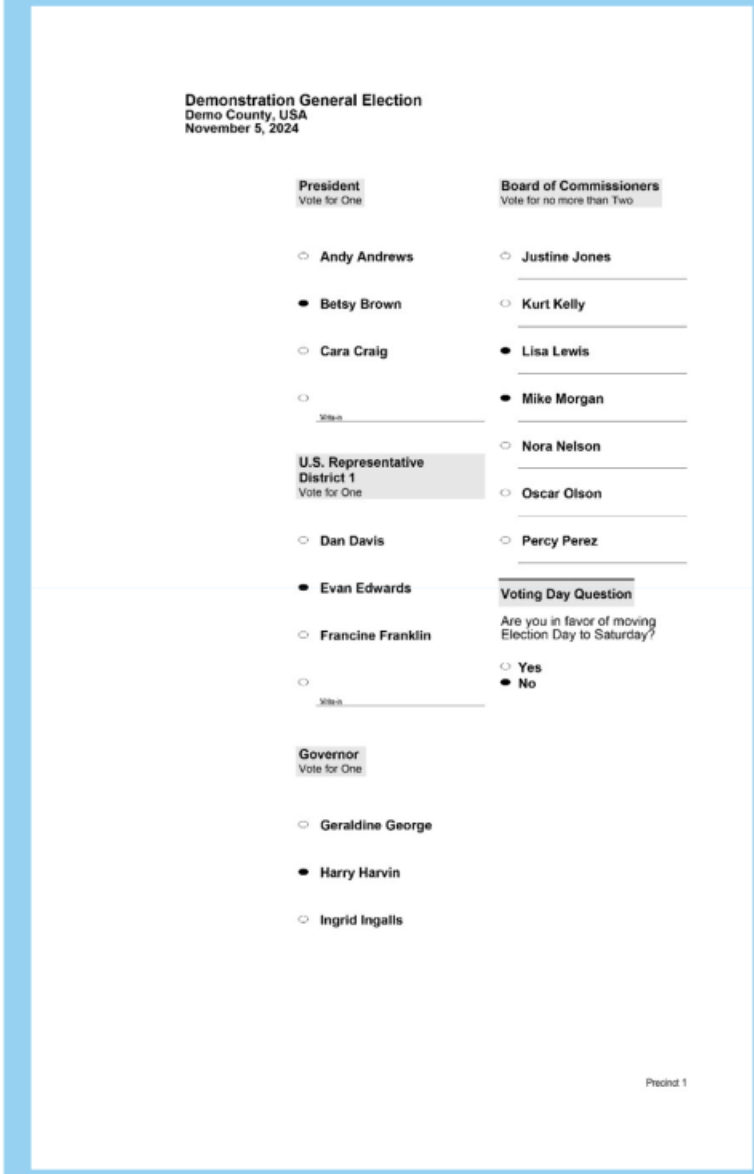

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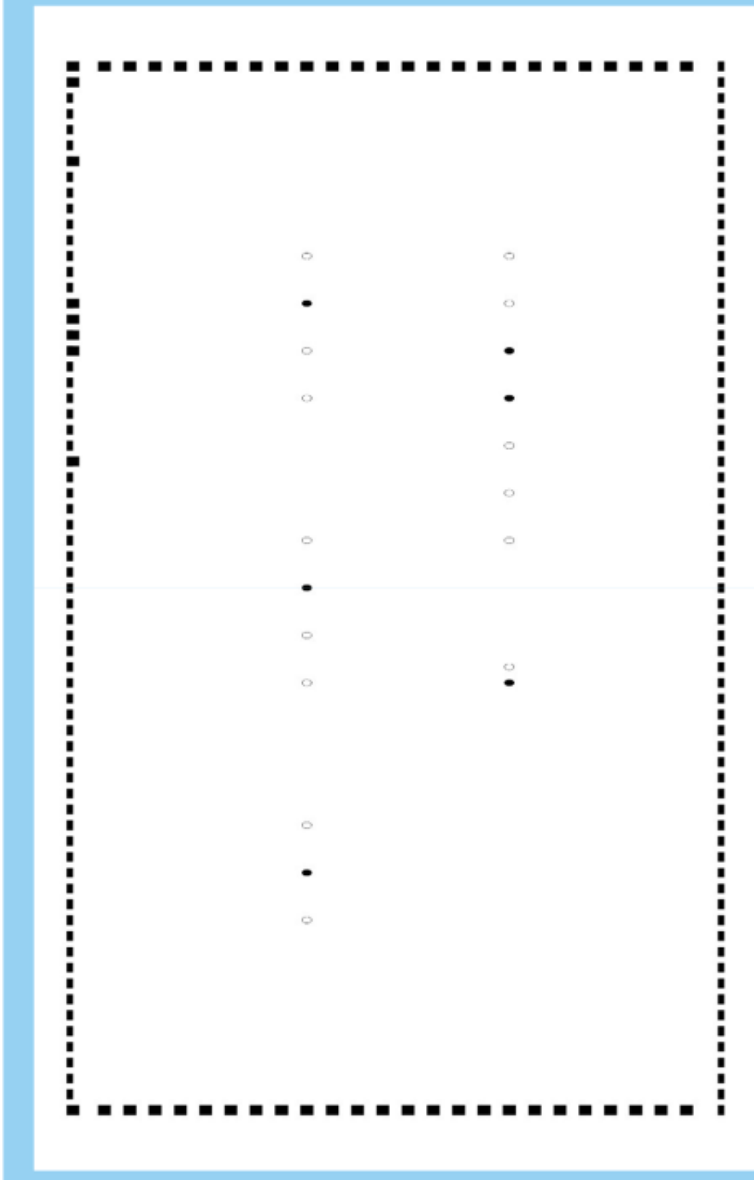

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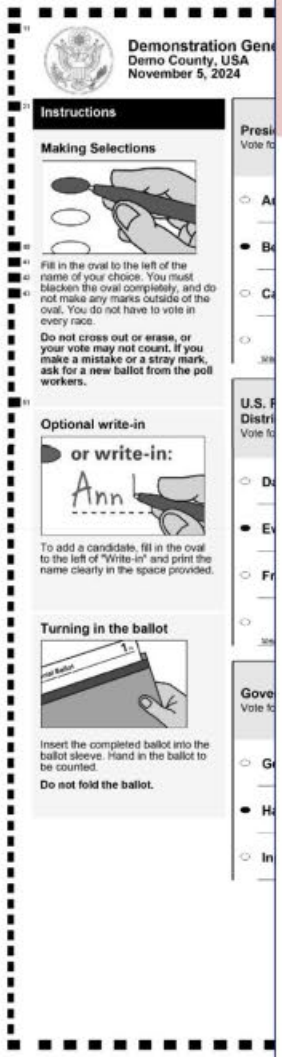

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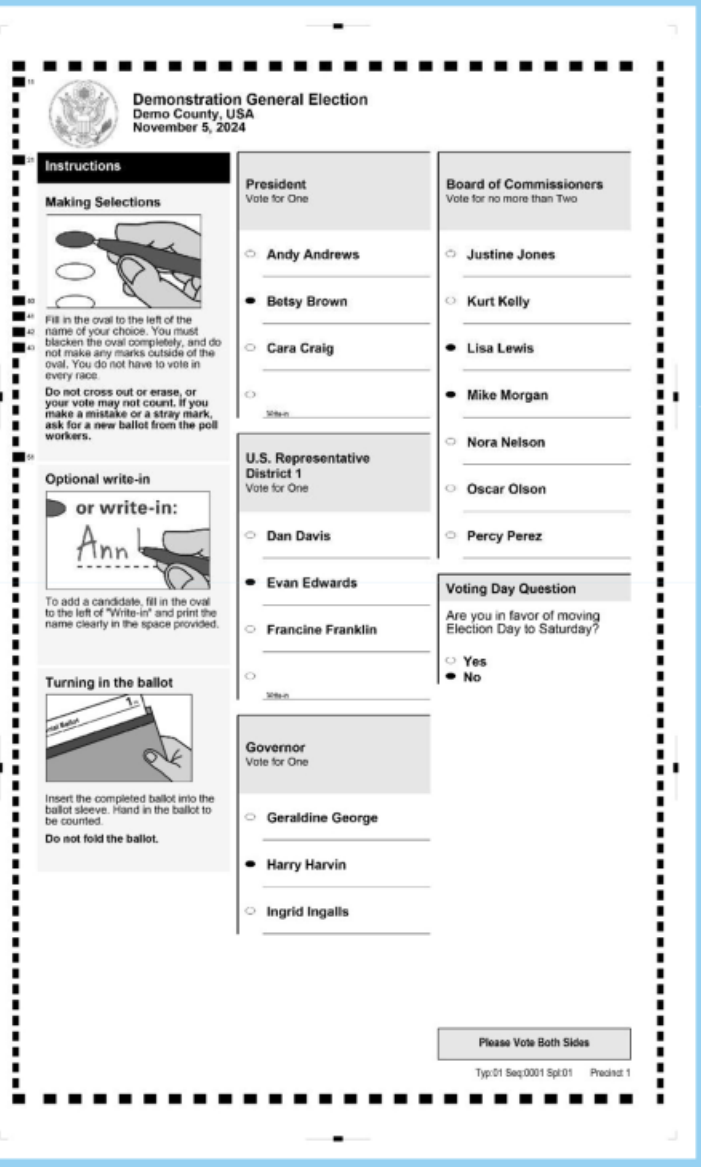

