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Evidence of Massive Election Fraud?

2000 *Mules*, written and directed by Dinesh D'Souza, Debbie D'Souza, and Bruce Schooley, presented by D'Souza Media in conjunction with Salem Media Group, research by True The Vote, 2022, 89 minutes.





2000 Mules

Conservative filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza's latest documentary, 2000 Mules, takes viewers on an incredible ride across five battleground states, evincing systematic ballot trafficking during the 2020 presidential election.

Viewers expecting a rehash of previously aired election irregularities will be disappointed. This film is more like a techno-thriller complete with whodunit mystique and organized-crime intrigue.

Most people are aware they can be geo-tracked when carrying their cellphones, even if the devices are turned off. But few realize that anyone can purchase that satellite data from brokers, ostensibly for marketing purposes. It also comes in handy for law enforcement, and D'Souza reveals how researchers are now using it to expose astonishing election fraud, thanks to an in-depth investigation by True The Vote (TTV), a Texas-based fraud watchdog group founded in 2010 by Catherine Engelbrecht.

She and election-integrity specialist Gregg Phillips say that they obtained more than 10 trillion cellphone signals gathered in the month leading up to the 2020 election. They focused on highly populated areas in Arizona, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Data retrieved from Georgia cover the same time period through the Senate runoff election in January 2021, the results of which gave Democrats control of the U.S. Senate.

Engelbrecht says that the cellphone pings indicate that couriers regularly shuttled back and forth between certain nonprofit centers and election drop-box locations. Since laws demanded security-camera monitoring of each drop box, TTV also obtained surveillance video — four million minutes in all — through open-records requests. They say the footage confirmed the cellphone records, capturing



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people depositing stacks of ballots, in parallel with the geo-tracking data. One Georgia man delivered ballots across six counties to 27 different locations in one night, according to Engelbrecht.

TTV calls these smugglers "mules," and believes they were paid to deliver the ballots in small batches so as to avoid throwing up red flags in daily counts. Some mules operated under cover of night, some in broad daylight, and most snapped pictures, likely as proof for payment purposes, says Phillips.

Over time, the ballot numbers mushroomed to election-altering proportions. For example, more than 1,100 Pennsylvania mules delivered an estimated five ballots to an average of nearly 50 drop boxes each. Those illegal ballots alone could have tipped the scales in the Keystone State, where Biden won electoral votes by a margin of only 80,000. Evidence from other states yields similar results.

Was this a nationwide conspiratorial network? Consider that the Federal Bureau of Investigation snared two Arizona women for violating the state's ballot-harvesting law in December 2020. *The Arizona Republic* reported, "It remains unclear what prompted the investigation," but the day after that story broke, surveillance video reveals mules in Georgia's Senate runoff started using latex gloves when depositing ballots. Did they somehow discover that fingerprints played a role in the Arizona indictments?

2000 Mules also includes interviews with whistleblowers who witnessed the fraud first-hand but spoke on condition of anonymity. A man in Georgia, who says he was hired by the National Republican Senatorial Committee to monitor drop boxes during early voting, saw numerous instances of ballot stuffing by mules, many of whom had out-of-state license plates on their cars. Another informant in Arizona said she worked for a nonprofit that collected harvested ballots, and she helped deliver them herself.

D'Souza presented TTV's findings to his colleagues at the conservative broadcaster Salem Media Group and recorded their reactions. Eric Metaxas called it "sickening," and Larry Elder, "jaw-dropping." Charlie Kirk, Dennis Prager, and Dr. Sebastian Gorka discussed the potential felonies involved: nonprofits acting as collection houses for an enormous ballot-harvesting scheme, couriers paid to traffic ballots, and drop-box surveillance cameras turned off or nonexistent. Worse, TTV admits that, because of strict limits they put on criteria for classifying mules, their findings likely represent a small fraction of the manipulation that took place.

Fact-checkers Aflutter

Not surprisingly, leftist fact-checkers have already dismissed the documentary as misinformation, but each of their flimsy excuses mischaracterizes points raised in the film. The Associated Press, for instance, cited the imprecision of cellphone tracking, but why would such tracking have any value to law enforcement if this were a discrediting factor? And why did AP report last August that Congress asked telecoms for cell records of "insurrectionists" at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

Moreover, this is hardly the first instance of election fraud on U.S. soil. Experts interviewed in the documentary recall recent investigations that overturned elections in North Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi — with findings of absentee ballots stolen or bought, and counterfeit ballots cast for people deceased, incapacitated, or moved, or altogether made-up. Officials have caught fraudsters in cities such as Chicago and Los Angeles paying homeless people in cash and cigarettes for their votes. D'Souza mentioned the 1948 Senate race in Texas, stolen by a man who would later become president, Lyndon







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Baines Johnson, and the infamous Tammany Hall, New York's 19th-century Democratic machine synonymous with corruption and rigged elections.

Massive scale is the only unique aspect of what TTV unearthed. And perhaps it is just interesting timing, but days after the debut of *2000 Mules* in early May, officials in Yuma County, Arizona, launched a comprehensive investigation, having already uncovered evidence of duplicate voting, false registrations, and other election-related fraud in their jurisdiction.

Question Mark

Who does TTV say pulled the strings in this colossal heist of 2020? This is where D'Souza leaves viewers puzzled. Beyond ambiguous references to "left-wing, Democratic" nonprofits and a couple of allusions to radical activist Stacey Abrams, TTV doesn't name, nor does D'Souza reveal, which organizations were involved. Could one of them be Abrams' Atlanta-based Fair Fight, a far-left group that agitates for minority voting rights (apparently not having heard of the 15th, 19th, 24th and 26th Amendments)? Fair Fight raised \$51 million in 2020 to help fund Georgia's Democratic victories, according to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

D'Souza never mentions that, instead focusing on the general question of whether organizations exist that could fund such a massive trafficking operation. He ponders the subject in an interview with Scott Walter of the Capital Research Center, who runs through a list of usual suspects. Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg gets top billing for donating around \$470 million, reputedly to keep the 2020 election on track in the midst of the Covid kerfuffle. Then there is the Soros-funded Voter Registration Project, which contributed \$125 million toward a 2020 push to boost Democratic turnout at the polls.

Are these the deep pockets behind the mules? D'Souza obviously thinks so, but he never proves it conclusively. He also does not mention what election-integrity expert Kurt Hyde told *The New American* after watching the documentary: Election laws require that mail-in ballots and their envelopes be preserved, so an exhaustive examination of the latter would reveal the legitimacy of the voters without revealing their voting records.

Fortunately, TTV apparently captured enough information for government officials or grand juries to, it is hoped, follow up with thorough investigations. In the meantime, the documentary and D'Souza's yet-to-be-released book by the same name will give skeptics a run for their money in their continual accusations that President Donald Trump is lying when he calls the 2020 election "fixed."



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