Corruption, an Opportunity

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The president's July 30 tweet reminded us he can still manipulate the news cycle. Universal Mail-In Voting (not Absentee Voting, which is good), 2020 will be the most INACCURATE & FRAUDULENT Election in history. It will be a great embarrassment to the USA. Delay the Election until people can properly, securely and safely vote???

Reactions ranged from dismissal to outrage — and assurances of no schedule change — but the most obvious thing about the tweet was the “made-you-look” aspect. By focusing on the rapid deployment of new-old technology (the mail-in ballots) to handle the public's panic over the now-waning pandemic, Trump does several things at once:

• shows a danger posed by lockdowns and social distancing;
• calls attention to an under-investigated phenomena, voter fraud and vote-count rigging; and
• provides an excuse for his possible failure in November.

The Democrats think this latter is the biggest danger. But they've a funny way of raising the alarm, considering their recurrent expressions of fear that President Trump “wouldn't step down” if defeated.*

Apparently, calling into question the election mechanisms of the states is considered 'going too far’ — not because it isn't worth being vigilant about, but because questioning election integrity might undermine regime legitimacy.

The bipartisan regime.

The Epoch Times’s article on the president's tweet concludes this way: “Attorney General William Barr said last week that there is 'no reason' to believe any election rigging is afoot.”

Well, Trump himself provided the reason: it is an obvious opportunity.

An opportunity that some unscrupulous partisans no doubt have little compunction about trying. Making the subject not worth discussing — a ‘third rail’ — actually makes election corruption more likely by removing some of the risk.

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* Hillary Clinton came out with this again, in July. This sort of thing does not help Democrats much, for it was they who, last time, could not accept defeat: antifa violence at the inauguration, followed by fake scandal-mongering and a failed impeachment made them look worse than their target.