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Entire US voter registration record leaks (191 million)

(self.privacy)

submitted 13小時前 * by [FoundTheStuff](#)

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT: I'm happy to confirm that the database is now offline! Thank you to whoever finally took it down!

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I'm Chris Vickery. I know your phone number, address, date of birth, and more (if you're registered to vote in the US).

I have recently downloaded voter registration records for 191 million Americans from a leaky database. I believe this is every registered voter in the entire country. To be very clear, this was not a hack.

The mysterious, insecure database is currently configured for public access. No password or other authentication is required at all. Anyone with an internet connection can grab all 300+ gigabytes.

We're talking about first name, middle name, last name, home address, mailing address, phone number, date of birth, party affiliation, and logs of whether or not you voted in primary/general elections all the way back to 2000. I looked myself up in the Texas table. It's accurate.

It is not known whether or not "high risk professionals" are included in this database. However, I have looked up several police officers in my city, and their data is indeed present.

I've been working with journalists and authorities for over a week to



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get this database shut down or secured. No luck so far.

Check out the initial coverage here:  
<http://www.csoonline.com/article/3018592/security/database-configuration-issues-expose-191-million-voter-records.html>  
<http://www.databreaches.net/191-million-voters-personal-info-exposed-by-misconfigured-database>

tl;dr: Feel sorry for any journalist that already wrote a "Biggest privacy breaches of 2015" story.

**EDIT:** Forbes article is up  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2015/12/28/us-voter-database-leak/>

**EDIT 2:** I'll sum up the core issue for those that are denying the newsworthiness of this discovery:

Our society has never had to confront the idea of all these records, all in one place, being available to anyone in the entire world for any purpose instantly.

That's a hard pill to swallow.

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If you ever wanted to know why encryption is important, you are looking at it with this database. Once the government gets the data into a database everyone seems to forget security.

As a result you have this. Now think about all the idiot politicians wanting back doors and magic keys. They don't exist any more than unicorn horns do. Not too much difference between this wide open database and one with a back door.

The lies of the security branches that can't seem to acknowledge truth when it flies in the face of their wants are shown in this

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- [Cory Doctorow on the upcoming privacy wars](#)
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This is why you can't give an inch on privacy. The second it's ok for someone to have your data is the minute the clock starts ticking until it is made public. Nobody realizes how fragile everything is and an attacker only needs the weakest link



Yep. I have a friend who's a teacher, and she let her name slip online, and someone was able to link a username to another one easily, and boom, she almost got in trouble. I don't want to say too much, but they found out that she's a kinky girl.

This is why you need to be careful with where you store your data, how protected it is, and what data you wish to give away to someone, or anyone, on the internet.



The kind you don't bring home to mother?



You can say that, yes.



Now I've gone and stuck  
a song in my head..  
damn it..

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Oh man. Was she... famously kinky online?

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Nope.

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Blast.

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I'm going to be really frank about this. I work in this field. The vast majority of compromised databases are encrypted. The vast majority of encrypted databases store the keys with the data. Applied crypto 101 fail. If you don't believe me, check DBIR and other sources.

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At the access point of a DB, encryption is another beast entirely. This is just general basic security to start with, and complete incompetence and lack of understanding of how someone does their own fucking job.

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[-] jonomw 12 指標 6 小時前

It is really quite ridiculous. I am a second year computer engineering major and I have had no formal education in computer security, hell I barely have any informal education in computer security. Yet I see time after time again companies and governments make the same simple mistakes when dealing with people's information. No encryption, bad passwords, etc.

Why can I, someone not educated in this, point out flaws in security? If I can do it, a hacker will have no problem getting this info. It is simple just ridiculous and I question my own sanity sometimes about this.

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I made a comparison spreadsheet of over 100 VPN companies, their privacy policies, technical info, and pricing. Here's me giving

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Because people who aren't shit cost money and their correct opinion insults management for being bad at managing.

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People just don't think it will happen to them or that their data is not important enough for anyone to hack. I tell my boss fairly frequently that we need to do more to protect our student records but he just brushes it off with a no one cares about our data comment.

With the number of big data breaches that have happened over the past years im willing to be you could assemble a fairly informative database of almost every american and european. The genies already out of the bottle, all we can do is try to make sure this doesn't happen to the next generation.

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If it had to happen, at least it's timely.

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[-] **vivithemage** 5 指標 6 小時前

I am not hacker, but even if it was encrpyted, and had a password setup, the fact it's internet accessible is a huge no no imo. Once you get the dump, you can do what you want with it, and hack away, and crack whatever encryption is there.

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[-] **lucasjkr** 6 指標 5 小時前

If it was properly and encrypted (using new salts for each record and decryption keys stored seperatly) it wouldn't matter if you could download the raw file or not. Of course, the question would then be how secure is the key server, but the hope would be that since the se ver held decryption keys (rather than "only" personal datA) the admins would recognize this stuff needs to be bolted down.

Side question. Isn't there a lAw that makes companies financially responsible in the event of a data breach? Can one arm of the government sue another arm? Would there even be a point to that?

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And regardless of whether you trust the intentions of governments to not misuse the data, this proves once again that you certainly cannot trust their ability to safeguard it. Mind you, not that there is any reason whatsoever to trust their



intentions.

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You cannot prove unicorn horns don't exist!!!

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That's huge. I sometimes wonder how do you keep finding these databases. Good job I guess?

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As I told someone else recently-- "I'm dripping with luck these days"

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[\[-\]](#) [virusoflife](#) 19 指標 10 小時前

Quit dripping everywhere, gosh!

Seriously though, is there still no idea who is responsible for this?

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[\[-\]](#) [derphurr](#) 3 指標 2 小時前

How is this news? Other than states that make public voting records improperly secret, you can already get these PUBLIC RECORDS.

Go to Ohio Secretary of State website, download the exact same thing as a .zip for all Ohio registered voters.

All national level campaigns have all this. I can't even imagine what Koch super pacs have. All the same stuff but with lots more data attached.

One thing that Koch groups have done is make a multi state group to remove voters from registrations based on comparing multi state registrations.

