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Defrauding the One Person, One vote Process: How to Destroy Representative Government

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The claim has been made that the founders of the constitutional government of the United States of America did not create a democracy, because they agreed with the historical evidence that democracy was an unstable form of government, one that always failed. So they established a republic, in which democracy was used as the rule for selecting the representatives of the people in each geographic area, and the authority to rule was invested in those representatives.

Even that process was fenced in with constraints, the most notable being the limitation of powers given to the government, and particularly to the federal government. A bulwark of those constraints was enshrined in the first 10 amendments to the federal constitution.

The more contentious the powers of government have become, the more the temptations have also risen to cheat the electoral system. This is done directly at the ballot box, by a variety of trickeries. It is difficult to know, out here in the provinces, how rampant the cheating has become, but there are numerous signs that it has grown into a rot that measurably corrupts the one person, one vote concept in America.

These days, owning multiple homes, plus using absentee voting, has let numerous citizens register to vote in more than one jurisdiction, giving those individuals an undue voice in electing public officials. Likewise, the growth of a significant population of institutionalized Alzheimers patients, who are mentally incapable of voting, has led to evidence that some political activists get undue access to such patients, to register them on absentee ballots, and vote for them.

An even larger class of fraudulent voters consists of resident aliens, having no legal vote, who are enabled in

some jurisdictions to vote virtually without challenge. This seems especially true in urban settings.

Most of the above ills could be cured by a voter identification process which would be computer compatible, allowing the immense clerical power of computer systems to be used to cross-check against voting in other states or jurisdictions. That would detect misuse of absentee ballots or multiple voter registrations.

Curiously, one major political party, Democrats, typically oppose voter identification methods. They argue that it tends to prevent the poor from voting. No doubt it does, and especially those poor who are resident aliens, ineligible to vote, but who if they could vote, are likely to vote for Democrats.

Allowing the ineligible to vote is **social injustice**. It far outweighs any imagined injustice from stiffer requirements for voter identification. It also reveals as bankrupt any claims to superior democratic morals by those who have blocked the use of voter identification despite it is the only way to prevent people from multiple voting, or voting by those not eligible to vote.

Illegal and multiple voting is not without its costs, even to those politicians who wink at it to win their own or their party's election. The poor or the alien have an incentive to vote for "legalized plunder." That undermines a stable, prosperous and just society.

Our history has been to disenfranchise children. Why? Because, as a rule, they are neither mature nor independent. Likewise, we cannot allow those to vote who are **not invested** our society. No one who owes allegiance to another country, or another society, should be allowed to vote in our elections. It is to court national suicide to allow them to do so.

The right to vote carries the obligation to identify yourself as one who is eligible to vote. If that precaution is violated, then the government or the party so behaving has abandoned democracy and embraced the rule of tyranny. They are on the road to ruin.

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