

Election Verification Exit Poll

Why are we conducting an exit poll?

Some information about us, and a little background on exit polls and the state of our vote...

A Little Bit About Us

- We are part of a citizen-based, nonpartisan, volunteer coalition made up of civically minded citizens from throughout the country. Election Integrity and Election Defense Alliance – both 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations – have provided a strict protocol developed by Dr. Steve Freeman (The University of Pennsylvania and Election Integrity), Jonathan Simon (Election Defense Alliance) and Ken Warren (The Warren Poll). The raw data collected at this site (and others), our analyses, and the protocol will all be made public (unlike the *official* exit polls).
- Most of us are your friends and neighbors, though a few of us have travelled far on Election Day to help where needed.

What is an Exit Poll?

- Our Exit Poll is a citizen-based, nonpartisan, volunteer effort that seeks to confirm the *official* election results that will be reported on Election Night. The data we collect will be used to “double-check” that your votes were recorded, counted, and published correctly.
- Voters are invited to anonymously record their recently cast votes, place them in a sealed Exit Poll Ballot Box, and then observe a publically-accessible hand count that will be conducted after the polls have closed – please note: we do not use the responses to predict results, or share these results with anyone before the polls have closed.
- This concept has been used for decades by United Nations poll watchers in democracies around the world to ensure that elections represent the intent of the voter. In fact, Exit Polls have been used to confirm the legitimacy of elections held throughout the world, and to overturn fraudulent elections in the Ukraine, Serbia, the Republic of Georgia and Peru.

Why are We Conducting Exit Polls?

- Since 1996, the United States has increasingly embraced computer-based voting systems. Surprisingly (*or perhaps not, if you've ever worked with a computer*), voting problems have increased, and the *expected* results of our elections (based on pre-election polls, registration numbers of registered voters, and for-profit exit polls) simply don't seem to add up. Whether through simple human error, technical problems, or fraud, we want to provide a means by which we can double-check these computers and machines!
- We also believe that the need for *independent citizen-based* polling has become apparent as Edison-Mitofsky, the company that conducts the exit polls commissioned by the media consortium, *withholds its raw data* and instead *releases adjusted data that simply conforms* to the announced election outcomes.
- We want to provide a process for people of all parties to help verify the legitimacy of the election – the bedrock of our democracy.

How will we know the results?

- All citizen-based, nonpartisan, volunteer Exit Poll sites will be reporting their totals, along with the official totals, on the Election Defense Alliance website at: www.ElectionDefenseAlliance.org/Results08

Want more information?

- For more information, please visit Election Integrity online at <http://www.electionintegrity.org>, and visit Election Defense Alliance at <http://www.electiondefensealliance.org/>, or email Dr. Steve Freeman at sf@alum.mit.edu.

Democracy demands that we verify—not trust—the sanctity of our electoral processes.



This is a non-partisan exit poll. All questionnaires remain anonymous. Completed questionnaires **will not be used** to determine, predict, or project results before the polls have closed.