



Black Box Voting

Ballot Tampering in the 21st Century

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Dedication

First of all, thank you Lord.

I dedicate this work to my husband, Sonny, my rock and my mentor, who has tolerated being ignored and bored and galled by this thing every day for a year, and without fail, has stood fast with affection and support and encouragement. He must be nuts.

And to my father, who fought and took a hit in Germany, who lived through Hitler and saw first-hand what can happen when a country gets suckered out of democracy. And to my sweet mother, whose ancestors hosted a stop on the Underground Railroad, who gets that disapproving look on her face when people don't do the right thing.

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***Black Box Voting:** Any voting system in which the mechanism for recording and/or tabulating the vote are hidden from the voter, and/or the mechanism lacks a tangible record of the vote cast.*

— David Allen





Introduction

When we started digging around on this story, we expected to find the odd body part or two. Little did we know, we were digging in a graveyard. Suddenly, the dead bodies were piling up so fast that everyone was saying “Enough, enough we can’t take any more!”

This book was originally designed to be a handy little activism tool, an easy-to-understand introduction to the concept of electronic voting risks. It was to contain a history, interviews, and a discussion of theoretical vote-rigging. But as we were plugging along, researching the subject, it got a little too real — even for us.

C’mon over. No time to waste. We have a democracy to defend.

Bev Harris
David Allen

