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Multiple			Yes		BOE				BOE Dismissed		Apache	Arizona	31-Aug-04	2002 general	County Attorney alleges some Navajo Nation voters cast multiple ballots. The Election Director dismisses many of the allegations and questioned why the county attorney had waited more than a year and a half to make them.	Arizona Republic			
Multiple	In person				DA	1				Yes	Eureka Springs	Arkansas	29-Jun-01	county judge	A special judge rules prosecutors must show the mayor intended to vote twice - he says he got confused when he voted early for a city bond election and the voting clerk offered him a primary ballot at the same time. He then voted in the primary at his precinct on election day.	AP			
Multiple	Absentee					4				Yes	La Puente	California	3-Aug-02	municipal	Four family members of a councilman were charged with voting twice because they voted absentee and on election day.	Los Angeles Times			
Dead	Both	Yes	Press							Yes	San Francisco	California	1-Mar-04	mayoral run-off	One of the candidates alleged that 400 people who are dead cast votes. The allegation was based on a computer program that cross-referenced voters and the social security death index using first and last names and date of birth. When the Chronicle also used middle initials and other identifying indicators, the list was whittled to five cases. Some were by absentee but a couple were in person.	San Francisco Chronicle			
Multiple				State								Colorado	25-Mar-05		58 of 64 counties responded to a request by the Secretary of State to report on fraud investigations. Only 13 counties have referred cases to prosecutors. Those cases included 41 instances of citizens voting twice. Denver County officials said they had 81 instances of double voting.	Denver Post			
Multiple	In person	Yes	State						Found Untrue	Yes		Connecticut	22-Oct-02	all	Secretary of State says that RNC allegations that 54 Connecticut voters cast ballots in 2 different states have been investigated and found to be false. 15 voted only in CT, 29 voted only in another state, four names were wrong because they had different birth dates, and three were referred to the FBI and US Attorney because information from the other state could not be obtained.	New Haven Register			
Multiple	In person	Yes									Bridgport	Connecticut	23-Sep-03	mayoral primary	Losing candidate alleges some voters were able to vote twice	News 12			
Multiple	In person								Voters Deny/Possible mistakes		DC and Maryland		31-Oct-02	state primary and presidential election	Records indicate that 24 voters cast ballots in both DC and Maryland in the September 2002 primary and 90 voters did so in the 2000 election. Voters denied they had done so and election officials said it was possible for precinct workers to make mistakes when recording who voted.	Washington Post			

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Multiple	Absentee			County					Ballots not counted	Yes	Palm Beach	Florida	5-Dec-02	2002 general	The County State Attorney will be investigating about a dozen people accused of voting twice. Each cast an absentee ballot and voted on Election Day. The Secretary of State says they may have forgotten they voted absentee. They all had to vote by provisional ballots so none of the second votes were counted. This is the first time the Secretary's office has found people who voted twice.	Sun-Sentinel			
Multiple	Absentee								Ballots discarded		Indian River	Florida	2-Nov-04	presidential	One voter returned two absentee ballots -- the first one was counted and the second discarded. A woman voted by absentee and then during early voting. Her absentee ballot will be thrown out.	Press Journal (Vero Beach)			
Multiple	Absentee			Press						Yes	Palm Beach	Florida	6-Nov-04	presidential	The Palm Beach Post reports that three voters cast absentee ballots and then filled out provisional ballots on Election Day. Local officials have asked the Attorney General to investigate. The Post reached two of the voters and they said they cast provisional ballots because when they tried to check on their absentee ballots they were unable to confirm they had been received.	Florida Times Union			
Multiple	Both			State		12				Yes	Volusia	Florida	6-Nov-04	presidential	Volusia officials said Friday they have identified 12 cases of suspected election fraud stemming from Tuesday's presidential election. All involved people trying to vote twice, said County Judge Steven deLarocche, a member of the county canvassing board. In one case, which occurred during early voting, a person was caught trying to feed an absentee ballot into a tabulating machine after casting a traditional ballot, deLarocche said. That person was stopped by a poll worker. In the other 11 cases, people who had voted by absentee ballot or at an early-voting site tried to vote a second time on Election Day, he said. In those cases, election workers discovered the attempts when computers showed those voters had already cast ballots. All the cases will be forwarded to the State Attorney's Office for prosecution.	Orlando Sentinel			

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Multiple	Absentee			Federal					Clerical Error		Duval	Florida	31-Jul-05	presidential	Officials said in January that a review of records found more than 50 cases in which the same person had cast an absentee and in person ballot. An FBI investigation found that every one of those instances was due to a clerical error, such as someone signing the voter rolls before they were told they had to vote elsewhere.	AP			
Multiple	In person			County					Ballot discarded		Fulton	Georgia	30-Sep-04	primary	A man who may be facing felony charges for voting twice says he voted during the early period and that when he went to his precinct on election day to make sure that vote had been recorded, he was told it was not. The poll worker told him he should vote again. Fulton County investigated and found no other advance voters had voted again on the day of the election. The registration chief acknowledged the county was late getting names of advance voters to the polls. The advance vote was tossed out after it was discovered.	Atlanta Journal Constitution			
Multiple						1			Yes		Marshall	Illinois	13-Nov-04	2002 and 2004	A man has been charged for voting twice, in both Kane County and Marshall County	South Bend Tribune			
Dead				Press					Yes		Lake County	Indiana	16-May-04	county primary	A newspaper analysis shows that five votes cast were attributed to people who were dead well before the election.	AP			
Multiple	Absentee							1			Prairie Village	Kansas	8-Jan-05	2002 general	A woman who voted twice pled guilty -- she had voted from her business address and cast an absentee ballot from a different location in the same election.	Kansas City Star			
Multiple	In person			County							Hancock	Louisiana	3-Nov-04	presidential	A woman called a radio talk show Tuesday and admitted casting fraudulent votes in Hancock County. The woman said she voted once using her own name, but after realizing she was not required to show identification, she waited several hours and returned to the polls and used a friend's name. The county clerks said the incident seems to be isolated and her office has not received evidence of other fraudulent votes elsewhere in the county.	The Sun Herald			
Multiple											Duluth	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	A voter claims someone forged his signature to vote under his name. He reported the incident to City Hall	Duluth News-Tribune			

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Multiple	In person					1				Yes	Minneapolis	Minnesota	23-Feb-05	presidential	A felony charge filed Tuesday in Hennepin County District Court accuses Darin Randall Johnson, 34, of registering to vote and casting ballots in three different places in the November election. The criminal complaint alleges he filed out same-day registration forms and voted once in Brooklyn Park and twice in Minneapolis.	Saint Paul Pioneer Press			
Multiple	In person							1			Kansas City	Missouri	28-Mar-05	various	Man pleads guilty to casting double votes in four elections by voting in both Kansas and Missouri	Kansas City Star			
Multiple				Press		2				Yes	Kansas City	Missouri	September 8, 2004	all	Kansas City Star reports that their investigation shows there may be more than 300 voters voting twice in different counties. The exact number is impossible to determine because many counties have shredded their poll books and state computer files are rife with data errors. In fact, the number may be lower because the state computer files contain many errors that show people voting who did not actually vote. The study only flagged people registered in two places under exactly the same name and date of birth.	Kansas City Star, Belleville News-Democrat	Two people are charged	Kansas City Star (January 8, 2005)	
Dead/Multiple		Yes								Yes		New Jersey	16-Sep-05	presidential	Republican Party claims 4,755 people who have died voted in the election and 4,397 people registered to vote in more than one county voted twice	New York Times			
Multiple	Absentee										Sandoval	New Mexico	9-Nov-02	state house	A comparison of names on absentee-ballot-request rosters and affidavits for the absentee-in-lieu-of-ballots made it appear that 5 people had voted twice absentee by mail and absentee-in-lieu-of at the polls.	Albuquerque Journal			
Multiple	In person			DA						Yes	Sandoval	New Mexico	24-Nov-04	presidential	Bureau of Elections employees found a woman who voted on a provisional ballot at one precinct also had voted at the regular precinct where she is registered. The signatures at both precincts appeared to be the same, so elections officials sent the case to the district attorney.	AP			
Multiple						1				Yes	New York	New York	23-Oct-02 and 2001	2000 and 2001	Former conservative party candidate for lieutenant governor is arraigned on an indictment for voting twice, from two different Manhattan addresses. He denies the charge	Newsday			

