

INTRODUCTION

This talk is based on my first-hand experience and investigation. **I will try to make a distinction between facts and my opinions.**

WHO IS CLAY PRYOR?

Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Clay married, built his career, and raised his family here. After 34 years of “exceptional service in the national interest,” Clay retired from Sandia National Labs as a Principal Member of Technical Staff (PMTS) in Computer Science. **After retirement, Clay assisted with providing data to candidates and helped to select, configure, and develop election integrity monitoring systems for RPBC and RPNM.** his understanding of software Clay was concerned that tabulators might be manipulating votes so he looked into the processes and procedures used to detect and prevent fraud in the tabulators.

NEW MEXICO USES DOMINION TABULATORS TO COUNT BALLOTS

- We would like to see the source code for the tabulators to verify first-hand that there is no manipulation of the counts.
- This is not possible because they are proprietary.

THIS IS A BLACK BOX SYSTEM

- We cannot see inside of it (1).
- Even though we cannot inspect the code, we can still run Black Box Tests (2) to evaluate the functionality.
- A key component of evaluating the tabulators for vote count manipulation is the paper ballots (3).
 - Paper ballots can be used to compare machine counts of those ballots with manual counts of those same ballots.

POST ELECTION VOTING SYSTEM CHECK AUDIT

- **Not to be confused with post election recounts which start with a tabulator count of ballots**
- The most convincing step in the validation of the tabulators.
- Independent auditor - Slotnick and Sandoval (2022).
- The process and results of the counts are public information (4, 5, 6, 7).
- In my opinion, this audit stands a good chance of exposing vote count manipulation.

PRECINCT SELECTION PROCEDURE

VOTING SYSTEM CHECK

1. Selection of precincts for the voting system check.

Procedure - A list of all voting precincts in the State of New Mexico showing total registered voters for each precinct was obtained from the Office of Secretary of State. A spreadsheet showing the voting precinct, congressional district, total registered voters for each precinct and a cumulative number of registered voters beginning alphabetically with the first Bernalillo County precinct, and ending with the last Valencia County precinct was developed. The county-reported election results were obtained from the Office of the Secretary of State. The required sample of precincts to be tested as provided pursuant to Section 1-14-13.2(B), was randomly selected using a “dice roll” method whereby seven ten-sided dice were rolled and the resulting number normalized so that a particular voter (un-named) could be identified within all the voting precincts in the state. A total of 35 rolls of the dice were needed to select the required number of precincts to be tested.

