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This analogy is unfair. In 04, exit polls suggested Kerry had won, and the Bush administration itself had helped fund exit polls in Ukraine that year & supported a Ukrainian election re-do based in part based on the exit polls. In 2020, exit polls favored Biden, not Trump. 1/

> In 2004, election truthers trotted out supposed statistical anomolies to try and "prove" Kerry won Ohio. It was bunk. Now some GOP folks are making similar arguments to claim Trump won the election. This is bunk too.
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> — Jonathan H. Adler (@jadler1969) November 28, 2020

2/ US State Dept commentary re the 2004 election in Ukraine and the discrepancy between the exit polls (which suggested a pro-West Yuschenko victory) and official results (which suggested a pro-Russia Yanukovych victory). https://t.co/dwWaTvL8aF

3/ The 2004 election in Ukraine was re-done and produced the opposite result, consistent with the exit polls.

4/ Exit polls in the US around the same time as Ukraine’s 2004 election suggested a solid Kerry victory. Voters had every reason to question why the Bush administration considered exit polls reliable in Ukraine but not in the US at the same time. https://t.co/SwUPeRnGtf

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polls, as everyone knows, were a fiasco. Exit polls conducted by the National Election Pool (a consortium created by the networks, CNN, and the Associated Press to replace the service that was responsible for the disastrous miscalls of the *last* Presidential election) and the Los Angeles *Times*, along with election predictions by Zogby International, showed Kerry pulling away. CNN, on its Web site on Election Day, posted exit polls that, according to Steven Freeman, at the University of Pennsylvania, had Kerry winning Ohio by 4.2 percentage points (he lost by 2.5 points), Pennsylvania by 8.7 percentage points (he won by 2.2), and Minnesota by 9 points (he won by 3.5). At 5:30 P.M. on Election Day, Zogby's Web site had Kerry with a projected total of three hundred and eleven electoral votes, a blowout. (Kerry ended up with two hundred and fifty-two electoral votes to Bush's two hundred and eighty-six.) At 8 P.M., journalists were looking at national exit polls showing Kerry winning the popular vote by three points. And even after the polls had closed in Virginia the networks designated the race there too close to call, based on the exit data. Bush won Virginia by nine points.

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Discussion of Ohio 2004. 5/ https://t.co/PQ50iq5Dv0

Ohio's Secretary of State that year, Ken Blackwell, was also a co-chair of Bush's reelection campaign in Ohio. 6/ https://t.co/YGEhK65yxG

Ken Blackwell had also tried unsuccessfully to ban exit polls in Ohio in 2004. 7/ https://t.co/C7MXKm2H5K

Ken Blackwell is a fundamentalist Christian who opposes same sex marriage and abortion even in the case of rape or incest. 8/ https://t.co/xM8nil6vuQ

This discusses Blackwell's position on abortion. 9/ https://t.co/pt1Tydenlq

Blackwell ran for Governor in 06. But on the morning of the election, EPluribus published proof that GOP operatives w/ ties to Blackwell had routed Ohio's reported results in 04 to a server in TN owned by Smartech, which also hosted the Bush WH emails. 10/ https://t.co/RlyZtCaKCh

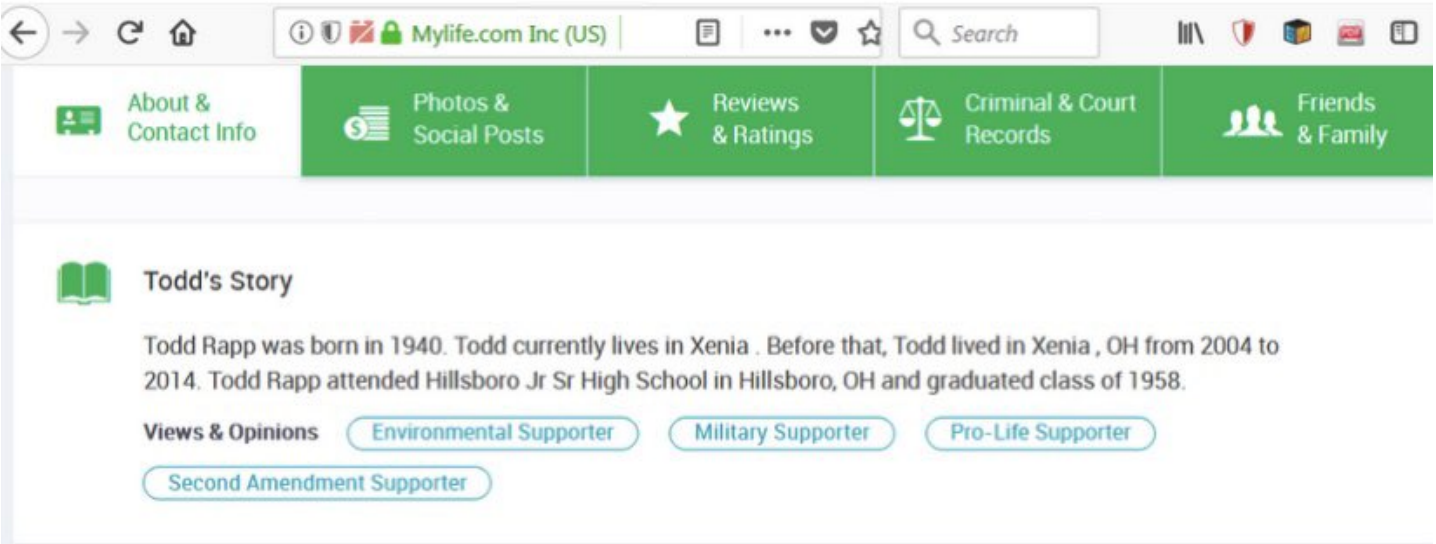
To be clear, this did not prove fraud. But it was shocking to some nonetheless. Maybe it's a coincidence, but Blackwell then lost his race for Governor. 11/

Here's a Wired article confirming what EPluribus proved in 2006, while noting that reported results are not the vote tallies themselves. 12 https://t.co/GWjBjEznYS

But a Republican-owned company named Triad also had remote access to at least some of the county tabulators in Ohio, which compiled precinct totals. (Triad provided voting equipment to about 1/2 of Ohio's counties in 04.) 13/ https://t.co/vvzcGIS284

Triad is owned and run by the Rapp family, including Brett Rapp and Todd Rapp. I found this My Life profile for Todd Rapp, which says his interests include the Second Amendment and "pro-life." 14/

8. I have been told that he is or was known in Ohio for his pro-life stance and this MyLife.com excerpt seems to back that up:



Mike Connell, who built architecture that routed Ohio's reported results to Smartech apparently thought abortion was murder. He died in a private plane crash b4 the trial in the case alleging the 04 election was rigged in favor of Bush, an evangelical. 15/ https://t.co/4lYuSXS3DN

None of this suffices to prove fraud. But if provides more than enough cause for concern, and a whole lot more than anything the current pro-Trump faction has come up with. 16/

This statement by @Spoonamore could not be corroborated, but also provided much legitimate cause for concern. 17/ https://t.co/YWua0MsAf8

> \U0001f525A Republican tech expert, Mike Connell, President of GovTech was a devout Catholic and Spoonamore said in an affidavit that Connell \u201cadmitted to me that in his zeal to 'save the unborn' he may have helped others who have compromised elections.\u201d\U0001f525https://t.co/B4quRRTkuW
>
> — Venture Capital (@kelly2277) February 17, 2020

When Connell was deposed, he acknowledged building the architecture that allowed Ohio's results to be re-routed to Smartech in TN in the event the main server failed. He said he did not know why the Smartech server kicked in bc he saw no indication the main server had failed. 18/

