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Oops! Did The Heritage Foundation Just Prove There Is No “Voter Fraud”¹

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Why did The Heritage Foundation publish a database that brags of “[1,513 proven instances of voter fraud](#)” when it actually proves the reverse? Maybe it’s because we are not their audience. They are targeting the people who believed the 2020 election was stolen, namely, idiots and innumerates unable to do the math: 1,513 cases ÷ 45 years ÷ 50 states = 0.67 proven instances of voter fraud per state per year. Here’s the cases by year ranked in descending order of number of cases.

Year	No. Cases	Year	No. Cases	Year	No. Cases
2011	128	2008	31	1982	2
2017	81	2006	30	1992	1
2016	80	2004	24	1991	1
2018	79	2020	18	1988	1
2010	79	2019	18	1986	1
2022	76	2003	16	1983	1
2013	62	1998	10	1995	0
2009	62	2002	9	1990	0
2012	58	2000	9	1989	0
2015	53	2001	8	1987	0
2014	50	1994	4	1985	0
2007	49	1999	3	1984	0
2021	42	1997	3	1981	0
2023	35	1993	3	1980	0
2005	32	1996	2	1979	0

In a pathetic attempt to respond to anyone who is actually paying attention and capable of doing the math, The Heritage Foundation essentially dismisses their own work product as a mere “sampling” that is “not an exhaustive or comprehensive list.” They conspiratorially invoke “allegations of election fraud” that may be “meritorious” but are not pursued by “some public officials [who] appear to be unconcerned with election fraud.” They do not address the more than 60 court cases in which Trump’s claims of fraud in the 2020 election were summarily dismissed,

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often in sharp language and by judges appointed by Trump.

The bottom line is that “voter fraud” is itself a fraud conjured up by Republicans as a justification for more than one hundred voter suppression laws. It’s a necessary fraud because they are incapable of competing in the marketplace of ideas and on a level playing field.