

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IN FLORIDA



LOOK AT THE FACTS ...

More than 200,000 registered *Democrats* in Florida voted for George W. Bush and over half of the registered Democrats there did not vote at all. [1]

Every one of the eight third-party presidential candidates in Florida received more than the 543 votes cited as the deciding factor in the election. [2]

The Florida courts ruled along party lines to uphold the vote count certified by Secretary of State Katherine Harris, despite a clear conflict of interest (she was co-chair of Bush's Florida campaign!) [3]

Another 94,000 Florida voters were removed from voter rolls as supposed felons. Yet more than 95% of them were in fact not convicted felons and should not have been disqualified. The majority of these voters were registered Democrats. [4]

Ballots were discarded in instances where voters both filled in the bubble and wrote their candidate's name. If these had been included in the count, Gore would have had a net gain of 662 votes, enough to win the election. [5]

In the highly Democratic county of Palm Beach, an abnormally large number of votes were cast for the conservative candidate Pat Buchanan. Buchanan himself estimated that 95% of these 3,500 votes were intended for Gore's because of the faulty "butterfly" ballot. [6]

According to exit polls, over half of the Nader voters would have stayed home, 25% would have voted for Gore, and 15% would have voted for Bush. The rest would have voted for another third party candidate. [7]

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