

SPOKANE COUNTY -- WA Voter Research Project (WVRP)

July 2022 Canvassing Report

Overview

The greatest threat to this nation's freedom is an election system that creates significant doubts, concerns, and practices, which puts votes of the people in jeopardy of not being counted as they intended. Election integrity is not a new concept but has gained momentum in recent years due to changing technologies which have been proven to be hackable, without an Auditor's knowledge. It is not enough to tell the voter that the "computer system is not connected to the internet" as there is plentiful evidence that election software and hardware ARE susceptible to outside manipulation. Elections must not be able to be tampered with. How will this be possible with so much of the election equipment and processors being made in China? Voters need to be given proof that our election system is free from outside interference. No one should ever be asked to "take someone's word" as a substitute for FACTS. This isn't about blame or accusation; it is about providing proof of transparency, good faith, and most importantly, the restoration of confidence to the voters in this county. There is too much doubt, too much cloaking of procedures and processes for RCW-authorized observation as currently practiced in Spokane County. This Report is to help restore Voter Confidence in Spokane County's election system.

The Canvassing Project

Evidence throughout the country shows dead people having voted, or at least someone was voting those ballots. The County Auditor reported that 7 votes were cast in the names of deceased persons during the 2020 General Election. We did not find any additional deceased voters who voted after death in our canvassing efforts. But we found deceased voters are STILL on the registration rolls, one who had been gone over 6 years. There is evidence of multiple voter registrations. Examples include: 1) maiden names vs. married names wherein ballots are going to both names with different ID numbers, 2) college students getting ballots at home AND while away at college where students often register again, 3) when high school student voter registrations occur where some of those kids do not realize or remember they *are already* registered and therefore register again. (See the Comments Section.) It is a legislative issue, yes, but the auditors of WA State should have influence over this egregious law as the considered experts.

While concerns for election security, transparency, and greater observation of processes have been on-going for many years, it is the recent attention nationally and within our own State that encourages a deeper understanding of the election process. Over the years the GOP Election Committee has compiled a file of documentation including Observer Reports and Committee Reports which are regularly distributed to the Canvass Board members, the GOP Chair, and legislators as deemed important. On occasion this Committee has made reports directly to County electeds with their concerns as well. Those reports have seen no action taken. This Report shows hard data specifically concerning the need for voter registration rolls to be cleaned up regularly and thoroughly.

Background

The WA Voter Research Project was founded in 2021 by volunteers in Washington sharing a common interest in election integrity. The primary purpose of this project was to highlight the need for the cleanup of registration rolls – which ERIC obviously is not maintaining adequately contrary to the County Auditor's Op Ed article in the Spokesman-Review.

In a state with mail-in ballots only, concerns focus in the following areas: (1) mailed to wrong addresses as people move around, (2) folks having passed away a significant amount of time prior to ballots arriving until they are removed from these rolls, (3) registered voters having moved out of state, across the country, or to another country, (4) duplicate registrations occurring for the same person, (5) people voting from registered addresses that are no longer viable residences (See Attached Photos).

There is concern regarding the violation of WA State and the US Federal Constitution which both clearly mandate: 1. Those voting must be 18 years old. 2. A voter must RESIDE in the area in which they are voting. (There are exceptions under military and special circumstances, called UOCAVA.) 3. Voters must be US citizens. These are laws that have been in existence for a long time. Our elections must be lawful. .

