

RETURN TO HAND COUNTING

Missouri Method Hand Count Process

Myth-Debunking Workbook

FINDING:

Mike Was Right

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Myth: Mike Lindell is a Conspiracy Theorist with No Evidence

The November 3, 2020, presidential election was a watershed moment for our nation, reshaping history. Mike Lindell and millions of others immediately knew something was wrong with the reported election results. A quest began to uncover the evidence and expose how a presidential election was stolen.

Stop the Steal

“It's time to explain exactly what happened on Election Day 2024 to stop the steal.” This quote by Journalist Emerald Robinson is the first line of a 68-post thread on X.com. Emerald explains, “We must begin just after the rigged 2020 election,” she walks readers from 2020 to the 2024 election.

Emerald's thread is a lot of information in 3,000 words. Emerald explains for anyone who does not understand how the 2020 conspiracy unfolded.



343 Emerald Robinson thread on X.com about rigged 2020 election and stop the steal efforts for 2024, Jan 22, 2025

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The 2020 Election Fraud is Not a Theory

There are already history books written about fraud in the 2020 presidential election. A few are listed in the *Bookshelf* section (see page 213), and numerous articles reporting election issues are in the *Newsroom* section (see page 195).

Recall how this section on debunking myths began – with the definitions of ‘myth’ and ‘objection.’ An objection is based on findings or grounds; a myth is a popular belief that is false or unsupported. It certainly depends on which side of the argument you believe. If your position is there was no fraud in the 2020 election, then you will claim that those who believe there was fraud are spouting myths or, worse, conspiracy theories.

However, those who deny fraud in the 2020 election (or any election) must have findings or proof to support their denial. Do they? Or are they taking government “pronouncements” and media talking points as their evidence without digging for the truth?

Most Secure Election in History?

On November 12, 2020, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a statement: “The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history. Right now, across the country, election officials are reviewing and double checking the entire election process prior to finalizing the result.” (see page 200)

If election officials across the country were, “right now,” scrutinizing and verifying every step of the voting process, what basis was there for declaring it the “most secure election” in history before the scrutinization was complete? Those who unquestioningly trust government assertions have little ground to label skeptics or dissenters as conspiracy theorists.

Oops – Most Secure Election, Except for the Critical Vulnerabilities

The nine-day assessment by CISA that the 2020 election was the “most secure” was proven to be premature. About 19 months later, on June 3, 2022, CISA published an advisory regarding critical vulnerabilities affecting Dominion Voting Systems (see page 202). The advisory recommended that election officials “further enhance defensive measures to reduce the risk of exploitation of these vulnerabilities.”

At least in Missouri, it did not seem that clerks and election officials took the advisory as seriously as we would have liked. Reread *What is Being Overlooked? The Reliance on “Vendors”* on page 286 and what we perceived as a lax response to our records requests regarding the June 2022 CISA advisory. There is no way to know now, 2+ years later, if these vulnerabilities were ever addressed.

Sometimes, There is No Choice but to ‘Dismantle’ the Messenger

Election integrity advocates have been critical of CISA, accusing it of overreach, particularly in its attempts to combat what it deemed to be misinformation about the 2020 election. On February 14, 2025, over 130 CISA members were let go by the Trump Administration, with speculation that the number included at least 17 employees tied to election security. These actions reportedly stem from a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiative, under which CISA operates, targeting staff involved in policing “misinformation” and pausing election security activities.

There is further speculation that CISA will be completely dismantled. That may or may not be the case, but its future is uncertain, and significant changes are underway. Also interesting to note is that an NGO connected to CISA, the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing & Analysis Center (EI-ISAC), a key DHS-funded group for election security coordination, had its funding halted.

Mike Lindell is Vindicated – Mike Was Right



The hand count process in this eManual, and the eManual itself, exists because of Mike Lindell’s resolve to pursue the election fraud of 2020 and work to secure America’s elections. Mike points to January 7 and 8, 2021, as critical moments in history when conservatives across the country, from a sitting president, his advisors and staff, media personalities, grassroots activists, and Mike himself, were canceled and deplatformed. Then, the lawfare began to attack as many as possible in an apparent attempt to scare others into submission.

As an example of what could easily have been interpreted as a thinly veiled threat, consider this October 19, 2024, post on X.com by @dominionvoting. This voting equipment company noted they would be “closely monitoring claims” about the upcoming November election. They “strongly” encouraged using “verified, credible sources” for public remarks. The company cautioned they were “prepared to defend” “against lies and those who spread them.”²⁹

It’s curious that a company branding itself as “transparent” in its slogan restricts comments on its posts to only those it follows or tags. It also shields its software from public view, claiming it is proprietary.