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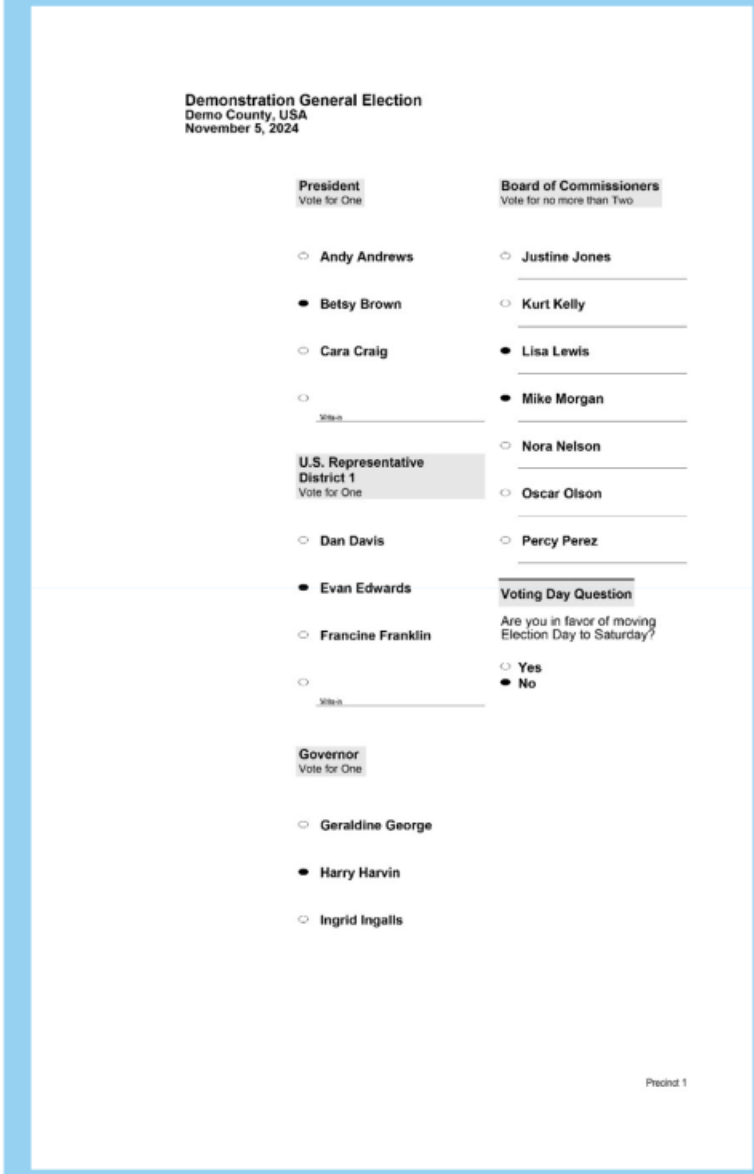

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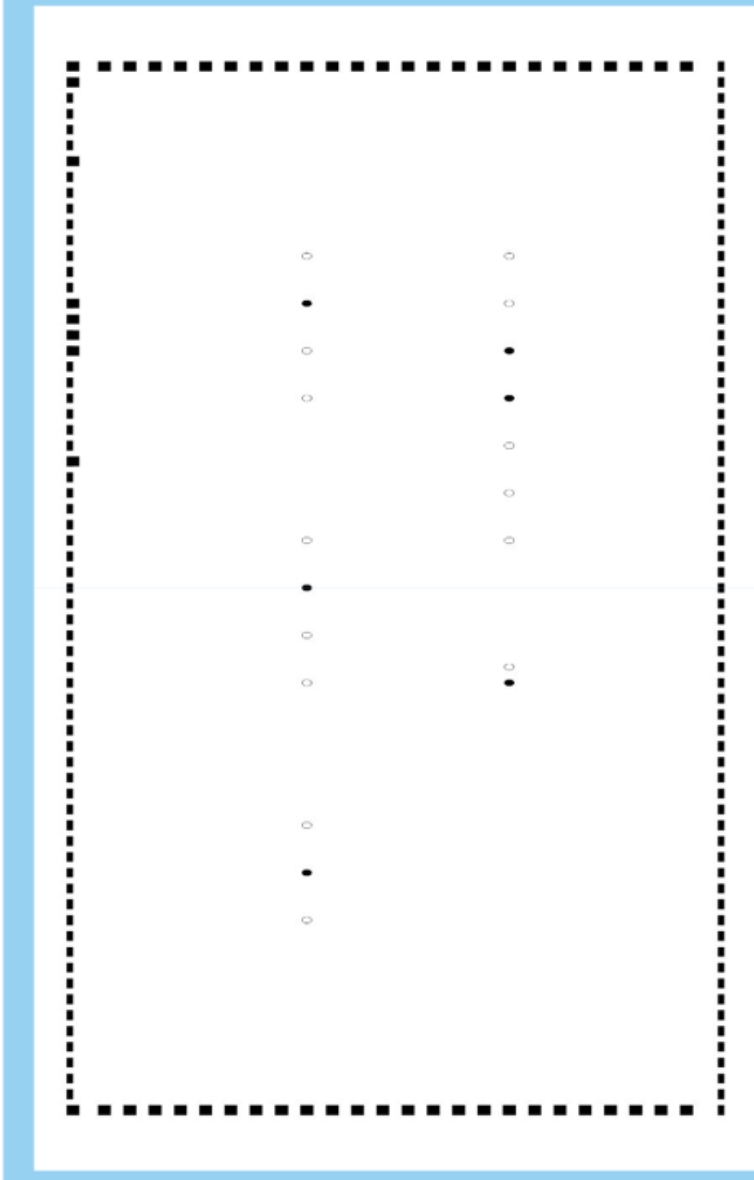