Note: *no active effort was spent in pursuing information on immigrants or non-citizens, since this database of information has not been made available.*

Executive Summary

Beginning September 2021 and continuing through June 2022, trained volunteer canvassers went to specified addresses on data sheets provided to the teams from the WVRP. Canvassers were thanked consistently for their efforts as many people contacted said things similar to “Good, we need clean registration rolls,” or, “We care about election integrity.” These comments were unsolicited. The 225 “No Answers” (explained below) included those voters not at home, unwilling to speak to the canvassers, or a home inaccessible. Of those “No Answers,” very few were rude. But if so, the canvassers immediately thanked them for their time, turned and left. There was only one incident that occurred as the canvassers were leaving one home and were called to by a neighbor. *This neighbor was listening through her walls and began harassing the canvassing team.* The Team documented everything as to what happened and what was said...quite different than what was reported in the Spokesman Review and on KXLY TV. It is a sad day when the County Auditor must “warn” voters of WVRP doing something quite legal and NOT doing any of the things that were insinuated.

No personal questions were asked outside of the canvassing purview, which was “Are you or these folks on this data sheet the same ones registered at this address?” Timelines for moving in or out were asked, and those canvassed were asked, “Are ballots still arriving at this address” (after someone was shown as having moved away)?

Initial findings:

(1) 849 homes were contacted, subtracting out 225 of these as “**No Answer,**” leaving **624 homes with actual contact.** “No Answer” included those not home, inaccessible, or those who refused to answer at the door.

(2) Out of 624 homes contacted, there were 47 “No Incidents” meaning that the voters at those addresses matched the data sheet list -- **only a 7.5% accuracy rate** of registration rolls from our data sheets. (See Chart I)

(3) **1,304 “Incidents” were identified as “anomalies”** (defined as an inaccuracy of the voter registration data at a given address canvassed). *This is 209% of “incidents/anomalies” occurring for the 624 homes contacted, a very high percentage of anomalies revealing the inaccuracy of our registration rolls.*

(4) **17 deceased individuals** were noted, 1 of whom is still on registration rolls *six years after death*.

(5) Quite a few homes had registered voters **who were NOT on the data sheets**, but canvassers were told that these voters were registered at that address and had lived there for some length of time. (See Comments.)

5 Charts of Hard Data

Chart I

SUMMARY	Total Stops	Total No Answers	No Incidents	Total Incidents	Deceased
SHEET ONE	66	12	3	169	2
SHEET TWO	88	17	5	172	3
SHEET THREE	105	17	6	178	6
SHEET FOUR	95	10	9	184	0
SHEET FIVE	117	29	3	152	0
SHEET SIX	97	14	5	176	4
SHEET SEVEN	184	84	15	169	1
SHEET EIGHT	97	42	1	104	1
GRAND TOTALS:	849	225	47	1,304	17

Chart I

The far-left column (Summary) indicates the “compiled data set of walk Lists” which included 12-22 addresses per walk list. “Stops” relates to the Homes contacted. “No Answers” relates to a refusal to answer, locked gates or no one at home. “No Incidents” relates to no action to be noted. “Total Incidents” relates to data not matching the data sheet which in many events had multiple occurrences at a single address. “Deceased” represents deceased voters on the rolls. **Of special note:** *not one deceased voter was found to have cast a vote after death.*

Chart II

Instances of How Long a Voter Moved BEFORE Election of November 3, 2020									
SHEET	0 to 30 Days	31 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	5+ Years	Moved ~ Date Unknown
ONE	0	22	2	1	13	0	1	1	43
TWO	0	8	13	11	11	9	1	0	37
THREE	0	24	5	19	10	5	7	4	27
FOUR	0	21	2	16	4	6	4	6	24
FIVE	0	4	1	21	5	1	0	5	36
SIX	0	0	10	13	8	0	4	11	12
SEVEN	0	10	6	20	13	8	5	1	22
EIGHT	0	5	10	10	4	7	6	3	14
TOTALS:	0	94	49	111	68	36	28	31	215

Chart II

This chart shows relationship between **how long a registered voter MOVED BEFORE voting** in November 2020. Total number of homes used is 624 with actual contact. Total homes canvassed is 849, less 225 not home, totaling 624 actual contacts. (849-225=624)

Note: **17.8%** of contacts moved 6-12 months before voting; **11%** moved 1-2 years before voting; and **15.2% moved more than 2 years before voting (which includes 5% moving 5+ years PRIOR to voting in November 2020).**

