



DEBUNKING MULTIPLE-REGISTRATION FRAUD

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- Donald Trump has claimed that millions of Americans are registered to vote in more than one state. While this is true, it is NOT a problem that leads to voter fraud.
- Being registered in more than one state or jurisdiction is not “fraud.” When people move, very few think to notify their previous election officials and cancel their old voter registration. This leads to people being registered in more than one state, but it does not lead to people *voting* in more than one state.
- In 2013, Trump advisor and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach conducted an investigation to look for fraud in the form of duplicate registrations. After examining 84 million votes cast in 22 states, the project yielded only 14 prosecutions, representing 0.000017 percent of the votes cast.
- In 2016, Donald Trump's [chief advisor, press secretary, labor secretary, son-in-law, and daughter](#) were all registered to vote in more than one state. So—ironically—was Trump's so-called “[voter fraud expert](#).” But no one would suggest that any of them hopped on a jet to cast multiple ballots in the 2016 election.
- Even the primary author of the report Trump relied on for his bizarre claims, David Becker, refutes them. “We found millions of out of date registration records due to people moving or dying, but found no evidence that voter fraud resulted,” [Mr. Becker has said](#).
- People being registered in multiple jurisdictions is an administrative issue, not evidence of voter fraud. It can and should be addressed with sensible methods of cleaning the rolls, such as [the Electronic Registration Information Center \(ERIC\)](#), a multi-state consortium that uses many data points to accurately and responsibly identify duplicate registrations.
- However, bad list maintenance procedures—which do not follow proper procedures—can have a high rate of false positives, and lead to the purging of eligible, properly registered voters from the rolls.