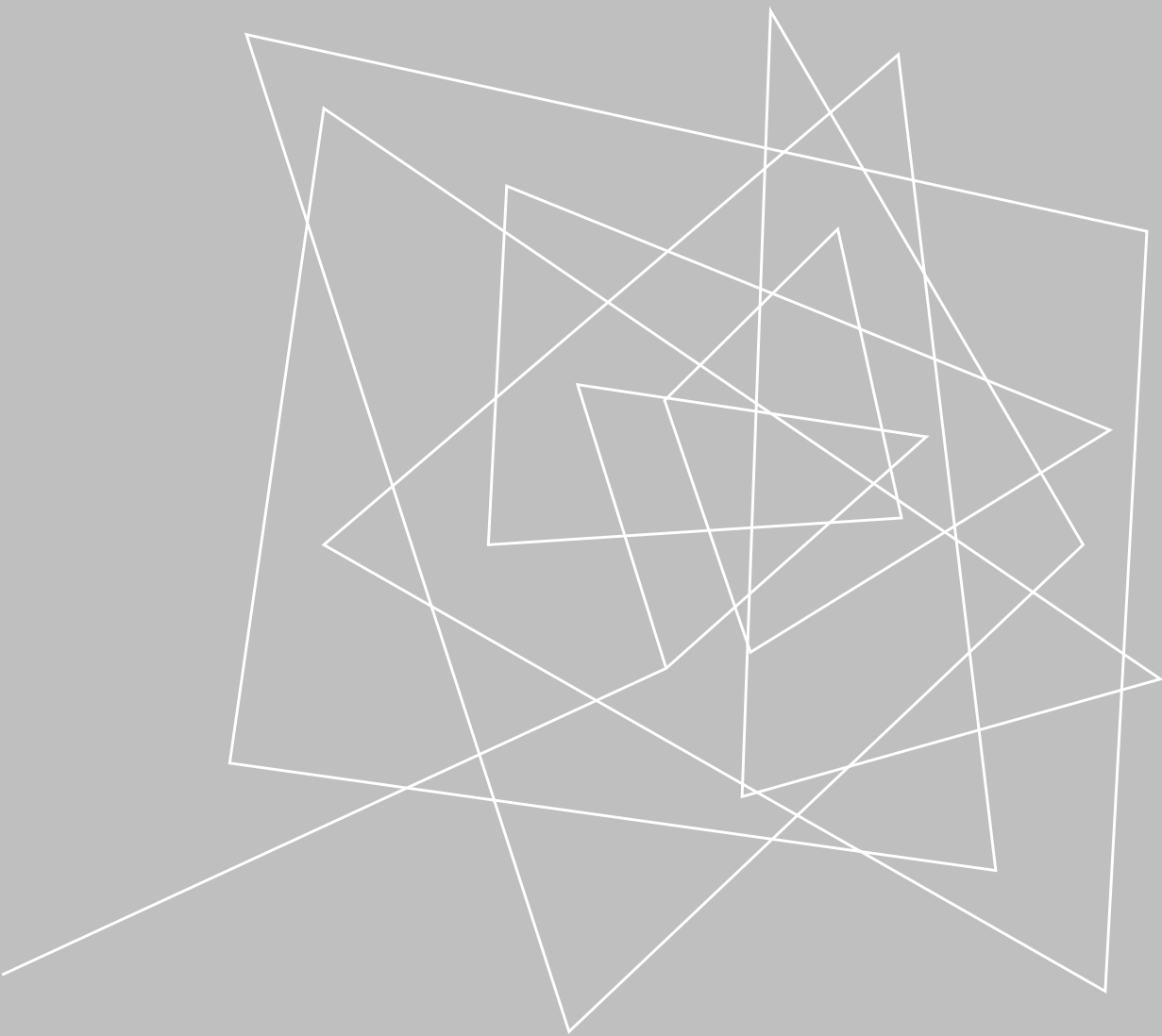
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(c) **Precincts will be randomly selected using a process that is visually observable**, such as rolling dice or selecting pieces of paper from a box, with the probability of selection being proportional to the number of persons registered to vote in the last election in each precinct.

(d) **The random sampling process shall be open to public observation**. At least seven days prior to the random sampling conducted pursuant to this subsection, the secretary of state shall post notice on its web site of the time, date, and location of the random sampling.

Need to see the spreadsheet!

