

The Left's End-Run Around the Electoral College and the Constitution

Join us in a conversation with Hans von Spakovsky, Senior Legal Fellow, Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation.

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Refusing to accept their 2016 loss of the White House, the Democrats are trying myriad ways to rig the election system so that Republicans will be unable to compete.

Since it would take a constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College, they are instead doing it piecemeal via the National Popular Vote Compact Initiative.

States agree to cast their electoral votes for the winner of the presidential popular vote regardless of who their voters selected. More than a dozen states have already signed up with a total of 181 electoral votes. If they achieve 270, it will spell the end of national two-party election competition and the rise of a one-party, socialist state. What can be

done legally to stop this unconstitutional power grab?

Hans von Spakovsky is co-author with John Fund of the book “Who’s Counting?: How Fraudsters and Bureaucrats Put Your Vote at Risk” (Encounter Books, 2012) and “Obama’s Enforcer: Eric Holder’s Justice Department” (HarperCollins/Broadside June 2014).

Mr. von Spakovsky is an authority on a wide range of issues – including civil rights, civil justice, the First Amendment, immigration, the rule of law and government reform – as a senior legal fellow in The Heritage Foundation’s Edwin Meese III Center for Legal and Judicial Studies.

As manager of the think tank’s Election Law Reform Initiative, Mr. von Spakovsky also studies and writes about campaign finance restrictions, voter fraud and voter ID, enforcement of federal voting rights laws, administration of elections and voting equipment standards.

Heritage’s election reform project examines not only how to protect the integrity of campaigns and elections but to achieve greater fairness and security. “In an era of razor-thin election margins, these issues are vital to the preservation of our republican form of government and the rule of law,” Mr. von Spakovsky says.

Previously, as manager of the think tank’s Civil Justice Reform Initiative, Mr. von Spakovsky studied how

plaintiffs' attorneys and activists attempt to manipulate the courts for their own ends -- at the expense of the public.

President Donald Trump appointed him to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity in 2017.

Before joining Heritage in 2008, Hans served two years as a member of the Federal Election Commission, the authority charged with enforcing campaign finance laws for congressional and presidential elections, including public funding.

Previously, he worked at the Justice Department as counsel to the assistant attorney general for civil rights, providing expertise in enforcing the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

A former litigator, in-house counsel and senior corporate officer in the insurance industry, Mr. von Spakovsky worked on tort reform and civil justice issues there for more than a decade.

He has served on the Board of Advisors of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and on the Fulton County (Ga.) Board of Registrations and Elections. He is a former vice chairman of the Fairfax County (Va.) Electoral Board and a former member of the Virginia Advisory Board to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. He currently serves on the Policy Board of the American Civil Rights Union.

His analysis and commentaries have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Times, The Hill and

USA Today, as well as such outlets as National Review Online and Fox News. His series for PJ Media, "Every Single One," was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He appears regularly on Fox News Channel and on other national and regional TV and radio news outlets.

He has testified before state and congressional committees and made presentations to, among other organizations, the National Association of Secretaries of State, the Federalist Society, the National Conference of State Legislatures and the American Legislative Exchange Council. He also has taught as an adjunct professor at the George Mason University School of Law.

A 1984 graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law, Mr. von Spakovsky received a bachelor's degree in 1981 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He currently resides in Vienna, Va.