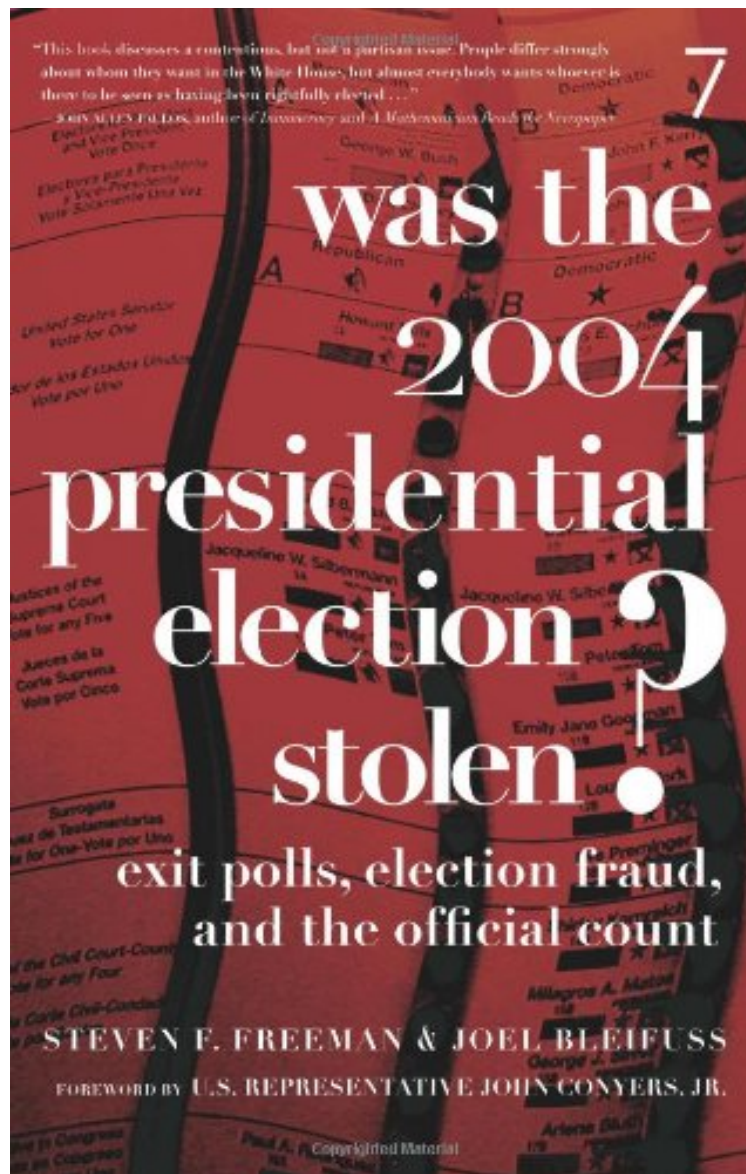


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Steve Freeman, Joel Bleifuss : Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen?: Exit Polls, Election Fraud, and the Official Count before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen?: Exit Polls, Election Fraud, and the Official Count:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Informative!!By ganddw42"Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen?" by Steven F Freeman Joel Bleifuss. If you are looking for a book that gives an honest straight forward account of the 2004 election, minus all the excuses ,dismissal of cold hard facts and main stream media constantly giving George W Bush a free pass never questioning anything he does this is the book for you. I was all set to buy a different book in the same vein. One I had heard about on television. But, at least one of the reviews I read put me off of the purchase, so I looked hard for a better one. This book has proven to be well worth the money. It gives all the evidence and lets the reader decide for themselves if it was or wasn't. It also gives background and details about the 2000 election that was extremely important also for the 2004 election. Where I don't totally buy the exit poll number discrepancy's, even though he does make a good case for fraud, the fact remains that Republican's have done everything humanly possible to disenfranchise and suppress minority voters from at least 2000 through to this present day. Something that should not even be happening in this country. So I do believe they are more than capable of stealing an election. In my mind, once one election has been stolen, it should make the individual's veracity suspect from then on out and the outcome of an election questioned. But, that doesn't seem to be the case here. The Republican's have proven themselves capable of fraud. If we cannot have a fair election in this country...we no longer have a democracy. But, unfortunately no one questioned Republican's lack of integrity in 2004 when it came to tactics they definitely used to deliberately suppress voters. That much I am absolutely positive happened. Especially the media that we all know is decidedly run by big business these days that is Republican. It has a section on the electronic voting machines we all use at election time and the overall problems with them. There is no inspection or oversight of the machines. The type of people who make and manufacture them are less than reputable people. The most disturbing aspect most are partisan Republicans dedicated to their party and ensuring they constantly win. That comes to me as a huge conflict of interest that should not be allowed to stand. They give a section on what the state of Nevada (where I live) does in regards to keeping the gaming industry honest (everyone needs oversight or they will eventually try and cheat. It's human nature for so many). They need that kind of oversight when it comes to electronic voting machines. The idea that no one is allowed to look inside and see how they are put together, how they function, how they store information, inner workings or the type of computer chip that is used should terrify everyone in this country. There is no way to recount votes should there be election day problems. Which is something that should not be allowed to stand in this country. We are supposed to be above such behavior. The ones in my state have a print out that I always use after I have made my choices. And I go to a lot of effort to take my time, making sure everything is correct before I cast my ballot. But, I am still not positive my vote hasn't been stolen on occasions like it was in 2000. They should want the vote in this country to be honest and above suspicion. So I am more than pleased with the book and have given it high marks.