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Multiple				Press					Many likely errors		North Carolina		24-Oct-04 and 2002		The Observer found up to 180 people who were listed as having voted in both Carolinas in either the 2000 or 2002 elections. Reporters found no one who admitted to double voting and discovered plausible explanations for many of the duplications. In one case, an Army captain in North Carolina shared the same name as his father in South Carolina. The father was likely mistakenly recorded under his son's name when he cast his ballot.	AP			
Multiple	Absentee					4			Yes		Jones	North Carolina	30-Oct-04	primary	Four men were charged with voting by absentee and on election day. Three denied the allegations or said they misunderstood the process.	AP			
Multiple				State							Gaston	North Carolina	16-Dec-04	presidential	There are differences in most precincts between the number of ballots cast and the number of people recorded as voting. State investigators have concluded there is no way to rule out double-voting or missing votes because poll workers cannot explain the discrepancies.	Charlotte Observer			
Multiple		Yes		Press					Turned out to be untrue			Ohio	2-Nov-04	presidential	Republican attorney cites a Plain Dealer report saying more than 27,000 people are registered to vote in both Ohio and Florida and that 100 people cast votes in both places four years ago. A Dispatch investigation of the allegations found little proof of duplicate voting after comparing the Ohio and Florida state databases and conducting further research. After culling the list through those methods, the Dispatch interviewed the people left in question. This failed to turn up anyone who had ever voted twice. Many had never been to Florida; some had never lived in Ohio.	Columbus Dispatch			
Multiple					BOE				1 of 18 found worthy of investigation	Yes	Summit	Ohio	8-Dec-04	local	The Director of the Board of Elections says the number of people under investigation for voting twice has decreased from 19 to 10. The board already determined that there were legitimate explanations for about half of the votes. In one case it appeared a man voted absentee and at the polling place but it turned out the absentee ballot had been cast by his son who has the same name.	Akron Beacon Journal		2/24/2005, Akron Beacon	
Multiple	Absentee								No indictment		London	Ohio	9-Dec-04	presidential	A couple who admitted voting twice were not indicted -- they voted by absentee ballot and then voted in person because they thought their absentee ballots had been lost	AP			

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Multiple	Absentee				BOE	1				Yes	Logan	Oklahoma	24-Feb-01	primary	A man is charged with voting twice, once by absentee and once on election day. Although election board officials said they haven't seen a case like this in twenty years, they won't dismiss the charge.	Daily Oklahoman			
Multiple	Absentee			State						Yes		Oregon	11-Apr-02	2000 general	The Secretary of State has referred five cases of possible double voting to the Attorney General (Oregon votes entirely by mail)	AP			
Multiple	In person	Yes		State BOE				1 of 1200 accusations found legitimate		Accusations		Oregon	16-May-04	2000	Republicans claimed 1,200 Oregonians had registered in two counties and voted twice. But a state Elections Division investigation found that just a handful of voters were registered to vote in two counties and one had cast more than one ballot	AP			
Multiple	In person	Yes		BOE					Found Untrue			Oregon	1-Nov-04	presidential	The state Republican Chair claims in a news conference that he has uncovered six cases of people voting twice. The elections division immediately showed that five of the voters had only voted once, and the sixth case had immediately been caught by election workers.	The Oregonian			
Multiple	In person			BOE					Found Untrue		Pawtucket	Rhode Island	14-Jan-03	General Assembly	The Pawtucket Board of Canvassers determined there was no truth to the allegation that Louis C. Yip, owner of the China Inn restaurant and a well-known developer, had shepherded the same couple to two different polling places, getting them to vote twice. City Registrar of Voters Dawn M. McCormick said that when voting records were checked, it turned out that the couple that Yip was accused of getting to vote at Towers East and Kennedy Housing was actually two different couples, both elderly and Chinese.	Providence Journal Bulletin			
Multiple				BOE							Hamilton County	Tennessee	19-Dec-02	county commission	The county election commissioner said she believed people were using other names to vote and that addresses were changed fraudulently. Voters sign fail-safe affidavits when they change their addresses and their voting records have not yet been updated. Oaths of identity are signed when voters have no other form of identification. The commissioner said she questioned the validity of 11 oaths of identity and 68 fail-safe affidavits in the District 4 election.	Chattanooga Times Free Press			

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Dead				Press						Yes		Tennessee	14-Dec-05	state senate	A second dead voter cast a ballot in the September special election held to fill the seat vacated by former state senator John Ford. Like a similar case documented earlier this week, this one involves an elderly voter who died weeks before the Sept. 15 election, an investigation by The Commercial Appeal found. Both of the suspect votes occurred in Precinct 27-1, in the heart of heavily Democratic North Memphis. By law, health officials report deaths once a month to the state Election Commission, which then purges the dead from voter registration rolls. In that window of time - a month or so before the election - there's a good chance dead voters will remain on the rolls on Election Day.	Commercial Appeal			
Multiple		Yes							Found to be mistakes		Houston	Texas	25-Nov-04	state legislature	State legislator who lost by 32 votes alleges 32 people voted twice and 101 residents from other districts cast ballots	Austin American Statesman	Most of the allegations seem to be cases of innocent mistakes that may have been technically illegal but not fraud	Houston Chronicle (January 16, 2005)	
Multiple	In person		County							Yes	San Juan	Texas	12-May-05	city	The county is investigating three voters suspected of voting early and on election day	The Monitor			
Both						6				Yes	King	Washington	22-Jun-05	gubernatorial	criminal charges filed against six voters for allegedly casting more than one ballot under a variety of circumstances: two for casting ballots in the names of recently deceased spouses; mother and daughter charged with casting a ballot in the name of recently deceased mother's dead husband; one for casting a ballot in the name of someone who had lived at the same address and died; one using someone else's name	Seattle Times	See Washington summary		
Multiple		Yes				1				Yes	King	Washington	13-Oct-05	gubernatorial	Republican officials release the names of 16 people they say voted twice. One person is found to be two people with the same name but different birthdates. Two names were referred to the prosecutors office, files were charged against one.	Seattle Times			
Multiple										Yes	King	Washington	14-Oct-05	gubernatorial and local primary	Woman on Republican list under investigation for double voting	Seattle Times			
Multiple	Absentee							1			Appleton	Wisconsin	12-Jan-05	nonpartisan election	student who voted by absentee ballot and in person at college sentenced to probation	Post Crescent			

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Multiple		Yes			US Attorney				clerical errors		Milwaukee	Wisconsin	22-Aug-05	presidential	GOP claims there were nine cases where people voted in Milwaukee and another city. US Attorney says he found no fraud, but rather clerical errors.	Journal Sentinel			
Multiple	In person					1				Yes	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	21-Sep-05	presidential	Man charged with voting twice said he filled out two on-site registration cards by mistake but voted only once	Journal Sentinel			
Multiple						4					Milwaukee	Wisconsin	5-Dec-05	presidential	Four people charged with double voting; none convicted	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	see larger summary of Milwaukee		
Multiple											Laramie	Wyoming	2-Nov-04		Laramie County Clerks says there has never been any intentional double registration or double voting				
Multiple		Yes		State						Yes	national		23-Oct-02	presidential	RNC compiles a national database of 3,273 people who voted twice in 2000. In North Carolina, the first name on the list was the chair of the Assembly's election law committee, and the California Secretary of State says they will be able to refute the claims.	USA Today			