Chart III

Instances of HOW LONG FROM CONTACT DATE VOTER had MOVED from REGISTERED ADDRESS									
SHEET	0 to 30 Days	31 to 90 Days	3 to 6 Months	6 to 12 Months	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 Years	3 to 5 Years	5+ Years	Moved ~ Date Unknown
ONE	6	5	13	5	53	12	7	3	57
TWO	5	1	10	11	54	22	20	3	54
THREE	8	6	17	17	55	27	10	12	37
FOUR	4	2	5	13	82	13	12	10	43
FIVE	8	1	9	18	33	26	5	7	45
SIX	5	9	22	4	52	31	12	13	17
SEVEN	1	4	3	12	49	33	10	6	31
EIGHT	1	0	7	10	18	27	12	10	21
TOTALS	38	28	86	90	396	191	88	64	305

Chart III

This chart shows the **length of time from contact at registered voters address and the time from when voter had moved away.**

Note: 396 voters moved away 1-2 years from date of contact, **343 voters** moved away more than 2 years prior to contact. Unfortunately, there were **305 voters** for which the time frame is unknown.

Chart IV

VOTERS REGISTERED at Address ~ LAST YEAR VOTED <small>as of Nov 3, 2020 Election</small>						
~ by Year ~						
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
36	91	110	100	9	5	5
2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
40	1	3	2	14	2	4
2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	
0	2	0	0	0	1	
					Totals:	297

Chart IV, the last year the voter voted:

Shows when our sample of registered voters **LAST VOTED**, by year. Of note: 188 registered voters have **NOT** voted since 2016 or longer, slightly over 30%. This indicates a waste of resources (time, manpower, materials, postage, etc.) for currently registered voters who are being mailed approximately 3 or more ballots **EVERY YEAR**. When considered statewide, this cost is significant.

Our current voting system has zero incentive to be cost-conscious and is susceptible to fraudulent behavior as excessive voters are maintained in the voter database.

Chart V

REGISTERED at Address ~ NEVER VOTED ~ by Age Group								
AGES:	10's	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	80's
Page 1	2	14	12	7	3	1	0	0
Page 2	4	13	12	14	5	5	1	0
Page 3	5	32	16	12	11	9	3	0
Page 4	1	26	21	8	7	2	1	1
Page 5	8	33	21	13	10	0	0	0
Page 6	0	4	5	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	20	123	88	56	36	17	5	1
345								

Chart V, voters who have never voted:

Numbers shown identify home many registered voters **HAVE NEVER** voted by age group. In this WVRP statistical survey, 345 voters are registered and have never voted. This is another example of waste of resources going to individuals that are uninterested and who are more than likely being registered automatically at places like Drivers Licensing locations. Numerous incidents have been identified with immigrants getting licenses, being pressured in the same manner. Some being granted voting rights when they clearly declined the registration.

Selected Canvassed Voter Comments

Appreciation shown to canvassers

There were many homes where folks thanked us for doing what we were doing to help clean up Voter Registration Rolls. Quite a few wanted to go back to voting in person, one saying, "I care about clean registration rolls." "We need to return to using paper ballots." Only a few exhibited some rude behavior, comprising approximately 2.4% of the total canvassed homes.

Duplicate Registrations, insights are as follows:

- Existed in over 10 homes that were contacted.

- One place, the mom said her daughter was married and living in Hawaii for over 7 years. The data sheet showed both the married name and the maiden name registrations had both been voted in the 2020 election, still registered at this address.
- Registration showed that this voter's two different IDs were voted in 2020.
- Registration showing both ballots voted in 2020, but the person said they only received 1 ballot. Question: where did the other ballot go?
- Another, registered voter and both ballots showed as voted.
- Voter identifies himself as the duplicate registration but says he, "Tore up one ballot and only voted one." The data sheet showed only one ballot voted in 2020 and one voted in 2021. He thinks the duplicate name, which wasn't his correct name, "came from the SSA from some record they had, and I only vote one ballot."

