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Dominion-Smartmatic

Two companies that were barely known a few months ago are now household names, the subjects of charges and countercharges, headline stories, and multiple lawsuits. Dominion Voting Systems and Smartmatic Corp. have been at the center of a slew of claims of vote fraud, vote theft, ballot manipulation, political bias, and entangling relations with foreign regimes hostile to the United States, including China, Russia, Cuba, Iran, and Venezuela. There is a great deal of confusion about the two companies, which is completely understandable since they have a tangled and confusing history together and both companies have issued statements that critics across the political spectrum have charged are obfuscations or outright lies.



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In the wake of the recent 2020 elections, both companies have threatened to launch lawsuits against their critics, who by-and-large have been supporters of President Trump. And virtually all of the hate-Trump media and their “fact-checker” accomplices, including those that have been critical of the electronic voting companies in the past, have lined up in support of Dominion and Smartmatic, parroting their corporate press releases and failing to investigate Dominion/Smartmatic weasel-worded claims.

Dominion, which was a small fry in the electronic voting industry a few years ago, has shot up to the number two spot, behind only Election Systems & Software (ES&S). A 2017 study by Penn Wharton (the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania) put Dominion’s “voter reach” in the United States at around 72 million voters, compared to around 84 million voters for ES&S. In third place is Hart InterCivic at around 22 million voters. In congressional testimony in January 2020, Dominion CEO John Paulos stated: “As a U.S.-owned company, we currently provide voting systems and services to jurisdictions across 30 states and Puerto Rico.” Dominion’s voting systems are at issue in most of the battleground states, including Georgia, which was crucial not only in the 2020 presidential election, but also in the state’s two Senate races, which were flipped, giving the Democrats control of the U.S. Senate. So matters concerning Dominion’s ownership, biases, political ties (foreign and domestic), and financial ties (foreign and domestic) are no small thing.

Smartmatic, on the other hand, has a much smaller footprint in the United States. According to a company press release announcing legal notices and demands for retractions from Fox News, Newsmax, and One America News Network, “Smartmatic’s only involvement in the United States in the 2020 election was as the manufacturing partner, system integrator, and software developer for Los Angeles County’s publicly owned voting system.” Smartmatic, which was launched in Venezuela under



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the auspices of the virulently anti-American Marxist dictator Hugo Chávez, entered the U.S. market by buying the California-based Sequoia Voting Systems, a leading election technology vendor, in 2005 — with millions of dollars it had received from an election contract with the Chávez regime. Election controversies in Chicago and Cook County, Illinois in 2006, where Sequoia machines and services were used, precipitated congressional calls for a federal investigation of the Smartmatic-Sequoia merger. A key area of concern was then, and remains now, Smartmatic's murky structure, despite its claims of devotion to transparency.

Murky Waters, Stolen Votes

A State Department cable from the U.S. Embassy in Caracas in July of 2006 observed: "The Venezuelan-owned Smartmatic Corporation is a riddle both in ownership and operation, complicated by the fact that its machines have overseen several landslide (and contested) victories by President Hugo Chávez and his supporters. The electronic voting company went from a small technology startup to a market player in just a few years, catapulted by its participation in the August 2004 recall referendum."

"Smartmatic has claimed to be of U.S. origin," the classified cable continues, "but its true owners — probably elite Venezuelans of several political strains — remain hidden behind a web of holding companies in the Netherlands and Barbados."

"The government should know who owns our voting machines; that is a national security concern," said Representative Carolyn B. Maloney, Democrat of New York, in a 2006 request to the Bush administration to review the Smartmatic/Sequoia merger. "There seems to have been an obvious effort to obscure the ownership of the company," Representative Maloney said of Smartmatic. Reporting in 2006, the *New York Times* said, "The company has been restructured into an elaborate web of offshore companies and foreign trusts."

An investigation by the federal Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and the accompanying bad publicity led Smartmatic to divest from Sequoia. But according to investigative journalist and electronic voting expert Brad Friedman, author of the left-leaning and influential Brad Blog, "that divestiture was a lie." Friedman, one of the top experts on the intricacies of the digital voting industry, says that Sequoia's voting systems continued to use Smartmatic's "intellectual property" (IP), and has presented convincing evidence to show that is true, including admissions from executives from Dominion, which purchased Sequoia after Smartmatic's "divestiture."

In a June 22, 2010 article for the "progressive" Huffington Post entitled "EXCLUSIVE: On Heels of Diebold/Premier Purchase, Canadian eVoting Firm Dominion Also Acquires Sequoia, Lies About Chavez Ties in Announcement," he laid out the extensive evidence buttressing his claims that Smartmatic's reach was (and is) continuing through Dominion, despite protestations from both Smartmatic and Dominion that they have no relationship and are "fierce competitors" with each other. Yes, the two companies have even wrangled in court over their contractual arrangement for elections in the Philippines, but that doesn't dispose of the continuing presence of Smartmatic's intellectual property/software inside the Dominion systems. This is hugely important for the United States and the world.