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Jefferson County	Alabama	10-Jan-06	sheriff	Former sheriff and an attorney said in a federal criminal trial that they did not conspire to illegally run criminal history checks on absentee voters for the sheriff's election. Prosecutors say he started doing the check after he lost the election, while the sheriff says he did it to ferret out voter fraud	Birmingham News						
San Francisco	California	28-Nov-01	municipal	The Coast Guard found the lids to eight absentee ballot boxes floating in the bay, raising suspicions of tampering.	San Francisco Chronicle						
Compton	California	November 15, 2001; /11/16/2001	mayoral	Mayor Bradley accuses opponent of stuffing boxes with counterfeit ballots and having noncitizens vote	LA Times						
Broward	Florida	27-Jan-03	ohi	The lawyer for a board of elections employee said she discovered more than 500 unopened absentee ballots in the office mailroom two days after the election. According to the story she laid out to prosecutors, she notified her supervisor and was told there had been a mix-up and that the votes needed to disappear.	Brandenton Herald						
Detroit	Michigan	12-Nov-05	mayoral	Nearly 3000 votes were lost for two days as some were taken home by poll workers, others misplaced. Vote totals failed to add up correctly when the votes were restored.	Detroit Free Press						
Detroit	Michigan	26-Nov-05	mayoral	Detroit officials lost track of ballots in nine precincts and did not count them until two days after the polls closed; a poll worker took home two computer data packs containing ballot information and did not return them until the next day, leading to tampering allegations. Judge overseeing the recount orders more security for the ballots	Detroit Free Press						
Middlesex County	New Jersey	19-Jun-03	assembly primary	Assemblywoman Friscia's suit alleges that election workers told voters who to vote for; allowed two or three people to enter voting booths at the same time; permitted people to vote even though their home addresses and signatures did not match the elections register; allowed registered Republicans to vote in a Democratic primary; provided faulty voting machines; paid people to vote for Vas; allowed non-citizens to vote; refused to accept absentee ballots, and closed Friscia's own polling station in Woodbridge.	Home News Tribune						
Atlantic City	New Jersey	11-Nov-05	mayoral and city council	city council member accused of filing absentee ballot applications for 10 people without their authorization. The Attorney General charges councilman with 10 counts of tampering with public records and one count of hindering or preventing voting	AP						
Cleveland	Ohio	20-Jun-05	presidential	A Cleveland elections board employee is charged with changing the votes on ballots completed by five nursing home residents in favor of Bush	Yahoo News						

Hamilton County	Tennessee	18-Jan-03	district primary	The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation searched the home of former Hamilton County Election Commission employee Rita Jones on Friday and seized an undiscovered number of documents. Ms. Jones, a 14-year employee of the Election Commission, was fired two days after the Nov. 5 general election when officials discovered a box of 189 ballots had not been counted on Election Day.	Chattanooga Times Free Press						
San Antonio	Texas	10-Dec-02	unclear	The county election administrator found that ballot counters switched ballots from Republican to Democrat	San Antonio Express News						
Alamo	Texas	15-Dec-03	county commission	A supporter of one of the candidates alleges that he saw the mayor in the city secretary's office going over a list of residents that showed who had voted and who had not and that there were open mail-in ballots in front of them	The Monitor						
Ector County	Texas	15-Dec-04	county commission	On Election Day, Republican David Dunn had one more vote than his opponent for an Ector County commission seat. After a recount, he lost by a vote. He filed a lawsuit Tuesday accusing opponent Barbara Graff and elections administrator Sharon Wilson of election fraud. He accused Graff of ballot tampering during the recount, claiming she or her supporters doctored tally sheets. Wilson mishandled the recount, tossing out two duplicate ballots for Dunn, according to the suit.	AP						
Forney	Texas	13-Dec-05	mayoral	A judge found that votes cast by several people, including City Council member Andy Parker, could not be found in the ballot box. Mr. Parker testified during the seven-day trial that he had used ballot No. 331, but the No. 331 in the box did not match the way he voted. In all, 165 people testified that they had voted early for Mr. Wilson, while just 152 early votes were counted for him - something Judge Kupper called an "irreconcilable discrepancy." The Sheriff's Department is investigating	Dallas Morning News						
Salt Lake	Utah	20-Nov-02	County Council	County clerk candidate writes a letter to the Attorney General alleging altering of vote counts	Salt Lake Tribune						
King	Washington	26-May-05	gubernatorial	An election administrator admitted she falsified a report to make it appear that all absentee ballots were accounted for. It later proved inaccurate when workers discovered 95 unopened, uncounted absentee ballots in a warehouse. Republicans say of the 96 ballots, 47 came from Rossi districts and 28 Gregoire. Gregoire won four of the five King County precincts that recorded more votes than voters. Rossi won four of the six King County precincts that recorded more voters than votes. Republicans claim this proves ballot boxes were stuffed in precincts that favored Gregoire and ballots vanished in precincts favoring Rossi.	News Tribune				See Washington summary -- judge eventually found no fraud		

	Washington	30-May-05	gubernatorial	Republican attorneys allege King County election officials committee fraud by allowing illegal ballots in Democratic districts, ballot box stuffing and thefts of votes from the Republican candidate	The Olympian						
King	Washington		24-May-05 gubernatorial	GOP lawyer contends claim that the Democrats rigged the election by stuffing ballot boxes in the Democrat's two strongest precincts and by "losing" votes in two of the Republican's strongest precincts.	AP						

Los Angeles	California	7-Feb-03	neighborhood council	In the 2002 election two candidates had to be physically removed from the polling place, one for allegedly attempting to steal ballots. Charges of fraud and improprieties included photocopying ballots and stuffing ballot boxes. 135 more ballots than stakeholders were cast. After investigating, the city found no cause to dismiss the election and the League of Women Voters did not find any stuffing of the ballot boxes.	LA Weekly						
Durham	North Carolina	29-Mar-04	city council	poll worker adds ballots -- state board investigates but does not recommend criminal charges, instead recommending that the poll judges in that precinct step down	Herald Sun						
Gaston	North Carolina	16-Dec-04	presidential	There are differences in most precincts between the number of ballots cast and the number of people recorded as voting. State investigators have concluded there is no way to rule out double voting or missing votes because poll workers cannot explain the discrepancies. More than 13,000 votes were omitted from the county's unofficial results, including 1,200 votes from a Dallas precinct and about 12,000 early votes.	Charlotte Observer						

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										Phillips	Arkansas	2-Nov-02	primary	The sanitation director for Helena, the Phillips County seat, admitted in court to illegally casting more than 25 absentee ballots in the Democratic primary in May.	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette			
										South Gate	California	28-Jan-03	Treasurer and city council recall	Supporters of the recall, which is being led by the city's two police unions, say city employees have been illegally filling out absentee ballots against the recall.	Los Angeles Times			
Forgery-Dead										Bridgeport	Connecticut	6-Sep-02		Election officials found an absentee ballot application for someone who is dead	Connecticut Post			
			Federal		2					Bridgeport and New Haven	Connecticut	4-Nov-02	probate judge	FBI is investigating potential absentee ballot fraud in Bridgeport Democratic primary and two men face absentee ballot charges involving 2 New Haven primaries	Connecticut Post			
Coercion					1			Yes		Hartford	Connecticut	12-Aug	state legislature	former state representative is charged with seven counts of absentee ballot fraud for absentee ballot coercion in a particular apartment complex	Hartford Courant			
Ineligible			BOE					Yes		Bridgeport	Connecticut	3-Dec-03	town committee	The elections commission wants four brothers to be charged with fraudulent voting for allegedly submitting illegal absentee ballots in the March 2002 Democratic Town Committee primary. The commission alleges that none of the brothers lived in Bridgeport when they voted in those city elections.	Connecticut Post			
Ineligible								Yes		Smyrna	Delaware	3-Aug-05	town	A challenger to the mayor who lost by 2 votes is suing the mayor for personally delivering absentee ballots to minority residents, some of whom were not eligible to vote	The News Journal			
Forgery-Unknown					4			Yes		Winter Garden	Florida	5-Mar-02	city commissioner	Four are charged with forging names on absentee ballots	AP			
Forgery-Other Voters			BOE					Yes		Volusia	Florida	3-Oct-03	city	Elections officials inquire into 43 absentee ballot request forms with the wrong date of birth and 3 requests with forged signatures	Orlando Sentinel			
Ineligible					1			Yes		Winter Haven	Florida	6-Jan-04	town	criminal complaint filed against woman for voting by absentee ballot when she did not live in the district	Polk Online			