Many respondents commented about either living in their residence for some time (long enough to be ON the registration data sheet) but were NOT, yet said they were getting ballots. There was the reverse issue of a large number of contacts where voters had moved away but ballots were still arriving at a residence.

Further Examples:

- Family of 3 registered voters lived at their address for 13 years, but were not on the data sheet, and told the canvassers, "We've been registered and have voted for 13 years."
- Current resident said they were registered but their name was not on data sheet and had lived at this address for 1-1/2 years.
- Four registered voters on the data sheet but none were on the Apr 2020 Spokane County database, and one was not on any earlier data base used. All 4 voted in 2020, and all had moved prior to 2019.
- A family of 4 had moved out of state in 2018, yet all voted in 2020.
- Current renter has lived at this address over 3 years. All 4 registered voters on the data sheet moved away over 3 years ago, yet all voted in 2020 at this address. The current resident says he votes in presidential elections but was NOT on the data sheet.
- Registered homeowner said her boyfriend is registered and should have been on our data sheet, but was not.
- Current owners moving in Oct 2020. Husband is on data sheet and votes. *Wife did not get a ballot but is registered but NOT shown on the data sheet*
- One registered voter on the data sheet and had not voted since 2018. This voter bought the house and flipped it, and we were told, he had never lived in the house.
- One strange incident showed a husband as registered on the data sheet but has never voted. The wife says he's not registered. Where are the ballots going?
- Previous resident moved away 3+ years from this address but voted in 2020 from this address. There was also a non-resident owner living in White Salmon, OR for a "very long time," but voted from this address in 11/2020. This is a violation of WA Constitution's voter residency requirements.
- Previous owners moved away 2-1/2 years ago with ballots arriving June 2021 at this address. Current owner had taken cell pictures of their ballots and showed the canvasser. Both previous owners voted in 2020 from this address.

Too many examples to list all registered voters at an address receiving their ballot at the address but were not on data sheet...or the opposite, of *not* getting their ballots but *on* the data sheet. Canvassers were told numerous times how voters have tried to keep previous voters' ballots from arriving, but it has been difficult getting results.

Many incidents of previous voters moved out of state or out of the country with data showing they are NOT voting in recent years, but STILL on registration rolls. Family members commented that some of these mentioned registered voters are *registered in the states they have moved to*. More examples of violation of residency requirements, and **ALSO reveals massive waste of resources to print/mail/ and process ballots that are sent to folks (up to 3x/year) who are no longer living or voting here.**

Examples of Military Insights:

- Mom states, "My son is in the military and votes out of state. We get his ballot and do not forward it." The son has been living away from Spokane since 2011 and not voted here since 2011.
- Mom said "son lives in VA and has not voted here since 2012." She "called the election office multiple times asking them to stop sending ballots for her son, but ballots in his name keep coming. We want it to stop."
- Mom said "daughter moved to VA 3 years ago. But she's still on the registration rolls as living here with her maiden name".
- Occupant stated, the registered voter moved to OR 4 years ago and has not voted since 2017, yet still on data sheet and ballots still being mailed out to him.
- registered voter who moved to Washington DC "a while ago" and has not voted since 2018. Ballots are likely being forwarded to Washington DC.
- couple "moved back to Canada" in Sept 2020 and voted in Nov 2020.

Affidavit: I have two issues ..." I had to register to vote AGAIN (I had my voter registration card with me, but was told...'Everyone walking through these doors has to register again even if they have already registered' ...NO ONE Asked, or even cared to see my identification! ... I am from Indiana...have always had to show ID...I have never seen anything like this! ... It was a very intimidating and condescending place to be."