If you really want data, the AAMVA was a group put into existence by HAVA designed to check state voter registration through state DMVs and committing to SSA databases. Poke around those servers.

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[\[-\]](#) [jvnk](#) 26 指標 9 小時前

A service like [Shodan](#), maybe.

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Google searches content of internet sites, Shodan searches information and configuration about internet facing devices and services

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[\[-\] holobonit](#) 11 指標 7 小時前

Also, google masks out obvious useful hacking info, like Microsoft Access database login commands. These were once available (in the 90's) for 100,000s of websites created by people who shouldn't be allowed to. I became aware of this trying to figure out how to do it for a project I was working. Just googled it, looking usual forum q&a on it, was surprised when google showed me how to breach hundreds of thousands of sites. Basically, every small town and county council, commissioner, and employee database.

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It's similar to what Google and other search engines do, except instead of indexing actual content on the "world wide web" they look for any public-facing service.

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White hats gonna white hat

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[\[-\] be-well](#) 73 指標 12 小時前

I hope this will get more attention. Maybe people are reacting slowly because it doesn't say anything specific? I understand the cautious steps you have to make, but still. There are probably numerous ways to access this data from government point of view so who got it wrong is hard to tell.

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The attention is coming. People are barely starting to wake up on the West coast, and the story just broke a few hours ago.

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[\[-\] HydroponicFunBags](#) 33 指標 7 小時前

Honestly dude, I'm not sure I understand the "scandal" here. As someone who has piddled around with local campaign management for years...I've had access to information like this for ages, easily. Shit like webelect.com... You pay like 50 dollars, they ask you if you're using this for campaigning, you say yes, then you have access. If it's not in the 12 months preceding an election,

it's free.

I understand people's concerns with this, but I think maybe they just didn't realize how widespread it's been for years? I mean, how did you guys THINK campaigns got all those phone numbers and email addresses for polling calls and mail outs? This is how. This is how they determine what demos to target, how they find out if someone is likely to vote in their election, etc. Anyone can go volunteer at a campaign and be handed credentials to log into these types of databases.

For people that aren't aware, you can contact your local supervisor of elections to opt out, which is what some law enforcement and journalists do. However, I don't think that's worth much, because while it will remove you from upcoming lists, if lists are already saved from previous years, your info is still in there. It's still gonna get passed around and sold and resold.

If this is a scandal...it should have been a scandal 12+ years ago, is all I can say. This is just old news to me. I don't see a big difference between 50 dollar access and free access. It's not like they put you through a background check when you pay a company for database access anyway.

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Whether or not it's readily apparent, I think a line has been crossed in this instance.

Handing this data, en masse, for free, to the entire world on a silver platter is a scandal. Whether or not it's possible to compile such a list, after jumping through a hoop or two, is a separate matter.

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Yes, I don't know how the individual you replied to isn't upset. Honestly, I'm shocked this isn't at the top of everything right now. This is so fucked up. This is what I get for trying to take part in my country's politics? People, for the most part, don't like talking about party affiliation or who they're voting for, but it's all open to the public??? I'd say this is second to someone having access to everyone is America's Electronic Medical Records. No wonder the U.S. is always complaining about another country hacking another "secure" state-sponsored database.

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[\[-\]](#) [meem1029](#) 11 指標 6 小時前

Who you voted for is not disclosed, only that you voted and what party you registered with.

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but thats the point the other person was trying to make - this has ALWAYS been open to the public, only in a FAR more 'in your face' method, by having an actual website where a simple ad or google search could take you to and ANYONE could buy this data for a minuscule fee. It's worrying the database is open here, but its not so much different than it being available for anyone in the public to begin with

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What do you see as the biggest consequence that couldn't have already been accomplished before this particular breach? Scammers and schemers could easily have gotten their hands on this data before, if they wanted to. The only way to diligently protect people from fraud is by educating them to know what to watch for so they don't fall for cold call and cold mail type scams. The politicians themselves have already been using it for years to demographically target you with polling and voter mail outs. I get it, it's a loss of privacy, it's the slow erosion of our privacy rights....But it's nothing NEW. It's not credit card and social security numbers. I don't see what sort of significant impact it's going to have on any private citizens' day to day life. If you had a stalker already inspired enough to stalk the shit out of you before, they could already buy access to these databases to seek you out.

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**[ - ] splashbodge** 2 指標 5 小時前

I agree with you, also I think this is a little less in your face also than a website which is actively trying to sell this very same data

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**[ - ] Ramady** 3 指標 2 小時前

I'm a professional political staffer, I'm wondering the same thing. I've got the database for my entire state on my laptop right now.

This is just silly. Anybody who wanted this info can get it, and has probably had it for years.

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**[ - ] elastic-craptastic** 2 指標 6 小時前

All those companies/counties that sell this info will be pissed at least. Why pay when you can get the whole list for the whole country for free?

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That's true. It is of great benefit to anyone doing campaign shit right now, for sure. That's who gets hurt the most from it, anyone who was making a profit trading the data.

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**[-] CarrollQuigley** 1 指標 7 小時前

I know you're exceptionally busy, but if you (or anyone else) want to help keep this story on the minds of the public and politicians, here's a really good way to do it:

[https://www.reddit.com/r/politics/comments/1os8rz/how\\_to\\_get\\_your\\_senator\\_s\\_and\\_representatives/](https://www.reddit.com/r/politics/comments/1os8rz/how_to_get_your_senator_s_and_representatives/)

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**[-] belgianwafflestomp** 4 指標 7 小時前\*

Nearly all of this information was already publicly available, just on a state by state as opposed to national basis. The link phone numbers are proprietary info however, so that's troubling.

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**[-] CDNFactotum** 4 指標 6 小時前

I tried to post it to [r/bestof](#) and the mods deleted it after it got over 200 upvotes. I guess stuff like that is part of the reason.

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**[-] wakeupmaggi3** 2 指標 8 小時前

I think people are reacting slowly because many of them don't understand it, and they're waiting to see what people who do understand it, say about it.

A consequence of dumbing down the Internet so any moron can use it to buy things.

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**[-] clydethefrog** 42 指標 10 小時前\*

I'm not from the US, so this might sound dumb: I was wondering what you mean with party affiliation? Aren't elections anonymous?