²⁹ Dominion Voting post on X on Oct 19, 2024 [Perma.cc/Z2FS-J4HD](https://perma.cc/Z2FS-J4HD)

“Take the Voting Machines and Melt Them into Prison Bars”

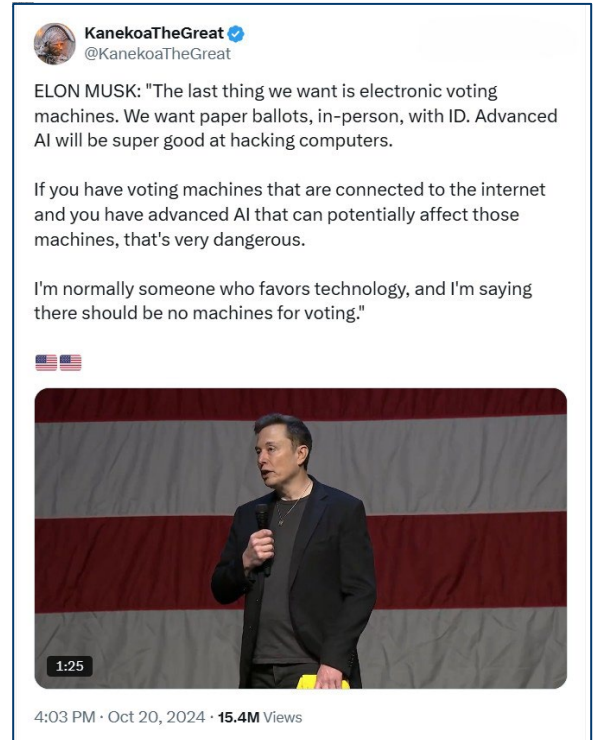
Mike Lindell’s call to rid our country of voting machines began in 2021 and has never wavered. His call to “melt them into prison bars” might have been too radical for some of the staunchest conservatives, but Mike stuck with it. And the grassroots stuck with Mike!

More Voices Spread the Message

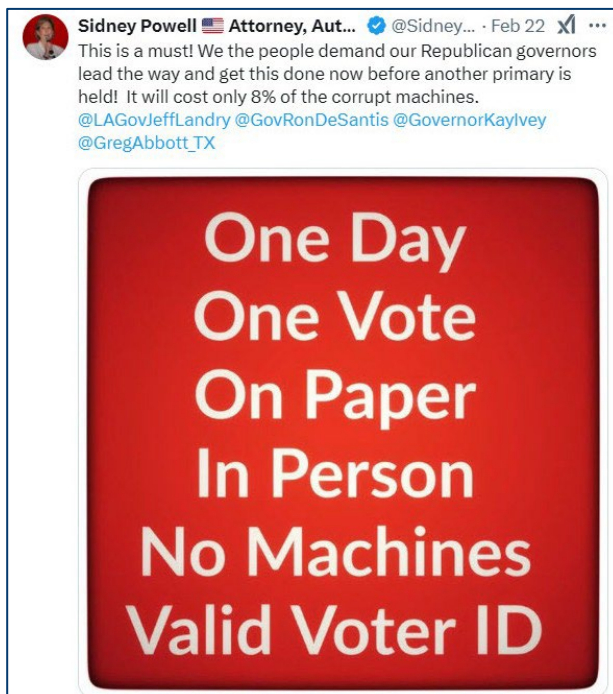
Mike Lindell has never been alone in this battle. There are others:



344 Lara Logan: "This should be investigated. As long as you have machines, you will have this [stolen elections].
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346 Elon Musk: "The Last Thing We Want is Electronic Voting Machines." "I'm normally someone who favors technology, and I'm saying there should be no machines for voting."
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345 Sidney Powell: "This is a must!"
"No Machines" [Perma.cc/AX3G-OFNZ](https://perma.cc/AX3G-OFNZ)



347 Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. on Dr. Phil's Merit TV: "Everybody knows any machine can be hacked." "You need something to check the election. And that's what we should be talking about rather than did this one get hacked or did that one?" "And you need paper ballots"
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We're Not Done Yet

Mike Lindell knows that the work is not done. He has attended countless Trump rallies and uses his platforms and voice to continue spreading the message that we need to secure our elections and return to hand counting.

Mike Lindell is Loyal and “Without Fear”

Jack Posobiec caught a great picture of an example of Mike Lindell’s fearlessness – stepping into a crowd of protesters and media at the DNC Conference to spread his message.



