

Government-Sanctioned Identity Theft

“A RECIPE FOR DISASTER”

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(Apr. 25, 2020) — Let us cut to the chase: the proposal by the Democrats to allow universal voting by mail-in ballots, along with its malignant appendage, “ballot harvesting,” is both stupid and dangerous. The effort is now being led by Nancy (“let them eat [Jeni’s](#)”) [Pelosi](#) and comes in the form of her threat that the next Wuhan/COVID-19 “rescue” bill will include a “chunk” of money allocated to allowing everyone nationwide to vote by mail “to protect the integrity of our elections.”

Seriously?

Coming from the Slug of San Crapcisco, this is not a surprising comment. But like all things emanating from slugs, this proposal is about as slimy and dumb as it gets. Coming from the brain of Pelosi – not to be confused with a missing mind – allowing universal mail-in ballots, coupled of course with ballot harvesting and “same-day” voter registration and without iron-clad safeguards for voter identification *and* verification, is akin to government-sanctioned identity theft. If voter “A” wants to cast a vote for candidate “X”, the final tally should reflect that choice, rather than that voter “A” voted for another person selected by the “harvester.”

Granted, there are good and sufficient reasons to allow for mail-in absentee ballots as, for example, for U.S. military personnel stationed around the world and/or persons confined

to assisted living or nursing homes, but only under strict conditions to guard against the colossal potential for voter fraud.

Pelosi, of course, sees the possibility for election fraud to be an irresistible opportunity to leverage and further politicize the current Wuhan/COVID-19 pandemic. Pelosi's argument that physically going to a polling place to vote is now "too dangerous" is nonsense. On the other hand, with a putative nominee for president who cannot even remember what [office](#) he is running for, voter and election fraud may be the Democrats' last best hope for winning in November.

And for those who think voter fraud via mail-in ballots and ballot harvesting is not a problem, read [this](#): *The Daily Signal*, a product of the Heritage Foundation, points out that one of the more dangerous components of the Democrats' identity theft initiative is the mechanism of ballot harvesting. That practice – where political party operatives physically go to the residence of a person who has received a mail-in ballot and offers as a "[service](#)" to the person to collect the ballot and deliver it to the election officials – presents a golden opportunity for the ballots to either "get lost" (if cast for the "wrong" candidate); "get found" (if the races are close and the "right" candidate needs a few more votes); or, in worst cases, be altered.

Furthermore, as for the argument that voter fraud is a rare and miniscule problem, the [facts](#) prove otherwise. Indeed, one of the most egregious examples of the perils of ballot harvesting comes from the experience in Orange County, California.



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The county that nurtured Ronald Reagan's conservatism was for many decades a Republican bastion. But following California's 2016 enactment of laws allowing ballot harvesting, things changed. In 2016, out of six congressional districts, four were dominated by registered Republicans and only two by Democrats. But due to ballot

harvesting and California's loose (*i.e.*, phantom) election safeguards, by 2018, all six districts had turned [blue](#). As a result, California lost half – seven out of fourteen – of its Republican representatives in Congress in the 2018 election. There are now *zero* Republican representatives in Congress from Orange County. The shift was a direct result of the Democrats "[finding](#)" tens of thousands of harvested ballots favoring the Democrat candidate..., *after* election day.

To any rational observer, this should constitute the definition of fraud. Once known as "The Golden State," under Democrat rule and policy dictates it has become something quite different..., more like a gigantic porta-potty than a functioning state of the union. There are now more people [moving out](#) of that state than relocating there as it continues drowning in a deepening cesspool of socialistic and progressive chaos.

The Orange County experience should be a wake-up call for people to understand the perils of unchecked mail-in ballots, ballot harvesting and plain old garden-variety voter fraud. Pelosi's proposals for mail-in ballots – coupled with [Michelle Obama](#)'s support of the ruse – is a recipe for disaster.

Do not be deceived, faithful P&E readers: Democrat politicians do not like you; they want to silence and subjugate you, then utilize tricks, artifices and devices to disenfranchise you wherever you live, nationwide. Do not buy into the insanity of government-sanctioned identity theft and remember that while the harvesting of crops is laudable, the harvesting of ballots is perilous. Just ask the few remaining conservatives in Orange County.

Correction: The byline on this article was initially noted as "Contributor" when it should have been our longtime "contributor" and legal scholar, Joseph DeMaio. The Editor therefore begs Mr. DeMaio's forgiveness for her error.