



The Hill as Hallucinogen

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Americans for Citizen Voting had a super successful Election Day. I swear!

But you wouldn't know it for the news coverage.

Throughout 2023 and 2024, we worked to place constitutional amendments on the ballot in eight states, which, if passed, would specifically ban noncitizens from voting in state and local elections. Then, this November, every one of the measures swept to victory. By roughly a 2–1 margin in Idaho, Kentucky, Missouri, and Wisconsin; 3–1 in Iowa and North Carolina; 4–1 in Oklahoma; and by a whopping 6–1 margin in South Carolina.

Of course, don't be shocked if folks dispute my claims of victory. Especially if they read *The Hill*, which published

two articles the day after the election declaring that Citizen Only Voting Amendments were defeated—in South Carolina and in Wisconsin.

“Voters in Wisconsin have rejected a ballot measure amending the state’s constitution to explicitly prohibit foreign nationals from voting in any election in the state,” *The Hill* informed its audience.

Even though 71 percent of Badger State voters actually pulled the lever for the constitutional amendment, not against it.

“South Carolina defeats noncitizen voting ban,” boasted the headline on another *Hill* article. Since an incredible 86 percent of Palmetto State voters said yes to the amendment, how did *The Hill* manage to report that the referendum failed? The very opposite of the truth.

Oh, *The Hill* was kind enough to take down their false news stories once alerted to them. But the paper refused to do what I asked: place a note on the corrected story acknowledging their mistake.

Readers who had seen the erroneous articles should be notified that they had been misinformed—and not left thinking they had been hallucinating.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.