

A faint, grayscale background image showing a hand holding a ballot, with a large checkmark shape overlaid on it.

Verified Voting

Strengthening Democracy For All Voters





**Voter
Access**

**Voter
Turnout**

**Election
Security**

Effective Democracy

When one leg falters,
we all fall.



THREATS:

! Interference



Election interference is not a matter of if, but a matter of when.

The planning is happening “as we sit here. And [these hostile actors] intend to do it in the next election.”

Robert S. Mueller III's testimony before the House Intelligence Committee, July 24, 2019



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Report On The Investigation Into Russian Interference In The 2016 Presidential Election

Volume I of II

Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III

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THREATS:

! Unexpected Events

Our election systems are susceptible to:

- ⚙️ Technical malfunctions
- 🔧 Machine breakdowns
- 👥 Human error
- 🚑 Unexpected Events (coronavirus)

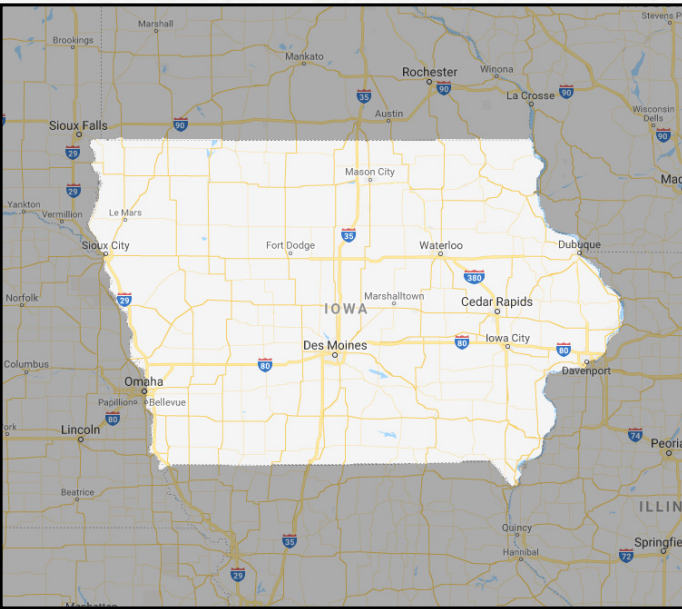
SPECIAL REPORT

February 3, 2020

Iowa

App Used to Tabulate Votes Is Said to Have Been Inadequately Tested

The app was quickly put together in the past two months and was not properly tested at a statewide scale, according to people briefed on the matter.



DES MOINES — The app that the Iowa Democratic Party commissioned to tabulate and report results from the caucuses on Monday was not properly tested at a statewide scale, said people who were briefed on the app by the state party.

It was quickly put together in just the past two months, said the people, some of whom asked to remain anonymous because they were not authorized to speak publicly. And the party decided to use the app only after another proposal for reporting votes — which entailed having caucus participants call in their votes over the phone — was abandoned, on the advice of Democratic National Committee officials, according to David Jefferson, a board member of Verified Voting, a nonpartisan election integrity organization.

Late Monday night, that chain of events came to a head when results from the Iowa caucuses were significantly delayed. While vote counts in the past have typically been reported earlier in the evening, the Iowa Democratic Party held a conference call with representatives from each campaign at around 10:30 p.m. Eastern time to tell them that roughly 35 percent of precincts had reported, but that it would

provide no other details about the results.

A spokeswoman for the state party issued a statement late Monday denying that the delays were the result of the new app’s failure.

“We found inconsistencies in the reporting of three sets of results,” said Mandy McClure, the spokeswoman. She added that this was “simply a reporting issue, the app did not go down and this is not a hack or an intrusion.”

“The underlying data and paper trail is sound,” she continued, “and will simply take time to further report the results.”

But multiple Iowa Democratic county chairs said they had struggled to use the app and were experiencing hold delays of up to an hour when calling into a phone hotline the party has used for decades.



THREATS:

Perceived

“If we can’t trust the results, then why vote?”

“The system is rigged.”

“The people at my polling place weren’t able to help me. I’m not going back.”

