

# THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE



## OVER 150 EXAMPLES OF DEMOCRATS DENYING ELECTION RESULTS

### *Democrats Have A Lengthy History Of Casting Doubt On Election Results*

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#### FOR DECADES, DEMOCRATS HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS THEY LOST

- Biden and Democrats have a [long history of contesting election outcomes](#).
- Many Democrats, [including Hillary Clinton](#) and [Barbra Lee \(D-CA\)](#), [Maxine Waters \(D-CA\)](#), and [Sheila Jackson Lee \(D-TX\)](#), have cast doubt on every single Republican presidential victory in the last two decades.
- [Every single Democrat president](#) since 1977 has cast doubt on the legitimacy of U.S. elections.
- As recently as this year, Biden [cast doubt](#) on the legitimacy of the upcoming 2022 midterms.

#### DEMOCRATS CALLED THE 2000 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION “STOLEN,” “FRAUDULENT,” AND A “COUP D’ETAT”

- For years, Democrats have refused to accept the results of the 2000 presidential election.
- Al Gore repeatedly claimed that he was the real winner of the 2000 election.
  - In 2002, Gore [claimed](#) he “would have won” if every vote in Florida was counted and that he “absolutely” believed he would become president after the ordered recount.
  - Gore’s wife, Tipper, said that “[I still believe we won](#).”
  - In 2016, [Gore](#) brought up the 2000 election during a rally for Hillary Clinton [and did not refute chants](#) from the audience saying he won.
  - In 2017, [Gore](#) implied Jeb Bush “[may have had something](#)” to do with him losing Florida.
  - Gore, [in 2017](#): “Actually, I think I carried Florida.”
- Hillary Clinton, more than once, questioned the legitimacy of the 2000 election.
  - In 2002, [Clinton](#) said Bush had been “selected” and not elected president.
  - In 2016, [Clinton](#) said that the Supreme Court “[took away a presidency](#)” in *Bush v. Gore*.
- [Then-President Bill Clinton](#) in 2001 [claimed](#) that Gore actually won the election, suggesting that all the votes in Florida [were not counted](#) and that the Supreme Court had [altered](#) the outcome.
  - [Clinton](#): “The only way [Republicans] could win the election was to stop the voting in Florida.”
- [Former President Jimmy Carter](#) has repeatedly denied the results of the 2000 election.
  - Carter, [in 2005](#): “[There is no doubt in my mind that Al Gore was elected president](#).”
  - Carter, [in 2014](#): “[I don't think that George W. Bush won the election](#) in 2000.”
- Terry McAuliffe repeated claims that the 2000 election was “stolen” for over two decades.

- Repeatedly in 2001, then-DNC Chairman [McAuliffe](#) claimed that Al Gore won the election.
- In 2004, [McAuliffe](#) falsely accused Republicans of “stealing” the 2000 presidential election.
- In 2008, [McAuliffe](#) accused Republicans of “stealing” the 2000 election in his autobiography.
- In 2017, [McAuliffe](#) once again claimed that Al Gore “did win the election.”
- In 2021, [McAuliffe](#) doubled down on his previous “stolen” election claims and refused to say that Bush won the 2000 election.
- Former presidential candidate [Rev. Jessie Jackson, Sr.](#) said Gore’s election was “essentially taken and stolen.”
- Former DNC Chairwoman [Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz \(D-FL\)](#) in 2016 said that Al Gore won Florida.
- [Rep. Jamie Raskin \(D-MD\)](#), a member of the January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee, has repeatedly suggested the 2000 election was illegitimate.
  - In 2002, Raskin wrote that the Supreme Court had “[frozen] the election results” in an “outrageous assault on democracy,” saying the Court had “determine[d] the outcome of a presidential election.”
  - In 2003, Raskin called Bush America’s first “court-appointed president.”
- 15 House Democrats even objected to counting Florida’s electoral votes.
  - [Rep. Maxine Waters \(D-CA\)](#) questioned the 2000 Florida election results, calling them “fraudulent” and staging a walkout of the House chamber.
  - [Rep. James Clyburn \(D-SC\)](#) questioned the integrity of the election and “the future of our democracy.”
  - [Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson \(D-TX\)](#) claimed that there was “overwhelming evidence” that Bush did not win the 2000 election and vowed there would be “no peace” as a result.
  - [Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee \(D-TX\)](#) called the Florida electoral count “inaccurate.”
  - [Former Rep. Corrine Brown \(D-FL\)](#) said that Bush “was not elected,” saying in 2004 that Bush was chosen by the Supreme Court and that the election was stolen in a “coup d’état.”