Also, looks like the story is picking up, databreaches link is already down.

Edit: The stolen presidency comment of someone else here --- would it be possible to calculate the election outcome with the "affiliation" data?

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**[-] madcaesar** 39 指標 10 小時前

Not really anonymous. It's anonymous who you voted for but most states you have to declare party affiliation to vote in the primaries.

But you can declare to be a Democrat, but in the general election vote Republican and no one would know... Supposedly, again I wouldn't bet my house on that shit really being anonymous.

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**[-] nonsensicalization** 93 指標 9 小時前

| you have to declare party affiliation to vote in the primaries

Americans, your voting system is completely bonkers. That and the de facto

two party system... That's not how free, democratic elections work.

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↑↓ [-] **mandalore237** 38 指標 9 小時前

The primaries aren't normal government elections. They're elections run by the party to select a nominee. Some states you can vote in 1 primary regardless of affiliation, others you can only vote in yours. Limiting it to party members stops the opposing party from all voting for the opposing candidate that they think they can easily beat. Especially during years when one party has an incumbent so they don't hold their own primary. You could switch your party and still do this but it at least makes it take a few more steps.

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↑↓ [-] **Thalassa** 6 指標 5 小時前

Except for the fact they're not run by the party, the party doesn't pay for it, and in a ridiculous number of states voters have pushed for independents to be able to vote in a primary.

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↑↓ [-] **mandalore237** 4 指標 4 小時前

I'm not saying it's perfect, I'm saying it's not as cut and dry as the person I was replying to implied.

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↑↓ [-] **pocketknifeMT** 2 指標 2 小時前

Primaries are run by the party. Why would you think they aren't?

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↑↓ [-] **Thalassa** 2 指標 1 小時前

State pays for the polling stations, the staff, and as far as I know the counting too.

I know some states still get everyone in a room and throw their hands in the air, but in my state primaries were identical in form to general elections.

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↑↓ [-] **lucasjkr** 3 指標 5 小時前

I'm registered for the party I detest the most specifically so I can vote in the primaries for the wackiest candidate. I explain this to friends if the topic comes up. It made me stumble upon an idea:

Rather than people registered to their party voting in the primaries to field the candidate they would most want to see win, voters of both parties should vote only for candidate in the other party. If each parties candidate were chosen by the opposing party, I think the end result would be more centrist candidates rather than how it goes now, where one party seems field candidates that are closer and closer to the fringe.

Ultimately though, the system seems hopelessly broken. Who would have thought reality tv stars would make credible candidates? Trump in 2016, then Snooki in 2020.

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[\[-\]](#) **RandomRESThrowAway92** 19 指標 9 小時前

| That's not how free, democratic elections work.

Let's not kid ourselves here. It's how an over-bloated inefficient corrupt hegemony works. It may have been a bastion of freedom in the past, but Rome is collapsing, slowly but surely.

Would you like big government, surveillance, and perpetual warfare with candidate A, or would you like big government, surveillance, and perpetual warfare with candidate B?

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[\[-\]](#) **Justanick112** 2 指標 2 小時前

Can I just pick the shortest path between point a and b and just start a war?

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[\[-\]](#) **rea111** 35 指標 9 小時前

You are correct. Our government has long been comprehensively corrupt since at least the Federal Reserve System of 1913 (but likely all the way back to the Civil War).

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[\[-\]](#) **weissig** 3 指標 8 小時前

Why the Civil War?

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[\[-\]](#) **rea111** 8 指標 7 小時前\*

Please note that I am not in favor of slavery nor have any southern affiliations. This is purely objective.

The south, by the US Constitution which is a contract, had a right to secede. Nowhere in the constitution is secession explicitly mentioned, but the 10th amendment states all rights not mentioned in the constitution belong to the states or their peoples. Therefore, all of the states, not merely the southern ones, are well within their contractual rights to opt out of the contract & secede. The contract was entirely destroyed and rendered null among all of the states when the Civil War occurred & the sovereignty of the man (as described in [Chrisholm vs Georgia US Supreme Court 1793](#)) was defaced.

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[\[-\]](#) **Sovereign\_Curtis** 7 指標 8 小時前

Nah, should have stuck with the Articles of Confederation.

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[-] **real11** 4 指標 8 小時前

I would like more information please.

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[-] **Quastors** 14 指標 8 小時前

The first draft of the constitution. Replaced because it had a lot of shortcomings, including no way for the federal government to collect taxes.

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[-] **\_spreadit** 11 指標 4 小時前

That was a feature not a bug.

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[-] **SMYFFL** 6 指標 7 小時前

Basically, back after declaring independence, we recognized that there has to be *some* central government, but were deathly afraid of government overreach. So the compromise was to create a federal government that had effectively no power at all (there wasn't even a head of state, for instance). A few years later, the Continental Congress got back together and drafted up the Constitution of the United States as a way to give at least some functioning power to themselves.

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[-] **IRAn00b** 5 指標 7 小時前

Where are you from? Presumably a country where the candidates for the legislature are just chosen by party leaders?

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[-] **TrueAmurrican** 6 指標 8 小時前

Primaries are like elections held by a private company. No one is elected to office in a primary, the private entities just hear from their membership as to who they should put on the ballot in the real election.

Also, the 'Two-Party System' is a problem with our current political process, but nothing mandates that it be that way. It's a symptom of how we do politics, but it's not that it's a system put in place by any form of law. If a large enough group is willing to support an additional party, there is nothing stopping this becoming a 'three party system' or more. Realize that there are more than two parties in the US already, there's just two that get the vast majority of support.

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↑ ↓ [-] **GudSpellar** 5 指標 7 小時前

| but it's not that it's a system put in place by any form of law

Respectfully, when you look at ballot-access laws in many states, it is an entrenched two-party system protected by legislation designed to make it extremely difficult for candidates of other parties to gain ballot access. Democrats and Republicans alike do this, often in unison, for the sake of protecting their own status as the "main" parties / options.

It is not impossible to get on the ballot (even relatively easy in some unique places). But in most areas, the hoops a new or minority party candidate must jump through simply to have a chance at running against candidates of the two "main" parties is exceedingly difficult and often prohibitive.

