

WHERE WE STAND – ELECTION DENIALISM and THE BIG LIE

Thanks to the diligent county and municipal employees and volunteers who administer our elections, when you cast a ballot in Brunswick County, it is accurately counted and reported. When votes are tallied, you know who won and who lost. Those who lost owe it to the voters to concede gracefully. This basic aspect of fair play should prevail from the Little League field to our local, state, and national elections.

The 2020 presidential election saw the rise of "The Big Lie." While Donald Trump knew he had lost to Joe Biden, he nonetheless proclaimed the election had been "stolen" from him, blaming voting machine manufacturers and political enemies. Tellingly, Republicans who *prevailed* in their elections made no such claims of election fraud. The Big Lie and election denialism were embraced by Trump supporters who simply refused to accept his electoral loss.



"Fake news" propagated by foreign and domestic organizations spread quickly via social media, and election deniers baselessly claimed elections were "rigged." As a result, election workers were subjected to threats and violence that have no place in our electoral process. The January 6th insurrection aimed at overturning the 2020 election was fueled by the Big Lie and election deniers chanting, "Stop the Steal." There is no evidence that the election was stolen. Trump's own Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency called the election "the most secure in American history." Joe Biden is our duly elected American president.

Your right to vote is vital because it ensures all your other rights. You can trust in our democracy and cast your vote with confidence, because Brunswick County employs a highly qualified, award-winning elections staff, maintains robust voting mechanisms and processes, and produces an auditable paper trail that preserves your vote. Sadly, the Big Lie persists and undermines confidence in elections and endangers our dedicated, non-partisan election workers. We must reject attacks on their integrity, refute the Big Lie, and protect our democracy from factions spreading disinformation and sowing distrust.

Flip this over to learn how YOU can get involved!

Here's what DEMOCRATS are doing to PROTECT ELECTIONS:

- Democratic Senate and House leaders wrote a <u>letter</u> to Rupert Murdoch demanding that Fox network's hosts stop their "grave propaganda" and lies about the 2020 election. Their letter became part of Dominion Voting Systems' <u>lawsuit</u> against Fox, which was settled for over \$787 million.
- House Democrats put forward <u>H.R. 1</u>, a sweeping package of pro-democracy and anticorruption reforms to put power back in the hands of the people by ending the dominance of big money in politics; making it easier, not harder, to vote; and ensuring politicians actually serve the public interest.
- States with unified Democratic control are moving to make voting more inclusive and convenient to thwart another potential Big Lie.

Here's what MAGA Republicans are doing to UNDERMINE ELECTIONS:

- The disgraced former president and his radical supporters filed and lost at least 63 lawsuits contesting
 election processes, vote counting, and the vote certification process in multiple states following the
 2020 election. Among the judges who dismissed the lawsuits were some appointed by Trump himself.
- Indicted, twice-impeached ex-president Trump fomented an insurrection on January 6, 2021, inflaming his followers to attack the Capitol. To date, six members of the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers have been convicted of seditious conspiracy for their involvement in the J6 Insurrection.
- Our U.S. Senator Ted Budd and U.S. Representative David Rouzer are among North Carolina's
 <u>"Seditious 7"</u> they supported the Big Lie and voted against certifying President Biden's election.



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