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Coercion			County					Special Prosecutor found no determination of fraud		Hialeah	Florida	21-Mar-04	city council	Miami-Dade public corruption detectives fanned across Hialeah on Friday, questioning employees of the city's public housing agency, as well as friends and relatives of politicians aligned with Mayor Raul Martinez. Sources close to the investigation say those interviewed were asked about their alleged handling of absentee ballots gathered from voters - many of them elderly - in the city's public housing units.	Miami Herald	A special state prosecutor said he found no evidence of election fraud after a yearlong investigation of absentee voting at the Hialeah Housing Authority during that city's 2003 elections	Miami Herald, May 11, 2005	
Mishandling			Grand Jury							Orlando	Florida	5-Mar-05	mayoral	A grand jury is investigating the possible mishandling of absentee ballots by a minority voting advocate who has worked for many campaigns	Orlando Sentinel	All charges are dropped. Democrats allege the whole case was politically motivated; Florida prosecutors dropped a case charging the mayor with paying a campaign worker to collect absentee ballots. Three others indicted on the same charge were also cleared.	April 21, 2005 Orlando Sentinel	April 21, 2005, The New York Times
Coercion		Yes								Cook	Illinois	15-Mar-02	state	ACORN alleges that a man went to a senior citizen home and voted the seniors' absentee ballots	Chicago Sun-Times			
Coercion				Court				Election thrown out		Calumet City	Illinois	3-Sep-03	mayoral	A county judge threw out and reversed an election because of absentee coercion of disabled voters	Chicago Tribune			
Other Voters			DA						Yes	Marion	Indiana	1-Nov-02	county	The county prosecutor is investigating absentee ballots in which signatures don't match, voter's names were misspelled, and correction fluid was used to change te address	Indianapolis Star			
			State Police						Yes	Madison	Indiana	29-Apr-03	primary	State police are investigating whether Democratic primary absentee ballots were delivered to nursing homes that traditionally vote Republican	Herald Bulletin			
Forgery-Voters Who Moved			County						Yes	Lake	Indiana	11-Jul-03	town	Allegations are made of absentee ballots from voters who moved and forged signatures by one person. Case will be heard by a county judge	Northwest Indiana News			
Ineligible			BOE						Yes	Porter	Indiana	31-Mar-04	town	Elections board investigates allegations that two ineligible voters voted by absentee ballots	Northwest Indiana News			

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Forgery-Dead				Court					Yes	East Chicago	Indiana	23-Jun-04	mayoral	The Indiana Supreme Court is considering whether to order a special mayoral election. The losing candidate claims he would have won if not for hundreds of fraudulent absentee votes cast for his opponent, including some cast on behalf of dead voters	AP			
Mishandling/Ineligible					3				Yes	Anderson	Indiana	11-Dec-04	mayoral	The longtime Democratic Party chairman in Madison County is accused of illegally delivering absentee ballots cast by two Anderson residents. Another man is accused of 17 Class D felony charges for allegedly registering absentee voters, then telling them how to vote and picking up their ballots. A woman is accused of completing an absentee ballot in September 2003 that listed an address where she did not live.	Indianapolis Star			
Multiple				Court	4			Court invalidates 155 ballots	Yes	East Chicago	Indiana	August 6, 2003, August 8, 2003	mayoral primary	It is alleged that city workers were asked to vote absentee, acquire absentee applications, and given paid election day positions for bringing in absentee votes	Northwest Indiana News	four people indicted, one for receiving absentee ballots for people ineligible to vote, one for failing to appear before the grand jury, and two for voter fraud and lying to the grand jury; county judges tosses out 155 absentee ballots but this does not change the election outcome; DOJ begins investigating	WISH TV, November 18, 2003; Northwest Indiana Times, January 21, 2004	
Coercion			Police						Yes		Maine	13-Feb-04	state house	Police have begun investigating allegations that elderly voters were pressured into casting absentee ballots for a Green Independent candidate in Maine's special election. Chief Roger Beaupre said Thursday his department has received 10 complaints of voter intimidation from elderly voters who were told votes for candidates other than Green Independent candidate Dorothy Lafortune did not count.	AP			
Coercion			State Police							River Rouge	Michigan	4-Apr-01	mayoral	state police investigating absentee coercion in a senior apartment building	Yahoo News			

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Multiple			Federal	Court					Yes	Detroit	Michigan	8-Nov-05	mayoral	A lawsuit alleges the City Clerk's assistants have allowed voters to fill out ballots in group settings, didn't sign their names on ballot envelopes and advertised their services in nursing homes. She also sent 130,000 unsolicited absentee ballot applications defying a court order.	Detroit Free Press	County Circuit Court Judge ruled the Clerk violated the law; There is an election contest and a federal investigation involving irregularities with absentee ballots.	November 9, 2005 Detroit Free Press; November 24, 2005 Detroit Free Press	
Coercion	Yes								Yes	Houston	Mississippi	10-Nov-05	mayoral	Candidate files a complaint alleging 59 absentee ballots are questionable. He produced a letter from two elderly absentee voters saying they were given plates of food in exchange for allowing his opponent to fill out their ballots.	AP			
N/A	Yes										Missouri	19-Sep-04	gubernatorial	The state Democratic Party accused Republicans of coercion when they asked county clerks to send the names of people who had requested absentee ballots	AP			
			State/Federal						Yes	East St. Louis	Missouri	5-Jan-05	city	investigations by the state attorney and the FBI into unspecified absentee ballot fraud	Post Dispatch			
			Federal						Yes	Tonopah	Nevada	23-Oct-02	local general and primary election	The FBI investigates questionable absentee ballot requests	Pahrump Valley Times			
Forgery-Other Voters					1				Yes	Las Vegas	Nevada	28-Apr-03	assembly	Man is indicted because he voted other people's ballots using absentee voter forms for people who lived outside the district.	AP			
Coercion	Yes									Atlantic City	New Jersey	31-Oct-01	Mayoral	Mayor Whelan's campaign has alleged that street operatives for the mayor's challenger, Councilman Lorenzo Langford, tricked voters into requesting absentee ballots and then went to their homes to bully them into filling the ballots out for Langford. The Whelan campaign has also alleged that Langford has stockpiled absentee ballots to fill out fraudulently. The Langford campaign yesterday denounced Whelan's actions as a means of suppressing voter rights and said it would file a federal civil-rights lawsuit this week.	Philadelphia Inquirer			

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Multiple			State						Yes	Palisades Park	New Jersey	6-Nov-02		The Deputy Attorney General said in a court filing that the prosecutor is investigating four types of irregularities: "1) improprieties in the manner in which voters requested absentee ballots; 2) instances where the voter has stated that they received assistance in voting but that fact is not noted on the voter certification; 3) instances where the absentee ballot was delivered to the Board of Elections by a person other than the one to whom the voter gave the ballot; 4) instances where the voter gave an unmarked ballot to another person."	The Record	276 absentee ballots from the 2002 election in Palisades Park are still impounded in the office of Patricia DiCostanzo, the Bergen County superintendent of elections.	October 4, 2004, The Record	
Forgery		BOE							Yes	Atlantic City	New Jersey	9-Jul-03	county primary	Board of elections requests an inquiry into alleged forged absentee ballots	Atlantic County News			
Coercion/Forgery		Federal							Yes	Passaic	New Jersey	22-Sep-04	county	The FBI is investigating charges that voters targeted by a Democratic campaign had their signatures forged or had been pressured or misled into voting absentee	Heral News (Passaic)			
Forgery-Other Voters										New Jersey		4-Oct-04		In the city of Passaic, three dozen voters claimed they'd been victims of absentee ballot fraud in 2003.	The Record			
Coercion				Court					Yes	Albany County	New York	8-Mar-04	special primaries	131 absentee ballots were delivered by a ward leader, leading to vague allegations of coercion. All absentee ballots and machines impounded under a court order	Albany Times Union			
				Court				140 ballots thrown out		Albany County	New York	10-Mar-04	county legislature	One person filled in more than 140 signed absentee ballot applications, and there were other administrative errors in absentee ballot distribution and return. The candidates made a deal before the judge ruled on the case to have a special election; the absentee ballots are not counted	Albany Times Union			
		DA							Yes	Haskell	Oklahoma	7-Nov-02	district attorney	An absentee ballot scandal is being investigated in Haskell County, where one man allegedly admitted notarizing 42 absentee ballots without having the voters present while another man helped him, the District Attorney said.	Daily Oklahoman			
Coercion										Providence	Rhode Island	23-Aug-02	mayoral	Elderly woman says strangers coerced her into giving them her ballot	Providence Journal-Bulletin			