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↑ ↓ [-] **Cannon-C** 3 指標 5 小時前

Don't forget the "electoral college".

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↑ ↓ [-] **zverkalt** 3 指標 5 小時前

the laws also vary by state IIRC. In my state (NC), as an independent I can vote in either primary, but not both. In some states you can only vote in the primary if you're a party member.

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↑ ↓ [-] **Cronus6** 6 指標 8 小時前

You do not *have* to pick a party when you register to vote. You can register as an [Independent](#) if you choose to.

The comment you were replying to was about voting in *primaries* which is just voting to narrow the field down to a "manageable" amount of candidates. (It's like a pre-election election).[link](#)

There *are* some states where you can vote in the primaries as an independent. [Open Primaries](#).

To be honest, it's not *that* hard to pick the party that is most closely aligned with your core beliefs/issues. Unless of course you are really into one of the wack-a-do "3rd parties" of which we have a [bunch](#).

Anyway, even if you are a registered democrat you can vote for republicans...

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↑ ↓ [-] **OnNom** 7 指標 7 小時前\*

| To be honest, it's not that hard to pick the party that is most closely aligned with your core beliefs/issues.

I am pro-rights (that means *all* rights). Which party do I vote for? Both want to restrict rights. Democrats want to restrict 2nd, 4th, and 5th



amendment rights, and Republicans want to restrict 4th Amendment, gay, and women's rights.

How do I rank the rights since I can't vote for all of them? Are the rights which most affect me the most important? Is a right that is used by more people more important? Is a right that is most 'un-used' and therefore most vulnerable to being infringed the most important? What if I really care about the 4th Amendment, a right both parties want to restrict?

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[\[-\]](#) [doriath69](#) 5 指標 5 小時前

Large factions in both parties have been going after the 1st and 5th amendments as well since 9/11.

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[\[-\]](#) [FoundTheStuff](#) [\[S\]](#) 17 指標 10 小時前

When you register to vote, in many states you have the option of declaring which party you prefer. This data has that optional declaration in it.

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[\[-\]](#) [NoUseForAName123](#) 14 指標 8 小時前

In some states, it is also recorded whether you vote in the "Democratic" or "Republican" primary.

This is known as a "closed primary". You cannot participate without your participation being recorded and tracked, which is a "feature" designed and incorporated for the benefit of political campaigns. In some areas, voting in a specific party's primary is also regarded as a prerequisite to qualify for certain patronage positions.

**This data is mostly collected and tracked for the benefit of "inside baseball" types, and the general public is unaware of the depth of additional information available to politicians. This basic information can then be cross-referenced with everything from magazine subscriptions to organizational memberships for the purposes of "micro targeting",** something President Obama's campaign elevated to an art form. This database represents only one piece of a puzzle, but it is the cornerstone of determining everything from way you read to how you worship. The general public is in for a rude awakening now that this database is in the wild.

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[\[-\]](#) [hwbehrens](#) 3 指標 10 小時前

In the general election, voters can vote for whatever candidate they want. However, in the primaries when picking which candidate will run in the general election, they can usually only choose between the candidates from their own

party, as recorded in their party affiliation. This varies from state to state.

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[\[-\]](#) **RavenRavinoff** 39 指標 9 小時前

I live in North Carolina and this is considered (not by me) a feature & not a bug:

[NC Public Voter Search](#)

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[\[-\]](#) **lettsfreethree** 14 指標 8 小時前

In many states it is that way, but there are a couple companies (including the one that this data is from) that take all 50 state voter reg searches, improve the data (national change of address, validating phone numbers, gender matching, etc) and then sell or provide the data for their clients.

On a person by person it's easy enough but getting all ~200 million in one single place is not easy.

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[\[-\]](#) **TrueAmurrican** 4 指標 8 小時前

Yeah, that's all this is. I have access to my entire counties info (nicely organized by a service) because of a campaign I worked on that paid for access. High five to OP for getting all the info for free.

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[\[-\]](#) **antonivs** 4 指標 5 小時前\*

You can search individual names that way, but can you download the entire database?

One difference is that if you can access the whole database, you can use it in various ways that it's not intended to be used - mass marketing, for example.

Edit: also note that the NC database doesn't show date of birth or phone number, both of which are apparently included in the database that Vickery is talking about.

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[\[-\]](#) **Jasonberg** 243 指標 9 小時前

If you've ever been stalked by an ex-spouse, you're now unable to vote. Welcome to disenfranchisement.

If you've ever tried to get away from a church or cult, you've lost your ability to vote because they can find you now.

Hiding from despicable relatives because you've worked hard to earn a career and they want to sponge off you? No more ability to participate in elections.

Hanging out with interesting people that don't share your political views? Too bad. They will know and you will be ostracized.

What's that in your mailbox? Hundreds of new letters from campaigns that are "aligned" with your voting record.

What an interesting time we live in.

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[\[-\] iamktothed](#) 60 指標 9 小時前

You're absolutely correct. There needs to be accountability for this and clear steps forward. I hope this doesn't get swept under the rug.

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[\[-\] kde01](#) 87 指標 8 小時前

This is the USA. It'll be headline news for three days and on NYE coverage will change. By lunchtime on Jan 1st it'll be forgotten.

We may never forget, but 99% of the country will.

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[\[-\] Jasonberg](#) 18 指標 8 小時前

Reluctant upvote for truth. SMH.

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[\[-\] Nin0xRufa](#) 16 指標 6 小時前

| We may never forget, but 99% of the country will.

Looking up people's addresses by accessing their voting records is an ancient trick every bounty hunter, skip tracer and private detective in America has known about since time immemorial. Oh, and don't forget about digging through the campaign donations databases; they're even neater.

A good data analyst could do a lot with this in the aggregate--but when it comes to targeting people and fucking them over individually? **Nothing has changed.**

Actually, I'm surprised people in this sub didn't know the old "use a mail drop address to vote, pay your taxes and get your drivers license" hack. Seriously, I haven't had my physical address in a government database since the 90s. Oh well.