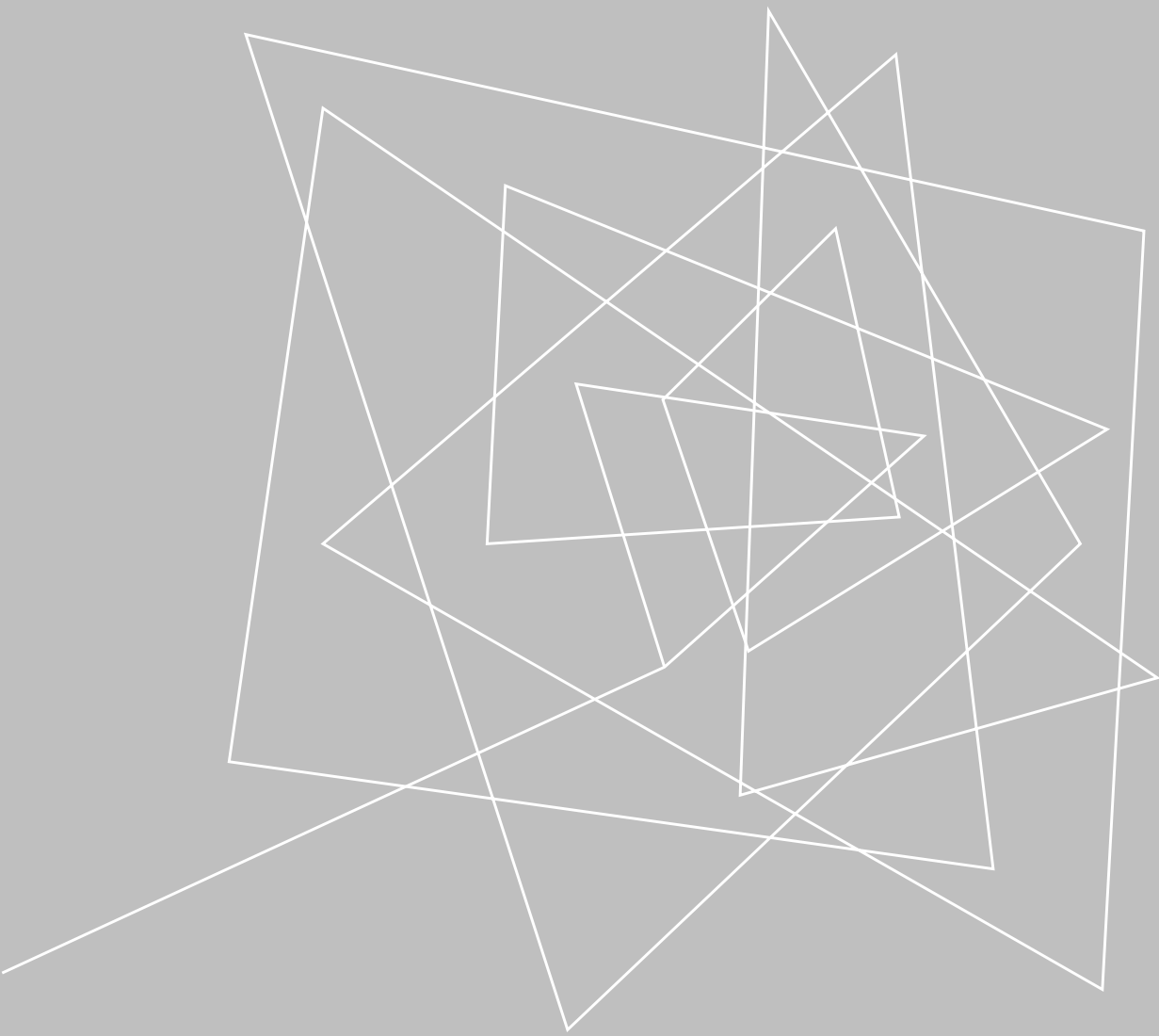


ELECTION MONITORING

You can help!

