

Diebold's Sordid History

Vermont's electronic voting system is entrusted into the hands of Diebold - the company that produced it and maintains it. Studies have shown that voting machine companies have unfettered access to these systems and they have the ability to change election results without detection. One would think that if we must give such immense and dangerous power to a private company, we would choose one that is trustworthy and open. However, a look into Diebold's history reveals they are anything but trustworthy. Diebold's reputation is (rightfully) so bad, they had to change their name to Premier Election Solutions. But make no mistake, it's the same old Diebold. This is clearly not the company we should be entrusting to run our elections and count our votes.

- **Diebold has been sued by its own shareholders for fraud.**
<http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/12-13-2005/0004233556&EDATE=>
- **Diebold is under investigation by the Securities Exchange Commission.**
http://www.votetrustusa.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1658&Itemid=51
- **In 2004 The Secretary of State of California sued Diebold for installing uncertified code on their voting machines and lying to state officials. The state joined the suit and in the end Diebold was fined millions of dollars.**
<http://articles.latimes.com/2004/sep/08/local/me-machines8>
- **Diebold employed 5 convicted felons as senior managers. One of Diebold's senior programmers has been convicted of 23 counts of felony theft including putting an illegal "back door" into his computer programs.**
<http://www.wired.com/news/evote/0,2645,61640,00.html> and
http://www.blackboxvoting.org/bbv_chapter-8.pdf
- **In 2004 the President of Diebold promised to help get George Bush re-elected.**
- **An independent review of Diebold's software in 2005 found illegal "interpreted" code that could be used to manipulate vote totals without detection.**
http://www.solarbus.org/election/docs/security_analysis_of_diebold.pdf
- **In 2005 the Secretary of State banned the use of Diebold optical scan machines because security vulnerabilities were found that make it easy to rig an election without detection**
http://vtvoters.org/docs/PA_12-22-05.pdf
- **The Secretary of State of Ohio is suing Diebold for breach of warranty, lying to state officials, and fraud.**
<http://www.daytondailynews.com/n/content/oh/story/news/local/2008/08/06/ddn080608votingweb.html>
- **Diebold was recently forced to admit there is a bug in their vote counting software that is used in at least 34 states, which causes the voting machine (both touchscreen and opscan) to lose votes. They have known about the bug for some time but allowed it to remain. It's still in the code today.**
http://www.newsvine.com/_news/2008/08/21/1770511-company-acknowledges-voting-machine-error
- **The former Director of Elections for the state of Ohio admitted on camera that Diebold offered him a large campaign contribution if he chose to implement their system**
<http://stealingamericathemovie.org>

Vermonters for Voting Integrity is a group of concerned citizens working to improve the security and reliability of Vermont's electronic voting system. Please sign our petition and get more information on our website:

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