348 Jack Posobiec photo from Democratic National Convention showing Mike Lindell on the street amongst protesters, answering questions from the media. [Perma.cc/77EN-ZSG8](https://perma.cc/77EN-ZSG8)

For anyone who has worked or partnered with Mike Lindell to expose election fraud and crimes, Sherronna Bishop’s comment about Mike’s loyalty speaks, I believe, for all of us:

“From day one, Mr. Lindell said he would never leave any of us behind. He has fought for Clerk Tina Peters, raising more than \$2million dollars for her defense, and that of her associates. He has continued to make his voice bigger so he could make sure the nation heard her story, as he funded “Selection Code” to tell Clerk Tina Peters’ story to the masses. He has used every valuable tool he has to set Clerk Peters free. There will be much more happening on that soon. Whether it was Kari Lake, Col. Conrad, Georgia, Audit the Vote PA, Shasta County, Missouri, so many places that needed help and Mike Lindell made sure our team was there.”

Sherronna Bishop, Executive Director, Lindell Offense Fund, February 23, 2025
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Mike Lindell is Validated by President Trump

"I'm pointing to Mike Lindell." In well-deserved recognition of Mike Lindell's perseverance and loyalty, President Trump gave a tremendous 'thank you' to Mike during his 2025 CPAC speech. The President said about Mike, "he stood strong; nothing was going to faze him."

**Mike Lindell**  @realDonaldTrump · Feb 23

Thank you, President Trump, for your friendship and for your support. We are going to make elections secure again!



349 President Trump: "I'm pointing to Mike Lindell." President Trump closed his speech at the 2025 CPAC event by calling out Mike Lindell, speaking about Mike's consistency, never backing down, and calling out the rigged 2020 election.
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Again, Sherronna Bishop put into words how so many people feel about Mike Lindell:

"President Trump took to the stage at CPAC yesterday and called out Mike Lindell for his incredible courage, saying 'He's all man'" President Trump thanked him emphatically for never wavering on the truth about the 2020 election and every election since – they have all been rigged! It has taken tremendous courage and conviction for Mike Lindell to maintain the vision of free elections when everyone around him was caving to the pressure to go silent.

President Trump spoke about the 'vicious weaponization of government' against Mike Lindell yesterday and I am telling you very few people could withstand what Mike Lindell and his family have been put through for using his influence and his voice to expose election crimes. It has been brutal."

President Trump's comments: [Perma.cc/L9EC-RBEN](https://perma.cc/L9EC-RBEN)

As these historical times unfold before us, there is no doubt Mike Lindell will continue to use his voice, teams, and platforms to share calls to action to "make elections secure again." What it comes down to is **Mike Was Right**. We must get machines out of our elections and return to hand counting. ReturntoHandCounting.com/MikeWasRight.

Mike Lindell's CPAC 2025 speech: [Perma.cc/PU98-AVLX](https://perma.cc/PU98-AVLX)

Mike Lindell at White House Press Briefing Room: [Perma.cc/5649-HDJU](https://perma.cc/5649-HDJU)

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In October of 2022, in response to Mike Lindell's call to "get rid of machines," Linda Rantz asked herself, "and replace them with what?" She took action to find out, starting with a visit to Louisiana where that team was demonstrating their hand count method. Returning to Missouri, Linda immersed herself in Missouri's laws, learning that not only was hand counting permitted in her state, but the laws dated back to 1977 (and probably even earlier).



Based on Missouri statutes, Linda began to write an 'outline' of the Missouri Method hand count process. It grew into a 300-page eManual, which includes 60 pages of process and a multitude of links to supporting documents and laws, all with the hopes of giving others the information they need to speak with their election officials. The guide, "*Return to Hand Counting*," is available in paperback, hardcover, digitally, and a downloadable PDF at ReturntoHandCounting.com/eManual.

Linda, with her husband Craig Rantz, continues to promote and teach hand counting around the country. Together they have already trained groups, in person or online, in more than half the states, including Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Oregon, and New York!

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From the Author, Linda Rantz:

Return to Hand Counting is a resource dedicated to sharing a hand-counting process for elections, based on my layperson's interpretation of Missouri statutes. This eManual, available in print and digitally, is the result of my efforts to design and document a complete hand count process: from opening of polling places to delivering election results to the clerk.

The Missouri Method hand count process is easy to learn, taking less than 60 pages of this publication (Section 5, pages 70 to 128). The other 200 or so pages contain additional commentary, illustrations, and resources.

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