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Multiple										Senate District 30	South Carolina	27-Sep-04	state senate primary	A person with connections to the Williams campaign nicknamed "The Voter Man" convinced elderly voters, some living in residential care facilities, to fill out absentee ballot registration forms. Some say they never received a ballot, even though records indicate a ballot was cast in their names. * At least one staff member at a Mullins care facility said non-communicative Alzheimer's patients were coaxed into casting absentee ballots. * Another person with ties to the Williams campaign turned in nearly 60 absentee ballots to election officials, many from elderly voters. While not technically illegal, the volume of absentee votes raised eyebrows within the Norwood campaign. As a result of suspected fraud the party ordered a new election and the cases are being criminally investigated.	The State			
			State Federal			1					South Dakota	20-Oct-02	state wide	several counties forward questionable absentee ballot requests	Angus Leader	October 25, 2002: Red Earth Villeda, a former Democratic contractor is investigated; October 27, 2002: State and federal agents target 25 South Dakota counties; October 31, 2002: no illegally cast ballots are found (see South Dakota summary)	Angus Leader	
Forgery-Unknown			DA					Yes		Shannon	South Dakota	30-Oct-04	presidential	The prosecutor in Fall River County says he will investigate possible multiple voting by absentee ballot. The multiple ballots were cast by fewer than 10 people	AP			

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					4		4			Sioux Falls	South Dakota	2-Nov-04	senatorial	Three former Republican notary publics pled guilty to signing absentee ballots without witnessing the signatures. Three other former GOP workers are charged, as is one Daschle staff person accused of not being present for two notary applications. Officials say none of the incidents affected any votes	AP	A fourth former employee of the South Dakota Republican Party's get-out-the-vote operation has pleaded guilty to improperly notarizing absentee-ballot re-quests, and another who had pleaded not guilty will appear in court next week to change his plea. Six workers for the GOP Victory effort resigned last month after questions surfaced about some absentee-ballot applications collected at college campuses across the state. Charges were filed after officials said the workers notarized applications collected by other workers, violating a state law that requires notaries to witness documents being signed before they can give them their official seal.	November 4, 2004, Argus Leader	
Coercion	Yes									Dallas	Texas	10-May-01	district council	Both candidates accuse the other of manipulating the absentee ballot votes of senior citizens	Dallas Observer			
Forgery-Other Voters					1			Yes		Dallas	Texas	16-May-01	city council	Several affidavits alleging mail-in voter fraud have been submitted to the Dallas County district attorney's office, according to election officials. But prosecutors have declined to comment about whether those allegations, or any others, would result in a criminal complaint.	Dallas Morning News	A voter fraud investigation has resulted in the indictment of a Dallas woman who is accused of filling out a mail-in ballot in May without the voter's permission, a Dallas prosecutor said Tuesday.	February 13, 2002, Fort-Worth Star Telegram	
Forgery										Dallas	Texas	27-Jul-02	district council	A candidate for the council alleged three campaign workers spent Friday reviewing mail-in ballots and applications for the ballots and found at least 69 that they believe might have forged signatures on either document.	Fort Worth Star-Telegram			
Forgery-Unknown			DA					Yes		Dallas	Texas	22-Apr-03	city council	A candidate submitted 12 absentee ballot applications with forged signatures. The DA is investigating.	Dallas Morning News			

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Forgery-Other Voters					17		5			Hearne	Texas	18-Oct-03	municipal	Man fined and sentenced to five years probation for voting in the names of three dozen other people by absentee ballot. He is the fifth person to plead guilty to similar charges brought by a grand jury in August. 17 were indicted.	Houston Chronicle			
Forgery-Unknown					30			Yes		Hearne	Texas	28-Dec-03	mayoral	30 people were indicted for forged absentee ballot applications and sending in multiple absentee ballots	Star Telegram			
Forgery-Unknown/Dead/Other Voters					5					El Paso	Texas	12-Feb-04	water board	Several mail in ballot requests appeared to be filled out by the same person and a few were in the names of dead people. A precinct chairwoman was charged with four counts of tampering with government records	Assoc Press	Five people have been charged with sending in absentee ballot applications in the names of other people	2/13/2004, El Paso Times	
Multiple										Hidalgo	Texas	3-Mar-04	miscellaneous, from congress to judge's race	Complaints were made to the Board of Elections against workers for several campaigns of irregularities concerning absentee ballots, including coercion of elderly voters, a complaint that someone requested an absentee ballot for a dead voter; four people said their ballots were already sealed when they received them, and a voter whos absentee ballot that was sent elsewhere	The Monitor			
Forgery-Dead			DA					Yes		Bexar	Texas	25-Mar-04	congressional	The names of 42 deceased people, most of whom lived on the South Side, appeared on applications for mail-in ballots that were submitted to election officials for the primaries. A computer at the Bexar County elections office flagged the applications and the district attorney's office is investigating. No ballots appear to have been sent to a dead person as a result of the applications, election officials have said. However, the applications were cited by Henry Cuellar - a Democratic candi-date for the District 28 congressional seat who lost by 145 votes - as one of several concerns that persuaded him to call for a recount this week. The list of applicants includes next-door neighbors, people who never voted when they were alive, and two who died in 1988.	San Antonio Express-News			

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														All but one bear the deceased's correct voter registration number. Each had the correct address and voting precinct, and all indicated the voter was older than 65, which is one of the reasons individuals may obtain a mail-in ballot. But whoever filled out many of the applications didn't alter his or her handwriting on the forms, all of which supposedly were done by the individual voters. Two batches of the falsified documents show clear similarities.				
Coercion										South San Antonio	Texas	23-May-04		Elderly voters complain of "vote brokering" whereby "coyotes" pressure them into voting by absentee ballot. Investigators have looked into this in the past, and there has only been one conviction of someone pressuring others to vote absentee.	San Antonio Express-News			
Forgery-Dead			DA						Yes	Robstown	Texas	27-May-04	school district	The District Attorney requested a recount of ballots because of many complaints of people filing mail-in ballots sent to homes of people who have died. One of the candidates says that in one instance a wife mailed in the ballot of her husband who just died, and another was a son's vote being mistaken for the father's because they had the same name.	Corpus Christi Caller-Times			

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Multiple			Police		5				Yes	Falfurrias	Texas	11-Sep-04	city	After a May 26 recount, Jaime received 501 votes and Martinez wound up with 500 votes. In June, Martinez filed an election contest in district court claiming that "numerous co-conspirators" obtained votes by instructing the voters to cast their ballots for particular candidates. But a criminal investigation into voting violations started before voters cast the final ballots, according to a police report. So far, the criminal investigation has resulted in five felony and one misdemeanor indictments: Santiago Vela was indicted on a bribery charge; Armando Gonzalez, Vanessa Kiser and Roel Mireles were indicted on illegal voting charges; Magdalena Saenz was indicted on an unlawful delivery of a voting certificate charge. One woman, Mima Quintanilla, was indicted on a misdemeanor charge for allegedly filling out a mail-in ballot for a voter without permission.	Corpus Christi Caller-Times			
	Yes									Houston	Texas	11-Nov-05	mayoral	Candidate alleges that 64 of the 579 absentee ballots cast in the primary are questionable.	AP			
Tampering			Police							Hidalgo	Texas	004, March 6,	primary	Texas Rangers investigate tampering with mail ballots by "polltiqueras"	The Monitor			
Coercion					1			Yes		Gate City	Virginia	2-Aug-05	mayor	mayor is indicted on 37 felony counts of voter fraud for coercing choices on absentee ballots	Roanoke Times	The former mayor was arraigned in Scott County Circuit Court. He entered not guilty pleas to 18 charges of aiding and abetting in violating the absentee voting process, 17 charges of making a false statement on an absentee ballot application, and two charges of conspiracy. Authorities say he targeted elderly and unsophisticated voters, pressuring them to give false reasons for voting absentee and sometimes filling out their ballots himself.	8/17/2005, Roanoke Times	

