



Is Democracy Slipping Away in America?

Will Your Vote Be Counted?

1 in 4 voters will use computerized voting machines in 42 states in November.

“Utah Rushes Headlong into Voting Danger.” says Phillip Windley, BYU Associate Professor of Computer Science and former Chief Information Officer of the state of Utah under Governor Mike Leavitt.

“Computerized voting equipment is inherently subject to programming error, equipment malfunction, and malicious tampering.” computer professionals agree.

Yet Utah’s Election Office (EO) plans to purchase new voting machines by December 2004 and implement them by 2005, one year sooner than required to receive federal funds. The voting machines Utah EO is considering use proprietary (secret) programs; have higher reported failure rates than Utah’s current voting equipment; and offer paper under-glass rolls that do not ensure ballot secrecy and are inadequate for re-counts.

Utah’s computer science professors advise that **“Utah should join multi-state open source development efforts and write real requirements for our new voting systems, including a requirement for a voter verified paper ballot (VVPB), and allow sufficient time** for a thorough review, including outside experts, to ensure that our voting system is secure and trustworthy.”

To maintain the **American democratic tradition** of **“Secretly Cast, Publicly Counted” ballots**, demands voting systems that:

- 1. Use open source (public) instructions for vote-counting machines.**
- 2. Provide a voter verifiable paper ballot.**

Utah can lead America. Let’s take the time to do it right!

Utah can lead America with trustworthy, economical, reliable voting systems.

Please call and **ask your party leaders to take action now** to delay the selection of new voting equipment in Utah.

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