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[\[-\] reiduh](#) 6 指標 5 小時前

| use a mail drop address to vote

*Particularly in Southern States* you can't do this. e.g. in Texas the registrar checks to make sure the address provided is an actual domicile.

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[\[-\] ThisIs\\_MyName](#) 3 指標 1 小時前

Having a home address on your license is pretty useful if you want to provide proof-of-address.

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**[–] HydroponicFunBags** 13 指標 7 小時前

You can contact your local supervisor of elections and opt out. Some of our local law enforcement have done so. The problem is, most people don't know they can or have to opt out. And say you registered 15 years ago, and you're just now opting out... That data from the last 15 years doesn't just poof if someone has copied and is maintaining those records. It just means your address and phone number won't get added in when the legitimate databases are updated.

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**[–] Jasonberg** 5 指標 7 小時前

This ought to be opt-in, no?

Opt-out assumes people know they have an option.

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**[–] HydroponicFunBags** 9 指標 6 小時前

Oh I absolutely agree with you. But it's not, and it's designed that way for a reason...To give candidates access to this information to keep that money in politics machine going. I'm sure a number of years ago, whenever this all came into existence, having it be opt out was one thing republican and democrat candidates could agree upon. They always manage to come to an agreement on shit like this. Most of the public probably has no idea that these databases are a thing, but it's definitely common knowledge for anyone in politics.

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**[–] sunthas** 5 指標 5 小時前

you know, when I show up at my voting station to vote, they already have my name an address, half the time I tell them what page I'm on and point to myself. How else could they get this data if not storing it and printing it each election. It would be foolish to think this data would be private, although obviously it could be argued that it should be anonymized better.

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**[–] obviousoctopus** 8 指標 4 小時前

Also, every employer will be able to check on your political views and voting record. As soon as they have your resume.

Illegally, without any accountability.

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**[–] Jasonberg** 3 指標 4 小時前

Bingo! I completely forgot about that and it's not going to be an uncommon thing...

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**[–] SittingInTheRoad** 5 指標 8 小時前

Why would you be unable to vote?

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**[-] Jasonberg** 37 指標 8 小時前

Because you can be found. You can't imaging the steps women escaping brutality will take to not be found. Head over to /ex-jw if you want to see how far the Witnesses will go to get a member back.

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**[-] Kmlkmljkl** 18 指標 8 小時前

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**[-] Jasonberg** 8 指標 7 小時前

Thanks. I have a great deal of respect for people that are attempting to get away from the Witnesses and want to start a new life. I should have taken a moment to get the sub correct.

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**[-] Yellow\_Forklift** 13 指標 8 小時前

Because then you would appear in the database, along with your current contact information, allowing them to track you down.

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**[-] Thalassa** 9 指標 5 小時前

But you *already* appear. The damage has been done.  
Unless they don't fix it.

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**[-] escalat0r** 6 指標 2 小時前

Yeah I don't get this example either, the data has already been leaked, you're exposed.

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**[-] ThisIs\_MyName** 2 指標 1 小時前

Your latest address gets leaked every time you vote.

Old addresses are a lost cause, but that's not what we're concerned about.

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**[-] eobet** 3 指標 7 小時前

Why aren't your elections anonymous? Why do you record this data? And why the fuck do you only have two parties??? If I didn't know it was America, I would have guessed 3rd world country...

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**[-] belgianwafflestomp** 17 指標 7 小時前\*

They are anonymous. Nobody can see who you voted for, just whether you voted. And to be clear, that information was already publicly available - just on a state by state as opposed to a nationwide basis.

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↑ ↓ [-] **armoured\_wankball** 4 指標 6 小時前

How can you say that with any certainty when voting machines with closed sourced software are used in some constituencies?

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↑ ↓ [-] **sunthas** 7 指標 5 小時前

right, places using electronic voting machines that include your name or some other identifying number might be able to tie your vote back to you.

In my district, we use little scan cards and fill in the oval bubble like old high school standardized tests. Unless they pull fingerprints off it, they don't know who cast any specific ballot.

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↑ ↓ [-] **XJ-0461** 4 指標 5 小時前

I've never used a machine that identifies me. It's always been a person asking my name and looking through a list. Then once inside I waited in a line for the machine until it was available.

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↑ ↓ [-] **molo1134** 11 指標 7 小時前\*

Why aren't your elections anonymous? Why do you record this data?

Because residency is not citizenship. And to prevent double-voting.

Edit: to be clear, what is recorded is whether a person voted, not the ballot that they cast.

And why the fuck do you only have two parties???

There are more, but domination by two is a natural result of a first-past-the-post voting.

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↑ ↓ [-] **Zelcron** 2 指標 6 小時前

We have more than two parties, but only really two major ones. This is a mechanical construct of a **first past the post** electoral system.

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↑ ↓ [-] **TotesMessenger** 13 指標 9 小時前\*

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[\[-\]](#) **pueblokc** 12 指標 7 小時前

Leak the leak

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[\[-\]](#) **Throwaway515011** 11 指標 9 小時前

So.... Who owns the domain?

If it was leaked, where is the leak?

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[\[-\]](#) **majinspy** 8 指標 5 小時前

He's not going to tell us.

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[\[-\]](#) **Visionator** 5 指標 3 小時前

It's hosted in AWS without any other DNS entries pointing to it. The guy who found it didn't want to point directly to it, but multiple people have found it in [other forums](#).

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[\[-\]](#) **bulllee** 16 指標 10 小時前

I almost feel like this should be a prank, and a week from now you're going to come back and say "Haha, it was just a phone book and public records." The last time this info wasn't available at a local level was probably just before phone books started being printed.

The issue here then would be the scale. By this isn't necessarily new. This info has been sold to candidates and interest groups for a while now. The accessibility is troubling now though, but I also think there could be far more troubling information to have leaked. Obviously there could be legislative fixes to this, but it can also be nice to have some of the voting info for transparency purposes. If we have recorded votes for representatives, it may make sense to have some sense transparency at the general population level.

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[\[-\]](#) **Ramady** 3 指標 3 小時前

Not even sold. I've worked campaigns where we did the work on our own by just going to the county courthouse. We paid a few bucks for them to copy the files to a flash drive, and that's just a processing fee.

