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Dear Dr. Grofman,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript “Fallacies in Statistically-Based Claims about Massive Election Fraud in 2020: A Compendium” (USPP-2022-0019) to the *Journal of Statistics and Public Policy (SPP)*. This could make an interesting addition to the journal, but its format definitely needs revising to match the journal expectations. In particular, footnotes should be fairly rare and usually short, while you have 54 of them. Some of yours are, while interesting, not directly needed for the article. Others have text that can easily be incorporated into the main article. I’ve identified some that could be dropped or shortened, but I’d encourage you to look further into this.

Here are specific edits I’ve recommended.

Abstract 3rd line, change believe to believed.

Abstract 3rd line from end. After “teaching tool” add “for the press, public, and students”.

Introduction 10th line. Drop the sentence beginning “Many of those candidates...” There are a number of such examples where it is clear you drafted the article before the 2022 election, but it won’t appear until 2023.

Footnote 5, 5th line. Drop everything starting with “For example,”. The point is true but not needed here.

Page 8, line 3. Drop “the top”.

Figure 1. Drop the note.

Page 12, line 10. After “percentage points better” add “than Clinton in 2016”.

Footnote 13. Drop.

Page 14 last paragraph. This should be converted to a simpler paragraph and a table that has all the numbers. For example, it might look like the following.

	2016		2020	
Trump	57%	55,300,000	58%	61,500,000
Biden/Clinton	37%	35,900,000	41%	43,500,000
Other	6%		1%	
Difference		19,400,000		18,000,000

Page 16 top two lines. Data “are” accurate, not “is” accurate. Drop footnote 15.

Page 16 last line. Insert “many” before “more voters”.

Page 18 second paragraph. Your point in this section is that you can’t interpret statistical significance without referencing a specific hypothesis, which is really important. But then in criticizing what was done on this page you don’t mention the hypothesis that is clearly wrong. So adding a sentence about what hypothesis they are assuming would be important.

Page 19 second line. Drop “And”.

Footnote 20. You might want to mention that Maryland has now changed its law to allow early counting of mail-in ballots.

Drop Footnotes 21 and 22.

Page 23 last line of main text. Drop “And”.

Page 25, 5th line from bottom. Drop footnote 29 and just put “(Jenny, 2020)” at the end of the sentence.

Footnote 32. Add “2020” before “actual fraud”.

Page 28, 1st line of Section D. Drop “example the” and add “is” after “observation” so that it is a complete sentence.

Page 34 1st line. Move the initial parenthesis from before Hopkins to after.

Drop footnotes 41 and 42.

Footnote 42 drop all but the first sentence (ending in Historian”).)

Drop footnotes 44, 45, and 46.

Page 38, the first paragraph. This example is not clear, can you come up with something better?

Drop footnotes 51 and 53.