

## **Restoring Trust In American Elections**

The left must stop undermining trust in our democracy to justify their plan for a partisan Washington takeover of our elections.

## MOST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES HAVE FACED OBJECTIONS IN CONGRESS

- The objections to the 2020 election are not an outlier. Both parties have been objecting to presidential election results regularly since 2000.
- Following the 2000 election, several members of the House of Representatives <u>attempted</u> to block the counting of Florida's 25 electoral votes.
- Following the 2004 election, Rep. Stephanie Tubbs (D-OH) <u>objected</u> to the vote count from her home state of Ohio, with Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) joining in support from the Senate.
  - o 31 Members of the House and 1 Member of the Senate <u>voted</u> to object to certification.
  - o House Democrats at the time repeated claims of "irregularities" in the election
- Following the 2016 election, 7 House Democrats <u>attempted</u> to object to the certification of electoral votes from 9 states.

## DEMOCRATS' DANGEROUS RHETORIC UNDERMINES TRUST IN OUR ELECTIONS

- For years, Democrats have been spreading dangerous rhetoric that undermines trust in our elections and sends the wrong signal to the American people.
- After her defeat in the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton suggested that the election was "stolen."
- After losing her gubernatorial election, Stacey Abrams repeatedly <u>refused</u> to admit defeat, claiming on multiple occasions that she actually won the race.
  - o In a 2019 speech in Texas, Abrams <u>told</u> the crowd, "I'm here to tell you a secret that makes Breitbart and Tucker Carlson go crazy: We won."
- In 2001, Rep. Alcee Hastings of Florida <u>said</u> he objected because of "overwhelming evidence of official misconduct, deliberate fraud, and an attempt to suppress voter turnout."
  - o Rep. Maxine Waters characterized Florida's electoral votes as "fraudulent."
  - Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee noted the "millions of Americans who have been disenfranchised by Florida's inaccurate vote count."
- Vice President Harris's newly appointed Communications Director once <u>said</u> President George W. Bush "stole" the 2000 election from Al Gore and called Bush's presidency "illegitimate."

## AMERICANS HAVE BEEN LOSING FAITH IN OUR ELECTIONS FOR YEARS

- As public polling shows, Americans' confidence in our elections is in steep decline.
- A May 2019 Gallup poll that found that 59% of Americans don't have confidence in the honesty of our elections.
  - Of the 32 countries included in the poll, the U.S. registered third to last when it came to distrust in elections.
- In 2016, Gallup <u>found</u> that just 30% of Americans were confident in the honesty of the election.
- According to an Axios-Momentive <u>poll</u> just 55% of Americans accept that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election.