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## “If We Don’t Have a Country, I Don’t Have a Company”; Lindell Seeks to Save the Country and His Company From Left-wing Extremists

Sioux Falls, S.D. — Mike Lindell, the charismatic founder and CEO of My Pillow, launched his cyber symposium yesterday, getting off to a rocky start. The invitation-only event, held August 10-12, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will reveal “cyber data packet captures” from the 2020 November election, says Lindell.

Following an opening prayer, the pledge of allegiance, and the singing of the national anthem, Lindell addressed China’s influence on American culture and specifically U.S. elections. He then played a compelling film called *Your Wake-Up Call*, narrated by Colonel Phil Waldron.



Photo by Annika Leon

Panel experts on Tuesday included statistician Dr. Douglas Frank, law professor David Clements, and engineer and former Michigan State Senator Patrick J. Colbeck. Throughout the day, Lindell repeatedly called out the media for suppressing information about election fraud. “It’s the absolute cover-up,” he said. In weeks leading up to the symposium, Fox News had refused to run Lindell’s ads for the symposium.

“Shame on Fox,” screamed Lindell. “We need to get the word out. We need to discuss the censorship. The only reason we are having this symposium is so people will hear this news.”

Around 9:00 a.m. yesterday, Lindell announced that the livestream of the event had been blocked by a potential hack and that his “fourth backup” would be up a few minutes before 10:00 am, but the Internet remained down for several hours.

“The whole world has to know,” said Lindell, addressing some 200 elected officials and cyber experts in attendance. “This isn’t about a party, it’s about our country.”

Asked why the “My Pillow Guy” was working to secure elections, Lindell declared, “If we don’t have a country, I don’t have a company!”

Lindell has offered a \$5 million reward to anyone with evidence invalidating the cyber data he claims will show the presidential election was breached by China.

He estimated a staggering 40 million people have viewed the continuous [livestream](#) of the event, with five million logged on for at least an hour.

Representatives from as many as 49 states, according to Lindell, have gathered for the three-day conference at the South Dakota Military Alliance to collect information, with many seeking to develop new methodologies for reformed election processes to take home with them and propose to their state



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legislatures.

On the main stage were panels exploring election integrity issues, and anomalies for each state during the presidential election. Lindell presented two sets of results on the screen, one set of numbers was labeled “The Truth”; the other, “The Lie.” He has not explained how he reached these numbers, but says analysis is ongoing.

Today’s discussion with Ron Watkins, known as [CodeMonkeyZ](#), drew a rapt audience. Watkins examined data allegedly drawn from Mesa County, Colorado, election servers. This on the heels of Mesa County Clerk and Recorder Tina M. Peters revealing that Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold, a Democrat, had blocked her efforts to investigate election records in her county. Peters claims her office was raided while she was in route to the symposium.

Throughout the Alliance facility, which also serves as a gun range, are “Breakout Rooms.” Media is not allowed into these rooms, but cyber expert [Harri Hursti](#) told *The New American* that he’d been “spinning his wheels all day” analyzing the data, and that there was “no elephant in the room.” In fact, according to Hursti, “there was nothing there.”

Hursti, one of the most well-known electronic election specialists in the world, came under heated attack at the event from New Hampshire forensic auditor Marylyn Todd, who charges that Hursti illegally deleted election data from the 2020 election in Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

Mrs. Todd told *The New American* that she has video footage of Hursti erasing the data. She also stated that she has a copy of the contract from the New Hampshire Secretary of State’s website showing that Hursti was paid over \$100,000 for work on the election, providing an obvious conflict of interest.

Another attendee, Information Systems Security Professional Laney Kehel, who hails from Tennessee, told *The New American*, “there’s so much information to analyze, every packet is still downloading, though a representative sampling should be wrapped up within the day. It’s very laborious.”

Local Dakota News reporter [Beth Warden](#), with whom I spoke yesterday, has requested whether the data packets will be available to cyber experts to download and examine using their own systems. As of this writing, Warden has not received an answer from Lindell’s staff.

In addition to the Breakout Rooms is a Mock Election Center, where attendees are walked through a mock election process and shown how easily an election can be hacked when all of the components are computer-based.

Shawn Smith, a patriot and retired Air Force officer, explained, “it’s much harder to commit fraud without widespread computer use. The best way to solve this would be for Americans to remember their elections belong to them, and that they need to take responsibility to restore election integrity. You cannot trust computer-based voting.”

A special surprise speaker at the symposium was Eduardo Bolsonaro, the son of Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro, often referred to as “Brazil’s Donald Trump.” The 38-year-old Eduardo Bolsonaro is an elected member of the federal Chamber of Deputies, the lower house of Brazil’s National Congress, representing Sao Paulo. He was first elected in 2015 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2019, with the largest vote by any lawmaker in Brazil’s history.



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Although he is immensely popular and easily won his race, he is very concerned about the national presidential race in 2022 because, he told *The New American*, his father will be facing Lula da Silva, the Marxist former president who is attempting a political comeback after serving time in prison for an earlier corruption conviction. There are serious election problems involving electronic voting machines, Eduardo Bolsonaro said, which Brazil's top election officials and courts have acknowledged, and the potential for Lula's political operatives to exploit them is very serious.

*Senior Editor William F. Jasper contributed to this report.*



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