Election Security and Integrity
What is election security?
What is election integrity?
Election Security
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Physical Security + Cybersecurity
Physical Security

- Security plans
- Secure storage of voting machines and electronic pollbooks
- Testing and sealing of voting machines
- Use of passwords and limiting physical access
Cybersecurity

• Networks of state and local governments
• Programming of machines
• Testing and sealing of voting machines
• Use of passwords and limiting physical access (again!)
• Use of email and other clever devices by hackers to get access
Election Integrity

“In this and like communities, public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment, goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed.”

Abraham Lincoln
Election Integrity = People + Policies + Education/Perception
People

- Attracting and retaining them
  - Electoral Board members
    - Backgrounds/qualifications
    - Protections
    - Time to do the job
  - General Registrars and Assistant Registrars
    - Hiring
    - Protections
    - Compensation
Policies
Essentially: Is there . . .
  Due process?
  Equal protection?
  Fair representation in the political process?
Policies - continued

We see these issues reflected in problems and controversies we read about in the news:

· Nonpartisan administration of elections
· Access by voters and casting a meaningful vote
· Equal implementation of voter registration and election laws
· Redistricting
· Campaign finance
Education

• Civics education matters!
• Outreach by state and local government
• Dealing with rumors and incorrect information
  • The Internet is a source of knowledge but also misinformation.
  • Word of mouth is great—if the information is correct
  • Dunning-Kruger Effect
Reading List
*The Victory Lab*, by Sasha Issenberg
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