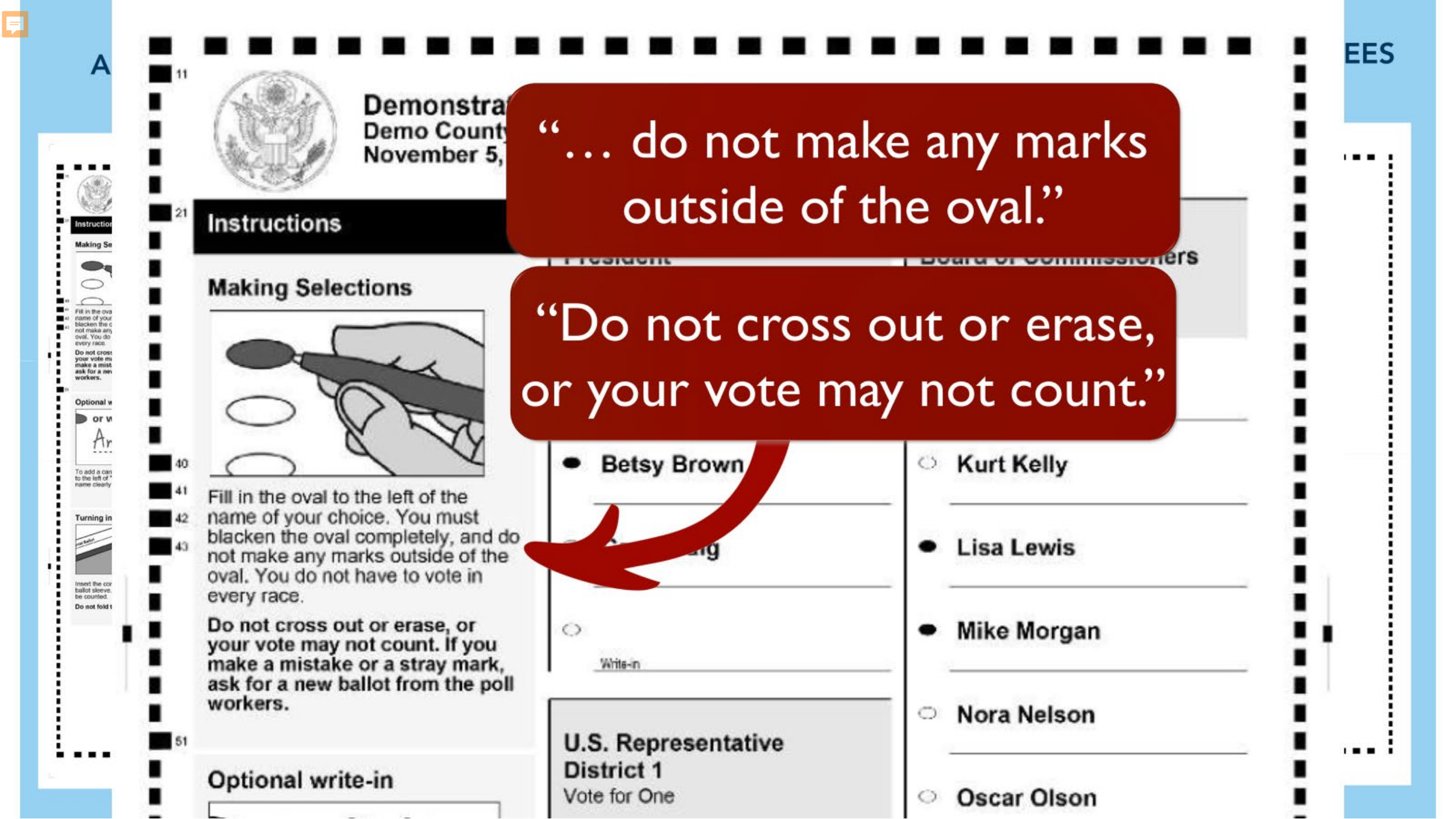

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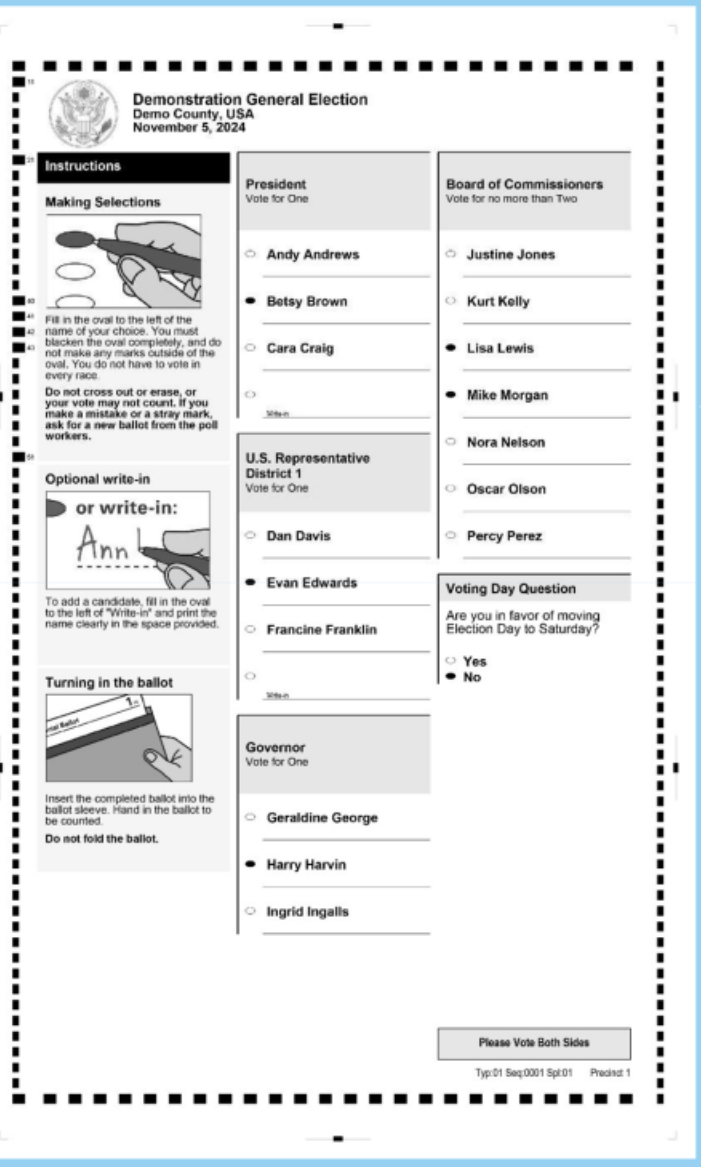

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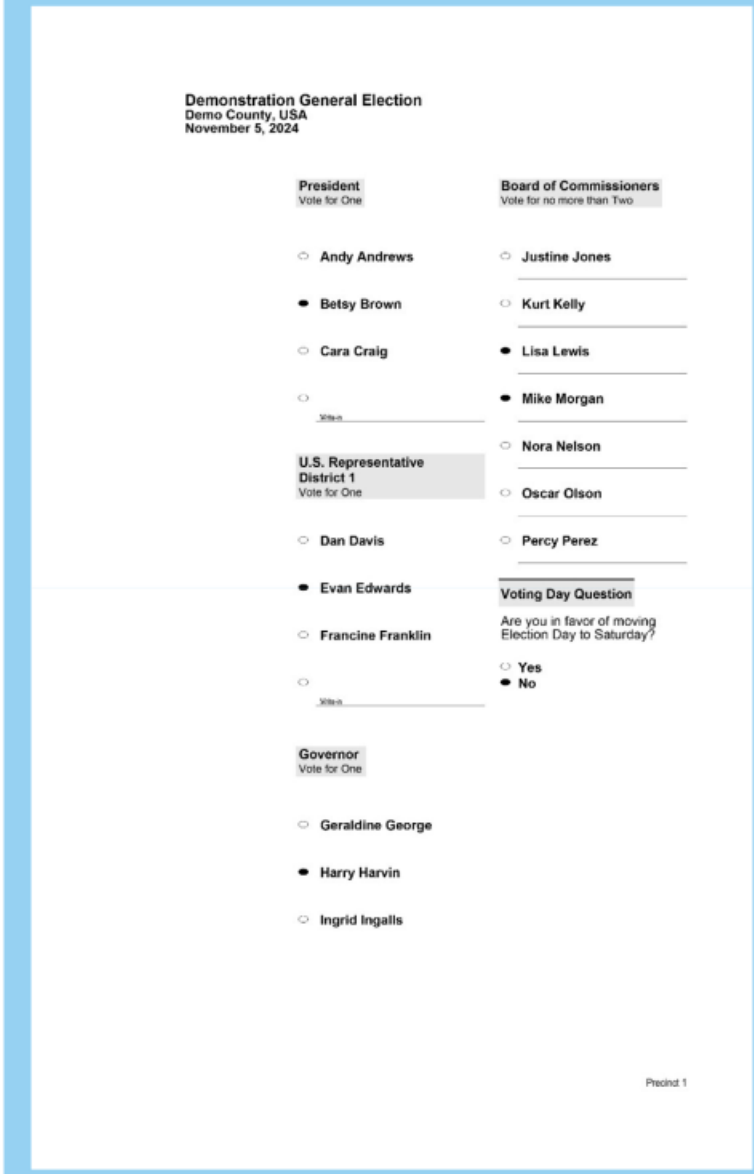

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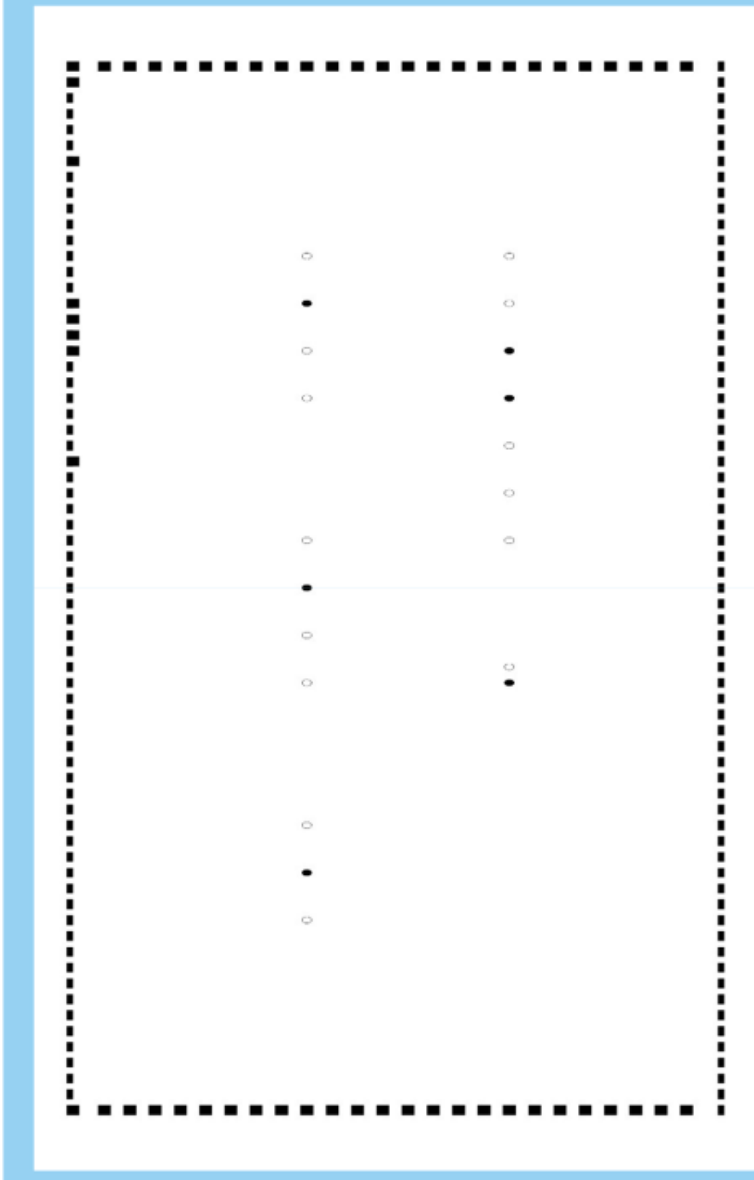

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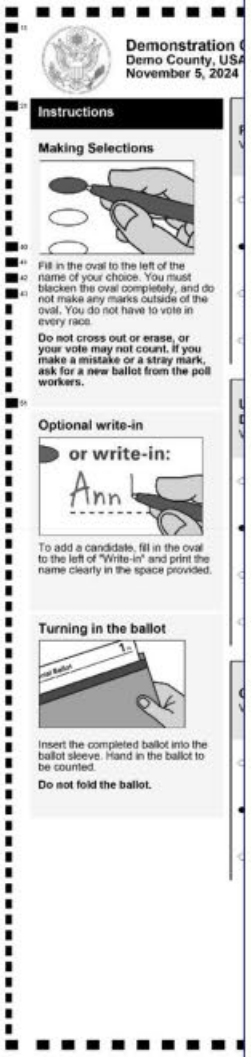

