Learn and Do More

Thank you for tuning in with us to hear Pitt Chancellor Emeritus Mark A. Nordenberg and David Thornburgh discuss the truth about Pennsylvania’s 2020 presidential election. The following document provides resources mentioned during the interview and suggested action items.

Video References:

- The Blue Ribbon Commission on Pennsylvania’s Election Security found that “[a]s recently as the 2018 election, an estimated 83 percent of Pennsylvanians were voting on machines that offer no auditable paper record.” View their final report for recommendations to address this and other cybersecurity issues in Pennsylvania’s election process.
- Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Act 77 reformed Pennsylvania’s election process, including permitting no excuse mail-in voting throughout the Commonwealth.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed SB 422 to delay Pennsylvania’s primary election.
- Claims of election fraud have led to many election related lawsuits. Read Judge Brann’s opinion in Donald J. Trump for President v. Boockvar.
- Congressman Mike Kelly and others challenged the constitutionality of Act 77 in an effort to overturn the Pennsylvania presidential election. Read the opinion of Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Wecht on the matter.
- In the Spring of 2020, SB 422 created the Election Law Advisory Board. View the appointees here.
- Under the Pennsylvania Election Code, the county election board must provide a lantern with each voting machine. View the code to determine what other provisions need attention.
- Should appellate judges be elected by districts? Read how Pa. could become a national outlier in how it elects appellate judges.

Take Action:

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