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Right to vote is sacred, and so is election integrity

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A recent letter writer warned us about individual state attempts to reestablish election controls in “All should be alarmed’ at voting bills.” First, some realities:

- The 2020 election is official, and Joe Biden is president.
- Human nature, combined with opportunity and a righteous desire to win, makes mischief inevitable.
- Election controls must be established in advance of problems, otherwise minor mischief inevitably grows into significant fraud, possibly affecting election results.
- Democrats should accept the fact that many controls they reject are necessary and inevitable.
- Voter identification and ballot control are the foundation of honest elections.
- Republicans must stop the fruitless jousting at windmills of “stolen elections.”
- Post-election lawsuits failed because no complex claims of material fraud could be fairly and conclusively addressed given evidence then available. A quick but thorough examination “on the merits” was too much to expect.

The writer is alarmed at the attempts at voter suppression at the state level. But prudent controls are not suppression. The states’ election reform efforts are to responsibly reestablish commonsense election security rules that were removed during the “COVID” election of 2020.

The writer correctly declares “the right to vote is sacred.” I must add that election integrity is also sacred.