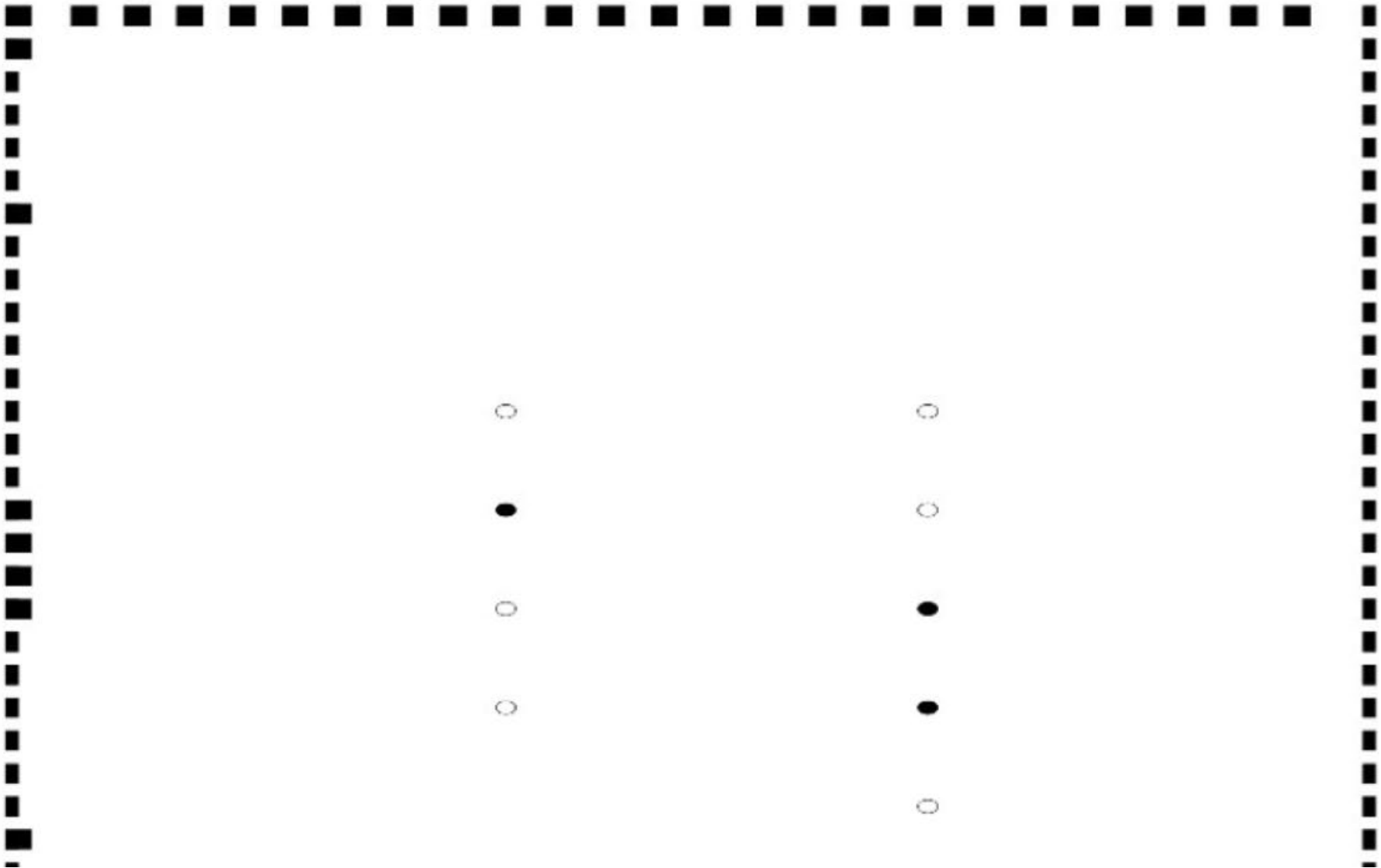

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This constitutes a vote for Laura Ingalls Wilder.

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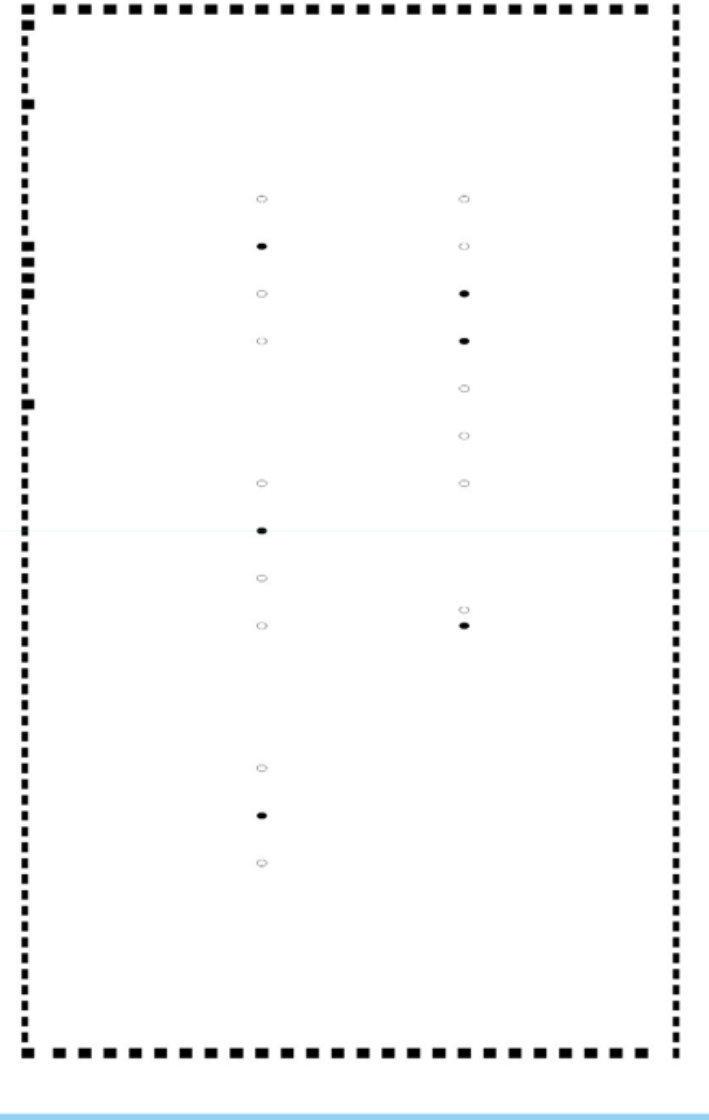

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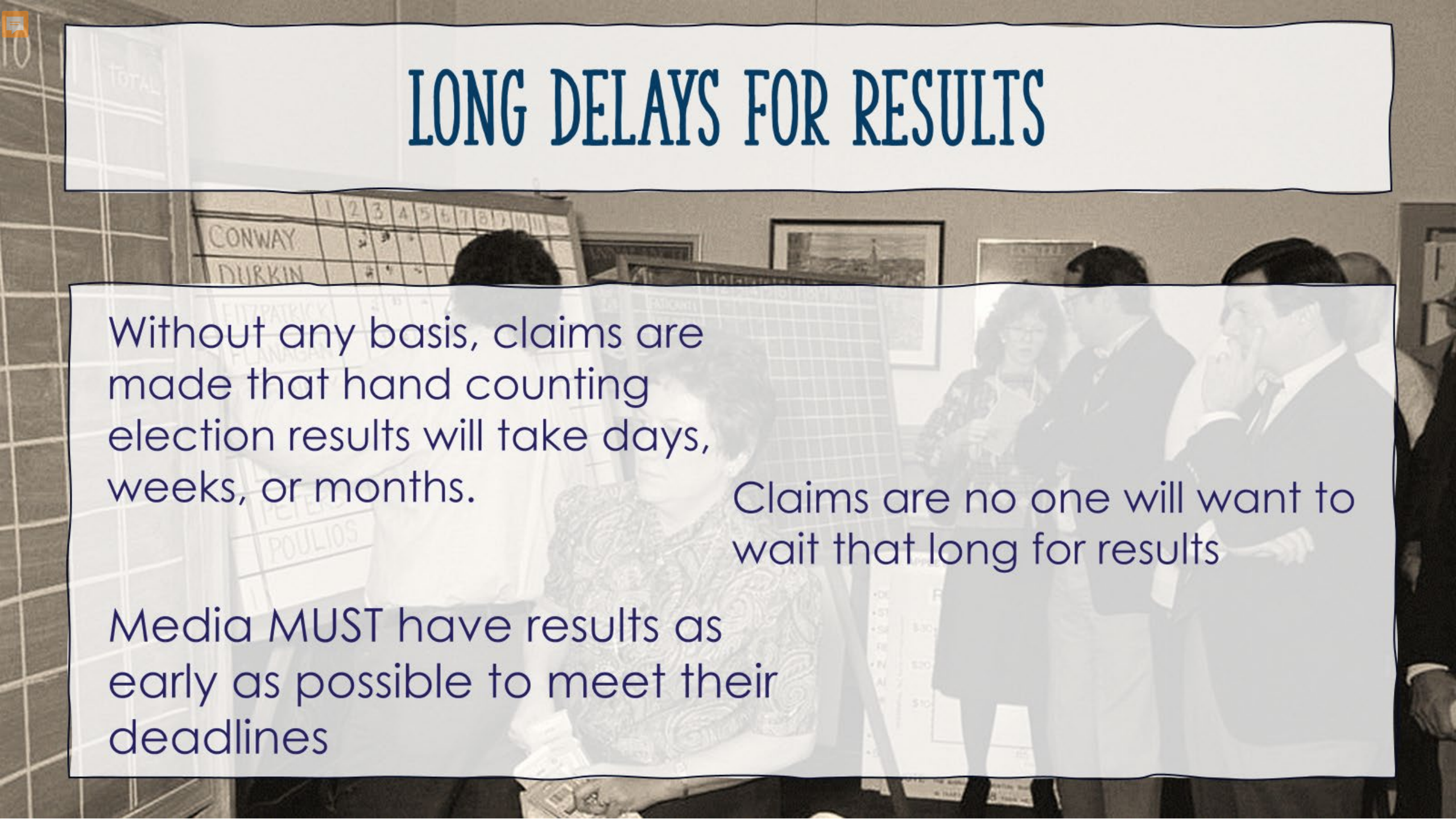

