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In Arizona Election Audit, Dominion Refuses to Provide Passwords for Voting Machines

As the Maricopa County full-hand recount and audit of the 2020 U.S. presidential election moves forward, Dominion Voting Systems — which provided and controlled the voting machines used at polling places — has refused to cooperate with the company conducting the audit. In a [statement](#), Dominion said it will not turn passwords to the machines over to the IT firm Cyber Ninjas.

In a [previous article](#), this writer told of an Arizona elections witness named Jan Bryant, who testified before the Arizona state legislature back in November. Bryant informed the state lawmakers that Dominion employees ran the election and that “no county employees, no IT people, no one else was touching any of the software.”



Maricopa County ballots cast in the 2020 general election are examined and recounted / AP Images

I was in the tabulation center six different days. Day and night shifts. And no county employees, no IT people, no one else was touching any of the software. They (Dominion) did all the training for the adjudicators, they ran all the reports. And so I brought this up on my very first day in the room. I said this doesn't seem right, as a person with my [IT] background. Never in a million years would I turn my company's most important things over to someone else. And there's only two guys (Dominion's Bruce & John) and they had control of everything.

That testimony appears to be substantiated by an article from Gateway Pundit, which [reported](#) earlier this month that the “Maricopa County Election Board claimed this week they do not have ‘Admin’ access to their county's voting machines.” That is because — as Bryant's testimony seems to indicate — only Dominion employees have those passwords and that access.

That article also quotes Arizona Audit Director Ken Bennett in his interview with OAN as saying that Dominion is refusing to comply with the State Senate's subpoena and is hiding the second password for their machines.

It beggars belief that *election officials* who are responsible for overseeing elections, certifying the ballots, and ensuring the integrity of those elections *do not have access to the machines tabulating the results*. But while belief is beggared, the fact remains that it is true.

And not only were Dominion employees the only ones able to access the software of the machines, but those Dominion employees also had a laptop computer *in the room while ballots were being entered by hand*. Bryant testified:



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When I came in [to the Maricopa County Tabulation and Election Center] on Tuesday and walked around where they were doing the hand entry of ballots, I noticed that laptop sitting there and [Dominion employee] John was working on it. It's not a secure room if you're bringing a laptop in and out of a room. Who knows what happened there. Every one of the 50 desktops that were in there had a row of USB ports on the side of it. So I get very angry when I hear some of our leaders here saying "Oh, it's secure. Nothing can get in or out." That's not true. I will tell you that is probably the biggest issue that I had.

And now, with a full-hand recount and forensic audit underway, Dominion — which holds the keys and claims to have nothing to hide — is flat refusing to grant that access to the company hired to conduct the forensic audit. That company — Cyber Ninjas — is an independent company with no ties to Dominion. In its [statement](#), Dominion attacked Cyber Ninjas, claiming the the firm "is operating with a false, predetermined conclusion" that votes had been tampered with and that Cyber Ninjas is not "federally accredited." The statement also claims that previous "proper audits" previously conducted by "two competing, independent firms" have already "proved the accuracy of the election" and that "safeguards make it functionally impossible to tamper with machines undetected."

Brahm Resnik from Phoenix NBC affiliate KPNX 12 News tweeted a picture of a more pejorative-laden statement from Dominion:

NEW "No company should be compelled to participate in such an irresponsible act":
Dominion Voting Systems responds to Arizona Senate Republicans' demand for passwords to ballot tabulators. pic.twitter.com/wjKI8ztwIj

— Brahm Resnik (@brahmresnik) [May 13, 2021](#)

Let's unpack all that, shall we?

First, by comparing Cyber Ninjas to the "two competing, independent firms" that previously conducted audits that Dominion claims "proved the accuracy of the election," the company's statement omits some fairly important details. For instance, as Gateway Pundit [reported](#), the Maricopa Board of Supervisors limited their choices to two companies, Pro V&V and SLI Compliance. Both of those companies have audited Dominion machines in the past and found everything to be just peachy. At the time, those companies worked on the audit of Dominion's machines used in Maricopa County, neither appeared to hold current accreditation by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (USEAC).

Since that audit, though — and Gateway Pundit's reporting on that apparent lack of accreditation — the EAC updated its website to claim that the lack of accreditation for the companies was owing to the backlog caused by "COVID" and that Pro V&V and SLI Compliance have been accredited indefinitely as the EAC works its way through the backlog.

If companies that appear to make money rubber-stamping Dominion results can be indefinitely accredited, while the EAC works through its backlog to determine whether the company warrants accreditation, then accreditation doesn't really mean anything, does it?

Second, as to that EAC accreditation, Dominion's statement that it "voluntarily provides access to voting machine equipment and information to auditors who have been accredited by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission" may appear to bear weight in the absence of the relevant fact that Jessica



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Bowers — who serves as CIO/CISO (Chief Information Officer/Chief Information Systems Officer) — [worked for Dominion for ten years](#), according to a report by Gateway Pundit.

So, the word “independent” doesn’t really apply either, does it?

Third, Dominion’s claim that “safeguards make it functionally impossible to tamper with machines undetected” ceases to hold any water whatsoever when one considers that Dominion employees could easily “tamper” with the machines. They have the admin passwords; they have the software at their command; they work for the company that would detect the tampering; and *they had a laptop in the room while votes were being entered*. And that company will not allow a truly independent firm to detect *anything*.

The lie is further given to the claim that the machines could not have been tampered with by the fact that besides Bryant’s testimony mentioned above, [she also said](#), “One of the things that made me the most nervous early, was on election day. We had a full room of people — volunteers and employees — there doing the tabulation and adjudication, and at three o’clock, they rebooted the servers and no one would tell us why.” She says that right after that, Dominion employees “sent everyone home,” adding, “On election day, you wouldn’t think that would happen and [county] employees didn’t seem to know what was happening; Dominion employees just called it and said, ‘Hey, go home. We’re going to have to reboot.’”

If the question is: Could Dominion employees have tampered with the machines to tweak the election for Biden while the room was empty and they were suspiciously rebooting the whole kit and caboodle? Then the answer is: Probably, but a truly independent audit — like the one with which Dominion is refusing to cooperate — would show that tampering.

So, why the refusal? An objective look at Dominion’s “reasons” leaves the looker scratching his head in disbelief. After all, if they have nothing to hide, why the resistance? If everything is completely above board, Dominion could simply allow Cyber Ninjas access. For that matter, Dominion could comply with the subpoena and give the passwords to the Arizona State Senate. Those actions would show that everything is above board and there is nothing to hide.

It appears that Dominion *does* have something to hide — and that something appears to be voter fraud on a major scale. Dominion machines were used in voting places across the country, and Arizona may be the exposed tip of a very ugly iceberg.



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