

# Washington Facts: The Perfect Case Study

## *Voting Machine Anomalies, Unexplained Republican Vote Counts*

### The Washington State Case Study: The Proof is in the Recount

- **Snohomish County Washington** used different voting technologies on Election Day in the same precincts and the same races. This, combined with a gubernatorial race that was subject to an **unprecedented hand recount** (and good record keeping and reporting of paper and touch screen voting results on a precinct by precinct basis) makes it a **perfect case** for determining what effect these technologies may have had on voting patterns.

### Sequoia “Repaired” Machines Vastly Favor Republican Candidate

- A new report found that problems of switched votes or machines freezing up **occurred at more than 50 Washington polling places**. Voters reported that touch screens would appear pre-voted, or would **select the Republican box** when the **Democratic candidate’s box was pressed**. Countywide, there were **19** formally reported instances of **machine switching**, each favoring the Republican.
- **Two-thirds** of Snohomish County **voted with paper absentee and provisional ballots**, favoring Gregoire by **2,000 votes** (97,044 to 95,228). **The remaining one-third, voting electronically, favored Rossi** by an **8,000-vote advantage** (50,400 to 42,145). The **chances of this anomaly** as a result of voters randomly choosing whether to vote by paper ballot or by touch screen is **one in one trillion**.
- The **precincts** with voting machines **requiring repairs** within two weeks of Election Day **Rossi had a touch screen advantage in 56 out of 58 (96.6%)**. The **average margin for Rossi at these polling places** were **11.58% more favorable** than the absentee votes, and **averaged 10.8% more than Gregoire** on Election Day.
- However, among **90 precincts with no reported machine problems 44** had touch screen vote counts **more favorable to Rossi** than paper ballots, while **46** had a touch screen **favored Gregoire**. This raises serious questions as to whether the machines requiring repairs were tampered with to improperly **assign votes and/or undervotes** to the Republican candidate (“switched” against voters’ intent)..
- **Snohomish County had the highest Election Day increase** in vote for Rossi relative to absentee voters, while other **nearby counties had either smaller increases or actually favored** the Democrat Gregoire.
- More than **100,000 electronic votes were never recounted** in Washington. More than **2.7 million paper votes statewide were recounted** by optical-reader machine and by hand. But the **106,000 touch-screen ballots—constituting almost 4 percent of the state vote—were simply re-totaled** without review and added in. The validity of many of those touch-screen votes **suggest that Gregoire should have beaten Republican Dino Rossi in the initial tally**

### The Final Analysis: Evidence of Fraud, Investigation of Sequoia Systems Needed

- A **forensic analysis of the machines** along with their impoundment **is necessary to rule out the theory** that Democratic votes were switched to the GOP. Researchers believe it was "a **mathematical impossibility that Gregoire could have an 1,800-vote lead on absentee paper ballots** but lose by **8,000-votes to Rossi on the Sequoia touch screens**."
- **Sequoia Voting Systems does not include a mechanism to recount** and compare votes for error, and refuses to allow access to its machine source codes to determine the truth.

**Sources:** *Evidence of Election Irregularities in Snohomish County Washington*, by Paul R. Leto and Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman. "Myth Breakers: Facts about Electronic Elections", VotersUnite.Org

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