Without any basis, claims are made that hand counting election results will take days, weeks, or months.

Media MUST have results as early as possible to meet their deadlines

Claims are no one will want to wait that long for results

Same Day Results

50 to 100 ballots per Hr per team

"Missouri Model"

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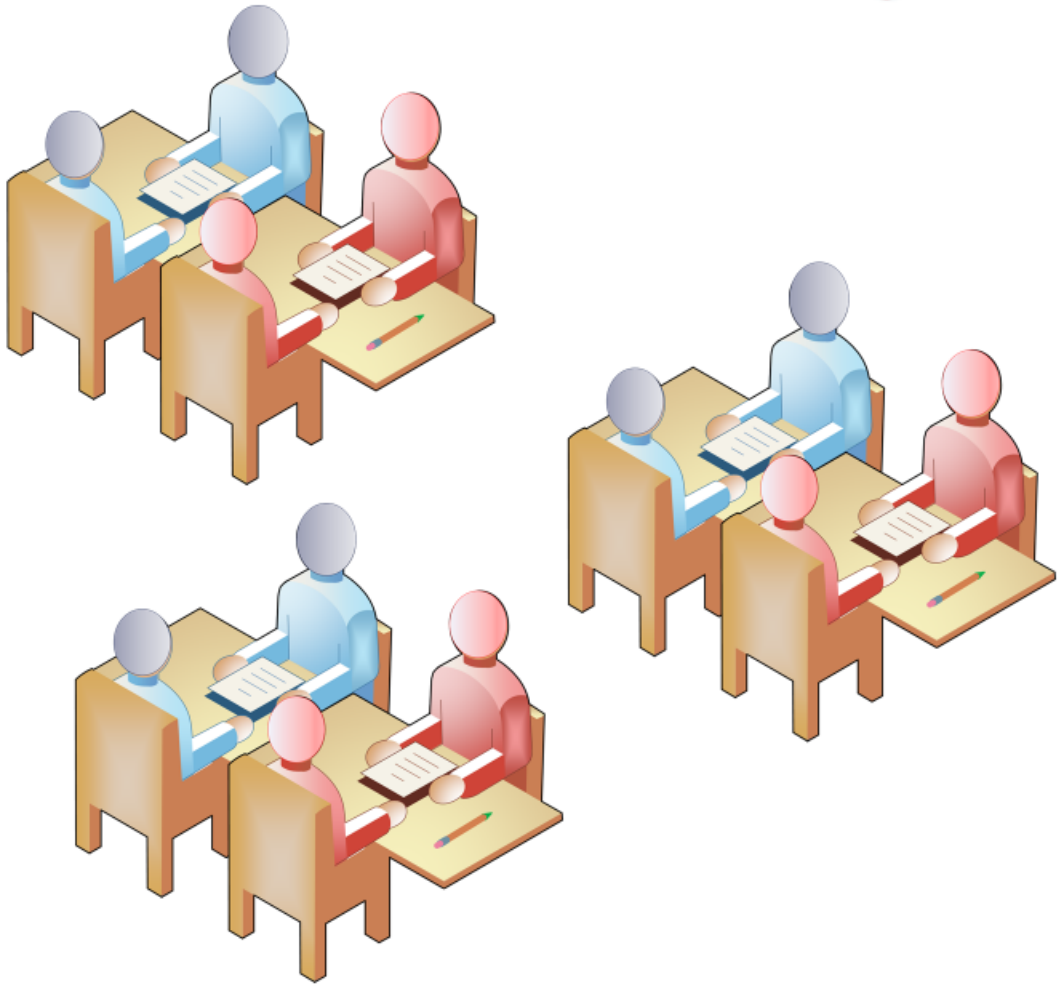
Counting Team
4 Election Judges



Team Scheduling

600 ballots/poll place = 1 Team

Up to 1,200 ballots/poll place = 2 Teams

Up to 1,800 ballots/poll place = 3 Teams

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NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE TO COUNT

If all else is debunked, the "fall back" is:

"Not enough people working the polls now, we'll never have enough people to count."

And, we say:

We'll teach them!

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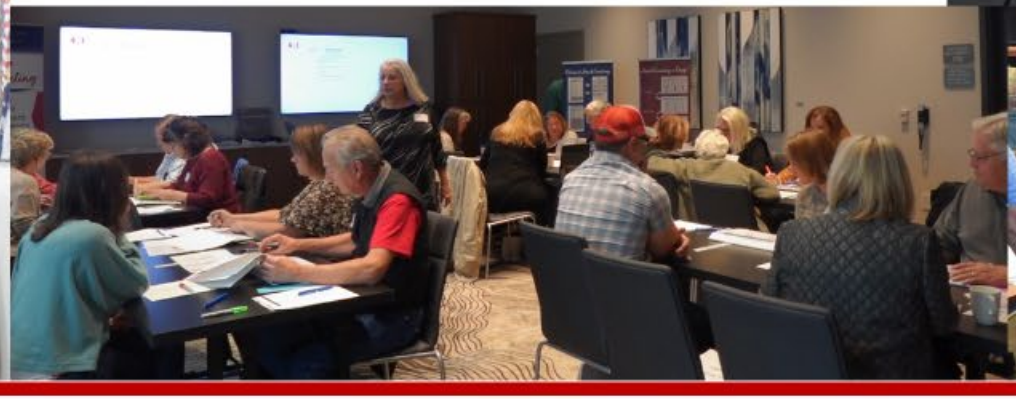

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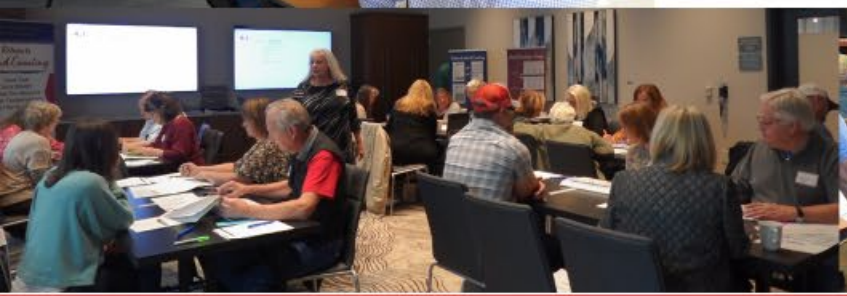

Continuity of Government

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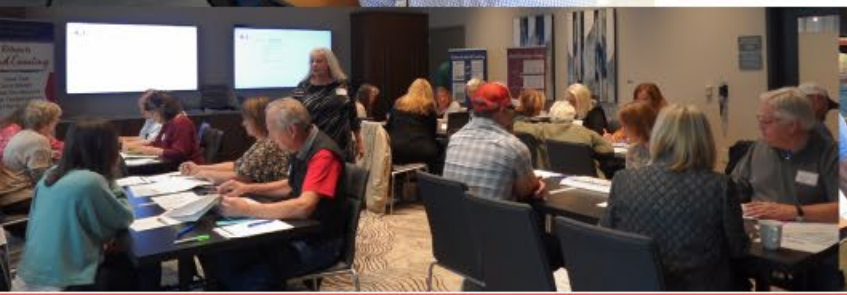

