"But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government."

– Andrew Jackson, Farewell Address, March 4, 1837

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VOTE-COUNT PROTECTION PROJECTS[1]

for Election Day, Nov 4, 2008

Donate 1 to 6 hours

Cuyahoga County

1) **Capture Posted Results [Cuyahoga County, Ohio] -- 1 to 2 hours on election day**

   Go to one (or more) polling place(s) at the end of the day and: a) write down the precinct-summarized election results that have been posted[2] at the polling place, b) take a photograph of the posted precinct-summarized results, c) call in or email the results to the Cuyahoga Vote-Count Protection headquarters, d) email or mail in the photographs to the Cuyahoga Vote-County Protection headquarters. *Time commitment: 1-2 hrs. Digital Camera preferred. (We may have extras available for loan.)*

2) **Citizen Exit Polls [Cuyahoga County, Ohio] – 4 to 6 hours on election day**

   With one or more partners, go to a polling place for one 4- to 5-hr shift on election day.   As voters leave, ask them if they would be willing to fill out a simple (8 to 10 questions) anonymous survey. See sample from 2006 election at
   http://www.ohiovigilance.org/ProjectPost/CuyahogaSampleQuestionnaire.pdf Have voters drop survey into Exit Poll box. In 2006, voters were very willing to complete the short survey, and we expect voters to be even more cooperative this time.   This is a fun project!

3) **Vote-Count Protection Data Analysis [Cuyahoga and National] – as much as you care to donate**

   This can be done at the Cuyahoga Vote-Count Protection headquarters or off-site, i.e. using your favorite computer. As Cuyahoga's posted precinct-summarized election results (project 1 above) and Cuyahoga's Exit Poll forms (project 2 above) come in, key in/organize/aggregate results.   (We'll provide training.) Compare aggregate results to "non-official" election results being posted on Cuyahoga's Board of Elections and Ohio Secretary of State's websites. *Time commitment: 4 hours on election evening (or more, if possible) Microsoft Excel and Access experience is preferred*.

Vote-count protection is especially important in this era of electronic-voting (yes, even with Optical Scan equipment.) There is growing evidence that electronic voting fraud was used in the 2004, 2006 elections, and others.

These **Vote Count Protection Projects** are co-sponsored by Election Integrity, Election Defense Alliance, Doing Democracy Radio, Ohio Vigilance and others concerned about election integrity.

Please consider volunteering a few hours to preserve/restore democracy! For more information, visit www.ohiovigilance.org. To volunteer, contact Victoria Lovegren, Ph.D., host of "Doing Democracy" on WRUW FM 91.1 (Tuesdays at 9am), Founder of Ohio Vigilance, and Governing Board Member of Common Cause – Ohio, at doingdemocracyradio@gmail.com or lovegrenv@gmail.com or 216-246-4179.

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[1] These projects take place, primarily, **on election day**, or **after election day**, and pertain to the **integrity of the Vote Counts**. They are not focused on Getting Out the Vote or on documenting Voter Suppression—there are many efforts devoted to these important projects. These **Vote-Count Protection** projects can be done IN ADDITION to the other projects you may be involved in: GOTV, Poll Workers, Observers, Election-Protection Monitoring, Video The Vote project, etc.

[2] See Secretary Brunner's directive 2008-87 found on http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/Directives/2008%20Directives.aspx

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