Special Note: *There are multiple stories of immigrants living here who, when updating their Driver's License, were urged to register for voting purposes. Many were told "It doesn't matter" when these immigrants replied, "I'm not a citizen." See **affidavit at end of report** of when a registered voter went to cast their vote at "The Arena election center" and were told they need to register again.*

Concern of deceased individuals still on voter rolls:

- A registered voter had been deceased for 2+ years, hadn't voted since 2016.
- Another registered voter's mother passed away in 2016 (6 years) yet still on registration rolls.

- Multiple other examples were found.

Special situations contributing to messed up voter registration rolls:

- **A Memory Care facility** has 39 registered voters on the data sheet. 12 have moved away at least 3 years or more with 9 never having voted ever, 1 last voted in 2016, 1 in 2019, and 1 in 2021. Nineteen out of 39 still live here (6 have never voted, 2 last voted in 2012, 1 in 2014, 1 in 2016, 1 in 2018, 6 in 2020 and 2 in 2021.) Eight were known to have moved away within the last 3 years (1 deceased, 5 voted in 2020, 1 last voted in 2016, and 1 in 2013.)
- **Eastern State Hospital's** lawyer would not respond to phone calls. How many of those registered at this facility are still alive or how long ago have any of them moved?
- Canvassers visited an **RV Park** with 20 registered voters. Only half of them actually reside here with the manager having no idea who one person was, a couple moved to AZ, 1 was deceased, and the rest moved away.
- **A large men's shelter's** director/pastor said "men stay here from 3 months to a year and cycle in and out from all over the country. Residents are encouraged to vote as part of rehabilitation. Ballots are forwarded to individuals who move into the community and attend church. Pastor returns ballots to the Election Office through the mail. Some folks were deceased due to drugs. To the extent he is aware, he will indicate "deceased" on the ballot envelope. Pastor still has some ballots he is unable to forward and didn't know what to do with them."
- A **motel with 5 registered voters listed who are no longer there.** This place caters to large-project construction workers here for multi-month jobs.
- **Several halfway houses** canvassed indicated a "revolving door" of people coming and going with quite a few staying only a short period of time. Most of those shown as registered on the data sheet were no longer there; and some places were unknown and marked as "no answer."
- A couple moved "a while ago" to Taiwan with ballots forwarded there. They last voted in 2020.
- A previous resident moved away 2 years ago and voted 11/2020; another voter moved 5 years ago, and those ballots still arrive at this address (this voter last voted 2016).
- A non-military son had moved overseas 7 years ago, and still on the registration rolls at this Valley legislator's home. They said they have tried for years to get their son off this mailing list to no avail.
- Registered voter moved to Idaho 5 years ago and still voted here in 11/2020.
- A registered voter moved to New York 20 years ago to live. This voter voted here 11/2020.
- In general, there are well over 75 more examples of registered voters having moving at least 2 or more years ago and still shown as registered at an address with almost half of these known to have moved to other states, a violation of residency laws.

All previous written examples encompassed only about 20% of the homes canvassed. Many more comments and examples exist, including military anomalies. Not enough room to write them down.

Unusual Examples:

Following are 3 unusual examples canvassers found where homes did not exist yet voters voted 11/2020 from there. Timeframes were unknown because there were no other folks nearby to ask questions.

1. Fenced off area of homes to be torn down for apartments. One subject home has 4 registered voters, 1 voted 11/2020.



2. Vacant lot, (2 voters, voted twice in 2020 from this location.)



3. Vacant Lot: Far north Spokane County where there is no home, just rubble from being torn down. Five registered voters at this address and all 5 voted 11/2020.



Conclusions

The County Auditor, along with the Auditors Association, must work to *undo* some very disastrous WACs and RCWs that have been passed in recent years. Examples:

- Same day registration
- Lack of requiring Voter ID to request additional ballots or to obtain one at the Election office
- Regaining control over to whom ballots are mailed, no more automatically mailed to everyone, regardless of a voter's desire to possibly *never* vote. Voter's must regain control over which elections they want to vote in, as it used to be when a voter could request an Absentee ballot.
- STOP preregistering teens before they have turned 18 and go back to following the law.

