

Because the Voter Is Always the Last to Know

Are some votes electronically exchanged to favor Mitt Romney?

Every four years the American electorate trusts its system of laws and officials to conduct and maintain fair presidential elections. The integrity of the electoral process is the cornerstone to the peaceful turnover of the seat of government from one party to another that has kept our republic intact for over 200 years. Various efforts to disenfranchise citizens because of race, sex, or economic status have met with fierce resistance and we are blessed to live in a time where every citizen's vote is protected. Yet, whenever there is something precious, thieves will try to steal it.

And so we find ourselves in 2012 with a thief in the house. Someone (possibly one person, more likely 2 or 3 working together) has been systematically stealing votes in the Republican Party presidential preference election for Mitt Romney. Many of the details are still under investigation; the purpose of this paper is to inform the reader of our findings to date (May 1, 2012).

In the 1999 movie "Entrapment", a pair of thieves tries to embezzle billions of dollars using a computer exploit to steal relatively small amounts of money from millions of bank accounts. This year's election thief, called The Flipper, has been using a similar technique with votes, taking handfuls of votes from other candidates and making sure they are counted as votes for Mitt Romney. This brilliant strategy is cleverly designed to elude the many security measures in the election system so that county and state election officials believe their elections have been conducted fairly. The officials then promptly certify the election results, never knowing they've been robbed.

The theft was first observed in the Iowa caucuses (2012) where votes were flipped from Bachman, Perry, and Paul to Mitt Romney. (Yes, there were some other shenanigans going on that night with missing trucks and whatnot, but this is about what happened quietly in the central tabulator computer system) The caucus was initially declared a victory for Romney (though later given to

Santorum) which gave him momentum and campaign financing going into the next set of primaries. Bachman and Perry both lost momentum and financing because of their lackluster performances (losing a fifth of your votes really does make you look bad); both dropped out of the race before New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire primary saw The Flipper strike again. This time he flipped votes from Ron Paul and Jon Huntsman to Mitt Romney. This gave Romney a substantial boost, more momentum, and more fundraising ability. It was the death knell for the Huntsman campaign.

Next, The Flipper moved on to South Carolina, Florida, Nevada, and Maine flipping votes from Newt Gingrich and Ron Paul to Mitt Romney. Then The Flipper showed up on Super Tuesday, effectively stealing Ohio and Virginia for Romney and boosting his totals in other states. In Oklahoma, The Flipper took votes from Santorum, Paul, and Gingrich in order to boost Mitt Romney to a second place finish there.

The proportional delegate distribution system in the early primaries means that a candidate who receives 40% of the vote in a state primary is entitled to 40% of the state's delegates to the national convention. A candidate who gets 30% of the vote gets 30% of the delegates, and so on. At this point (May 1, 2012) The Flipper has effectively stolen over a hundred delegates for Mitt Romney in the delegate race count (1144 delegates are needed to win the Republican presidential nomination). And as an added bonus for Mitt Romney, Gingrich and Santorum have been deprived of enough votes to cripple their fundraising to the point that both have suspended their campaigns.

So who is The Flipper? While his/her/their exact identity is not yet known we do know quite a bit about The Flipper. *The Flipper knows politics inside and out*; for instance, the flipping patterns in South Carolina matched the congressional district boundaries with the kind of surgical precision that would only come from a master of the political

process. *The Flipper knows election procedures and security*; if you want to break into something, study the security system. Most procedures are designed to prevent ballot box stuffing and, to some extent, multiple votes from the same person (using others ID, voting for the dead, etc.). The Flipper uses a technique that gets past these measures. *The Flipper knows computers*; The Flipper (or his accomplice) had to write a simple enough piece of code or virus that it would not break anything in the central tabulator computer program. And he had to cover his tracks to avoid detection. *The Flipper has some cash*; even if The Flipper did their own computer work, they would still need money for computer equipment, possibly travel, and time.

The Flipper has successfully eliminated 5 of Romney's opponents for the Republican Presidential nomination (leaving only Ron Paul still actively campaigning against him) and boosted Romney's delegate numbers going into the national convention. Should Romney succeed in securing the nomination, The Flipper is also poised to ensure his victory in November (it would actually be easier than the primaries; just flip the votes in a handful of high electoral vote swing states and there's the presidency on a silver platter). That scenario is fraught with danger. Election fraud of that magnitude detected the day after the polls close could make the Florida 2000 fiasco look like child's play. What happens to our government if state election officials are unable to certify their elections and send electors to the Electoral College in December?

The Flipper must be stopped. Election officials, law enforcement, Republican Party officers, Republican delegates and voters need to be aware of this situation in order to avert a national disaster. Here is an executive summary with a technical appendix which shows some of the analytical work that has been done tracking The Flipper <http://tinyurl.com/86nylcv> . Remember, all that is needed for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing.