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Position: Act should be passed

This position addresses the topic Federal Election Integrity Act.

For this position

“ Making federal ballots accessible to all registered voters is not too much to ask, especially from the crowd that cannot outgrow the notion that vote fraud in Florida and Ohio helped Mr. Bush go to Washington. In short, it should not be harder to rent a political thriller at Blockbuster than to vote for president at the polls.” ”

From ID phobia most phony: Verification of voters long overdue, by Deroy Murdock (*Boston Herald*, September 30, 2006) ([view](#))

“ In Washington state 1,678 illegal votes were cast in the 2004 general election, which exceeded the margin of victory. Some voters have been told at the polls that they have already voted! Residents of cemeteries vote. A member of the New York City Council proposed allowing illegal immigrants to vote in local elections. By enacting this bill, we can help restore confidence in our system and thereby encourage voter participation.” ”

From Restore voter confidence, by Henry Hyde (*USA Today*, September 28, 2006) ([view](#))

“ While Ireland undoubtedly has worked hard to purge dead people from the voter registration rolls, people still manage to cast ballots in the names of the dead. Requiring a photo ID would nip that in the bud. Another Democratic talking point is that some of the poor, the elderly and the disabled do not have photo IDs. But the state already issues photo IDs to non-drivers at the Division of Motor Vehicles.” ”

From Picture IDs are perfectly sensible, by Charleston Daily Mail editorial board (*Charleston Daily Mail*, September 28, 2006) ([view](#))

“ As long as we rely on nothing more than the honor system, we are effectively inviting non-citizens to influence the American political process for their benefit, despite the fact that they have no legitimate claim to participation in it. With some 12 million illegals already here, this is more than a hypothetical concern.” ”

From Basic Integrity, by National Review editorial board (*National Review*, September 20, 2006) ([view](#))

Against this position

“ "a bipartisan election-reform commission chaired by former president Jimmy Carter and James Baker, a veteran of the Reagan and first Bush administrations, found "no evidence of extensive fraud in U.S. elections or of multiple voting." Nor would photo ID end fraud; there are many ways to get a fake ID, and many more ways to steal an election than by running illegal voters through the polls." ”

From Phony urgency on vote fraud, by USA Today editorial board (*USA Today*, September 28, 2006) ([view](#))

“ "Such a measure is an abuse of the concept of ID, designed to discriminate against city-folk, poor people, and the elderly--groups that tend to vote Democratic. The devil is definitely in the details such as the inadmissibility of VOTER ID CARDS as documentation in applying for a "Special Suppression of Registered Voters Abusive Photo ID Card"." ”

From Drank GOP Kool-Aid on 'Voter ID'? Jimmy Carter did too,, by ProgressiveEconomist (*Daily Kos*, September 22, 2006) ([view](#))

“ "The actual reason for this bill is the political calculus that certain kinds of people -- the poor, minorities, disabled people and the elderly -- are less likely to have valid ID. They are less likely to have cars, and therefore to have drivers' licenses. There are ways for nondrivers to get special ID cards, but the bill's supporters know that many people will not go to the effort if they don't need them to drive." ”

From Keep Away the Vote, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, September 21, 2006) ([view](#))

“ "Call it a modern day poll tax — a tax that was used in the 1950s and 1960s in some parts of the South to keep certain people from voting. It shouldn't have been used then, and it shouldn't be used today." ”

From Shades of the old poll tax persist in election plans, by Dwight Lewis (*The Tennessean*, September 17, 2006) ([view](#))

“ "The House bill calls on states to issue ID cards free to those who cannot afford them. To that, the National Governors Association says an existing federal mandate requiring states to provide new, secure licenses and identification cards will cost \$11 billion. Would Congress care to write a check? If IDs were free and universally distributed, the policy would make sense, but they are not." ”

From This poll tax isn't welcome, by The Boston Globe editorial board (*The Boston Globe*, October 8, 2006) ([view](#))

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