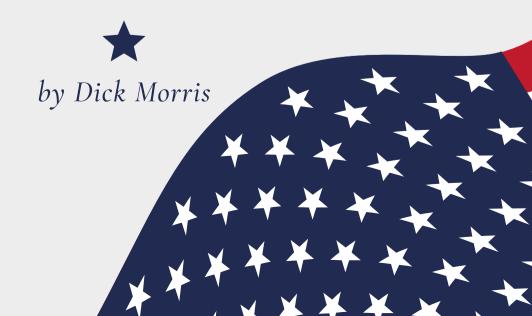


## STOPPING ILLEGAL VOTERS

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
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## YOU DESERVE TO BE HEARD.

The evolution of the debate over voting rights reflects not only changing social and economic standards but also decades of practical experience with voting rights.

After the Civil War and the passage of the 13th, 14th and the 15th amendments to the constitution, universal voting rights were granted to the American people. The 15th amendment in particular specified that no one could be denied the right to vote based on race or any previous condition of having been enslaved.

But over the century, and a half, since the 15th amendment was passed, there have been numerous attempts, largely by racists from the south, to abridge voting rights both in theory and in practice. While saying that the franchise was open to all, racists, attempted to divert attention from their efforts to stop blacks and other minorities from voting.

Southern elected officials required people to pass literacy tests designed to ensure that they could read or write before they were allowed to vote. However, it soon became clear that these literacy tests were impossible for the average person to pass, and that they were simply a barrier to stop minorities from voting.







In addition, racist election laws, imposed a poll, tax requiring people to pay a fee before they could vote. Finally the state legislatures in the southern states, drew legislative districts designed to minimize the impact of minority voting, and to increase the chances of all-white congressional delegations. The US Department of Justices rejected all these attempts to restrict the franchise so as to ensure that this kind of discrimination did not continue.

But with the massive wave of immigration, legal and illegal, over the past few decades, the potential for massive voting by people, not qualified to do so, has increased exponentially. As a result, a tension has emerged between those who insist on making access to voting open and easy, and those who demand that rules and procedures be vigorously evaluated to find out if they enable — or stop— illegal votes.

As it became clear that large numbers of illegal votes would help elect Democratic candidates and defeat Republican nominees, the debate over voting access has become increasingly forceful and partisan.

In particular, the fact that 15 million people have entered the United States illegally in the last few decades makes it very tempting for Democratic politicians to mobilize these illegal voters, and use them to win elections.

When Republicans and independents adopt rules to minimize the potential for illegal voting, they are always accused of racism, and seeking to deter legitimate voters from casting ballots. The left has developed a terminology for this practice, calling it "voter suppression".





So, increasingly, even the application of basic rules to limit voting to citizens have come under attack by the left saying it is voter suppression. But in reality, it is nothing of the sort. Energized by the fear that the votes of American citizens in elections could be drowned out by massive illegal voting, fair minded people have sought to limit the franchise to only legal voters.

The most important safeguard against illegal voting is the requirement that only US citizens be permitted to cast ballots. But even the simple test has been complicated by liberal efforts to dilute the documentation required for voting to include large numbers of non-voters.

Claiming to be concerned about the large number of undocumented, illegal immigrants, leftists have persuaded Congress and state legislatures to issue documents like drivers licenses and car registration to people who are not citizens and not able to vote. Because these forms of identification are routinely used by citizens to establish their right to vote, small variations in the text of these licenses have been used to promote large numbers of non-citizens to vote.

Further, complicating the situation, many liberal state legislatures have mailed drivers licenses and other documents to illegal immigrants that they can use at polling places to try to establish their legal status. These documents are called "real driver identification". While, they do make it legal to drive, they have nothing to do with making it legal to vote. But they are used by the left at polling places to confuse voting officials and prompt them to permit large numbers of illegals to vote.

After an election, it is always possible for voting officials to examine who actually did vote and identify those who should not have been permitted to do so. However, once ballots in cast and counted, is very hard to reverse the results of an election even by correctly identifying, illegal voters.

So VoteLegalFund.com is raising money to post signs and other notices to illegal immigrants warning that it would be unlawful for them to attempt to vote and saying that ICE – the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency – will be on the lookout for those foreigners, who try to vote. The implication is, of course, that those who do so risk deportation from the country and criminal sanctions.





The Vote Legal Fund is simply trying to remind would-be illegal voters, of the fact that their ballots would be illegal under the law, and could lead to severe punishment of those who attempt to cast them.

The idea is to make foreigners think twice before committing the crime of trying to vote in US elections so we can enforce the law and not allow our open international borders to lead to open elections in which anyone who happens to be here physically can vote and impact the laws of our nation.

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