

ELECTION DAY REPORTS

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 - **Attempt by NC officials to reduce polling hours in black communities**
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 - **NYI-The Call**
 - **Found via Twitter**
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 - **Statement by Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**
- **Voter Intimidation**
 - **Coral Springs, Florida**
 - **Intimidation by Trump supporters (blocking entrance to polls)**
- **Maine Governor**
 - **The Governor of Maine, LePage, stated that students who vote on Election Day will be investigated to make sure they follow state laws.**
 - **Fliers were also distributed with incorrect information about residency and fees**
- **Misinformation**
 - **Tuscaloosa County, Alabama**
 - **Fake fliers posted saying Republicans vote Tuesday and Democrats vote Wednesday. Independents could choose to vote either day.**
 - **Heavy.com/news/2016/11**
- **Misinformation to students**
 - **Students at Florida Atlantic University were told they were only permitted to cast provisional ballots because their dorm address was considered a hotel.**
 - **VOA**
- **Fake Ballots**

- Richmond, Virginia
- 3rd District
- Randolph Community Center – 5TH District
- Fake sample ballots were given out to voters
- Richmond Times Dispatch
- **“Election Day Voters Report Long Lines, Intimidation, and Confusion in Some Parts of the Country”**
 - Washington Post
 - An unauthorized individual was found inside a polling place
 - St. Paul’s Methodist Church
 - Location described as predominantly black residents
 - Reports of yelling people using megaphones aggressively
 - Miami-Dade County, Florida
- **Voter Intimidation Targeting Muslims**
 - Ron Fox
 - Mother Jones (website)
 - East Lansing, Michigan
 - Shaarey Zedek Synagogue
 - 2 Muslim women intimidated and harassed – told to go to another polling location
- **Voter Machine Problems in Michigan**
 - Detroit, Michigan
 - The machine that counts ballots was not working from the very beginning of the morning, causing confusion and anger among voters. Workers at the precinct told voters they could either leave their ballots in a secure box to be counted later or wait for a technician.
 - My husband just came back from Precinct 26 in Waterford (Central United Methodist Church), a very Democratic leaning neighborhood, and the lines were backed way up because the machine that scans the ballots wasn't working. Upset voters were told to just put their ballots in a box under the scanner to be counted by hand later, (the same box where the SCANNED ballots end up. Which begs the question, how do you know which ones have been scanned and which haven't). My husband estimates that were at least one hundred unscanned ballots going into the box.– L.L. Brasier, former Detroit Free Press reporter
 - In Precinct 134 in Detroit’s West Village area, the machine that counts the ballots was not working from the very beginning of the morning, causing confusion and anger among voters. Workers at the precinct told voters they could either leave their ballot in a secure box below the machine for it to be counted later or wait for a technician to arrive to fix the machine.
 - Voters at Precinct 18 on the city's east side near Moross and Chester reported that the machine used to count the ballots is broken.

- <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/11/08/voting-polls-election-day/93201770/>
- <http://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2016/11/08/election-day-voting-polls-problems/93472646/>

Voting Machine Issues

- **A. M.**
 - **Bethesda, Maryland**
 - **Election judge at Bethesda Elementary School tells of voters facing long lines because two scanners were broken.**
 - **Lines up to an hour.**
 - **Twitter**
- **S. O.**
 - **New York**
 - **Election District 4 – 114th street**
 - **2 out of 4 scanners broken at this polling place – scanners broken throughout Harlem**
 - **Reports of broken scanners also heard from District 7**
 - **Twitter**
- **K. L.**
 - **Palm Beach, Florida**
 - **All scanners were down at a Palm Beach polling station**
 - **Reports that voters at this polling place were being told to use Provisional Ballots**
 - **Twitter -**
- **C. C.**
 - **New York**
 - **PS 114 in Rockaway**
 - **4 out of 5 scanners were down when voting**
 - **Voters had to use the emergency ballot box**
 - **Twitter**
- **E. D.**
 - **Bronx, New York**
 - **240 E. 172nd St.**
 - **Only one working scanner at Taft High School.**
 - **Voters were leaving without voting because the line was so long.**
 - **Twitter**
- **S. R.**
 - **Manhattan, New York**
 - **Association for the Blind – 135 West 23rd Street**
 - **Out of the two scanners at this polling place only 1 was functional.**
 - **100 people waiting in line due to the broken scanner issue**

- **Twitter**
- **Name Unknown**
 - **Brooklyn, New York**
 - **PS 221**
 - **Two broken scanners at PS 221 at 6:30 AM.**
 - **The broken scanners resulted in long lines.**
- **Name Unknown**
 - **Roosevelt Island, New York**
 - **PS 217**
 - **2 broken scanners reported at this location**
 - **Twitter**
- **B. A. B.**
 - **Harlem, New York**
 - **District 25**
 - **25 scanners broken at this polling location**
 - **Twitter -**
- **Reverend Sadler**
 - **Durham, North Carolina**
 - **Polling locations were making copies of provisional ballots to give voters in anticipation of machine problems**
- **C.S. S.**
 - **Harlem, New York**
 - **5th District**
 - **All scanners were broken at this polling location.**
 - **Voters had to use the emergency ballot box.**
 - **In addition, the broken scanner problem caused this voter to have to wait more than an hour to vote.**
- **S. K.**
 - **Durham County, North Carolina**
 - **NAACP officials said that they were aware of 5 polling sites where voting was disrupted as a result of broken machines – voters were turned away and told to come back at a different time**
 - **Rodney Sadler**
 - **No ATV forms**
 - **Electronic poll book problems**

Long Lines

- **A. M.**
 - **Caroline County, Virginia**
 - **Polling place had 20 ballot marking machines but only 1 scanner despite expectations of high numbers of voters**
 - **Lewis and Clark Elementary School**
 - **Phone**
- **B. W.**
 - **Riverton, Utah**
 - **Riverton Senior Center**
 - **Long lines observed at this polling location.**
 - **Parking lot entirely filled, people forced to find parking elsewhere.**
 - **Twitter**
- **R. V.**
 - **Belvoir, Virginia**
 - **Precinct 619 – Kingstowne Library**
 - **50-minute line to vote**
 - **Twitter**
- **L. S.**
 - **District 026**
 - **New York**
 - **200 people in line to vote – lines were long all day**
 - **Misinformation about handicap accessibility at the polling location**

Voting Disruption

- **Name Unknown**
 - Miami, Florida
 - Pelican Harbor Marina
 - Polling place located inside a gated community
 - The community was requiring people to show photo ID to enter the community where the polling place was located
- **W. B.**
 - Sterling, Virginia
 - Man was at a polling place with a gun visible
- **Name Unknown**
 - Columbia County, Georgia
 - Belair Baptist Church
 - A group of individuals were reported to be intimidating voters at this polling location
- **Melissa Watkins**
 - Palm Beach County, Florida
 - Contact – (828) 773 9987
 - Spent 35:45 minutes on hold with Palm Beach County Election Supervisor phone line trying to report a problem at a polling place in this county.

Registration Issue

- **G. H.**
 - **Alabama**
 - **Voter reported that wife and mother were turned away from voting despite being registered, only he could vote out of the three individuals.**
 - **Twitter**
- **W. B.**
 - **New Britain, Connecticut**
 - **Holmes Elementary School**
 - **Elderly Latina woman showed DMV ID and was told it is not a federal ID and was being given a hard time by poll workers as she attempted to vote.**
 - **Busman helped provide support to the voter and ensure she was able to cast her vote.**