## DEMOCRATS REPEATEDLY CAST DOUBT ON THE LEGITIMACY OF THE 2004 ELECTION

- The election in 2004 was no different than 2000, with Democrats once again denying the results of an election they did not agree with.
- In 2005, then-Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and then-Rep. Stephanie Tubbs (D-OH) filed an objection to the certification of Ohio’s electoral college votes.
- 31 House Democrats voted to reject electoral votes from the state of Ohio, including Reps. Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Barbra Lee (D-CA), Maxine Waters (D-CA), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), James Clyburn (D-SC), and now-Senator Ed Markey (D-MA).
- In 2005, House Democrats authored a report claiming there were “numerous, serious election irregularities” in Ohio’s presidential vote.
- John Kerry raised questions about the election on multiple occasions, claiming that many voters were “denied their right to vote; too many who tried to vote were intimidated.”
  - In November 2005, New York University professor [Mark Crispin Miller](#) said that John Kerry told him he thought “the election was stolen.”
  - Kerry’s wife [Teresa Heinz Kerry](#) also claimed the presidential election could have been hacked and stolen.
- In 2004, then-DNC Chairman [Terry McAuliffe](#) commissioned a “comprehensive investigative study on election practices in Ohio” to address “legitimate questions and concerns.”
- In 2006, then-DNC Chairman [Howard Dean](#) stated that he was “not confident that the election in Ohio was fairly decided” in 2004.
  - In 2008, [Dean](#) accused Republicans of stealing elections and inferred they stole the election in 2004.
- Then-Senate Minority Leader [Harry Reid \(D-NV\)](#) questioned the “integrity” of electronic voting machines in the 2004 election.
- In January 2005, then-Sen. [Hillary Clinton \(D-NY\)](#) claimed there were many “legitimate” questions regarding the “accuracy” and “integrity” of the 2004 election.
- Sen. [Dick Durbin \(D-IL\)](#) applauded objections to the 2004 election and thanked Sen. Boxer for objecting to Ohio’s electoral votes, saying voters can’t be confident their vote will be counted.
- Then-Sen. [Tom Harkin \(D-IA\)](#) applauded Sen. Boxer and Rep. Tubbs Jones for objecting to Ohio’s electoral votes, calling their objections an “important service for American democracy.”
  - Harkin also accused Republicans of a “concerted effort to suppress the vote” and suggested electronic voting machines could lead to “serious fraud.”
- Then-Sen. [Ted Kennedy \(D-MA\)](#) in 2005 applauded Democrat efforts to contest the 2004 election, called the election “flawed,” and suggested problems may have been the result of “manipulation.”
- Then-Sen. [Frank Lautenberg \(D-NJ\)](#) alleged “systematic voter disenfranchisement” and faulty voting machines in the 2004 election.
- In September 2008, then-Sen. [Barrack Obama \(D-IL\)](#) joked about the 2004 election, saying it helps that in Ohio “Democrats are in charge of the [voting] machines” in the upcoming election.
- Sen. [Debbie Stabenow \(D-MI\)](#) questioned the use and efficacy of electronic voting machines in the 2004 election.
- In January 2005, then-House Minority Leader [Nancy Pelosi \(D-CA\)](#) praised Sen. Boxer’s challenge of the election, saying the debate is “fundamental to our democracy.”
  - Pelosi said it is “appropriate” to have the debate concerning the 2004 election and claimed that there were “legitimate concerns” regarding the “integrity” of U.S. elections.
- Then-Rep. [Sherrod Brown \(D-OH\)](#) argued the 2004 election was “riddled with unnecessary problems.”
- [Danny Davis \(D-IL\)](#) claimed the 2004 election contained widespread “fraud.”
- Then-Rep. [Dennis Kucinich \(D-OH\)](#) claimed that “dirty tricks occurred across the state” of Ohio in the 2004 election.
- Then-Rep. [William Lacy Clay \(D-MO\)](#) blamed “inadequate and malfunctioning” electronic voting machines for “numerous irregularities.”
- Rep. [Barbara Lee \(D-CA\)](#) claimed democracy was once again “thwarted” in 2004 and blamed the use of electronic voting machines for voter suppression.

- Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX) said, “the system of voting broke down Nov. 2, 2004” and [called for an independent audit](#) of discarded ballots.
  - [Jackson Lee then said](#), “we cannot declare that the election of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 was free and clear and transparent and real for all of those who attempted to vote.”
- Then-Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-CA) in 2005 [attacked the efficacy of voting machines](#) saying they “can’t be trusted.”
- Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) repeatedly claimed there were irregularities in the 2004 election.
  - In November 2004, Nadler [said that](#) “we are requesting an investigation into all the allegations, of irregularities with respect to the electronic and other voting machines.”
  - In November 2004, [Nadler said that](#) “well, we have received...any number of communications, e-mails, everything about all kinds of irregularities.”
  - In December 2004, [Nadler said that](#) “paper ballots are extremely susceptible to fraud.”
  - In January 2005, [Nadler said the right to vote](#) was “stolen” from voters.
- Then-Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) [cast doubt on the security of electronic voting machines in the 2004](#) election saying he was “worried” that some machines do not have a paper trail.
- Then-Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) [said Boxer And Tubbs](#) performed a “very valuable public service” and stated [he was concerned with](#) all “reports of voting problems in many parts of the country.”
- Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) [said the problems](#) with the Ohio election [could have been](#) “outcome determinative.”
- Robert F. Kennedy Jr. in 2006 [wrote an op-ed](#) claiming that Republicans “stole” the 2004 election.
- Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. “[questioned the legitimacy](#)” of the election and suggested the Bush victory was the result of “fraud and stealing.”

## DEMOCRATS REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE 2016 ELECTION

- In 2017, [seven House Democrats](#) tried to object to the 2016 election electoral votes.
- After President Trump’s victory in 2016, [67 Democrats](#) boycotted his inauguration, with many “[claiming his election was illegitimate](#).”
- After the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton repeatedly questioned the legitimacy of the election and claimed the election was stolen from her.
  - In September 2017, [Hillary Clinton](#) said she would not “rule out” [questioning the legitimacy](#) of the 2016 election.
  - In March 2019, Clinton [smiled in agreement](#) when former State Sen. Hank Sanders (D-AL) said the [election was stolen](#) from her.
  - In May 2019, [Clinton](#) said the 2016 election was “[stolen](#)” from her.
  - In September 2019, Clinton dismissed Trump as an “[illegitimate president](#)” and said “he knows” he [stole](#) the 2016 presidential election.
  - In October 2019, Clinton said that Trump knows that he is “[an illegitimate president](#).”
  - In December 2019, Clinton nodded in agreement that she [won](#) the election.
  - In July 2020, Clinton said Trump is scared for Americans to see “[how illegitimate his victory](#)” was.
  - In October 2020, Clinton [claimed](#) that the 2016 presidential election was not conducted legitimately, saying, “[we still don’t really know what happened](#).”
- Former President Jimmy Carter said he believed that “a full investigation” would show that [Trump didn’t actually win](#) the election in 2016.
- [Sen. Dianne Feinstein \(D-CA\)](#) said “[I believe](#)” Russian interference altered the outcome of the election.
- Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) dodged answering whether Trump was “[a legitimate president](#).”
- [Rep Raul Grijalva \(D-AZ\)](#) said the “[legitimacy is in question](#)” of Trump’s presidency.
- Then-Rep. [John Lewis \(D-GA\)](#) said he did not believe President Trump is a “[legitimate president](#).”
  - Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA) “[applauded](#)” John Lewis and said that he was “right on target.”
  - Then-Rep. [Cedric Richmond \(D-LA\)](#) said that John Lewis’ remarks on Trump [not being legitimately elected](#) “are reasonable.”
- Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) said “[there absolutely is a cloud of illegitimacy](#)” to Trump’s presidency.
- Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY) said that Trump’s election was “[illegitimate](#)” and that Trump “[is an illegitimate president](#).”
- Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) justified his decision to object to certification saying Republicans engaged in “[deliberate voter suppression ... in numerous swing states](#).”
- [Rep. Jan Schakowsky \(D-IL\)](#) refused to attend President Trump’s inauguration ceremony because Trump’s election victory was “tainted” by “foreign interference and voter suppression.”
- [Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz \(D-FL\)](#) refused to say if Trump was a “[legitimate president](#).”