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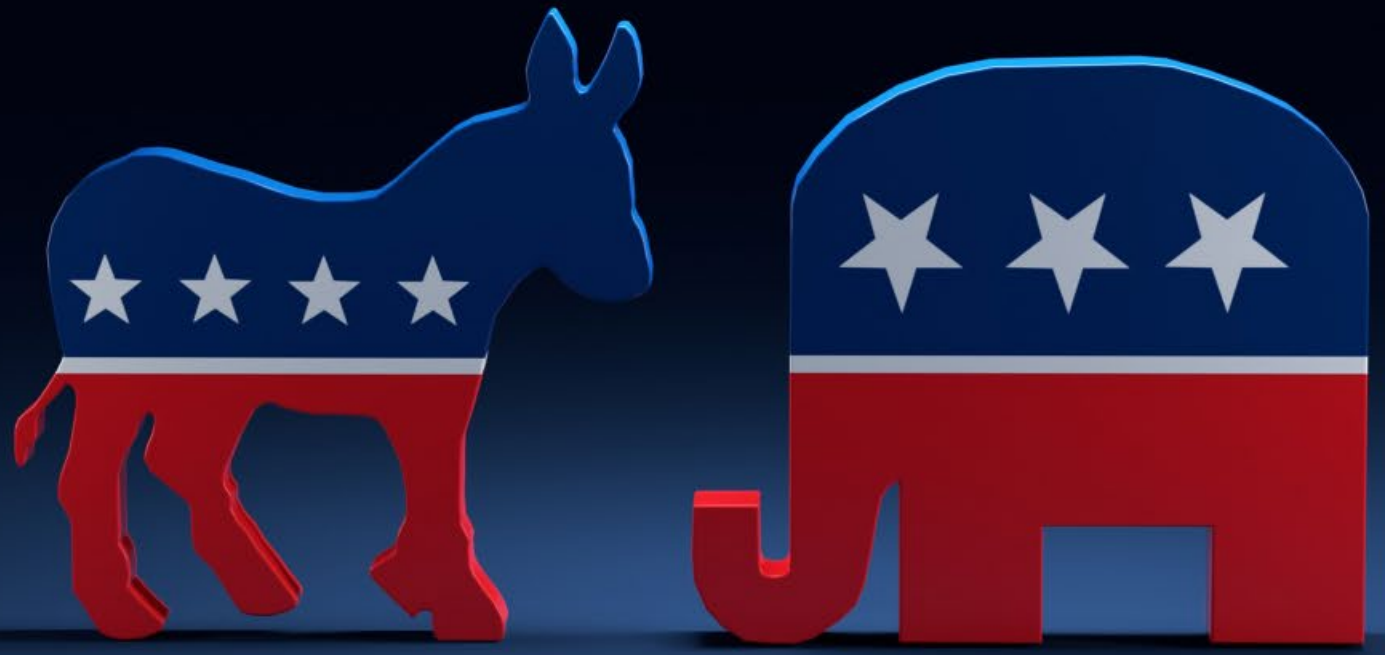

Responsible for recruiting election judges, poll workers, etc.

Strategy

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Ballots Tally form

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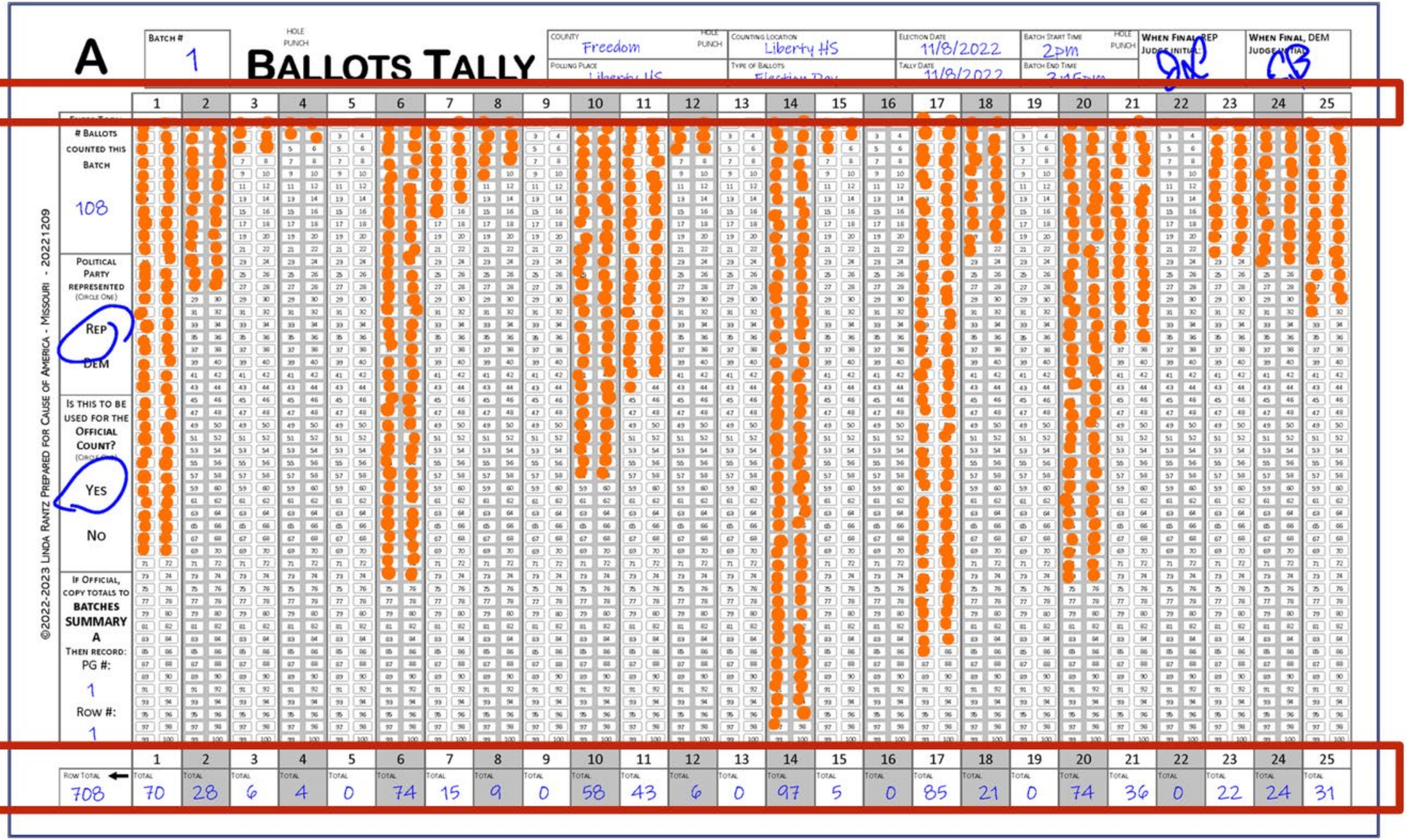

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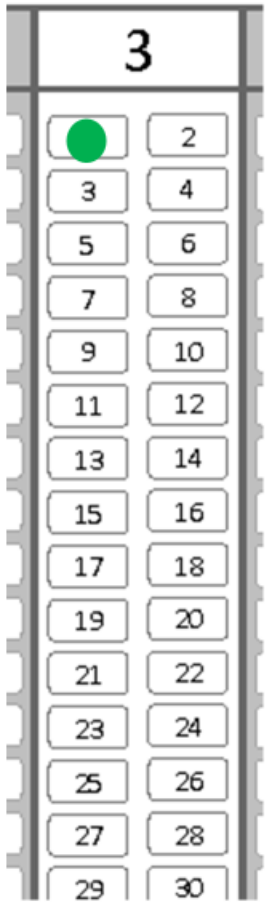

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

Vote For One

1	☐	JAMES HEIRSON	REP
2	☐	ANDREW CARLSON	DEM
3	☒	MARGARET BILLINGTON	LIB
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WRITE IN

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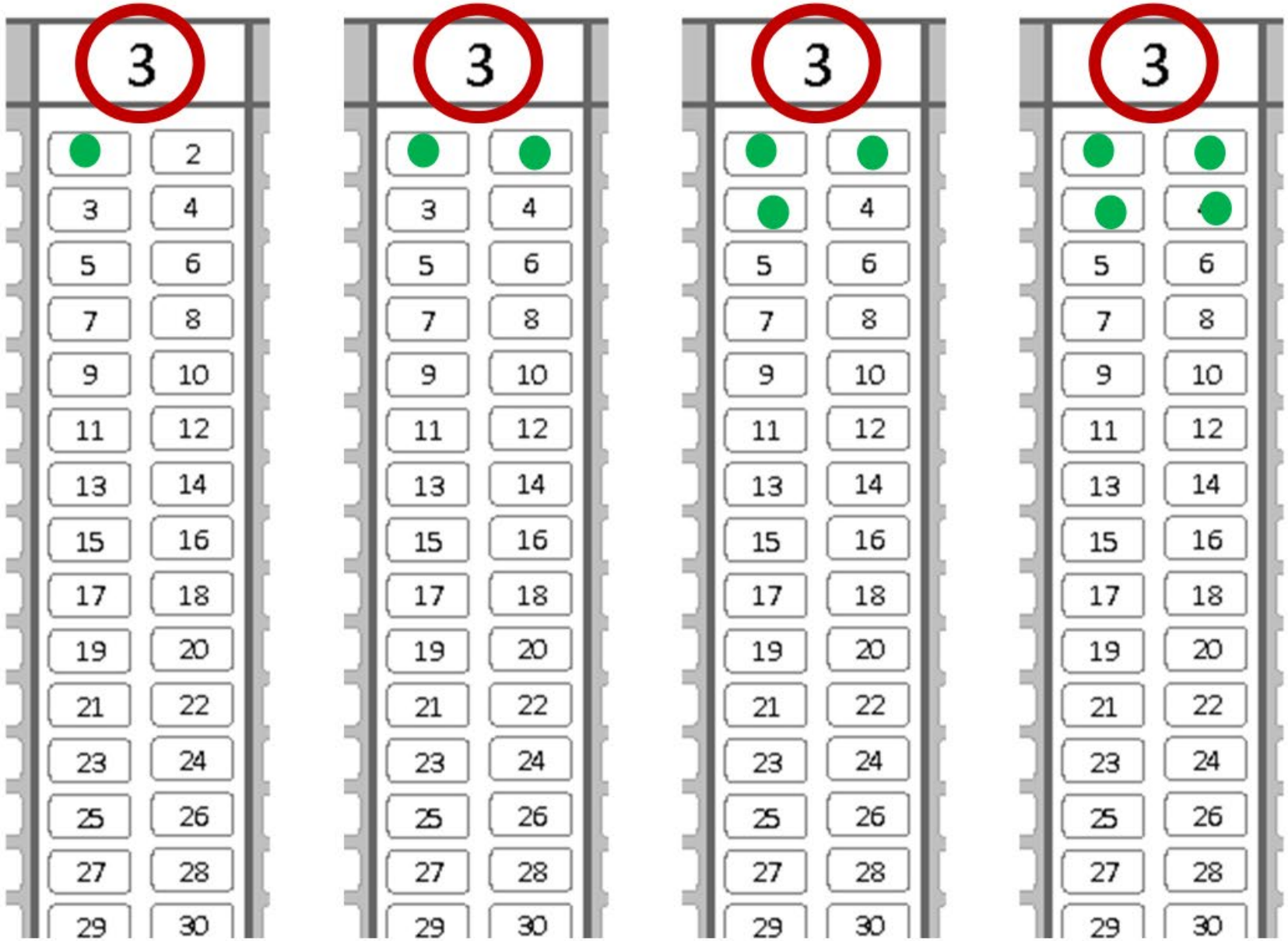