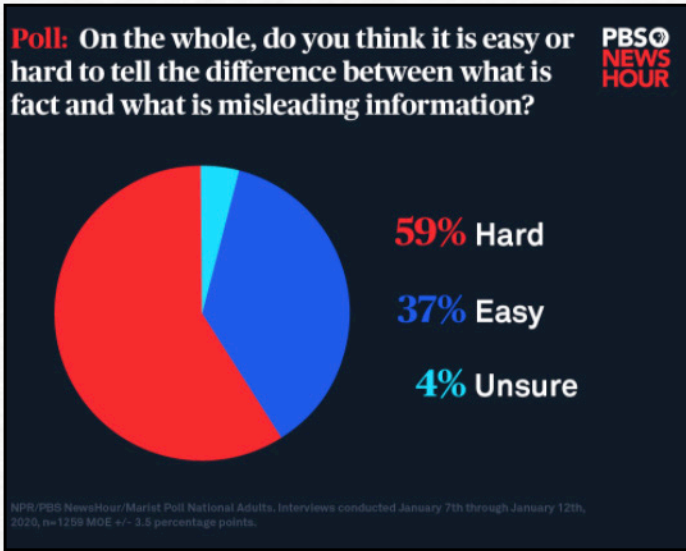
SPECIAL REPORT

January 21, 2020

PBS

American Voters Worry They Can’t Spot Misleading Information, Poll Finds

Four years after Russia launched a cyber campaign to disrupt and influence the 2016 presidential campaign, about a third of Americans say misleading stories on social media pose the biggest threat to the safety of U.S. elections, and half think President Donald Trump encourages election interference, according to the latest PBS NewsHour/NPR/Marist poll.



And while a majority of Americans say spotting the difference between fact and false information on social media is difficult and gotten harder since 2016, few feel confident that technology companies will prevent the misuse of social media to influence the 2020 elections.

Is misinformation getting harder to spot? The new survey from PBS NewsHour, NPR and Marist Poll found that 59 percent of Americans say it is hard to identify false information — intentionally misleading and inaccurate stories portrayed as truth — on social media. Another 37 percent disagreed, saying it is easy to spot.

Furthermore, with the 2020 presidential campaign about to pick up in earnest, more than half of U.S. adults said discerning these fake or deceptive stories has become increasingly difficult over the last four years. That sentiment was shared by 58 percent of Democrats, 55 percent of independents and a slightly lower proportion of Republicans at 44 percent.

Misinformation is evolving on different platforms and messages are becoming more nuanced and images more realistic. “Deep fake” videos, while relatively rare in the false information ecosystem, have been identified as an emerging threat against people’s sense of what is real and what is not.

The fact that Americans are aware of the threat of misinformation is important, said Brendan Nyhan, a political scientist at Dartmouth College who studies false information, persuasion and social networks. But it is “unreasonable” to expect an average person to fact-check “off the top of their head” every piece of information whizzing past them as they scroll through their social media feeds, he said.

“Everyday people don’t follow politics very closely,” he said. “Fact-checking is very difficult work.”



We can't prevent every scenario, but we can...