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Forgery-Voters/Coercion			DA						Yes	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	5-Mar-03	county board recall	A police handwriting expert labeled signatures on 60 absentee ballot envelopes suspicious and elections officials and the DA questioned 36 more. The 96 are among 182 that were distributed to 5th District voters by the African American Coalition for Empowerment. The group had residents agree to ask the city to send absentee ballots to their offices rather than directly to the voters. The group then went to the homes, witnessed the votes and returned the ballots.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Forgery-Other Voter							1			Milwaukee	Wisconsin	15-Jan-04	county recall	A voting rights activist was convicted of three felony counts stemming from his management of an absentee ballot campaign. Although evidence suggested forgery and other mischief, the case turned on one voter registration card. The voter had his signature forged by his girlfriend, and the activist had signed the form as a deputy registrar.	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			
Forgery-Unknown							1			Milwaukee	Wisconsin	20-Feb-04	county recall	One person is convicted for forging absentee ballots	Milwaukee Journal Sentinel			

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Challenges	Yes		third-party							Alabama	29-Aug-04	city council	About 50 challenged ballots in a Bayou La Batre City Council contest have stirred discrimination concerns because they were all demanded from Asian-American voters. Fred Marceaux of Coden, an advocate for the Asian community, called the challenged ballots "scare tactics." By all accounts, the voters were challenged to their faces as they walked into the polling place at the Bayou La Batre Community Center. Being publicly confronted on their first trip to the voting booth visibly up-set many of those who were challenged. Until this year, Asians here have seemed reluctant to step into local politics, preferring to live as a self-contained community for the most part.	AP		
Polling Place Harassment			Pollworker/third-party						Yes	Arizona	1-Oct-04	presidential	A pollworker says that during the primary two men came in and said they were checking the polls to see if illegal aliens were voting. They said the name of their organization was Truth in Action. A voting rights advocate says the group was visiting many poll sites. The editor of the organization's website says he visited the polls wearing a black t-shirt with "US Constitutional Enforcement" on the back and the image of a badge on the front. He carried tools, a camera and a video recorder to "film all the conversations I had." He said that for the general election, if he sees "a busload of Hispanic individuals who didn't speak English and who voted," he plans to follow that bus to make sure they aren't voting more than once.	The Progressive		
Structural Barrier									Yes	Arizona	6-Nov-05		In Phoenix (Maricopa County) more than 10,000 people trying to register have been rejected for being unable to prove their citizenship. Yvonne Reed, a spokesman for the recorder's office, said that most are probably U.S. citizens whose married names differ from the ones on their birth certificates or who have lost documentation. She hopes the number of rejected voters shrinks as election officials explain the new requirements. But, she said, "there will be an amount of people who we will not be able to get on the rolls because of not being able to find the right documents or just losing interest." In Tucson (Pima County) 60 percent of those who tried to register initially could not. Elections chief Chris Roads said that all appeared to be U.S. citizens, but many had moved to Arizona recently and couldn't access their birth certificates or passports. Many of those prospective voters have since been able to register, but Roads said about 1,000 citizens are still unable to vote in this week's election because of Proposition 200 requirements.	Los Angeles Times		
Challenges	Yes	Yes								Arkansas	31-Oct-02		State Democratic Party Chair accuses a Republican poll worker of focusing only on black and elderly voters during his challenges.	Arkansas Democrat Gazette		

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Polling Place Harrassment	Yes	Yes							Yes	Arkansas	6-Nov-02		In Arkansas, where voters were allowed to cast their ballots up to two weeks early to lessen the pressure on election day, there were allegations of intimidation in the early voting. Democrats claimed that black voters were photographed as they arrived at polling booths and had their identities subjected to disproportionate scrutiny.	The Guardian		
Polling Place Harrassment	Yes	Yes							Yes	Arkansas	30-Dec-02		Democrats accused Republican poll watchers of driving away voters in predominantly black precincts by taking photos of them and demanding identification during early voting	The American Prospect		
Polling Place Harrassment	Yes	Yes								Arkansas	17-Nov-04	presidential	DNC Chair says black voters in Arkansas were harassed during early voting	Ethnic News Watch		
Polling Place Harrassment		Yes							Yes	California	14-Nov-01	mayoral	The ousted mayor's attorney, in a legal challenge to the election, said he intends to show that Perrodin's supporters pulled guns on voters at precincts	AP		
Police		Yes								California	28-Jan-03	treasurer and city council recall	The anti-recall camp accuses police officers of harassment and of "staring down" residents.	Los Angeles Times		
Pollworkers	Yes		Third-party							California	5-Nov-03	local	Latino community organizer tells city council panel that Latinos have experienced poll workers who intimidate Latinos by illegally asking them to show identification.	Union-Tribune		
Pollworkers/ID	Yes		Third-party						Yes	California	2-Feb-04	mayoral	A group called the People of Color Caucus alleged that some Latinas wearing Gonzalez buttons were told they were not allowed to vote	Los Angeles Times		
Challenges		Yes							Yes	Colorado	28-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear what they believe to be a plan by Republicans to challenge new voters, especially students at the University of Colorado at Boulder who may seek to use student IDs as proof of identification at the polls. State GOP brass said they have no such plan.	Denver Post		
Police										Connecticut	11-Nov-02	congressional	U.S. Representative tells Republican registrars to request police supervision at the polls if they are concerned about fraud or disturbance	The Day Online		
Pollworkers	Yes			Federal Observers					Yes	Florida	23-May-02	2001 special election	Federal observers found pollworkers downright "hostile" to Hispanics, even insisting that voters must speak English to vote	St. Petersburg Times		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	1-Nov-02		Citing fears of voter intimidation and a repeat by GOP operatives to "barrage polling places," local Democrats - including former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek - are suing to block Miami-Dade County from allowing a Republican political action committee to put poll watchers inside the county's precincts Tuesday.	Miami Herald		

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Purge	Yes	Yes								Florida	22-Jun-04	presidential	Harkening back to the 1960s, when Southern states used poll taxes and intimidation to shut blacks out of elections, the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday accused Florida Gov. Jeb Bush of engaging in "disenfranchisement schemes" by asking counties to purge felons from voter rolls. "This is a typical South [tactic], denying the right to vote based on race and class," Jackson said. "You see classical voter disenfranchisement. These schemes to deny or suppress voters are not new schemes."	Miami Herald		
Police	Yes			Federal					Yes	Florida	19-Sep-04	presidential	The Justice Department is investigating accusations that Florida law enforcement officers intimidated elderly black voters during a probe of voting fraud in the Orlando mayoral election. Civil rights groups and Democrats contend that the agents presence and behavior, including allegedly displaying their guns, intimidated the minority voters they visited.	AP		
Pollworkers/ID			Third-party							Florida	1-Oct-04	presidential	Representatives from People for the American Way saw poll workers turn back registered voters who did not have ID, although that is not required. A spokeswoman from Election Protection says that several voters report being asked if they are citizens during early voting.	The Progressive		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	16-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic election lawyer says Republican plans to challenge voters at the polls may intimidate voters.	St. Petersburg Times		
Polling Place Harrassment										Florida	25-Oct-04	presidential	Two white men were filming voters as they entered the poll site in a presumed attempt at intimidation.	Financial Times		
Pollsite Intimidation (third-party)		Yes							Yes	Florida	26-Oct-04	presidential	The Republican Party distributed to the media affidavits from anonymous voters claiming to be harassed at polling sites in Miami, Pembroke Pines, Boca Raton, Plantation, St. Petersburg, Jacksonville Apopka and Tallahassee.	Miami Herald		
Multiple		Yes								Florida	27-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman Terry McAuliffe has accused Republicans of engaging in "systematic efforts" to disenfranchise voters, imposing unlawful identification requirements on voters, throwing eligible voters off the rolls and depriving voters of their right to cast a provisional ballot.	Washington Times		
Challenges		Yes								Florida	29-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats have complained that GOP poll watchers will issue challenges in order to slow down the voting process and drive people away from the polls.	Palm Beach Post		