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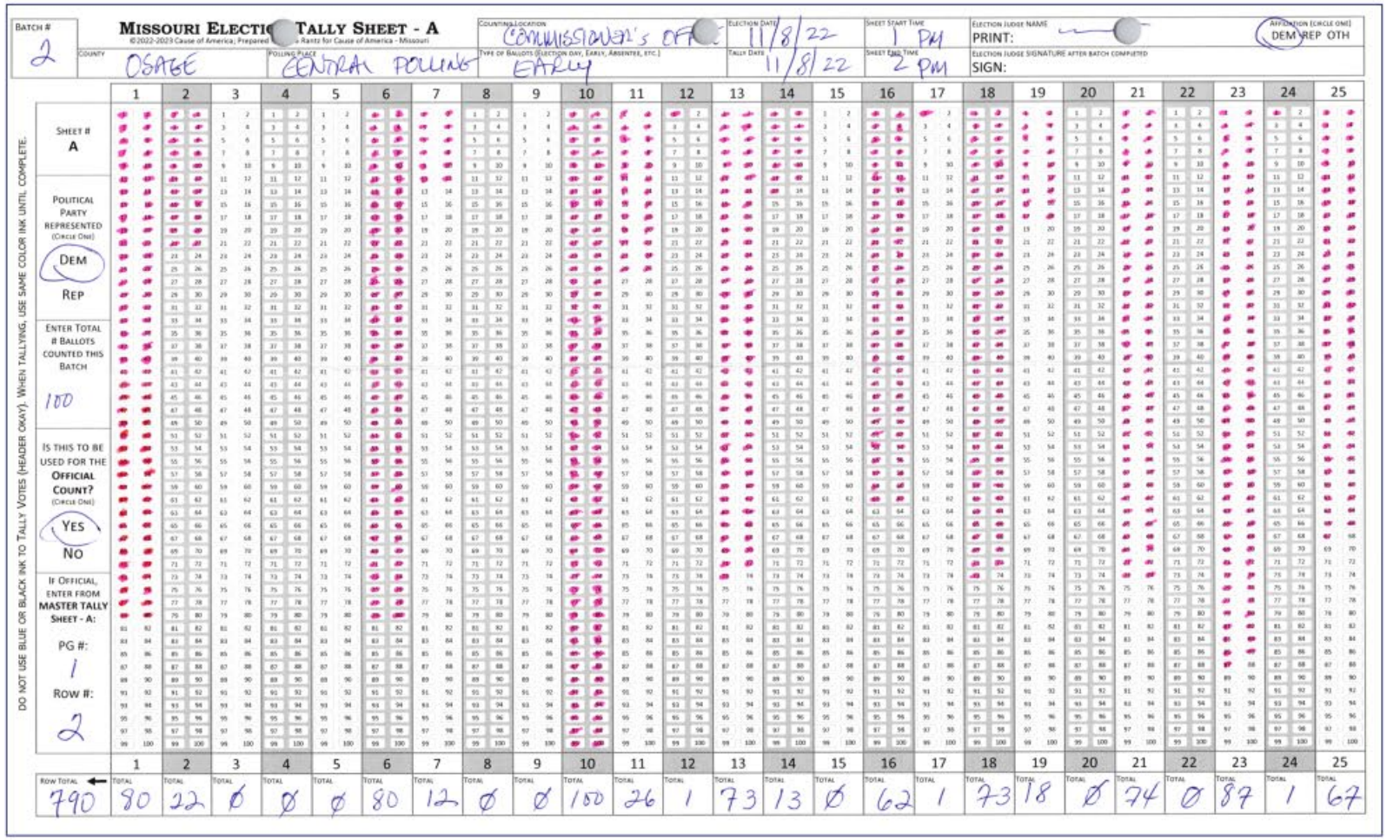

MISSOURI ELECTION TALLY SHEET - A

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BATCH #	COUNTY	POLLING PLACE	TYPE OF BALLOTS (ELECTION DAY, EARLY, ABSENTEE, ETC.)	COUNTING LOCATION	ELECTION DATE	TALLY DATE	SHEET START TIME	SHEET END TIME	ELECTION JUDGE NAME	AFFILIATION (CIRCLE ONE)
2	OSAGE	CENTRAL POLLING	EARLY	COMMISSIONER'S OFF	11/8/22	11/8/22	1 PM	2 PM	PRINT:	DEM REP OTH
									SIGN:	

DO NOT USE BLUE OR BLACK INK TO TALLY VOTES (HEADER OKAY). WHEN TALLYING, USE SAME COLOR INK UNTIL COMPLETE.

SHEET # A

POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTED (CIRCLE ONE): DEM / REP

ENTER TOTAL # BALLOTS COUNTED THIS BATCH: 100

IS THIS TO BE USED FOR THE OFFICIAL COUNT? (CIRCLE ONE): YES / NO

IF OFFICIAL, ENTER FROM MASTER TALLY SHEET - A:

PG #: 1

ROW #: 2

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ROW TOTAL → 790	80	22	Ø	Ø	Ø	80	12	Ø	Ø	100	26	1	73	13	Ø	62	1	73	18	Ø	74	Ø	87	1	67

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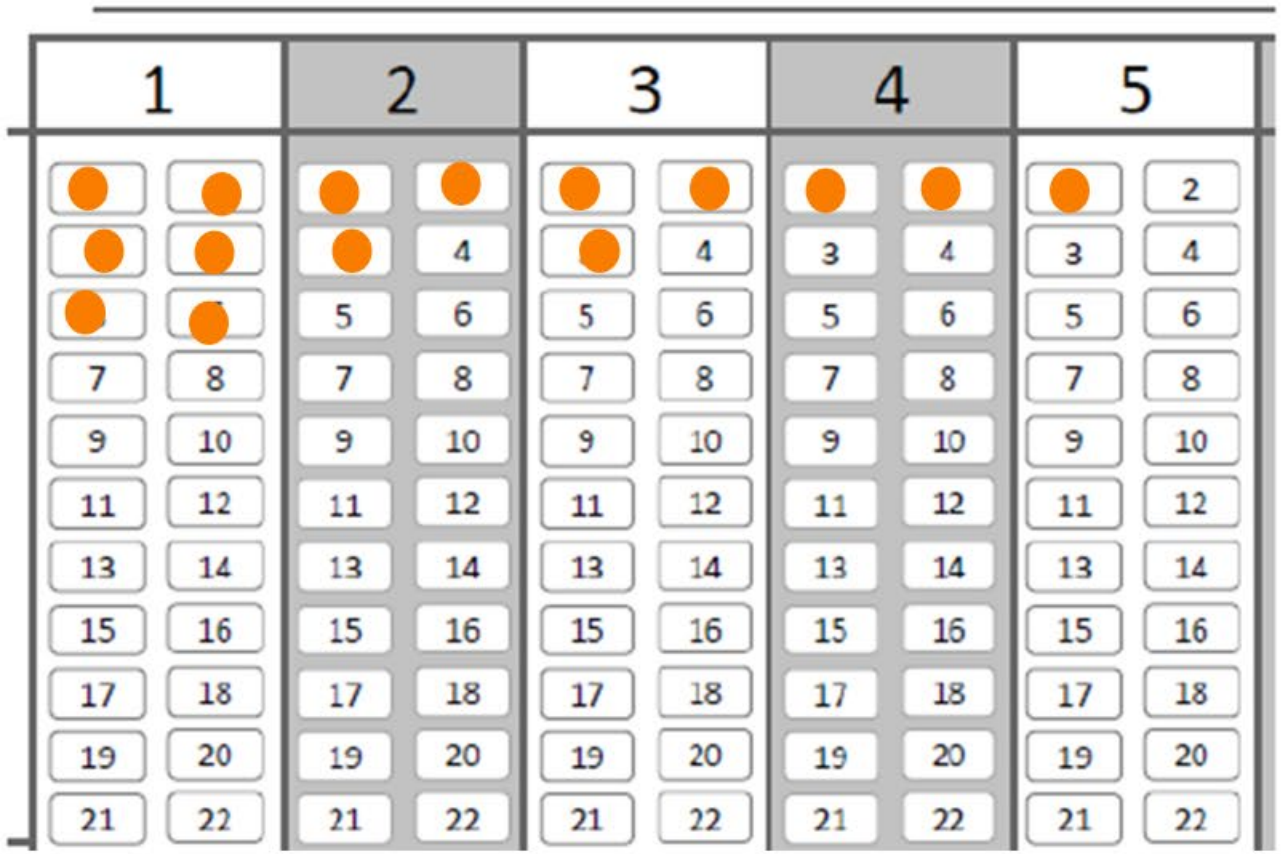
Hand Counting:

