Dear Editors,

On behalf of my co-author, Bernie Grofman and myself, I wish to submit to Perspectives on Politics our paper titled “Critiquing Syllygisms and Statistical Fallacies in the Claims about Massive Election Fraud in 2020”. We have drafted this paper to offer a different take than the typical journalistic accounts debunking the claims about massive voter fraud made by the Trump re-election team and in the blogosphere. What is distinctive about our approach is that we only discuss claims where the alleged facts about the 2020 election or past elections were indeed true. Citing to relevant political science literature, we show how some of the claims present only partial truths; and we identify logical fallacies and errors in statistical reasoning ( e.g., confusing percentage points with percentages). We unify our discussion of distinct topics in terms of what we label as *syllygisms*. These are arguments which are either fallacious in form, or which have at least one premise that is indubitably false even while another premise may be quite factual.

We hope to clarify why implausible claims of massive voter fraud can be made to seem credible. We believe that a wide audience in Political Science would be interest in our analysis.

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan Cervas

P.S. After we had finished this article except for some reference additions and final proofing, we got a notice about an unpublished essay that seemed to be about similar issues. In order to avoid any possibility of inadvertent plagiarism, we deliberately did not access that essay.