

Corruption, an Opportunity

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After 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

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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*.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* 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.