Ballots Tally Practice Sheet



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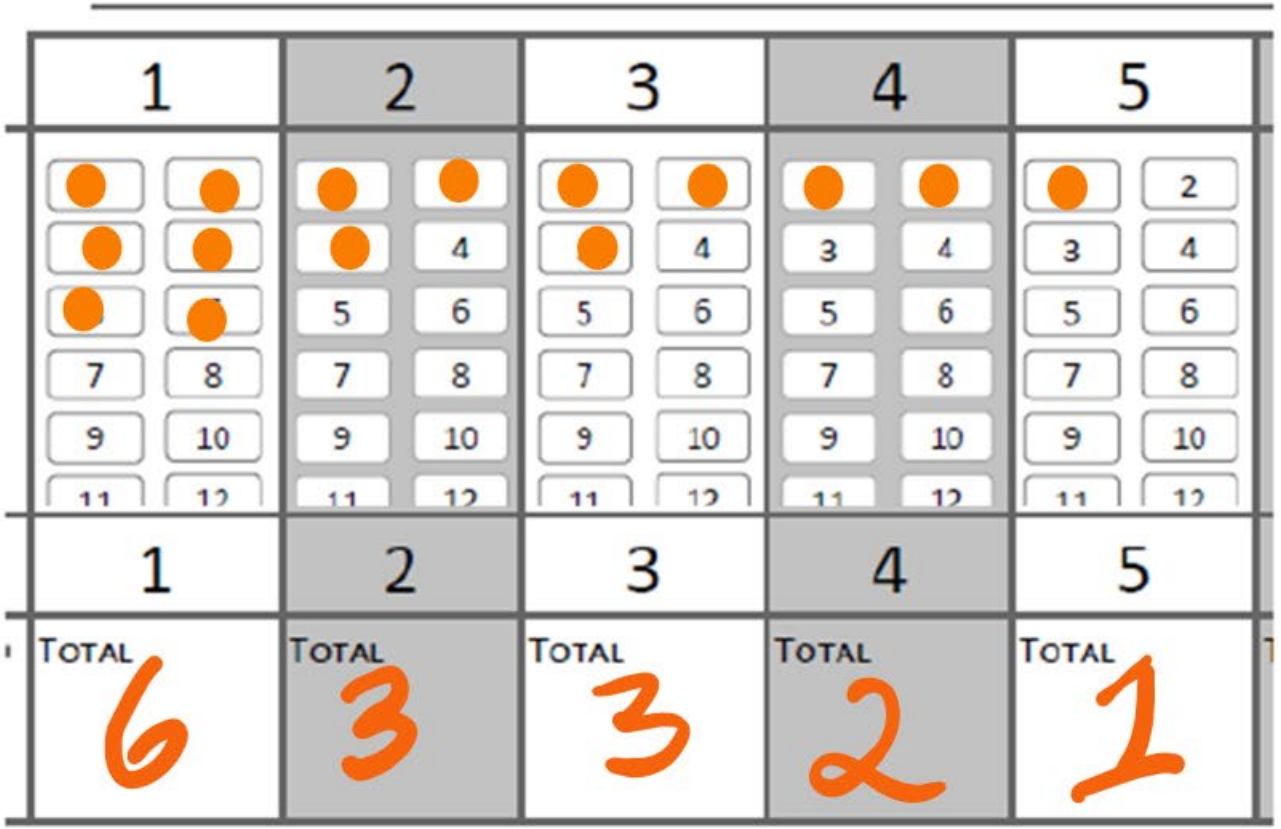

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Tally Demo

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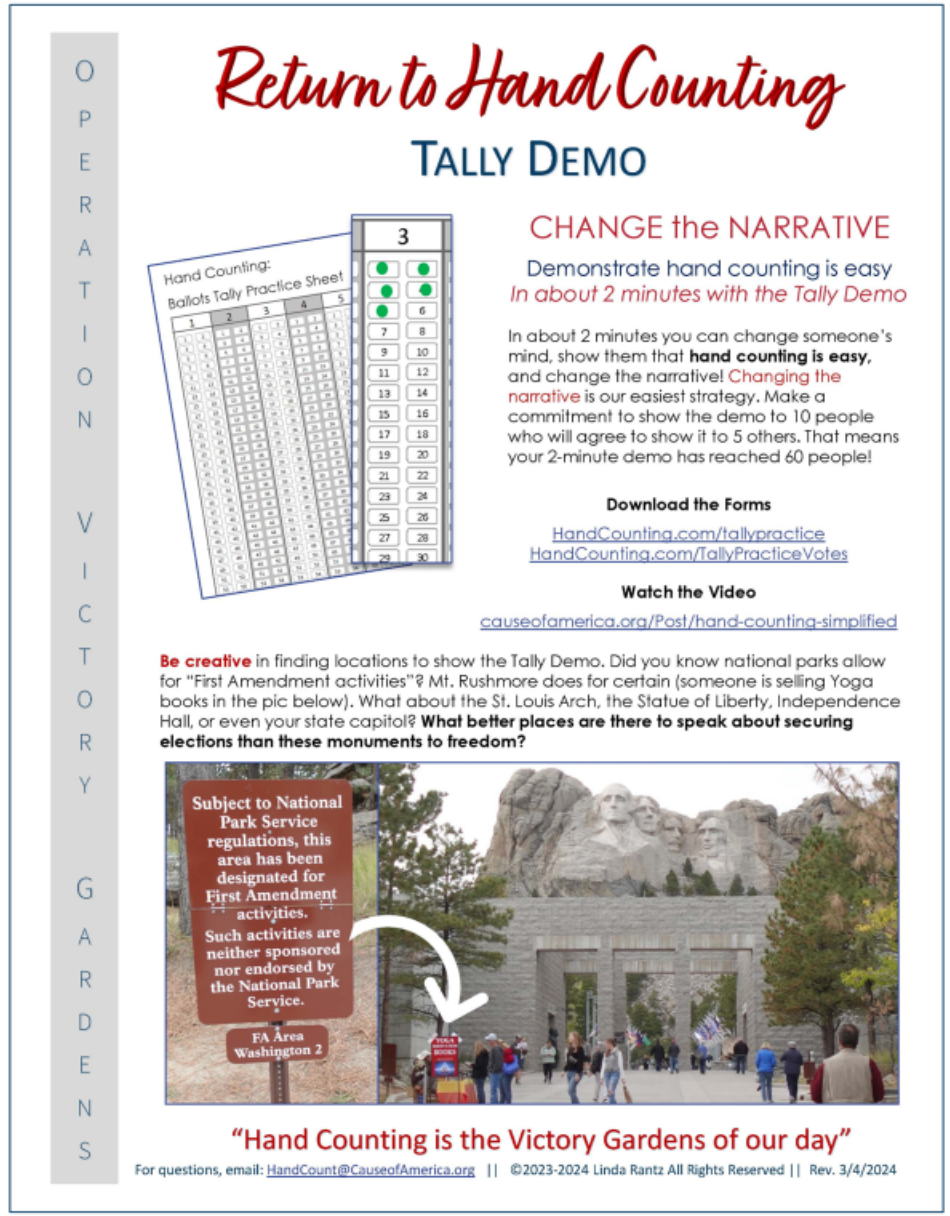

OPERATION VICTORY GARDENS

Return to Hand Counting

TALLY DEMO

CHANGE the NARRATIVE

Demonstrate hand counting is easy
In about 2 minutes with the Tally Demo

In about 2 minutes you can change someone's mind, show them that **hand counting is easy**, and change the narrative! Changing the narrative is our easiest strategy. Make a commitment to show the demo to 10 people who will agree to show it to 5 others. That means your 2-minute demo has reached 60 people!

Download the Forms

HandCounting.com/tallypractice
HandCounting.com/TallyPracticeVotes

Watch the Video

causeofamerica.org/Post/hand-counting-simplified

Be creative in finding locations to show the Tally Demo. Did you know national parks allow for "First Amendment activities"? Mt. Rushmore does for certain (someone is selling Yoga books in the pic below). What about the St. Louis Arch, the Statue of Liberty, Independence Hall, or even your state capitol? **What better places are there to speak about securing elections than these monuments to freedom?**

"Hand Counting is the Victory Gardens of our day"

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