



TENNESSEE VOTERS
FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

Organizing to gain knowledge about voting systems.

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OUR STORY

- Georgia is not alone ... Tennessee is right there with you in challenges
 - But SoS says all is well in Tennessee and legislators follow.
- November 2020: Williamson County voted on Dominion machines.
- I've GOT to do something.
- Sure wish I had known about Election Integrity Network then...



SO A FEW COLLEAGUES AND I...

- Tracked media:
 - Dominion, issues, videos, reports, anything around this issue
- Built a team:
 - Technology, legislation, grassroots, election expert, communications.
 - Still need legal and cybersecurity.
- Keep core group small; outsource to expertise when needed.



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- Identified our focus:
 - Share with state legislators, election commissions, government officials
 - Opportunities we've found to plug holes...
 - To strengthen Tennessee's election integrity and reputation...
 - And rebuild citizens' trust in our election system.
- RESEARCHED:
 - Reports, Dominion manuals, laws, court cases, data presentations, documentaries, poll workers, officials, legislators, news media, open meetings.
 - 51 questions to Williamson County Election Commission



CONCLUSIONS: COMPROMISED SECURITY ISSUES EXIST.

- Electronic voting systems:
 - System standards weaker than first smartphone (2005 vs. 2022)
 - Standards not being enforced by entities charged with doing so.
 - Vendors (not citizens) control the process: Paper/print/scan/lab/tally.
- Six Dominion scanners stopped counting votes in Franklin 10/28/21 election.
- Dominion Results, Tally & Reporting (RTR) system can mass change votes.
- Can't audit 70% of Tennessee counties due to no paper ballots (DRES) with no verified paper audit trail.
- State trending to more electronic machines with total vendor control.
- **This and more presented as winners to audiences... not sore losers.**



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HOW UNDERSTAND VOTING MACHINE FUNCTIONING IN TN?

- Researched, read, watched anything, everything.
- Ensured our tech people reviewed the manuals. CIO found the RTR issue.
- Studied each vendor's website and captured news items re: Dominion.
- Watched other states -- Georgia, VoteGA, Data Integrity Group.
- Attended county and state election commission meetings.
- Compared notes and developed consensus on good/bad systems.



FIVE QUESTIONS:

WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ASKED?

- Interview current, former commission members, poll workers, election and technology experts and ask about machinery, process, people.
- Read state laws about voting machine. TCA 2-9-101-118.
- Study how do the machines work? What are main components?
- Is registration on a different system? Not connected to voting?
- What does the EMS do? Can votes be switched there? Dominion RTR.
- What software versions used in election for scanners, BMD, other?
- Work with a candidate to inspect the machines for him/her. IT needed!



FIVE QUESTIONS:

DO WE USE THE INFORMATION AT THE EAC WEBSITE?

- I wouldn't trust it. IMHO: Don't seem to care about election integrity.
- No brands certified beyond 2005 VVSG (VVSG 1.1 [2017])(VVSG 2.0 [2021]).
- "In 2021, with no public debate, the EAC approved guideline changes requested by machine manufacturers that reduce their cost and allows wireless network connectivity in machines."
 - Board member Dr. Phillip Stark quit and is suing the EAC.
- Jessica Bowers = conflict of interest (10-year Dominion)(SEC)(Milco).
- Only two VSTLs accredited to certify. Pro V&V unsecured website.
- We've recommended Tennessee find another source for certification.



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- Presented our findings/recommendations to local/state election commissions.
 - Local: Embraced some ideas; might get more changes.
 - Built off an open, sharing relationship the chairman and I have.
- State: Brutal presentation; resented us suggesting anything.
- Possibly the result of the TN State Election Administrator (Republican)
- SoS resents us; Election Administrator ignores us. Comical!

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- Can build better relationship with local commission chairman. (Republican)
- Built consumer support for our recommendations as we're meeting with them to carry in more power behind our points.
 - Might not last when I share my whitepaper about October 26th election.
- But in Tennessee, the commission is where major decisions made.
 - Just announced: Getting rid of Dominion machines!
 - With the help of the SoS and Senate Majority Leader (Milco)



FIVE QUESTIONS:

WHAT CAN CITIZENS DO TO ENSURE VOTING SYSTEMS SECURE?

- Know your system and know your desired voting model and why it's better.
- Know the comparative cost & have talking points against their arguments.
- Attend commission meetings and be vocal, speak up
- Build relationships so at least the chairman and election administrator know who you are.
- Communicate your points, your model to commissioners and legislators.
- Attend/watch critical state election integrity meetings.
- Volunteer to poll work. Poll watch. A poll watcher discovered Oct 26 issues.



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