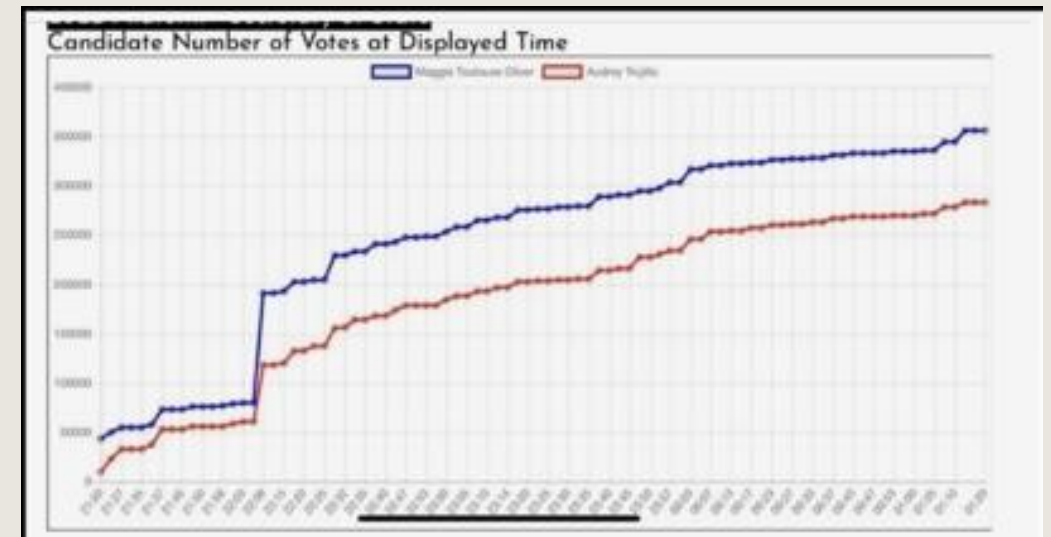
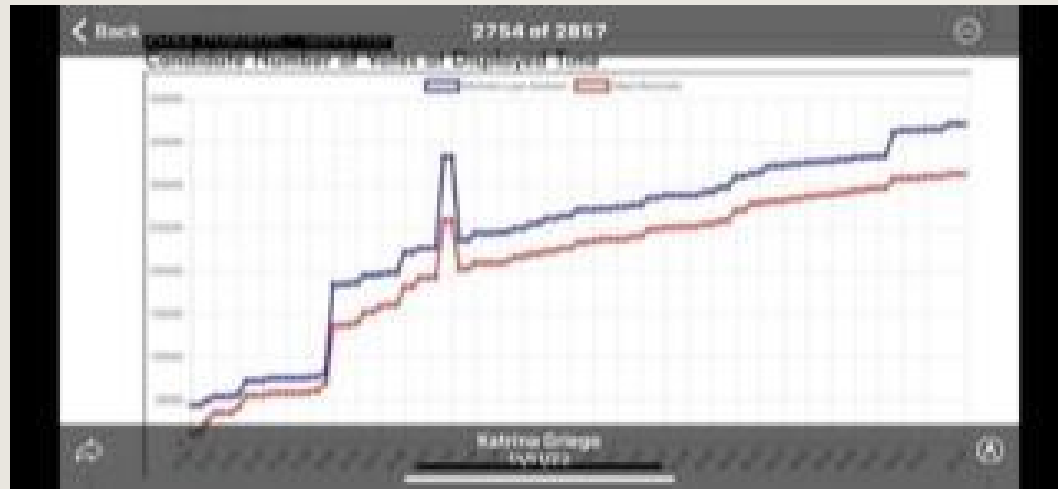
WHAT DID WE DO DURING THE ELECTION?

- Poll challengers (8) - party appointed volunteers
- Drop Box Monitoring
- War room with Issues Management System (Zendesk)



GLITCHES AND
ANOMALIES?

ELECTION NIGHT



QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. What was the source of the data?
2. How was the data gathered?
3. What are all of the possible explanations?
4. Is confirmation bias affecting our perspective/interpretation of the data?

*Hanlon's Razor: Never
Attribute to Malice That
Which is Adequately
Explained by Stupidity*

ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS

1. What was the source of the data? According to DrazaSmith (LadyDraza on Telegram) **“I scraped the source sheet from CNN for their updates during the night.”**
2. How was the data gathered? According to DrazaSmith (LadyDraza on Telegram) **“Rolled my own curl script. Nothing fancy.”**
3. What are all of the possible explanations? (next slide)
4. Is confirmation bias affecting our perspective/interpretation of the data? **Most of us see whatever we think proves our point without looking any further.** I think we need to look further before jumping to conclusions.

WHAT ARE ALL OF THE POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS?

1. The actual data.
2. Tabulator manipulation of vote counts.
3. Glitches in the page scrape?
4. Glitches, mistakes, or intentional modification in the data upload process **from the counting centers to the counties.**
5. Glitches, mistakes, or intentional modification in the data upload process **from the counties to the state.**
6. Glitches, mistakes, or intentional modification in the data upload **from the state to the news reporting services.**
7. ???

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SUMMARY - MY OPINIONS

- I do not claim to know everything about election integrity in New Mexico let alone the entire United States.
- I have seen some New Mexico aspects first-hand and investigated the NM tabulators in detail.
- RPBC and RPNM are committed to ensuring election integrity in NM. You can help.
- I do not believe the tabulators are manipulating votes in NM.
- **Bottom line – I do not think NM Democrats have to cheat to win so why would they?**

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