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## Challenging elections: a bipartisan habit

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A report on January 28 titled “Giving to election deniers resumes” reported that numerous large Minnesota corporation “quietly” resumed campaign donations to members of Congress who “objected to the results of the 2020 election.”

There wasn't just a riot on that day. There was a presidential vote certification in progress, along with legal electoral challenges. Following every presidential election from 2000 forward, the 1887 Electoral Count Act, which provided for official electoral challenges, was used by democrats to challenge certifying elections. In 2021, republicans decided it was their turn. Following are examples:

Congresswoman Maxine Waters signed an objection to certifying the 2000 election. Years later, on January 6, 2017, she officially opposed the slate of 2016 electors.

During the 2000 election certification, democrat Bennie Thompson, chair of the recently dissolved January 6 Committee, joined with 30 other House Democrats, and Senator Boxer, attempting to decertify Ohio's presidential results.

In 2005, prominent democrat Representative James Clyburn, along with many still prominent democrats, again supported removing Ohio republican electors in favor of a democrat slate.

On January 6, 2017, Democrat Congressman Jamie Raskin and others officially objected to Florida electors. During that same certification, Democrat Congresswoman Barbara Lee joined the effort to officially object to Michigan electors.

The late iconic Congressman John Lewis led almost 70 congressional democrats demonstrating while boycotting Trump's inauguration, claiming the election was fraudulent.

As published, readers may conclude that these legislators were doing something unusual and illegal on that notorious day. Your coverage should have clarified that.