

Emerging Narrative: King County Election Officials Secretly Committed Election Fraud by Adjudicating Ballots After Post-Election Audit

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Description

Users online claimed that King County election officials undermined the integrity of the November 2022 election results by adjudicating thousands of ballots after Election Day and a post-election audit. Users questioned why system logs acquired through public records requests appeared to show election officials adjudicating thousands of ballots outside of business hours with no observers present. Users also claimed that waiting to adjudicate thousands of ballots until the election passed an audit ensured that election officials could steal an election undetected. Many users shared the narrative alongside a graphic from a Washington-based <u>election blog</u> or a <u>Substack article</u> from the chairman of a Washington political party's election integrity team.

Dissemination

Users shared this narrative on *Facebook, Rumble, Telegram, Truth Social*, and *X*, with *Telegram* and *X* containing the most engagement.

- <u>Telegram</u>: Over **420 users** shared videos and graphics from an <u>"election integrity" channel</u> that used King County as an example for election fraud through ballot adjudication. A prominent election influencer shared the <u>graphic</u> and a <u>Substack article</u> about King County elections to his audience of **105k subscribers**, garnering **90 shares** and **455 interactions**.
- <u>X</u>: A <u>former candidate for the Washington State House of Representatives</u> shared the narrative to their **10.5k followers**, garnering **50 likes** and **26 shares**. Three other users posted about the narrative, garnering an additional cumulative **nine likes** and **10 shares**.

Impact

This narrative could:

- 1. Degrade confidence in Washington state and King County's ballot adjudication procedures and post-election audits among those who believe that election officials commit election fraud.
- 2. Discourage individuals from participating in future Washington state elections.
- 3. Generate calls for changes to election procedures and an investigation into the King County Elections Office.



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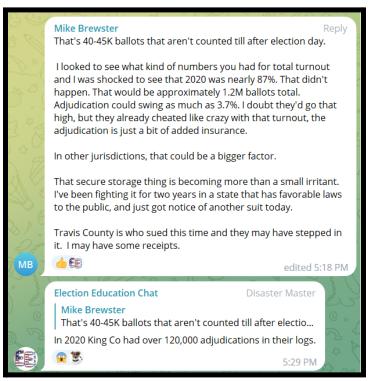
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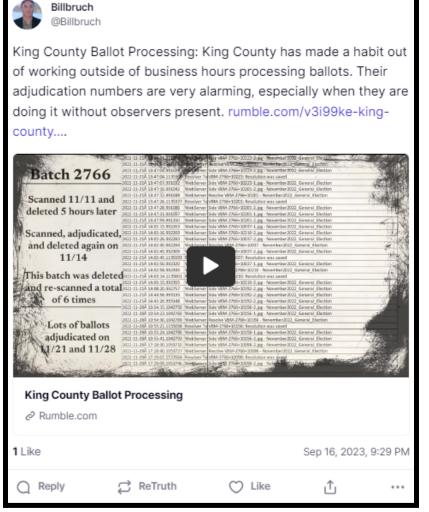
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