Vetoing Your Vote

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Three years ago, Republican speechwriter David Frum wrote: "If conservatives become convinced that they cannot win democratically, they will not abandon conservatism. They will reject democracy."

The GOP has lost the presidential popular vote seven out of eight times. Just as Frum predicted, Republicans have decided democracy must go. How do we know? They told us.

During the coronavirus lockdown, Democrats proposed expanding vote-by-mail. Trump objected: "They had things, levels of voting that if you'd ever agreed to it, you'd never have a Republican elected in this country again."

Despite the pandemic, Americans voted in record numbers in 2020. Turnout percentage was the highest since 1900. President Biden beat Trump by more than seven million votes.

Trump responded with The Big Lie, falsely claiming the election was stolen. Attorney General Barr investigated, concluded it wasn't, and resigned. Trump fired Chris Krebs, his cybersecurity official, who called the election "the most secure in American history."

Trump then launched an insurrection on January 6, demanding that Mike Pence overturn the election. 147 House and Senate Republicans backed him, including GOP Congressman David Rouzer.

Since then, Republicans have filed 389 bills in 48 states that restrict voting and allow legislatures to overturn elections. The GOP wants to veto your vote. Republicans have turned their backs on Abraham Lincoln's mantra to "government of the people, by the people, for the people." Who do you support — Trump or Lincoln?

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