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## **GOP Observers Reportedly Aren't Being Allowed to Properly View Hand Recount**

Is the Georgia recount being rigged as well?

The state of Georgia is currently in the middle of a hand recount and audit, but the integrity of the effort is now in question as word arises that Republican observers are largely not being allowed to watch the counting due to election officials' refusal to allow a one-to-one observer-to-table ratio.

David Shafer, chairman of the Republican Party of Georgia, revealed Friday that the party requested an observer be allowed at every counting table during the recount. But officials [denied this request](#) and are instead permitting them only one observer for every 10 tables.



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A ten-to-one ratio hardly enables the full accountability Americans desire when concerns about voter fraud loom over the election.

One of our observers at the hand count of the ballots ordered by Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. Does this inspire confidence? [pic.twitter.com/jRoFCvqWoZ](https://pic.twitter.com/jRoFCvqWoZ)

— David Shafer (@DavidShafer) [November 13, 2020](#)

Like other battleground states, Georgia was plagued by suspicious Election Night occurrences and, after several days of prolonged counting, the state's original Trump lead became a Biden one.

In Fulton County, for example, which is heavily Democrat, Georgia claimed they stopped counting ballots on Election Night after a pipe burst at the State Farm Arena. However, there is no evidence that a pipe really burst.

Shafer claimed this story was nothing more than a ruse to count ballots in secret, without observers present, until the early morning.

Let me repeat. Fulton County elections officials told the media and our observers that they were shutting down the tabulation center at State Farm Arena at 10:30 p.m. on election night only to continue counting ballots in secret until 1:00 a.m.

— David Shafer (@DavidShafer) [November 10, 2020](#)

No one disputes that Fulton County elections officials falsely announced that the counting of ballots would stop at 10:30 p.m. No one disputes that Fulton County elected officials unlawfully resumed the counting of ballots after our observers left the center.



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On Twitter, President Trump called out Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger for not allowing a one-to-one observer-to-table ratio and chided Governor Brian Kemp for not taking action.

Georgia Secretary of State, a so-called Republican (RINO), won't let the people checking the ballots see the signatures for fraud. Why? Without this the whole process is very unfair and close to meaningless. Everyone knows that we won the state. Where is [@BrianKempGA](#)?

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [November 14, 2020](#)

Raffensperger had previously taken heat from Republicans over the handling of the election. Republican Senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler [called on him to resign](#) over the situation, which has put the balance of the Senate in play due to a runoff that will be held in January.

“The management of Georgia elections has become an embarrassment for our state. Georgians are outraged, and rightly so,” a combined statement by the Republican senators read.

But the Raffensperger fired back indignantly, saying that it is “unlikely” that an investigation of fraudulent votes will turn the state around in the president’s favor:

And as far as lack of transparency ... we were literally putting releases of results up at a minimum hourly. I and my office have been holding daily or twice-daily briefings for the press to walk them through all the numbers. So that particular charge is laughable.

Was there illegal voting? I am sure there was. And my office is investigating all of it. Does it rise to the numbers or margin necessary to change the outcome to where President Trump is given Georgia’s electoral votes? That is unlikely.

Curiously, soon after announcing the hand recount, Raffensperger’s wife tested positive for COVID-19, prompting the secretary of state and his staff to [go under quarantine](#) while the counting and audit are underway.

According to the final tallies prior to the recount, Joe Biden led President Trump in Georgia by slightly over 14,000 of the state’s nearly five million votes cast.

With 16 electoral votes up for grabs, Georgia is a state the president needs to remain in the White House.

Many anomalies have been prevalent in Democrat-controlled areas in the swing states this cycle.

The Gateway Pundit describes one of the most [recently unearthed](#) of these in Pennsylvania, which President Trump won in 2016 but supposedly lost this time around.

As the outlet notes:

In almost every county throughout the state, the President was awarded a percent of votes 40% less than the percent the President won on election day. If Trump won a county by 80% of the vote on Election Day, he won 40% of the mail-in vote for a county. If the President won 60% of the vote on Election Day, he won 20% of the mail-in vote in another county. This pattern occurred in almost every county with the only noticeable exception of



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Philadelphia, where the President only earned 30% of the vote on Election Day.

This is only one of several abnormalities that raise doubt about Biden's [numbers in Pennsylvania](#) and elsewhere. Will President Trump ultimately prevail in the courts or will the West Wing soon have a new boss?



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