## DEMOCRATS HAVE CONTINUED TO CAST DOUBT ON OTHER ELECTIONS SINCE 2016

- In 2018, [Stacey Abrams](#) refused to concede after losing the Georgia governor’s race and repeatedly challenged the “legitimacy of the election” after her loss.
  - Following her defeat, Abrams [never conceded](#) and continued to argue that she truly [won the election](#).
  - Abrams said she would not concede a race that was an “[erosion of our democracy](#),” was “[not a free and fair election](#),” and was simply “[not just](#).”
  - She called her defeat “[fully attributable to voter suppression](#)” and argued there was [widespread voter disenfranchisement](#).
- Many other prominent Democrats supported Abrams in her stolen election claims:
  - [Hillary Clinton](#) said Stacey Abrams “[would have won](#)” Georgia’s gubernatorial race “if she had a fair election” and [that](#) Stacey Abrams “[should be governor](#)” but was “deprived of the votes [she] otherwise would have gotten.”
  - [Sen. Cory Booker \(D-NJ\)](#) said “[I think that Stacey Abrams’s election is being stolen from her](#).”
  - [Sen. Sherrod Brown \(D-OH\)](#) said that “[if Stacey Abrams doesn’t win in Georgia, they stole it](#).”

- [Sen. Elizabeth Warren \(D-MA\)](#) said “the evidence seems to suggest” the race was stolen from Stacey Abrams.
- Former Vermont Governor and DNC chair [Howard Dean](#) said Abrams “should not concede” and that the election was “almost certainly stolen.”
- Obama Attorney General [Eric Holder](#) said “I tend to think Stacey Abrams won that election.”
- After losing his Florida gubernatorial race in 2018, [Andrew Gillum](#) withdrew his concession and pointed to “[questions over the handling of the vote](#)” in certain counties.
- In 2020, after losing his House race, [former Rep. Anthony Brindisi \(D-NY\)](#) called for authorities to investigate voting irregularities and issues of “[massive disenfranchisement of voters](#).”
- [Former State Sen. Rita Hart \(D-IA\)](#) contested the election results of her House race loss in 2020, arguing that ballots were improperly rejected.

## BIDEN AND HIS OFFICIALS HAVE PUSHED STOLEN ELECTION CLAIMS

- In both [2013](#), and in [2016](#), [Biden](#) claimed that [Gore won](#) the 2000 presidential election.
  - In May 2019, Biden said he “[absolutely agrees](#)” that Trump is an “[illegitimate president](#).”
- Kamala Harris has repeatedly cast doubt on election results over the years.
  - Following the Georgia gubernatorial race in 2018, [Kamala Harris](#) claimed that “without [voter suppression](#), Stacey Abrams would be the governor of Georgia” and that Gillum would be “the governor of Florida.”
  - In 2019, [Harris](#) agreed that Trump was an “[illegitimate president](#).”
- Multiple Biden administration officials have a history of denying election results.
  - For nearly [two decades](#), Biden’s Chief of Staff [Ron Klain](#) claimed that [Al Gore won the 2000 election](#).
  - Biden Press Secretary [Karine Jean-Pierre](#) [tweeted](#) that the 2018 Georgia gubernatorial race was stolen.
  - Jean-Pierre also [cast doubt](#) on the 2016 election, tweeting “stolen election .....welcome to the world of #unpresided Trump.”
  - Kamala Harris’ Communications Director [Jamal Simmons](#) for years [tweeted](#) that Bush “[stole](#)” the 2000 election.
- [Cedric Richmond](#) – Biden’s former Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement – said that John Lewis’ remarks on Trump [not being legitimately elected](#) were “reasonable.”
- Then-Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), now Biden’s HUD Secretary, said that Trump “[may not be a legitimate president](#).”

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