



# Trump to Save Elections?

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“Election fraud,” said the president. “You’ve heard the term? This will end it, hopefully.”

The “This” being an Executive Order dated March 25, 2025, entitled “Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections.”

Interestingly, the opening unfavorably compares the American ways of voting with foreign nations.

“In tabulating votes, Germany and Canada require use of paper ballots counted in public by local officials,” the order [explains](#), “which substantially reduces the number of disputes as compared to the American patchwork of voting methods that can lead to basic chain-of-custody problems.” The document adds that “countries like Denmark and Sweden sensibly limit mail-in voting to those unable to vote in person and do not count late-arriving votes.”

“It is the policy of my Administration to enforce [2 U.S.C. 7 and 3 U.S.C. 1] and require that votes be cast and received by the election date established in law,” Trump’s order states.

Well, California might have to start reporting the results of congressional races in under a [month](#).

More consequentially, the EO directs “the Secretary of Homeland Security” and “the Secretary of State” to “ensure that State and local officials have ... access to appropriate systems for verifying the citizenship or immigration status of individuals registering to vote or who are already registered.”

The exact opposite policy from Biden’s refusal to help those seeking to enforce citizen-only voting [policies](#).

In full disclosure, as [chairman](#) of Americans for Citizen Voting, I helped [eight](#) states [pass](#) Citizen Only Voting Amendments last November—and six states previously. This year, South Dakota’s legislature has [already](#) placed an amendment on the 2026 ballot and, [yesterday](#), Kansas did likewise.

Democrats continue to [push](#) for non-citizen voting, which liberal courts in [California](#) and [Vermont](#) have upheld for cities, and to [oppose](#) these state amendments. But last week, New York State’s highest (and quite liberal) court [struck down](#) New York City’s noncitizen voting ordinance.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.