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Books Needing ReadingBy Michael G. Harrison1) I have read most of "Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen." It is excellent and full of information2) I have not yet read "What Went Wrong in Ohio."3) I have not yet received "Dead Wrong" which was ordered at the same time as the first two book.4) I have not yet received "Fantasyland ..." which was ordered yesterday2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. WAS ELECTION FRAUD "PART OF THE BUSH-CHENEY ARSENAL"?By Steven H ProppSteven Freeman did the research and analysis in the book; Joel Bleifuss is editor of 'In These Times.'This 2006 book early on cites the report of the Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee (the Republicans declined to participate), 'Preserving Democracy: Went Wrong in Ohio,' which charged that "massive and unprecedented voter irregularities and anomalies in Ohio... were caused by intentional misconduct and illegal behavior, much of it involving Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell." (Pg. 5) Democratic National Committee chairman Howard Dean noted that many of the alleged irregularities (e.g., malfunctioning voting machines; excessively long lines to vote, etc.) affected African-American voters. (Pg. 6)The authors look back on the hotly contested 2000 election in Florida, and note that the nonprofit National Opinion Research Center studied the 2000 election, and their data "reveals that despite all the legally and illegally disenfranchised voters, and despite the other obstacles faced by Democratic voters, including the butterfly ballot and blockades, Gore would not only have won, but would have done so by a large margin, almost 50,000 votes." (Pg. 41)They also point out, "if fraud were part of the 2004 Bush-Cheney Campaign arsenal, it would be more aggressively used ... in the critical swing states of Florida, Ohio, and Pennsylvania... consistent with a hypothesis of election fraud, the average WPD (Within Precinct Disparity) in the eleven battleground states is significantly higher than in noncompetitive states." (Pg. 138)They conclude, "the way to restore people's already damaged confidence in our democracy is to pose these questions, to investigate them with all available resources, and then to begin a public debate, since what is at stake is not only the outcome of the last presidential election, but also our future as a democracy and our identity as a people." (Pg. 145)Very fact-filled (which can make it "dry" reading), this is an excellent analysis of the 2004 election controversy.

On the afternoon of election day 2004, the world was abuzz with the news: exit polls indicated that John Kerry would decisively win the election and become the next president of the United States. That proved not to be the case. According to the official countthe number of votes tallied, not necessarily the number of votes castGeorge W. Bush beat Kerry by a margin of three million votes. The exit polls, however, had predicted a margin of victory for Kerry of

five million votes. Occurrences of vote manipulation, vote suppression, and outright election fraud were alleged at the local level in many precincts throughout Ohio and other "battleground" states. Where the controversy of the 2000 presidential election had come about as the result of an extremely close race, in 2004 the irregularities were widespread and appeared to follow a clear pattern. Why then did the Democrats concede the election early the next morning? Why has there been no investigation by any major news organization? What does it say about our democracy when the slot machine industry is more strictly regulated than our electronic voting machines? Was the 2004 Presidential Election Stolen? analyzes the available data, and attempts to answer the question of whether America's sitting president was inaugurated after winning, or losing the 2004 presidential race.

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