Actions Requested

1. Encourage the County Auditor to correct duplicate voter registrations.
2. Address the Budget for the additional employee time to keep the voter registration rolls cleaned consistently prior to Primaries. This would include assessment of the current registration maintenance procedures and how often these activities need to take place to

improve the timeliness of voter registration accuracy. In any event, same-day registrations is never a good idea.

3. Timely identify deceased voters AND remove them from active voter registration rolls.
4. The Spokane County -- WA Voter Research Project volunteers plan to keep monitoring the Auditor's registration records in cleaning the voter rolls and will seek to identify additional discrepancies, in hopes that the County Auditor's Office will increase their maintenance activities and thereby improve the accuracy of the voter rolls.
5. The Spokane County -- WA Voter Research Project desires collaboration to ensure that the voter registration database is kept accurate with periodic updates of lists of voters removed from the rolls.
6. Instituting real election security measures which have been outlined at a previous County Commissioner meeting.
7. Institute a Comprehensive Audit immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
Spokane County – WA Voter Research Project

Addendum

Affidavits at Arena Election Center:

#1:

I have two issues with submitting my ballot...I voted in-person at the Spokane Arena in Spokane, Washington on Election Day (November 3, 2020)...One: I had to register to vote AGAIN (I had my voter registration card with me, but was told, by whom I believe was a volunteer, that it didn't matter, She said, "EVERYONE walking through these doors has to register again even if they have already registered") and, Two: NO ONE asked, or even cared to see my identification! How did anyone know it was even me? I offered my driver's license, but was told, "No, I can look you up here." The election worker then went to her computer screen, which I could not see, and said, "There you are." She then printed out my ballot, label, and gave me my envelopes. I did not have to sign anything in front of her either. I am from Indiana where I have always voted in-person and have always had to show identification before being allowed near a voting machine. I have never seen anything like this! It seemed surreal and really fishy. I would also like to add that every single person I came in contact with at the Spokane Arena (I am not sure if they were employees or volunteers) was rude and bossy and acted as if I should be thankful I was even allowed to be inside to vote if I stepped out of line, I would be escorted out. It was a very aggressive atmosphere. It was vital that I vote, so I kept my head down. I was completely dismissed by anyone I attempted to speak with or to whom I asked a question. It was a very intimidating and condescending place to be. I felt like a lesser person. This is AMERICA! Voting is MY RIGHT and I take pride in voting and in AMERICA! This election was the worst voting experience I have had since I was eligible to vote. I left with zero confidence that the voting process was legitimate. SHAME on you, Washington.

#2

I [REDACTED], am a registered voter in Spokane County. I currently reside at [REDACTED], in the county of Spokane, in the state of Washington and make this statement and affidavit of belief and personal knowledge that the matters and facts set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

On November 3rd, 2020, at approximately 13:00 I went to the Spokane Arena to vote. When I arrived, I was told I had to complete a new voter registration card, I explained I was a registered voter and already had my ballot filled out I was told I still had to complete another voter registration card. When I finally made it to the lady who collected my newly filled out registration card. She took my voter registration card and typed some information onto a computer. I had my drivers license out to show her before she handed me the envelopes for me to place my completed ballot into. She handed me the envelopes and told me to put my ballot in the one envelope and then place the envelope containing my ballot into a 2nd envelope. At this point I asked her if she would like to see my identification card (ID) to confirm who I was. She stated, "no I compared your signature" I stated, "I have not signed anything for you to compare my signature to." She then stated she meant she was "trying to compare signatures" She had already handed the envelopes to me. She allowed me to seal my ballot and then walk to the ballot box with never checking the signatures on the envelope nor my ID to confirm I was who I said I was.

I do not know if this lady was a volunteer or a county employee