Connell denied having knowledge of wrongdoing during his deposition, but was then subpoenaed for trial. He died before the trial. Spoonamore had been speaking with him in the interim period & thought his conscience was getting to him. A tragic event all around. 19/

Here's a link to Connell's deposition transcript via @TheBradBlog. 20/ https://t.co/arKBv6Tgom

I just noticed that an article about Connell and Ohio 2004 has been tagged by Twitter as potentially "spammy" and "unsafe". This is the danger of equating Trump's lies about 2020 w/ legitimate concerns about 2004. 21/

Here are just a few of Team Trump's lies and misleads. 22/

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Thread



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Seriously, do Rs not care about credibility at all? Or are they unaware of how much team Trump **lies**? Attorney Lin Wood was responsible for this ridiculously faulty affidavit by Russell Ramsland that swapped MN and MI. Giuliani continued using it after it was debunked. Liars. 1/



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More. 23/



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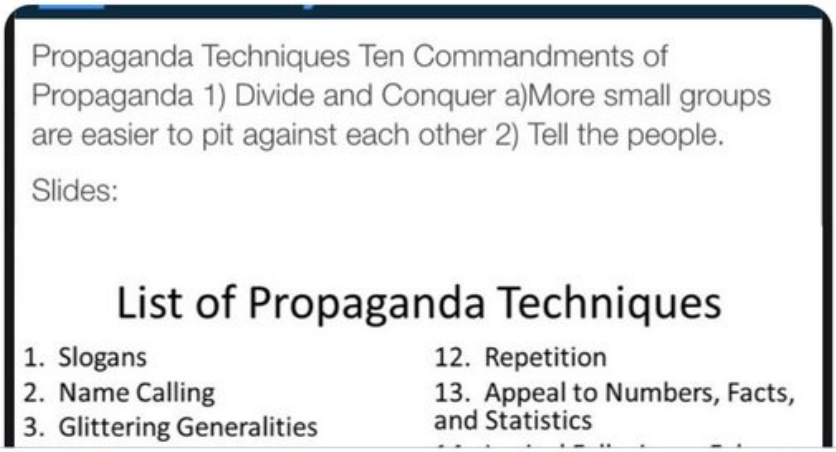
The vendors that sold voting machines to **Venezuela**? ESS & Smartmatic.

The vendor that didn't? Dominion.