**Build
Resiliency**



**Develop Recovery
Plans**



**Encourage
Transparency**



**Educate The
Public**



Who We Are



15+ years of promoting the responsible use of technology in elections



Committed to evidence-driven advocacy and voter education



Focused on practical solutions that emphasize resiliency and recovery



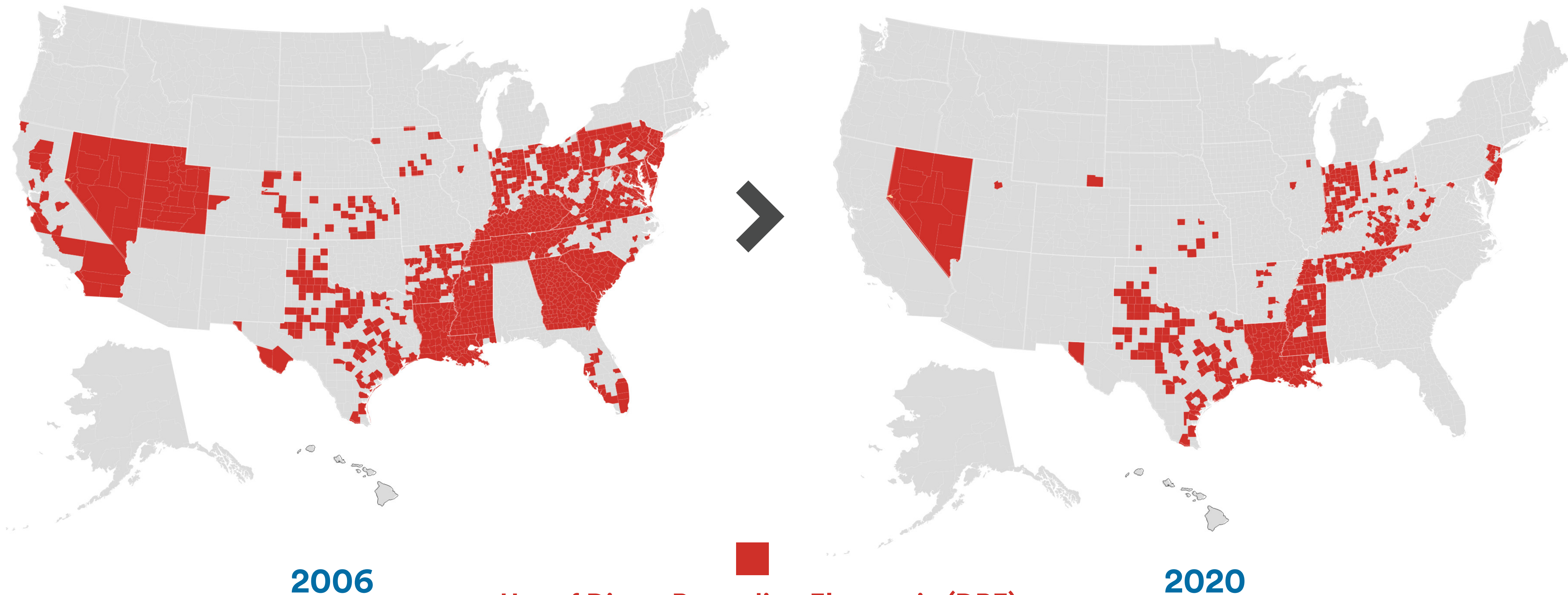
Listened to by election officials, government agencies, grassroots organizers, national democracy groups, the media, and the public



Our staff, Board & Board of Advisors are nationally-recognized subject matter experts on the issue of election integrity and the responsible use of technology



Our Impact



**Use of Direct Recording Electronic (DRE)
Voting Systems for all voters in the U.S.**

DREs record and tally votes electronically and do not provide a paper ballot that can be verified by the voter.



Our Impact

October 23, 2019

The Inquirer

Pa.'s election system is on the verge of the largest changes in decades – in time for the 2020 election

September 15, 2020

The New York Times

“Audits are useful not only for the problems they find but also for the assurance that votes were counted correctly.”

Mark Lindeman
Interim Co-Director

January 26, 2019

TIME

Rhode Island Seeks to Restore Voters' Trust in Elections

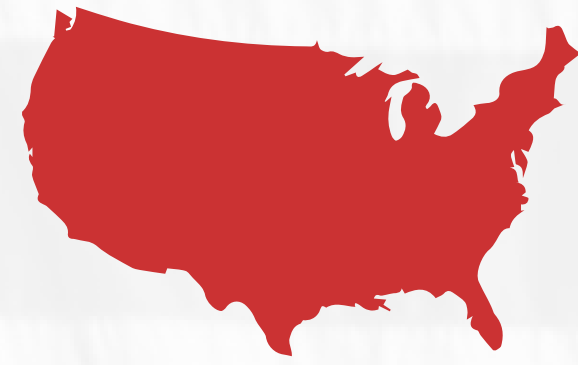
August 31, 2020

POLITICO

“Verified Voting, a nonprofit organization that has long tracked voting machine usage by jurisdiction, has for the first time begun compiling electronic pollbook usage data and made it available online.

Excerpt from “The election security hole everyone ignores”









Verified Voting is working tirelessly to

PREPARE AMERICA

for the 2020 election and beyond.



With your help,
**Verified
Voting
can:**

-  **Advance best practices that support resilient voting systems and verifiable election results:**
 - Voter-verified paper ballots
 - Strong chain of custody
 - Proper ballot accounting & physical ballot security
 - Risk-limiting audits
-  **Help election officials and administrators prepare for November with the time, resources, and technical assistance they need**
-  **Oppose inherently insecure “solutions”**
(i.e. online and mobile voting)
-  **Secure the voting pipeline from registration, to administration, to equipment, to databases**



FUNDING NEEDS

\$1.9 Million

our current budget

\$4 Million

will allow us to...



