

Job One: Get Connecticut's Election Officials the help they need

Once again I thank Chairman and Senator Fox and Chairman and Representative Flexer and ranking members Senator Sampson and Representative Gale Mastrofrancesco for the privilege of sharing my insights and observations on Connecticut election issues.

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Imagine if Connecticut had a full time election workforce with ample time to apply standard vetting process to each registration and absentee ballot. Trust in Connecticut elections would soar and so would Connecticut's turnout which would be record breaking. But that is not where we stand today.

Any expansion of our voting laws is premature, especially the provisions for 16 year olds preregistering to vote and early voting as proposed in S.J. 13, I oppose these proposals because **Connecticut lacks the infrastructure and bandwidth** with it's election workforce to manage these processes and completely vet last minute registrants - known as Election Day Registrations (EDR) let alone a protracted voting period and a whole new class of registrants. The following examples illustrate how EDR policy is a predictor of problems with early voting and the preregistration of 16 year olds.

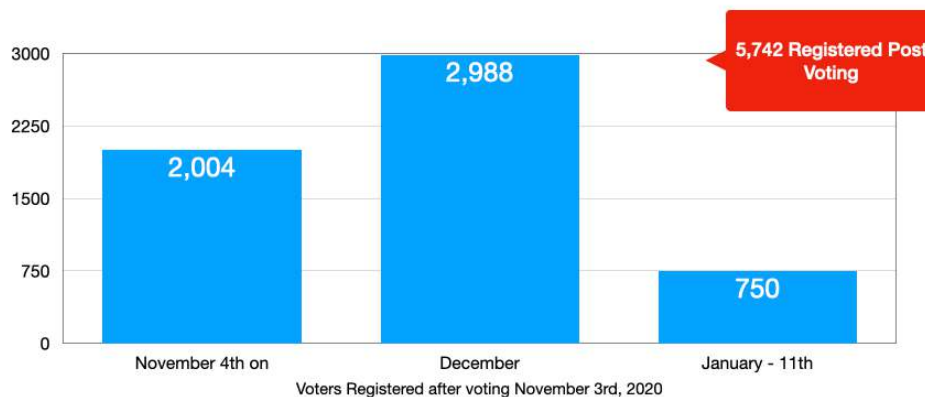
Connecticut's voter data system lacks the proper checks and balances to properly vet each voter, particular when we allow nearly 15,000 citizens to register to vote in a single day. Recently our organization identified flaws in the EDR process. One flaw allowed 6 voters to allegedly vote while under the age of 18 on November 3rd and were not registered to vote until a week later. Clearly a breakdown in the vetting process. **Connecticut's Election Workforce cannot process Election Day**

Underaged Voter Dataset

	Birthdate Per SOTS Voter Rolls	Registration date Per SOTS Voter Rolls	Voting Date Per SOTS Voter Rolls	Age as of 11/3/20
Alleged Voter A	8/03/2003	11/9/2020	11/3/2020	17
Alleged Voter B	6/07/2003	11/9/2020	11/3/2020	17
Alleged Voter C	12/01/2002	11/9/2020	11/3/2020	17
Alleged Voter D	03/31/2014	4/30/2014	11/3/2020	6
Alleged Voter E	01/09/2003	11/10/2020	11/3/2020	17
Alleged Voter F	12/05/2002	11/10/2020	11/3/2020	17

Registrations in a timely manner as illustrated in 2020. 14,887 voters showed up to vote for the for the first time on November 3rd, 2020. Then we discovered that 5,742 voters were not officially registered until days, weeks, and months later. This begs the question as to whether the voters were properly vetted for domicile, duplicate registrations in other towns and states or were US Citizens of the proper age.

Registered After Voting 11/3/20

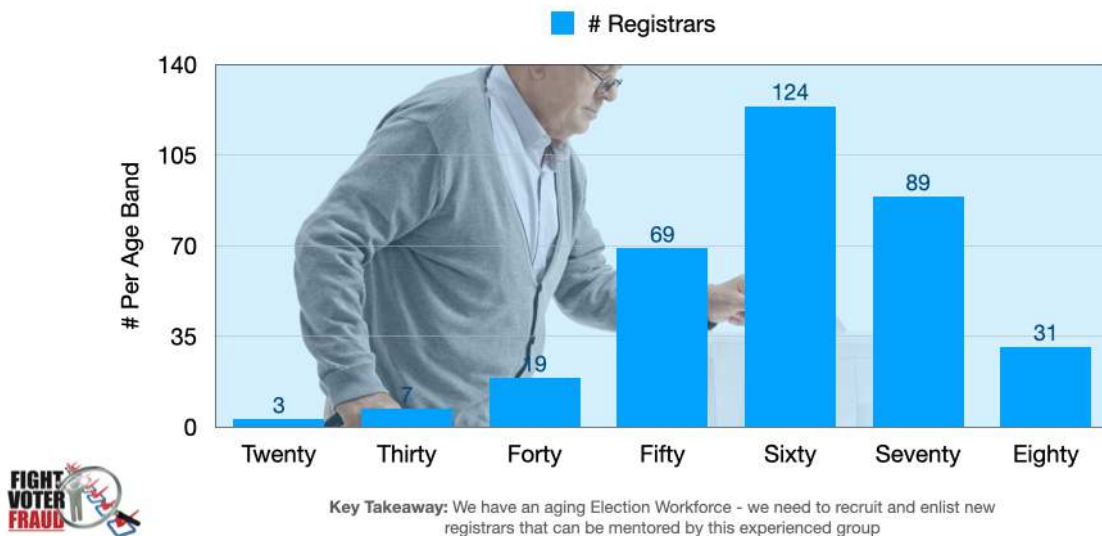


Next we consider that fact that we have an incredible group of election officials, our Registrars of Voters in 169 towns. This group is talented and experienced but they are a tiny group when considering what is being asked of them. Election Day Registration, Early Voting, 650,000 absentee ballots - each element of these programs must be thoroughly checked for accuracy, fraud and just simple human error.

Compounding the issue is that this is an aging workgroup as the chart illustrates. The big concern here for lawmakers is that if you consider our Election Workforce as the 'Varsity Team' then where is the 'JV' team? Only three registrars are under the age of thirty. We must infuse this group with new people that can learn from the mentors we have today and to ensure our election process is executed as intended. That requires goal setting, investment, and recruiting.

Connecticut Registrars - Age Distribution

As of February, 2021 (Sample: 338 D's and R's)



Again I urge our lawmakers to reconsider expansion of voting programs without a critical look at the processes in place today and the data that exposes flaws that speak to the deficiencies in our process.

Election officials and Lawmakers have two goals when it comes to Connecticut Elections.

- 1) Elections must be run well and with the goal of making elections easy and accessible to voters.
- 2) The Connecticut voters must have confidence in the security and integrity of our elections. This begins and ends with good data.

Election Integrity requires Data Integrity

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