

B 9. VOTING MACHINES & PAPER TRAILS

There has been more than enough said already about the possibility of voting machines being rigged or tampered with so the machine count may not be correct. But many of the machines now in use do not permit an independent recount to correct any error. That is inexcusable. The possibility of a verifiable recount is essential in democratic elections.

That can always be made possible if there is (as is said) "a paper trail" available that can provide an independent recount, with watchers from different political parties to ensure honest recounts. That is now possible with some voting machines but not with others.

It should be required of whomever makes the decision on voting machines or voting methods in each U.S. precinct that carefully supervised recounts independent of the voting machines used always be available & used.

Otherwise the voters can never be certain that the candidates for political office that the voting machines declared elected were really the candidates whom voters actually elected.