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**[ - ] GettinPaidNowWhat** 9 指標 9 小時前

Jokes on them, mine is way out of date.

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**[ - ] raznog** 4 指標 8 小時前

How does one change their date of birth?

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**[ - ] GettinPaidNowWhat** 5 指標 7 小時前

Very carefully.

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**[ - ] TheAlmightyRedditor** 4 指標 7 小時前

Yeah, well this [photo](#) says otherwise.

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**[ - ] GettinPaidNowWhat** 3 指標 7 小時前

*gasp*

An embarrassing picture of me at the CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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**[ - ] jaymzx0** 2 指標 6 小時前

Dr. E. Brown Enterprises may be able to help.

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**[ - ] pjkelley** 7 指標 7 小時前

300 GB? Damn, that's my entire monthly allotment of data from Comcast :(

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**[ - ] ragewithinthemachine** 33 指標 11 小時前

Not really all that surprising. There is an asshole who has been using public records laws to get all voter registration information for many states and then posting that information online on state-specific sites such as <http://www.coloradovoters.info/>, and in most states anyone can request this information at any time (how do you think Phonebanking works?)

So... this really isn't that big of a deal really, at last insofar as you haven't uncovered anything that wasn't already there.

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**[ - ] FoundTheStuff** [\[S\]](#) 41 指標 11 小時前

There are a few complications that I think you're glossing over. For example, in South Dakota, voter registration data "may not be placed for unrestricted access on the internet."

At least that's according to the restriction list published here:

<http://nationbuilder.com/voterdata>

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**[-] ragewithinthemachine** 22 指標 11 小時前

South Dakota is but one state, many of the states on that list are "unrestricted".

The leak is a concern, but only so far as the database is broken universally. What is more of a concern is that detailed voter registration information is available unrestricted in many states and can be put online by anyone who takes the time to buy the data and put it out there.

That's my point though: the leak is important, but it is small compared to the fact that release of this information is completely legal in far too many jurisdictions.

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**[-] FoundTheStuff** [S] 7 指標 11 小時前

Very true and agreed!

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**[-] mandalore237** 8 指標 9 小時前

It's public info in Florida

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**[-] SMc-Twelve** 3 指標 7 小時前

And Massachusetts - you can even see who voted in which election (though not who anyone voted for) if you're willing to pay the town a few dollars to print the list off for you.

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**[-] mandalore237** 3 指標 7 小時前

I'm pretty sure you can get that in FL too but I'm not certain

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**[-] unnecessarily** 3 指標 8 小時前

Yeah in Ohio we can download all this in a PDF from each county's website.

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**[-] xPaw** 13 指標 6 小時前

This really sounds like an unsecured/unfirewalled MongoDB installation based on the example screenshot which uses **MongoVue** software.

- <http://www.information-age.com/technology/security/123459001/major-security-alert-40000-mongodb-databases-left-unsecured-internet>
- <https://blog.shodan.io/its-still-the-data-stupid/>

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**[-] acacia-club-road** 16 指標 10 小時前

If it is public info then why not let us know the link so we can check to see if our info is there/ and if there, whether it is accurate?

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[\[-\]](#) **BMXPoet** 7 指標 10 小時前

I'd love to have the link as well, be nice to have an example of what info of mine is available.

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[\[-\]](#) **h3ph43s7u5** 7 指標 10 小時前

The database isn't public info, it's private info that's accidentally open to the public. Releasing access to the database would mean a massive privacy breach, so this probably isn't the best idea right now.

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[\[-\]](#) **kris33** 17 指標 9 小時前

Nah, it's public data that costs a lot of money to buy from each of the states, so intermediates usually do it (and create a premium API around it) since they only need to buy the data once but can sell resell it freely.

Nation Builder bought the access to the public information, resold it and their customer accidentally made his private database with the public, but expensive, information public.

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[\[-\]](#) **Cersad** 9 指標 9 小時前

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Voting records are public record. It's only "private info" to the extent that the information is distributed in manners that do not protect and limit the dissemination of the data to exclusively the uses permitted by law.

This is a situation that will probably require more than a cyber security patch to fix. It would require legislation.

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[\[-\]](#) **derphurr** 2 指標 1 小時前

It is public data. In most sane states it is all public and available as a zip on Secretary of State website. Try OH, NC, FL.

In other places you need to go to county registrar.

In a few backwards states it is private or costly to acquire

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[\[-\]](#) **SoCo\_cpp** 47 指標 10 小時前

Stolen presidency incoming....

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[\[-\]](#) **unampho** 27 指標 9 小時前

Really, I would love to do all sorts of analysis on this data. voting patterns, all sorts of interesting things to be mined.

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[\[-\]](#) **Zahoo** 7 指標 5 小時前

↓ Voting records are not in this.

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↑ ↓ [-] **FennelSoup** 10 指標 6 小時前

Like finding out who really won Florida?

And how much hanging chads had to do with it?

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↑ ↓ [-] **unampho** 6 指標 6 小時前

Isn't it kinda an open secret on who won florida? And we all just kinda choose not to think about it?

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↑ ↓ [-] **Neversun** 5 指標 6 小時前

No, there's just nothing we the people can do about it once the courts have decided, short of open rebellion. And seeing as how that presidency is long done with, people aren't going to rebel against a different government for something they didn't do.

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↑ ↓ [-] **rea1l1** 10 指標 9 小時前

This is why I'm against government registration of any sort. The people have an inalienable right to privacy & government has been proven time and again to be incapable of storing such information properly (besides the fact that government itself is full of strangers I've never met & have not built any trust with). Why am I forced into essentially globally publishing my address?

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↑ ↓ [-] **Heitah** 4 指標 7 小時前

Front page here we come.

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↑ ↓ [-] **puddlewonderfuls** 4 指標 7 小時前

Can anyone ELI5 how this voter database is different from the database the campaigns actually use?

It was such a big deal when the Sanders campaign had access to the DNC's database without restriction, but all of the criticism for this security failure seems to be focused on how the data is available to the public by request per state already. This is just all the voter data in one place, which is what I thought the DNC had control over and punished Sanders for overstepping. What's the difference between these databases?

