

# [***Elon Musk Shared Tweets Raising Concerns About Ballot Stuffing Despite Experts Saying Voter Fraud Is Rare***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69J7-TXG1-JBCM-F14W-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Musk tweeted concern about alleged ballot stuffing in Connecticut after a judge ruled a mayoral primary must be repeated due to concerns of ballot stuffing.

**Body**

**Topline**

Billionaire Elon Musk shared tweets Thursday alleging potential voter fraud from the 2020 election in Georgia, and suggested the frequency of fraud is still an open question marking the latest entry into the billionaire s history of promoting unsubstantiated voting concerns, even though experts believe voter fraud is not a prevalent issue in the U.S.

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Elon Musk tweeted concerns about election fraud in Connecticut after a judge ruled a mayoral primary must be repeated due to concerns of ballot stuffing. (Photo by JIM WATSON / AFP) (Photo by JIM WATSON/AFP via Getty Images)

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**Key Facts**

Musk weighed in Thursday afternoon on a recent situation in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in which ajudge ordereda new primary in a mayoral race that was won by mere hundreds of votes because of concerns around potential ballot stuffing.

That this happened here is beyond reasonable doubt, Musk said in thetweet, referring to ballot stuffing, adding: The only question is how common it is.

In Connecticut, Superior Court Judge William Clark said surveillance footage showing a woman apparently putting multiple ballots into a ballot box was shocking and said the volume of ballots so mishandled is such that it calls the result of the primary election into serious doubt, accordingto NBC Connecticut.

Musk also linked to avideoposted by Trump spokesperson Liz Harrington on X the social media platform formerly known as Twitter that Musk bought last year in which people are speculating a woman was stuffing ballots in Gwinnett County, Georgia, in 2020 and calling her a felon for turning in what appeared to be six ballots.

The video shared by Musk does not appear to have been debunked by law enforcement, though at least three other videos in Gwinnett County that citizens had raised as potential voter fraudwere  debunkedwhen investigators found the videos showed one person turning in ballots on behalf of family members, which islegalin the county.

Even if the claims were not debunked and investigators found the ballots were harvested, Chairman of the Elections Board Matt Mashburn said the votes would have been legal under Georgia law and should be counted,accordingto the**Washington Post**.

**Forbes**has reached out to Musk for comment.

**Key Background**

Many claims of voter fraud especially involving absentee ballots and ballot stuffing or harvesting have been debunked prior to and in the years following the 2020 election. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, there isextensive researchshowing voter fraud is very rare, voter impersonation is virtually nonexistent and many instances of alleged fraud are simply mistakes. For example, in 2017, the Centerfoundthe rate of voting fraud in the U.S. was less than 0.0009%. There is also research showing that there is no evidence absentee, or mail-in, ballots increase voter fraud,accordingto the Brookings Institute, and former President Donald Trump s claims of mail-in voter fraud have beenrejected by courts. In Georgia a state that was targeted by Trump s election fraud claims officials on both sides of the political aisle have maintained there wasn t widespread fraud. Gabriel Sterling, a Republican who served as Georgia s voting system implementation manager,saidin January 2021 that there was no evidence of any irregularities, and when they looked into potential incidents that were reported they found nothing that seems real in any way, shape or form, honestly.

**Tangent**

Despite the data showing that voter fraud is increasingly rare and claims that the 2020 election was stolen being debunked, this isn t the first time Musk has promoted election interference theories. As recently as May, Musktweeteda link to astoryin The Federalist, a conservative online publication, alleging Mark Zuckerberg bought the 2020 presidential election by making large donations. X also receivedcriticismfor its handling of misinformation about the election, and ***politics*** more broadly, and not enforcing policies that allow platforms to restrict the spread of misinformation.

**Forbes Valuation**

**Forbes**estimatesMusk s net worth at $229.9 billion as of Thursday afternoon, making him the wealthiest person on Earth, largely due to his stakes in Tesla and SpaceX.

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