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Florida Diebold machines help you pick the right candidate

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Apparently Diebold's problems aren't limited to [Maryland](#), [Georgia](#) or [Alaska](#) -- what a shocker. Down in the Sunshine State, during a week of early voting before next week's nationwide midterm election, certain Diebold machines have been registering some votes for Democrats as selections for the Republican candidate. For instance, Gary Rudolf, a voter at a polling site



near Ft. Lauderdale, tried to vote for gubernatorial candidate Jim Davis (D); however, when the Diebold machine gave him the final review screen, it showed his vote was about to be cast for Charlie Crist (R). The problem took three tries to get resolved with the help of a local poll worker. Mary Cooney, a Broward County Supervisor of Elections spokeswoman, informed *The Miami Herald* that it's "not uncommon for screens on heavily used machines to slip out of sync, making votes register incorrectly. Poll workers are trained to recalibrate them on the spot -- essentially, to realign the video screen with the electronics inside. The 15-step process is outlined in the poll-workers manual." Huh? How exactly does a computer -- one that is being used heavily for one day a year, and not a \$100 PDA -- "slip out of sync" ? Further, no one in Broward County is even sure how large of a problem this is "because there's no process for poll workers to quickly report minor issues, and no central database of machine problems." Is it any wonder that major candidates are urging voters to vote the analog old-fashioned way?

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escobar @ Oct 30th 2006 7:46PM
I, for one, welcome our computer pre-selected Republican overlords.
Raider @ Oct 30th 2006 7:51PM
Its the program, called Jeb.B
William Brand @ Oct 30th 2006 8:11PM
I think Escobar read my mind.
The whole thing is pretty sad, and it makes me wonder how long this sort of thing has been going on. How many people vote without looking end up accidentally voting for the wrong candidate?
On the flip side, this might increase voter turnout! More people will want to vote when they don't even have to do it themselves. Thank you for helping us make our lives one step easier, Diebold :)
Simon @ Oct 30th 2006 8:12PM
Hey Diebold I've got another one: "The dog ate my homework."
Yeah, no one but the most stupid ever believed that either. Still it's better than yours :p
Blah @ Oct 30th 2006 8:18PM
engadget stop picking on Diebold. Your so anti Sony, I mean Diebold.
-SonyFanBoy
Flip21 @ Oct 30th 2006 8:24PM
Every single instance of misrepresenting the candidates chosen I've read about have dealt with Democrat selections being treated as Republican selections.
Dan @ Oct 30th 2006 8:27PM
Can someone please explain to me why creating a reliable voting machine is, apparently, the penultimate human achievement?
Didn't we create the atomic bomb, put man on the moon, and map the human genome and stuff?

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eflyersteve @ Oct 30th 2006 8:29PM

Hmm - gotta wonder why it's always reported that these things err on the side of republicans?

You have to look at it two ways - 1) it's a right-wing conspiracy or 2) incompetence

Eitehr make the connection to a conspiracy, which I think Engadget wants badly to do, or all it is - the same stupid people who can't punch a chad are also incapable of poking a screen in the right place.

CharlieX @ Oct 30th 2006 8:30PM

The concessions ordering screen at my local movieplex doesn't "slip out of sync"... Good thing too, because who'd want toobers when you actually pressed Soul Patch Kids? sheez...

I call BS.

Alcaron @ Oct 30th 2006 8:30PM

But, but, voting is my chance to be heard!!!! Its...not useless...puffy said so!

Said it before, say it again...voting is a f'ing joke.

I'd rather have my name go on a list of people who refuse to participate in this f**king circus

That said, I will camp the f'ing line is McCain gets nominated, I will hump the diebold mach

Give me someone worth my vote and I'll vote.

Death to diebold.

Ryan @ Oct 30th 2006 8:37PM

I'm sure this isn't the only problem with the damn machines. I'm sure they will have an erro

TvOIP @ Oct 30th 2006 8:43PM

I just used a Sequoia machine as a part of "early voting" ... it was ok, a little hard to use, bu two of 25 or so judges up that I had missed ... so that was nice

Deluxe @ Oct 30th 2006 8:52PM

You sound like one of those people that refuse to vote, and then whine and complain and

You may dislike all the candidates, but I'm sure there are some you dislike more than the r

Alcaron @ Oct 30th 2006 8:58PM

lol no, believe me, I am just as "for" kerry as I am for bush, &(*# both of them.

And "lesser of two evils"...never heard that one before.

You know what...its BS. Complete BS. If bush and kerry are the best we can do, and dont bring up libertarian or anything else, sadly its a two party system, anyone who thinks otherwise, and again this is part of why things dont work, is fooling themselves, but if thats the best we can do then we have a VERY big problem.

I refuse to put my name on a piece of paper and say "I want this person"...if I go to the auto mechanic and the only two people working are the receptionist and the janitor nobody is going to suggest I pick the lesser of the two evils.

Nobody is going to say "hay...surely one of them is better than the other, pick them"...oh, sure, one of them may be, but I'm sure as hell not going to authorize either one of them to touch my car.

One of them MAY suck less than the other (though which that might be is a complete mystery to me) but that doesnt make it OK. Well, kerry sucks, but hey, bush sucks to so at least its even right!"...sheesh.

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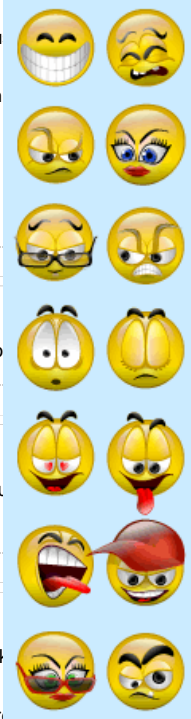
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