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USA-MT has already had a huge impact on Montana elections!

Perhaps for the first time in Montana, a county's election recount was not initiated by a candidate who lost in a close race. The recount of the 2024 primary election in Silver Bow County was mandated by the discovery by the USA Montana data team of a large discrepancy between the number of ballots included in the election results, and the number of voters credited with voting in the primary in Montana's voting history files, acquired via the office of the Secretary of State (SOS).

(Much of the following has already been discussed in a previous article, [A "Concerned Citizen's" View Of Montana's 2024 Primary Election](#). This article reviews the proceedings to date, including the significant role that USA has played.)

Montana Citizens discover USA

In late 2023, United Sovereign Americans (USA) was discovered by Montana citizens who had also been concerned about the 2020 election, and who had been researching and exposing various issues associated with Montana's voter registration data and elections.

Impressed by the USA strategy and the quality of the people the organization had attracted, the Montana chapter of USA was soon created. \$5,000 in donations from within the group enabled the purchase of a subscription to the state's voter rolls, which allowed it to download daily the information and voting histories associated with Montana's registered voters.

Working in consultation with USA's data experts, Montana's data team began building a scorecard that listed all the anomalies found in the 2022 midterm election data. Quickly, it was discovered that the new ElectMT system that had replaced the older Montana Votes system in January 2023 was fraught with problems.

USA-MT Meets with Montana SOS

In late February, the team met with several of the SOS election staff. They were already aware of some of the ElectMT issues and gave the team the impression that all of them would be dealt with. As the 2024 state primary approached, the progress made by the SOS election staff with addressing these issues was closely monitored, and progress was very slow!

The subscription to the state voter roll database provided unique visibility before, during and after the state primary election. In July 2024, more than a month after the primary, USA-MT compared the election turnout—ballots counted as reported on the SOS



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United Sovereign Americans (USA) is a nonpartisan organization comprised entirely of thousands of grassroots citizen volunteers from across the United States working to ensure legally valid elections that are fair, accurate, and trustworthy. Through a combined strategy of education and litigation, USA aims to restore integrity to state's voter rolls.

United Sovereign Americans was founded by Marly Hornik and Harry Haury. Having battled the state of New York via the NY Citizens Audit after the 2020 election, Hornik and Haury believed the lessons learned in that effort would be valuable in addressing election validity issues in other states.

Supported by concerned citizens in many states, USA data and analysis teams have to date documented millions of instances of apparent election fraud—as defined by the US Department of Justice—associated with the 2022 midterm elections.

Lacking an appropriate response to these concerns, United Sovereign Americans has filed law suits in federal court in Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, and Ohio against the chief election officials in those states, as well as against the Attorney General of the United States, Merrick Garland. These complaints allege that by ignoring minimum safeguards designed to protect the election of federal representatives from any uncertainty in the 2022 general election, the legitimacy of the general government is being undermined.

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website—with the number of voters, i.e. those who had been credited with having voted in that election in the SOS voting history data. Statewide, there were 1,658 more ballots counted in the election results than voters who voted!

Silver Bow County had the largest discrepancy with 1,085 more ballots counted than voters who voted, but only the fourth largest percentage discrepancy among all counties. Powell County's discrepancy was the largest at 27%.

USA-MT Files a Complaint Letter with Montana SOS

Since the discrepancy issue was statewide, in early August USA-MT drafted a complaint letter, which was delivered to the SOS. The focus of the letter was to bring the statewide discrepancies to the attention of the SOS. The complaint letter also listed all the other issues that were still found in the SOS voter data and with the primary election data ... and there were many.

USA-MT Meets with Silver Bow's Election Administrator

Since the worst discrepancy was in Silver Bow County, this 1,085-ballot discrepancy was brought to the attention of the Silver Bow Clerk & Recorder, Linda Sajor-Joyce, who also serves as the election administrator for the county.

A meeting was arranged with Linda Sajor-Joyce and the discrepancy was discussed in detail. After checking her records regarding the number of absentee envelopes received and accepted, and the poll books containing the information on the in-person voters, she agreed there was indeed a large unexplained discrepancy, large enough that it may have impacted 2024 primary the election results. She then decided a recount was warranted. To gain access to the ballots to do a recount a court order was required.

Because of its size, the discrepancy in Silver Bow County got priority attention. The needed court order was received, possibly with the help of the SOS legal staff, who had received the USA-MT complaint letter.

Silver Bow Ballots Unsealed for Recount

The petition for the court order allowing the ballots to be unsealed included an affidavit from Linda Sajor-Joyce, in which she stated, "After the certification, I conducted a more thorough audit of the numbers from all precincts after an interested citizen had questioned what appeared to be a discrepancy."

Clearly the discrepancy, discovered and reported by USA-MT, is what led to the countywide recount. This recount resulted in a reversal of the leader in the County Attorney race and a reversal of the winner of a Precinct Committeeman position. The recount was observed by members of a Senate Special Select Committee, that had been formed to investigate the underlying cause of the discrepancy.

It is currently believed the discrepancy may be due to the lack of clearing the tabulation system of data from running test ballots. However, further investigation by the Special Select Committee is required in order to determine exactly how the test ballot data became mixed in with the data from the election ballots, and to find the reasons behind the remaining discrepancy, which is needed to fully reconcile the number of ballots with the number of voters.

What You Can Do: Contact Sen. Mike Cuffe!

However, it is not at all clear that the Committee will insist on having access to the cast vote records, and to all other digital information associated with the election, nor if they will commission a complete audit by an accredited 3rd party. All "Concerned Citizens of Montana" should contact Senator Mike Cuffe, the committee chairman, and insist that the investigation should continue. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 10th. It is critical that the causes of this discrepancy be completely understood, in order to avoid this happening again in the upcoming general election.

Though long past the certification of their 2024 primary election, the SOS staff also investigated the Powell County discrepancy. It was determined their discrepancy was caused by in-person voters not having been credited with their votes in the SOS data due to equipment problems. This discrepancy had no impact on the county's election results.

However, the SOS has not investigated any of the large discrepancies present in many other counties, nor have they yet addressed the many other issues with the voter roll data which USA-MT has pointed out. Furthermore, the SOS's response to the complaint letter was considered by USA-MT to be totally inadequate.

Nevertheless, USA recognizes that the SOS has taken some actions in the past to help ensure valid elections, so, hoping that there is a chance an adversarial relationship can still be avoided, the founders of USA, CEO Marly Hornik and Chairman Harry Haury, have offered to travel to Montana to meet with Secretary Jacobsen, to discuss constitutional and legal compliance, a path forward, and any manner in which USA could help Montana achieve recognized success in pursuit of election excellence.

It is still to be determined whether or not the SOS will agree to this meeting.