As if Smartmatic's opacity were not already sufficiently problematic, in 2014 the company added new levels of obscurity, moving its headquarters to London and teaming up with globalist Lord Mark



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Malloch-Brown. Maybe Malloch-Brown is not a household name in the United States, but he's a big fish in the globalist pond: former vice chairman and current president of George Soros' Open Society Foundations; former high-level muckety-muck at various United Nations agencies, including being a former UN deputy-secretary general; former vice president of the World Bank; and a leading creator of the UN Millennium Goals. He is also a former vice chairman of the World Economic Forum, the self-anointed world rulers who are now pushing the "Great Reset" to completely "transform" the planet according to their Orwellian vision. As chairman of the board of SGO Corporation Limited, he is well positioned to help implement that scheme, since SGO is the holding company that now owns Smartmatic and all its worldwide election operations.

American officials at Smartmatic include chairman of the board of directors Admiral Peter Neffenger, a "distinguished fellow" of the globalist Atlantic Council who served under President Obama as head of the TSA. He is now a member of Joe Biden's presidential transition team. Another Smartmatic director is Gracia Hillman, who served as chairman of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission under Obama. These are not exactly good optics for reassuring citizens that Smartmatic is nonpartisan and unbiased regarding the political matters over which they have decisive influence.

Smartmatic has largely exited the United States to expand its election market share worldwide, with its systems and services now in use throughout Latin America, Europe, and Africa. Meanwhile, Dominion has dramatically expanded its reach inside the United States, while using Smartmatic's IP. Is Hugo Chávez, who died in 2013, reaching out from the grave through his Marxist successor Nicolás Maduro and Smartmatic? (As an aside, Maduro has completed Chávez's destruction of the Venezuelan economy, and strengthened his hold on the nation's throat on January 5, with his socialist party's victory in National Assembly elections — amid charges of widespread fraud.)



Communist specter: Shortly before the November 3 election, the New York affiliate of the Beijing-based UBS Securities, Ltd., dumped \$400 million into the company that owns Dominion Voting Systems. Smartmatic has always obscured its ownership in offshore entities. *(Photo credit: ithinksky/iStock/GettyImagesPlus)*

China Cash, Clintons, Obama, Soros

Apart from the questions regarding the Smartmatic/Dominion "relationship" — which both companies



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insist doesn't exist — there are plenty of troubling issues surrounding Dominion and its alarming influence in our elections.

Responding to the many accusations that have been leveled against it, Dominion says it “has no company ownership relationships with any member of the Pelosi family, the Feinstein family, or the Clinton Global Initiative, Smartmatic, Scytl, or any ties to Venezuela.” It also claims to have “no ties” to “any other foreign government, including China and Iran.”

This is where the weasel words come in. As Bill Clinton infamously stated to the grand jury, “It depends on what the meaning of the word ‘is’ is.” First of all, does Dominion truly have “no ties” to China? Well, let's see. Dominion was bought by Staple Street Capital, a New York-based private equity firm, in July 2018. (We'll return to look at Staple Street momentarily.) On December 1, 2020, Attorney Lin Wood and BillLawrenceOnline.com revealed that on October 8, 2020, UBS Securities, LLC had dumped \$400 million into Staple Street. UBS Securities, LLC is the New York-based affiliate of UBS Securities, Ltd., the Beijing-based subsidiary of the Swiss bank UBS. UBS was one of the earliest banks to gain entry to China and enjoys a privileged status with the communist regime, helping it set up shell companies and offshore entities through which the regime can circumvent scrutiny.

How do we know about the \$400 million transaction? Public records. It is in an SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) Form D filed by Staple Street on October 8. It sailed past the SEC and the CFIUS, apparently without even a blip on their radar. And since this has come to light, there has been zero interest on the part of the controlled media to ask Staple Street, UBS, or Dominion even basic questions about this, um, er, *interesting* transaction less than a month before the most important election on the planet.

But wait, there's more! Staple Street Capital (SSC) itself is worth a shallow examination, which is all we have space for here. Lots of interesting connections. William E. Kennard, an executive board member of the firm, was Obama's ambassador to the European Union. Before that he was appointed by Bill Clinton to chair the FCC. He is also on the board of AT&T, which owns WarnerMedia and CNN. So don't expect Anderson Cooper or Don Lemon to be breaking this story anytime soon. Staple Street's two directors are Hootan Yaghoobzadeh and Stephen Owens, both of whom are veterans of the Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest private equity funds, and a big promoter of globalism, trade with China, and anti-Trump propaganda. Oh, and Kennard is a former managing director at Carlyle.

There are additional CCP ties to Dominion. For instance, The National Pulse revealed on November 25 that “Andy Huang, who serves as Core Infrastructure Manager of Information Technology at Dominion Voting Systems, previously worked at China Telecom,” which, Pulse noted, “is wholly run by the Chinese government, and has been identified by the U.S. Department of Defense as having collaborated with the country's military for over two decades.”

Then there's the Pelosi connection. No, she and her family, apparently, have no financial connection to Dominion, as has been reported in some quarters. But Bloomberg reported in 2019 that Nadeam Elshami, Pelosi's former chief of staff, had been hired by Brownstein Farber Hyatt & Schreck, which is Dominion's lobbying firm.

China, Russia, Cuba, Venezuela — they all have “elections.” If we allow this election treason to stand, our future elections will be no better than theirs — and we will descend into the same communist abyss.



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