

Our Elections — How Broken?

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Election fraud didn't suddenly disappear during the 2020 presidential election.

Or so observes John Fund, co-author of *Our Broken Elections: How the Left Changed the Way You Vote*, in a wide-ranging interview with Jan Jekielek, *Wall Street Journal* reporter and elections expert.

The list of problems is long. One example is what happened in New York City during the last days of the Bloomberg administration.

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Testing the election system, the Department of Investigations sent 63 inspectors to try their hand at fraudulent voting. The inspectors used names of dead people, jailed people, people who had moved out of state. All they had to do to immediately get a ballot was supply a name and address. There was no double-checking.



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In one case, an inspector was merely sent from one precinct to another precinct, only a temporary delay.

In another case, an inspector was rebuffed only because he had used the name and address of an imprisoned person who happened to be the son of the poll worker the inspector was trying to con.

In response to an exhaustive and damning report, furious Board of Elections officials demanded that the inspectors be criminally prosecuted for impersonating people. The officials testing the system were so widely savaged for this temerity that they backed off.

We must not back off, though. Ballot fraud is an insidious enemy of democracy.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.