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Challenges	Yes	Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats fear Republicans will systematically challenge black and Hispanic voters and create long lines at the polls. The suspicions were fed by reports that Republicans had a list of 1,866 voters they were planning to challenge in predominantly black areas of Jacksonville.	Orlando Sentinel	In the Jacksonville area, Republicans say they have a list of 2,663 newly registered voters from mostly Democratic black communities whose registration could be fraudulent. Republicans have said that poll watchers will enforce a portion of Florida law allowing poll watchers to challenge a voter at the polls. The St. Petersburg Times on Thursday quoted Gov. Jeb Bush as saying he would not have a problem with Republican poll watchers challenging the eligibility of voters	The Ledger, October 31, 2004
Challenges	Yes		Third-party						Yes	Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Based on a 1982 consent decree, The Advancement Project filed a lawsuit asking a federal district court in New Jersey to ban GOP poll watcher activities in heavily minority precincts in Florida. The suit contends that in New Jersey, Louisiana, and North Carolina, the RNC sent mass mailers to thousands of voters registered predominantly in black precincts. When thousands were returned because of incorrect addresses, those names went on lists for challenges. The GOP says it has just done a mass mailer to new voters.	Tampa Tribune		
Polling Place Harrassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	At one polling station, Republicans claimed that Democratic poll watchers were approaching Republican voters and shouting "There's a dirty Bush supporter!" as they waited on line.	Ottawa Citizen		
Polling Place Harrassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	Democratic poll workers say Republican poll workers are intimidating Kerry supporters, staring at them and refusing to move away if they decline to accept a Bush-Kerry sticker.	The Boston Globe		
Polling Place Harrassment		Yes								Florida	30-Oct-04	presidential	A Republican Party spokesman said elderly voters standing in line at early polling places who refuse to accept Kerry stickers have been harassed with shouts of "Hey, we've got a Bush voter here!" He says Republican poll watchers and volunteers have been "pretty much continually harassed and intimidated."	The Boston Globe		
Challenges	Yes	Yes								Florida	31-Oct-04	presidential	Democrats say Republicans are disproportionately putting poll watchers in predominantly minority precincts and said it could signal plans to intimidate or slow down voters. In Miami-Dade County, Democrats said 59% of predominantly black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher, while 24% of predominantly white precincts have them. In Leon County, 64% of black precincts have at least one Republican poll watcher compared with 24% of majority white precincts. In Alachua, 71% of black precincts have a Republican poll watcher assigned, while 24% of white precincts do.	St. Petersburg Times		

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Polling Place Harassment	Yes		Third-party							Florida	1-Nov-04	presidential	Election Protection reports that Haitian Americans complained that "thugs" had walked along the waiting lines at an early polling site and demanded to see identification, while telling voters they could be deported.	Cox News Service		
Challenges					Police Action					Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	Four GOP poll watchers were ejected from the polls by police and another was "threatened by poll workers for telling them to assign voters provisional ballots. These are people without IDs or even listed on the voter roll," according to a party statement.	Boston Globe		
Challenges										Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	GOP challengers were monitoring the polls, armed with packets that included color mug shots of felons the party said were improperly included on the voting rolls. At the urging of the Bush campaign, some of the poll watchers were wearing buttons, hats or T-shirts that said "voting rights counselor."	Washington Post		
Police	Yes	Yes							Yes	Florida	3-Nov-04	presidential	At Midway Elementary School east of Sanford, a predominantly black voter pre-cinct, Democratic officials complained a large law-enforcement presence intimidated voters. A deputy sheriff assigned to the precinct moved his patrol car, with his police dog inside, after Democrats complained to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office about it being parked at the entrance to the parking lot, where they said there were as many as four deputies at a time.	Orlando Sentinel		
Polling Place Harassment					Elections officials					Florida	2-Mar-05	presidential	Shouting matches and rowdy behavior forced elections officials across the state to step in to keep the peace. Voters reported being harassed and intimidated at the polls.	Orlando Sentinel		
Pollworkers			Voters							Georgia	3-Nov-04	presidential	Many voters said they were denied provisional ballots or had to argue with poll workers to get them.	Atlanta Journal Constitution		

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Challenges	Yes				Court				Yes	Georgia	28-Oct-04	presidential	<p>95 people who make up more than three-quarters of a rural Georgia county's registered Hispanic voters were summoned to a courthouse Thursday to defend their right to vote after a complaint alleged a county commissioner attempted to register non-U.S. citizens. The Atkinson County Board of Registrars, however, dismissed most of the complaint at the beginning of the hearing, saying the case could open the county to charges of violating the Voting Rights Act. Remaining complaints against two voters were dropped when the complainants declined to present any evidence against them. The three men who filed the complaint had said they have evidence a county commissioner attempted to help non-U.S. citizens register so they could vote for him in the July 20 Democratic primary. Lawyers from the ACLU and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund got involved because the men filed the challenges based on a list they had received from the Board of Registrars of all Hispanics registered in the south Georgia county.</p> <p>Linda Davis, chief registrar in Atkinson County, said she provided the men with a list of the 121 voters on the rolls who listed their race as Hispanic or Mexican. She said the men decided to challenge 95 of them.</p>			
State Suppression	Yes			Federal					Yes	Indiana	21-Apr-04	mayoral	<p>The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed a federal law-suit last October alleging that election officials conspired to persuade Hispanics to vote by absentee ballot and limit their access to the polls in the 2003 Democratic primary. The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating similar allegations. The lawsuit seeks to overturn the election of Mayor Robert Pastrick, who de-feated challenger George Pabey, who is of Puerto Rican descent.</p>	AP		

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Suppression	Yes									Indiana	7-Oct-04	presidential	<p>Persistent warnings about terrorism also have drawn skepticism from some Democratic election officials and civil rights advocates who have accused the Republican White House of creating a climate of fear that, among other things, could suppress voter turnout. Heavy voter turnout historically has favored Democrats in U.S. elections.</p> <p>Some local officials in Indiana accused Secretary of State Todd Rokita, a Republican, of trying to intimidate voters after he asked election clerks to develop responses to "an immediate and present danger." Engy Abdelkader, civil rights director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, says that Arab-Americans and other minorities could choose to stay away from the polls if they believe that federal agents will be questioning people there.</p>	USA Today		
Challenges					Police Action					Kentucky	29-May-02	county clerk primary	<p>A poll worker, Jeff Farmer, was stationed at Horse Creek Elementary School as a "challenger," someone who observes the process and can ask voters to prove identities or addresses. The sheriff said Farmer was warned after interfering with voters. "I told him to sit his ass down," Jordan said.</p> <p>When Farmer went outside about 10:30 a.m. and began "pulling voters out of line," according to Jordan, a sheriff's deputy told him to leave or face arrest. Farmer had a different version of events, saying he went out to smoke and wasn't allowed back in.</p>	Lexington Herald Leader		
Challenges	Yes		Third-party							Kentucky	31-Oct-03	gubernatorial	<p>A flyer written and distributed by the Republican in charge of recruiting poll workers asserts that in three previous races the NAACP and the Philip Randolph Institute have targeted "poor, black voters" and encouraged them to "commit voter fraud." Civil rights leaders say this shows that the Republican plan to put challengers in predominantly African American poll sites is racially based. The Republican County chair had announced that Republicans would place challengers at 59 precincts that were either chosen at random or because there were too few election workers.</p>	The Courier-Journal		