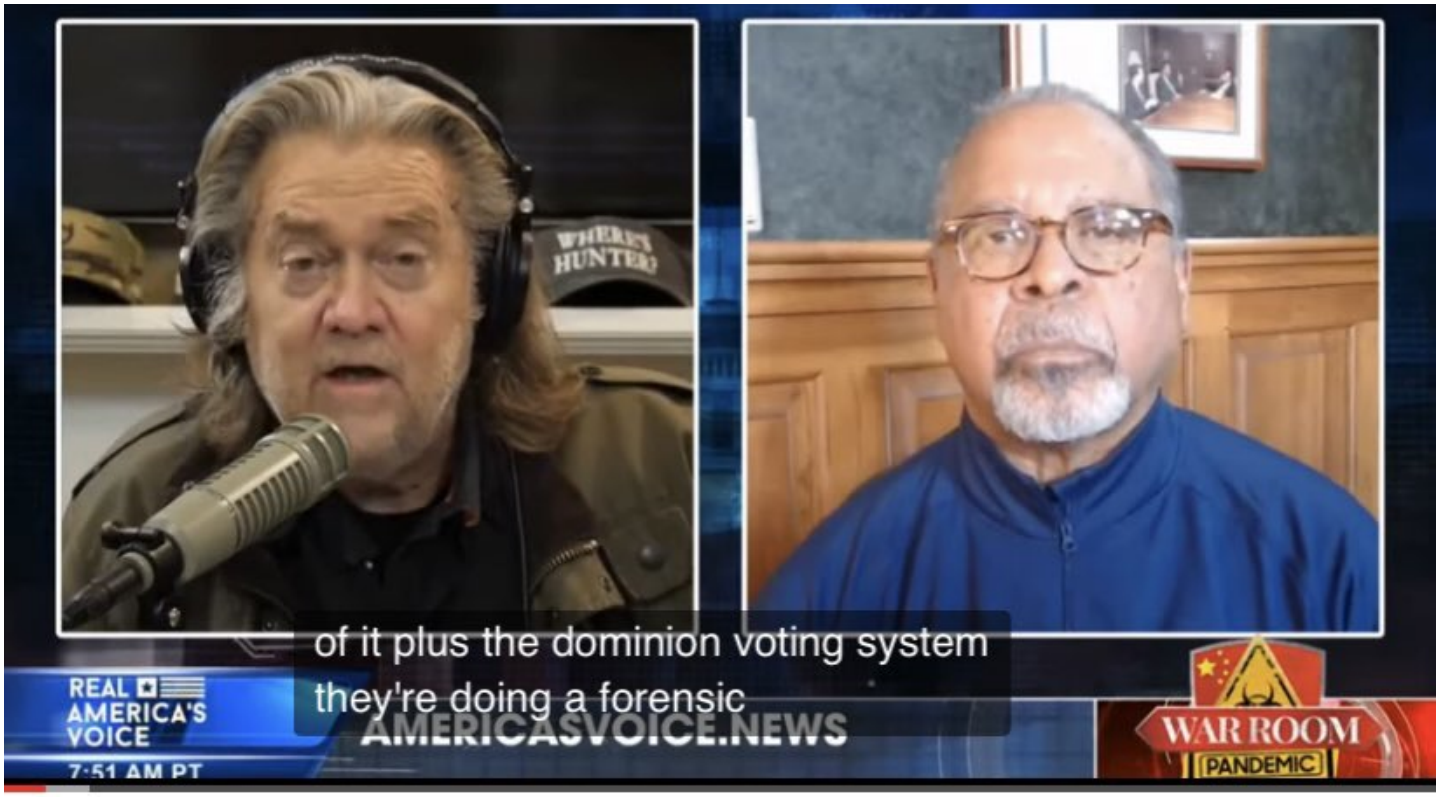
The vendor Trump & @SidneyPowell1 want everyone to associate w/ **Venezuela**? Dominion.

This is propaganda

Source re: ESS, Smartmatic & **Venezuela**: 1/ wired.com/2004/08/e-vote...



And by the way, Ken Blackwell is trying to help Trump stay in office. He recently appeared on Steve Bannon's war room podcast. 24/



Ken Blackwell w/ Steve Bannon's War Room. Steve wants us to share this. 18th December 2020

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Ken Blackwell also co-chairs the International Foundation for Electoral Systems w/ Tad DeVine who worked w/ Paul Manafort to help Pro-Russia Yanukovych make a come back after the 2004 election re-do. They promote "democracy" by assisting other countries w/ election tech. ■24/

Isn't this rich? 25/ https://t.co/an5EU7ctlO

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Honestly, you can’t make this stuff up. Again, Ken Blackwell chairs this group. 26/

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Exit polls favoring Biden, not Trump. via @tdmsresearch 27/ https://t.co/rZFnvO1XuE

The greatest disparities [between exit polls and official results in 04] were concentrated in battleground states—particularly Ohio." 28/

Quote from Harper's article: https://t.co/WBkz0Kla5I

Article about DeVine working with Manafort to help the pro-Russia Yanukovych (discussed in post 1). 29/ https://t.co/xvGaE7RfWY

BTW, during the 2004 race between pro-Russia Yanukovych and pro-West Yuschenko, Yuschenko was poisoned with dioxin. According to the investigation, the poison was added to the rice which was served at the table."
30/ https://t.co/U2LR85AE0n



"Replying to the question if he believed the Russian leader Vladimir Putin was behind the poisoning Yushchenko replied: 'I have an answer, but I cannot voice it.'" 31/