Expand priority states



**Instill resiliency & recovery in
a rapidly changing landscape**



Educate and engage voters nationwide



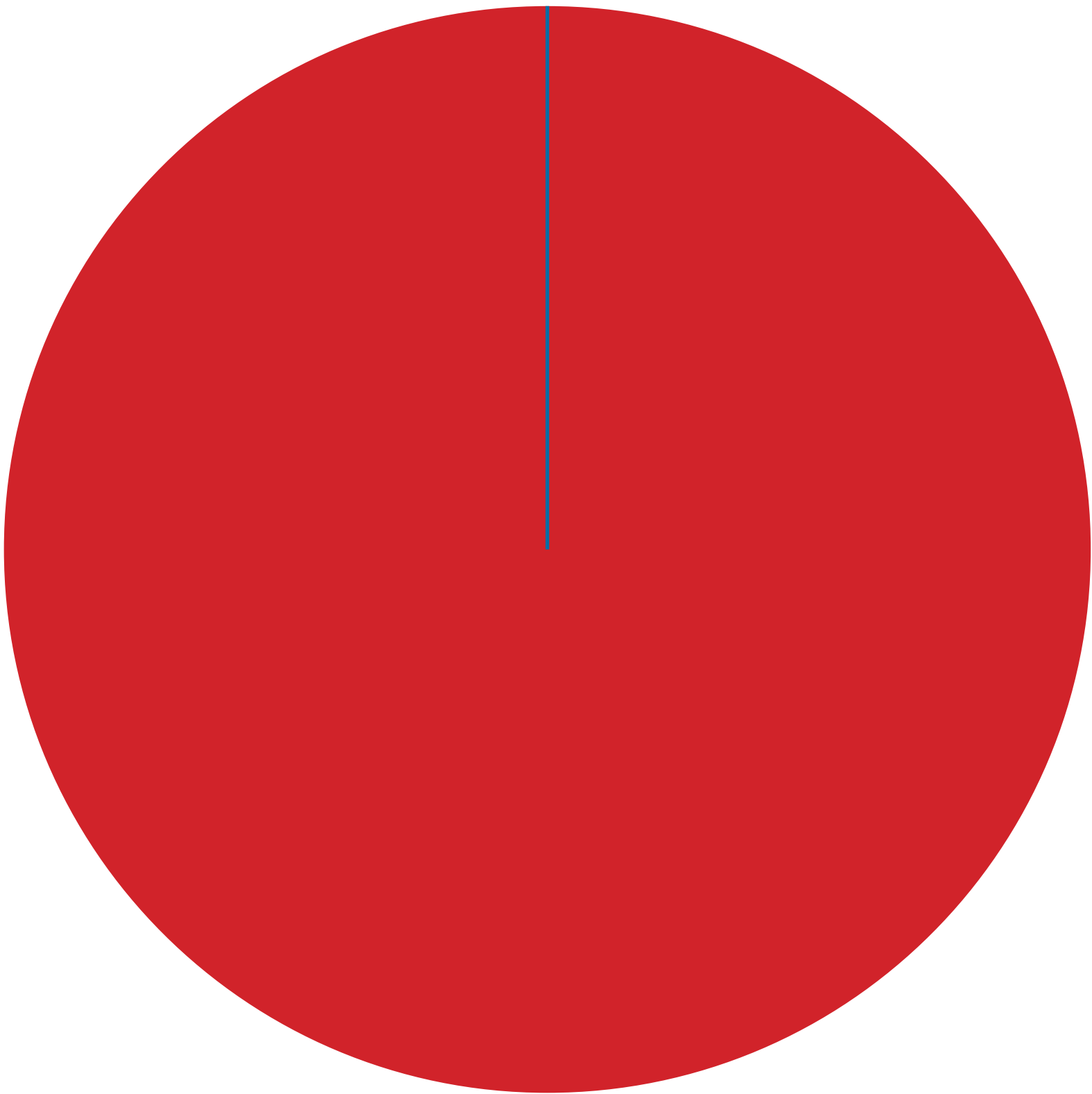
FOR COMPARISON

\$6.5 Billion

spent on 2016 campaigns (\$2.4 billion on presidential)

\$20-30 Million

spent by individual funders into voter registration and GOTV efforts per election cycle



■ Verified Voting's Current Budget
■ Total 2016 Campaign Spending



Take The Next Step

Now more than ever, every voter needs assurance
their vote will be counted as cast.

They – and we – are counting on you.



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