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## 19 Foreigners Charged With Vote Fraud, Identity Crimes, in 2016 Election

The good people of North Carolina apparently didn't get the memo from the leftist media that voter fraud is a "myth" that public officials needn't worry about — even with mail-in voting.

That might be why a grand jury in Wilmington indicted 19 foreigners for casting fraudulent votes in the 2016 election, a prepared statement from the Justice Department says. The fraudsters came from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and even Europe.



But again, liberals aver that voter fraud is nothing to worry about. It is, the might say, a "debunked conspiracy theory" akin to Democrat presidential candidate [Joe Biden's influence-peddling](#) in Ukraine when he was vice president.

### The Charges

Nine people from across the globe were charged with "false claim of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, and voting by an alien," the [department reported](#) in late August. Almost all women, they ranged in age from 31 to 71.

They were from the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, and the Philippines.

Another eight, ranging from 46 to 71 years old, were charged with voting by an alien. They came from El Salvador, Germany, Haiti, Italy, Korea, Mexico, and Poland.

An 18th foreigner, the statement said, was charged with "fraud and misuse of visas, permits, and other documents, and voting by an alien."

The department detailed the case of one individual, a 58-year-old Dominican, who pleaded guilty to passport fraud and voting by an alien. In 1988, he "was ordered deported from the United States and failed to appear for his scheduled removal," then "assumed a fraudulent identity and applied for amnesty."

In 1989, he received "lawful permanent status under the false identity and in 1999 was naturalized contrary to law as a United States citizen." He registered to vote in 2007 using the fake identity, and then applied for a U.S. passport with it.

And then, of course, he voted illegally in 2016 in Wake Forest, North Carolina, "knowing he had illegally obtained United States citizenship."

All the miscreants face prison time and serious fines, some up to \$350,000.

### Vote Fraud a Myth

Yet a Google search of "vote fraud a myth" [will return](#) these headlines from organized leftism and its



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information ministry known as the mainstream media.

- Let's Put the Vote-by-mail 'Fraud' Myth to Rest
- The Myth of Voter Fraud
- Debunking the Voter Fraud Myth
- The Misleading Myth of Voter Fraud in American Elections
- The Voter-Fraud Myth

In 2007, the [leftist Brennan Center for Justice reported](#) that it is more likely that an American “will be struck by lightning than that he will impersonate another voter at the polls,” and in May it [dutifully published](#) a piece entitled “10 Voter Fraud Lies Debunked,” illustrated with a picture of President Trump.

“American elections are clean and trustworthy despite what President Trump and others claim,” the piece concluded.

Two writers at *The Hill*, one of them an activist with the National Vote at Home Institute, [explained recently](#) that “vote fraud in the United States is exceedingly rare, with mailed ballots and otherwise,” and provided data from the Heritage Foundation to prove it.

Another pro vote-by-mail outfit is [Stand Up Republic](#), which also claims that voter fraud is a myth and also used the data from the Heritage Foundation. The head of that organization is [Evan McMullin](#), who comically ran for president against President Trump and is [derisively known](#) among pro-Trump conservatives as Evan McMuffin.

The crowd at Trump's [#ThankYouTour](#) has a new name for [@Evan\\_McMullin](#)... Evan McMUFFIN!

LOL! ?[#TrumpInOrlando pic.twitter.com/pv5zRZd5km](#)

— Trevor ?? (@SoCal4Trump) [December 17, 2016](#)

Yet for every claim of “myth” having to do with voter fraud, there's likely another example of voter fraud. [A May 5 article in the Paterson Times](#) expressed voting concerns of residents because stacks of mail-in ballots were lying on top of mailboxes there, which could be taken by anyone and filled in. Moreover, fraud has been caught there in the past:

In 2010, 14 people, including ex-councilman Rigo Rodriguez, were arrested for voter fraud involving mail-in ballots. Rodriguez and his wife were allowed to enter into a pre-trial intervention (PTI) program to avoid prison time. Both agreed to a lifetime ban on public office and employment.

More recently, in 2017, a Passaic County judge had to invalidate 22 fraudulent mail-in votes in the 2016 2nd Ward election.

Vega pointed out another issue with vote-by-mail elections. His deceased father was mailed a ballot, he said.

“My father has been dead for six years. That's a problem,” said Vega.

The *New York Post* published an article by [reporter Jon Levine in which a highly connected Democrat operative claimed that “fraud is more the rule than the exception.”](#) This can't be verified because the operative supposedly said he wants to avoid prosecution, but [the White House provides a list, also by the](#)



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[Heritage Foundation](#) mentioned above, that lists 1,071 instances of voter fraud, complete with 938 criminal convictions, even though convicting someone for mail-ballot fraud might verge on impossible because it would be so easy to not get caught in many states due to a lack of voting safeguards.

Oddly, although leftists believe voter fraud is a myth, [Hillary Clinton flatly advised](#) Democrat presidential candidate Joe Biden not to accept this year's election result if he loses: "Joe Biden should not concede under any circumstances because I think this is going to drag out."

Coincidentally, mail-in voting — which is, again, immune to fraud, Clinton and her allies claims — is the likely reason it will drag out.

In 2016, Clinton and her media fan club falsely claimed Trump said he would not accept a losing election result. He was, [she said](#), "a direct threat to our democracy." Trump actually said he reserved to challenge what he believed to be a rigged or wrongly decided election, as Democrat Al Gore did after he lost to George W. Bush in 2000.

[They have claimed likewise](#) this time around.

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