

News for nerds, stuff that matters

- [Log In](#)
- [Create Account](#)
- [Subscribe](#)
- [Firehose](#)

- [Why Log In?](#)
- [Why Subscribe?](#)

[Log In](#)

Nickname

Password

Public Terminal

[[Create a new account](#)]

Judge Voids Un-Auditable California Election

Journal written by [Jeremiah Cornelius \(137\)](#) and posted by kdawson on Thu Oct 04, 2007 08:40 AM from the recount-or-rerun dept.

For only the second time in California history, a judge in Alameda County [voided an election result](#) and called for the election to be re-run, because the e-voting tallies from Diebold machines couldn't be audited. The vote was on a controversial ballot measure addressing the operation of medical marijuana dispensaries, and the result was a close margin. Activists went to court to demand a recount, but after the lawsuit was filed, elections officials sent voting machines back to Diebold. The court found that 96% of the necessary audit information had been erased. The judge ordered the ballot measure to be re-run in the next election.



t

Click and get it done now



[+] [california](#), [diebold](#), [politics](#), [court](#), [haha](#) (*tagging beta*)

Related Stories

[Firehose:Judge Voids California Election Over E-Voting Flaws](#) by [Jeremiah Cornelius \(137\)](#)

- **Corporations (Score:5, Insightful)**

by [ZuG \(13394\)](#) on Thursday October 04, @08:46AM (#20850299)
(<http://slashdot.org/> | Last Journal: [Monday May 05 2003, @01:17AM](#))

Unfortunately, the corporations seem to win no matter what you do. Running a ballot measure is incredibly expensive. It costs a lot of money to raise public awareness of an issue and run things like get out the vote measures.

Dragging out a measure with a revote tilts things well in favor of corporations, who have the cash to sustain such an operation. Now the reformers are going to have to fundraise all over again so they can try to put forth an

effort in the next election.

- [Re:Corporations](#) by spazmolytic666 (Score:3) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - **It's a question of degree (Score:4, Insightful)**

by [paladinwannabe2 \(889776\)](#) on Thursday October 04, @12:19PM (#20853347)

Reasonable intelligent supporters of marijuana legalization don't think it's harmless, they just think it's less harmful than alcohol, which is legal. I don't know enough say for sure that marijuana is less harmful, but I've never seen any good studies suggesting that it's more harmful. (Certainly the study you link to could have been about alcohol instead, and no one would bat an eye).

[[Parent](#)]

- **Re:It's a question of degree (Score:5, Informative)**

by [Scrameustache \(459504\)](#) on Thursday October 04, @02:26PM (#20855479)
(<http://slashdot.org/> | Last Journal: [Sunday September 09, @11:43PM](#))

it's less harmful than alcohol, which is legal. I don't know enough say for sure that marijuana is less harmful

Not a single person [in the history of mankind](#) [wikipedia.org] has smoked himself to death with Cannabis, ever.

But with booze (in the United States alone): *The annual average number of deaths for which alcohol poisoning was listed as an underlying cause was 317, with an age-adjusted death rate of 0.11 per 100,000 population. An average of 1,076 additional deaths included alcohol poisoning as a contributing cause, bringing the total number of deaths with any mention of alcohol poisoning to 1,393 per year [findarticles.com] (0.49 per 100,000 population).*

[[Parent](#)]

- [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by TheGeneration (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by The One and Only (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by TheGeneration (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by The One and Only (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by dangitman (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by PastaLover (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by Scrameustache (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by PastaLover (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by Scrameustache (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by PastaLover (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by Scrameustache (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by Dragonslicer (Score:3) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - [Re:It's a question of degree](#) by TheGeneration (Score:2) Thursday October 25, @07:00PM
 - **1 reply beneath your current threshold.**
- **Re:Corporations (Score:5, Funny)**

by [ScentCone \(795499\)](#) on Thursday October 04, @09:13AM (#20850557)
the corporations seem to win no matter what you do

You'd think that Frito-Lay would be all *over* this initiative. And Dominos. While it may be hard to muster the Stoner Caucus to do this all over again, perhaps the Munchie Cartel can pick up the slack.