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↑ ↓ [-] **officerbill\_** 4 指標 6 小時前

fine, but WTF is the address of the database?

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**[ - ] allie** 32 指標 10 小時前

I think these databases are deliberately allowed to leak to make people get used to the idea they have no privacy so they won't object to governments and corporations knowing everything about them and using that information against them.

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**[ - ] SlowRollingBoil** 26 指標 9 小時前

Look at how we deal with identity theft. It's so common place your credit card bank calls you up, tells you about suspicious charges, you confirm and they just send you some new cards.

Your data gets leaked by any number of retailers and services? They give you free credit monitoring for a year.

We're used to it. Anything we get used to becomes permanent. This extends all the way to NSA spying revelations. They go from shocking revelations to common place in less than a year.

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**[ - ] allie** 5 指標 9 小時前

Yep. That's it. And if they are not doing it deliberately they are causing it by the backdoors they insist on.

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**[ - ] SlowRollingBoil** 17 指標 8 小時前

I work in IT hosting and the back door stuff that came out of the NSA revelations were the most shocking to me. They've infiltrated every piece of hardware and software any IT hosting provider would use. Anything that is so third-party that the NSA hasn't infiltrated is either not worth using or, if it got more popular, would be easily corrupted as well.

RSA, for fuck's sake! Cisco, Intel, Juniper, Oracle, VMware, motherboard BIOSes - everything! When faced with such complete power there really isn't anything to do is there. These are used throughout the world, not just in the US. You either go live off the grid in some random ass country or you get on with your life in the US and keep your shit straight.

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**[ - ] iOwy8nOFiUy6VZNZYV9i** 9 指標 8 小時前

Don't give up. Encrypt everything. Circulate false data. Vote. Convince people to care. At least make it more difficult for them

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**[ - ] SlowRollingBoil** 8 指標 7 小時前

There's nothing my clients can do. Production environments need rock solid hardware, support and features. You simply must go through these vendors and chipset makers if you want to do IT hosting.

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Considering that voter data is public info to begin with, there is not much privacy to be expected here in the first place. The only "scandal" in this story is the size of the database, and the fact it is available for free online. Outside of that, anyone can look up your voter info to begin with.

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This information is available at all times and is normally purchased by campaigns to use during the political process.

In my possession are the names, addresses, numbers, political affiliations, and which elections voters participated in, for every single registered voter in my county.

The only reason I don't have access to more is because we didn't purchase access to more (I worked a county election). Good on you for finding that info for free, but it's not like there's been a security breach of information that isn't in many hands already, every political season.

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Thanks, I was starting to feel crazy. Almost anyone who has worked on an election campaign has had pretty cheap access to this info for years, I've accessed it myself for local elections.

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I think the contentious issue is this:

Our society has never had to confront the idea of all these records, all in one place, being available to anyone in the entire world for any purpose instantly.

That's a hard pill to swallow.

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Now that it is available openly without restriction on the Internet, is it legal to commercialize/ openly repost it? I'm not saying I want that to happen, I want to know if there's any law against that.

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Almost certainly not a problem. Unless the people running it take it down. You can't copy right a database in the us, so the data is ok to have, and it should all be from public sources anyway.

Thus far the only barrier to having this data is that it's a pain in the ass to get.

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[–] **ImreJele** 3 指標 9 小時前

And government officials act surprised why I don't want them to collect and hold unnecessary information on me.

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[–] **mandalore237** 3 指標 9 小時前

In Florida all of your voter info is public info anyways

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[–] **kstinfo** 2 指標 6 小時前

Yeah, but didn't they hang some guy for releasing that info back in 2000?

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[–] **iOwy8nOFiUy6VZNZYV9i** 3 指標 7 小時前

How do you avoid prosecution? It seems like every company lately would rather sue whitehats than thank them

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[–] **marshal\_mellow** 3 指標 7 小時前

I'm Chris Vickery. I know your phone number, address, date of birth, and more (if you're registered to vote in the US).

Hi Chris. Please respond via SMS.

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[–] **real-dreamer** 3 指標 7 小時前

Hypothetically speaking how would someone find this and access this if they're simply curious?

Hypothetically speaking.

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[–] **neubourn** 2 指標 1 小時前

Hypothetically speaking, you can look up voting records anyway. try starting here:

<http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/Voter-and-Elections-Information.htm>

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[–] **burncycle** 3 指標 6 小時前

Can someone PM me a link to the db?

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[–] **squegles** 3 指標 6 小時前

Where can we find the data? I think it would be interesting to run some statistical tests on it for personal use.

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[\[-\] The\\_Luv\\_Machine](#) 3 指標 5 小時前

Please let me know if you get an answer to this. I too would be interested in the data for statistical use.

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[\[-\] MonsterIt](#) 3 指標 4 小時前

Good thing I move every year, catch me if you can!!

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[\[-\] Ramady](#) 3 指標 2 小時前

So, as a professional political staffer, what exactly is the leak? I have a database for my state on my laptop right now. It's part of the public record.

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[\[-\] DustyJoel](#) 6 指標 9 小時前

This is brutal. Especially in an age where CEOs/employees are ousted for political beliefs/donations.

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[\[-\] sunthas](#) 2 指標 5 小時前

I feel CEOs should be held to a higher standard. I'm not sure we've seen any rank and file employees be fired for political donations?

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[\[-\] futilerebel](#) 3 指標 8 小時前

Holy shit. I can't believe this data is just... sitting out there.

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[\[-\] Sabelas](#) 5 指標 4 小時前

This information has been publicly available for decades. In most counties you can get it printed for you for a small fee. In all of the elections that I've worked on (since 2008), we have had access to this info for voter outreach stuff. It's nothing new.

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[\[-\] ron\\_leflore](#) 2 指標 8 小時前

How come you can't determine who is responsible for the database leaking?  
Can't you just figure out who registered the domain? Or who administers the IP address?

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[\[-\] traphix](#) 2 指標 8 小時前

Why wouldn't you post it, why does it matter if only you have it. A lot of states have this information already publicly accessible anyways.