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Challenges	Yes				Court				Yes	Kentucky	2-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Black voters in Louisville sued Friday over a Republican plan to put vote "challengers" in dozens of black precincts	AP	A judge turned down a request Monday to block Republican poll challengers from observing Tuesday's election in predominantly black neighborhoods of the city. Jefferson County Circuit Judge Thomas Wine denied a restraining order sought by the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, which claimed the poll watch-ers could intimidate minority voters or slow voting. The ACLU also filed suit in federal court seeking to bar the poll challeng-ers, but there has been no hearing.	AP, November 4, 2003
Challenges	Yes		Third-party							Kentucky	4-Nov-03	gubernatorial	Republicans plan to deploy "a small army" of challengers in Jefferson County. Critics say the mobilization of mostly white challengers in poorer minority districts is intended to intimidate. Black leaders held a rally decrying the Republican initiative.	Christian Science Monitor	Precinct workers in western Louisville and Newburg reported no problems with Republican vote challengers and predicted a high voter turnout yesterday - in contrast to fears that the challengers would intimidate black voters and keep them from the polls. Even as the number of targeted precincts dropped to 18 because of staffing and training issues, the controversy drew national attention, with the Democratic National Committee and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sending personnel to help organize a get-out-the-vote effort. The NAACP also stationed volunteers outside polling places to ensure that voters were treated fairly.	The Courier Journal, November 5, 2003
Challenges	Yes									Kentucky	3-Aug-04	presidential	A group of Republicans called on the county party chair to resign because of plans to use voter challengers in the election. In 2003, the party used Republicans from across the county to watch voting in 18 predominantly Democratic districts -- most of them with large numbers of black voters.	Courier Journal		
Police				Police						Louisiana	7-Oct-03	sheriff	Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff Ed Layrisson said Monday he has suspended two deputies while his office investigates allegations of public intimidation against them. The deputies were at a polling place Saturday and allegedly asked several people in a group how they planned to vote in the sheriff's race, authorities said. The deputies "have adamantly denied the allegation," Layrisson said. He said the deputies were not in uniform, but were carrying their badges and weapons.	The Advocate		
Pollworkers/ID			third-party							Louisiana	2-Nov-04	presidential	Louisiana Election Protection says it received many complaints of voters being denied the right to vote if they did not have a drivers license.	AP		

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Police		Yes								Maryland	5-Nov-02	gubernatorial	The Democratic National Committee filed a lawsuit seeking to prevent the Ehrlich campaign from using off-duty police officers as poll workers. The Democrats dropped the action when the campaign agreed the officers would not wear uniforms, badges or sidearms or identify themselves as police officers.	Washington Post		
State Suppression		Yes								Maryland	6-Nov-02	statewide	In Maryland, David Paulson, the director of communications for the state Democratic Party, charged that signs saying voters needed photo identification to vote had been "illegally" or "extralegally" placed by the Board of Elections in Prince George's County, just outside of Washington. Photo identification has never been required for voters there, he said.	UPI		
Polling Place Harassment	Yes				City					Massachusetts	12-Mar-05		In 2002, there were allegations that Russian and Chinese voters were being told how to vote by translators in a Brighton precinct that is home to the Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly complex on Wallingford Road. After those allegations, the city changed the rules at the polling place located there: Now, no resident of the building is allowed to work as an elections official there.	Boston Globe		
State Suppression/Pollworkers	Yes			Federal				Yes		Massachusetts	30-Jul-05		In a lawsuit filed yesterday, the Justice Department alleges that the city and its poll workers interfered with voters' rights by "improperly influencing, coercing, or ignoring the ballot choices of limited English proficient Hispanic and Asian-American voters" and of generally "abridging" their voting rights by treating Hispanic and Asian voters disrespectfully at the polls and by failing to provide adequate translation services for them.	Boston Globe		
Pollworkers	Yes			Third-party						Massachusetts	18-Aug-05	presidential	A survey by the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund found 10 voters who had been turned away because their names were not on the rolls and who were not offered provisional ballots as required by law.	Boston Globe		

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Challenges	Yes		Precinct Chair		Police					Michigan	6-Nov-02		Trouble was reported at Bowen Recreation Center in Pontiac, where police were called after voters and election workers complained that a Republican Party volunteer was harassing people. Precinct chairwoman Linda Nichols said the woman, who identified herself as Teresa Sayer, came to the poll after leaving another location where voters had complained that she was questioning whether they were eligible to vote. "She would be behind the shoulder of the poll worker telling them what they could and could not do," Nichols said. "She even got behind the voter when they were going into the voting booth, asking them if they had identification." State election officials say challengers are not allowed to talk directly to voters but can question the veracity of a voter with poll chairpersons. State Republican officials denied that the woman was intimidating voters at the polling place. The precinct, on Bagley near Orchard Lake, is heavily Democratic and black.	Detroit News		
Other	Yes									Michigan	18-Sep-04	presidential	Democrats were outraged when Republican state representative John Pappageorge was quoted in July as warning that "if we do not suppress the Detroit vote, we're going to have a tough time in this election." Detroit is 83% black.	San Francisco Chronicle		
Challenges	Yes	Yes							Yes	Michigan	4-Nov-04	presidential	Reggie Turner, a Detroit lawyer with the Kerry campaign, complained of voter intimidation by GOP challengers at Detroit sites. "The documented incidents of intimidation and harassment that we have in our files are right out of the stories regarding harassment and intimidation in the South in the 1950s and 1960s," Turner said. GOP challengers harassed people in line to vote, requesting identification when they had no right to, and had lists of voters "they intended to challenge without any legal basis for such challenges." The GOP's Paolino said the lists were of newly registered Detroit voters to whom the GOP had sent mailings that came back from the post office as address unknown.	Detroit Free Press		

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Challenges	Yes		Third-party		Federal Court					Michigan	8-Nov-05	mayoral	The NAACP has received more than 100 complaints including ones involving intimidation at the polls. There were many fights between challengers and poll workers.	Detroit Free Press	A US District judge ordered all political parties to refrain from talking to voters at the polls. The ruling came in response to a suit filed by the Detroit NAACP which said it had received complaints from 19 polling places that state and national GOP poll monitors were harassing voters. Republicans disputed the claim. The suit charged GOP workers were harassing voters in violation of a state law that prohibits challengers from talking to voters. The suit also said the watchers challenged the eligibility of Detroit voters to cast ballots, prompting some to leave without voting. The Detroit NAACP president said it was an attempt to reduce the black vote in next years state and congressional elections.	November 9, 2003 Detroit Free Press
Challenges	Yes		third-party					Yes		Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Republicans systematically challenged a group of voters brought in by a nonprofit group and a group from a shelter. At another site, a minority group advocate accused a Republican challenger of intimidating American Indian and black voters.	Duluth News-Tribune		
Pollsite Intimidation (third-party)					Court					Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Secretary of State Kiffmeyer said her office received about 140 complaints about MoveOn. Minnesota Republican Party leaders tried and failed to get a restraining order against the MoveOn organization, which they accused of stationing activists too close to polling places Tuesday. But the judge disagreed. "The evidence has consisted almost entirely of hearsay," said Hennepin County District Judge Francis Connelly after a two-hour hearing Tuesday afternoon.	St. Paul Pioneer Press		
Challenges	Yes		Local Officials						Yes	Minnesota	3-Nov-04	presidential	Officials in Beltrami County and throughout the Twin Cities reported seeing poll challengers increasingly focused on polling places with particularly heavy populations of specific groups. Examples of those specific groups were college students, Indians on reservations, minorities or the homeless. In one case, the chairman of a Minnesota Indian tribe accused Republican poll challengers of intimidating legitimate voters by aggressively challenging their residency.	Star Tribune		

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Challenges	Yes		third-party		Police Action					Minnesota	22-Mar-05	presidential	A get out the vote activist and an election judge say that a Republican operative improperly challenged so many Indian voters at the reservation on Election Day that the challenger eventually was removed by tribal police. Director of Minnesota Election Protection 2004 said that most of the 46 complaints that her group forwarded to the national database had to do with "overzealous partisan challengers." The challenges were often based "on the way a person looked" or the fact that the person was not speaking English.	Star Tribune		
Challenges	Yes		third-party							Missouri	28-Oct-04	presidential	Civil rights groups accuse the Republican Party of hiring hundreds of poll challengers as part of an effort to suppress the black vote in St. Louis. The Republican Party strongly denies this.	AP		
N/A									Yes	national	15-Oct-04	presidential	The Justice Department is ill prepared to handle a large influx of complaints about voting rights violations in the Nov. 2 presidential election, according to a report released yesterday by the Government Accountability Office. The Justice Department "lacks a clear plan" to reliably document and track allegations in a manner that could allow monitors to swiftly pick up patterns of abuse and take corrective steps, according to the GAO, Congress's nonpartisan investigative arm.	Washington Post		
Polling Place Harrassment (third-party)		Yes			Court				Yes	national	3-Nov-04	presidential	Republicans filed complaints with courts about poll monitors from the liberal group Moveon.org "intimidating" voters in New Hampshire, Iowa, Minnesota, Colorado and Michigan - all close states. Moveon.org's Eli Pariser said the GOP charges were intended to "create a false and distorted record to assist them in any legal challenges."	New York Daily News		