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[\[-\]](#) **frozenfire** 2 指標 8 小時前

Is there any way to tell if someone's using this information on your service? I'm involved with a few different telecommunications companies that do mass SMS and voice (telephone) broadcasts. It'd be helpful if there were trap records in this data that could be used to identify spammers/scammers as they attempt to contact those "people".

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Who do I sue? My state?

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[\[-\]](#) **JobDestroyer** 2 指標 6 小時前

I thought that it was public knowledge that voter registration is public information...

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[\[-\]](#) **DamienJaxx** 2 指標 5 小時前

Aren't voter records public information anyway?

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[\[-\]](#) **the\_fella** 2 指標 1 小時前

Yes.

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[\[-\]](#) **foil-time** 2 指標 5 小時前

This will be a great cross reference for other massive data leaks out there. People who weren't so worried about Ashley Madison will have extortion attempts against them at their most recent address. Some people worried about a single set of data leakage can't really comprehend that when linked to other data (Say a military background check) with a current address....well, could cause some major issues.

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[\[-\]](#) **Ande2101** 2 指標 4 小時前

Torrent or GTFO.

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[\[-\]](#) **MyNameIsOP** 2 指標 4 小時前

Do I feel a magnet link incoming?

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[\[-\]](#) **the-chickens** 2 指標 3 小時前

This information is readily available on a ton of websites. Needed to get the # of two old friends this past weekend due to an emergency. Neither were on FB, so I googled their names and hoped for the best. Found their number via their VR.

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**[ - ] Alyusha** 2 指標 2 小時前

I mean, other than your voting record and Date of Birth (which imo is only useful for commercial use) everything else you can find in a phone book.

Someone fucked up huge here but Its nowhere near as bad as other security issues we've had in the past that kind of got swept under the rug.

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**[ - ] CatsAreTasty** 2 指標 1 小時前

Isn't all this data already publicly available? Voting registration information is available online in many states or via freedom of information requests, and there all sorts of perfectly legal ways to get phone number and match them against said records. Heck in a few days of web scrapping I can probably put together a far scarier dataset using nothing but open records, Linkedin and Google. Plus with some basic statistical techniques I could use easily obtainable econometric, and behavioral datasets to further enhance that data... Anyhow, its pretty amazing how much stuff is already out there and perfectly legal to download and aggregate, slap a web form and make it available to the general public. What is the news here? Has anyone shown that it contains redacted data such as law enforcement and judicial officials home addresses?

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**[ - ] Collective82** 4 指標 6 小時前

Is there a way to search by addresses? It would be fascinating to see who was voting from where. You may have even found a magic bullet to prove or disprove voter fraud.

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**[ - ] TowelSnatcher** 2 指標 6 小時前

Political technology professional here. This is really NBD. We've had voter lookup databases accessible to the public for years. Campaigns have add access to technology like NGPVan that collect all this data for much longer than that. In fact, voter records - - name, registration, affiliation, home phone, home address -- are considered open data in many states. Here's one for NY: Votersearch.org

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**[ - ] politicaldataguy** 2 指標 6 小時前\*

As someone who is very familiar with working with voter data, I'm unconvinced this will become a major news story. Regardless of the privacy issues here, the vast majority of the leaked info is already public information. Campaigns, data clients and often times anyone can buy these files from states. This is more akin to someone creating a national white pages than it is releasing metadata of phone logs. Of course many of these states do place restrictions on how these files can be used and those restrictions can now be circumvented with a public release of the database.

The main privacy issue is the fact that this info is already compiled for easy access. It appears to be It also appears to be a out of date but still recent database. On the political side, there will likely be no implications as all the national campaigns already have all this information. Some data companies might be able to use this info to

improve their models, but even that is not guaranteed.

I feel as though the OP is fear mongering on a data breach that will have a much smaller impact than what is being assumed here. It's unknown how many people will have access to all this information and how if at all it can be exploited. If I wanted to find a person's dob or their address I would likely just look them up in the white pages, in that person's state government database or some other official channel.

This data breach should not have happened. People deserve more control over their data that companies and governments regularly collect. However, I still can't help but feel as though Vickery is deliberately blowing this out of proportion.

TLDR: This is not a gold mine as being claimed. Possibly a copper mine but who knows what further details will be released.

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[\[-\]](#) **Crosam** 2 指標 11 小時前

Does anyone know how to unregister to vote? I know my information is already compromised at this point but I don't trust the system anymore. I would rather protect my right to privacy.

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[\[-\]](#) **dareksam** 13 指標 10 小時前

Change citizenship.

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[\[-\]](#) **Crosam** 5 指標 10 小時前

Is there really any country that respects its citizens privacy anymore?

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[\[-\]](#) **dareksam** 6 指標 8 小時前

Iceland.

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[\[-\]](#) **mnp** 7 指標 9 小時前

Your information is already out there. Withdrawing from one database out of thousands, govt and commercial, will not change that. The databases are constantly being bought and sold, stolen and leaked, extrapolated and combined. It's truly out of your control.

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[\[-\]](#) **rea1l1** 4 指標 9 小時前

You'll essentially need to move & get a new phone number for actual privacy/safety. Then stop giving out your private information.

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[\[-\]](#) **ConLawHero** 4 指標 8 小時前



I'm not sure why this is an issue. This is all public information. Back in law school (8 years ago) we used to look up the voting registration and turnout of certain professors.

Did you know you can look up the salary for any public employee in the US? That has their name, title, and dates employed as well.

So long as the database doesn't disclose who the person voted for, this isn't even remotely newsworthy.

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[\[-\]](#) **pukedbrandy** 2 指標 7 小時前

Why does this data get collected in the first place?

In the UK, all election votes are cast on a piece of paper that starts identical to every other voting slip in that constituency. The only way that voting slip is allowed to change is with an 'x' going in one box to designate your vote. If there is ANY mark other than that on the slip it is thrown out.

It ensures that there is no possible way to verify any individual's vote, and so it's impossible to buy/sell/punish/reward anybody for their vote.

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[\[-\]](#) **officerbill\_** 3 指標 6 小時前

These records don't have anything to do with *who* you voted for, no one has that information.

The information found has to do with voter registration, which is used to determine the locations where you are eligible to vote and your ability to vote in party specific primaries.

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